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Stockton boys and girls top East Dubuque in NUIC battles

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

On Wednesday, Jan. 11 the Stockton Blackhawks were set to face off with the East Dubuque Warriors in a Northwest Upstate Illini-West Conference matchup. Both teams sat in the middle of the NUIC-West as the Blackhawks came in at 5-8, while East Dubuque was 7-6.

In the first quarter, it was Stockton who jumped out to the early lead. Alex Altfillisch Ryley Schultz each posted four points in the opening quarter. Dustin Oppold added three points of his own as the Blackhawks combined for fourteen first quarter points. The Stockton defense made a big difference in this one. The Blackhawks held East Dubuque to just six points in the first quarter and only five points in the second. That allowed the Stockton offense to work up a 10-point lead in the first half. A pair of three-pointers by Colby Tucker and Spencer Luke would allow the Blackhawks to go into the break, up 21-11.

In the third quarter, the Stockton offense nearly came to a halt. East Dubuque held the Blackhawks to just three third quarter points, allowing the Warriors to fight their way back into the game. Still, the Blackhawks went into the fourth quarter with a 24-18 lead. East Dubuque would inch closer and closer in the final minutes. After putting up 18 points in the first three quarters combined, the Warriors put up 19 points in the fourth quarter alone.

Fortunately for Stockton, their offense came back to life putting up 14 points of their own. The Blackhawks were clutch at the free throw line, hitting four of their six attempts in the fourth. Oppold had a big quarter as he posted six points. Meanwhile, four other Blackhawks scored in the quarter as Altfillisch added three points, Tucker and Schultz each added two, and Luke sunk a free throw. It was just enough to hold off the East Dubuque comeback as Stockton picked up the 38-37 victory.

Oppold was the only player to finish in double digits with 10 points. Schultz was next up with eight, while Altfillisch and Tucker each finished with seven. The Blackhawks will be back in action on Wednesday, Jan. 25 as they travel to face off with the Warren Warriors.

Stockton girls basketball

On Thursday, Jan. 12 it was the Stockton girls' opportunity to face off with East Dubuque. The Lady Blackhawks have struggled through much of the year as they brought a 3-16 record into the matchup. East Dubuque has their own fair share of grapples with success as they

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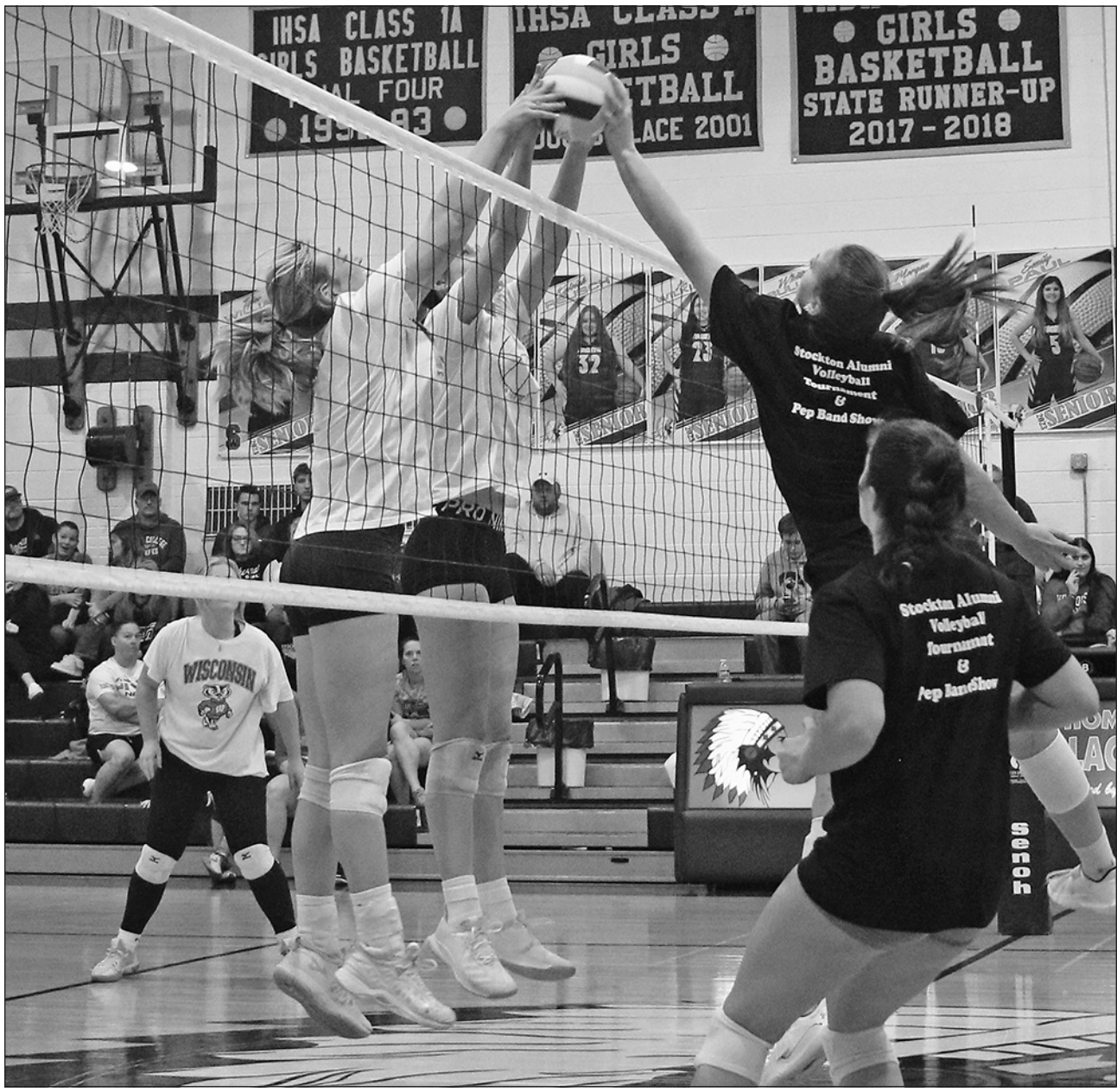

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Dig into the New Year a success

This year's Stockton Servant Leadership and National Honor Society fundraiser was again a big success! The evening consisted of four Stockton alumni volleyball teams spanning the years 1999 - 2022, a 30-piece pep band of which 18 members were Stockton band alumni, food, raffles, t-shirt sales and a large bake sale. Besides a fast-paced and entertaining evening for attendees, the student groups were able to raise over $2,300 to present to the Dave Julius family.

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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 Crafternoon's 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

Carrol County Help Center

The Carrol Country 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

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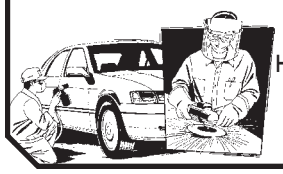

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OPINION

Weekly connection

A final tractor and wagon ride

By
SCOTT CERNEK
Columnist

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.

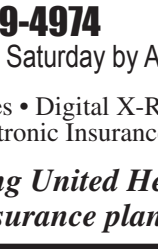
Like all the tractors we had on the farm that Super M worked really hard and soon began to show signs of wear and tear. When I was a senior in high school, I drove it down to the Ag shop at school where I sand blasted it and repainted it a fiery Farmall Red. It was beautiful and shiny again and we brought 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.

Psalm 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 Breman, 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 ½ 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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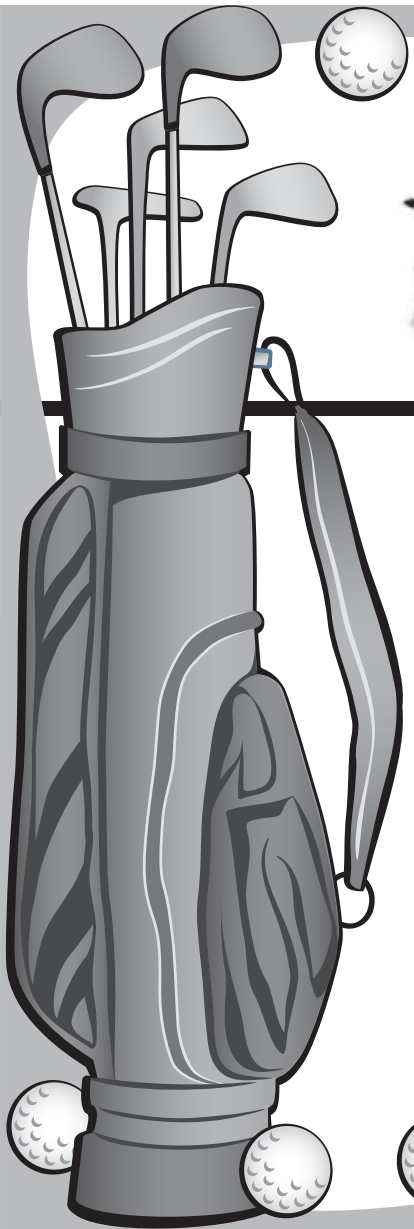

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Food price inflation to remain high; impacts variable

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.

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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 atwww.IowaStudentLoan.org/SmartBorrowing.

•Kits

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Warriors defeat Wildcats in NUIC-West matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, two teams expected to compete near the top of the Northwest Upstate Illini-West Conference were set to face off. On Wednesday, Jan. 11, the Warren Warriors held a 9-4 overall record on the 2022-2023 boys basketball season. The Warriors were set to make the trip to Hanover to face off with the River Ridge Wildcats who were 10-6 at the time. While Warren came into the matchup off a loss to Dakota, River Ridge was riding a two-game winning streak they hoped to continue growing.

River Ridge had the hot hand early on. In the first quarter, Dawson Kloss got busy with six quick points. George Winter added four of his own points as the duo combined to give the Wildcats ten first quarter points. Four of those points came at the charity stripe as River Ridge was a perfect four for four at the line in the opening quarter.

Warren got off to a slow start. Treyton Pafford hit a two-point basket, while Reed McNutt sunk a three-pointer. Those were the only points the Warriors would score in the opening quarter, however, as River Ridge took a 10-5 lead into the second.

In the second quarter, the Warren offense managed to create some production by getting to the line. Brady Stietz went four for four at the line on his way to six second quarter points. Landen Mahoney completed a successful and-one opportunity as the Warriors were five for five from the line as a team in the second. Altogether, Warren combined for 16 points in the quarter as they fought their way back.

River Ridge would match their first quarter total with another 10 points in the second. A pair of three-pointers helped the Wildcats keep pace as Jack Ketelsen and Seth Nicholas each drained threes in the quarter. Winter added another four points, including a pair of free throws in the second. Eventually, Warren would take a 21-20 lead into the halftime break.

Both offenses came out slow in the second half. Both teams combined for just 13 points in the third quarter, eight of which came from Warren. While McNutt added another four points to his total, Pafford sunk a pair of free throws, and Jason Niemann hit a two-pointer of his own.

River Ridge put up just five of their own points in the third, and all five of those came from one player. Ethan Walters sunk a three and hit a basket as he provided one hundred percent of River Ridge's points in the quarter. Despite allowing just eight points, River Ridge found their deficit growing even larger as Warren took a 29-25 lead into the final quarter.

That's where Warren began to run away with things. While River Ridge tried to foul to lengthen the game, the Warriors were clutch in those free throw situations. Warren sunk five free throws in the quarter as they went five for eight at the line. Pafford sunk a pair, while Stietz went two for four at the line in the fourth. Tyler VenHuizen sunk a three-pointer as the Warriors combined for another 16-point quarter.

The Wildcats, who were already trailing to start the fourth, just couldn't get anything going. After putting up 20 points in the first half, River Ridge would put up just 12 in the second half. The Wildcats had just seven fourth quarter points, five of which came from Winter, who tried to lead the way in the comeback effort.

Eventually, Warren was able to go home with a 45-32 victory over River Ridge. The Warriors had three players in double figures as McNutt and Pafford each finished the game with 12 points. Stietz was the third as he was right behind them with 10.

Winter led the Wildcats with 13 points, but he was the only River Ridge player in double digits. Kloss was the next leading scorer with six, but all six of those points came back in the first quarter. Walters would finish the game with five points as River Ridge took the loss.

The Wildcats fell to 10-7 on the year, before facing off with the West Carroll Thunder on Friday, Jan. 13. River Ridge will be back on their home court on Thursday, Jan. 19, to play host to the Scales Mound Hornets. Warren, who improved to 10-4 with the win, will be on their home court the same night, Jan. 19, to play host to the Belmont Braves.

•Battles (Continued from front page)

came in with a record of 3-12. The Blackhawks were hungry for a win as they came in riding a six-game losing streak.

Stockton jumped out to an early first quarter lead, thanks in part to a hot start from senior point guard, Morgan Blair. On her way to seven first quarter points, Blair drilled a three-pointer and went two for two at the free throw line. Olivia Keeffer added four first quarter points of her own as the senior duo helped Stockton jump out to a 12-8 lead.

The second quarter only continued the Blair show. Going five for seven at the line, Blair had hit seven free throws in the first half alone. Blair also tacked on a second three-pointer, giving her sixteen points before the halftime break. Blair scored all of Stockton's second quarter points.

East Dubuque had answers, however. The Warriors managed 16 second quarter points, leaving the Blackhawks trailing 24-22 at the halftime break.

In the third quarter, Stockton would jump back into the lead. The Blackhawks combined for 19 points in the quarter, including a trio of three-pointers. Two of those threes came from sophomore, Kacy Wright, who put up 10 points in the third. Katelyn Winters, another sophomore, added a three-pointer of her own. Blair, Keeffer, and Abby Wilkinson each added two points in the quarter as well. Thanks to the breakout performance, the Blackhawks were able to take a 41-37 lead into the final quarter.

The fourth quarter featured an exciting battle as two teams hungry for a win battled to the finish. Winters carried the way in the fourth, going six for eight at the free throw line and adding a three-pointer. Wright hit her third three-pointer of the night. Keeffer and Whittney Sullivan each added two points of their own as the Blackhawks combined for 16 in the quarter.

Stockton would need every bit of those 16 points to hold off the Warriors' comeback. East Dubuque put up 18 points in the quarter as this one came down to the wire. Eventually, it was Winters' clutch free throw shooting that played the difference as Stockton picked up their fourth win with a 57-55 victory.

Blair led the way with 18 points in the victory. Wright was next up with 13 points, and Winters was the third Blackhawk in double digits as she finished with 12. Keeffer would finish the night with eight points. The win improved Stockton's record to 4-16. The Blackhawks will be back on the court on Friday, Jan. 20 when they travel to face off with the Warren Warriors.

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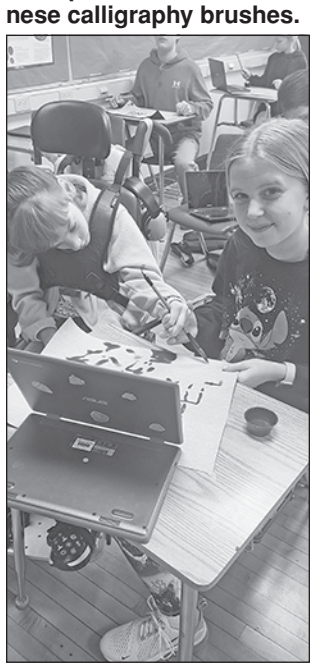
Warren students at work

The sixth-grade students in Mr. Zink's Social Studies classes at Warren Junior High School study early Chinese history and culture. Students learned Chinese writing characters and practiced with Chinese calligraphy brushes.



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Warren Junior High School sixth graders practice writing Chinese characters as part of their unit on Chinese culture and history.

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Members of Team One included Kenze Haas, Brynn Haas, Kassidie Sullivan, Kaige Brown, Alyssa Meade and Kenna Haas.

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National Honor Society Members present Dave Julius with a check for $1,000. Back row: Leah Warner, Olivia Keefer, Morgan Blair, Abby Chumbler, Braden Freese, Ashlyn Schubert, Bennett Graves, Jared Dvorak, Lincoln Legel, Lily Baker, David Langcaster. Front row: Nevaeh Peterson, Addison Ernst, Lauren Kehl, Olivia Harnish, Katie Crome, Dave Julius, Kylah Kurek, Abby Wilkinson, Carson McPeek and Maddie Harbach.

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Members of Team Two included Lizzie Eisfeller, Raeann Bergman, Natalie Freese, Kali Haas, Aspyn Stewart and Jill Harmston.

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(Left) Members of Team Three included Kristin Krippendorf, Kara Wright, Maddie (Dower) Pontius, Angelique (Goswick) Riley, Sarah (Nadig) Ven Huizen and Sam Magee.

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JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-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:

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Fifth Third Bank, National Association
PLAINTIFF
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DEFENDANTS
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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.

½ C. dried cranberries
1 green onion, chopped
¼ 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 ½ t. of salt and ½ 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
1½ C. sugar
¾ C. water
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¼ C. orange juice
1½ 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
¼ t. salt
¼ t. pepper
4 C. brussels sprouts, halved
4 C. fresh cauliflower
¼ 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
1½ 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
1½ 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 1½ 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
1¼ C. sugar
¼ C. cornstarch
¼ t. salt
3 C. 2% milk
3 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
4 egg yolks, lightly beaten
3 T. butter
1½ t. vanilla
Whipped cream and grated chocolate

Place pie crust in a 9-inch pie plate. Trim the crust to ½ 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
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

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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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An ounce of prevention

By
DR. STEPHEN PETRAS
Illinois Licensed General Dentist

It is a universal axiom that preventing a problem is always easier than dealing with it. Prevention is the primary focus of routine dental checkups. Early detection and treatment of decay and other oral-facial diseases benefit you in terms of saving you time, loss of healthy oral tissues, negative effects on systemic health, and money. To help illustrate this, I would like to discuss the five stages of dental decay and the degree of treatment needed to address each level of progression.

The outer layer of the crown of your teeth is composed of the hardest tissue found in your body. This tissue layer is called enamel and its strength allows it to survive the extreme forces and blunt trauma that occurs whenever we eat the tens of thousands of meals we consume in the course of our life. However, unlike other tissues, enamel has no nerve or blood supply in it, nor can it regenerate or repair itself. Therefore, if the enamel is damaged by injury or decay, it can only be repaired at the first stage of decay termed Initial Demineralization. To reverse this condition before permanent damage has been done, an individual treatment plan may include any and all of the following: dietary counseling, treatment with a fluoride varnish and/or fluoride rinses, low abrasive fluoride toothpaste, instructions for a specific brushing and flossing routine, a soft-bristled toothbrush or an electric toothbrush with a pressure 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.

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

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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.

•Kitchen

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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.

REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.
Plaintiff,
-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:

Commonly known as 614 DEWEY AVE, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 22-100-448-00

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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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 on 10/25/2022, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on February 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 89-18-13-35-229-013
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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-05176.

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Apple River State Bank celebrates 75th anniversary

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Apple River State Bank. The bank is the only locally owned, independent community bank chartered in Jo Daviess County with seven convenient locations and nearly 40 ATMs, the largest network in the area.

By mid-year, the bank plans to open its eighth location at 207 Wells Street in Darlington, WI. After a remodeling period that utilizes local contractors, the new facility will accommodate both the bank office and professional office space available for rent, with ample parking. The two-story building has three drive-up lanes and a drive-up ATM. The ATM is now back in operation.

In 1946, the community of Apple River had no bank at the time. The two banks that had served the community were closed during the depression and never reopened. The nearest bank was in Warren, Illinois. A group of prominent businessmen gathered at The Lion's Den in Apple River to discuss the formation of a bank. On November 21, 1946, the group decided to proceed with plans to organize a bank. In those days, every town had a local bank that served the financial needs of its community. Apple River State Bank was established in January 1948.

Apple River State Bank opened its first branch office in Galena in 1995, operating as First Community Bank of Galena. In 1999, the bank acquired the Warren office, opened the Scales Mound office in 2001, and purchased the Elizabeth and Hanover offices in 2008. The Hazel Green office opened in late 2019. The Darlington office will open in a building constructed in 1987 by Citizens National Bank of Darlington and occupied by five regional banks in the intervening years.

"Today, Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena have the same ideals as our founders," said Joel Holland, Chief Executive Officer of The Apple River State Bank. "Our mission has remained steadfast over the last 75 years with a firm commitment to our customers and communities.

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