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## Wolves working on improving conference position

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Warren Warriors were the recent champions from the Pecatonica Thanksgiving Turkey Tourney. Just a week ago they knocked off the Byron Tigers. In a match with the Pearl City Wolves on Thursday, Dec. 8, some of the fortune faded as the visiting Wolves ran away with the 60-39 win. Scoring was as proficient as in other games early this season for Pearl City. As they dominated the quarters and got a lot of people involved.

In recent victories over Pecatonica, Durand and Freeport Aquin, the Wolves have averaged nearly 60 points a game on offense. In losses to Fulton, Orangeville and East Dubuque, the team is averaging closer to 40.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, Pearl City played host to Pecatonica. The Wolves managed to control the talented Indians' guards and kept the current streak alive as they won 63-36.

With tournament games filling the schedule for many area teams as the final weeks of December play through, the Wolves wrap up their year with action in the annual Forreton Christmas Classic. The 16-team tournament began its series of matches on Saturday, Dec. 10. Pearl City knocked off Pecatonica in its opening round game 51-21.

The Wolves pounced early and grabbed a double-digit edge heading into the second quarter. After the first period of play Pearl City held the Indians down 15-4. The second quarter proved to be just as efficient as Pearl City matched its total and allowed just six points for the ten-seed Indians. At the half, Pearl City had the edge 30-10.

The Indians played better on defense in the third quarter but still saw the seven-seed Wolves add to its halftime total. With eight minutes to play Pearl City was in front 39-16.

In the fourth quarter the Wolves got a few more players a little more time and managed to stretch the lead

and shift Pecatonica's hopes to the consolation bracket. Pearl City won by 30 and moved on to the second round and a showdown with the two-seed Sterling Newman Central Catholic Comets. With the second round game played on Tuesday, details are unavailable at this time.

With a major upset occurring, Pearl City would move into the semi-final round and face off against either the three-seed Aquin Bulldogs or the six-seed Milledgeville Missiles. The survivor from the bottom half of the 16-team bracket would move on to face, more than likely, Forreton Holiday Christmas Classic defending champion Winnebago in the Tournament Championship Game this Friday night at 8 p.m. at Forreton High School.

If Pearl City loses to Sterling Newman on Tuesday night they will move to the championship bracket's fifth-place game, final-four battles, to be played beginning Wednesday, Dec. 14.



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## Santa and his helpers

Volunteers and museum board members of the McConnell Area Historical Society staged their annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Open House on Saturday at the museum.

## Panthers prepared for tournament spin

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Many good teams tipped off on Saturday, Dec. 10 as the Forreton Christmas Classic Holiday Tournament got underway. School Officials, Athletic Directors and IHSA referees chose to make a last-minute change, with the threat of winter weather around.

The Lena-Winslow Panthers made the journey to Forreton and ran into the Polo Marcos, who seemed ready to influence the Panthers' plan right from the start. As the 13-seed in this year's tournament, not a lot of expectations have been placed on Lena-Winslow's chances. The road would just get tougher, if they won in upset fashion in the tournament tip-off.

The Panthers scored 12 points in the opening period. During the second frame, they weren't as productive as the scoring total dropped by 33

percent. At the half the upset-minded Panthers had fallen into a double-digit trap. Polo's offense worked through the Panthers' line and grabbed the 32-20 edge.

Polo showed no let-up in the third quarter as they poured over the Panthers with the shots falling down low and in the paint. Polo scored 14 points and stretched the third-quarter lead to 46-25.

With a quarter to play, the Panthers chances became a little more limited. Extra time meant a few more chances for Panthers' athletes in the final minutes. Lena-Winslow dominated play in the period, outscoring

the four-seed Marcos 13-7. Polo held on for the win though, as they carried the 53-38 decision into the Forreton quarterfinal. The Orangeville Broncos, issued the 12-seed, upset five-seed Byron in the opening round game, pushing them into Polo's path.

The second round match tipped off on Monday, Dec. 12. The winner from the Polo-Orangeville game moves on to face the survivor from the Winnebago-Christian Life game, which will also be played on Monday, Dec. 12.

Lena-Winslow with the loss moves into the consolation bracket where they prepare for a match with the

five-seed Byron Tigers. The surprise second round match-up features a team many felt could influence who comes away with the annual holiday classic title this weekend.

If the 13-seed Panthers knock off Byron, they will move on to the Consolation Championship Bracket Tournament Semi-Final for a showdown with either the 16-seed Dakota Indians or the eight-seed and host, Forreton Cardinals.

The Forreton Holiday Classic Champion has typically used success in this annual tournament as the path towards future Regional Titles and Sectional Crowns.



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Dozens of volunteers served hundreds of breakfasts Saturday morning when Santa came to visit the Lena Fire Station for the annual Lena Park District's Breakfast with Santa.



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Bria and Bram Spidahl came with their mom and dad to talk to the jolly old elf at the Lena Park District's Breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning.



The fishing for gifts game was a popular stop on the entertainment circuit Saturday morning during the Lena Park District annual Breakfast with Santa event.

(Left) Four month old Everly Corbin came with her grandma Vicki Hansen to enjoy the Lena Park District's annual Breakfast with Santa at the Lena Fire Station on Saturday morning.

(Right) Blaine and Evalene Drake dressed in their best and came to the Lena Fire Station for Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Lena Park District.



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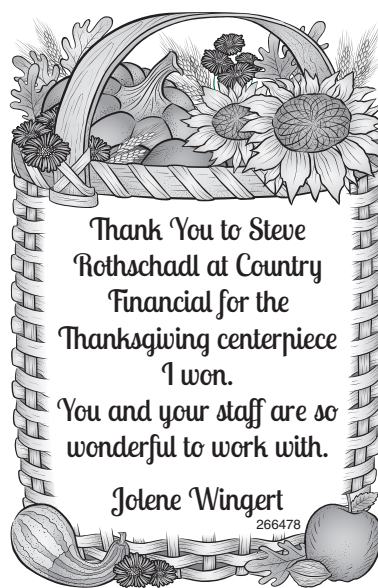
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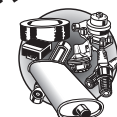
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## Live Wires deck the holiday halls

The Lena Live Wires are celebrating the Christmas spirit. On Nov. 29, they put up a Christmas tree at the Lena Living Center and decorated it with candy canes, other candies, and pamphlets about joining 4-H. Then on Dec. 2, members of the group participated in the Lena Hometown Christmas parade sporting a horse and wagon. To wrap up their Christmas celebrations, the club had a party on Dec. 11 at the Skate Station, exchanged gifts and brought food and donations for an area family.

## Lena Library News

By Dixie Althoff  
DIRECTOR

Welcome to winter---BRRR!!! Is everyone ready for summer yet? I think it is going to be a long time coming. What made me ever think that winter and snow was fun?

Must have been the kid in me and I am pretty much over all of that now.

On Dec. 2, we participated in the annual Christmas Walk. We had a really good turnout—71 people over the course of the night. The little ones enjoyed making crafts downstairs. It turned out to be more of a family thing which was so nice to see parents participating with their children to make the crafts. There were several things to make: angels, scratch off ornaments: hat, mitten, skate, and snowflakes. Other crafts were: slap bracelets: Polar Bear, Reindeer and Snowmen, jingle bell necklaces, Christmas tree bookmarks and snow scape scenes with snowmen. Everyone seemed to have a good time and there was hot chocolate and cookies to enjoy after the crafting.

It has been a busy couple of weeks here for the after school and preschool groups.

Last week the after school group made Popsicle stick Christmas trees in two designs. The trees decorate our wall right inside the door. They all look very nice. They also started their scratch off angels. This week they finished their angels and made "ugly sweater" ornaments. The ornaments were owls, squirrels and hedgehogs.

I know they were called ugly sweater ornaments, but they sure looked cute!

Last week the preschooler's wall activity was an ornament on the tree. Book

Read was: Clifford's 1st Christmas. The songs and finger plays were: Santa, The Lights on the Tree, Christmas Candy, Where is Santa, and Two Little Candy Canes.

The craft last week was Gingerbread boy and girl ornaments. Very cute!!

This week the wall activity was to put an ornament on the tree also. Books read were:

Olaf's The Night Before Christmas and Up on the Housetop. The

craft this week was a hot chocolate necklace. The children were all happy sporting their necklace as they left. They ended the hour with hot chocolate with marshmallows and cookies. YUM!!

Dec. 21, will be our last story hour before Christmas break. We will resume again on

Jan. 9, for after school and Jan. 10, for preschool story hour. Have a wondrous Christmas and New Years.

New fiction: Egg Drop Dead by Laura Childs, Island of Glass by Nora Roberts,

When All the Girls Have Gone by Jayne Ann Krentz, and The Whole Town's Talking by Fannie Flagg. New Non-fiction: Jump: Take the Leap of Faith to Achieve Your Life of Abundance by Steve Harvey. New Juvenile: Groundhog's Run-away Shadow by

David Biedrzycki.

New DVDS: Finding Dory, Don't Breathe, Star Trek Beyond, The BFG, War Dogs,

A Madea Christmas, Pete's Dragon, Hell or High Water, Christmas in the Smokies, and Mickey's Christmas Carol.

Your library is offering lots of new things in to get you through the holidays. Stop in and get a good movie to watch while you are wrapping all those presents! A good book would be good to read after all the cookies are baked and decorated!

Stop in and sign up for the Christmas drawing. Adults and children as well.

Remember book discussion will be held December 28th at 9:30. Join us and Watch the Shopper's Guide for future events.

All of us at the library wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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## Tell it to the judge

Third graders at Le-Win are studying points of view through various genres. To practice this skill they had a little help from Alexander T. Wolf, otherwise aka. the big bad wolf of Three Little Pigs infamy. He was seeking a not guilty verdict and wanted to share his point of view of the alleged crime. Due to his jail sentencing, he required a security escort from local police officer Tom Madigan. Officer Madigan was kind enough to keep our student safe during the event.



## THE LENA LIONS OPERATION GOODFELLOW

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Special thanks to Lena Lions members, spouses and friends who helped with Operation Goodfellow. Thanks to the Lena Area Church Cooperative and all the other groups and individuals who donated the wonderful cookies.

Thanks to all who made financial contributions. To all those who helped update and compile the list of people who received groceries, fruit and cookies - we say thank you.

Our appreciation goes to all who helped with this project on Friday and Saturday, 48 boxes of groceries and 184 fruit and cookie plates were delivered in the Lena, McConnell and Winslow area on Saturday, December 10th as well as 25 poinsettias to the Lena Living Center.

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# VIEWPOINT

## USDA invests \$33 million to improve water quality in high-priority watersheds

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced an investment of more than \$33 million in 197 high-priority watersheds across the country to help landowners improve water quality through the Natural Resource Conservation Service's (NRCS) National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI).

The NWQI helps farmers and ranchers implement voluntary conservation practices, such as nutrient management, cover crops, conservation cropping systems, filter strips, terraces and buffers, which protect and improve water quality where it is needed most. Conservation practices enhance agricultural productivity and profitability while also improving water quality by enhancing soil health and optimizing the use of agricultural

inputs.

"USDA is committed to working hand-in-hand with farmers, ranchers, and landowners to address water quality issues and provide the tools necessary to ensure clean, safe water for communities and wildlife," Vilsack said. "This latest investment is yet another example of how voluntary, incentive-based conservation programs are benefitting both producers and our natural resources."

This year, NRCS added 42 new watersheds to the NWQI and selected 21 watersheds for new assessment projects. These assessment watershed projects span 17 states and include a variety of land uses and water quality issues. NRCS will provide resources for these assessment projects to lever-

age existing plans, data, and information, and fill gaps needed to complete watershed assessments and develop outreach plans. Experience and data gained from several studies, including the Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP), have shown that improvements in water quality are more likely to be detected when conservation systems are placed in the most vulnerable areas of a watershed.

The goal of the NWQI is to implement conservation practices within a local area to protect water bodies within priority watersheds. NRCS works closely with conservation partners and State water quality agencies to select watersheds where on-farm conservation can deliver the greatest benefits for clean water. State

water quality agencies also work to align U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funding with these priority watersheds.

This targeted approach to improve water quality is working across the country. Conservation work on seven watersheds in Texas contributed to positive results and improving trends in water quality in Chambers Creek. With continued conservation efforts, Chambers Creek will not be added to the State's Clean Water Act list of impaired waterbodies due to agricultural impacts.

Since 2012, conservation systems have been placed on almost 600,000 acres in priority watersheds through NWQI, supported by approximately \$125 million in USDA investments.

Now in its sixth year, NWQI has expanded to include more small watersheds across the nation, and it builds on efforts to deliver high-impact conservation in areas such as the Mississippi River basin, Gulf of Mexico, Chesapeake Bay and Great Lakes.

Since 2009, USDA has invested more than \$29 billion to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect over 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit <http://medium.com/usda-results>.

## Senate Week in Review

With only a few weeks left until some of the state's spending authority runs out, Gov. Bruce Rauner and the four legislative leaders continued to meet in Chicago to discuss a full-year budget plan accompanied by reforms; however, meetings have been put on hold while the Governor and Republican leaders await a budget proposal from Democrat leaders.

Also this week, Gov. Rauner signed an energy bill that will keep two nuclear power plants open.

### Leaders continue to meet over budget

After meeting last week, over the weekend and again into this week, the Governor and legislative leaders continued in vain to find common ground on a full-year budget framework with reforms. Unfortunately, the

sense of urgency to find a solution to the state's fiscal crisis was not shared by the Speaker of the House, who continued to engage in stall tactics, rather than engage in meaningful discussions.

Rather than continue down the path of political gamesmanship employed by the Speaker, the Governor has decided to not meet again until the Democrats produce a budget, which they've continually said they would do. We remain hopeful that budget discussions taking place between legislative chambers and the Governor continue, even if scheduled, formal meetings between the legislative leaders and the Governor are put on hold.

Republicans have stressed that incorporating structural reforms in the

budget process would provide billions in savings, while at the same time helping to alleviate the exodus of jobs and people leaving Illinois. Without these reforms, the state will continue down the same destructive path it's been on, which would be a disservice to Illinois residents.

The time to act is now. The people of Illinois are tired of the status quo and are demanding change. We are working to provide them with a new path forward, a path that leads to increased job opportunities, economic growth and fiscal stability in Illinois.

### Governor signs energy bill

On Dec. 7, Gov. Rauner signed Senate Bill 2814, known as the Future Energy Jobs bill. Though proponents applauded the measure, saying it provides relief to thousands of employees in two Illinois communities home to the nuclear facilities that were slated for closure, critics panned the measure as a costly multi-billion dollar "nuclear bailout."

Without the legislation, Exelon said it would be forced to shut down two of its facilities located in Clinton and Cordova. Proponents say the measure is a win for ratepayers and taxpayers, and most importantly will provide job security to those who live and work in those regions.

State Sen. Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet) and State Sen. Neil Anderson (Rock Island) both represent the Senate districts where the power facilities are located. They say without the Governor's support of this legislation, their communities would have been devastated.

Senate Bill 2814 ensures the Clinton and Quad Cities power facilities remain open for another 10 years. The new law contains a guaranteed cap that energy prices cannot increase more than 25 cents on the average residential home, and cannot increase more than 1.3 percent on commercial and industrial users over the next 10

years. Additionally, the measure promotes wind and solar expansion and preserves zero-emission generation, maintaining Illinois' status in leading the nation in zero-carbon generation.

However, passage of the new law was not without controversy. Opponents called the legislation a bailout, stressing that Exelon is a private business operating in a free-market and should be responsible for responding to budgetary restrictions without relying on intervention by the state. Furthermore, opponents noted it's uncertain what the impact the proposal will have on Illinois employers, consumers and the state's energy market.

According to the AARP, a staunch opponent, the new law will negatively impact consumer bills over the next quarter of a century and will have costly consequences down the road. The group predicted that the energy legislation will potentially cost Illinois approximately 44,000 jobs and result in cuts to low-income energy assistance programs. The AARP was joined by a number of other organizations in opposition to Senate Bill 2814, including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Coal Association and the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

### Appointments made to the Illinois Bicentennial Commission

As Illinois celebrates its 198th birthday this month, Gov. Rauner announced the appointments to the Illinois Bicentennial Commission, which is tasked with leading the planning and celebration of the state's 200th anniversary in 2018.

On Sept. 20, Gov. Rauner signed Executive Order 2016-11 to establish a commission of no more than 51 voting members, which will be housed within the new Bicentennial Office under Executive Director Stuart Layne. The commission is made up of no more than 40 members appoint-

ed by the Governor and one member each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Minority Leader, the House Minority Leader, the Attorney General, the Lieutenant Governor, the Treasurer, the Comptroller, the Secretary of State, and the Mayors of Chicago and Springfield.

### Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno appointed State Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry) to represent the Caucus

The mission of the Bicentennial Celebration (Illinois 200) is to support, create and implement events and activities that celebrate all that is great in Illinois. The Bicentennial Celebration will also create statewide initiatives that foster innovation, promote education and provide greater opportunity for all across the state.

## Blackhawk Unit HCE to host Christmas party

Blackhawk Unit of Home and Community Education (HCE) will have their Christmas Party on Thursday evening, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at Stella's Café in Stockton, Illinois. A time of fellowship will follow the meal and gift exchange. SCAHCE (Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education) is a county wide organization of which Blackhawk Unit of HCE is one of 12 units in the county and is a part of a state wide organization-Illinois Association for Home and Community Education- with offices at the University of Illinois Extension at Highland Community College, and is also a part of the national organization in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Illinois.

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## Obituaries

### CHARLES F. EBERLE

Charles F. Eberle, age 89 of Warren, IL, formerly of Freeport, IL, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 at Midwest Medical Center in Galena, IL. He was born April 25, 1927 in Dixon, IL; the son of the late Edward and Anna (Bosen) Eberle. He graduated from Aquin High School in 1947. Charles served in the United States Army Infantry, enlisting in 1945 and served 18 months.

Charles married Theora Lapp on Sept. 12, 1953 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Freeport; she passed on Dec. 30, 2007. He worked at WT Rawleigh for 19 years, and also worked nights for the Freeport School District. He later worked at Kelly Springfield for 14 years, retiring in 1989. Charles loved gardening and reading newspapers. He was also an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Eric) Eberle of Freeport; three sons, Andrew C. (Andryna) Eberle of New Zealand, Timothy (Robin) Eberle of Warren, and David (Katie) Eberle of Maple Grove, MN; 12 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Theora; brother, Kenneth; and sister, Elenor.

Visitation and services were held Sunday, Dec. 11, at Walker Mortuary in Freeport. Burial took place Monday, Dec. 12, at Chapel Hill Memo-

rial Gardens in Freeport. A memorial fund has been established in his name. Condolences may be shared at [www.walkermortuary.com](http://www.walkermortuary.com)

### NELDA M. BOYLE

Nelda M. Boyle, age 88 of Stockton, IL passed away Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. Nelda was born on Dec. 30, 1927 to the late Bernard and Merle Berlage. She married Norbert Boyle on April 23, 1966; he died on July 3, 1983. She then married Jim Marcure. He died on April 10, 2007.

Nelda worked at the Elizabeth Locker, was the secretary at the Elizabeth School, and farmed with her husband Norbert, which she continued after his death. She also helped her husband Jim with his construction. She enjoyed baking and canning, bowling, card club, sewing and traveling.

She is survived by several close nieces and nephews, one goddaughter, Corky Luke, and one sister-in-law, Nola Hopkins. She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Norbert and Jim, and son Michael who died at birth.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Elizabeth.



## Monroe Clinic Christmas hours for E-visit, FastCare, Urgent Care

Due to Christmas coming on a Sunday, Monroe Clinic locations have an observed holiday on Dec. 26. Monroe Clinic-FastCare, 405 W. 8th St., Monroe, Wis.; Monroe Clinic Urgent Care-Freeport, 1301 S. Kiwanis Dr., Freeport, Ill.; and Monroe Clinic e-visits are open every day except Christmas. As always, the Monroe Clinic Hospital and Emergency Department is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 515 22 Avenue, Monroe, Wis.

### Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:

Main campus clinic closed  
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Retail pharmacies open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe Clinic e-visits open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe Clinic-FastCare open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### Dec. 25, Christmas Day:

All Monroe Clinic locations closed

### December 26, Observed Holiday:

Main campus clinic closed  
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Retail pharmacy open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe Clinic e-visits open 8

a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monroe Clinic-FastCare open 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Monroe Clinic Urgent Care-Freeport open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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E-visits are for patients, over age 18, experiencing cold symptoms, urinary problems, skin rashes or a consistent cough. MyChart users can exchange electronic messages with a Monroe Clinic provider, where they describe symptoms, ask questions and even upload photos. E-visits are for MyChart users and accessible via computer or tablet. Registration is free. Anyone can sign up at [mychart.monroeclinic.org](http://mychart.monroeclinic.org).

## A Merry Christmas for local foster children thanks to OSF employees

Presents will be under the Christmas tree for 200 foster children in Winnebago and Boone Counties, thanks to the generosity of local OSF HealthCare employees.

For more than 20 years OSF has participated in the Foster Care Alliance "Adopt-an-Angel" program where employees choose tags with the first name, gender and age of a foster child. The tag also includes a "wish list" of things the child

would like for Christmas.

"OSF is pleased to partner with Foster Care Alliance", says Christine Eldridge, Patient Experience Manager at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. "To bring joy to children this time of year is just another part of our Mission and commitment to the community."

"We thank OSF for their long

commitment of generosity", says Foster Care Alliance Coordinator, Patty York. "Their spirit of kindness helps make this a better Christmas for our foster children".

Foster Care alliance works with dozens of area business/organizations in the "Adopt-an-Angel" program. This year more than 2-thousand gifts will be distributed.

## 2017 Regional Transportation Committee meeting notice dates – Region 1

The Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) – Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) - Transportation Committee Meetings for 2017 will be held at 10 a.m. on Jan. 26, at Stephenson County Senior Resource Center; March 23, at Freeport Public Library; May 25, at Jo Daviess County Transit; July 27, at Freeport Public Library; Sept. 28, at Malcolm Eaton Enterprises; and Nov. 16, at Freeport Public Library. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in public transit.

The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

The Illinois Department of Trans-

portation has formed a partnership with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) for the purposes of preparing, implementing, and updating the plans for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Coun-

ties) and Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam Counties). For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Kim Zimmerman at (815) 433-5830.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



*The not so skinny cook*

I am sitting here at the computer waiting for the storm to come. The snow has begun to fall, so it really does look a lot like Christmas, as the song goes. I have had my first Christmas get together with my high school friends, so I guess the season has officially begun for me. I did a little shopping this week and a little baking. I am relieved to have the decorations up, and enjoy watching the twinkling lights at night. I am in the mood for more cooking, so the recipes this week reflect some of my tastes of Christmas.

The first recipe is for a cranberry dip. It is a sweet dip because it uses cranberries and apricot jam. It is a great dip to use on your appetizer table because it has a different flavor. I like it on butter crackers, but my friend likes the salty taste of the pretzel.

## Cranberry Dip

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) fresh cranberries
- 1 C. white sugar
- 1 C. apricot jam
- 1 C. chopped pecans
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Combine cranberries with sugar in a 2-quart baking dish with a lid, stirring well to coat all the berries. Bake in the preheated oven, covered, for about 30 minutes until the cranberries pop and release their liquid.

Remove from the oven and stir in the apricot jam and pecans. Refrigerate overnight to blend the flavors. To serve, allow the cream cheese to come to room temperature, and pour dip over the block of cream cheese on a serving dish. Serve with butter crackers or small pretzels.

This vegetable dish has potatoes, carrots, squash, and asparagus. The onion gives it more flavor, and the dressing and Dijon mustard give boring vegetables a little kick.

## Oven Roasted Dijon Vegetables

- ½ C. Italian Dressing
- 2 T. Dijon Mustard
- 9 small red potatoes, quartered
- 1 lb. fresh asparagus spears, trimmed and cut into 1-inch lengths
- 2 small yellow squash, quartered, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 1 small red onion, cut into thin wedges

Preheat the oven to 425. Mix the dressing and mustard until blended. Toss the potatoes with 2 tablespoons of the dressing mixture in a large bowl; spread onto the bottom of a large shallow pan sprayed with cooking spray.

Bake 15 minutes. Meanwhile, toss asparagus, squash and onions with remaining dressing mixture. Add the asparagus mixture to the pan with the potatoes. Bake 18-20 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

I love Beef Wellington. This recipe is a little take off from the traditional Wellington. Using the puff pastry makes preparation so much easier. This is a great holiday special dinner meal. It does take a little bit of preparation, but the end is worth it. Enjoy a great way to eat beef tenderloin.

## Italian Beef Wellington

4 center-cut beef tenderloin filets (5-6 oz. each) seasoned with salt and pepper

- 1 T. olive oil
- Sauce
- 2 T. unsalted butter
- 6 oz. mushrooms, minced
- 2 T. minced green onions
- 1 T. minced fresh garlic
- 2 T. beef broth
- 2 T. heavy cream
- 4 t. minced fresh sage or 2 t. dried sage

Pastry: 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed

Wellington Additions:

- 8 slices bacon
- 1 egg, plus 1 T. water, beaten

For the beef, sear the filets in oil in a sauté pan over high heat, 1-2 minutes per side; transfer to a plate and chill at least 30 minutes.

Melt 2 T. unsalted butter in the same pan over medium heat. Add the mushrooms, green onions, and garlic and cook until mushrooms are browned and the moisture evaporates, about 10 minutes.

Deglaze the pan with the beef broth and cream, scraping up any brown bits, and cook until liquid evaporates. Off the heat, stir in the sage and season the mixture with salt and pepper. Let cool to room temperature. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Roll the pastry on a lightly floured surface to a 13-inch square, then cut into four squares. Arrange two slices of bacon in an "S" pattern in the center of each pastry square. Top each with a filet and a quarter of the sauce.

Wrap the bacon around the filet; brush the edges of the pastry square with the egg wash. Fold one corner up to the center and the opposite corner up to the center, meeting at the top; press to adhere. Fold other two corners up, pressing edges to seal, then brush and adhere edges with egg wash. Place on prepared baking sheet and repeat with remaining pastry squares. Cover the Wellingtons with plastic wrap. Chill the Wellingtons at least 1 hour, or up to 24.

Preheat oven to 400 with rack

in the lower third. Brush Wellingtons with egg wash and bake until pastry is puffed and golden, 25-28 minutes. Let Wellingtons rest 10 minutes, then serve with the sauce (recipe below).

## Wellington Sauce

Melt

- 3 T. unsalted butter, divided
- ¼ C. green onions, chopped
- 1 T. minced fresh garlic
- 1 T. tomato paste
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 T. minced fresh sage or ½ T. of dried sage

- 1¾ C. beef broth, divided
- 1 T. cornstarch
- 1 T. Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste

Melt 1 T. butter in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the green onions and cook until beginning to brown, 3-5 minutes. Stir in garlic, tomato paste, bay leaf and sage; cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Deglaze the pan with 1 cup of beef broth, scraping up any brown bits, and cook until reduced by half, about 5 minutes.

Whisk together the remaining broth and cornstarch and whisk into the sauce, simmer until thick, about 5 minutes.

Strain the sauce through a fine-mesh sieve; discard solids. Return the sauce to the pan and heat over medium-low; cook until reduced to 1 cup about 5 minutes.

Whisk in the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, one tablespoon at a time, until completely melted. Stir in Worcestershire and season sauce with salt and pepper. Serve with a baked potato and a vegetable, and you have a restaurant quality meal prepared in your kitchen for a fraction of the cost.

I think you will enjoy the next two recipes because they make delicious fudge with a hint of peppermint as well as great toffee. The mint one is almost like eating the Ghirardelli Peppermint Squares available only at Christmas!

## Candy Cane Fudge

- 3 1/3 C. vanilla baking chips
- 1 can (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 t. peppermint extract
- 1½ C. crushed candy canes (about 50 mini candy canes)
- 4 drops red or green liquid food coloring

Line the bottom and sides of an 8-inch square baking pan with non-stick foil.

Melt the vanilla chips with condensed milk in a heavy saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until just melted, about 4 minutes. Remove the pan from heat. Working quickly, stir in peppermint extract and 1¼ cups candy canes.

Quickly spread the fudge in the prepared pan. If using food coloring, make a depression in each quadrant of the fudge, add a drop of food coloring to each. Working quickly, swirl the food color-

ing into the fudge with a knife. Smooth the surface with a rubber spatula. Sprinkle remaining ¼ cup of candy canes over the top and press into the fudge.

Chill, uncovered, until firm, about 1 hour. Lift the fudge out of the pan using the foil, peel off the foil, and then cut fudge into 1-inch squares.

## Chocolate Toffee Crunchies

- 2 C. vanilla wafer crumbs
- ¼ C. packed brown sugar
- ½ C. butter, melted
- Topping:
- ½ C. butter, cubed
- ¼ C. packed brown sugar
- 1 C. (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350. Toss the wafer crumbs with brown sugar and butter; press into the bottom of an ungreased 9 x 13 pan. Bake until lightly browned, 8-10 minutes.

For topping, place the butter and brown sugar in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir 1 minute. Pour evenly over crust.

Bake 10 minutes. Remove from the oven; let stand 2 minutes. Sprinkle with chocolate chips; let stand until the chips have softened. Spread evenly over the top; sprinkle with pecans. Cool completely before cutting.

Mark your calendars for the Lena Business and Professional Associations Sip and Shop on December 17 during regular business hours at participating businesses. There is a Men's Night of Shopping on December 21 which will include beer tasting also at participating businesses. Don't forget to check out the shops in Lena for unique gifts for Christmas. I saw some beautifully personalized cutting boards that were made at Home Town trophies. She has lots of great and unique items. The Sugar Bowl, Fluegel's, and DeVoe Floral also have many gift ideas. Need something for the younger generation—check out the toy store. Don't forget the Railroad Street items at Brandon's and the Lena Mercantile. The Mercantile has some great Christmas and winter decorating items that are home made. Order your Christmas flowers and plants early so they are not picked over. (Just a reminder—after shopping stop and get something good to eat at many of our fine eating establishments.)

I don't really know if we are going to get as much snow as they are predicting, but I do have some baking and Christmas cards to write. Maybe having to stay inside won't be so bad after all! We continue to ask for cookie recipes or any other Christmas time recipes.

If you have some new or favorite recipes, you can contact us in person, by mail, or mail us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Dec. 18, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fourth Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with the Children's Christmas Program. The children and youth of Good Shepherd will share the message about Jesus being the meaning of Christmas with the Christmas program. The children and youth will act out the story, and share special music. The youth instrumental ensemble will also share special music. Following the service the congregation will gather with the children and youth for conversation, sharing, coffee, juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall. The Good Shepherd Choir will practice at 11 a.m., and in the afternoon the Chime Choir will practice at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

The After School Program for fourth through eighth graders will meet at the Hangout downtown on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play.

On Saturday Dec. 24, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with worship services at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight worship will include special music, choir anthems, the singing of beloved Christmas hymns, children's message, brass choir, readings from the Gospel of Luke, and Pastor Miho Yasukawa will share the evening message. All are welcome as we celebrate worship together on Christmas Eve.

## St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Dec. 18, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Poinsettia Garden. Whirl Sunday School will meet at 10:15 and focus on the lesson, "An Angel Visits Joseph." The Confirmation Youth will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The Memorial and Finance Committees will also meet on Dec. 18, at 10:15 a.m. in the Conference Room. The SPLAT youth will meet at 11 a.m. deliver the Grace Meals in the community. At Noon the December Grace Meal, a ham dinner, will be served. The Youth will also be selling Christmas Cookie plates for a donation before and after worship.

The Fifth Quarter Youth group (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, followed by the Genesis youth group (high school) at 7:30 p.m. Both groups will meet in the Youth and Family Center.

The Joy Choir will meet at St. John's on Dec. 15, after school for their annual Christmas Party. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on December 14.

St. John's will host Christmas Eve Candlelight worship services at 5 and 9 p.m. on December 24. A Christmas Day worship service will be at 9 a.m. on Dec. 25.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl, City, now has a Saturday Evening Worship at 5:30 p.m. in our Nave/Sanctuary. The service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will be about 30-35 minutes in length and will include communion and a sermon. Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in the Saturday evening service.

Anyone is interested in walking for exercise is welcome to walk at St. John's on Monday and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Level. Everyone is welcome to join the walk (members and non-members are welcome)!

## Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday, Dec. 18, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message that morning; all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible. All are invited and welcome to share in this discussion.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Sat. evening, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. at Willow UMC. All are welcome and invited to this eventful evening. Willow UMC is located about seven miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd.

Christmas Day, Sunday Dec. 25, is at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. and all are invited to worship with us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All are invited and welcome. Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL.

For more information, please call (815) 601-6742.

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd.

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## Stockton Ministerial Association schedules January meeting

The next meeting of the Stockton Ministerial Association will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Holy Cross Catholic Church. The agenda has not yet been created, but is expected to include discussion of food assistance, community outreach, community cohesion, and working with the police department as it implements its new policies regarding assistance for travelers as they make their way through Stockton.

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## St. Paul's in Kent lights Advent Candle of Peace

The fourth Advent Candle, the candle of Peace, will be lit Sunday, Dec. 18, at the 10 a.m. family worship service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1334 N. Sunnyside Road in Kent. Our lector will be Jean Hill, and our musician will be Deb Winning. The sermon is entitled "What-ever Happened to Joseph?" as we examine the man who was betrothed

to Mary.

This is also Food Pantry Sunday. We invite each person to bring at least one item for the Food Pantry.

Everyone is welcome at the little church with the big heart. Come join us. We are located at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, one-fourth mile north of Kent. For more information, please call 232-4010.

## Stockton Community Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 25

The annual community Christmas Dinner will be held this year at Holy Cross Church in Stockton. We believe this is the thirty-first year the Stockton churches have worked together to provide this dinner.

All persons are invited, especially those who will not be with family on Christmas. Turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, corn, beans, salad, rolls,

pies and angel food cake are on the menu.

Reservations can be made at each church until Dec. 20 or by phone to Elaine at 815-947-3795. If you need a ride, please let us know. Deliveries will also be made to shut-ins in the immediate Stockton area, just remember to give your address and phone number.

## McConnell United Methodist Church reschedules movie marathon

The Christmas Movie Marathon at McConnell United Methodist Church is rescheduled for Friday, Dec. 16 and will feature a fun evening of free Christmas movies for the entire family. Everyone is welcome to join in the activities. Starting at 6 p.m. enjoy the new family favorite, "Elf" along with a pizza

dinner. And then, "wrap up" the evening with "The Nativity Story" at 8 p.m.


All films will be shown in the gym of the church. Concessions will be available during each movie. Pizza will be available during Elf. McConnell UMC is located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd, one block north of Main St.

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## The true spirit of Christmas

Students at Lena-Winslow Elementary School had an opportunity to choose gifts for the special people in their lives thanks to the recent Santa's Workshop activity sponsored by the PTO. Junior High and High School students as well as parent volunteers served as the elves who helped the younger students make appropriate choices then wrap and mark the gifts. The entire activity was an opportunity to spread good cheer. These students clearly understand that the true joy to be found in the Christmas season lies in bringing happiness to others.

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## What's under your tree?

About a dozen beautifully decorated floats participated in Friday evening's Lena Hometown Christmas "Christmas Past" annual parade.



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## Tiny House Hunters

Mrs. Brouhard's fourth grade class at Pearl City recently studied area and perimeter in their math class. They completed a tiny house project to practice and show their understanding of finding area and perimeter. They began the unit by watching an episode of Tiny House Hunters and discussing the creative use of space. They were given a list of things they had to be sure to include in their tiny homes. Students had to create blueprints of their tiny home, and then construct a 3-D paper model of the home. They had to find the area and perimeter of many different objects inside the house. The finished projects were then placed on the streets of Tiny Town.

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Lena-Winslow High School freshman Mollee Brumfield with the fifth place award she received at the DeKalb Speech Tournament held Dec. 3.

## Lena-Winslow oratrix celebrates dad's birthday with Dramatic Interpretation award

Lena-Winslow High School freshman Mollee Brumfield skipped her dad's birthday celebration Dec. 3, to attend her speech team's first tournament of the season at DeKalb High School. It is rare for a person that young to sacrifice a family event for a school function, but that is what she did. However, her parents, Jan and Carroll Brumfield, made a small sacrifice of their own by driving ninety minutes from Lena to DeKalb to catch a glimpse of their daughter at the massive 28-team tournament.

And the glimpse they caught was watching Mollee walking across the stage to receive her award at her very first speech tournament, a fifth-place "next in" award in her speaking category, Dramatic Interpretation.

"After the awards ceremony," Mollee said, "my dad said that watching me on that stage was the best birthday present he could have gotten."

Mollee joins an experienced squad made up of students from Lena-Winslow and Orangeville High Schools. She is one of five newcomers, or "novices" as they are called, on a team of twenty students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

"When a tournament is as large as DeKalb's," said Head Speech

Coach Tom Fore, "there may be as many as sixty competitors in a speaking category. Awards are typically given to only the top six novice and varsity competitors. To recognize only six varsity students out of such a large field is not really fair to those kids who work so hard. So, a next-in award is given those kids who rank seventh through twelfth. So, Mollee's fifth place next-in award means that she came in eleventh out of 55 competitors in her category. That's pretty good for

a kid with limited experience. What makes it even better is that next-in awards are primarily varsity awards and Mollee's just a freshman."

The Le-Win/Orangeville team also travels to Rochelle, Byron, River Ridge, Aurora, Downers Grove, and Rockford Jefferson this season and hosts its own tournament Jan. 7, at Le-Win High School. The IHSA State Series begins with Regional competition Saturday, Feb. 4, at Freeport High School.



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## McConnell Cookie Walk

Braelyn Griffin and one year old Noah Wenger visited with Santa during Saturday's cookie walk hosted by the McConnell Area Historic Society.

(Right) Dozens of McConnell area folks came to celebrate the holidays with members of the McConnell Area Historical Society at the society's annual cookie walk.



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# LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
QUICKEN LOANS, INC  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
TIPTON J. GILLEY (DE-  
CEASED), et al  
Defendants

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-  
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a  
Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale entered in the above cause  
on September 20, 2016, the  
Sheriff of Stephenson County  
will at 9:30 AM on January 19,  
2017, at the Stephenson County  
Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave.,  
(West Door), FREEPORT, IL  
61032, sell at public auction to  
the highest bidder for cash, as  
set forth below, the following  
described real estate:

ALL OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF  
MELITA LEETS ADDITION  
TO THE TOWN OF LENA;  
SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE  
OF LENA IN THE COUNTY  
OF STEPHENSON IN THE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 112  
CAMP STREET, Lena, IL  
61048 Property Index No. 11-  
07-33-177-001 The real estate  
is improved with a single fam-  
ily residence. The judgment  
amount was \$71,337.57. Sale  
terms: 10% down of the high-  
est bid by certified funds at the  
close of the auction; the bal-  
ance, including the Judicial sale  
fee for Abandoned Residential  
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Fund, which is calculated on  
residential real estate at the rate  
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by the purchaser not to exceed  
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cial assessments, or special tax-  
es levied against said real estate  
and is offered for sale without  
any representation as to quality  
or quantity of title and without  
recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS  
IS" condition. The sale is fur-  
ther subject to confirmation by  
the court. Upon payment in full  
of the amount bid, the purchaser  
will receive a Certificate of Sale  
that will entitle the purchaser  
to a deed to the real estate af-  
ter confirmation of the sale The  
property will NOT be open for  
inspection and plaintiff makes  
no representation as to the con-  
dition of the property. Prospec-  
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sale, other than a mortgagee  
shall pay the assessments and  
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Condominium Property Act,  
765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)  
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common interest community,  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY -  
FREEPORT ILLINOIS

Illinois Housing Development  
Authority  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Jeremy A. Harnish; Unknown  
Owners and Non-Record  
Claimants  
Defendants.

2016CH 39

410 West Garfield Street,  
Freeport, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby  
given that pursuant to a Judg-  
ment of Foreclosure and Sale  
entered in the above entitled  
cause on October 18, 2016,  
the Stephenson County Sher-  
iff's Office will on January 19,  
2017, at the hour of 9:30 AM  
at the Stephenson County Sher-  
iff's Office, Stephenson County  
Courthouse, 15 North Galena  
Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032,  
sell to the highest bidder for  
cash, the following described  
mortgaged real estate:  
Lot Number Twenty (20) in  
Block "E" in Pattison's Subdivi-

sion of part of the South Half of  
the Northwest Quarter of Sec-  
tion Number Six (6) in Town-  
ship Number Twenty-six (26)  
North of Range Number Eight  
(8) East of the Fourth Principal  
Meridian; situated in the City of  
Freeport, Stephenson County in  
the State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 410  
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IL 61032

Parcel Number(s): 18-19-06-  
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with a Single Family Residence.

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for 10% of the successful bid  
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cessful bid shall be paid within  
24 hours, by similar funds. The  
subject property is offered for  
sale without any representation  
as to quality or quantity of title  
and without recourse to Plain-  
tiff and in "AS IS" condition.  
The sale is further subject to  
confirmation by the Court. The  
property will NOT be open for  
inspection.

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minium unit, the purchaser of  
the unit at the foreclosure sale,  
other than the mortgagee shall  
pay the assessments and the leg-  
al fees required by the Condo-  
minium Property Act, 765 ILCS  
605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY -  
FREEPORT ILLINOIS

Illinois Housing Development  
Authority  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Joshua L. Wishard; Alysca A.  
Niedermeier, FKA Alysca A.

Wishard; The State of Illinois;  
Citizens State Bank; Unknown  
Owners and Non-Record  
Claimants  
Defendants.

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321 West Main Street,  
Dakota, IL 61018

NOTICE OF SALE

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given that pursuant to a Judg-  
ment of Foreclosure and Sale  
entered in the above entitled  
cause on September 20, 2016,  
the Stephenson County Sher-  
iff's Office will on January 19,  
2017, at the hour of 9:30 AM  
at the Stephenson County Sher-  
iff's Office, Stephenson County  
Courthouse, 15 North Galena  
Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032,  
sell to the highest bidder for  
cash, the following described  
mortgaged real estate:

Lots 4 and 5 in Block 1 of  
Brown's Addition to the Town,  
Now Village of Dakota, Ste-  
phenson County, Illinois; Ac-  
cording to the Plat thereof re-  
corded August 11, 1870 in Book  
A of Plats, Page 121.

Commonly known as 321  
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Parcel Number(s): 14-09-36-  
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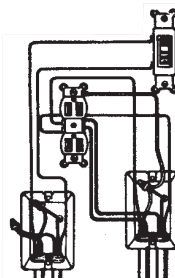
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# Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation to hold December meeting

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant and Catering, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena. The meeting will be held in the Cafe' Dining Room with our fearless leader, President, Joe Ginger presiding. Great atmosphere and popcorn! The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a Not-for-Profit organization that is dedicated to improving all 58 miles of your Pecatonica River experience. This includes access, education, wildlife habitat, log jam extrication and river clean-up for the human communities in Stephenson County.

Be sure to pick-up the all new Second Edition of the Pecatonica River post card book is available

at The Red Barn and Natural Healing Express, both in Lena for \$12. We will also have them at our meeting and another collector book created by Joe Ginger with autographs only available at our meeting. We will be discussing our upcoming paddling events, races and more including free canoe and kayak trips. Come check us out.

The fun & fishing is great on your 10,000 year old river and the wildlife viewing is even better. Our organization is a fun "hands on" group that is making great things happen. We encourage you to attend our meeting and consider becoming a member. The membership fee is reasonable and the rewards are many. Everyone is welcome.

## Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette Eggers

IAA Annual Meeting. This past weekend, our delegates came together to discuss policy resolutions which came from the grassroots efforts of the Illinois Farm Bureau. Delegates from Jo Daviess County included Ron Lawler, John Schultz, Greg Thoren, and Paul Giro. I thank them for volunteering their time for this very important process for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Grassroots efforts start right here in the counties. If you have concerns about an issue important to you, I encourage you to visit with me or any of our board members throughout the year. We will discuss your issue first at the county level, decide its viability as a state policy and then develop a resolution to go to the state level. In December, county delegates from all over the state will vote on your resolution, which may be adopted will guide the Farm Bureau's efforts the following year. We are always interested in hearing your concerns.

Barn Quilt Painting Class Offered! Sign up to join us on Sunday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the farm bureau for your chance to create your very own barn quilt. Paint your own 2'x2' barn quilt. Hang it on your house, in your house, potting shed, barn or on your porch. It's all outdoor paint, ready to go inside or outside. The boards are sanded, primed, and have the design already drawn. It's a paint by number workshop. So easy! The hardest part is

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Do you have questions on the upcoming Veterinary Feed Directive? Attend the upcoming meeting to be held at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau on Tuesday, December 20 from 10:30 - 1:30. Speakers include Dr. Bob Ebbesmeyer, DVM, Mike Milder from Vita Plus Feeds and Sam Fleming from Elanco. A catered lunch will be served, but please call to RSVP to assist with meal and material planning. To RSVP, call the Stephenson County Farm Bureau at 815.232.3186.

Farm Fun Fact: Throughout the United States, nearly 450,000 acres of land are planted in Christmas trees, including 6,355 in Illinois.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
QUICKEN LOANS, INC  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
TIPTON J. GILLEY (DECEASED), et al  
Defendants

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 20, 2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County will at 9:30 AM on January 19, 2017, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave., (West Door), FREEPORT, IL 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 112 CAMP STREET, Lena, IL 61048 Property Index No. 11-07-33-177-001 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$71,337.57. Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: POTESIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 223 WEST JACKSON BLVD, STE 610, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 263-0003. Please refer to file number C15-31620. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potesivolaw.com 1709453

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT ILLINOIS  
Illinois Housing Development Authority  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Jeremy A. Harnish; Unknown Owners and

Non-Record Claimants  
Defendants.

410 West Garfield Street,  
Freeport, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on October 18, 2016, the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office will on January 19, 2017, at the hour of 9:30 AM at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
Commonly known as 410 West Garfield Street, Freeport, IL 61032  
Parcel Number(s): 18-19-06-177-018  
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence.

Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 16-008484.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT ILLINOIS  
Illinois Housing Development Authority

Plaintiff,

vs.

Joshua L. Wishard; Alysca A. Niedermeier, FKA Alysca A. Wishard; The State of Illinois; Citizens State Bank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
Defendants.

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321 West Main Street, Dakota, IL 61018

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on September 20, 2016, the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office will on January 19, 2017, at the hour of 9:30 AM at the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 321 West Main Street, Dakota, IL 61018

Parcel Number(s): 14-09-36-127-001  
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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 15-025611.

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- 216 W. MASON ST., LENA, IL  
- 9 E. STEPHENSON ST., FREEPORT, IL

**DEC. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-  
LIGHT SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M. IN LENA  
(COMBINED PEARL CITY & LENA)**

## **EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF LENA**

720 N FREEDOM ST., LENA, IL  
815-369-5591

**DEC. 18 • CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM AT 10:00 A.M. DURING THE  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**DEC. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 5:30 P.M.**

**DEC. 25 • CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT  
10:00 A.M. (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL,  
ABF, NURSERY OR CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH).**

## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**

118 E. MASON ST., LENA, IL  
815-369-5552

**DEC. 18 • CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM AT 9:30 A.M.**

**DEC. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M. AND  
7:30 P.M. WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY OUR  
CHOIR AND TONE CHIME CHOIR**

**DEC. 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE -  
LESSONS & CAROLS AT 9:30 A.M.**

## **GRACE FREE**

### **METHODIST CHURCH**

205 E. MAIN ST., McCONNELL, IL  
815-868-9213

**DEC. 18 • KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**DEC. 24 • CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS  
EVE SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M.**

**DEC. 25 • CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY  
SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. (McCONNELL  
UMC WILL JOIN US)**

## **LENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

118 W. MASON ST., LENA, IL  
815-369-5291

**DEC. 18 • CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM AND MAGIC SHOW AT 9 A.M.**

**DEC. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 4:30 P.M.**

**DEC. 25 • CHRISTMAS MORNING  
SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.**

## **McCONNELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

211 HULBERT RD., McCONNELL, IL  
815-868-2324

**DEC. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**DEC. 25 • CHRISTMAS MORNING JOINT  
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM.  
AT GRACE FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

## **SALEM UNITED**

### **CHURCH OF CHRIST, LENA**

### **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF**

### **CHRIST, PEARL CITY**

### **EBENEZER UNITED CHURCH**

### **OF CHRIST, PEARL CITY**

8491 W. SALEM RD., LENA, IL  
815-369-4511

**DEC. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE IN LENA AT 7:00  
P.M.; IN PEARL CITY AT 9:00 P.M. AT  
EBENEZER CHURCH**

**DEC. 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES:  
9 A.M. AT EBENEZER CHURCH,  
PEARL CITY  
10:30 A.M. AT LENA**

## **St. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)**

625 COUNTRY LANE DR., LENA, IL  
815-369-4035

**DEC. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP AT  
3:30 & 5:30 P.M.**

**DEC. 25 • CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP  
AT 9:30 A.M.**

