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## Area shoppers embrace Small Business Saturday shopping

By Tony Carton  
Editor

STATELINE — For years, Black Friday fights and unbridled materialism on the day after Thanksgiving have gained notoriety as a twisted American celebration. However, for several years, the attraction of rock-bottom pricing and limited supplies of sought after products has died as more and more people reject ill-famed Black Friday door buster antics and instead do their shopping online or on other days. According to a survey by the National Retail Federation, Black Friday 2015 attendance was down over 3%, from 58.7% last year to 55.1% this year.

"A strengthening economy that changes consumers' reliance on deep discounts, a highly competitive environment, early promotions, and the ability to shop 24/7 online all contributed to the shift witnessed this weekend," National Retail Federation president and CEO Matthew Shay said in a statement.

People have begun to change how they feel about Black Friday, with some deciding to support local businesses instead of large corporations, and others deciding to take the day off.

Among the most notable of the "Shop till you drop" alternatives is Small Business Saturday and the folks in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties seized the SBS moment and went shopping.

"Small local businesses are the heart of our community," said Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce Director of Program Development, Promotion & Operations, Tiffany King. "Our friends and our families are running these businesses and when we shop local and



Yellow Creek Quilt Design co-owner Vicki Olsen shows off a puzzle that is just one of the many gift ideas available at the Pearl City store. Tracy Siegner photo

shop small a lot more of that money stays in our community. We need to do everything we can to support them."

She said shopping small supports area businesses that create jobs, boost the economy and preserve neighborhoods.

Small Business Saturday started quietly five years ago by simply encouraging folks across the country to support their small local businesses. By 2011 from Washington D.C. to Washington State, governors, mayors, senators, and even President Obama, all voiced

their support for Small Business Saturday. The day continued to grow, with more individuals and local organizations pledging to support the day as Neighborhood Champions. And, by 2013, nearly 1500 Neighborhood Champions had signed up to rally their communities in support of small

businesses.

Shoppers supported their neighborhood businesses like never before, continuing to embrace the day as a holiday shopping tradition. Those shoppers proudly spent in excess of 14.3 billion dollars at small independent businesses in recognition of Small Business Saturday.

King said since Small Business Saturday falls between the traditional Black Friday and Cyber Monday during the weekend following Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday can be a fun part of any holiday

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# Warren faces tough road to start winter basketball season

By Chris Johnson  
Reporter

WARREN — The girl's basketball season has begun for the Warren Lady Warriors and the schedule has been challenging.

With matches in the books against teams from Durand,

Oak-Park River Forest, Galena and Chicago Simeon, a road trip to face the Zion-Benton ZeeBees, on Friday, Dec. 4, will be much of the same, another tough game.

Warren's rough schedule, paired with the level of competition already faced, with contests in the Warren Thanks-

giving Tournament, is hoped to help them be better prepared for the regular season and the tough NUIC West road in front

of them.

Galena won their contest 63-48, with Warren taking out East Dubuque in game two,

70-65 in the Warren Holiday Tournament.

Stiefel led Warren with 25 points, with Kubat tacking on 15 and Bohnsack tallying 13.

After the first quarter of play, Warren trailed East Dubuque by one point, 17-16.

In the second period, however, the Warren defense took over, allowing just seven points scored.

The defensive pressure continued into the third quarter as East Dubuque could score only five points, just two baskets from the field.

Heading into the final period of play, Warren led 40-29.

East Dubuque came back in the fourth quarter, forcing overtime, where the Lady Warriors survived, coming away with the five-point win.

As tournament play continued, Galena, back in action, had no problem with the Orangeville Lady Broncos, doubling up, for the 70-35 win.

East Dubuque and Durand fought back and forth in their tournament match, in their nightcap, with the Warriors taking down one of the conference favorites, 55-47.

East Dubuque took their turn, the next night, toppling Orangeville 69-36, as the Warren Thanksgiving Tournament continued.

The Warriors scored 25 points in the opening period and followed that up with 18 in the second.

The Lady Broncos struggled, scoring only 21 points by the half.

The Warriors stretched their lead to 57-30, with the fourth quarter to play.

Following completion of their contest against Zion-Benton, the Lady Warriors prepare for a home game against River Ridge/Scalps Mound on Monday, Dec. 7.

Eastland hosts Warren on Friday, Dec. 11, to wrap up the 2015 portion of the winter sports schedule.


## 2015 Little Jack Frost and Miss Merry Christmas winners

STOCKTON — Congratulations to Stockton's 2015 Little Jack Frost and Miss Merry Christmas winners. They are Izaak Kurth and Mayci Humphrey. They will be crowned on Friday, Dec. 4, at the village tree lighting ceremony by the Landmark sign in Stockton. They will also be with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sat Dec. 5, at the Stockton Public Library where Santa will read to all of the kids. After that they take a fire truck ride around town and be dropped off at Stella's to help hand out candy. Thank you to everyone who participated in the contest this year and again, congratulations to Izaak and Mayci.

### Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

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December 7<sup>th</sup>



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Please call for an appointment. 815-777-0263 or toll free 1-877-777-0263

There is a charge of \$13 per clinic visit per client that covers RN review of immunization records, assessment of client's health prior to vaccination, education on individual vaccinations, answering of questions and official documentation of vaccines received. In addition a \$7 fee per vaccine is charged.

The clinic provides vaccines for children and adults who meet the eligibility require-

ments through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) or Vaccine for Adults (VFA) Programs. These immunizations are given at scheduled monthly clinics or by appointment.

If a parent is unable to accompany a child, the parent must complete a parental consent form for immunizations. The form can be found at the website: [www.jodaviess.org](http://www.jodaviess.org). Print and complete the form and bring the form with the child. Parents may also stop at the Health Department in advance of the appointment and fill out the necessary forms. Previous immunization records must be presented to clinic personnel for verification or child will be rescheduled for a later date.

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Thanks so much for the prayers, food, cards, visits and phone calls after my surgery. It was all greatly appreciated. Thanks again. Joanne Gruendler



# Research assisted living before talking to resistant elder

Information compiled  
by **Tony Carton**  
Editor

**STATELINE** — Convincing elders to move from the comfort of the home they've known for many years and downsize into an assisted living situation can be one of the toughest hurdles for families to accomplish. Moving is an emotional decision. The best way is to start the conversation sooner than later, while your loved ones are still in good health. Getting them used to the idea beforehand will make it easier when the time comes. It's never an easy discussion, and usually it's met with resistance from the elder. But if you haven't discussed it nor made plans for the transition, doing your homework and understanding the option can make the discussion go more smoothly. Here are some things you should do.

## Visit personally

Finding the very best care for your loved one will help you deal with the situation. Although the internet is a great way to gather a short-list of assisted living facilities in the geographic area you're interested in, there's no substitute for visiting the facilities. Get a feeling for the accommodations, the common areas, and the condition of the residents, the dining room and the staff. Once you have the talk with parents, taking them to visit the facilities may ease their anxiety and decrease resistance.

## Look into multi-level care facilities

Be sure to consider the benefits of a multi-level facility, or a CCRC, which allows for additional services as your loved ones' health declines. This prevents the turmoil of having to move them again as more help is needed. Many seniors start out with their own private apartment and then progress through stages of assisted living and eventually to skilled nursing and dementia care if needed, all within the same facility. They may be able to

bathe, dress, and take their own medications properly now, but as they need more help, it's a blessing to know that services can be added. Many times the friends they have made along the way progress along with them, providing the comfort of familiar faces.

## References a must

The best way to check out a location is to talk to numerous families who already have a loved one living there. Drop in on weekends when many families visit and ask if they are happy with the accommodations, food, service, activities, cleanliness, reliability, personnel, etc. If they had it to do again, would they move their loved one there? What have they learned from the experience? What do they wish they had known when they were beginning the process? Also, ask the administrators if there are any liens or lawsuits filed against the facility. Ask to review their licensing and certification reports. If they will not put in writing that there are no legal problems--keep looking! Also, be sure to check with your local Area Agency on Aging and the long-term care ombudsman who monitors the area.

## Taste test

Be sure to check out the kitchen for cleanliness and eat a meal yourself. You may be surprised. Many people have the pre-conceived notion of cafeteria-style dining with bland food and limited choices. Not so in today's assisted living communities. The facilities have realized the appeal of delicious food choices, served in a restaurant setting. The community should be staffed with registered dieticians to accommodate residents with a variety of dietary modifications, from low sugar to no salt-added diets.

## See the accommodations

Again, the notion of a "nursing home" setting of years past as an institution where elders are locked away is simply untrue. Today's facilities offer

condo-style living, ranging from studios to two or even three bedroom apartments. Where your parent will live plays a key role in their long-term happiness.

## Activities are important

Adult children are often filled with guilt about moving their parents out of their own home, that is, until they see them flourishing in a new environment and participating in activities they haven't enjoyed for years. Speak with the activity director to make sure that there are numerous activity options. Does the facility offer field trips, games, crafts, singing, dancing, gardening, cooking, bingo, exercising, movies, interaction with animals, etc.? Be sure to monitor the Director regularly to make sure that the activities are being offered.

## Build relationships

Once you have picked out a short-list of places, ask the administrators for their help convincing your loved one to move, as they are very familiar with this problem and deal with it daily. Ask an administrator to call your loved one and develop a relationship over the phone. He or she may be able to drop by (while you just happen to be there) to talk to your parents and invite them for a get-together. The assisted living staff should establish a relationship, too. A few days later, take your parents out to lunch and then casually stop by the facility to say hello to that lovely person who was so kind to drop by to visit them. Seeing a familiar face is usually very helpful. Remember, any kind of change can be very scary for an elder. Take things slow, planting the idea calm and steady, making their safety your goal.

## Create need

Another idea is to have a social worker ask for your

loved one's "help" with the other seniors at the center. Or tell them that they need help with something there. Could they, for example, go over to help out with the bingo, crafts, or singing classes? Perhaps they can help prepare lunch for the elders there. Tell your loved one that they are "needed" there to help and entertain the other seniors. Giving them a "job" to do will help them become comfortable with being there. They will make friends, which can then ease the transition to eventually moving there.

## Safety first

Keep in mind that your elder's safety is the most important thing. If you know that they cannot remain in their own home safely, don't let your emotions override what you know needs to be done. Don't wait for a broken hip, a car accident, medicine overdose, stroke, or that crisis call before you step in. Recognize that when you were a child, your parents would have done everything possible to keep you safe. Now, as hard as it is, you have to be the "parent," and you must make the best decisions for their safety. Talk with them about moving. Ask their doctors and healthcare professionals to help you with encouraging them to move--for their safety.

## Reach for support

Realize that since the beginning of time, everyone who

has ever been lucky enough to have their parents reach old age has experienced the pain of watching their once-competent loved ones decline and pass away. We all know it is a sad part of life, but even with all that's been written, there are no words that can prepare us for the sorrow. Reach out for help from family and friends and get into a support group right away--don't even think you can do it alone!

## • SHOPPERS

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weekend schedule. By shopping locally, residents support the small businesses that help create the identities of our communities and make local cities or towns feel like home.

"We want shopping local to remain foremost in everybody's mind for the whole holiday season," King said. "The Chamber did a lot of small business Saturday promotion and I was shopping downtown on Saturday myself. It was great to see so many people out and about. People are catching on to the concept of Shop Small."

In an age of global markets and capitalism, it's far too easy for small businesses to struggle and fail, even if they have superior products and services. As consumers, we have the power to change this, and Small Business Saturday encourages people everywhere to shop with small businesses for just one day, and to change the world a little bit.



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**THANKS**  
To all the volunteers who put up the Christmas decorations on a windy, cold and blustery day in Downtown Lena last week. It sure gives the holiday spirit. I'm sure I speak for many when I say just another reason why "Lena is such a great place to live" "Thanks a million fellas"  
Lee Wenzel

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# VIEWPOINT

## FROM THE DESK OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN W. STEWART

STATELINE — Where has the time gone this year? It seems I ask myself that question around this time every year, but it never ceases to amaze me how time flies. The past two weeks have been very productive for the 89th District as we begin to close out 2015. I have outlined a few of the legislative events below, and would be happy to listen, discuss, or present for your group in the future — weather and schedule permitting. Also, I'd like to remind everyone to drive defensively and be courteous to others on the road as we approach the season with some of the most dangerous weather conditions.

Speaking of weather, I was driving home from Chicago when our first snow fall of the year began in the 89th District. I have had the pleasure of serving on Governor Rauner's Criminal Justice Reform Commission this year, and we spent the day advancing a bipartisan agenda for our final report due in December. All commissioners have passionately debated and had a healthy exchange of ideas which span multiple ideologies and personal backgrounds. Our final report will ultimately be suggested as part of a comprehensive overhaul to the Illinois criminal justice system. I'm proud of the work my colleagues and I have done, but there is much more to accomplish.

This past week I also held two of my annual Legislative Luncheons to assist in updating our local leaders on new laws and pending legislation



**Brian Stewart**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

to solicit feedback in each of our communities. Sometimes laws are passed that have great intentions, but in specific circumstances they create terrible results. Hearing from our local leaders that experience these difficulties assists in eliminating burdensome regulations and mandates from Springfield.

I'd like to thank all of our area school Superintendents and the Chiefs and Sheriffs of our local law enforcement agencies for attending their respective meetings. Public safety and public education impact every individual and are at the forefront of our daily lives. The public servants providing an education and those keeping the peace in our community often go unnoticed. Remember to thank them when you see them, especially around the holidays.

Additionally, I hosted the Department of Children and Family Services Director, George Sheldon, in Freeport last week and invited some of our local service providers and DCFS regional staff. It has been many years since a DCFS Director was in our area to address the staff and providers, let alone visit one of the providers as Executive Director Sheldon did with me. A special thanks to

Director Cara Williams and her entire staff at the Norman C. Sleezer Home in Freeport for welcoming Director Sheldon and me to tour your facility.

Amy Morris and Autumn Kubatzke of the Regional Access and Mobilization Project (RAMP) met with me to keep me updated on the legislative side of their Center for Independent Living (CIL). RAMP was the second CIL in Illinois, and they advocate for policies that assist people with disabilities in directing and living independent lives. Regardless of disability, RAMP promotes (and I support) an agenda where everyone has the same range of choices in housing, transportation, education and employment.

The Jo Daviess County Mayors Association invited me to attend their monthly dinner, and this one was held in Stockton

at Stella's Café and Catering. Thank you to the McGovern family for hosting us. The Mayors and Village Presidents representing their communities across Jo Daviess County are the definition of public servants. They often serve in part-time positions, with little compensation, and have dedicated themselves to the betterment of their city, village, or town.

Finally, I had the privilege of presenting to the Stephenson County Leadership Institute led by Alan Wenzel at Highland Community College, and I can tell you every year I grow more impressed with the program. Participants engage in a nine month program that covers a variety of community issues and leadership perspectives. It is an incredible feeling to watch the next generation and experienced professionals take leadership

roles in local businesses and non-profit organizations alike.

The upcoming holidays and the past two weeks have revitalized my sense of public service and charity. I hope and encourage all of you to do two things: volunteer your time to any cause you choose and provide a random act of kindness to a stranger. Thanksgiving this past week always reminds me of the many blessings we have to be thankful for and following is a quote from President Franklin D. Roosevelt which brings this to mind, "We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon."

As always, you can reach myself or Sally at 815/232-0774 or e-mail us at [repstewart@gmail.com](mailto:repstewart@gmail.com). You can also visit my website at [www.repbrianstewart.com](http://www.repbrianstewart.com) or on Facebook.

## SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois' legislative leaders and the Governor are set to meet Dec. 1 to talk about the state budget impasse, but several factors could delay action on passing a budget until early next year.

In other news, the state's ranking has improved in an annual assessment of how states' tax structures impact businesses climates.

### Factors may further delay budget resolution

With Illinois' budget impasse about to enter its sixth month, a budget meeting between the four legislative leaders and Gov. Bruce Rauner is set to take place Dec. 1 in Springfield.

In addition to the challenges of coming to an agreement on spending and revenue levels for Fiscal Year 2016, there is also the difficult task of getting lawmakers back to Springfield during the holiday season, as well as getting the support of individual lawmakers who are concerned about constituent backlash over tough fiscal decisions.

Waiting another month, however, would ease the pressure to forge a compromise. Illinois' Constitution states that after May 31, a three-fifths vote, not a simple majority vote, is required in both chambers to pass a bill that will take effect prior to July 1 of the next year. In January, a budget agreement would require fewer votes, a simple

majority — 60 in the House and 30 in the Senate.

The Democrat legislative majorities need to negotiate in good faith, so Illinois can achieve progress on structural reforms necessary to right the state's fiscal ship, create jobs, boost the economy, and move Illinois forward.

### Illinois' tax ranking improves, but reforms needed

The Tax Foundation is giving Illinois a better ranking this year in its assessment of how states' tax structures impact business climates. Illinois moved up from 31st to 23rd this year because the state's temporary income tax hike was allowed to expire after four years.

In January 2011, Democrat leaders forced through a temporary hike in the individual and corporate income tax rates. The temporary increase was supposed to be used to address the state's pension crisis and Illinois' staggering pile of unpaid bills.

The increase generated more than \$32 billion over the four-year period, but under Democrat control during that time, the state's fiscal problems remained. Today, the state's pension debt is \$132 billion, the credit rating has been downgraded several times, and unpaid bills are estimated at more than \$7 billion (expected to grow to \$8.5 billion by the end of the year).

The combined corporate income tax rate now stands at 7.75 percent, and the individual income tax is 3.75 percent.

The key to boosting revenue in the state is making structural reforms to state government and creating a better business climate so more jobs are created and the state's economy moves forward.

To see more: <http://taxfoundation.org/article/2016-state-business-tax-climate-index>

### Attorney General releases Safe Shopping Guide

The Attorney General's office has released its annual Safe Shopping Guide highlighting hazardous toys, children's products and household items that have been recalled over the past year to help families ensure their home is safe for the holidays.

The 2015 Safe Shopping Guide includes descriptions and photographs of nearly 100 children's products recalled in the last year — from popular children's toys and games that pose choking hazards, to children's furniture and playsets that pose entrapment or falling risks.

The Guide also details practices that should be used with many popular holiday gifts with Internet access, including smartphones, gaming consoles, and tablets.

To see more: [http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/2015\\_Safe\\_Shopping\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/2015_Safe_Shopping_Guide.pdf)

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# ON THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

### Anita Lynn Kopko

McCONNELL — Anita Lynn Kopko, 51, of Ottawa, formerly of Hinckley, passed away November 22, 2015 at home surrounded by her family and friends after a courageous battle with cancer.



A memorial service was held November 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Garry L. Briesacher officiating. Her visitation was November 24, at Ottawa Funeral Home.

Anita was born Oct. 22, 1964, in Hinckley, Illinois to Arthur and Carol (Eberly) Bergstrand. On July 12, 1986, she married Michael J. Kopko of McConnell, Illinois; they moved to Ottawa in 1993.

Anita was a dedicated civil servant and devoted much of her time to improving the quality of life for those in her community. She earned her law degree from NIU in 1992, graduating magna cum laude and fifth in her class. She was named Outstanding Third Year

Member of the law review and received the Francis X. Riley Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Lawyering Skills. Anita began her law career as a clerk for former Justice Peg M. Breslin of the 3rd District Appellate Court in Ottawa before moving to the Appellate Court's research department. For the past 12 years Anita has been a partner at Pool, Leigh & Kopko, PC. She has also served on the board of directors for the Ottawa Township High School Educational Foundation, OTHS school board, United Way of Eastern LaSalle County, and Ottawa YMCA. Anita served on the church council for Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottawa and was active in youth activities such as coaching her sons' soccer teams and Rotary Club. In 2012 she ran for LaSalle County circuit judge on the Democratic ticket.

Anita is survived by her husband Michael; four sons, Chase, Derek (Bekah), Philip, and Colin; her mother, Carol Bergstrand; one sister, Robin (Allen) Thorson; and four brothers, Eric (Anzie), Chris (Cindy), Swen and Leif. She will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Bergstrand.

In lieu of flowers please make donations may be made to the following: OTHS Educational Foundation, American Brain Cancer Foundation, or Central States Rotary Youth Exchange.

The online guest book may be viewed and remembrances shared at [www.ottawafuneralhome.com](http://www.ottawafuneralhome.com)

### Calvin K. (Kelly) Beyer

ORANGEVILLE — Calvin K. (Kelly) Beyer, 89, of Counce, Tennessee, died peacefully at his home on October 27, 2015

He was born March 1926 in Massbach, Illinois, the son of the late Arthur and Bess (Belk) Beyer. Kelly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1946 to 1948 and was part of the Berlin Airlift, supplying food to refugees. While there, he was able to meet with relatives from Massbach, Germany.

He was the night manager for Aqua Yacht Harbor, Counce, Tennessee, and previously worked as Harbor-master for Ditto Landing in Huntsville, Alabama. He was also at one time the club owner

of Napoleon's Nook in Huntsville. Kelly loved Dixieland music and boats, and during the 1960's, he was the road manager for Jerry Van Dyke, and played banjo in Jerry's band.

He is survived by his wife, Joni (Williamson) Beyer of Counce, a daughter, Gail (Beyer) Vaughn of Shiloh, Tennessee; stepson, William Maguire of Memphis; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two sisters, Arlene Allen of Bourbonnais, Illinois, Bonnie Staas, Orangeville, Illinois, and one brother, Gale Beyer of Dekalb, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Delbert and Allen Beyer, and sisters Jeanette (Beyer) Symens and Sabra (Betty) Beyer.

At Kelly's request, no services were held.

### Dorothy Dale Reed Simmons

STOCKTON — Dorothy Dale Reed Simmons, age 99, of Stockton, IL, died Saturday, November 21, 2015, at Lena Living

Center, Lena, IL. She was born to William and Sylvia Stephens Reed in Warren, IL, January 23, 1916. She graduated from Warren High School and married Donald Rich Simmons on October 31, 1932. They lived together for 70 years in Stockton, where Donald operated an auto repair business with Earl Drane. Donald died in 2002. Dorothy worked for more than 30 years as a pharmacy assistant at Haffle Drug Store, later Woods Pharmacy.

Dorothy was an excellent golfer, and enjoyed quilting, knitting, and needlework. After high school she played basketball on a Warren team. She was a past officer in Stockton's Eastern Star and a member of Bona Fide Club. Dorothy was a long term member of Stockton's Unitarian Universalist Church where she served as treasurer and many other jobs. One of her favorite projects was Eastern Star's 4th of July flag cookies.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Jolly (Jon Barry) Hokanson and son, William Alfred (Susan); three grandchildren, Tukkar Hokanson, Matthew Simmons and Rachel Simmons, and three great-

grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Lyle; and three sisters, Bess Uhlig, Hazel Iseli and Grace Fouke.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, December 1 at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There was visitation before the service beginning. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. Condolences may be shared with her family at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

### Gene R. Wuthrich

ORANGEVILLE — Gene R. Wuthrich, 83, of Orangeville passed away at FHN Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family.

He was born on August 10, 1932 to Simon and Helen (Barker) Wuthrich in Oneco Township. He graduated from Orangeville High School. Gene married Alta Kubatzke on November 21, 1951 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Freeport, IL. Gene was a second generation farmer on the family farm. He served for 10 years as Oneco Township road commissioner, and he worked for Clarno Lumber in Clarno, WI for 10 years. Gene was a member of Orangeville United Methodist Church and



the Moose Lodge in Monroe, WI. He enjoyed playing softball, bowling, gardening, walnut shucking, jigsaw and crossword puzzles. He loved life and his family.

Gene is survived by his wife Alta of Orangeville, IL; five children Cindy Phillips of Darlington, WI, Sandy (Michael) Kint of Vero Beach, FL, Candy (Mark) Keltner of Brodhead, WI, Andy (Tana) Wuthrich of Orangeville, IL, Aaron (Tracie) Wuthrich of Brodhead, WI; 12 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister Lois Rabe of Freeport, IL; Brother Glen (JoAnn) Wuthrich of Montello, WI; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Donald, Roland and Marvin.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 4, at Orangeville United Methodist Church in Orangeville, IL.

A visitation will be held at 9 until time of services on Friday, December 4, at the church.

Pastor Judy Sherk will officiate the services.

Cremation rights have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Friends may send condolences to the family at [www.leanonfh.com](http://www.leanonfh.com).

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## BIRTHS

### Malena Baker

FREEPORT- — Samantha Gerdes and Matthew Baker of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Malena Sue Ann Baker born Monday November 23, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Malena has a sister Tayleia Nolan, 4. Grandparents are Penny Gerdes of Freeport, Dean Jordan of Princeton, Ill. Lori Spittler of Freeport and Butch Backer of Pearl City, Ill.

### Tala Lighthart

WARREN — Jay Lighthart and Carrissa Littlefield of Warren, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Tala Skye Lighthart born Monday November 23, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Tala has two sisters Jayden Littlefield and Hailey Weipert and three brothers Nic Lighthart, Daymion Littlefield and Peyton Weipert. Grandparents are Herb Lighthart of Warren, Ill., Julie and Joe Solieva of Brodhead, Wis., and Barb and Greg Littlefield of Rockford, Ill. Great grandparents are Nancy and Sig Peterson and Ralf Littlefield all of Rockford.

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# SOS+ December's annual Christmas Party on Dec. 10

STOCKTON — On Thursday, December 10, SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and surrounding areas) will gather at Calvary UM Fellowship Hall for their Annual Christmas Potluck Party. All seniors are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. We begin at noon with our annual Pot Luck dinner.

Seniors will join Darlene Lloyd along with Al and Carolyn Mysliwiec in an ole fashion Christmas sing-along; and if all seniors have been extra good this year, Good Ole St. Nick himself may just pay a surprise visit. Topping off the day will be our favorite and most interesting to say the least, White Elephant gift exchange. All seniors of Stockton and local areas are invited to our Christmas Celebration. The meeting will start at noon in Stockton's Calvary's UM Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish

to pass and a white elephant gift.

SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and surrounding areas) is a volunteered ministry providing programs and fellowship to our area seniors. There is no costs to join, a free will offering is taken at each meeting which helps in providing interesting and educational programs throughout the year. Volunteers are much needed. If you would like to volunteer to help or volunteer to entertain, please let us know. We are proud to say, "SOS+ is rounding out its tenth year and going strong".

For more information on SOS+, please feel free to call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If you are in need of a ride to the church, please call. We would be delighted to accommodate you.

## Jo Daviess County Apple-Plum Watershed Planning Committee schedules December meeting

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County Apple-Plum Watershed Planning Committee is gathering public input on the draft executive summary and proposed goals and objectives for the plan (available at <https://sites.google.com/site/jodaviesscountywatershedplan/home/application>).

The Committee will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building (300 N. West Street) in Elizabeth on Wednesday, December 9th to discuss the input received and to work on an action plan designed to achieve the agreed-upon goals. All meetings are open to the public. Please direct comments to the Jo Daviess County Soil & Water District ([jdsacd@gmail.com](mailto:jdsacd@gmail.com)) or Beth Baranski ([beth@bhms-arch.com](mailto:beth@bhms-arch.com), 563/580-6192).

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*Shop Small Saturday*

Tracy Siegner photos

Another very happy customer shopping Natures' Treasures in Woodbine realizes the store has everything a woman (or man) could want. Shop smart, shop small, shop local!



Valerie Gerlich and daughter's Clara and Julia make a few select choices under the watchful eyes of Jenny Schnitzler and daughter Gracie in the candy department in Sweet Alice's in Stockton



Stella's in downtown Stockton stayed busy all Saturday with folks looking for a break from shopping.



# Lena Living Center schedules holiday activities

LENA — The Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL. is hosting a Community Enchanted Forest in the Living Center. We are asking individuals, businesses, organizations and groups to set up a tree of

their choosing in our front windows. Be creative and have fun with your theme. Electricity will be available for your tree lights.

Trees can be set up from Nov. 27 through Dec. 10. Just call us

at 815.369.4561 and let us know when you would like to set up your masterpiece! Trees can be removed after the Christmas holiday through New Year's.

## Community Christmas Open

## House

The Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL. invites you to an Christmas Open House on Friday, Dec. 11 from 5-7 p.m. Come and enjoy refreshments, live music, view our Community Enchanted Forest and visit with Santa. Tours of our nearly completed new Medicare wing will also be available. Door

Prizes. Join Us.

## Community Supper

Lena Living Center invites you to join us for a complimentary meal on Wed. Dec. 16 from 5-6 p.m. at the Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL. No cost, No obligation—just good food and good fellowship!



Tracy Siegner photos  
Stylist Dina Lindquist works her magic on client Alicia Huber at the Bella 360 Salon in downtown Lena



(Above) Owner Brandon Warner said customer service is key to continuing success for Brandon's Hardware and Rental in downtown Lena



(Left) The Homan Family (Chris, Jason, Kory and Robin, Heidi with baby Isabella, Addison, Carrie & Bob) was more than ready to take a break from shopping small and enjoy lunch at the Brew and Chew in Pearl City



There was a line when Fluegels opened their doors and the store stayed busy for all of Shop Small Saturday.

## Join our "Community Enchanted Forest"

Individuals, organizations, churches, groups or businesses can decorate a tree that represents you! Bring your Enchanted Tree - any size or color, your decorations and lights - and help us create an Enchanted Forest in our front windows. Electricity will be available. All ages and groups are welcome! Decorating will begin the day after Thanksgiving and must be complete by Thursday, December 10th. Please call 815-369-4561 for details.

## Christmas Open House

Friday, December 11 ~ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Food ~ Refreshments ~ Door prizes

## Community Supper

Wednesday, December 16 ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Lena Living Center

All ages welcome! No cost - no obligation. Just good food and good fellowship.

## Save the Date

Wednesday, January 6th

Afternoon Coffee Break at 2 p.m.

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## Testimonial



Pictured are Joyce, Spouse and Sandy, daughter of John "Jack" Jankovec current rehab resident of Lena Living Center.

Meet the Jankovec family. John "Jack" Jankovec is here for rehab and is very excited to let everyone know he really likes the compassionate, kind and caring staff of Lena Living Center that provides great care. The therapy is second to none. We love the remodel and the soon to open addition. "They treat Jack like a King" Says Joyce, "and we love the remodeled Medicare wing the soon to open addition."

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**Church (815) 594-2223**  
 • *Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.*  
 • Bible Study - Every Monday 9 a.m.  
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## CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

315 W. Maple St., Stockton, IL 61085  
**Pastor Jonathan Singleton (815) 947-2414**  
**E-Mail: calvaryum@yahoo.com**  
 • *Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School – 8:45 a.m.*

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA STOCKTON

600 N. Main St., Stockton  
**Rev. Susan Davenport (815) 947-2033**  
**E-Mail: clc600@frontier.com**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Christ-Lutheran-Church-Stockton-IL>  
 • *Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.*  
 • *Education for all ages*  
*Sun. 9:00 a.m. September - May*  
 • *Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.*  
 • Confirmation Ministry  
 Wednesdays 3:05 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 • Healing Services on 5th Weekends

## EBENEZER – SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

P.O. Box 102, Pearl City, IL 61062  
**Pastor Becky Hebert cell (815)-291-6534**  
*Sunday Worship Alternates Monthly*  
*At the two churches*  
*December Worship is at Salem UCC Church.*  
 At the corner of Loran & Kent Roads  
 • *Sunday School 9:00 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.*

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF LENA

720 N. Freedom Street, Lena, IL 61048  
**Dr. Jim Erb, Pastor (815) 369-5591**  
**Rev. Scott Wilson Associate Pastor of Youth**  
 • *Sunday Morning Worship – 10:00 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School – 8:45 a.m.*  
 • Awana Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Junior & Senior High  
 Youth Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

101 Jefferson Street, Warren, IL 61087  
**Pastor Ryan Bare (815) 745-2287**  
 • *Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday Worship – 10:45 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday Afternoon Worship – 1:15 p.m.*  
 • Wednesday Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

411 S. Main Street, Pearl City, IL 61062  
**Pastor DooSoo Lee (815) 443-2177**  
 • *Sunday Worship – 8:30 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. (Sept. - May)*

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

309 S. Main Street, Elizabeth, IL 61028  
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 • *Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*  
 • Prayer meeting – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.  
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## GRACE FMC – McCONNELL

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## HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH OF STOCKTON

151 S. Main, Stockton, IL 61085  
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*(Church luncheon following morning service)*  
 • *Sunday Afternoon Service - 12:30 p.m.*  
 • Bible Study & Prayer - Wednesday Evening  
 6:30 p.m.

## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

223 E. Front Avenue, Stockton, IL 61085  
**Father Mike Morrissey (815) 947-2545**  
 • *Saturday Evening Mass – 4:30 p.m.*  
 • *Sunday Mass – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.*  
 • Reconciliation Saturday – 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.  
 • Parish Hall for Rent – Seats 200

## LENA BAPTIST CHURCH

845 North Birch Drive, Lena, IL 61048  
**Pastor Randy Hockema (815) 369-4612**  
 • *Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.*  
 • Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Study/Prayer, Kids 4 Truth for Children  
 • Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Junior and Senior High Teens

## LENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

118 West Mason Street, Lena, IL 61048  
**Pastor Brian LeBaron (815) 369-5291**  
 • *Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.*  
 • *Daily Dial-A-Devotion 815-369-4411*

## McCONNELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Pastor DooSoo Lee (815) 868-2324**  
 • *Sunday Worship – 10:30 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School (Sept. - May) – 9:30 a.m.*  
 • United Methodist Women – 1:30 p.m.  
 (1st Wednesday of each month)  
 • Youth Group – 5 - 8 p.m.  
 (2nd & 4th Thursday of each month)  
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 • *Sunday School (Sept. - May) – 8:45 a.m.*  
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608 East Railroad, Warren, IL 61087  
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 • Reconciliation Sunday – 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, IL 61048  
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 • *Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*  
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 • Blast Program at 9:00 a.m.  
 • High School & Adult Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

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**Pastor Thomas Ekstrand (815) 443-2215**  
 • *Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.*  
 • Christian Education for all Ages - 10:15 a.m.  
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 • *Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.*

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 Communion Every First Sunday  
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 • *Sunday Worship – 10:45 a.m.*  
 • *Fellowship following service*  
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 • Communion Every 1st Sunday  
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 • *Handicapped Accessible*

## WINSLOW GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

197 Carver Street, Winslow, IL 61089  
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 • *Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday Evening Service – 7:00 p.m.*  
 • Prayer and Bible Study – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

## YELLOW CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

12602 W. Dublin Road, Pearl City, IL  
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**Email: ellis.boughton@live.com**  
 • *Sunday Services – 10:00 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.*  
 (when available)

## ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH

10100 W. Sabin Church Rd., Pearl City, IL 61062  
**Worship Leader – Ed Curry (815) 541-3278**  
 • *Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School 10:15 a.m.*





# Madigan releases annual holiday safe shopping guide

**STATELINE** — Attorney General's Guide Details Dangerous Products of 2015, Offers Helpful Tips for Parents to Create Safe, Positive Online Experiences

Chicago — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today released her annual Safe Shopping Guide highlighting hazardous toys, children's products and household items that have been recalled over the past year to help Illinois families ensure their home is safe for the holidays. In addition, the guide details practices that should be used with many popular holiday gifts with Internet access, including smartphones, gaming consoles and tablets.

The 2015 Safe Shopping Guide includes detailed descriptions and photographs of nearly 100 children's products recalled in the last year — from popular children's toys and games that pose choking hazards to children's furniture and playsets that pose entrapment or falling risks.

This year's edition also addresses another risk parents confront every day: keeping their children safe online. The digital age has created a new landscape that presents new dangers to children in particular, who can be vulnerable when using the Internet, online games or apps. Madigan's office offers specific tips parents can follow to ensure their children use these ubiquitous Internet-accessible devices safely.

"Today's kids are interested and skilled in the latest technology," said Madigan. "While there are many benefits to our

kids using technology, there are pitfalls and dangers every parent should be aware of. Luckily, implementing a few rules and practices can promote safe and positive online experiences for our children."

Recent data illustrate the need for parents to be more aware of how their children are using technology and engaging others online. For example, while 91 percent of parents believe they are well informed about what their teens do online and on their cell phones, only 21 percent of teens think their parents are very well informed about their online behavior. In addition, approximately 93 percent of parents say they have set rules or limits regarding Internet use, but these rules do not include parents checking their children's online behavior.

To help parents navigate these issues, this year's guide offers tips for parents to create safe and positive online experiences for children of all ages:

Maintain open communication with your child about technology and the appropriate uses of it.

Make sure your child knows they cannot be anonymous on the Internet.

Talk to your child about what should never be posted online and the dangers of posting too much information.

Explain that posting online is just like writing in permanent marker — it cannot be erased.

Engage your child in continuous conversations about how to behave online.

Complete a "use agreement" with your child and

talk about respecting others online. Establish and enforce household rules for technology usage.

Discuss why strong passwords are important, how to create them and the need to keep them private. Obtain all

passwords for devices and apps.

Stay informed on your child's Internet habits, review their user history and observe their social media activity. Know who their friends and followers are.

Be aware of changes in your child's behavior that may indicate cyberbullying.

Never threaten to take away your child's phone or Internet access. This could prevent them from approaching you in the future about online problems.

For more information or assistance, Attorney General Madigan urged Illinois residents to contact her office's Internet Safety Team at 1-888-414-7678 or email them at [e-info@atg.state.il.us](mailto:e-info@atg.state.il.us) to connect with an Internet Safety Specialist. Madigan's Internet Safety Team regularly provides schools, teachers, students and parents with online safety tips, helping children understand the importance of using safe online practices.

"We thank Attorney General Madigan for continuing to highlight dangerous recalled products and other potential dangers to children," said Kids in Danger Executive Director Nancy Cowles. "This is an exciting and fun time of year, and the Safe Shopping Guide helps ensure it's a safe time of year as well."

"The Attorney General's Office has long been on the forefront of ensuring our children are safe from many dangers around them," said Abe Scarr, Illinois PIRG Director. "This year is no different. The Attorney General's Office has offered real, practical advice for keeping children safe online, which is critical information in today's digital age."

Consumers can view and download the 2015 Safe Shopping Guide at Madigan's website or by calling the Attorney General's Recall Hotline for a print copy at 1-888-414-7678.

## St. Paul's in Kent lights Second Advent Candle

KENT — On Sunday, December 6, St. Paul's in Kent will light the second Advent candle, the candle of Love, during their 10 a.m. family worship. Deb Winning will offer her musical gifts, and Mary Lynn Groezinger will read the scriptures. Pastor Andres' sermon title is "Make Room for the Messiah," and is based upon Luke 3:7-18.

The congregation will sing a hymn entitled "Down by the Jordan," text by Rev. Carolyn Gillette, a Presbyterian minister. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Join us at the Little Church with a Big Heart. We are located ¼ mile north of Kent, at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. For more information, call 232-4010.

## Stockton Troop 31/Warren Troop 26 to host annual luncheon

STOCKTON — Saturday, December 5, 11-2 p.m., Stockton Boy Scout Hall

Tickets: \$7 Adults and \$5 Children  
Children under 5 are Free!

Enjoy a warm bowl of soup and help support your local Boy Scout troops!

(Don't forget to take a look at the auction baskets)

## Lena UMC Youth – Baby Shower for Jesus

LENA — Youth to lead Christmas program on December 13: Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade Sunday school classes will be doing a skit for their Christmas program this year. Also, there will be a Message in Magic that morning. AS part of this Christmas program there will also be a baby shower for Jesus as toiletry items, diapers, and grocery items will be collected to be donated to the DOW House for their precious babies and mothers.

This Friday December 4 there will be a cookie walk and chili supper at the Lena United Methodist Church starting at 4:30. This is part of the Lena Christmas Walk. Come and enjoy the parade and have some chili and cookies.


There still might an "Angel Tree" hanging on the tree yet if you don't have yours yet. Each angel represents a child from a family in need this holiday season and contains their wish list for Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior help brighten a child's Christmas.


On Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. we continue our bible study based on Not a Silent Night. We will be looking at the birth of Christ

through the eyes of Mary. Join us for a new way to look at the birth of Christ from a mother's point of view.

We continue to look at the second missionary trip of Paul as he first enters Athens. As Paul entered the agora (public square) of Athens, he would have found temples, a synagogue, several markets, civic buildings, and large open areas where people would have gathered. There would have been many temples built to honor many of the pagan gods. One altar was found to have the inscription "To an unknown God". Paul saw this as his opportunity to proclaim to all who would listen that God does not live in temples made with human hands. God reveals himself to us in Jesus. Most listeners did not heed Paul's words, but a few became believers of Jesus Christ. Paul's ministry in Athens did not have as many converts as some cities, but it is good for us to remember that not even Paul was always successful the first time. Athens would eventually become one of the important centers of Christianity, having grown by the seeds sown by Paul. Next time we will travel with Paul to Corinth, a city much larger than Athens.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Experience the Madrigal Dinner at Chestnut Mountain Resort December 10

GALENA — Take a step back in time to the 16th century, where English costumes and harmonious music herald in the Christmas season complete with a traditional concert of a capella carols. Experience the recreation of a Yuletide feast, complete with Jester and Wench, Royal Court, Ladies in Waiting, Knights and a magnificent meal.

Join the King and Queen as they sit on stage at a table before an audience that feasts on all the trimmings: Wassail (hot apple cider), chicken breast with sage-maple cream sauce and butternut squash stuffing, and Figgie Pudding (bread pudding).

Watch the King's Jester and the Wench entertain audience

members serving as the "Masters of Ceremonies" for the evening. There will be plenty of toasts, jokes and comic performances.

Allen Redford, director of music at HCC, said this is an event steeped in tradition. The scenes presented are woven among the courses of the meal and set up the sweet messages of the Christmas carols. It is an experience that has the audience coming away from having an evening filled with a holiday feast, lots of laughter, and a chance to marvel at the vocal talent of the ensemble.

"The Highland Community College Fine Arts Department is looking forward to welcoming guests to the 3rd annual Madrigal Dinner at Chestnut Mountain

Resort in Galena, as we celebrate the season with music, food, friends and laughter," Redford said.

The Madrigal Dinner will be performed Thursday, December 10, with gala festivities beginning at 6 p.m. with light appetizers and a cash bar. Dinner and performance begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 per person for the complete dinner and theatre experience with net proceeds benefitting the HCC Vocal Music Tour to Europe in 2016.

Tables will accommodate groups of eight. Seating is limited. Tickets are available at Chestnut Mountain Resort (1-800-397-1320) or at the HCC Foundation (1-815-599-3413).

## St. John's Lutheran Church celebrates Advent

PEARL CITY — You're invited to join us at St. John's to celebrate the season of Advent on December 6. The worship service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and the second candle or the Candle of Hope will be lit. The Joy Choir will bless us with their music including a song with bells. Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation will meet at 10:15 a.m. after worship. The Property Committee will meet at 10:15 a.m. on December 6. Scrip orders are due on December 6.

The Fifth Quarter youth group (seventh and eighth grades) will be meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6 followed by the Genesis youth group (High School) will meet from

7:30- 9 p.m. Both groups meet upstairs in the Youth and Family Center.

Pastor Ekstrand will host a Men's Breakfast on December 2 at Little John's in Pearl City. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on December 2 also.

All those traveling with the Women's Gathering to White Christmas at Drury Lane should meet at St. John's at 8:30 a.m. If you want to meet at Baymont Inn at Freeport, please contact the church office.

There are two remaining opportunities to order holiday gift cards through the Scrip program at St. John's. Orders will be due on December 6 and 13t and will be ready within a

week. A few cards are available as "cash and carry" also. Scrip order forms and information are available at the church.

St. John's will host a Family Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13 immediately following worship. The Chancel Choir will sing and the Sunday School youth will perform in "The Mouses' Tale," a Christmas pageant. You're welcome to join St. John's celebrate the Christmas season with Christmas Eve services at 5 and 9 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 9 a.m.

All are invited to donate hats, mittens and scarves for the Mitten Tree. The Mitten Tree will be on display in the Narthex at St. John's until December 13. Then all items donated will be given to the Pearl City Schools to be distributed to kids in need.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in 2 different Bible Studies at St. John's. The Monday evening bible study is at 7 p.m. and features a discussion titled "The Psalms". Join us on Monday evenings as we come to understand more vividly the cries and celebrations expressed through the Psalms, and how they intimately relate to our lives even today. The Thursday morning bible study is held at 9:30. The discussion continues to focus on "Genesis:" A Narrative from the Mouths of the Hebrew People of God. You are welcome to join in on any or all of the bible studies! Both bible studies are held in the Conference Room of the Lower Level. The door on the east side of the building will be open for the bible studies.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Restore

By Fawn Nolan, Parish Assistant

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA — It really is a lot of fun and at times challenging to volunteer at the Thrift Store. As we try to place an appropriate price tag amount on each item that comes in, our perspectives, age, and own likes and dislikes can cause quite a variance in pricing. Once there was a sweet customer who found two identical items. One was priced for \$1.00 and the other was priced for \$2.00. She asked why they were priced differently and I honestly told her that whomever was working that day it came in, one valued it higher than the other. Since at either price it was a great deal, I told her I would compromise the two and sell them both at \$1.50. Of course, I was just joking and we both had a good laugh since the end result was the same. Then there are times when a piece of furniture will come into the Thrift Store and I can't tell whether or not it has any value. A professional furniture restorer or hobbyist on the other hand would know. They have one thing in common — the desire to find a treasure that has such a small price tag on it, they can't refuse themselves and decide to purchase it. Then they have the challenge to restore it, to breathe new life into an otherwise sorry looking piece of furniture. I may have only seen a tattered, marred, dirty piece of furniture with water rings, but they see possibility. They have found the perfect piece at just the right price and all it needs is a little tender loving care to become a beautiful creation. Just like many things in life, a project like this can quickly turn into a time-consuming chore. The more damaged, the longer it takes to finish, refine and restore.

God's Word speaks to us

about the need to be restored. 2 Corinthians 13:9 "We are glad whenever we are weak but you are strong; and our prayer is that you may be fully restored. God looks at us in this loving way. We need to be restored. That's why He sent His very own Son to us. The sin and decay in this world takes a toll on us and we can become very sorry looking creatures. We become tattered and marred from the bad choices we have made. We have allowed the things in this world to dirty us and leave water rings in the layers of our years. It isn't easy to become restored. It doesn't happen overnight. It takes one step at a time. It takes one day at a time, making one good decision at a time. Every moment requires just one right attitude, just one perspective change. But if you keep working at it one layer at a time, little changes lead to big results.

A furniture restorer displays lots of patience as he cleans his treasure, sands away the bad, polishes the good layers underneath, glues the seams, and replaces the hinges, paints and varnishes to make it new. We also need to be patient with ourselves and with God through the process of renewing our own lives. Be open to God's leading and dependent on His Word and you will see great things happen as a result. Daily we can pray Psalm 80:3 "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us; that we may be saved." Continue to be patient and work at it. Romans 12:2 "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will." Test and see the restoration.

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# Highland Community College to provide Express Registration

FREERPORT — Highland Community College will be providing express registration services on Tuesday, December 8 at the HCC Student/Conference Center. Students will be able to conveniently prepare for the 2016 Spring Semester by

taking placement tests, meeting with an advisor and registering for classes in a single visit. Classes will begin Monday, January 11, 2016.

Students are encouraged to register early due to limited class availability. Those stu-

dents in need of assistance may receive walk-in services during the following times:

· Placement tests will be administered between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

· Advisors and admissions staff will be assisting students

from 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

· The bookstore will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration for spring classes ends Monday, January 11, 2016. For a complete listing of spring

semester classes, view the searchable schedule at [highland.edu](http://highland.edu). For additional information about Highland Community College registration process, please contact 815.599.3413.

## Join an Author and a Queen for Hot Chocolate at the Stockton Heritage Museum

STOCKTON — A Charlie Brown Christmas at the Stockton Heritage Museum will include Leone Castell Anderson, celebrated author of children's books, and Kristin Enright, 2015 Miss Jo Daviess County Fair Queen.

Kristin will be serving hot chocolate to visitors to the

museum during the Christmas Walk. Find out what duties the Queen fulfills as 2015 Miss Jo Daviess County Fair Queen.

Noted children's author Leone Castell Anderson will be signing her books Sean's War and Sean's Quest from 2-3 on Saturday during the

Christmas Walk.

Stop by to see our display of Stockton Heritage gifts including books and DVD's on early Stockton History, as well as stationary, cookbooks by Lucy Miele, and Kraft ornaments. Oh and maybe help decorate a Christmas tree!

## Illinois 4-H member is elite national 4-H dairy judge

PEARL CITY — A 4-H member from the Pearl City Hornets 4-H club won the top individual award in the live placings division at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. T.J. Wingert (Kent) placed first out of 102 contestants, averaging 48 out of 50 on each of 10 live-judging classes. He placed eighth overall for all divisions of the contest.

As a team, Illinois finished seventh against 26 state teams. Other team members included Sadie Ropp, Strawn; Amanda Ruhl, Abingdon; and Riley Zettle, Rock City.

Ruhl finished 12th in total placings division, averaging 45.9 out of 50 per class, and ended the contest in 25th place overall. Ruhl had her top finish in the Jersey breed division, placing fifth.

Both Wingert and Ruhl received "All-American" status by finishing in the top 25 for the contest. A solid performance was put in by Ropp who finished 12th in the Ayrshire breed.

Illinois finished sixth in Jerseys, eighth in Ayrshires, eighth in Holsteins, and ninth in Brown Swiss breed divisions.

The team is supported financially at the national contest by the Illinois 4-H Foundation, River Valley Dairy of Tremont, and the Illinois Milk Producers Association. Team jackets are provided Effingham Equity of Effingham. Dave Fischer, retired University of Illinois Extension dairy educator, serves as the Illinois 4-H team coach.

About 4-H: Illinois 4-H strives to help youth learn skills for living. 4-H programs are offered in every Illinois county

by University of Illinois Extension. Illinois 4-H aims to impact the lives of 250,000 youth each year through sustained learning clubs and groups and short-term programming. 4-H is a community of seven million

young people around the world learning leadership, citizenship, & life skills. For more information on any of these events, contact University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County at 815-235-4125.

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

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the Lena-Winslow Community Unit School District No. 202 for 2015 will be held on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high school library, 517 Fremont St. Lena, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Tom Chiles, Supt. (815-369-3100)

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2014 were \$4,430,550.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$4,651,768. This represents a 4.99% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2014 were \$673,200.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 are \$87,093. This represents a 87.1% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were \$5,103,791.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$4,738,861. This represents a 7.15% decrease over the previous year.

Pete Conway, Secretary  
Lena-Winslow School Board  
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## Oh Come Let Us Adore Him Christ the Lord

The Ladies of Lena Baptist Church invite you to join them for an evening of Christmas music, refreshments, and a reminder of the reason for this season.

Ladies' Christmas Tea  
Friday, Dec. 11, 2015  
6:30 p.m.

There is no ticket charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. Please RSVP \* Lena Baptist Church  
845 N. Birch Drive, Lena, IL  
815-369-4612

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE LENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF STEPHENSON AND JO DAVIESS, ILLINOIS

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the Lena Fire Protection District in the Counties of Stephenson and Jo Daviess, Illinois for 2015 will be held on December 14, 2015 at 5:45 PM at the Lena Fire Protection District Station, 405 W. Railroad St., Lena, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Jim Noller, Trustee, 405 W. Railroad St., Lena, IL 61048, (815) 369-2715.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2014 were \$259,605.37. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$335,294.00. This represents a 29.16% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2014 were \$81,711.45. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 are \$85,623.00. This represents a 4.79% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were \$341,316.82. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$420,917.00. This represents a 23.32% increase over the previous year.

Any notice which includes any information to specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice

All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district shall explain the reasons for the proposed increase and shall permit testimony within reasonable time limits as it determines. (Source: P.A. 92-382, eff. 8-16-01.)

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Tracy Siegner photos

## Shop Small Saturday

Hundreds of Shop Small shoppers perused the dozens of booths at the Elizabeth Grand Antique Mall on Saturday.



Justin and Lisa Walters, Jug's Main Street Tap has quickly become an Elizabeth mainstay and the restaurant and bar stayed busy well into the night on Shop Small Saturday

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR THE VILLAGE OF LENA

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Village of Lena, Stephenson County, Lena, Illinois for 2015 will be held on December 14, 2015 at 6:15 pm at the Lena Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Lynn Polhill, Village Clerk, 122 E. Main St., Lena, Illinois, 815-369-4016.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were \$316,003.00.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$341,400.00. This represents a 8.037% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2014 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 are \$0.00. This represents a 0.00% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were \$316,003.00.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$341,400.00. This represents a 8.037% increase over the previous year.

Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

All hearings shall be open to the public. the corporate authority of the taxing district shall explain the reasons for the proposed increase and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reason time limits as it determines.

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR PEARL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for Pearl City Community Unit School District No. 200 for 2015 will be held on December 16, 2015 at 6:20 p.m. in the high school library, 100 S. Summit, Pearl City, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Timothy Thill, Supt. (815/443-2715).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2014 were \$2,069,927.68.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$2,167,558. This represents a 4.72% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2014 were \$537,675.58.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 are \$565,000. This represents a 5.08% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2014 were \$2,607,603.26.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2015 are \$2,732,558. This represents a 4.79% increase over the previous year.

Nikki Keltner, Secretary  
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# Madigan announces settlements with for-profit education management corporation

STATELINE — Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced two settlements with for-profit education company Education Management Corporation (EDMC) that will significantly reform its recruiting and enrollment practices, forgive more than \$3 million in loans for Illinois students, and return money fraudulently obtained from the state of Illinois.

A consumer fraud settlement that was reached with EDMC by Madigan, attorneys general in 39 states and the District of Columbia will provide \$102.8 million in outstanding student loan debt relief held by more than 80,000 former students nationwide. The settlement also requires EDMC to provide disclosure to students about the true cost of the school and expectations for job placement after graduation. It bans the school from making misrepresentations to prospective students, prohibits enrollment in programs that lack the programmatic accreditation required for state licensure or required for employment by the bulk of employers, and institutes an orientation period when new students can withdraw with no financial obligation.

The second agreement is a global agreement with Madigan, the federal government, attorneys general in 11 states and the District of Columbia, and whistleblowers. It requires EDMC to pay a total of \$95.5 million, including \$1.9 million to the state of Illinois to resolve alleged violations of the False Claims Act, as well as claims by the Consumer Protection Consortium. The agreement resolves allegations that EDMC illegally paid incentives to its admissions recruiters for the number of students they enrolled.

"EDMC will be held accountable for deceptive recruitment and enrollment practices that were unfair and misleading

to Illinois students," Madigan said. "The settlements will provide former students with debt relief, recoup money that was fraudulently obtained from the state, and help ensure the company will make substantial changes to its practices for future students."

EDMC operates 110 schools in 32 states and Canada through four education systems, including Argosy University, The Art Institutes, Brown Mackie College and South University. In Illinois, EDMC operates the Illinois Institute of Art — Chicago, the Illinois Institute of Art — Schaumburg, the Illinois Institute of Art — Tinley Park, Argosy University Chicago, and Argosy University Schaumburg.

Attorney General Madigan began investigating EDMC after a former EDMC employee filed a whistleblower lawsuit, U.S. ex rel. Lynntoya Washington, et al., v. Education Management Corporation, et al., in the Western District of Pennsylvania. The lawsuit alleged that EDMC knowingly violated a ban on compensating its recruiters based on the number of students the recruiters enrolled, and fraudulently induced the federal government and the state of Illinois into providing financial assistance to EDMC students. Based on an extensive investigation, Madigan's office filed a joint lawsuit with the United States, California, Florida and Indiana against EDMC in 2011. Minnesota subsequently joined the case.

After receiving numerous complaints from current and former EDMC students, Madigan and other state attorneys general also initiated a multi-state consumer investigation, including a review of consumer complaints and company documents and interviews with former EDMC employees.

EDMC Must Reform Its Practices

Under the consumer agree-

ment, EDMC must:

Not make misrepresentations concerning accreditation, selectivity, graduation rates, placement rates, transferability of credit, financial aid, veterans' benefits, and licensure requirements. EDMC shall not engage in deceptive or abusive recruiting practices and shall record online chats and telephone calls with prospective students.

Provide a single-page disclosure to each prospective student that includes the student's anticipated total cost, median debt for those who complete the program, the default rate for those enrolled in the same program, warning about the unlikelihood that credits from some EDMC schools will transfer to other institutions, the median earnings for those who complete the program, and the job placement rate.

Require every prospective student utilizing federal student loans or financial aid to submit information to the interactive Electronic Financial Impact Platform (EFIP) in order to obtain a personalized picture of the student's projected education program costs, estimated debt burden and expected post-graduate income.

Reform its job placement rate calculations and disclosures to provide more accurate information about students' likelihood of obtaining sustainable employment in their chosen career.

Not enroll students in programs that do not lead to state licensure when required for employment or that, due to lack of accreditation, will not prepare graduates for jobs in their field.

Require incoming undergraduate students with fewer than 24 credits to complete an ori-

entation program prior to their first class.

Permit incoming undergraduate students at ground campuses to withdraw within seven days of the beginning of the term or first day of class (whichever is later) without incurring any cost.

Permit incoming undergraduate students in online programs with fewer than 24 online credits to withdraw within 21 days of the beginning of the term without incurring any cost.

Require that its lead vendors, which are companies that place website or pop-up ads urging consumers to consider new educational or career opportunities, agree to certain compliance standards. Lead vendors shall be prohibited from making misrepresentations about federal financing, including describing loans as grants or "free money;" sharing student information without their consent; or implying that educational opportunities are, in fact, employment opportunities.

The consumer agreement will also put in place a significant interactive online financial disclosure tool required for all prospective students who utilize federal student aid or loans. The impending online system, called the Electronic Financial Impact Platform

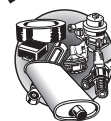
(EFIP), is currently under the final stages of development by the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and state attorneys general. Based on a prospective student's individual data, EFIP will produce a detailed financial report that includes the student's projected financial commitment, living expenses and potential future earnings.

As part of the settlement, Thomas Perrelli, former U.S. Associate Attorney General, will independently monitor the company's settlement compliance for three years and issue annual reports.

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The cases were handled by Assistant Attorneys General Jennifer Zlotow, Kate Costello, Harpreet Khara, and Jim Cummings of the Special Litigation Bureau and Assistant Attorneys General Joseph Sanders and Samuel Levine of the Consumer Fraud Bureau.

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(Left) Winter made an early appearance as a mid-November snowstorm covered the area with anywhere from 6 to 16 inches of snow. Downtown Lena was sporting new street lights, and holiday decorations had been put in place the day before the storm.

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## Christmas in Elizabeth and Elizabeth Library Open House

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# Season greets Lena-Winslow with opening night loss

By Chris Johnson  
Reporter

LENA — The basketball season began on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at home, for the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers, as they played host to the Pecatonica Lady Indians, prior to a long road trip, which carries them into mid-January, 2016.

The home opener didn't go as well as Lena-Winslow would have hoped, as Pecatonica picked apart the Panthers, 45-29.

In a loss, positives can be perceived, as harder to find.

However, in the season opening loss, the Lady Panthers made a statement.

They would play as a team, win or lose.

They attacked the Lady Indians as a team, led by Kenzie Temperly, Nicole Moest, Bri Haight and Bailey Baldauf, who all scored baskets in the opening period.

Pecatonica, however, hit their shots too, as they scored twelve points in the opening period to take the 12-8 lead. Logan Mund dropped two shots from beyond the arc with Alysa Soathord

knocking one down on her own, in the opening quarter.

Lena-Winslow scored ten points in the second period, as the shots continued to drop for Baldauf and Haight, scoring four points each.

Pecatonica scored nine points in the frame, as Lena-Winslow found themselves down by three points, 21-18, at the half.

The visitors scored 15 points in the third quarter, as they pulled away to a 36-23 lead.

In the final period, the Lady Panthers could muster just six points, as Pecatonica claimed

the 45-29 victory.

For the game, Bri Haight scored nine points for Lena-Winslow, with Bailey Baldauf adding eight.

Pecatonica was led by Alysa Soathord, who scored 18 points. Logan Mund added 14 of her own.

Following the week off, courtesy of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Lady Panthers were back on the court on Tuesday, Dec. 1, with a match on the

road in Forreston.

Game play continues for Lena-Winslow, as they travel to Pearl City this Thursday, Dec. 3, for an NUIC West clash with the Lady Wolves.

Lena-Winslow heads back on the road in 2016, with a showdown with River Ridge/Scales Mound on Jan. 6, 2016.

The next home match for the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers is Jan. 12, 2016, as they host the Dakota Lady Indians.

## PET TALK: THANKSGIVING PET SAFETY

STATELINE — Thanksgiving is when many people express gratitude for the blessings in life. For many of us, our pets are included in our thoughts of appreciation. Although you may consider Fido a part of the family, there are many reasons why he should not join you at the dinner table for the traditional holiday feast.

Turkey is often the main course of a Thanksgiving meal. If you decide to treat your pet to a piece of turkey, be sure it is boneless and thoroughly cooked to prevent salmonella poisoning. In addition, avoid letting your pet chew on any sort of leftover bones, as they can be problematic to the digestive tract. Dr. Stacy Eckman, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained the danger of allowing your pet to chew on a bone. "Bones can become lodged in the throat or esophagus and can cause problems throughout the intestinal tract," she said. "They can also splinter and the bone may require surgery to remove."

It may be tempting to offer your pets special treats during the holiday, but fatty foods should definitely be avoided. Fatty foods can upset your

pet's stomach and cause vomiting and diarrhea. In severe cases, it may even progress into something serious, requiring a hospital stay. "The more different the food is from your pet's regular diet, the more likely they will have digestive upset," Eckman said. "Vomiting and diarrhea secondary to table food ingestion are the most common reasons we see pets in the emergency room or veterinary hospital after the holidays."

Raw dessert batter is also unsafe for your pet this holiday. Be sure to keep Fido's nose out of the mixing bowl to prevent any consumption of eggs, which are sometimes contaminated with salmonella. If you are planning on making homemade bread, raw yeast bread dough can also pose as a threat to your pet. If consumed, the yeast will continue to convert the sugars in the dough to carbon dioxide gas and alcohol, resulting in a bloated, drunken pet. This can be a life-threatening situation that can require hospitalization. Raisins and grapes, which can cause kidney damage, and chocolate, which can be fatal for dogs,

should also be kept out of your pet's reach.

If you absolutely must provide a special holiday treat for your pet, there are safe options that will still leave Fido begging for more. Try sticking as close to your pet's normal diet as possible by offering them a bowl of their usual food mixed with lean, boneless, and skinless pieces of turkey and a small amount of gravy. If you have fresh vegetables available, such as green beans or sweet potatoes, they will make an excellent addition to your pet's healthy Thanksgiving feast.

To ensure your pet's safety this Thanksgiving, be sure to keep them away from any harmful food products. In the spirit of the holiday season, your pet will be forever grateful for keeping them healthy during Thanksgiving dinner.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at [vet-med.tamu.edu/pet-talk](http://vet-med.tamu.edu/pet-talk). Suggestions for future topics may be directed to [editor@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:editor@cvm.tamu.edu).

## Warren schedules Christmas Walk

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## LEGALS

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **November 9, 2015**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and

post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Chestnut Outfitters** located at **311 W. Chestnut, Freeport, IL 61032**.

Dated November 9, 2015

*VICI R. OTTE*

### ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2016 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2017 FOR THE LENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF STEPHENSON AND JO DAVIESS, ILLINOIS.

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2015, the President and Board of Trustees of the Lena Fire Protection District passed an Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the District for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016, the amount ascertained to be the aggregate sum of \$420,917.00 dollars (\$420,917.00) for corporate, ambulance and debt service purposes, which ordinance was published October 28, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Lena Fire Protection District of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, Illinois that:

**Section 1 - General Corporate:** There be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the District subject to taxation for the year 2015 the total sum of \$257,413.00 Dollars (\$257,413.00) for the following general corporate purposes mentioned in said appropriation ordinance in the respective sums as follows, to-wit:

#### CORPORATE FUND

<u>Items of Appropriation and Levy</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>
New equipment	140,513.00
Building Maintenance & Replacement	6,000.00
Utilities	9,500.00
Repairs	20,000.00
Gas & Oil	7,000.00
Supplies	1,500.00
Insurance	20,000.00
Trustees Salary and Bonds	1,100.00
Fire Calls	33,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	3,800.00
Legal	7,000.00
Firefighter training	6,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>257,413.00</b>

**Section 2 - Ambulance Fund:** There be and is hereby levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the District subject to taxation for the year 2015 the total sum of \$77,881.00 Dollars (\$77,881.00) for the following ambulance fund purposes mentioned in said appropriation ordinance in the respective sum as follows, to-wit:

<u>Items of Appropriation and Levy</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>
Ambulance Services	77,881.00

**Section 3 - Necessity:** Each of the said sums and aggregate thereof are deemed necessary by the President and Board of Trustees to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the District for corporate purposes for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016.

**Section 4:** All unexpended balances of any item or items by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any of the items aforesaid.

**Section 5 - Filing of Certified Copy:** The Secretary of the District is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the County Clerk of Stephenson and Jo Daviess County, Illinois as required by law.

**Section 6 - When Effective:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with law and shall be known as Ordinance 15-12-8

### LENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

*JAMES RADERS*

James Raders - President

*JAMES WERHANE*

James Werhane - Secretary

*JAMES NOLLER*

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### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **November 13, 2015**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and

post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **River's Edge Salon** located at **1022 Riverside Drive, Freeport, Illinois 61032**

Dated November 13, 2015

*VICI R. OTTE*

Stephenson County Clerk by *DEBORAH A. SMITH*  
Deputy

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### RESOLUTION TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES LENA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the the Lena Fire Protection District (the "District"), is charged with the fiscal management of the funds of the District and the operation of the business of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has been contracting for ambulance services from the general fund of the District; and

WHEREAS, the rate allowed for general funds does not generate funds sufficient to pay the costs associated with maintaining ambulance services within the District; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no sums specifically levied for the purpose of providing ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, the District may, with the approval of the majority of voters at a general election, levy a tax not to exceed 0.30% of the overall EAV of the property within the District for the purpose of maintaining ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve, protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare, adequate and continuing emergency ambulance service must be maintained for all citizens in the District;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Lena Fire Protection District shall place on the following referendum on the election ballot in Spring of 2016, along with all additional supplemental information as may be required by law stating as follows:

Shall the Lena Fire Protection District levy a special tax at a rate not to exceed .30% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing an ambulance service?	YES	
	NO	

This resolution was passed unanimously by the Trustees of the Lena Fire Protection District on Oct. 19, 2015.

Yea: 3

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

*JAMES RADERS*

Trustee

*JAMES WERHANE*

Trustee

*JAMES NOLLER*

Trustee

The undersigned, duly elected Secretary of the Lena Fire Protection District certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution passed by the Trustees of the Lena Fire Protection District at a regularly scheduled meeting on the 19th day of October, 2015.

*JAMES WERHANE*

Secretary, Board of Trustees of the

Lena Fire Protection District

### CERTIFICATE

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, James A. Raders, President, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance/Resolution number 15-10-7, adopted by Lena Fire Protection District on 10/19/15.

*JAMES A. RADERS*

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## University of Illinois Extension herd health and ventilation workshop December 9

STATELINE — Reducing dairy and beef herd health issues and preventing diseases will be the underlying focuses of a December 9 University of Illinois Extension Livestock Facility Workshop. Featured speaker on herd health will be Dr. Cliff Shipley, DVM. The University of Illinois Veterinarian will discuss how air quality and circulation can influence diseases development and transmission.

Another presentation will be a report on a barn air quality and movement study lead by University of Illinois Dairy Specialist Dr. Phil Cardoso, DVM. The Dairy Focus Lab team has evaluated several barns across the state over the last couple of years. The presentation will help focus the ventilation discussion on some real world examples.

The Livestock Facility Workshop, Good Ventilation = Good Cattle Performance is for anyone looking to improve cattle performance in current buildings or planning to build a new one. University of Illinois Extension will host the December 9, 10 am to 3 pm, workshop in room 201 of the Highland Community College Student Conference Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport.

Preregistration is requested by calling University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or on -line atweb.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration fee is \$10, which includes the lunch and materials. Early registration deadline is December 3.

Other presentations will focus on the mechanics of building ventilation. The ventilation characteristics of conventional, mono-slope, and hoop structures will be included in the discussion. Air quality concerns including moisture, ammonia, and dust will be discussed. Agricultural Engineer Dr. Morgan Hayes will present suggested management approaches to reduce the air quality induced stress on animals.

The workshop will provide information on thoughtful design and active management needed to achieve the maximum performance within existing building or new building construction.



# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — The turkey has been eaten, all the dishes put away, and Thanksgiving was a success. Now we are full blown into getting ready for Christmas. This week's recipes will feature an appetizer, a main course, a salad, and three desserts—of course there has to be some cookie recipes!

The first recipe is an appetizer that is easy to make. If you want added spice to this appetizer, you can use any of the tomatoes with garlic or Mexican tomatoes. This appetizer also uses chipotle peppers. You can use more peppers if you want the dip with a little more kick. There is quite a lot of cream cheese, so the recipe will feed a lot. Enjoy this south of the border appetizer.

## Mexican Spinach Dip

3 C. shredded Mexican cheese, blend, divided  
1 can (15 oz.) diced tomatoes, drained  
1 can (15 oz.) black beans, drained and rinsed  
12 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1 C. sliced green onions  
½ sour cream  
½ C. chopped fresh cilantro  
¼ C. minced chipotle peppers  
3 T. fresh lime juice  
1 T. minced fresh garlic  
1 t. ground cumin  
2 pkg. (10 oz. each) thawed and squeezed dry  
Tortilla chips

Preheat the oven to 350. Coat a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. In a mixing bowl, blend 2 cups of the cheese, tomatoes, beans, cream cheese, onions, sour cream, cilantro, peppers, lime juice, garlic and cumin with a mixer on medium until combined.

Add the spinach and blend until incorporated. Transfer the dip to prepared dish and top with remaining 1 cup cheese. Bake the dip until bubbly, 30 minutes. Preheat the broiler to high with the rack 6 inches from element. Broil the dip until the cheese is light brown, 1-2 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips.

This next spinach salad has a

great pairing of nuts and raspberries. The dressing has a little different taste because of the corn syrup and the poppy seeds. You may substitute walnuts for pecans if you wish.

## Spinach Salad with Raspberries

1 large egg white  
¾ t. vanilla  
2 C. pecan halves  
½ C. sugar  
Dressing  
¼ C. canola oil  
2 T. cider vinegar  
1 T. sugar  
1 ½ t. light corn syrup  
1 t. poppy seeds  
¼ t. salt  
¼ t. ground mustard  
Salad  
8 oz. (10 cups) fresh baby spinach

1½ C. fresh raspberries  
Preheat the oven to 300. In a bowl, whisk the egg white and vanilla until frothy. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle with sugar; toss to coat. Spread in a greased 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking pan. Bake 25-30 minutes. Spread on waxed paper to cool completely.

In a small bowl, whisk all dressing ingredients until blended. Place spinach in a large bowl. Drizzle with dressing; toss to coat. Sprinkle with raspberries and 1 cup of pecans (save the other cup for another day).

This entrée uses prepared meatballs. If you want, you can use your own meatball recipe instead of buying the frozen ones. I like to use Prego spaghetti sauce; the recipe calls for pasta sauce with meat. I never buy the sauce with meat—it is just a personal preference, so use your own discretion. Enjoy this Italian dish as a main meal with salad and bread.

## Three Cheese Meatball Mostaccioli

1 pkg. (16 oz.) mostaccioli  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1 carton (15 oz.) ricotta cheese  
1 lb. ground beef  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 T. brown sugar

1 T. Italian seasoning  
1 t. garlic powder  
¼ t. pepper  
2 jars (24 oz. each) pasta sauce with meat  
½ C. grated Romano cheese  
1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen meatballs, thawed  
¾ C. Parmesan

Preheat the oven to 350. Cook mostaccioli according to package directions for al dente; drain. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, mix the eggs and ricotta cheese.

In a 6-quart pot, cook the beef and onion for 6-8 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking up beef into crumbles; drain. Stir in brown sugar and seasonings. Add pasta sauce and mostaccioli and toss to combine.

Transfer half of the pasta mixture to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Layer with ricotta mixture and remaining pasta mixture; sprinkle with Romano cheese. Top with meatballs and parmesan cheese. Bake uncovered for 35-40 minutes or until heated through.

I made these great muffins, and loved them. I took them to a church meeting, and they were a hit. I just used the cinnamon topping for them because I never eat chocolate donuts. I know they are some people's favorites. The powdered sugar ones are good also. Enjoy these nontraditional donuts for a brunch or just for a coffee time treat.

## Doughnut Muffins

**Muffins:**  
3 C. flour  
2 t. baking powder  
1 t. salt  
1 t. ground nutmeg  
½ t. baking soda  
1¼ C. milk  
½ C. sour cream  
1½ sticks unsalted butter, softened (12 tablespoons)  
½ C. white sugar  
1/3 C. packed brown sugar  
2 eggs

**Topping:**  
1 C. white sugar  
1 T. ground cinnamon  
1 stick unsalted butter, melted (8 tablespoons)

Preheat the oven to 350. Coat mini muffin pans with nonstick spray. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, soda, nutmeg, and baking soda. In another bowl, combine the milk and sour cream. In a mixing bowl, beat the butter, white sugar and brown sugar until mixture is light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time until they are fully incorporated into the batter.

Alternately add flour mixture and milk mixture, starting and ending with the flour mixture; mix until all ingredients are fully combined and the batter is smooth. Don't over mix.

Transfer the batter to the prepared muffin pans in heaping 1 tablespoon measures. Bake muffins until golden and a toothpick inserted in the centers comes out clean, 12-15 minutes. Let muffins cool in pans on a rack for 5 minutes, then turn out of pans. Apply topping while muffins are warm.

**Topping:** Stir together 1 cup white sugar and cinnamon until ingredients are combined. Dunk warm muffins first in melted butter, letting excess drip off and then roll in cinnamon sugar. Variations: Omit dunking the muffins in melted butter. Instead roll them in 1 cup sifted powdered sugar. Chocolate: Omit dunking the muffins in melted butter. Glaze—combine 4 tablespoons of unsalted butter, 3 tablespoons of heavy cream, 1 tablespoon of light corn syrup, and 1 teaspoon of vanilla in a small saucepan over low heat until butter melts. Whisk in 2 ounces of semisweet chocolate into the butter mixture, stirring until the chocolate melts. Stir in enough sifted powdered sugar until smooth; keep warm over low heat. Dip muffin tops in the glaze and allow the glaze to set before serving.

These cookies are great on a platter of Christmas goodies. The cranberries and orange mixture makes for a decadent and different cookie. One of my friends tried this rec-

ipe and didn't put the glaze on; she liked the taste just as well. Enjoy this holiday cookie. Making these and freezing them is not recommended.

## Cranberry Orange Cookies

### Cookies:

2 sticks unsalted butter, softened  
1 C. sugar  
½ C. packed brown sugar  
1 egg  
1 t. finely grated orange zest  
2 T. orange juice  
2½ C. flour  
½ t. baking soda  
½ t. salt  
2 C. chopped fresh cranberries  
½ C. chopped pecans

### Icing:

½ t. finely grated orange zest  
3 T. orange juice  
1½ C. powdered sugar  
Beat together butter and sugars in a large bowl until smooth. Beat in egg until well blended. Stir in zest and juice.

Whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt in a separate bowl. Stir in orange mixture. Stir in cranberries and pecans until evenly distributed.

Drop rounded tablespoons of dough at least 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake until edges are golden about 12-14 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire racks to cool, about 15 minutes.

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**STATELINE** — Happy Thanksgiving from the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau! Thanksgiving Day is a time to offer thanks, for family gatherings, and holiday meals. Please be safe as you travel during this Thanksgiving holiday. Our office will be closed November 26 and 27 to enjoy Thanksgiving with our families.

As we come upon the holiday season, many people think of the foodbanks to help out people in need. Did you know that milk is one of the most-requested, yet least-donated items at Feeding America Food Banks. One in 6 kids rely on Feeding America Food Banks in a year. Here's a way you can help. Go to <https://milklife.com/give> to donate. Coupons are distributed through our closest Feeding America Food Bank, the River Bend in Davenport. It sends vouchers to food pantries within its service area (which includes Jo Daviess County).

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population, which means agricultural literacy is more important than ever. As the 2015 Holiday season approaches that literacy is at stake again as a group is petitioning Wal-Mart to stop selling the "ERTL Big Farm Livestock Hauler". This petition claims that the toy represents the senseless slaughter of animals. These trailers are used to move animals to many locations from farm to farm and other destinations. The agriculture community has teamed up to start a cam-

paign collect donations and use the proceeds to purchase toys that will be donated to Toys For Tots. Specifically these funds donated will be used to purchase these toy trailers and other farm-themed toys. Farmers and ranchers around the country will distribute the toys to Toys for Tots drop-off locations from sea to shining sea. To contribute to this program visit the Farm Toys for Tots GoFundMe page and donate to the campaign. The link to donate is <https://www.gofundme.com/farmtoysfortots>.

Agriculture has always been a cornerstone of our nation's way of life. As wise stewards and innovative entrepreneurs, our dedicated farmers and ranchers improve our well-being by working to ensure a healthy and abundant agricultural supply. As we prepare for our Thanksgiving celebration, it is a special time to reflect on the bounty most of us enjoy every day. It is a time to remember that our food, and products used to produce our clothing,

housing, medicines, fuel and other products used on a daily basis didn't just appear in a store. They got there thanks to a tremendous partnership of farmers and ranchers, processors, brokers, truckers, shippers, advertisers, wholesalers, and retailers.

National Farm-City Week, the seven days leading to and including Thanksgiving Day, has been proclaimed each year by the President of the United States to emphasize the successful partnerships between rural and urban residents who make our food and fiber system the envy of the world.

"Partners in Progress" is the ongoing theme of Farm-City Week. The key is the interdependence among those who produce the products, those who consume the products, and all those in the production and marketing chain between the producer and the consumer.

Farmers and ranchers do not work alone. Farm workers, researchers, processors, shippers, truck drivers, inspectors, wholesalers, agribusinesses, marketers, advertisers, retailers and consumers all play important roles in the incredible pro-

ductivity of our nation's food and fiber system. Agriculture employs more than 24 million workers who annually contribute more than \$1.3 trillion to our gross domestic product.

This week, as we gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, it is fitting that we count among our blessings the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our rich agricultural resources, and they continue to contribute to our health and well-being and to the strength of our economy.

Thank you to all those who make the Farm-City connection so successful

**Farm Fun Fact:** According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the U.S. at Thanksgiving—that's one sixth of all turkeys sold in the U.S. each year. American per capita consumption of turkeys has soared from 8.3 pounds in 1975 to 18.5 pounds in 1997 and has remained stable at about 16 pounds since 2011.

## JDCF Owl Prowl set at Casper Bluff

**ELIZABETH** — Join JDCF staff and volunteers for a new event this year – an owl prowling at Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve on Sunday, December 6 starting at 5 p.m.. We will begin by examining the contents of owl pellets to see what these nocturnal birds of prey eat. This will be followed by a night hike through Casper Bluff to identify different owls by their calls. The family-friendly event is free to the public and pre-registration is not required. Casper Bluff is located at 870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena,

IL.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking. For more information about JDCF, please visit their office at 126 N Main Street, Elizabeth IL, or contact them at 815.858.9100, [www.jdcf.org](http://www.jdcf.org), or [info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org).

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### Icing:

Stir together zest, juice, and powdered sugar in a small bowl until smooth. Brush or drizzle on cooled cookies. Let stand until set. Freezing these cookies is not recommended.

My mother used to make these cookies a long time ago. The problem with these cookies is that the recipe only makes a dozen and a half. It is not recommended to double the recipe; if you want more cookies, make them in separate batches. This old time favorite cookie is also great on a cookie platter.

### Crackle Cookies

½ C. sugar  
2 T. canola oil  
1 oz. unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled  
½ t. vanilla  
1 large egg  
½ C. flour  
¾ t. baking powder  
1/8 t. salt  
Powdered sugar

In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, chocolate and vanilla until blended. Beat in egg. In another bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder and salt; gradually beat into sugar mixture. Refrigerate, covered, 2 hours or until dough is firm enough to handle.

Preheat the oven to 350. With sugared hands, shape the dough into 1 inch balls; roll

in powdered sugar. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Bake 10-12 minutes or until set. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool.

This past weekend was Shop Small Business Saturday. At the floral shop we had a lot of people who stopped in to buy gifts because they wanted to shop locally. There are just a few weeks until Christmas so you can still visit our local stores.. Lena will have their Christmas parade and tree lighting on Friday evening. Santa will be receiving children at Engel's Jewelry this year. The town looks very festive with the decorations on the new street lights. Stop by and look at them before catching something good to eat in Lena. The town is getting ready for Christmas, and so am I. I have all the decorations sitting everywhere ready to put up. That is a project for this week. I plan on baking the next week. We will see how well all this works out! Remember we are looking for some Christmas cookie recipes. If you have some recipes to share, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at [FromLena'sKitchens](mailto:FromLena'sKitchens), [Shopper's Guide](mailto:Shopper'sGuide) at 213 S. Center St. or email [scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com](mailto:scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com).



# Volunteers needed for fifty-sixth annual mid-winter Bald Eagle Count

APPLE RIVER — The Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF) is seeking volunteers to help with its fifty-sixth annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count to be conducted on January 30 and 31, 2016. This annual mid-winter bald eagle count is being conducted throughout the Midwest

from Northern Minnesota to Louisiana. The count is actually a one day count on Saturday with Sunday being used only if weather, or health, does not allow a person or organization to count the bald eagles in their own locality on the official count day. At least 90% of the eagles will

be counted before 11a.m. on Saturday, the 30. Each year some counters start the day by counting the bald eagles that can be seen leaving their nighttime roosts, while it is still so dark that the birds are only silhouettes flying overhead. Some conservation organizations use teams to count the bald eagles as a project for their club. Counters have used cars, boats and airplanes to count the bald eagles during past counts.

This annual count was started and coordinated for 20 years by the late Elton Fawks from Moline, IL. Terrence Ingram, President of ENF, from Apple River, has been the coordinator of the count for the past 35 years.

"This count has been the most important bald eagle count in the nation for many, many years," said Ingram. "It was the results of this count in the early 1960s that truly

documented the decline of the bald eagle in the nation. Now this count is the only accurate record of how our eagles are reproducing in the Midwest. Since the USFW removed the bald eagle from the Endangered Species List there has been no funding for agencies to remain involved in the monitoring of the bald eagles reproduction. Most all of their reproduction records are just estimates, or extrapolations, of how many young have been raised."

The last few years have documented that a low percentage of immatures were being seen during the count. This is the same low percentage that the count had recorded in the mid to late 1960s. The cause for this low percentage of documented immatures on this count is unknown and any suggestions have been purely speculation.

Organizations and volun-

teers for this count are needed all across the Midwest. ENF would like to document the bald eagles that may be found all along the Mississippi River, from Minnesota to Louisiana, as well as the Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Rock, Pecatonica, Iowa, Maquoketa and Wisconsin Rivers, plus many of the historic inland wintering areas which the bald eagle still uses.

Anyone interested in helping with the research to document our changing bald eagle population by counting the bald eagles in their own area on Jan. 30, should contact Mr. Ingram at ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001 or phone 815-594-2306 to get the necessary count forms and to receive their area assignment. Contacting Mr. Ingram and getting your area assigned must be done in advance of the count date, Jan. 30.

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### Tom Wild

STOCKTON — Tom Wild, a man men wanted to be, and women wanted to be with. A man full of blarney and love and amazing dance moves. He was quick-witted, mischievous and so much fun. He lived life fully. If you were lucky enough to know him, you knew his handshake. Thomas C. Wild passed away at the age of 70 on Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home, Elizabeth, Illinois. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, November 28, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Stockton, Illinois. Visitation was prior to the service at the church. Burial took place in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery, Stockton. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.lawjones-funeralhome.com](http://www.lawjones-funeralhome.com).



Tom was born July 25, 1945, the son of Hans and Margaret (Barron) Wild in Stockton, Illinois. He attended Hanover High School, graduating with the Class of 1963. Tom married Lynne Gallagher on October 6, 1979 in Stockton.

Tom worked at Kelly Springfield Tire Co., in Freeport, Illinois for 33 years as a tire builder and Plant Manager until his retirement in 2001. He was a member of the United Steelworkers Union Local 745, and the Holy Cross

Catholic Church of Stockton. Tom was fortunate enough to be able to visit his parents' homelands of Ireland and Switzerland. He enjoyed old time rock and roll music, Westerns, and watching NASCAR races. Most of all, Tom loved spending time with his family and telling big stories.

Tom will be dearly missed by his wife of 36 years, Lynne; four children, Elaine (Brian) Keeffer of Lena, Illinois, Monica (Jim) McGivney of Apple River, Illinois, Tommy Wild of Dubuque, Iowa, and Kelsey (Jason Bennett) Wild of Warren, Illinois; nine grandchildren, John (Bobbi) Keeffer and Katie Keeffer, Hannah and Noah McGivney, Jordan, Madison, Kennedy and Cooper Wild, and Sam Bennett; two great-grandchildren, Everly and Ruby Keeffer; four sisters, Alberta Wild, Nellie (Nick) Bainbridge, Donna (Lynn) Eadie of Hanover and Margaret Service of Clinton, Iowa; three brothers, William (Bev) Wild of Stockton, Pat (DeeAnna) Wild and Herman (Deb) Wild of Hanover; and his mother-in-law, Betty Gallagher of Stockton. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Margaret Wild; father-in-law, Wayne Gallagher; three brothers, Frederick, John and Mike Wild; and a sister, Mary Wild.

He never said goodbye, he always said "see ya". So we'll see you later, Tom/Pops. We love you.

## Villanova University Head of Chemistry presents lectures at Scales Mound School

SCALES MOUND — In addition to being the Head of the Chemistry Department with 25 teaching staff at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, Dr. Scott Kassel teaches and is involved in a research program. On Tuesday November 24, Scales Mound High School science students had the opportunity to hear Dr. Kassel tell about the path he took to be at his present

position. He had started in engineering and decided that it was not for him. He then studied chemistry and ended with his PhD. He has been at Villanova for 18 years and the Head of the Chemistry Department for 8 years. Dr. Kassel shared with the students some examples of research that is being done, such as, artificial photosynthesis and getting energy from chemical bonds

in water. He told them "It is ok to fail if it helps you to learn, but if you are afraid of failure, it will get you nowhere." The students found the presentation very informative and interesting. Dr. Kassel then answered questions from students. This certainly was a great experience to hear about the research that Dr. Kassel has been involved with at Villanova University.

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