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Lady Broncos top Indians in NUIC North battle

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos had a big week last week as they moved into first place in the Northwest Upstate Illini-North Conference. On Friday, Jan. 13 the Broncos made the trip into enemy territory as they faced off with the Pecatonica Indians. With the Indians coming in at 15-6 and the Broncos being 16-3, this was one of the biggest matchups of the 2022-2023 girls basketball season.

The Broncos stuck to their strengths. They relied on their fast defense, and let their playmakers play. Laney Cahoon was downright dominant for the Broncos in Friday's matchup. With a pair of three-pointers in the first quarter alone, Cahoon was able to work up to 19 total points before the halftime break. Addie Wheeler added four first quarter points as well, as the Broncos took a 31-13 lead into the half.

Cahoon was just as impressive in the second half. At one point, Cahoon single handedly took the Broncos on a six-point run in the third quarter. Cahoon added another pair of three-pointers to her total, as well. In the fourth quarter it was Whitney Sullivan's opportunity to get back to work after she got into some foul trouble early. Sullivan sunk a pair of her own three-pointers on her way to eight fourth quarter points.

At the end of the game, it was Cahoon's night as she dropped 33 points in a 56-28 victory. Orangeville head coach, Jay Doyle, spoke about what Cahoon brings to the team. "I think she's a star guard. She's a stone-cold killer. She's a spark plug. She helps because you

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The Orangeville girls basketball squad currently holds an 18-3 record, with two big wins last week. They excelled as a team, with #15 Laney Cahoon having a particularly great performance scoring 33 points against the Pecatonica Indians.

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Obituary

ARDATH CLOCK

Ardath Lorraine Clock, 90, passed away Jan. 12, 2023, at Diversicare of Larned. She was born Aug. 20, 1932, in Stockton, Illinois; the daughter of Raymond and Ruth Eaton Gallagher. A longtime area resident, she was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Larned, the Christian Women Fellowship, volunteered at the Christian Women Fellowship Thrift store, loved playing piano, reading, was very artistic, enjoyed playing bridge for over 60 years and was always willing to help others.

On Oct. 28, 1951, she married Jack D. Clock in Stockton, Illinois. He passed away Nov. 3, 2008. Survivors include two sons, Rick (Gay Lynn) Clock, Baldwin City and Kevin Clock, Westminster, Colorado; a daughter Kyle (Jeb Scales) Fogo,



Centennial, Colorado; seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by; four

brothers, B.R. Gallagher, D.L. Gallagher, Wayne Gallagher and Warren Gallagher.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the First Christian Church, Larned, with Pastor Damon Bradley presiding. Inurnment will be in the Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery, Freeport, Illinois. Memorials may be given to the First Christian Church, in care of Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. Personal condolences may be left at www.beckwithmortuary.com.

United Way of Northwest Illinois to offer Community Impact Grants

United Way of Northwest Illinois (UWNIL) is pleased to announce the opening of the Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the 2023-2024 Community Impact Grants. The RFPs are for Education, Financial Stability, Health, and Basic Needs in Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and Carroll Counties. Funding will be for the period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. In 2022, United Way funded over \$230,000 towards local Community Impact Initiatives.

Community Impact RFPs will be available online at www.uwni.org. RFPs open for application on Feb. 1, 2023, and remain open until Feb. 28, 2023. All applications are due by 4 p.m. Applications will be reviewed by United Way Community Impact Committee members.

Please contact United Way of NWIL Executive Director, Connie Kraft at 815-232-5184 or director@uwni.org with any questions.

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. 22 at 9:30 a.m. for Third Sunday after Epiphany Service. The reading will be from Matthew 4:12-23.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24 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.

Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions. The CDC guidelines will be followed for gathering. For the safety for everyone, it is encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing inside the building.

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.

The community Grace Meal will be on Jan. 15. The meal is spaghetti, green beans, bread and fruit. Reservations for pick

up are due to the church office by Thursday, Jan. 12.

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

Salem United Church of Christ

Join Salem United Church of Christ for service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will meet Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 8 a.m. at Stella's Café, 100 N. Main St, Stockton, Illinois. All are welcome to join.

There are many ways to get more involved in the church and enjoy the company of the congregation. On the first Wednesday of each month, Salem United Church of Christ will host Men's Night. On these evenings the men meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church in fellowship hall on the lower level for a time of visiting, playing games, and getting to know each other better. For the ladies, on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-7 p.m. is Crafters' at the church on the lower level. There will be snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to share projects with one another. Bring a craft to work on. For more information on these gatherings, contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.

News briefs

Carroll County Help Center

The Carroll 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.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will honor female veterans with a brunch on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

This will be held at the Lena American Legion Home at 316 W. Main St., Lena. There will be no charge for this brunch. Please come and join for fellowship and entertainment. Please call 815-369-4684 or contact jamcps54@yahoo.com with questions or to make reservations. Reservations are requested by Feb. 20.

Cupcakes and Cocktails fundraiser

CONTACT of Northern Illinois will be hosting the 10th Annual Cupcakes and Cocktails Fundraiser.

The event will be held on Wednesday March 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at This is it Eatery, 16 N. Chicago Ave. Freeport, IL.

Try four of six cupcake combinations for \$15 or upgrade for \$2 more to try all six. Silent auction baskets will be available for bidding. Tickets can be purchased at This is it Eatery starting on Jan. 16 or at the door during the event.

Please call CONTACT of Northern Illinois at 815-233-4402 with any questions. This is it Eatery will be donating 10% of food sales during the event.

College news

Local students make Dean's List, Honor Roll, graduate with honors

Bradley University Dean's List

Griffin Wiegel
Ella Williams
Miah Stiefel

Clarke University Dean's List

Tayden Patterson
Ethan Kleckler

Mount Mary University Dean's List

Caitlyn R

Northern Illinois University Dean's List

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Brittany Robinson

UW-Oshkosh

Hanna Brinker (Dean's List)
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OPINION

Weekly connection

A final tractor and wagon ride

One of my all-time favorite tractors on our farm in Indiana was one my grandpa bought at a farm sale back in about 1969. He paid \$1500 for it, and we kept it over at the little farm where my dad raised about twenty head of beef cattle. Gramps mostly took care of the beef cattle over there, but we also farmed the land and needed a tractor there to help with the crops. That beautiful red tractor had five gears plus reverse, and it had a torque amplifier that gave it a little extra get up in each gear. One thing we really loved was that it had a wide front end and power steering. It was very, very smooth to drive, and we boys all loved driving it whenever we could.

As a boy of only about eight or nine, that tractor seemed like it was extremely tall. That's because I spent most of my time on the other tractor Gramps owned a little 8N Ford. I remember climbing up on that Super MTA and being barely able to reach the clutch pedal. Gramps was very proud of that tractor, and he kept it under a lean-to there at the beef farm so that it was out of the weather. When we moved to Wisconsin and began farming more land, that tractor came with us and played an important part in the operation in those early years, especially in the hay-making department. It was the tractor we always hooked up to the haybine and used to mow all the hay each summer. The wide front end was nice because it didn't run over the freshly mowed hay as the mower drove around and around the field cutting down windrow after windrow of alfalfa.

Like all the tractors we had on the farm that Super M worked really hard and soon began to show signs of wear and tear. When I was a senior in high school, I drove it down to the Ag shop at school



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

where I sand blasted it and repainted it a fiery Farmall Red. It was beautiful and shiny again and we brought it back to the farm and put her right back to work. Once again, the years took their toll and she lost her luster, then the old girl threw a rod and we quietly pushed her into the corner of the shed and kept right on working. Five and then ten years passed, and that sad old tractor continued to weather in the corner of the shed until finally just last winter we pulled her out and hauled her into town for an overhaul and paint job. When they delivered her back to the farm a few months later we were ecstatic. She looked beautiful and ran even better. Having that beautiful machine restored was like buying a brand-new tractor all over again.

Last week we drove that Super MTA down to church pulling a hay wagon behind. After my Dad's funeral we carefully loaded his casket up on that wagon. My six brothers and our sister climbed on and along with a few honorary pall bearers and some of the grandchildren and great grandchildren we delivered Dad's body up to the cemetery on the hill. It seemed like such a fitting ending to a day of celebration of my dad's life and the faithfulness of God. That tractor never carried out a more important assignment than she did last Saturday.

Psalms 116:15 reads; Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. I think it is clear that my dad was a man of great faith. I always thought he was

just a good dad who worked hard on the farm, loved my mom and read the Bible to us nearly every day. And really that's what he was, and God honored those simple consistent commitments by giving him a tremendous legacy that he has passed down to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. I'm so proud to be the son of Paul Dean Cernek 1934-2023. May he rest in peace.



One Man's Opinion

A Higher Call



By **JIM SACIA**
Former State Representative

It is a story that must be told. It is a story of chivalry and decency occurring nearly 80 years ago, just before Christmas Dec. 20, 1943, in the war-torn skies over Germany. The story is totally true involving our greatest generation and our greatest adversary at the time.

The book "A Higher Call" exemplifies beautifully "the brotherhood of warriors and will forever change how you look at World War II". Author Adam Makos had me from page one. If you haven't read it, you need to. Decency can exist even between adversaries.

A critically damaged B-17 Bomber struggling to stay airborne following his bombing run over Bremen, Germany is struggling to get back to England. She is now all alone due to losing speed and altitude and is unable to stay with her formation of other B-17's due to her shot up engines. Makos mesmerizes you

with his descriptive detail sharing how her 21-year-old pilot, 2nd Lt Charlie Brown and her crew are on their first mission and Charlie flies more like a fighter pilot diving and climbing and throwing the attacking German Messerschmitt 109's off their attack course.

Through his evasive maneuvers and dropping from 30,000 feet to below 2000 he is now approaching the Atlantic Wall along the coast of continental Europe which is lined with German flak guns. Why aren't they firing? The battery commander has ordered them to hold their fire. Why? A Messerschmitt 109 is flying beside the badly damaged bomber. Of course, he will

follow him over the water and shoot him out of the sky. The flak guns remain silent. Perhaps divine intervention?

At the controls of the 109 is one of Germany's most seasoned fighter pilots, an Ace many times over, Franz Stigler. After so many battles, his code had become "to fight with fearlessness and restraint, to celebrate victories, not death, and to know when it was time to answer a higher call".

Franz gazed through the holes of the badly shot up bomber and saw the men tending to one another's wounds. Their guns were silent. They were a sitting duck. "A gear clicked in

Franz's soul. He laid a hand over the pocket of his jacket and felt his rosary beads within. This will be no victory for me Franz decided. I will not have this on my conscience for the rest of my life".

Charlie can't believe what he sees. A German 109 pilot looking him in the eye. Franz tries to motion Charlie to fly to Sweden only 1/2 hour away, only he recognizes that the bomber "Ye Olde Pub" is literally disintegrating and will never make the two hours over the water back to England. Franz salutes Charlie and lets him go.

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The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation upcoming events

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites you to join the book club, *Conservation Conversation*, for a free series of weekly Zoom discussions starting Feb. 1, following three books for four weeks each, facilitated by Andrew Townsend. Attendees may join in for any or all weeks.

This three-book series will investigate the relationship of the Indigenous People of the Americas with their natural environment, and the changes that came with European contact and settlement. Each session will focus on pre-determined chapters so that you are able to read along during the month and come prepared with questions and comments. There is no fee to participate, but you will need to provide your own book. Audio versions of each book are available. A limited number of books will be furnished for those unable to purchase; please contact JDCF for details.

Sessions will start at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings beginning Feb. 1, and will be two hours for the first and last meetings for each book, with 90 minutes for the second and third sessions.

Online registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Please register at www.jdcf.org for each session that you plan to attend.

Open Hike Night

The JDCF invites the public to an open hike night at the Casper Bluff Preserve on Jan. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring the entire family for a chance to experience the preserve and the adjacent Casper Creek Natural Cemetery after dark. Luminarias will light the trails leading to the Thunderbird effigy mound, the Galena Rotary Pavilion, and through the natural cemetery. There will also be several communal bonfires. RSVPs are not needed, and guests are free to arrive and depart at any time during the event. There is no fee to attend but donations are gladly accepted. Celebrate the start of a new year by getting outside and enjoying the magical Casper Bluff. Casper Bluff is located at 870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena, IL. This event is co-hosted by the Casper Creek Natural Cemetery.

Please contact the JDCF office at 815-858-9100 or info@jdcf.org with any questions.

USDA accepts applications for Rural Energy for America program

USDA is making \$300 million available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to expand renewable energy and support energy-efficiency projects for people living in rural America. This funding includes \$250 million provided by the Biden-Harris Administration's historic legislative package known as the Inflation Reduction Act.

USDA Rural Development is in a unique position to make climate-smart investments in rural infrastructure. The Inflation Reduction Act represents the largest ever federal investment in clean energy for the future. USDA is seeking applications for Fiscal Year 2023 funding. Two significant changes to this additional funding

include an increase in the maximum Federal grant share from 25% to 40% of total project cost and an increase of maximum grant amounts from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for energy efficiency projects and an increase from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for renewable energy systems.

Projects in underserved areas are prioritized for funding under this notice. Agricultural producers and rural small businesses are eligible applicants for loan guarantees and grants to develop renewable energy systems and to make energy efficiency improvements. State and local governments, federally recognized tribes, land-grant colleges or universities or other institutions

of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities, and Resource Conservation & Development Councils (as defined in 16 USC §3451) are eligible applicants for grants to conduct energy audits and provide development assistance.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact their local USDA Rural Development State Energy Coordinator well in advance of the application deadlines to discuss their project and ask any questions about the REAP program or the application process. Additional information on the required materials and how to apply for the REAP program are available on page 77059 of the Dec. 16, 2022, Federal Register.

Complimentary vermicomposting kits for community youth

Vermicomposting is the process of composting food waste with worms. One pound of worms can turn 65 pounds of garbage into garden compost in 100 days. This result often referred to as "black gold," is thought to be one of the best fertilizers for vegetables and other potted plants. Worm composting reduces garbage entering landfills and

improves garden soils while providing families with a fun and rewarding activity that you can do at home.

According to Alex Burbach, Extension Program Coordinator, "Vermicomposting is a great way for the youth of all ages to gain knowledge about the composting process, to see how we can recycle certain food waste, which in

turn puts nutrients back into the soil to nurture plants that we can then consume for nutrients again."

The Jo Daviess County Extension office will offer vermicomposting kits to any youth in the county, free of charge. 4-H membership is not required to participate. Common garden worms are not the best for the job, so your

kit will include live worms that will be perfect for your vermicomposting bins! Each kit will contain a container, bedding, coffee grounds, eggshells, worms, food scraps, and the educational material needed to help you get started. According to Angela Miller, Program Coordinator 4-H

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Food price inflation to remain high; impacts variable

By Daniel Grant
FARMWEEK
It looks like U.S. consumers will have to stomach another year of historically high food prices.

The latest food price outlook from the US Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service projects all food prices could increase 3.5 percent to 4.5 percent in 2023.

If realized, this year's inflation rate would be much lower compared to 2022, but still higher than average. USDA estimated all food prices increased 9.5 percent to 10.5 percent in 2022, with the cost of food at home up as much as 11-12 percent while prices of food away from home jumped 7-8 percent.

"Food prices are expected to grow more slowly in 2023 than in 2022, but still at above historical average rates," USDA noted in its December food price outlook.

The 20-year average rate of food price inflation hovered near 2 percent annually prior to the COVID pandemic and war in Ukraine.

Issues with logistics, high

transportation costs and freight rates, labor, soaring production costs and weather have all contributed to the recent price surge.

Some of the largest price hikes by category in 2022 include eggs (forecast to increase 30.5 percent to 31.5 percent), poultry (up 14-15 percent), fats and oils (up 18-19 percent), cereals and bakery products (up 13.5 percent) and fresh fruit and vegetables (up 7-8 percent).

"The ongoing outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) continues to reduce the U.S. egg layer flock, as well as the poultry flock to a lesser extent," the USDA noted in its food price report. "This decrease is expected to increase wholesale and retail egg prices for the coming months."

In the first two weeks of December, USDA reported 4.8 million birds were destroyed to keep HPAI in check, bringing total losses for the year to 57.3 million birds nationwide.

The majority of bird losses due to HPAI (42.5 million) were table egg layers. Roughly 9.4 million turkeys were destroyed since the first

of the year, the CME Group's Daily Livestock Report noted.

"Keep in mind there is a lag in price transmission and retailers likely are operating with compressed margins," authors of the Daily Livestock Reported noted. "Given the trend of the last few weeks, we would expect retail (egg) prices to be sharply higher and unlikely to drop much in January and February."

How does food price inflation affect U.S. citizens? It depends, in part, on your

location and income level. A recent survey-based report released by Purdue University's Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability found stark regional differences about food spending.

The survey of 1,200 consumers across the U.S. found households closer to the coasts are spending much more per week on food. But households farther from the coasts are experiencing higher rates of food insecurity.

"The regional differences are not surprising," said

Jayson Lusk, distinguished professor of ag economics at Purdue who leads the center. "The West and Northeast are generally higher-cost and higher-income areas, so we would expect them to spend more on food."

The survey also seemed to indicate consumers reached a choke point in 2022 and responded to rapidly rising food costs by simply purchasing less of it. Grocery spending subsequently levelled off since May, according to the survey.

"There is a similar story

for spending on restaurants, but this area still appears fairly robust," Lusk said. "We will watch closely for further declines."

USDA projects the cost of food away from home could increase 4-5 percent in 2023 compared to a 3-4 percent rise in food at home.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

Ten \$1,000 scholarships now open to Midwest high school seniors

High school seniors from Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin now have a chance to receive one of 10 college scholarships worth \$1,000. Registration is open now through April 28, 2023. Parents are also now able to register their student.

High school seniors or their parents may register for the ISL Midwest Senior Scholarship at www.IowaStudentLoan.org/Midwest. ISL Education Lending will award \$1,000 scholarships to 10 students whose names are randomly drawn after the

registration period. There are no financial need, grade point average or class rank requirements. The ISL Midwest Senior Scholarship can be used at any eligible institution in the United States.

Registered participants also receive emails highlighting financial literacy tips, such as the importance of early career and college planning and ways to reduce student loan indebtedness. The ISL Midwest Senior Scholarship is open to U.S. citizens who are seniors at a high school in one of the qualifying states during the 2022-2023 school

year and who intend to attend college, either virtually or physically, in fall 2023. It is a no-purchase-required program, and full rules and details are available at www.IowaStudentLoan.org/Midwest.

Additional Resources Available

In addition to offering student loans, ISL Education Lending has other resources for families planning for college and for students who intend to pursue advanced degrees. The Parent Handbook consists of valuable tips to help families of students in

sixth through 12th grade prepare for success in college and other postsecondary options. Parents of students in eighth through twelfth grade can also sign up to receive twice-monthly emailed tips on academic, college and career planning through the Student Planning Pointers for Parents program. The College Funding Forecaster helps families understand the total cost of four years of college based on a freshman-year financial aid offer. Information about these resources is available at www.IowaStudentLoan.org/SmartBorrowing.

•Kits (Continued from page 4)

Youth Development, "This is a great opportunity for parents or guardians to introduce the idea of environmental stewardship to their children. Vermicomposting is easy and good for the environment."

Register for a kit by calling 815-858-2273 or by vis-

iting go.illinois.edu/jsw. The deadline to register is Feb. 15. Participants may pick up their kit Feb. 20 through Feb. 24 at the Extension office, located at 204 Vine St., Elizabeth. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Pearl City FFA's *Carry Outs Available*

Pork Chop Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 2 • 5 - 7:30 p.m.
at the Pearl City High School Cafeteria

The dinner will include a pork chop sandwich, chips, cookie and drink for **\$8.00**

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Pearl City FFA or at the door.

The Pearl City FFA & FFA Alumni host this dinner along with a silent auction to raise funds to benefit the Pearl City FFA. The funds will be used to help students attend leadership training, camps, state and national conventions as well as judging competitions and contests. Stay after the dinner and cheer on our Pearl City Boys Basketball team as they play the Durand Bulldogs. Please join us for an evening of fun and help support the Pearl City FFA!

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Sophomores: Natalie Greene, Talia Stewart

Freshmen: Xander Krolow
8th Grade: Eli Bremmer, Clayton Downs, Mackenzie Lotz, Leo Petta, Scarlett Snyder, Sawyer Williams

7th Grade: Cassidy Dorty, Deaken Hofmaster, Brogan Keltner, Porter Krolow, Sandra Martens, Marlee McPeek, Nola Milam, Camdyn Smith, Jayelle Spahr

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Aiden Dampman, Jonathan Dinderman, Blane Foulker, Jordan Johnson, Cade Monks, Tanner Perdue, Nicholas Polizzi, Brooklyn Schreck

Juniors: Jesus Bernal Zetina, Jayden Downs, Marie Meyer, Kyle Niehaus, Ethan Petta

Sophomores: Ayden Bratley, Ethan Bremmer, Kaitlyn Christensen, Tyler Clark, Anna Dampman, Elizabeth Dinderman, Fallyn Endress, Paige Hille, Jorja Johnson, Marley Joseph, Jaxsyn Kempel, Brinkley Knoup, Kendra Kuhlmeier, Zinnia Larson, Natalie Lotz, Taytum Mullen, Madison

Roach, Jacob Runkle, Jared Runkle, Adeline Smith

Freshmen: Gracie Ditsworth, Kameron Downs, Tana Gravert, Brandon Hille, Lane Kempel, Kip Martens, Oscar Ugalde-Sanchez, Maya Youtzy
8th Grade: Parker Allen, Donna Baker, Tristan Ertmer, Brissia Garcia, Sherlyn Hernandez, Braxton Kubatzke, Braylon Liebenstein, Brynlee McPeek, Mya Miller, Danica Stager, Nevaeh Stultz, Brycen Voegeli, Lincoln Voss

7th Grade: Jayden Bremmer, Lucas Bremmer, Morgan Campbell, Brodie Dahl, Hannah Dinderman, Colton Grone-

wold, Dustin Martens, Kennedy Solt

Honor Roll

Seniors: Emma Boyer, Ries Diehl, McKenzie Evans, Rozlynn Feld, Lily Stichter, Seth Townsend

Juniors: Lisa Baker, Ava Bremmer, Lexton Endress, Kyleigh Gentz, Rayce Mullen, Miranda Posey, Lakota Scace,

Alex Spahr, Olivia Williams

Sophomores: Brady Boyer, Kady Brennan, Kylie Campbell, Joely Christiansen, Myles Freedlund, Sydney Lower, Paige McClaran, Alexander Medina, Tomas Molto Romero, Ryan Potter, Sylvia Schnoor, Lucas Tichler

Freshmen: William Birchen, Daniel Garcia, Makenzie Ihus, Gracie Kerr, Carma Mi-

skimon, Nakiya Pickard

8th Grade: Brian Ayala, Keira Ellis, Lila Gerber, Tanner Hiester, Jocelynn Kubatzke, Camden Miller

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Lena-Winslow first semester Honor Roll

A student who receives a 4.0 and above, with no actual grade below an A, will be listed on the "Principal's" List. A student who has a grade point of 3.99 to 3.67 and no actual grade below an A- will be listed on the "High Honors" list. A student who has a grade point of 3.67 to 2.67 and no actual grade below a B- will be listed on the "Honors" list.

Jacob Zeal

High Honors Honor Roll Freshman

Khayne Albright
 Chloe Bicker
 Toriana Davis
 Evelyn Karnatz
 Luke Madigan
 David Prater
 Landrie Spidah

Sophomores

Alexis Brookman
 Cheyanna Kerr
 Chloe Wild

Juniors

Blayr Davis
 Janessa Esser
 Ava Fiedler
 Grace Groezinger
 Daely Kluck
 Mikaela Nieman
 Alex Packard
 Quinn Rodebaugh
 Jacob Schumacher
 Nick Tippet

Seniors

Nyayna Boeck
 Shayna Davis
 Livia Esser
 Jace Flynn
 Braden Jacobs
 Samantha Johnson
 Kieran Madigan
 Jenna Ransom
 Rowen Schulz

Honors Honor Roll Freshman

Addison Ackerman
 Ellie Bardell
 Ayla Brinkmeier
 Nakoah Cornwell
 Rogan Dykstra
 Sophia Ellberg
 Drake Flaminio
 Ashton Gerber
 Cooper Gilbertson
 Emma Hassan

Dean Heiler
 Kaiya Hill
 Koby Kears
 Mackenzie Kepner
 Kasch Lessman
 McKenna Leverton
 Miles Mahon
 Hayden McNutt
 Sally Monigold
 Josiah Randecker
 Scarlett Sager
 Alec Schlichting
 Jaden Schubert

Sophomores

Jackson Barrett
 Kale Buss
 Maverick Cass
 Kegan DeZell
 Benjamin Elbert
 Rhianna England
 Jillian Goebel
 Landon Grindley
 Allie Oxley
 Mika Schoger
 Raymond-John Schulz
 Cohen Weegens
 Paige Williams

Juniors

Maia Benson
 Kali Brinkmeier
 Abbie Cameron
 Eva DeVoe
 Gage Dunker
 Lucas Fye
 Morgan Gerber
 Cierra Hatelak
 Faith Jordan
 Tanner Kempel
 Eli Kleckler
 Casey Klever
 Weston Lartz
 Kaidynce Lynch
 Chloe Mader
 Natalie McNutt
 Faith Offermann
 Isabelle Paulsen
 Deaken Randecker
 Aspen Roberts
 Mason Spidah
 Odin Stabenow
 Trenton Swedlund
 Brianna Taylor
 Kyah White
 Cadie Wolfrom
 Jordan Yount

Seniors

Autumn Bonebright
 Tianna Esser
 Isabella Forbes
 Camdyn Huttenlocher
 Andrew Kempel
 Gunar Lobdell
 Jada Loomis
 Ayden Packard
 Olivia Parker
 Jaden Robinson
 Hailee Schiess
 Maisen Smith
 Bo Tessendorf
 Jacob Tippet
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American Legion Auxiliary Pie Baking Contest

The American Legion Auxiliary will be holding the annual Pie Baking Contest on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, and the Soup Tasting on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Fruit pies should be delivered to the American Legion Home in Lena between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Saturday,

Jan 21. Pies will be judged, and cash prizes will be awarded. All are welcome and encouraged to submit a pie for the contest.

On Sunday, Jan. 22 the Units will once again sponsor an activity from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Annual Soup Tasting will feature over 15

different soups and dessert for \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

Come join for a weekend of fun. The American Legion Home is located 316 West Main Street in Lena, across from the historical water tower. Please call 233-9078 or 369-4684 with any questions.

Pearl City FFA offers Pork Chop Dinner

The Annual Pearl City FFA Pork Chop Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Pearl City School Cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased from members of the Pearl City FFA or

at the door. The dinner will include a pork chop sandwich, chips, cookie, and drink for \$8. Carry-outs are available.

The Pearl City FFA and FFA Alumni host this dinner along with a silent auction to raise funds to benefit the Pearl

City FFA. The funds will be used to help students attend leadership training, camps, and state and national conventions as well as judging competitions and contests. Stay after the dinner and cheer on our Pearl City Boys Basketball team as they play the Durand Bulldogs. Please join for an evening of fun and help support the Pearl City FFA.

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Panthers face off with Orangeville in NUIC battle

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers came into last week with a 9-5 record on the 2022-2023 boys basketball season. The Panthers were riding a three-game winning streak but had more than six days away from live action as their last game was the 38-31 victory over Dakota on Jan. 3.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10 the Panthers were set to play host to the struggling Orangeville Broncos. At 1-12, the Broncos came into the game as serious underdogs. Both mem-

bers of the Northwest Upstate Illini-North Conference, the Broncos were hoping to upset the Panthers, who were 2-0 in conference play.

The Panthers got to the free throw line early in this one. Le-Win went three for four at the charity stripe in the first quarter as Rowen Schulz sunk a pair of free throws. The Panthers got busy from deep as well with Gunar Lobdell and Ayden Packard both draining first quarter three-pointers.

Kyle Kloepping hit a three-pointer of his own as he helped the Broncos keep

pace. Cody Wirth hit a pair of baskets as well, but it was the Panthers who held the lead at the end of one, up 11-7. The Broncos would hit two more three-pointers in the second quarter. Kloepping hit his second three of the game, while Wirth hit his first. Wirth posted another four points in the second, bringing his total to eight before the break. That was all the offense the Broncos could muster in the second, however.

Le-Win had a big quarter. Six different Panthers scored in the quarter as they found

production from all over the floor. Lobdell hit a pair of three-pointers, while Owen Gilbertson hit a three of his own. Gage Dunker went two for two at the free throw line, while Drew Streckwald and Jake Zeal scored their first points of the game. The Panthers would combine for 17 points in the quarter as they took a 28-16 lead into the halftime break.

Coming out of the break, Le-Win continued to have the hot hand. Schulz posted six third quarter points, while Zeal hit a three-pointer. The Panthers would combine for

15 points in the third as they expanded their lead.

Orangeville posted another nine points in the third. Maisen Pfeiffer hit a three of his own. Wirth and Kloepping combined to go four for four at the charity stripe, but it wasn't enough to cut into the Panthers' lead. Heading into the fourth, Le-Win was up 43-25.

With the game mostly in hand, the Panthers were able to work the clock on their way to a 51-32 victory. Lobdell led the Panthers with 13, while Schulz was next up with eight. Zeal finished

the game with seven and the Panthers had four players finish with five points in Packard, Gilbertson, Dunker, and Streckwald.

Orangeville was led by Wirth, who finished with 15 points. Kloepping was the second Bronco to finish in double figures as he had 10 points. Pfeiffer was next up for the Broncos with three.

Orangeville will travel to face off with a tough Pecatonica Indians squad on Thursday, Jan. 19. The same night, the Panthers will hit the road to play the Aquin Bulldogs.

Lady Panthers split games with Pecatonica and Pearl City

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow girls basketball team had a pair of key conference matchups last week. On Tuesday, Jan. 10 the Panthers made the trip to Pecatonica to face off with the Indians. The Indians held an overall record of 14-6 ahead of the game. The Panthers were 15-5, making this a matchup between two of the top teams in the Northwest Upstate Illini-North Conference.

It was an even matchup in the first quarter. A three-pointer by Alyssa Daughenbaugh helped get the Panthers going. Grace Groezinger had a successful trip to the line, sinking a pair of free throws as the Panthers combined for seven first quarter points. Pecaton-

ica hit a three-pointer of their own, however, as the Indians would take a slim 8-7 lead into the second.

Both offenses came to life in the closing moments before halftime. Le-Win freshman, Mia Diffenderfer, sunk a pair of three-pointers on her way to six second quarter points. Tianna Esser added a three-pointer of her own. Not only did the Panthers hit a trio of threes in the quarter, but they combined for 15 points as a team. Le-Win's offense had more than doubled their production from the first quarter.

The Indians were even more efficient, however. Pecatonica sunk a pair of three-pointers of their own. They also went four for four

at the free throw line as they combined for 18 points in the quarter. Eventually, Le-Win went into the halftime break trailing 26-22.

Coming out of the break, Pecatonica continued to have the hot hand on offense. The Indians hit a trio of three-pointers and five free throws in the third quarter alone. The Panthers tried to keep pace as Daughenbaugh sunk another three-pointer. Groezinger had a big quarter as she put up seven points in the third. Still, the Panthers found themselves going into the fourth trailing 40-32.

Le-Win just didn't have the offense to complete the comeback in the final quarter. Groezinger continued to carry the offense with another three

points. Camdyn Huttenlocher scored her first points of the game with a late three-pointer. Those were all the points the Panthers would get in the fourth, however, as they fell by a final score of 49-38. Groezinger led the team with 14 points, while Daughenbaugh finished the game with eight.

Two days later, the Panthers were back on the road as they traveled to face off with the Pearl City Wolves. Pearl City came into the game with a record of 7-12 and they had just suffered one of their toughest losses of the season with a 50-12 defeat to Orangeville.

Pearl City, on their home court, got off to a hot start in the first quarter. Sophomore, Fallyn Endress, hit a three-pointer on her way to five points in the opening quarter. Emma Boyer, Brea Musser, Ava Bremmer, and Kenzee Evans also scored baskets in the first quarter. The Wolves found production from all over as they jumped out to a four-point lead.

Le-Win's offense contin-

ued to ride Groezinger as she scored seven of the Panthers' first nine points. Rachael Setterstrom was the only other Panther to score in the first as Pearl City took a 13-9 lead into the second. Pearl City's offense didn't have the same success in the second. The Wolves put up just four points as Bremmer and Tana Gravert sunk baskets in the quarter.

That's when the Panthers began to claw their way into the lead. Daughenbaugh sunk a three-pointer and Groezinger went a perfect four for four at the line. Molly Amendt hit a basket of her own as the Panthers combined for nine second quarter points. Slowing the Wolves' offense helped the Panthers gain a lead as they went into the halftime break up 18-17.

The Wolves continued to struggle offensively coming out of the break. Pearl City put up just four points once again in the third. The Panthers were unable to pull away, however, as Le-Win put up just six points of their own. Groezinger sunk a pair of baskets and Amendt went two for

two at the line as the Panthers went into the fourth up 24-21.

The fourth quarter continued the streak of scoring with just four points for the Wolves. While Pearl City tried to comeback, they managed just two baskets from Bremmer and Endress. Meanwhile, Le-Win's offense returned to its productive state as they combined for 12 points in the final quarter. Groezinger put up six points in the quarter, while Setterstrom went four for seven at the charity stripe. Eventually, the Panthers went home with a 36-25 victory.

Endress led the Wolves in the loss with nine points. Bremmer was next up with six and Evans had four for the Wolves. Le-Win was led by Groezinger, who scored nearly 60 percent of the Panthers' offense with 21 points. Setterstrom was next up with six and Daughenbaugh had five.

The Wolves will be at home on Friday, Jan. 20 to play host to the Aquin Bulldogs. That same night, the Panthers will look to defend their home court with a matchup against the Durand Bulldogs.

•Battle (Continued from front page)

can't double team Whitney now, and everyone else chips in. The whole team, the 13 girls we have, they like each other, they get along, and they always make the extra pass." Doyle further spoke about what makes this year's Orangeville squad saying, "You don't get that with a lot of teams because we live in a day and age where 'I got to get mine or I have to do my thing.' But these girls feed off of one night it's this girl, one night it's another girl, and the next night it's another."

While the entire team is key, Doyle knows they need to be able to rely on their big players in those big games. "You come into games like this, with a tournament atmosphere and postseason style game, the stars shine." Cahoon did more than that with her 33-point performance to boost the Broncos into first place. Following the victory, Cahoon spoke about the team's defense saying, "We all have this trust in each other, and we just know where everyone is going to be at what time. So, I think that's what makes it work really

well." Ahead of the week, the Orangeville defense was allowing just over 20 points per game. It's nearly impossible to wrap your mind around consistently holding teams to twenty points in 32 minutes of play.

What stood out last Friday night was the offense, however. Cahoon spoke about her and Sullivan's ability to spark some momentum. "We've just been playing together since we were really young. We've always had that connection, and we always see each other. So, it works really

well when we are both in together." Sullivan finished the game with 10 points, which could have been more if it weren't for the early foul trouble.

The very next day, the Broncos went on to pick up a 48-20 victory over the Warren Warriors. The victory improved Orangeville's record to 18-3. The Broncos will get back to work on Friday, Jan. 20 as they travel to face off with the Dakota Indians. Dakota holds a record of 4-18 on the year.



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-v.- JUSTIN KROHMER et al Defendant

2022 FC 8 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on February 17, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (67) ON GRATIOT STREET, ON THE WEST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, IN THE CITY OF GALENA, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

THE NORTH 24.43 FEET OF LOT SIXTY-SIX (66) ON GRATIOT STREET, ON THE WEST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, IN THE CITY OF GALENA, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WHICH PORTION OF LOT SIXTY-SIX (66) FRONTS 24.43 FEET ON GRATIOT STREET, NOW KNOWN AS DEWEY AVENUE AND EXTENDS WESTERLY 217.8 FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT SIXTY-SIX (66).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS - FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF

vs. Joseph Freeman, Jr.; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2022FC45 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We have been enjoying the rather warmer January weather. It has been great to not have to worry about wind chills and wild weather. I hate to write that sentence because I don't want to jinx anything. This week's recipes feature a couple of good salads, two entrees, and great desserts. Have a great cooking week.

Citrus and Celery Salad

This refreshing salad is a good one for winter because it uses cranberries, oranges, and grapefruit with greens. It calls for Bibb lettuce which is also called Boston lettuce and Butter lettuce. It is one of my favorites because there is no waste to it. It is light and makes a good lettuce to be paired with the fruit. The celery and radicchio add some great crunch. You can substitute feta for goat cheese if you want.

- 1/2 C. dried cranberries
 - 1 green onion, chopped
 - 1/4 C. red wine vinegar
 - 3 T. orange juice
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 1/3 C. olive oil
 - 2 t. Dijon mustard
 - 2 heads Bibb lettuce, torn (8 C.)
 - 1 head radicchio, sliced (2 C.)
 - 2 oranges, peels and pit removed
 - 2 red grapefruit, peeled and pith removed, sliced into rounds
 - 2 large ribs of celery, sliced
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 4 oz. goat cheese crumbled
- In a food processor, pulse cranberries, onion, vinegar, orange juice and 1/2 t. of salt and 1/2 t. pepper to combine; let sit for 10 minutes. Add oil and mustard and pulse to finely chop all ingredients. In a large bowl, gently toss together lettuce, radicchio, oranges, grapefruit, celery, and vinaigrette. Serve with cheese.

Fluffy Cranberry Delight

This light salad is great with soup or any entrée. It is easy to make and uses cranberries which are still in season. You could also use this salad for a dessert.

- 4 C. cranberries
- 1 1/2 C. sugar
- 3/4 C. water
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 C. orange juice
- 1 1/2 C. heavy whipping cream
- 3 T. powdered sugar
- 1 t. vanilla

In a saucepan, bring the cranberries, sugar, and water to a boil. Reduce heat and cook until berries burst. Strain through a food mill or sieve into a large bowl. Stir in the gelatin, lemon juice and orange juice. Cool until mixture coats the back of a spoon.

In a small bowl, whip cream until soft peaks form. Add powdered sugar and vanilla; beat until stiff peaks form. Fold into cranberry mixture. Chill until set.

Roasted Brussels Sprouts and Cauliflower

If you are looking for a great side, this combination of brussels sprouts and cauliflower will make any meal just a little brighter. It has bacon and cheese, so what is there not to like?

- 8 bacon strips, chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 T. butter, melted
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 4 C. brussels sprouts, halved
- 4 C. fresh cauliflower
- 1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese

In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally. Remove with a slotted spoon; drain on paper towels. Discard drippings, reserving 1 T. In a large bowl, mix the garlic, oil, butter, salt, pepper, and reserved drippings. Add brussels sprouts and cauliflower. Toss to coat. Transfer to 2 greased jelly roll pans. Bake at 400 for 20 to 25 minutes. Sprinkle each pan with 2 T. cheese. Bake 5 more minutes

or until vegetables are tender. Sprinkle with bacon and addition Parmesan cheese.

Sloppy Ottos

This sandwich is unique. It uses pork sausage instead of ground beef or turkey. If you want a little kick, use spicy sausage. The addition of the sauerkraut and peppers gives the sausage a great flavor boost. If you serve it on pretzel buns, you can imagine yourself in a German beer garden. Note: I have no idea why it is named Sloppy Ottos—maybe Otto made it up?

- 1 lb. bulk pork sausage
- 1 1/2 C. sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
- 2 medium yellow peppers, chopped
- 1 medium onion, shopped
- 8 pretzel buns, split
- 8 slices provolone cheese

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat 4 to 6 minutes or until no longer pink, breaking into crumbles; drain. Add sauerkraut, peppers, and onion; cook and stir 8 to 10 minutes longer until vegetables are tender. Spoon meat mixture onto bun bottoms; place cheese over meat. Replace tops. Place on a baking sheet. Bake 4 to 6 minutes until cheese is melted.

Oatmeal Cranberry White Chocolate Cookies

These cookies have several healthy things to make them really good—cranberries and oatmeal (they also have some sugar and flour too!).

- 1 C. sweetened dried cranberries
- 1 C. boiling water
- 1 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 2 C. firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 t. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 3 C. flour
- 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. salt
- 1 1/2 C. old-fashioned oats

2 bars (4 oz. each) white chocolate, chopped

Garnish: melted white chocolate

In a small bowl, combine cranberries and 1 C. boiling water. Let stand for 10 minutes; drain well. In a large bowl, beat butter, brown sugar, and vanilla with a mixer at medium speed until fluffy, 4 to 5 minutes, stopping to scrap sides of bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture, beating until combined. Stir in cranberries, oats, and chopped white chocolate. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350. Line baking sheets with parchment paper. Using a 1 1/2 T. spring-loaded scoop, scoop dough, and place 2 inches apart on prepared pans. Bake until lightly browned, about 12 minutes. Let cool on pans for 3 minutes. Remove from pans and let cool completely on wire racks. Garnish with melted white chocolate. Let stand until chocolate is set. Store in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

Dark Chocolate Cream Pie

My mother used to make homemade chocolate cream pie. She did use Jell-O cooked pudding and instant pie filling, but when she made the homemade filling, it was a real treat. It isn't hard, but you must be diligent in stirring; however, the result is absolutely delicious. You can use a prepared crust or make your own. You blind bake with the pie weights (there are some you can buy, but you probably have the beans or rice in your pantry) so that the crust doesn't shrink. I hope you try this decadent dessert more than once.

- Pie Crust for a 9-inch pie
- 1/4 C. sugar
- 1/4 C. cornstarch
- 1/4 t. salt

- 3 C. 2% milk
- 3 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 4 egg yolks, lightly beaten
- 3 T. butter
- 1 1/2 t. vanilla

Whipped cream and grated chocolate

Place pie crust in a 9-inch pie plate. Trim the crust to 1/2 inch beyond the plate rim; flute the edge. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Preheat the oven

to 425. Line the crust with a double thickness of foil. Fill with pie weights, dried beans, or uncooked rice. Bake on a lower oven rack until the edge is golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove foil and pie weights; bake until the bottom is golden brown, 3 to 6 minutes. Cool crust on a wire rack.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Annette L. Rowan; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC67
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Annette L. Rowan
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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Annette L. Rowan
Donald J. Rowan

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By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
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detector.

If this initial remineralization is not addressed and the tooth decay is allowed to continue, small holes, or cavities, will form in your teeth as the enamel continues to demineralize. Thus, stage two is termed Enamel Decay. This second stage will require your dentist to remove the decay and place a filling.

The third stage is termed Dentin Decay because the decay has now invaded the tissue below the enamel, called dentin. Dentin is not as strong as enamel, so decay will proceed at a far greater rate here. Since dentin has tubes that connect to the nerves of the tooth, you will start to experience sensitivity to heat and cold. If diagnosed early, dentin decay may be treated with a filling. If enough damage has been allowed to occur, your tooth may require a crown.

The fourth stage is termed Pulp Damage, as the decay now involves the innermost

layer of your tooth, or pulp, where the nerves and blood vessels of the tooth are located. Damage to the pulp will cause it to swell, resulting in pressure on the nerves and pain. To treat this stage your dentist will be required to remove the damaged pulp by performing a root canal, removing the decay, and then placing a crown.

If the decay is not addressed at stage four, bacteria can invade the tooth. The inflammation caused by this infection can result in a pus-filled formation called an Abscess, or stage five of tooth decay. Abscesses cause severe pain and may be accompanied by fever, swelling, and swollen lymph nodes. Left untreated, this infection can spread into your jaws, neck, and head. Treatment will require antibiotics and either a root canal or, in severe cases, the removal of the tooth.

Many people hold the mistaken belief that dental decay is inevitable and that sooner or later everyone will develop a cavity. The key word in that sentence is mistaken. With the exception of some rare genetic disorders, dental decay can be avoided throughout your lifetime with proper nutrition, daily oral hygiene, and routine oral exams accompanied by professional cleanings.

•Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

In a large saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch and salt. Stir in milk and chocolate. Cook and stir mixture over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat and cook and stir for another 2 minutes; remove from the heat. Stir a small amount of hot filling into egg yolk; return all to the pan, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat. Gently stir in the butter and vanilla until butter is melted. Spoon filling into crust. Cool on a wire rack; cover with plastic wrap or wax paper placing covering over the pudding so a film does not form. Chill for at least 3 hours. Serve with whipped cream and grated chocolate.

Final Thoughts

January is now on the downside. For those looking for winter activities, they are still waiting. I heard snow sculpting in Rockford has been postponed, and it looks doubtful that we will have snow for Winterfest. The Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring their soup tasting once again and their pie baking contest.

It is the last weekend in January according to my sources.

I have officially put Christmas away at my house, although I do have some snowmen still sitting around. It does seem sort of plain after all the lights and sparkles have been packed away. My next project is to get some closets organized. It seems like a good winter project, although I don't want to work too hard!

I have made some chili and a ground beef casserole this week. I am trying to clean out the freezer where I have several packets of ground beef and some chicken breasts. I am also trying to eat more vegetables to get rid of the weight I gained over the holidays.

I am looking at a lot of recipes, and I have begun to think about "red" recipes. If you have some good recipes for Valentine's cooking, some good soup recipes, or just something you have come across, send them to all of us. 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 F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JUSTIN KROHMER et al
Defendant

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Fifth Third Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF

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Letter to the editor

For all the people and churches of our Stockton Community, your help with the Christmas dinner was much appreciated. We served 80 carry outs and approximately 80 people in person at Holy Cross Church. God Bless.

Stockton Community Christmas Dinner Helpers and Committee

•Opinion

(Continued from page 4)

This is the story of what happens next... When Charlie is debriefed, he is ordered to keep the incident quiet and to order his crew to do the same. The story culminates when the two pilots seek each other out over 40 years later. You will have tears in your eyes and if you're not a believer, you may become one.



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Spreading kindness

Pearl City Elementary students in Mrs. Brouhard's class recently completed their annual kindness challenge. During the month of December, the class completes a two-part Kindness Challenge. One part is to perform a random act of kindness every day in December, and the second part is to collect spare change to make a charitable donation as a class. This year, the class was able to gift two flocks of chicks, a flock of

ducks, and honeybees to Heifer International with the hope of helping make life better for others in severely impoverished areas. In addition, thanks to a matched donation, they were able to take the extra money and pay off some overdue lunch accounts at the school. Pictured here is Mrs. Brouhard's fourth grade class as they celebrate completing the Kindness challenge.

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