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Lena-Winslow elementary students support the community

Instead of buying gifts for one another for holiday parties this year, the Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes of Lena-Winslow Elementary made donations to the food pantry in Lena. They learned how giving to others can be a gift in and

of itself. Pictured here are students dressed for the holiday spirit with donations in hand.

Lady Wolves top Dakota in overtime thriller

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, the Pearl City girls basketball team was coming off a 10-day break. Their last regular season game came back on Dec. 21, when they suffered one of their biggest defeats of their season with a 71-30 loss to Galena.

Pearl City wouldn't get an opportunity to bounce back until last Wednesday, when they played host to the Dakota Indians. While the Wolves came into the matchup with a record of 5-11, the Indians had suffered their own fair share of struggles as they came in at 4-13. The first quarter was dominated by Pearl City. Emma Boyer and Kenzee Evans each hit three-pointers in the opening quarter. Evans

had seven points in the first as she helped the Wolves get out to a 13-3 lead.

The Wolves' offense was slowed in the second quarter. Despite holding a 10-point lead at the start of the quarter, the Indians would outscore the Wolves, thanks in part to some foul trouble.

Fallyn Endress would sink her first three-pointer of the night on her way to six second quarter points. Still, the Wolves would take a 21-12 lead into the halftime break.

Pearl City's offense was hoping to come out of the break with another hot opening quarter. They would continue to stumble, however, as the Wolves put up just five points in the third. Four of those points came from Evans, who sunk a basket and

went two for two at the free throw line in the quarter. An Endress free throw added the fifth point as Dakota out-scored Pearl City 13-5. Despite the down quarter, the Wolves still held a 26-25 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Pearl City's success in the first half came largely from behind the arc as they sunk a trio of three-pointers. The Wolves got back to that in the fourth, with Endress and Boyer each sinking three-pointers in the quarter. The Wolves needed every point they could get as the Indians were riding the momentum of the hot third quarter. Thanks to some key free throws, the Indians were able to tie the game at 33-33, forcing an overtime period.

The Wolves, on their home court, knew they would need

to get their offense going if they wanted to hold on for the win. Despite holding a double-digit lead at one point, the Wolves found themselves outscored in both the third and fourth quarters. Their once comfortable lead had disappeared, leading them to the extra period needed to decide a winner.

The Pearl City offense was comfortable at home and fed off the late energy. Endress hit a pair of key free throws. Brea Musser, who went score-

less through the first four quarters, came to life with a pair of baskets and a free throw. Kendra Kuhlemeier, who had just one point until the overtime period, sunk a basket and a free throw of her own. In fact, it was the turnaround from Musser and Kuhlemeier that helped the Wolves get out to a lead when it mattered most.

Pearl City outscored the Indians 10-5 in the overtime period as they held on for a 43-38 victory.

Pearl City was led in scor-

ing by Endress, who finished with 12 points. Evans was the only other Wolves player to reach double digits as she finished with 11. Boyer was next up with eight points, and Musser finished with six.

The victory improved Pearl City's record to 6-11 on the year. The Wolves will be back in action on Thursday, Jan. 12, when they play host to the Lena-Winslow Panthers. It will be a tough matchup for the Wolves as Le-Win is currently 15-3 on the year.

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Obituaries

RONALD C. HUGHES

Ron Hughes, 85, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Jan. 3, 2023, at Midwest Medical Center in Galena. Ron was born Aug. 8, 1937, in Freeport to Henrietta (Winter) and Donald Hughes. He married Eileen Zink on May 20, 1967, at St. John Lutheran Church in Massbach.



Ron was always creative and innovative in fixing things and providing unique solutions to challenges.

He loved helping others and had a special place in his heart for his family and neighbors.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Eileen, who passed just one month prior. He is survived by their daughter Janelle (Steve) Keefer of Galena, granddaughters Erin Keefer (Des Moines, IA) and Elyse Keefer (Cedar Rapids, IA), his sister Neenah (Carl) Fairbairn (Ridott, IL), sister-in-law Merri Hughes (Lena, IL), and beloved nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother David Hughes.

Memorial services were held at St. John Lutheran Church in Massbach on Saturday, Jan. 7. Visitation began at 10 a.m. with funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Burial with military honors will be at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The family sincerely thanks the compassionate staff at Midwest Medical Center and Midwest Senior Care Community for their recent care.

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JOYCE E. SCHEIDER

Joyce E. Scheider, 94, of Lena, IL passed away on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at the Lena Living Center in Lena, IL with her family by her side. Joyce was born on Dec. 5, 1928, to Clarence and Irene (Miller) Barker. She attended McConnell Grade School and graduated from Winslow High School in 1946. Joyce married Donald L. Scheider on June 14, 1946, at the McConnell United Methodist Church.

Joyce was a farmwife, she helped with the farm work, and did the gardening, freezing and canning of the fruits and vegetables. Donald and Joyce moved to Lena in 1976. After moving to Lena, Joyce worked at the Lena Nursing Home as the Activity Director. She was a member of the McConnell United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Joyce played the piano for over 60 years, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and Bible School. She was a member of the McConnell Home Bureau and Waddams Home Extension. She also enjoyed square dancing, playing the piano, playing cards and bowling. Joyce was also a member of the Friendship Club of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church serving as the president and vice president. She also was a 4-H Leader and Cub Scouts leader. She loved limburger cheese and Werther's Original caramels.

Joyce was a great cook. She made homemade noodles and potato salad, baked apple pies, among many other family favorites. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Joyce is survived by her children; Judy Rampenthal, Debbie (Jeff Frenkle) Vrstad, and Steven (Susan) Scheider, all of Lena, daughter-in-law; Janice Scheider, eight grandchildren; Matthew (Brittany Miller) Rampenthal, Brandon (Christy) Scheider, Chad Scheider, Angie (Jorge) Diaz, Chris (Tiffany) Scheider, Shayna (Scott) Lincoln, Lindsey (Dan) Yoder, and Nick (Chivone Olson) Vrstad, 17 great-grandchildren; Miller, Weston, Nick, Caelan, Cambry, Addie (Oliver), Micah, Carson, Araceli, Audrey, Vivian, Brycen, Macyn, Kiah (Daniel) Jack, Max, and Blake, her brother; Merlin (Betty) Barker and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald, her son Terry Scheider, son-in-law David Rampenthal, grandson Eric Scheider, brother Clarence (Carol) Barker, and sister Dorothy (Robert) Donovan.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the McConnell United Methodist Church. A visitation will be from 9 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the church. Pastor Doug Carroll will officiate the services. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A luncheon will follow the burial at the church. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

NINA M. SHEETZ

Nina M. Sheetz, 98, of Freeport, IL died peacefully on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, at Oakley Courts Assisted Living surrounded by family. She was born on Oct. 9, 1924, to Winfield and Lucille (Hermann) Hall of Stockton. Nina and Bill Sheetz were married on Sept. 9, 1944, and farmed in Stockton until their retirement.

Nina was a long-time member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Stockton where she was a church organist for 60 plus years and accompanied Bill's singing for numerous funerals and weddings throughout their 64-year marriage. Nina was also a member of Eastern Star. She was an avid reader and loved jigsaw and word puzzles, quilting and other needle work, and above all, spending time with her family.

Nina is survived by her three children; Mary Lynn (Gary) Groeizinger of Stock-



ton, (Debbie) Sheetz of Yucaipa, CA., and Ellen Sheetz (Bev Miller) of South Dennis, MA., four grandchildren; Marci (Kevin) Schubert of Stockton, Becki (Stewart) Baker of Freeport, Christopher Sheetz of Yucaipa, CA and Brianna (Jordan) Hazell of Sacramento, CA.; three great grandchildren; Sydny Schubert (fiancé Dylan Pulvermacher) of Stockton, Lauryn Schubert of Rock Island, and Annalise Sheetz of Yucaipa; and two great-great grandchildren, Cecelia and Violet of Stockton.

Memorial funds have been established for Oakley Courts Assisted Living, FHN Hospice, or a charity of your choice. A Celebration of Life service will be held late Spring of 2023.

HANNA BENDER

Hanna Bender, age 90, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at her home in McConnell, IL. She was born on Oct. 6, 1932, in Soltau, Germany to Herman and Sophia (Barenscheer) Luders. She married Friedrich Hoeltke in 1949. She married Arlen Bender in El Paso Texas in 1960. She was a member of Grace Free Methodist Church in McConnell, and the American Legion in McConnell.

Hanna is survived by her children Jurgen (Marina) Hoeltke, Carola (Doug) Kehler, Pete (Peggy Raab) Hoeltke, Wendy (Rick) Wing; 7



grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; special friend Bev Cornwell.

She was pre-

ceeded in death by her hus-

band, parents, brother, and

sister.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation rights have been accorded. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family on our website at www.leamonfh.com.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. for Communion Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from John 1:29-42.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17 Bible Study group will meet at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, Jan. 18 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.

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St. John's Lutheran Church

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

One Book, One Freeport 2023

The Freeport Public Library announces the One Book One Freeport 2023 title *Life Among the Qallunaat by Mini Aodla Freeman*, a story of the author's experiences growing up in the Inuit communities. The free book giveaway started Jan. 9 at the library. Community members of all ages are invited to participate in this fun, completely free event.

One Book One Freeport is a community read program hosted by the library. Following the giveaway, there are programs open to the community including film screenings, group discussions, Storytimes, and crafts. Check out the Facebook page at facebook.com/FreeportPublicLibrary or the library website at www.freeportpubliclibrary.org.

For more information contact Dianne Ludwig, Adult Services Manager for the Freeport Public Library at 815-233-3000 EXT 221 or dludwig@freeportpubliclibrary.org.

NWILED announces 2023 entrepreneurial scholarship

NWILED will offer three scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are entrepreneurial and want to start a business or pursue a career in business. There is one \$2,000 first place award and two \$1,500 runners up awards. Recipients shall be full-time students in good academic standing in the qualifying school year (2022 - 2023).

Students may download the 2023 application from the NWILED website. Completed applications should be sent to David Schmit, Regional Director: DSchmit@nwiled.org or 1 Commercial Dr, Ste. 2, Hanover, IL 61041 by Friday, March 17.

Scholarships can be used for start-up costs related to launching a business and/or advancing a career in business through education and/or training. For more information about NWILED visit nwiled.org.

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Claire Riedl

News briefs

Carrol County Help Center

The Carrol County Help Center and Thrift Shop will host a "buck-a-bag" (limit of five bags) sale on infant, toddler, and children's items on Fridays and Saturdays in January.

Shoppers will also receive a free hat, scarf, mittens, or gloves with each purchase while supplies last. Friday hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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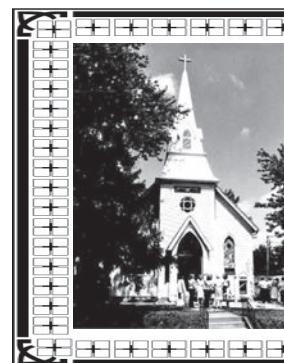
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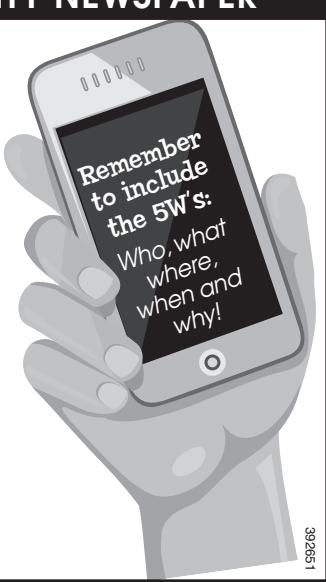
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OPINION

In my opinion

Fairness being added to Illinois' justice system despite efforts to prevent progress

By Ben Ruddell
ACLU OF ILLINOIS STAFF ATTORNEY

After years of work and deliberations—and a last-minute hiccup from a court ruling—Illinois is poised at last to implement the Pretrial Fairness Act, ending money bond across our state. This historic step eliminates the practice of jailing people accused of a crime simply because they cannot afford to pay a money bond.

Opponents of ending money bond spent millions during the election campaign

on desperate television advertisements aimed at spreading misinformation and stoking fear and confusion about the new law. Despite those millions of ad dollars and widespread media coverage, voters rejected the lies. After the election, legislators expressed further support for the law, resisting calls to repeal or water it down, and instead enacting revisions designed to ensure its effective implementation.

Just days before the law's effective date, a judge in Kankakee County added to

the sense of confusion and chaos when he declared the law to be unconstitutional.

While the Kankakee court's ruling is a setback, let's be clear: This latest desperate attempt by recalcitrant system actors to resist this long overdue reform is not going to stop the end of money bond. Attorney General Kwame Raoul is acting swiftly to appeal the ruling to the Illinois Supreme Court, and well-established legal precedents make it very likely that the court will ultimately overturn the Kankakee court's ruling and uphold the law's constitutionality.

In the nearly two years since the Pretrial Fairness Act was passed, some prosecutors have been tireless in their attempts to undermine the new law in the legislature, in

the media, and in the courts. These efforts have never been about justice or public safety; they are simply about preserving a system under which people are routinely jailed simply because they cannot afford to pay an arbitrary sum of money—not because their release would endanger others or create any risk that they would flee from prosecution.

Sadly, all the politics around the effort to defeat ending money bond obscures two critical points. First, the failed money bond system always has allowed people accused of crime to be released even if they pose a threat to others.

These people just had to have the resources to afford bail. So, when we hear about people accused of a crime

being released from pretrial detention, that is not new. It has been part of the system for decades.

But the campaign against ending money bond has really been about denying justice to people accused of crimes, to treat them as guilty before any court has adjudicated the charge. For generations, thousands of people from Illinois' most marginalized communities have been held pretrial—sometimes for lengthy periods of time—because they did not have the money to buy their freedom.

While they languished in a county jail—perhaps being innocent of the charges against them—these individuals lost their jobs, housing, and even the custody of their children. Where is the justice in this system?

Each day that implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act is delayed continues to perpetuate these harms, undermining the safety and stability of our communities. That is right—this system actually undermines public safety.

When all is said and done, we expect that the law will be vindicated and money bond will be abolished in every county across Illinois, ringing in a new era of fairness in Illinois' criminal court system. While the efforts to debase the law will not abate, we know that a system that is supposedly based on "justice" must treat people in a just fashion. That process is beginning in Illinois.

Ben Ruddell is a staff attorney for ACLU of Illinois in Chicago.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY23 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric heating bills.

The LIHEAP program began Sept. 1 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2023, or until funding is exhausted. There will be no priority groups this program year. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

Due to funding limitations, there will be NO NEW enrollments in the PIPP program this year.

Applicants may apply for a Direct Vendor Payments (DVP) which provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible homeowners and renters to gas or propane and electric vendors to help with home utility bills and for reconnection assistance. Households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines listed below to receive a benefit from LIHEAP.

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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.

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- 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 LIHAP water and sewer bill assistance.**

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Opinion

Slices of life

Happy New Year, happy today



By
JILL PERTLER
Columnist

meaning for me. In an instant, I saw it with new eyes. I was looking back. And I realized I no longer wanted to do that.

I no longer needed to do that.

My past was wonderful. I've had a magnificently fortunate life. And this is not to say that I can't look back occasionally or even frequently, but it shouldn't be my mainstay photo - my mainstay stance in life. I hope I always look back at times and in some regards.

Just as I hope I always look forward to the future.

But I can't properly prosper and grow and flourish in the looking backward. It can give me perspective and memories, but I don't want it to be the focus of my life.

That evening, when I saw the photo as if for the first time, I realized it was time to turn my face forward and focus on the now.

Not behind, which is no more. Not ahead, which is yet to be. But now; what I have. The only time I have, really. Just. Right. Now.

How simple is that? How hard is that?

Come January every year, we are challenged to see things anew. To set goals. Instead, I challenge us to live in the now. Not to worry about our failed marriage or failed job or why that friend never calls or next Wednesday or the upcoming dentist appointment or when we might be able to lose those 20 extra pounds or pay off the mortgage or get that new puppy or buy that new car or the price of gas or milk or any of the myriad things we can think of from the past or the future that could occupy our

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thoughts today.

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All the best in 2023, but most especially all the best to you today.

Jill Pertler is an award-

winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

The New Year—January as a month—is a time for reflection. To assess our progress in life: where we were, where we are and where we are going.

I've learned, in a hard way, that where I was—the past—and where I'm going—the future—don't hold much mettle. The place to be is here, right now. It's all I've got. It's all any of us has.

It was in this thought that I recently changed my Facebook cover photo.

I'd had the same picture for two years. It was a nice photo.

I had the one before this one for maybe five years. I don't really like changing my photo, because change is hard. Plus, each change only makes me look older.

As stated, the photo I recently swapped out was nice. (Because no one posts an ugly one.) It was of my husband and me, on a ride at Mickey's favorite place. We were both smiling. I was looking back, probably at our kids who were riding in the Dumbo car behind ours. It was a really happy, in-the-moment shot.

I'd had the photo as my mainstay for two years mostly because it was a moment in time when my husband I were truly happy, and who doesn't want remember that—much less project it upon the world at large?

It worked for me for two years, until one evening I looked at that picture and saw something I hadn't really noticed or registered before. In the photo I was, quite literally, looking back.

Suddenly, the Dumbo ride from 2018 took on new

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Orangeville extends winning streak to seven games with win over Lena-Winslow

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos are one of the toughest girls basketball teams in all of Illinois class 1A basketball. Before facing off with Lena-Winslow, the Broncos hadn't allowed a team to score over 20 points against them in six games. The last time they did was their last matchup against Le-Win on Dec. 12. It was a game that saw the Panthers pick up a 36-33 victory over the Broncos, handing them one of their three losses this season.

This time around, the Broncos were hoping for a bit of revenge as they made the trip to face off with the Panthers on their home court on Friday, Jan. 6. Coming into this Northwest Upstate Illinois-North matchup, the Broncos held a record of 13-3, while the Panthers were 15-3. It was a highly anticipated matchup with two impressive teams facing off for the second time this season.

Orangeville managed to jump out to an early lead in the first quarter. Laney Cahoon had the hot hand early,

sinking a three-pointer and a pair of free throws on her way to seven first quarter points. Leah Baker, Whitney Sullivan, and Nadalee Doyle each added baskets as the Broncos put up thirteen in the quarter. Le-Win tried to keep pace with a Tianna Esser three-pointer. Grace Groezinger added four points of her own in the quarter, but the Panthers found themselves trailing 13-7 at the end of one.

The second quarter was much of the same. Sullivan caught fire, putting up eight points on four baskets in the quarter. Cahoon sunk another three-pointer as they helped the Broncos expand their lead. Le-Win's only points in the second came from a pair of three-pointers by Esser. Eventually, the Broncos took a 24-13 lead into the halftime break.

Coming out of the break, Esser continued to have the hot hand for the Panthers. The senior guard sunk another pair of three-pointers as on her way to seven third quarter points. Once again, those were the only points the Pan-

thers would score in the quarter, however. The Broncos would continue to grow their lead. Cahoon sunk another three-pointer, while Sullivan put up five points in the quarter. Orangeville would outscore the Panthers 12-7 in the quarter, expanding their lead to 36-20 heading into the fourth.

Despite the big lead, the Broncos didn't let up in the fourth. They put up another 12 points, outscoring the Panthers by eight in the final quarter. Eventually, the Broncos got their revenge with a 48-24 victory over Le-Win.

Esser led the Panthers with 16 as she scored 66 percent of Le-Win's points in the game. Sullivan led the Broncos with 21 points, while Cahoon was next up with 17. The win improved Orangeville's record to 14-3, while the Panthers fell to 15-4.

The Panthers will travel to face off with the Pearl City Wolves on Thursday, Jan. 12. Meanwhile, the Broncos will travel to face off with the Pecatonica Indians on Friday, Jan. 13.

House advances assault weapon ban, Senate giving it 'extensive review' Pritzker expresses support, watches debate from House chamber

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A bill that would ban the sale and manufacture of assault weapons in Illinois advanced out of the state House on Jan. 5 and now awaits action in the Senate. The bill was prompted in large part by the July 4 mass shooting in Highland Park during an Independence Day parade which left seven people dead and dozens more injured or traumatized.

Among those who traveled directly from Highland Park was Ashbey Beasley, who told a House committee Jan. 5 that her 6-year-old son was traumatized by witnessing the parade shooting and is now undergoing therapy. "I don't believe in stripping things away from people," Beasley said, noting that she holds a Firearm Owner Identification card. "But I do know what it feels like to run away from an AR-15. I do know what it's like to run into a crowd of people running from an AR-15."

The bill was the subject of extensive committee hearings in December and negotiations over details of the measure continued until right before its passage in the House. It will still need approval in the Senate and from Gov. JB Pritzker to become law. Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, issued a statement Jan. 6, saying senators are giving both the assault weapons ban and another House-approved abortion-related bill "extensive review and careful evaluation" last weekend, as the Senate left Springfield until Sunday evening.

While changes to the legislation are possible, under the version passed by the House it would become illegal for anyone other than certain law enforcement officers, members of the U.S. military or the Illinois National Guard to knowingly manufacture, deliver, sell or purchase an assault weapon, assault weapon attachment, .50 caliber rifle or .50 caliber cartridge beginning 300 days after Pritzker's signature on the measure.

However, firearms used for hunting that are explicitly allowed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources would not fall under the ban.

The bill provides a long list of specific weapons that would qualify as assault weapons, based largely on the federal assault weapons ban that was in effect from 1994 until 2014. "These are weapons that belong on a battlefield, not at parades, or parks, or schools or churches," House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, a chief sponsor of the bill, told his colleagues during a hearing Jan. 6.

The bill would also ban large-capacity magazines capable of holding more than 12 rounds of ammunition. And it would ban assault weapon attachments, or devices that make other guns resemble assault weapons, as well as "switches"—devices that increase a semi-automatic weapon's rate of fire, effectively turning them into fully automatic weapons.

People who already own a weapon that would be banned under the bill would be allowed to keep them, but they would be required to file an affidavit with the Illinois State Police within 180 days after the bill becomes law, providing the weapon's serial number in order to receive a special endorsement on their Firearm Owner's Identification card.

Also beginning 300 days after becoming law, it would be illegal for anyone who owns such a weapon to sell or transfer it to anyone other than an heir, an out-of-state resident or a federally licensed firearms dealer. They would also be required to notify state police within 10 days of that sale or gift.

One of the last-minute changes made to the bill was a provision that would allow Illinois gun manufacturers to continue producing the weapons but would limit their sales to only law enforcement or out-of-state purchasers in jurisdictions where the weapons are still permitted.

The final version of the measure was stripped of provisions that would have prohibited individuals between ages 18 and 21 from purchasing a firearm, even with a parent's consent.

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IDPH reports 73 Illinois counties at an Elevated Community Level for COVID-19

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced Jan. 6 that the CDC is reporting 73 counties in the state are at an elevated level

for COVID-19, compared to 65 in the previous week.

Of those, 28 Illinois counties are at a High Community Level and 45 counties are

at Medium Level. IDPH is reporting 16,281 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois in the week ending Jan. 1, and 20

deaths.

"As we enter the new year, IDPH continues to closely monitor levels of COVID-19, the flu, and other respiratory illness in communities throughout Illinois," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "After the holidays, we are once again experiencing a rise in counties at elevated COVID-19 community levels, with 28 currently at High Level. As we monitor emerging variants, including a new more transmissible strain spreading in the northeastern U.S., I continue to recommend our residents take steps to prevent the spread of infection, protect those most vulnerable to serious illness, and preserve our hospital capacity."

"It is not too late to get your COVID-19 bivalent booster or yearly flu shot. And if you are sick, please stay home if you are able and reach out to your provider about treatments for COVID-19 and the flu."

IDPH previously announced that as of the end of 2022, it would be following the lead of the CDC and

shifting from daily reporting of new COVID-19 cases and deaths to a weekly reporting cadence. As a result, daily case and death data is longer be reported as of Jan. 1. IDPH is now reporting weekly data on Wednesday of each week for the previous week ending Sunday. IDPH is continuing daily reporting of ICU bed availability and hospital admission data.

The CDC announced it was making the shift from daily to weekly reporting of case and death data in October. IDPH officials believe that weekly reporting will provide the public with a more accurate picture of COVID-19 trends across the state over time by tracking cases and deaths by the week they arise, rather than the date they are reported, which may be days or weeks later.

Access to tests and treatments can be found at the following test to treat site or by contacting your provider for treatment options, within 5 days of feeling ill.

IDPH is helping Illinoisans prepare for the fall and winter surge of COVID-19

cases by offering 1 million free COVID-19 rapid antigen tests to Illinois residents in all zip codes outside the City of Chicago through a partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation's public charity, RF Catalytic Capital and its Project ACT (Access COVID Tests) program.

Through Project ACT, IDPH is distributing up to one million at-home antigen tests to 200,000 Illinois households. You can request one package of five tests on a first-come-first-serve basis at the Project ACT website. The tests will be delivered to the home address.

Free or low cost COVID-19 testing locations are also available throughout the state, including in Chicago, and can be found on the IDPH website's testing locator page.

As of Jan. 5, 1,766 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 233 patients were in the ICU and 77 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators. The preliminary seven-day statewide case rate is 128 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Illinoisans.

Supreme Court sets March timeline for oral arguments in cash bail appeal

Both sides agree to timeline that would further delay Pretrial Fairness Act's implementation

By Jerry Nowicki
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

An appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court regarding the constitutionality of a state law that would end cash bail appears to be at least two months away from resolution under a new timeline approved by the court Jan. 5.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul filed the agreed motion setting the timeline for the high court's appeal of a lower court ruling that invalidated provisions of the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform that would have eliminated cash bail on Jan. 1. The motion, Raoul's office wrote in its filing, had been agreed to by all parties in the case, scheduling briefs to be filed in January and February, with oral arguments to begin sometime in March. A ruling would come sometime thereafter at an unspecified date.

The matter came to the Supreme Court in a Friday, Dec. 30, appeal by Raoul's office, following Kankakee County Judge Thomas Cunningham's decision that lawmakers overreached their constitutional authority in passing a measure to abolish cash bail in Illinois.

Cunningham wrote in a 36-page decision that the cash bail provisions effectively and improperly amended a section of the state's constitution that states, "all persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties," except in a few specific circumstances.

He also wrote that ending cash bail is an improper overreach by lawmakers, who have no constitutional authority to govern the administrative functions of Illinois courts due to the separation of powers. Bail, Cunningham wrote, has been held by the Supreme Court to be "administrative" in nature.

The constitution also specifically mentions bail in a section on victims' rights, when it states victims have a right "to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail." Cunningham found that eliminat-

ing bail prevents courts from "effectuating the constitutionally mandated safety of the victims and their families."

The ruling initially left the impending cash bail reform in limbo in at least 64 of Illinois' 102 counties that had joined the consolidated lawsuit. A Dec. 31 order from the Illinois Supreme Court, however, stayed the cash bail provisions' implementation statewide until the court could rule on an appeal to the case.

The Jan. 5 order set the timeline for that appeal.

On Jan. 4, Gov. JB Pritzker said he was disappointed in the delayed implementation of the reform, which he and advocates say corrects an unfair system that allows wealthy individuals to pay their way out of jail as they await trial regardless of the seriousness of the crime they are accused of committing, while keeping poorer individuals who can't make bail incarcerated pretrial even if they're accused of

relatively minor crimes.

The measure that would replace cash bail, should the new law be allowed to take effect, would give judges greater authority to keep an individual incarcerated pretrial if they're accused of more serious offenses, but it would also limit the number of offenses for which pretrial detention can be ordered.

"The whole purpose here is fairness," Pritzker said. "And I think that we will continue to fight for that. And I think those of us who believe in this know that there's even more work to do, but I am comfortable and confident that this is constitutional."

Neither Cunningham's ruling nor the Supreme Court's orders thus far have invalidated other provisions of the SAFE-T Act which had already taken effect, such as reforms to police officer training and certification standards and police body camera requirements.



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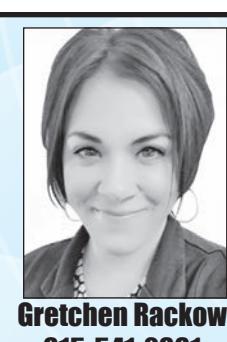
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-v.- JUSTIN KROHMER et al Defendant

2022 FC 8

NOTICE OF SALE
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- Must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property
- Must be of the age of 65 or older in 2023

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ment of Pension Benefits, W-2's and 1099's or any other household income. You must apply for this exemption every year.

This exemption freezes the assessed value of your property. It does NOT freeze your tax bill. The deadline for filing is July 1, 2023.

If this is the first time you are eligible, please contact the County Assessment Office at (815) 777-1016 for an application.

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2023 Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

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- You must have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs;

• You must own and occupy the property as your primary residence on January 1, of the assessment year (2023), or the exemption granted under this Section shall be prorated on a monthly basis, beginning the first completed month in which the person occupies the qualified residence, and be liable for the payment of the property taxes;

• You must have a total EAV of less than \$250,000 for the primary residence;

• MUST renew and provide VA disability documentation annually.

A certified DD Form 214 and a current disability certification letter from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs for the current assessment year must be provided.

Deadline for filing an application is July 1, 2023.

Please contact the Chief County Assessment Office at 815-777-1016 for an application.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

sheet and broil until bubbly. You can freeze them on a cookie sheet until they are hard and then place them in a Ziploc bag.

Kale Salad with Dijon Vinaigrette

Kale is touted as one of the best greens for good health. This mustard dressing and the dried cranberries make it a great salad with any soup.

1/3 C. whole almonds
1/4 C. extra-virgin olive oil
1 T. white wine vinegar

1 T. Dijon mustard
1/4 t. salt

1/4 t. pepper

10 C. chopped kale

1/3 C. dried cranberries

2/3 C. Parmesan shavings

Heat a skillet over medium heat. Add almonds and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly toasted, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from skillet and let cool. In a large bowl, combine the oil, vinegar, mustard, salt, and pepper, whisk until fully incorporated. Add kale and cranberries; toss until kale is evenly coated with dressing. Chop almonds, add to salad and toss until combined. Transfer salad to serving bowl; sprinkle with Parmesan.

Crock Pot Ham and Bean Soup

If you have ham leftover from New Years, you can make some soup to warm everyone up. Ham is supposed to be bring you luck in the New Year, but personally I think somebody made that up so they could use leftovers. Add beans, which are also a good luck food, and you have started the year off with good vibes. A good pot of ham and bean soup is just what is needed when the weather turns cold.

1 lb. dry navy or great northern beans
1 ham bone
2 carrots, diced
2 stalks of celery, diced
1 medium onion, diced
1/2 t. garlic powder
1/2 t. pepper
1 bay leaf
6 C. water

Rinse 1 pound of navy or great northern dry beans. Pick through the beans for any

stones or pebbles. Cover with water and allow to soak overnight. Under running water rinse any coating off a meaty ham bone. Also, scrap off any surface fat that you can. Add to a larger crock pot that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Place the carrots, celery, onion, and beans into the crock pot. Add the seasonings

and water. Cook on Low for 8 hours; remove ham bone to a cutting board. Allow the bone to cool for 10 to 15 minutes. Then remove all the meat from the bone. Discard the bone and any fat and waste. Place meat back into the slow cooker and cook on Low for another 2 hours. Taste to see if it needs added salt. Remove

the bay leaf and serve.

Cabbage and Beef Soup

Yet another tradition for good luck is to eat cabbage early in the New Year. You could have some coleslaw for luck or make this hearty soup. This soup is very economical to make and is even better the next day.

1 lb. ground beef
1/2 t. garlic salt
1/4 t. garlic powder
1/4 t. pepper
2 celery ribs, chopped
1 can (16 oz.) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 medium head cabbage, chopped

See KITCHEN, Page 11

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vs.

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DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC45

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 3½ C. water
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 Minced fresh parsley
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Bacon Cheeseburger Sloppy Joes

You can make these sandwiches with either turkey or ground beef. They are a tasty way to make sandwiches go further and are a hit with all ages.

1½ lb. ground turkey or beef
 1 large red onion, finely chopped
 12 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
 ¾ C. ketchup
 ½ C. chopped dill pickle
 2 T. yellow mustard
 1½ C. shredded cheddar cheese

Hamburger buns
 In a large skillet, cook and crumble meat with onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in bacon, tomatoes, ketchup, pickle and mustard, heat through. Stir in cheese until melted. Spoon meat mixture onto bun bottoms. Replace the tops.

Is it Salad or Dessert?

This salad can be used for a salad or a dessert. It is a great dish for a potluck. The biggest problem will be where to put it in the food line.

1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained

1 can (15 ¼ oz.) sliced peaches, drained and cut into bite-size pieces

1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained

3 bananas, sliced

2 unpeeled red apples, cut into bite sized pieces

Fruit Sauce:
 1 C. cold whole milk
 ¾ C. sour cream
 1/3 C. thawed orange juice

concentrate

1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
 In a large bowl, combine fruits. In a separate bowl, whisk the milk, sour cream, orange juice and pudding mix until smooth. Gently fold over fruits. Cover and chill for 3 to 4 hours before serving.

Red Velvet Swirl Bundt Cake

If you are looking for a Valentine dessert, this one will do just fine. This beautiful cake will be a treat for all the "sweethearts" in the family. It has a surprise in the middle that everyone will find yummy.

¾ C. unsalted butter softened
 1½ C. sugar
 3 eggs
 1½ C. flour
 3 T. unsweetened cocoa powder
 ¼ t. salt
 1/8 t. baking powder
 ½ C. buttermilk
 1½ T. red food coloring
 1 t. vanilla extract, divided
 ½ t. distilled white vinegar
 Cream Cheese Filling (recipe follows)
 1 C. powdered sugar
 ¼ to ½ C. heavy whipping cream

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, beat butter with sugar at medium speed until fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, cocoa, salt, and baking soda. With mixer on low speed, add flour mixture to butter mixture in three additions alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture, beating until combined after each addition. Stir in food coloring, ½ t. vanilla, and vinegar. Spray a 10 to 12 cup Bundt pan with baking spray with flour. Spoon half of batter into prepared pan. Spoon Cream Cheese Filling over batter, avoiding edges of the pan. Top with remaining batter. Gently swirl batter using the tip of a knife. Smooth top with an offset spatula. Bake until a wooden pick inserted

near the center comes out clean, 45 to 55 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Invert cake onto a wire rack and let cool completely.

Place cake on a decorative plate or a cake stand. In a small bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, cream, and remaining vanilla, until smooth. Drizzle over cake.

Cream Cheese Filling

3 oz. cream cheese, softened
 3 T. sugar
 1 T. flour
 1 egg white
 ½ t. vanilla
 In a medium bowl, beat

cream cheese, sugar, and flour with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. Add egg white and vanilla, beating until combined. Add to the cake recipe above.

Final Thoughts

The first week of January went by in a flash. I am hoping that the second week won't be so busy. I spent a lot of time packing away Christmas decorations and cleaning up glitter. I love glitter, but I hate the aftermath of it. I probably will be cleaning that up for months. It is time to get 2022 packed up

and 2023 started. That is another job that I dread. What do you keep? How long do you keep it? What do I need for taxes? I know you all are going through the same things I am. I am hoping to get my computer room back in some semblance of order. That is on this week's list of things to do. I think I just might make a pot of chili too!

I have been looking at Valentine cards and Easter cards. It seems too soon to think about them. My snowmen are not put away because I think we will probably still have some winter weather. I

keep seeing things that tell me it is only so many days until Spring. If you are trying to pass some time these dark winter days, try making something good. If you can't eat it all yourself, call up a working mom, a friend, or someone alone and offer to give them something for their supper. We need all of us to be in life together. If you have some good recipes for winter cooking, 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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 ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC
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 F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
 Plaintiff,
 -v.-
 JUSTIN KROHMER et al
 Defendant

2022 FC 8

NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
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 Property Index No. 22-100-448-00

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Supreme Court stays cash bail provisions statewide after Kankakee County ruling

Initial ruling invalidated bail changes in 64 counties; Supreme Court appeal is pending

By Jerry Nowicki

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A Kankakee County judge ruled Wednesday Dec. 28, that lawmakers overreached their constitutional authority in passing a measure to abolish cash bail in Illinois, while other provisions in the wide-ranging SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform were not affected by the ruling.

The ruling by Judge Thomas W. Cunningham initially left the impending cash bail reform in limbo in at least 64 of Illinois' 102 counties that had joined the consolidated lawsuit ahead of the reform's scheduled Jan. 1

implementation.

A Dec. 31 order from the Illinois Supreme Court, however, stayed the cash bail provisions' implementation for all 102 counties until the court could rule on an appeal to the case on an expedited but indefinite timeline. The ruling prevented an uneven application of pretrial practices, as many counties had planned to forge ahead with cash bail changes until the order was issued.

Neither Cunningham's ruling, nor the Supreme Court order invalidated other provisions of the SAFE-T Act which had already taken effect, such as reforms to

police officer training and certification standards and police body camera requirements.

Cunningham wrote in a 36-page decision that the cash bail provisions effectively and improperly amended a section of the state's constitution that states, "all persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties," except in a few specific circumstances.

He also wrote that ending cash bail is an improper overreach by lawmakers, who have no constitutional authority to govern the administrative functions of Illinois courts due to the separation of powers. Bail, Cun-

nington wrote, has been held by the Supreme Court to be "administrative" in nature.

The constitution also specifically mentions bail in a section on victims' rights, when it states victims have a right "to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail." Cunningham found that eliminating bail prevents courts from "effectuating the constitutionally mandated safety of the victims and their families."

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said in a news release the state will appeal the decision directly to the state Su-

preme Court. That appeal was filed Dec. 30.

"Most of the SAFE-T Act's provisions have been in effect for more than a year, and regardless of today's circuit court decision, all parts of the SAFE-T Act, including the pretrial release portions addressed in the court's decision, will go into effect Jan 1," Raoul said. "For instance, the right of individuals awaiting criminal trials—people who have not been convicted of a crime and are presumed innocent—to seek release from jail without having to pay cash bail will go into effect in a few short days, despite the court's ruling

against those provisions."

Cunningham rejected other arguments by the dozens of state's attorneys that centered on the legislative process, namely that the bill was not given a proper hearing and violated the "single subject" rule. Court precedent holds that as long as the House speaker and Senate president certify that a bill is properly passed, courts have no standing to intervene, he wrote.

The Supreme Court's Dec. 31 order also noted the clerk of the Supreme Court is "directed to contact the parties and coordinate an expedited process for this appeal."

• **Ban** (Continued from page 6)

The latest version also removed a provision requiring hunters younger than 21 to be under the supervision of someone over 21 with a valid

FOID card. That means if the bill becomes law, those individuals will have the same rights and protections they have under current law.

"We talked a lot about that within our caucus, with negotiations," Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, the bill's chief sponsor in the House,

told reporters. "We heard a lot of feedback about the under-21 (issue). And what we heard most commonly was a lot of concerns with regards to hunting. That was a really important element."

Even those changes, however, were not enough to satisfy ardent gun rights advocates who argued that the measure would still violate the Second Amendment's guarantee of the right to keep and bear arms. "Part of me wants you to pass this bill,"

Illinois State Rifle Association lobbyist Ed Sullivan told the committee. "From what I read, it's less constitutional than it was before. Takes away more rights than it did before. Makes it easier to strike down."

Sullivan argued that many of the weapons listed in the bill as assault weapons are commonly used by hunters and sportsmen, a fact that he said would make the ban vulnerable to being overturned under recent U.S. Supreme Court standards.

Still, the bill passed out of

the committee on a 9-4 vote, sending it to the House floor for a debate that lasted nearly two hours, with supporters arguing it would reduce gun-related deaths in Illinois and opponents arguing it would have little or no effect and would likely be ruled unconstitutional.

The final vote in the House, taken shortly after midnight Jan. 6, was 64-43. Only one Republican, outgoing Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, voted in favor of the bill. Four Democrats voted no and four more were listed as absent or not voting. In an unusual move, Pritzker sat in the House chamber throughout the debate, at a House member's desk next to Welch. After the vote, he issued a statement saying he looked forward to working with the Senate to pass the bill.

The language of the bill was inserted as an amendment to a bill, Senate Bill 2226, that had already passed the Senate, one dealing with amusement ride safety. That means the Senate only needs to vote on whether to concur with the changes made by the House.



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