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Stockton's season still settling in

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Over the past two seasons Stockton Boys' Basketball Head Coach John Hammann has helped oversee this team as it worked its way to 36 total wins. During the 2014-2015 season, the Blackhawks finished 13 games above .500, crossing the 20-win plateau for the first time since they claimed the Regional Championship following completion of the 2007-2008 regular season. Prior to that, Stockton experienced two additional 20-win seasons under former Head Coach Gary Timpe as his team finished 28-5 in 2004 and 25-5 one season later.

This season is still to unfold. The 2015-2016 season pushed Stockton back below .500, as they completed their play with a 13-19 mark. With conference matches against Dakota and Warren already in the books, a picture is starting to set-up for Stockton and they are starting to see how they might fit in, when talk of a conference chase surfaces.

This Thursday, Dec. 8, Stockton plays at Scales Mound. It's a good match-up and one the Blackhawks will have to pencil as important, in the plan to influence how things may go.

A good test is issued this Saturday as the Blackhawks join with many other programs from across northern Illinois in a battle with the AFC Raiders in the Fulton-Rt. 84 Tourney. On Monday, Dec. 12, Stockton faces Scales Mound in the Rt. 84 Tourney. Stockton will take on the host Fulton Steamers Wednesday, Dec. 14 before they prepare to close the annual get-together with a game against Unity Christian on Friday, Dec. 16.

Game play ceases until after the Christmas Holiday is celebrated. Stockton sets up the week of Dec. 26 with game play at the Erie Invitational Tournament. Matches in Erie run through the end of the year, with no additional action taking place for Stockton until the Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 match at home against River Ridge appears on the schedule.

It's back to West Carroll Saturday, Jan. 7 as the Blackhawks begin their final push towards finding out how much their time spent on the court is going to affect how things work out in late February.

The Lady Blackhawks host Polo on Wednesday, Dec. 7 before they leave for a visit with the co-op of

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TONY CARTON PHOTO The Scoop Today

Settling in for a chat

Brinley and Adalyn Downey came Saturday afternoon to talk with Santa and Mrs. Claus about the possibility of finding a big big tractor under the tree on Christmas morning.

Warren hoping to reset season following tournament play

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Warren has been running into a few problems as they attempt to work through the early season NUIC schedule. The matches haven't been favorable to start and more tough matches are still waiting.

Outside of an opening night win over Orangeville, 52-51, the wins have been tough to come by. Durand won on night two. They are favored to go a long way this season. Galena and East Dubuque put up 55 points apiece in wins over Warren and the Pecatonica Lady Indians, who many feel are also a much-improved pro-

gram, won to close down November. A physical match against West Carroll followed.

The Lady Warriors saw the Ashton-Franklin Center Lady Raiders find holes in their defense during the Thursday, Dec. 1 match. The 60-22 score highlighted the team's challenges stopping the inside play.

AFC exploited the opportunities given to them early in the game. There was a feel that the match was well-over, even after just one period of play. Warren struggled to score. One basket is all they could muster in the opening minutes. The Lady Raiders scored 23 points.

In the second quarter it felt like more of the same. This time around Warren couldn't work around the AFC defense and scored four points as a result. The Lady Raiders were kept a little more in check, but following the ten-point quarter win, the halftime score leaned heavily towards the home team. AFC was in front 37-6.

In the third quarter a few more looks opened for Warren, but they could still only put six points on the board. AFC was held to 13. After three the Lady Warriors trailed 50-12.

In the final period additional players saw quality minutes. The two NUIC combatants scored ten points each. AFC claimed the win with the 60-22 margin. On Saturday, Dec. 3,

Amboy-Lamoille paid a visit to Warren and on Monday, Dec. 5, West Carroll played host. A day later, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, Warren traveled to River Ridge/Scales Mound.

A schedule featuring a non-conference showdown with Dixon waits this Saturday, Dec. 10 before Warren

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Dick Bergman, Bill Lucke, and Ann Coppernoll check the layout for the trains on display in the Stockton Heritage Museum.



Members of Stockton Boy Scout Troop 31 use their new Rocket Stove to make the chili for their soup and sandwich fundraiser held in conjunction with the Stockton Candy Cane Christmas celebration.



Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived via fire truck at Stella's Café and Catering to the delight of dozens of excited children of all ages during Stockton's Candy Cane Christmas festivities



Hundreds of celebrants passed through the Stockton Heritage Museum Annex Saturday afternoon carefully tasting the 20 or so contenders in the First Annual Better with Brewster Mac and Cheese Bake Off.

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opens the Christmas holiday games beginning Dec. 12 against Milledgeville. Additional matches against West Carroll, Pearl City and Orangeville will all have to be played before the Lady Warriors close out 2016 and welcome 2017 in with a game at home against the Eastland Lady Cougars on Jan. 4, 2017.

Warren travels to Stockton on Jan. 6 and moves to Galena on Jan. 9 as the second leg of the NUIC season kicks-in full force.

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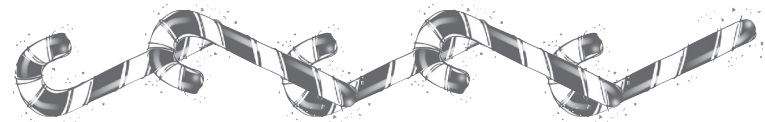
River Ridge/Scales Mound this Friday, Dec. 9. As the Lady Blackhawks frosh/soph team plays in the Galena Invitational beginning this Tuesday, Dec. 13, their varsity counterparts ready for their own visit to

Galena, on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Similar to the boys' schedule, the Lady Blackhawks take time off for Christmas before they jump back into the tournament swing as a participant in the annual Erie Invitational Tournament beginning Monday, Dec. 26 and running through Friday, Dec. 30.

2017 opens with the Lady Blackhawks on the road against Big Northern "trouble-provider" Stillman Valley on Jan. 4. Stockton sees its first home action of the second half of the winter sports season at home, on Friday, Jan. 6, in a game against Warren.

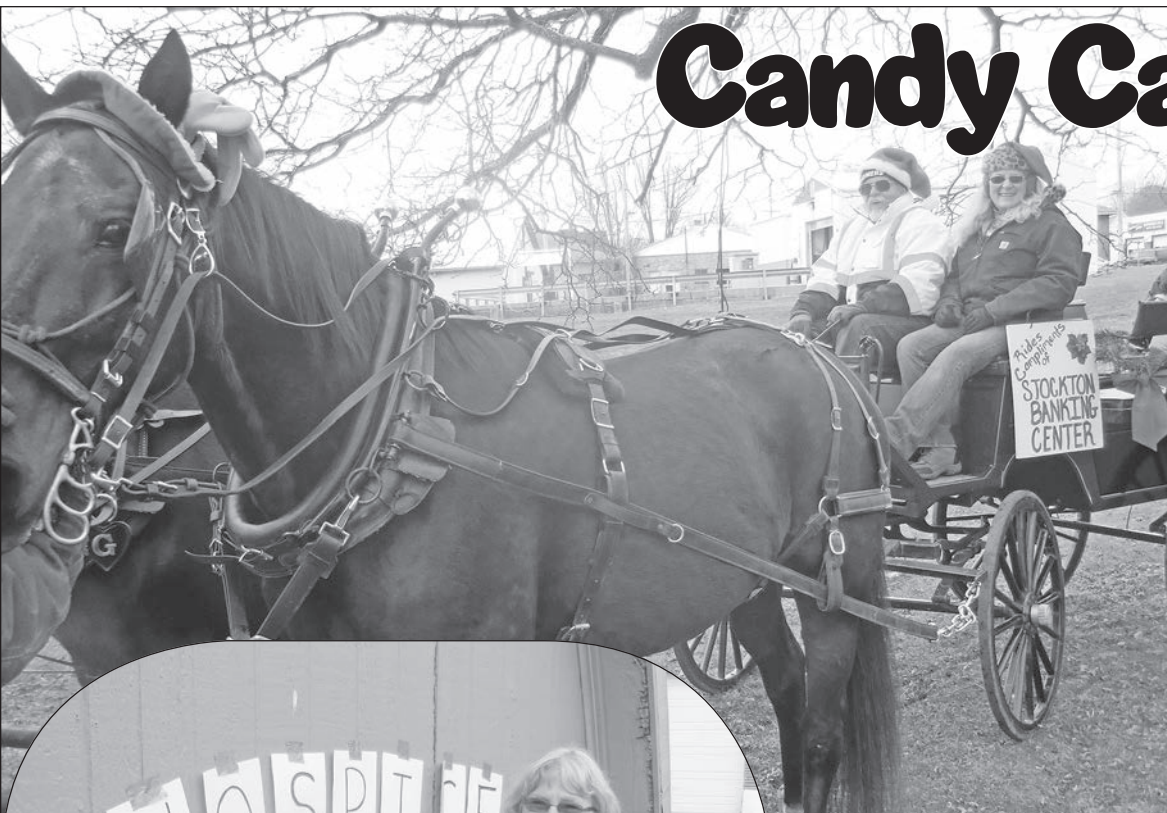
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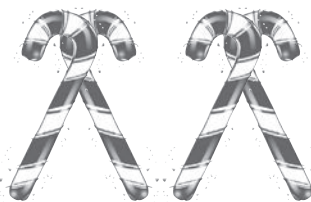
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 Stockton Banking Center sponsored the Silk rug Stable horse and wagon rides on Saturday afternoon in conjunction with Stockton's Candy Cane Christmas celebration.



By mid afternoon Saturday, Mary Stayner was just about sold out of the garlands and wreaths she was promoting to benefit Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois.

(Right) Emily June Gothard and her grandma Laurie carefully shopped the silent auction held in the museum annex Saturday afternoon.



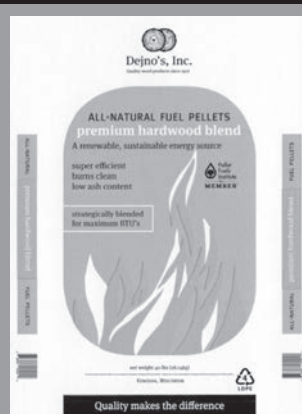
Stockton Servant Leadership offers holiday cookie trays

This winter season, the Stockton High School chapter of the Highland Community College Servant Leadership will be organizing cookie trays at \$7 per tray.

Proceeds will be donated to the Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois. To place your orders call Laurie at (815) 238-2783 Alexis at (217) 274-0768 before Dec. 23. On behalf of your local Stockton Servant Leadership members; thank you.

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact James C. Goken, Township Supervisor, at 2704 E. Stagecoach Trail, Apple River, IL. 61001. Phone # (815) 492-2137

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2015 were \$47,158.20.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2016 are \$54,231.00. This represents a 15% increase over the previous year.

The Road District and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2015 were \$58,871.23.

The proposed Road District and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2016 are \$67,701.00. This represents a 15% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2015 were \$0.00

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2016 are \$0.00. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2015 were \$106,029.43.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2016 are \$121,932.00. This represents a 15% increase over the previous year.

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

“We’ll meet in the middle”
I’m going to start this column off on a positive note before we talk about some of the issues going on in Springfield. How about those Forrester Cardinals? State Champions again for the second time in three years. I don’t think it’s too much of a stretch to say that we have one of the best athletic conferences in the state here in North-west Illinois. We are proud of our student athletes, and we are especially proud that a local team has once again become state champions. Congratulations to Forrester High School!

Now on to some less than happy news... You all know the story of Illinois’ fiscal troubles: politicians made promises they couldn’t keep and now we find ourselves trying to dig out of a chasm armed with only a spoon. Our chickens have certainly come home to roost, and there’s no way around the inevitable. It’s time to tighten our belts just like many of you have done with your family budgets during this rough patch in the American economy.

Senate Week in Review

Lawmakers returned to Springfield Nov. 29, for the final week of the fall 2016 veto session.

Dominating legislative action were continued leaders’ meetings to find a path forward on a full-year budget, the approval of an energy bill that would keep two nuclear plants operating, the desire to ensure the Automatic Voter Registration measure prevents fraud and complies with federal law, and the Governor’s veto of a Chicago Public Schools bailout.

Budget negotiations to continue

The Governor and legislative leaders met four times during the past week in Springfield in an attempt to move forward with the framework of a balanced, full-year budget with

Here are the facts: our liabilities far outweigh our assets, and right now we are threatened by a brain drain that is only worsened by an outward net migration to taxpayer-friendly states. It doesn’t matter the political party with which you identify because these are irrefutable facts. We face some serious challenges, and only by taking a serious approach to the budget will we ever find our way out of this mess.

The state of Illinois needs to learn to be a responsible adult, and sometimes that means knowing when to say “No.” There is never – and will never – be any shortage of good government programs that are fueled by the best of intentions, but we are past the point of funding programs that aren’t absolutely necessary.

In my opinion, we need to focus our efforts on funding the most vital programs: education, healthcare, necessary human services, public safety and retirement obligations. It is imperative that we focus on maintaining as many existing programs as possible. Any

structural reforms. Reforms are an integral part of passing a balanced budget, which in turn would help set Illinois on a sustainable path toward prosperity. Incorporating these reforms in the budget process would provide billions in savings, while at the same time helping to alleviate the exodus of jobs leaving Illinois. Without these reforms, the state will continue down the same destructive path it’s been on, which would be a disservice to the residents of Illinois.

Gov. Bruce Rauner has shown his willingness to compromise to achieve a full-year budget; however, he announced this week that he would only sign another stop-gap budget if it contained term limits and a permanent property tax freeze.

discussion of additional programs only adds complications to the most vulnerable among us who absolutely need help.

That’s where I stand, and for the most part, that’s where Governor Rauner stands. The other side has made their stance pretty clear. I like to think of their approach as Oprah Winfrey handing out prizes for her studio audience. “You get a car! You get a car! And you get a car!” Or in this case: “Here’s a new program! Here’s a new program! And here’s a new program!”

So that’s where the two sides stand. Are we far apart? Absolutely. Are we too far apart to where some sort of compromise can’t be reached? Absolutely not. In my experience, there is always common ground that can be found.

It is paramount that we seek some form of compromise immediately. The temporary stopgap spending plan is set to expire, and there is no budget in sight. One thing that I can say

to you, my constituents, is that I have been applying pressure on my fellow members to find a long lasting solution to the budget crisis. I would hope and trust that members on the other side are doing the same with their leadership. We need a solution, and we need it now!

I was encouraged to hear that the Governor and legislative leaders have agreed to serious meetings on the budget. Unfortunately, Speaker Madigan does not appear to be taking these meetings seriously. We learned that Speaker Madigan did not attend the first scheduled meeting. Then when he was asked about the fact he missed the meeting, he inexplicably lashed out at the Senate Minority leader for spending Thanksgiving with her family and the Governor because he took a few days off. Is this really how we are going to act when the fate of our state’s budget is on the line?

As I write this from Springfield, it is unclear whether these meetings will take place or whether the Speaker will

try to run out the clock with powerless working groups that have not been able to reach any sort of compromise. The practice of sending proxies in his stead needs to end immediately. I hope and trust that the Speaker will actually decide to meet and negotiate in good faith with the Governor. Our sides are miles apart, but that doesn’t mean we can’t find a road to compromise.

If I can share just one message with my friends on the other side of the aisle, I would share with them some folksy wisdom from one of my favorite country songs. As Diamond Rio once sang: “I’ll start walking your way, you start walking mine, we’ll meet in the middle, ‘neath that old Illinois pine, we gain a lot of ground, when we both give a little, there ain’t no road too long, when you meet in the middle.”

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and meet their budgetary goals.

According to a study funded by electric customers, not by power companies, the closures of the Clinton and Cordova Nuclear plants would cost residential power customers \$115 million more annually, and hit businesses with \$249 million in added costs every year. The study was released by economists at The Brattle Group, a global consulting firm.

Automatic voter registration

On Nov. 29, the House of Representatives failed to override the governor’s amendatory veto of Senate Bill 250, the Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) bill. There are concerns the measure, as drafted, would run afoul of federal election law, while at the same time opening the door to voter fraud. Ensuring the proper mechanisms were included in the measure was the key reason Senate Republicans supported the Governor’s amendatory veto.

As written, Senate Bill 250 would have required that people automatically be registered to vote when they have contact with certain state agencies. For most, they would be registered when they obtain or renew a driver’s license. Currently, a person

must agree to be registered to vote. Under the legislation, a person would automatically be registered unless they asked not to be.

CPS bailout vetoed

When lawmakers came to agreement this past June on a temporary stop-gap budget, one component of that budget included \$215 million for the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) to pay Chicago teachers’ pension. In approving the measure, the Governor and four legislative leaders agreed that funds would only be allocated once comprehensive pension reform was reached after the November election, which was the request of Democratic leaders. It was in the spirit of this agreement that Senate Republicans supported this approach.

Unfortunately, Democrats denied this week that such an agreement ever existed and presented Senate Bill 2822 to the Governor for this approval. By breaking their agreement, the Governor had no other choice than to veto the measure, thereby denying CPS the \$215 million in funds.

It is time for the games to stop, and it is time to put Illinois on the right fiscal track.

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff’s Office requests public assistance with burglary investigation

Jo Daviess County Deputies took a report of burglary to a rural East Dubuque business in mid-November.

In the burglary, a dark colored older model Buick LeSabre enters parking lot. Unknown white male then breaks glass door to make entry to business. Unknown white male then made several trips in and out of the business removing 5 chainsaws and 5 cement saws.

Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is encouraged to call Dubuque/Jo Daviess Crime Stoppers at 1-800-747-0117, or the Jo Daviess County Sheriff’s Office at (815) 777-2141. Persons providing information that lead to an arrest may be eligible for a monetary reward of up to \$1,000. Callers are reminded that they may remain anonymous.



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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

BETTY A. DONALDSON

Betty A. Donaldson, 66, of Polo, passed away Nov. 18, 2016, at CGH Medical Center, Sterling. Betty was born June 18, 1950, in Morrison, the daughter of Henry and O'Delia (Brinkman) Johnson. On May 9, 1970, in Lena, she was united in marriage to Deryl Donaldson (he preceded her on Feb. 27, 1997). Betty attended the Elkhorn United Methodist Church, in Polo. She enjoyed playing with her grandchildren, games on the computer and watching the Green Bay Packers and Cubs win the World Series. Given all Betty had been through she always had a positive attitude.

Survivors include sons Jeffrey (Ana) Donaldson Sr. and Patrick (Kathleen) Donaldson both of Polo; sisters Karen Rogahn of Monroe, WI, and Ruby (Dennis) Shultz of Lena; brother Mark Johnson of Rockford; grandchildren Justina Donaldson of Polo, Natalie Jensen of Appleton, WI, Deryl L., Faith, Emilee Donaldson of Polo, Karen Cazango, Jeffrey Jr. and Henry Donaldson of Polo..

She was preceded in death by brother-in-law Tom Rogahn.

Funeral services were held Nov. 22, at Polo Family Funeral Home, 110 E. Dixon. Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery, Polo, immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established Village of Progress, Oregon, IL.

Visit www.polofamilyfuneralhome.com to send condolences

NORMA J. LUNDGREN

Norma J. Lundgren, aged 86, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 at the Good Samaritan Society in Mt. Carroll. Visitation and funeral services were held Dec. 6, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Carroll. Burial took place in Oak Hill Cemetery in Mt. Carroll. A memorial fund has been established in Norma's memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Norma's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Norma was born on Nov. 23, 1930 in Freeport, Illinois, the daughter of Henry and Iva (Tamer) Ginther. She attended Mt. Carroll High School and graduated with the Class of 1948. Norma later attended Nurses Training at Moline Public Hospital in Moline, Illinois and did some graduate work at The Hague Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey; and later went to work for Savanna City Hospital, retiring in 1977. Norma continued her nursing skills, volunteering at Camp Benson as camp nurse, administering many allergy shots and general nursing duties. Feb. 20, 1954, Norma married the love of her life, Wallace Linnae Lundgren, in Mt. Carroll. Linnae passed away in 1982.

Norma was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Carroll; she was also a member

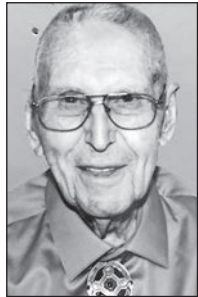
of the American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed knitting, quilting, and needlework, flower gardening, and growing house plants. Norma loved music and always enjoyed playing the organ for church services, weddings and funerals for 50+ years. Most of all Norma cherished the time she spent with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Norma will be lovingly remembered by her four children, Theresa (Blake) Harrop of Downers Grove, Illinois, James (Beverly) Lundgren of Mt. Carroll, Carol (Bradley) Fritz of Fulton, Illinois, Susan (Rick) Volz of Sterling; ten grandchildren, Brian (Lisa) Fritz, Bruce (Nicki) Fritz, Diane Harrop, Bryce Harrop, Chelsey (Fernando) Ramirez, Garrett (Alicia) Volz, Warren Lundgren, Mason Lundgren, Haley Lundgren, Ian Lundgren; several great-grandchildren; a sister, Gloria (Merle) Horwedel of Sterling, Illinois. Norma was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Iletta Duck and her parents.

NORMAN L. NOLL

Norman L. Noll, age 94, of Stockton, IL, formally of Freeport, IL and Mesa, AZ, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at the home of his nephew.

The son of Charles and Anna (Lyons) Noll, he was born in rural Stockton on April 20, 1922.



Birth

GARRETT BLOCK

Brandon and Heather Block of Pearl City, IL announce the birth of their son Garrett Wes Block Saturday Nov. 19, 2016 at Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe Wi

Garrett has two brothers, Hunter, age 11 and Clayton age 1 and a three-year-old sister, Lily.

His grandparents are Jim and Kim Doyle of Lena IL, Wesley and Khrist Block of Pearl City IL, and Robert and Christine Gorham of Freeport IL.

Great grandparents are Kenneth and Patricia Knoup of Dakota, IL, James and Bonnie Gorham of Freeport IL, and Yvonne and Lavern Voss Pearl City IL.



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On June 16, 1945 he married Phyllis Polhill. She died Dec. 24, 2008.

Norman was a 1940 graduate of Stockton High School. He owned a milk hauling business for many years in the Freeport area and delivered parts for General Auto before retiring to Mesa, AZ in 1972. While there, he had several part time jobs. In Sept. 2007, Norman and Phyllis moved back to Stockton to live with his nephew and wife, Wayne and Donna Noll.

Norman's favorite passion in life was visiting with friends and telling stories of his life. He was a kind and gentle man with many friends.

Surviving are many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Phyllis, he was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, and his beloved schnauzer, Honeybear.

A visitation will be held at the Hermann Funeral Home on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. The funeral will be Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m., also at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. A memorial fund has been established for FHN Hospice. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois participate in Before I Die project

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

"Before I Die..." is a global public art project that invites people to reflect on their lives and share their personal aspirations in a public place.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is joining the movement and conversation about the "Before I die..." wall and hope using this concept on our Christmas Tree will encourage people to start a healthcare conversation before it is needed and spread awareness that hospice is about how to live making it easier to talk about hard topics, like death.

Hospice volunteers have printed out chalkboard tags (courtesy of Ink & Paper in Stockton) to add as decorations on the hospice Christmas tree and want to encourage

First Birthday



COLLYNS ELIZABETH WYBOURN

Collyns Elizabeth Wybourn will celebrate her first birthday on Dec. 6. Collyns is the daughter of Nick Wybourn and Dee Petsche of Lena. Her grandparents are Darin and Tammy Wybourn of Lena, Steve and Nancy Petsche of Waddams Grove. Great grandparents are Jim and Diana Burke of Lena, Darryl and Faye Wybourn of Waddams Grove and Marvin Petsche of Scales Mound.

those visiting either the hospice office or the Warren Festival of Trees this holiday season to pick up a tag and write their "Before I die, I want to..." thoughts and then place the tag on the tree. Extra tags will be available to fill out what you want to accomplish - "Before I Die".

The tags will be displayed on the hospice Christmas tree throughout the season. We hope this project will be an inspiration to everyone and help to make it possible to share life stories, talk about future goals and dreams, and start your

healthcare conversation.

Stop by the Warren Festival of Trees at the Warren Community Center, 110 W. Main in Warren between Nov. 27 and Jan. 8, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily to see the Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois tree and pick up some tags to voice your dreams.

For more information you can contact the Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois at their office at 105 S. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois, call them at (815) 947-3260 or email them at volhospice@mediacombb.net.



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Dr. Madelon Kohler-Buscher-- Assistant Professor at UW-Platteville shares her native Germany with River Ridge students Ella Eadie, Torey Winter and Heaven Brother as they explored a variety of cultures and countries during the C.A.T.S. (Communities Active Teaching Students) workshop.



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Sixth Graders study feudalism and medieval culture

Pearl City sixth-graders in Mrs. Scott's class recently created various aspects of a castle while studying feudalism and medieval culture. Using any materials they could find, each student focused on a particular part—for example, the drawbridge, portcullis, or stained-glass window.

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Scales Mound CUSD announces PARCC test plan

Each year Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 is required to take State assessments of learning in grades three through twelve. Prior to 2015, the State assessment was the ISAT exam, which measured if students met grade level academic standards. In 2015, the State introduced the PARCC, which is designed to determine if students are meeting expectations to be college and career ready. In 2015, students took PARCC assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and math at two points in the year, early spring and late spring. The two tests were averaged and students received a final score placing them in one of four categories:

- Exceeding expectations
- Meeting expectations
- Approaching expectations
- Partially meeting expectations
- Did not meet expectations

In 2016, the PARCC assessment was changed to only one test in the late spring. The score students received were then classified in one of the four categories above. Scales Mound teachers and administration use this data to determine what we need to do to help students be successful and be prepared for college and careers. Below is a comparison of the 2016 and 2015 PARCC data. To see additional data and information about the district, go to: (<http://www.illinoisreportcard.com/district.aspx?source=profile&Districtid=08043211026>)

This year the students only in grades 3-8 will be taking the PARCC test while high school juniors will be taking the SAT exam. Teachers and administrators have begun analyzing this data to determine how to help students meet and exceed expectations. This will be an important part of the District's strategic planning. Our goal is to increase the number of students meeting or exceeding standards on the State test and be prepared for the rigors of college or career when they leave Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211.

If you have any questions about the State test, please call Superintendent Dr. Bill Caron at 815-845-2215 Go Hornets!



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Let's build it

Community Unit School District 211 sponsored a STEM afterschool program in conjunction with Afterschool Enrichment Solutions. Students worked on engineering and physics problems through hands on activities. As part of the activity students build a Rube Goldberg "Mouse Trap" chain reaction machine featuring levers, pulleys, and other simple machines. The goal of the activity is to build problem solving skills and teamwork. At the end of the six-week program the students had a building competition and celebration.

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Fun with inflatables

The students at Lena-Winslow Elementary School successfully met their sales goal for the PTO Fall Fundraiser and so, are treated to an Inflatables Party. Every student had an opportunity to run and jump and have lots of fun!

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Community Bank empowers local students to make informed financial decisions

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"From the small rural towns to major cities across the US, EverFi technology is literally transforming how students learn, and we are incredibly grateful for the public-private partnerships that make this possible," said EverFi CEO Tom Davidson. "Community Bank is critical to the success of our mission to ensure that these cutting-edge tools reach all communities."

About Community Bank

Community Bank has four locations in Lena, Orangeville, Warren and Winslow. Established in 1915,

Community Bank was a cornerstone of the Winslow community before expanding to Warren in 1994 to serve an expanding customer base. The bank would continue to grow, establishing offices in Orangeville and Lena. For more information, visit <https://www.cbcommunitybank.com>

About EverFi

EverFi, Inc. is the leading education technology company focused on teaching, assessing, and certifying K-12 and college students in the critical skills they need for life. The company teams with major corporations and foundations to provide the programs at no cost to K-12 schools. Some of America's leading CEOs and venture capital firms are EverFi investors including Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos, Twitter founder Evan Williams, Rethink Education, New Enterprise Associates, Inc. (NEA), and Tomorrow Ventures (the investment arm of Google Chairman Eric Schmidt). Learn more at www.everfi.com

Volunteers needed for 57th Annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle count

The Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF) is seeking volunteers to help with its 57th Annual Mid-Winter Bald Eagle Count to be conducted on Jan. 28 and 29, 2017. This annual mid-winter bald eagle count is being conducted throughout the Midwest from Northern Minnesota to Louisiana. To eliminate duplication the count is actually a three hour 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 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28. 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 36 years. Mr. Ingram states, "This count has been the most important bald eagle count in the nation for many, many years. It was the results of this count in the early 1960's 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 in 2007, there has been no funding for agencies to be involved in monitoring the bald eagle's reproduction. Most all of their reproduction records are just estimates, or extrapolations, of how many young have been raised. This count helps document what percentage of these birds have survived."

The last few years have documented a low percentage of immatures being seen during this count. This is actually lower than the same

low percentage that the count had recorded in the mid to late 1960's. The cause for this low percentage of documented immatures on this count is unknown and any suggestions about a cause have been purely speculative. It could be that the immatures are living somewhere else, or something could actually be affecting their survival: such as starvation; poisoning by chemicals, perhaps as Roundup or Neonicotinoids; or a disease, such as West Nile Virus; or many of the young may be getting killed by vehicles or wind turbines.

Organizations and volunteers 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 along the Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Rock, Pecatonica, Iowa, Maquoketa and Wisconsin Rivers, as well as 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. 28 or 29, 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. 28.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone (815) 594-2306

National board pass rate at 96 percent for Highland Nursing graduates

Statistics released from the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), the nationwide examination for the licensing of nurses, shows a pass rate of 96 percent for Highland Community college nursing program graduates from April to September of 2016. With 28 graduates taking the board exams, Highland's pass rate is well above the national average, which is 84.5 percent.

Jennifer Grobe, interim associate dean, Nursing and Allied Health, said the high NCLEX pass rate is a culmination of more than five years of extensive curriculum revision and hard work by the nursing faculty. She adds, she has been tracking the trends as the students came through the program, but did not know how high the Highland graduates would test until the statistics were released in November.

"What makes me most proud of our program is the hard work of our students and faculty mem-

bers," Grobe said. "We have a unique environment at Highland. We care so much about each student and we want them to succeed. Highland continues to trend higher than other nursing programs in the area."

For those interested in the concept-based nursing program curriculum, contact Jennifer Grobe at ((815) 599-3688 or e-mail her at jennifer.grobe@highland.edu.



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 • *Sunday School 10:15 a.m.*



CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Dec. 11, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Third Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday Dec. 14, 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 Thursday Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Miho will lead devotions at the Friendship Center and at 2 p.m. Good Shepherd Faith and Hannah Circle will host a Birthday Party at Lena Living Center. We will sing Christmas songs, provide birthday gifts, bring treats and wish Happy Birthday to some very special people. Please join us for fun and fellowship in sharing Christ's love.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Dec. 13, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are welcome and invited and then to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible; all are welcome and invited to share in this study time.

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent IL; for more information, please call (815) 601-6742.

Pearl City First UMC

Please join us on Dec. 11, at 8:30 a.m. for worship led by Pastor Matthew Smith. Do you need help with your holiday baking? On Dec. 10, join us for a cookie walk and buy an assortment of your choice of home-made cookies, candies and breads. We will provide a box for you and you may walk around and pick out all of your holiday goodies for \$5 per pound. Become "Star Struck" and join us On Dec. 18, for our Christmas program at 8:30 a.m. For more information about these and other events at Pearl City First UMC, visit our website at www.pearlcityumc.org

St. John Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Dec. 11, for the Third Sunday of Advent. The service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Chancel Choir and the Youth Christmas Program, "Hoity, Toity Angel." Members of the Church Council will be available at Coffee with Council after worship to address any questions or concerns. The Property Committee and the Stewardship and Outreach Committees will all meet after worship. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. SCRIP orders will be due on Dec. 11.

The Fifth Quarter Youth group (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, followed by the

Genesis youth group (high school) at 7:30 p.m. Both groups will meet in the Youth and Family Center.

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)!

Bible Studies continue to be held at St. John's in the Conference Room on Mondays at 7 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Members and non members alike are invited to join the Bible Study discussions. The East door to the Lower Level is open for your convenience.

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

St. Paul's

On Sunday Dec. 11, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, in Kent will light the candle of Joy, the third candle on the Advent Wreath, during their 10 a.m. family worship. Connie Smith will read the scriptures, and Deb Winning will play the organ. A solo, "Mary's Song" by Buryl Red, will be sung by Pastor Andres. The sermon will be "Blessed Art Thou among Women," based upon Luke 1:26 -38.

Holy Communion will be celebrated. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Join us at the Little Church with the Big Heart in the suburbs of Kent at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. For more information, please call (815) 232-4010.

Wesley United Methodist Church

Wesley United Methodist Church will be having the Connections Christmas program during the 10:45 worship service on Dec. 11. Join us and enjoy what the young people have prepared for us. Everyone is welcome. Dec. 24, will be our Christmas Eve candle light service. Please come and share this special service with us. Dec. 25, - The community Christmas dinner will be at Holy Cross. Come by yourself or bring a friend or your family and join us for a delicious meal prepared and served by volunteers from Stockton churches. Good fellowship is enjoyed as we share the joy of Christ's birth.

Visit our face book page: Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church to check out current events, photos and prayer postings. You can also visit our website; www.stocktonwumc.org or call (815) 601-6742 for information.

Wesley is located at the corner of Hudson and Benton Sts and is handicap accessible. Regular worship times are Spark Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:45.



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Santa's receiving line

Folks representing Saint John's Lutheran Church of Lena greeted hundreds of holiday celebrants as they entered Citizen's State Bank to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

McConnell United Methodist Church to host free movie day

McConnell United Methodist Church will be holding a fun afternoon and evening of free Christmas movies for the entire family on Sunday, Dec. 11. We welcome everyone

to join in the activities of the day.

The fun starts at 2 p.m. with Bing Crosby in the classic "White Christmas." Then, at 4 p.m. the new family favorite, "Elf"...with a pizza dinner is provided. And finally, we "wrap up" the evening with "The Nativity Story" at 6 p.m.

All films will be shown in the gym of the church. Concessions will be available during each movie.

McConnell UMC is located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd, one block north of Main St., in the heart of McConnell.

Neverly Brothers return to Holy Cross in Stockton

The Neverly Brothers are coming back, as promised, on Dec. 10 to Holy Cross Parish in Stockton. The festive evening begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dancing from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets cover food and drinks and are \$15 per person and available now. Please call (815) 947-2545. Blue suede shoes are recommended.



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Invitation to Bid 2nd Request Stockton Community Unit School District #206

Note: Each project should be bid separately.

Project #1, bid #1: Bid should include the following:

1. Remove all bleachers in High School gym in preparation for gym floor replacement.
2. Remove all existing flooring.
3. Replace up to 10% of existing sub-floor (any additional repair will require a change order).

Project #2, bid #2: Bid should include the following:

1. Provide and install 21/4 x 25/32" second grade or better MFMA approved strip maple flooring.
2. Sand and seal bleacher area and re-install bleachers.

Project #3, bid #3: Bid should include the following:

1. Sand floor with machines that require 208 volt, 3-phase, 200 amp electric.
2. Apply two (2) coats of Oil Modified Urethane (OMU) sanding sealer.
3. Paint the following: Main basketball court with 3 point arc, main volleyball court, cross basketball toe stubs (4), cross volleyball (2), badminton (4), three (5) dot agility, center circle logo one color, side main court lettering "STOCKTON" and "BLACKHAWKS"
4. Additional artwork may be added at a future date as a change order.
5. Apply two (2) coats of High Solids Oil Modified Urethane Gym Finish (VOC Compliant)

Other Notes:

1. Bids should be based on carpentry and prevailing wage.
2. Contractor is responsible for legal disposal of all materials associated with these projects.
3. Work is to be completed between March 26-April 26, 2017 (approximate dates).
4. Call Deanna Smith, Maintenance Director, with questions at 815-947-3391.
5. Bid packets may be picked up prior to submitting bids at the District Office, 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois.
6. The Board of Education has the right to refuse any and all bids.

Deadline for submission of sealed bids marked "Stockton High School Gym Floor Projects" is Friday, December 16, 2016, at 2 pm.

Send or drop off sealed bids to the following address:
Stockton Community Unit School District #206
Attention: Dr. David D Gilliland, Superintendent
540 N Rush Street
Stockton, Illinois 61085

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Scales Mound School Spelling Bee

On Nov. 23, students from grades three through eight competed in the Scales Mound School Spelling Bee prior to their Thanksgiving Break. The spelling bee lasted twenty-three rounds before Benjamin Vandigo was declared the winner. He will advance to a regional spelling bee in January at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, along with second place finisher Ava Travis, and third place finisher Isaac Heffernan.

Benjamin Vandigo is the son on Greg and Jennifer Vandigo, Ava Travis is the daughter of Brad and Anya Travis, and Isaac Heffernan is the son of Gene Heffernan and Susan Bader.

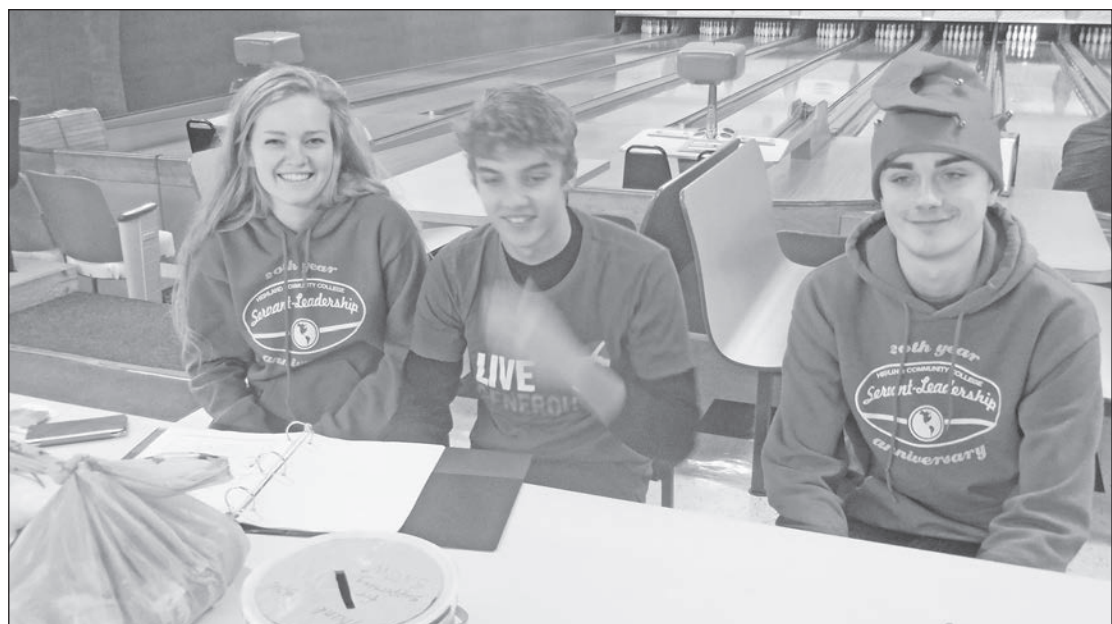
Spelling Bee participants are Front Row: L-R: Zoie Koehler, Anna Wentz, Anne Cocagne, Isaac Heffernan, Benjamin Vandigo, Ava Travis, Eeric Kieffer, Kaelan Schuster
2nd Row: Kaden Duerr, Kortney Kudronovicz, Garrett Pickel, Taylor Korte, Collin Malin, Logan Pehl, Charles Wiegel, Ava Wiederholt. Missing from photo Tom Winter.



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Christmas Walk

Some of the children that came Saturday morning to discuss their Christmas wish lists with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Stockton Public Library were a little shy and some were not.



Kali Haas, Luke Huschitt, and Christian Kampmeier manned the registration table for Saturday afternoon's Bowling for a Buck event hosted by Stockton Bowling Lanes to benefit SNOW, the Stockton High School Servant Leadership nutritional outreach program.

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Bid Form – Motor Vehicle Fuel Stockton Community Unit School District #206 January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

The District is soliciting bids for **Unleaded Gasoline, 5% Bio-Diesel Fuel, and LP Autogas Fuel** for the period of January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

Fuel bids should represent the price of fuel that would be charged as of December 15, 2016. Federal Motor Fuel Tax should **not** be included in bid price. The successful bidder will complete available tax exemptions and paperwork. **Invoices confirming bidder's cost must accompany bid and be made available to the District during the contract period.** Amount above cost will be kept confidential. **Bids must be received by 3:00 pm on Thursday, December 15, 2016.** Bids should be sent or delivered to the District office at 540 N Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085. Please indicate in the lower left hand corner of the envelope the following: **Bid Enclosed – Do Not Open.** The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Unleaded Gasoline

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Candy Cane Christmas

One of Santa's helpers Linda Dillon was kept busy restocking shelves and visiting with customers during Saturday's Candy Cane Christmas in downtown Stockton.



Hanna and Haley Leitzen came to Stockton Bowling Lanes with their parents Matt and Kristy to enjoy Bowling for a Buck an event hosted by the lanes to benefit the Highland Community College Servant Leadership, Stockton High School Chapter SNOW project.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts nine new members into international honor society

Highland Community College's chapter of the international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), inducted new members during a recent ceremony held in the HCC Student/Conference Center.

To be eligible for membership, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours toward their associate degree while having a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average.

In addition to academic achievement and scholarship, PTK members have conducted voter registration on campus, sponsored poetry reading and essay contests, and held movie and discussion nights throughout the

year. In recent years, they have conducted blood drives, food drives and children's book drives, and sponsored families at Christmas.

Fall 2016 Inductees:

Stockton: Drew Groezinger

Warren Township Public Library to host card crafting workshop

The Warren Township Public Library will be hosting a card crafting workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 13; starting at 6 p.m. Participants will be able to create five uniquely designed cards just in time for the Christmas season. All crafting supplies will be provided.

Reservations are strongly encouraged. A fee of \$5 per person is requested to cover the cost of card making supplies. Contact Library Director Elizabeth Myelle at the library to reserve your seat or with any questions (815) 745-2076 or warren.township.public.library@gmail.com. The Warren Township Public Library is located at 210 Burnett Ave. in Warren, Illinois.

Warren Women's Club to hold special meeting

President Ruth Langfield has called a special meeting of Club on Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Community Building. This is to discuss a fund raiser for the roof of the Community Building. This is in conjunction with the Village, more will be revealed at the meeting. All members are requested to attend this meeting. Thank you.

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Lena-Winslow places third in section Agronomy CDE

Three teams of FFA members traveled to Eastland on Nov. 30, to compete in the Section One Agronomy CDE. At this CDE students were required to identify 25 different crop seeds, judge rings of silage, hay, oats, corn, beans, wheat, and identify weeds. This Career Development Event is a great way for students to learn about the field of agronomy and how this knowledge can be used in real life working at their own farm or in a local agriculture business. Lena-Winslow placed third as a team at the contest with a team consisting of all freshmen: Hannah Milliken, Bailey Leamon, Grant Fiedler, Beau Linden and Ashlyn Enck. We are especially proud of our two individuals that placed in the top ten as individuals: beau Linden was seventh overall and Grant Fiedler was tenth.



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Fourth Graders study the Industrial Revolution

Mrs. Brouhard's fourth grade class at Pearl City has been studying the Industrial Revolution. They learned about several important inventions, including the assembly line. They simulated an assembly line to create Henry Ford's Model T out of candy. Each student was responsible for one part of the car. They worked in three groups and each group assembled 8 cars.

Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing lists November winners

Twelve sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County comprise the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing (a cooperative fundraiser). Daily cash prizes between \$50 and \$250 are awarded for 365 days from Oct.

1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017 to those donating for a ticket. A ticket can win multiple times throughout the year.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boost-

ers, Eastland Athletic Boosters, Galena ARC, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters, West Carroll Sports Boosters and West Carroll Yearbook.

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- 2nd. Wednesday. \$50 – Fried Green Tomatoes, Galena
- 3rd. Thursday. \$50 – Elizabeth McCormick, Westchester
- 4th. Friday. \$50 – Adria Ramey, Galena
- 5th. Saturday. \$50 – Joan Peters, Galena
- 6th. Sunday. \$50 – Adam & Marcie Stephan, Roselle
- 7th. Monday. \$50 – Beaver Miller, Savanna
- 8th. Tuesday. \$50 – April Glazier, Thomson
- 9th. Wednesday. \$50 – Jack & Mary Stayner, Stockton
- 10th. Thursday. \$50 – Francis Bergfeld, East Dubuque
- 11th. Friday. \$150 – Dave & Maggie Richmond, Hanover
- 12th. Saturday. \$50 – Stacey Rogers, Lanark
- 13th. Sunday. \$50 – Anne Anderson, Freeport
- 14th. Monday. \$50 – Eric Offenheiser, Stockton
- 15th. Tuesday. \$50 – Paula Gerke, Kent
- 16th. Wednesday. \$50 – Josh Miller, East Dubuque
- 17th. Thursday. \$50 – Aaron Heim, Galena
- 18th. Friday. \$50 – Bretlyn Decker, Central City, IA
- 19th. Saturday. \$50 – Taegen Ertmer, Elizabeth
- 20th. Sunday. \$50 – Diane Heller, Galena
- 21st. Monday. \$50 – Tom Jones, Stockton
- 22nd. Tuesday. \$50 – Joyce Krohmer, Elizabeth



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Celebrating Thanksgiving

The Pearl City first graders enjoyed putting together a teepee and creating pilgrim hats and Native American vests complete with symbols as part of their Thanksgiving Week activities.



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suant to the Fair Debt Collec-
tion Practices Act, you are ad-
vised that Plaintiff's attorney is
deemed to be a debt collector
attempting to collect a debt and
any information obtained will
be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

MARY JO DELIHANT; JUDE
T DELIHANT; LESLEY M
DELIHANT; THE GALENA
TERRITORY ASSOCIATION,
INC.; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIM-
ANTS,
DEFENDANTS.

16 CH 36

2 LOST RIDGE
GALENA, IL 61036
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU,
Jude T Delihant
Unknown Owners and
Non-Record Claimants
defendants, that this case has
been commenced in this Court
against you and other defen-
dants, asking for the foreclosure
of a certain Mortgage convey-
ing the premises described as
follows, to wit:

LOT 2 OF SHENANDOAH
UNIT 6 OF BRANIGAR'S
THE GALENA TERRITORY
LOCATED IN THE NORTH-
EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTH-
WEST 1/4; THE NORTHWEST
1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST
1/4; THE SOUTHEAST 1/4
OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4;
THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF
THE NORTHEAST 1/4; ALL
IN SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP
28 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST

OF THE FOURTH PRINCI-
PAL MERIDIAN, GULIFORD
TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS
COUNTY, ILLINOIS; AC-
CORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF RECORDED JULY
16, 1974 AS DOCUMENT
NO. 132123 IN PLAT BOOK
14, PAGE 36 AND NOW LO-
CATED IN PLAN HOLD B OF
PLATS, NO 25-B. SITUATED
IN THE COUNTY OF JO DA-
VIESS, IN THE STATE OF IL-
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Commonly known as: 2 Lost
Ridge

Galena, IL 61036

and which said Mortgage was
made by,

Mary Jo Delihant

Mortgagor(s), to

Mortgage Electronic Registra-
tions Systems, Inc. as nominee
for Draper and Kramer Mort-
gage Corp.

Mortgagee, and recorded in the
Office of the Recorder of Deeds
of Jo Daviess County, Illinois,
as Document No. 321459; and
for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your an-
swer or otherwise file your ap-
pearance in this case in the Of-
fice of the Clerk of this County,
Sharon A. Wand
330 North Bench St.
Galena, IL 61036

on or before December 23,
2016, A JUDGMENT OR DE-
CREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE
TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR
THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE
COMPLAINT.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR
DEBT COLLECTION PRAC-
TICES ACT, THE PLAIN-
TIF'S ATTORNEY IS
DEEMED TO BE A DEBT
COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING
TO COLLECT A DEBT AND
ANY INFORMATION WILL
BE USED FOR THAT PUR-
POSE.

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File No. 257438-58372

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PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 26
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, February 23
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 30
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 4
Consolidated Election

Tuesday, April 11
Annual Town Meeting
Thursday, April 27
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, May 25
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, June 29
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, July 27
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, August 31
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 28
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 26
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 30
Monthly Meeting
Thursday, December 28
Monthly Meeting
All meetings begin at 7:00
p.m. at the Pleasant Valley
Township Hall.
All meetings will be held on
the last Thursday of the month,
with the following exception:
*The Annual Town Meeting,
to be held on Tuesday, April
11th.
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NOTICE TO PETROLEUM DEALERS

Sealed proposals for the pur-
chase of premium diesel fuel
and unleaded gasoline will be
received by the Apple River
Township Board at the Apple
River Township office, until
10:00 A.M. December 13th,
2016.

Proposed materials purchas-
es are diesel fuel and unleaded
gasoline.

Specifications and proposals
may be obtained by contacting
the Apple River Township Su-
pervisor or writing to the fol-
lowing address:

Apple River Township
James C. Goken / Supervisor
2704 E. Stagecoach Trail
Apple River, IL. 61001-9714
The Apple River Township
Board reserves the right to re-
ject any or all bids and to waive
technicalities.

By order of the Apple River
Township Board and
James C. Goken,
Township Supervisor.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING AND
INTENTION TO ADOPT
TAX LEVIES IN AMOUNTS
EXCEEDING 105% OF THE
EXTENSION FOR THE
PRECEDING YEAR
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT:

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LEGALS

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A tentative *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the Stockton Township Park District, Jo Daviess County, IL, for its Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017, has been prepared and is conveniently available for viewing at the Park House and in the lobbies of Citizens State Bank and IL Bank & Trust, all in Stockton, IL.

It is the intention of the District to adopt a tax levy for its Corporate Fund for FY 2016/2017 that exceeds the amount extended for FY 2015/2016 by 105.9060%.

It is the intention of the District to adopt a tax levy for its Social Security Withholding Fund for FY 2016/2017 that exceeds the amount extended for FY 2015/2016 by 116.3422%.

It is the intention of the District to adopt a tax levy for its Recreation Fund for FY 2016/2017 that exceeds the amount extended for FY 2015/2016 by 105.0845%.

It is the intention of the District to adopt a tax levy for its Tort Immunity and Liability Insurance Fund for FY 2016/2017 that exceeds the amount extended for FY 2015/2016 by 106.7478%.

A public hearing on the *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the Stockton Township Park District for FY 2016/2017 will be held by the District's Board of Park Commissioners in the Park House at the Stockton Township Memorial Park in the Village of Stockton, IL at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

RONALD PAJA

Attorney for the
Board of Park Comm.

Stockton Township Park Dist.
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the office of the Village Clerk will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning December 12, 2016 through December 16, 2016 and December 19, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 4, 2017 for 3 Village Trustee positions - 4 year term and Village President - 4-year term.

Susanne Young

Village Clerk

Village of Stockton

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Stockton CUSD #206 regular BOE meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21, in the High School Library. Members present included Robert VenHuizen, Cory Cassens, Kirk Schubert, Kim Mapes, Roger Groezinger, and Deb Gille. Member Julie Lawler was absent. The regular and closed session minutes of Oct. 17, were approved 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Mapes. Payment of bills totaling \$179,655.48 was approved 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Schubert. The financial report was approved 6-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Cassens. During Public petitions and hearings concerns regarding the FHN drug testing program at the high school were voiced. Presentations were made to the Board from the Benning Group about the school audit; Bradley & Bradley Architects about the HVAC replacement for Stockton Middle School; Veteran's Floors about high school gym floor replacement; and Social Worker, Cory Walters informing the Board about the Social Emotional Learning that is happening with K-8 students.

In his administrative report, Dr. Gilliland reported information on the tentative Levy for 2016 and informed the Board about the next Building and Grounds and Faculty Advisory meetings. Principal Colleen Fox reported about the upcoming PTO Book Fair the week of Dec. 12, Riverview Center bully prevention presentations for K-4 students, congratulated third and

fourth grade students for reaching their Fall into Reading and participating in the concluding reading activity with over 30 varsity athletes from the high school, and reported receiving a \$500 grant from the Regional Office of Education for a team of staff to attend the Raising Student Achievement Conference. Principal Brad Fox recognized middle school students of the month: Leah Warner, Dawson Broshous, Matthew Cook, and Adriana Curtiss. Mr. Fox also congratulated sixth grade chorus students on their presentation of Joust to residents at Waverly Place, elementary, and fifth and sixth grade students, seventh and eighth students for collecting over 700 items for Stockton Food Pantry, thanked everyone involved in the Veteran's Day Program, and reported that the eighth grade class was collecting old eye glasses for the Lions Club until March. Principal Casey Downey recognized Josh Detwiler for being named the CTE Outstanding Student of the Quarter in Automotive Technology, FFA Greenhand Quiz Bowl member Erin Croffoot, Cody Breuer, Kendra Scace, Ellie Eden, and Haley Brudi for taking 1st place and advancing to the state level in June. Mrs. Downey also thanked Kelley's Market for donating \$500 to Stockton Science and Math departments, congratulated all First Quarter Honor Roll students, and informed the Board that Stockton would be hosting the Boys' Basketball Regionals the week of Feb. 20. All administration shared with the Board Parent/Teacher Conference information, RtI updates, and reviewed PARCC and ACT test data.

Member Groezinger presented the AVC report to the Board.

Under new business, the board took the following action:

Approved surety bonds for Connie Hill and Diane Kunz 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Mapes.

Approved the tentative levy for tax year 2016 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by VenHuizen.

Approved the bid from Veterans Flooring in the amount of \$83,000 to repair High School Gymnasium sub flooring and install new surface with the following payment plan: \$26,000 from activity program sales, \$10,000 from the Athletic Boosters plus funds for additional artwork, \$5,000 from the volleyball activity fund, and the remainder to be paid by the District with annual

proceeds from the activity program ad sales to be reimbursed to the District until the \$42,000 District contribution is repaid 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Cassens.

The board voted to go into closed session at 9:58 p.m. under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, dismissal, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students 6-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Cassens. The board returned to open session at 10:58 p.m. following a motion by Groezinger and second by Schubert. Motion carried 6-0. A brief discussion was held by the Board regarding the wrestling cooperative with LeWin.

The board adjourned at 11:00 p.m. following a motion by VenHuizen. Motion carried 6-0.



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Christmas in the Village

Judy Wilson serves the special chicken noodle soup and chili while managing a variety of incredible baked goods for Trinity Lutheran Church during the Christmas festivities hosted by the Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce.

FIREARMS & HUNTING/FISHING RELATED ITEMS AUCTION

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA, IL

SUNDAY, December 11, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

(40+) FIREARMS: Long Guns: Savage Axis .308 nylon, NEW; Savage Axis .223 nylon, NEW; Remington M788 .223; Remington & Mossberg 30-06s; Winchester M1897, Weatherby Upland, Remington M870 & Mossberg 12-gauge pumps; Benelli Nova Tactical 12-gauge, NEW; Winchester M1400 20-gauge; Kel-Tec KSG 12-gauge; Browning auto-5 12-gauge; 12 & 16-gauge single shots; Browning MB-S/S 12-gauge, modified; Ruger 10/22 Takedown .22, **NEVER FIRED**; Henry lever action .22; Remington, Browning & Stevens Hornet .22 bolt actions; Marlin M15-Y youth .22 bolt action; Marlin .22 semi-auto; 50-caliber black powders; Hand Guns: Ruger Old Army .44 caliber revolver, stainless; Cobra .380, **LIKE NEW**; S&W .40 w/2 14-round magazines, NEW; Ruger Mark III Target .22, **LIKE NEW**; .22 revolvers; Taurus & Kel-Tec 9mms. All State & Federal gun laws apply, Federal Dealer on hand to do transfers @ \$10 per gun. **HUNTING/FISHING RELATED & MISC. ITEMS:** Stack-On gun safe/cabinet; Gamo Viper & Benjamin Sheridan .177-caliber air rifles; NEW BB air pistols; Chris Craft outboard boat motor; fishing poles incl. fly fishing; wood lures; BB/pellet guns; antlers & fish mounts; tooled Cowboy-style holster; RCBS reloading dies; empty brass; assorted ammo; (36) pocket knife collection; Case pocket knife; fishing & hunting supplies & books; Pabst 'Ruffled Grouse' mirror.

TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK

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ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD AUCTION

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA, IL

SATURDAY, December 10, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: primitive trunk; oak lamp table; round oak table w/4 chairs; cedar chest; cast iron patio table; primitive Ridgely wall paper table; assorted furniture pcs; antique cement bird bath; 1950s Murray tricycle; vintage chicken weather vane; 4x4 post caps; Railroad lantern; oil cans; (2) JD sign; 1960s Coca-Cola lighted clock/sign; beer lights & signs incl. Pabst, Miller & Budweiser; Special Export neon light; NEW 2' neon letters; **LIKE NEW** Washburn electric guitar; 7-UP cooler; cast iron pots; brass pump; vintage radio; vintage scale; enamelware; Military items; milk bottles; antique soda & medicine bottles; beer bottles & glasses; postcards; baseball cards; comic books; lg collection of matchbooks incl. 1940s Chicago; paper literature & adv; ag related adv; old books; 1950s auto dealer brochures; 1950s Movie Star magazines; 1940s WLS radio magazines; 1950s hit record music radio charts; vintage photographs; sheet music; vintage x-mas ornaments & lights; 1920s Canton IL metal advertising tray; Coca-Cola collectibles; Structo & Buddy L toys; Tru Scale farm toys; Hot Wheels; die-cast cars; Lionel Christmas train set; Gilbert erector set; view master; old toys & games; 1974 Barbie Doll necklace; Barbie Doll radios; child's records & books; man's & ladies Fossil watches; NEW Pelican equipment case; many sm antiques & collectibles; **MISC. ITEMS:** set of (4) 18" Kumbo tires & American Racing (Dale E. Jr) rims from 2008 BMW; 2006 Stihl chain saw; Craftsman chain saw, **LIKE NEW**; golf clubs & cart; White Stag 10'x8' camping tent; Coleman camp stove; Arrow electric nail gun; electric compound miter saw.

TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK

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Stockton Police Department report for Nov. 18 to Dec. 1

On 11/18 at approximately 4:06 p.m., Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to allegations of fraud. On arrival, Police met with the complainant, who stated that he was told by a friend, that another acquaintance of his was stealing his money without his knowledge. Through investigation it was learned that the alleged offender was actually a lawful caretaker for the complainant. The investigation showed that no fraud had taken place.

On 11/19 at approximately 5:07 a.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's with a burglar alarm. The alarm company advised the county dispatch that the code key was attempted numerous times. Officers cleared the outer buildings, but were unable to make contact with someone at the residence. The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office Dispatch was finally able to make contact with the owner of the residence, who advised his mother was the one who attempted to gain entry and that there was no problem for the police.

On 11/19 at about 9 a.m. Stockton Police were dispatched to meet with a complainant about a theft on South Main Street. The complainant stated that a package containing Christmas related items was being stored on a rear porch of the address. The items were not in a secure location. The complainant advised that the items had arrived the day before. The items were then discovered missing on this date. The total value of the items taken is \$105.00 USC.

At approximately 10:33 a.m. on 11/19, an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on Benton Street in reference to a complainant about several dogs not being cared for and possibly being mistreated. On arrival, the officer observed the two dogs, which are kept in an outdoor cage/kennel. Food and water was available to the dogs and they appeared to be in a healthy condition. The officer spoke to the owner about the complaint. No further action taken at this time.

At approximately 12:25 p.m. on 11/20, the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Stockton Street in reference to a domestic related argument. On arrival, the officer observed a father and son in an argument at the front of their residence. Through investigation it was learned that the son was caught doing something he shouldn't have, and the father was reprimanding him for this act. There was no physical fight involved and police presence

was not required.

On 11/21 at approximately 12:28 a.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's on a call involving a violation of an Order of Protection. This call was a recurrence of the same incident which had occurred earlier in the week, and the husband was arrested on Domestic Battery related charges by the Sheriff's Office. The offender then returned to the same location. At this time the offender was captured at the scene and was placed under arrest by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Deputies.

At approximately 2:38 p.m. on 11/23 an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the Shell Gas station in reference to found property. An employee at the Shell gas station located a female's wallet that had accidentally been left behind at the station. Through some investigation, police were able to determine who the owner of the wallet and subsequently contacted her. The female knew that her wallet was missing, but had no idea where she left it; the female, who is from Geneva, Illinois, later returned to Stockton to retrieve her property.

On 11/24 at approximately 2:50 a.m., the Stockton Police received information on a wanted person. The information was that the person was currently at the Nora Bar. The Stockton Police, along with the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Officers went to the Nora Bar. The wanted subject was, in fact, found at the bar, placed under arrest for the warrant and was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing.

On 11/25 at approximately 12:28 a.m., while on routine patrol, an officer of the Stockton Police observed a suspicious vehicle, a White Sedan Van bearing Kansas registration, parked in the middle of the Family Dollar parking lot. The vehicle had coolers and luggage cluttered around it. The officer engaged the passengers of the vehicle and through investigation found that they had valid identification from the State of Kansas. The passengers stated that they were just passing through and could not drive anymore, and could not afford a motel. The passengers stated they were just going to sleep in their van for a few hours. As they were not wanted for anything, no further police action was required.

On 11/25 at about 9:30 a.m. an Officer of the Stockton Police Department was on routine patrol when he observed a male subject walking eastbound in the middle of the 200 block of West Maple. The subject

looked in the direction of the officer and then quickly looked away. As the officer came abreast of the subject he walked around a parked car and ducked down out of sight. The officer stopped in the middle of the street and the subject then walked back around the back of the car and began to cross the street. Due to the nature of the subjects' suspicious actions, the officer asked him to stop. The subject continued walking across the street and glanced away when he was asked to stop. The officer walked towards the subject and requested him to stop once again. The subject tried to walk past the officer, and at this time he was physically detained by the officer. The subject attempt to escape but was restrained by the officer. The officer could smell the odor of cannabis coming from the subject. The subject, at first, refused to identify himself, but after talking with the subject for several minutes, the subject produced an identification card from out of state. It was also determined during this initial investigation that the subject was in need of medical or family intervention. Through further investigation and questioning, the officer was able to learn the name of the person that the subject was visiting in Stockton. The officer was familiar with the person that the subject was visiting, and then went to their residence to find out the nature of the subject's problem. On arrival, it was determine that the

subject is slightly challenged and that no one in the house knew that he had left. It was then determined that since the subject had not broken any laws and had only been acting in a suspicious nature, that no further police assistance was necessary and the subject was turned over to his family members.

On 11/26 at about 9 a.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on Carpenter Street in reference to a theft from a residence. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant who stated that sometime between Nov. 24 and Nov. 26, persons unknown removed a prescription item from their residence. There was no sign of forced entry into the residence. This case is still under investigation and several leads are being investigated by the Stockton Police Department.

On 11/26 at approximately 8:11 p.m., while on routine patrol, an officer of the Stockton Police Department observed a Grey 2012 Chrysler 200 bearing Indiana registration travelling westbound on Rt. 20 at the intersection with Pearl Street at a high rate of speed. The officer then performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was identified and was able to provide her drivers' license, but was unable to provide any insurance or registration materials for the vehicle. She stated that she had recently purchased the vehicle from a male subject via craigslist, and all of the vehi-

Woman sentenced in drunk driving crash which seriously injured state trooper

The Illinois State Police (ISP), announce the sentencing of Leslie Thurow, female age 61 of Mount Prospect, Illinois, in a drunken driving crash that critically injured ISP Trooper Michael Cokins. Thurow was sentenced to 13 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for causing the crash that sent Cokins and four others to the hospital.

On Sept. 6, 2014, at 2:45 p.m., Trooper Cokins was conducting a traffic stop on I-294 northbound at North Avenue. Trooper Cokins was on the right shoulder of the roadway when he was struck by a vehicle driven by Thurow. The impact of the collision hurled Trooper Cokins over the hood of the vehicle he had pulled over. Thurow continued to travel northbound on I-294, where she struck an SUV carrying a family of four. The SUV rolled over as a result of the crash, and Thurow's vehicle crashed into the concrete median. Trooper Cokins suffered 15 broken bones, underwent 8 surgeries, and 17 months of therapy.

Thurow, who was found to be intoxicated at the time of the crash, was charged with several counts of aggravated driving under the influence, leaving the scene of a personal injury crash, and aggravated reckless driving. Thurow's blood alcohol concentration was over twice the legal limit, and her driver's license was revoked for previous driving un-

der the influence convictions. Thurow has spent the last two years in the custody of the Cook County Sheriff's Police while she awaited trial dates and sentencing. On December 1, Thurow was formally sentenced to 13 years for the crime.

On May 1, 2016, Trooper Cokins was medically cleared to return to full duty and returned to his original assignment with the ISP, patrolling the north Tri-State.

"Drinking and driving is a dangerous choice that can lead to deadly consequences," said ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. "Driving under the influence is never a good option and can be very costly both financially and criminally. Always designate a driver before consuming alcohol," he stressed. In addition, the ISP would like to remind motorists about the Move Over Law, often referred to as "Scott's Law," which requires motorists to yield to stationary emergency vehicles. It is the law in Illinois that when approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, other drivers shall yield the right-of-way by making a lane change and reducing speed and proceeding with due caution if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe. Violators of Illinois' Move Over Law can be fined \$10,000 and have their driver's license suspended for up to two years.

cles' paperwork was at her residence in Indianapolis, Indiana. The officer ran a check on the registration on the vehicle and it came back to another car. In running the Vehicle Identification Number through the National Computer, it was found that the vehicle had been reported stolen, and the driver was immediately placed under arrest for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, handcuffed and placed into the squad car. The officer then identified the passenger in the car. This person was found to have a valid identification and was not wanted and had not committed any criminal act. This person was released with no charge. The vehicle was towed and held for further investigation. At this time, The Stockton Police have been contacted by an investigator with the Indianapolis Police Department to assist in the investigation. The woman was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for Processing on criminal charges. This case is still under investigation by the Stockton Police Department and the Indianapolis, Indiana Police Department.

At 7:56 p.m. on 11/27, a person involved in a domestic related incident called Riverview Center looking for assistance in finding another residence. The Riverview Center worker called police because she heard yelling in the background of the phone call. The officer arrived on the scene at the residence and advised and found that there was an argument, but no physical confrontation. The complainant was advised of domestic violence rights under the law, and the subject requested no further assistance at this time.

On 11/28 at approximately 12:48 p.m., officers of the Stockton Police Department were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's on a residential burglar alarm. On arrival, the officer found that the residence had, in fact, been broken into. A search of the residence did not reveal any offenders on the scene. This case is still under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff.

On 11/29 at approximately 7 p.m. a person who is known to the Stockton Police, came to a Village Hall meeting and was acting unusual by wearing a coat with hood up and staring at Village Board Members. The subject was observed by police, until he left the building without incident. Officers did contact the subject outside the building, and he was not in need of medical or police assistance.

On 11/30 at approximately 1800 hours, an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist a vehicle which had struck a deer on Rt. 78 North. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the driver, who had minor damage to his vehicle. It was observed however, that the deer was still alive but was badly injured. The Stockton Police Officer was forced to destroy the animal.

Chief Tom Sheehan of the Stockton Police Department would like to remind everyone, that persons charged with crimes or violations of Illinois Statutes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Illinois State Police – District Sixteen fatal crash update

On Nov. 29, at approximately 7:36 p.m., Illinois State Police District 16 Troopers responded to a two-unit, head-on crash on Illinois Route 26 just south of Oneco Road in Orangeville. Driver Tim Vorwald, 22, of Freeport, was killed in the crash. Driver Justin Brinkmeyer, 30, of Orangeville, was airlifted to a Rockford

hospital with injuries not believed to be life-threatening. Each was the sole occupant of their respective vehicles. No charges have been filed at this time.

This crash remains under investigation by the Illinois State Police Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit and District Sixteen.

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The weather has now turned to typical December weather. We are waiting on our first snowfall; the weather people say it will only be a dusting. I certainly hope they are correct. Snow will get us in the mood for Christmas; in my opinion, December is the only month to have snow. My opinion doesn't really count for much. As one of my friends says, it will be what it will be. She is one of those great people to be around. She also is a good cook, and we share many recipes. If you have a good friend who likes to cook, you can make some of the good eats featured in this column. This week will feature two appetizers—one hot and one cold. We also will have a good salad and veggie side. There will be two main dishes, and then we continue with our month of cookie recipes.

This simple appetizer cheese ball is tasty and will be one you will love to serve all year round. I have one that is made with the Old English Cheddar Spread from Kraft, and it is a staple for me. Everyone loves it. If you like blue cheese, you will love this simple appetizer.

Classic Roka Cheese Ball

½ lb. (8 oz.) Velveeta cut into ½-inch cubes

1 jar (5 oz.) Kraft Blue Cheese Spread

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese softened

½ t. garlic powder

¼ C. chopped pecans

¼ C. dried cranberries

Mix the Velveeta, Blue Cheese spread, and cream cheese until well blended. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Shape into a ball and coat with pecans and cranberries. Serve with crackers.

Need a hot appetizer that will be a hit for the men in your group? This dip can be made and put in the crock pot or served in the original pan. You can use Ragu instead of Prego; use the traditional one without meat or vegetables. A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats have great sausage that is not greasy.

Cheesy Lasagna Dip

½ lb. sausage

1½ C. Prego

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 C. ricotta cheese

1 clove of garlic, minced

1½ C. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

½ C. grated Parmesan cheese, divided

¼ C. chopped fresh basil, divided

Preheat the oven to 350. Brown the sausage on medium heat 6-8 minutes or until done, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and stir in 1 cup of pasta sauce.

In a bowl, mix the cream cheese, ricotta, garlic, ½ cup mozzarella, and half each of the Parmesan and basil until blended; spread onto the bottom of 9-inch square baking dish sprayed with cooking spray.

Top with sausage mixture. Combine remaining cheeses; sprinkle over dip. Top with spoonfuls of the remaining pasta sauce.

Bake 20-25 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Sprinkle with remaining basil. Serve with pita chips or cubed crusty Italian bread.

This salad is a take-off on the Seven Layer Salad. It is an easy salad to feed a crowd. The dressing is light, and puts a great taste on spinach, mushrooms, eggs and bacon.

Grandma's Spinach Salad

½ C. sugar

½ C. canola oil

¼ C. white vinegar

½ t. celery seed

10 oz. fresh baby spinach

1 small red onion, thinly sliced

½ lb. sliced fresh mushrooms

5 hard-cooked large eggs, sliced

8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

Whisk first four ingredients until sugar is dissolved. In a 9 x 13 dish, layer half of each of the following: spinach, onion, mushrooms, and eggs. Repeat layers. Drizzle with dressing and top with bacon.

Do you need a great side dish for the holidays. The bourbon makes a great flavor addition to plain carrots. The bourbon could catch on fire when you add it. Be careful and have a lid ready. Enjoy this great addition to your holiday meal.

Bourbon-Glazed Carrots

½ stick of butter

2 lbs. carrots, peeled and cut into ½-inch pieces

¼ t. salt

½ C. bourbon

½ C. packed brown sugar

¼ t. pepper

Pinch of red pepper flakes—optional

Melt the butter in a heavy, lidded skillet over medium-high heat until foamy. Stir in carrots and salt and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, about 4 minutes. Uncover the skillet and continue to cook, stirring until carrots are browned, about 2-3 minutes.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and carefully pour in the bourbon—stand back when pouring because the bourbon may flame. Be ready to put a lid on the skillet. Cook, stirring, until the bourbon is almost evaporated, about 2 minutes. Add the brown sugar and cook, stirring, until carrots are tender and glossy, about 5 minutes. Increase heat to medium-high heat to thicken the glaze slightly, about 15 seconds. Sprinkle with black pepper and add pepper flakes if wanted.

Many people are frightened to tackle French Onion Soup. This recipe is made in the slow cooker. The

hardest part is toasting the bread for the top. Enjoy this restaurant favorite in your own home.

Slow-Cooker French Onion Soup

6 T. unsalted butter

4 large yellow onions

1 T. sugar

2 cloves, garlic, minced

1 t. sea salt

7¼ C. low-sodium beef broth

¼ t. dried thyme

1 bay leaf

8 diagonal slices French bread, cut ½-inch thick

½ C. Swiss cheese, shredded

¼ C. shredded parmesan cheese

2 T. shredded mozzarella cheese

Heat the butter in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Cook onions, covered, stirring frequently, until translucent, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle onions with sugar and continue cooking, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft and browned, 20-25 minutes.

Add the garlic and cook, stirring until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add ¼ cup beef broth and salt and cook, stirring and scraping up browned bits from the bottom of the pot, 1 minute. Transfer the onions to a slow cooker and stir in rest of broth, thyme and bay leaf. Cover and cook on Low for 6 hours.

About 10 minutes before serving, set broiler rack about 8 inches from the heat source and preheat the broiler. Arrange the bread slices on a rimmed baking sheet. Broil bread until toasted, 1-2 minutes per side.

Toss together cheese in a bowl. Top each toast with 2 tablespoons cheese mixture and broil until cheese is lightly browned and bubbling, 1-2 minutes. Ladle 1 cup of soup into each bowl, then float a bread slice in each bowl.

I made this stroganoff recipe about a month ago, and it was delicious. The flavor is great, and it was easy to assemble. I use the Amish Kluski noodles, but if you are a wide noodle lover, they will work just as well. I like having noodles as a side because sometimes I get tired of potatoes. This is a great recipe to put together the night before and then put it in the crock pot in the morning; it is an easy main course that you have done ahead of time.

Slow-Cooker Beef Stroganoff

2 lb. beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes

10 oz. fresh mushrooms, halved

1 onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

1 C. beef broth

2 t. paprika

1 C. sour cream

2 T. flour

1 T. Dijon mustard

1 pkg. (16 oz.) egg noodles, uncooked

2 T. chopped fresh parsley

Place meat, mushrooms, onions and garlic in slow cooker. Add the broth and paprika. Cover with lid. Cook on LOW 7-8 hours.

In a bowl, mix the sour cream, flour, mustard. Stir into slow cooker until blended. Cook, covered, on Low for 15 minutes. Cook the

noodles on the stove according to package directions, omitting the salt. Drain noodles and place in a large serving bowl. Add the meat mixture and mix lightly. Sprinkle with parsley.

Sometimes on Christmas Cookie Trays you want to have something that is really different. This bar cookie (actually you cut it into triangles, so it is even more interesting) will be a great addition to any Christmas cookie plate.

White Chocolate Cranberry Blondies

¾ C. unsalted butter, cubed

1½ C. packed light brown sugar

2 large eggs

¼ t. vanilla

2¼ C. flour

1½ t. baking powder

¼ t. salt

1/8 t. cinnamon

½ C. dried cranberries

6 oz. white baking chocolate, coarsely chopped

Frosting:

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 C. powdered sugar

1 T. grated orange peel, optional

6 oz. white baking chocolate, melted

½ C. dried cranberries

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large microwave-safe bowl, microwave butter until melted; stir in brown sugar. Cool slightly.

Beat in the eggs, one at a time, add vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon; stir into butter mixture. Stir in the cranberries and chopped chocolate (batter will be thick). Spread into a greased 9 x 13 pan.

Bake until golden brown and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean (do not overbake), 18-21 minutes. Cool blondies completely on a wire rack.

For the frosting, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, and if desired orange peel until smooth. Gradually beat in half of the melted white chocolate; spread over blondies. Sprinkle with cranberries; drizzle with remaining melted chocolate.

Cut into triangles. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

I have made coconut pecan squares for years. My recipe is in an 8 x 8 pan, so when I found this one that makes a 9 x 13 pan, it made sense to not have to make a double batch. These are like little mini pecan pies in a bar form. You will love their taste!

Old-Fashioned Coconut-Pecan Squares

12 T. unsalted butter, softened

2½ C. packed brown sugar

1½ C. flour

Salt

5 large eggs (3 separated; 2 whole)

1 T. vanilla

1 C. pecans, toasted and chopped

1 C. sweetened shredded coconut

toasted and chopped fine

1 T. powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. Using a mixer

with a paddle, beat butter and ½ C. brown sugar on medium speed until smooth, about 1 minute. Add the flour and ½ teaspoon salt, and continue to beat until dough begins to form, about 2 minutes longer. Press dough evenly into the bottom of prepared pan. Bake until light golden brown, 12-18 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack and let cool for 15 minutes.

Using a clean, dry mixer bowl fitted with a whisk, whip 3 egg whites on medium low speed until foamy, about 1 minute. Increase speed to medium high and whip until stiff peaks form, 1-2 minutes. Transfer whites to separate bowl; set aside.

Return now empty bowl to mixer still fitted with whisk and whip vanilla, remaining 2 cups brown sugar, 2 whole eggs, remaining 3 egg yolks, and ½ teaspoon salt on medium-high speed until thick, about 2 minutes, scraping down the bowl as needed. Fold in pecans, coconut, and reserved whipped egg whites by hand until fully incorporated.

Spread mixture evenly over cooled crust. Bake until top in deep golden brown, 24-26 minutes. Transfer pan to wire rack and let cool completely. Run the paring knife around the edges of the pan to release bars. Cut into 2-inch squares and dust with powdered sugar. Serve.

If you were around on Friday evening, you were part of a special night as Lena officially opened Christmas. Santa and Mrs. Claus came to town in a horse drawn wagon. The Legion Color Guard, the fire trucks, and the ambulances escorted them down Main Street and then down Railroad Street. There were floats and kids from two local day cares, by the 4-H Club, and local businesses. Santa and Mrs. Claus officially lit the town Christmas tree which had hand made ornaments from the Lena Elementary School. When the lights went on, you could hear the excited expressions coming from the many children and adults who had watched the parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus listened to requests and gave out treats. Main Street was a buzz as people strolled through the shops, buying and trying out the snacks that were provided. Café 217 Espresso and Bakery sold hot drinks and gave away cookies. There were many people who took the house tour of four beautifully decorated homes in Lena. The Methodist Church did a brisk business with their chili and the cookie walk. The evening was a little chilly, but there was plenty of warmth all over the town. Mark your calendar because this Saturday there will be Breakfast with Santa at the Fire Station. Remember to support your local merchants and shop small town!

As a side note, we are asking 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 email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

American Legion Auxiliary schedules December activities

The December meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Dec. 14, at the Lena American Legion Home at 7 p.m. We will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans and wrapping Christmas presents for the veterans in the nursing home. We will also be collecting nonperishable food for the homeless shelter. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Marsha Tessendorf is in charge of the social hour. The Sons of The American Legion will host their annual pizza party at Coach's on Sunday, Dec. 11. Social time is at 4:30 and pizza will be served at 5. All members of the American Legion Auxiliary and The American Legion and their families are invited to attend.

Junior members will meet with the members of The American Legion Auxiliary on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1 in Warren at the Legion Home. We will meet at the Legion

Home in Lena and car pool at 12:30. Please call 369-4684 and let us know if you will be able to make it or for more information.

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Experiencing Shop Local Saturday

Nicholas Schleich, a pharmacist technician with the Lena Drug Store said the folks in Lena have always been very supportive of small businesses.



Café 217 owner Ruby Shultz and crew were set up downtown Friday evening serving warm beverages to Lena Hometown Christmas "Christmas Past" participants.

Hometown Trophies owner Sam Fryer is sporting a full selection of gift items for the discerning holiday shopper and the shop is ready to customize those items.



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Lena House Walk

Dozens of Lena area residents turned out in Pat Brown Realtor's parking lot Friday evening to experience a ride in a horse drawn wagon through the downtown and into nearby neighborhoods that featured beautifully decorated homes.



Teresa Joranlien who owns Hawks Mill Winery in nearby Browntown with husband Ric were at the Coffee House in downtown Lena greeting folks that were participating in the Lena House Walk.

McConnell Area Historical Society to hold Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Open House

The McConnell Area Historical Society will hold its Christmas Cookie Walk and Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the museum located at 202 E. Main St. in McConnell from 1 to 4 p.m. A large selection of Christmas cookies

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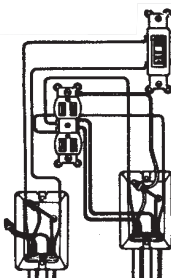
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Stockton fourth graders offer practical uses for US cheese surplus

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EDITOR

In recognition of the 20 chefs that entered the Stockton Chamber of Commerce and Brewster Cheese First Annual Better with Brewster Macaroni and Cheese Bake Off held over the weekend in the Stockton Heritage Museum Annex, the Scoop Today will continue running essays prepared by Stockton Elementary School students suggesting uses for the millions of pounds of surplus cheese now in storage in the United States. Savor!

Gynelle Rowe

If the US had 95.2 million pounds of cheese, I will make stuff out of it. First, I am going to find friends. We will make a stand. I will help them decorate it. I will buy glitter for the stand to jazz it up. Next, I will make a cheesecake, mozzarella sticks, and string cheese. My friends taste test with me. When we get done, I will sell the rest. Last, I will give the money to people that need it. I will go on a journey with my family to find people that need money. I am going to give the money to homeless people that need it. This is how I want it to go for me.

Blake Zink

There are 95.2 million pounds of extra cheese. I have an idea to use that cheese. First, I would start making cheesecake batter. Next, I would start making graham cracker crust. Last, I would give it to the hungry people. It would be free. I think that would help a lot of people. That is what I would do with 95.2 million pounds of cheese.

Chelsea Olson

I would get a whole bunch of buckets and put it in there. First I would get buckets. Next, I would make cheese curds. Then, I would make more cheese curds. Last, I would sell it. Then, I would sell more. Then, I would bake more. I will sell it to people that don't have food.

Daniel Garcia

If there is 95.2 million pounds of cheese here is what I would do. I would like to put it in a bucket. Then I will cut it. First I want to tell my friends to bring knives. My friends will help me cut the cheese. After we cut the cheese. Next we cut it in equal pieces to share. I

will like to name the chest. Finally, I would like to sell it. It would cost \$2.00 this is what I would do with the cheese.

Ella Zuck

If there was 95.2 million pounds of extra cheese, this is what I would do. First, I will make a cake and then I will put it in the pan. Next I will put it in the oven to cook. Then, I will get it out to cool. Last, I will put the cream cheese cake in the box. I will get it on my bike in the basket. Then I will give it to the people that do not have food and are starving and hungry.

Olivia Ernst

First, I would call some friends. We would make different recipes. Next I would cook it, cut it and get a table. Last, I would sell the cheese. I would take the money and donate the money to people in need. If I had money left, I would give it to companies. If I still had 100 pounds of cheese left, I would donate to different countries. That is what I would do with 95.2 million pounds of extra cheese.

Hunter Mulholland

With the 95.2 million pounds of cheese, I will make nacho cheese and burger. I would do a festival about cheese. I would make cheese challenge to whoever sells as much cheese as they can sell. Next who donates the most cheese will win prizes would be win a new car, a vacation for free, or \$2,000. Last they will get their picture taken with the prize.

Hailey Broshous

If the United States had 95.2 million pounds of cheese, this is what I would do with it. First I would get all the chips in the world. Then, my friends and I would melt the cheese. We would then put the chips on the bottom and then add the cheese to the top, which makes nachos! Next, I would give the nachos to people who do not have money or food. Then, these people would not be starving anymore. Last, if we had any leftover chips and cheese, we could make more nachos to share with everyone.

Kiegan Jones

If there were 95.2 million pounds of cheese I would donate it to People that don't have food. First, I would find people that don't have food. Then I would put a sign up in different stores and people will sign if they don't have food. Next, I would give them half

of the cheese, which they will like. Last, I would find another person with no food, then give them the other half. This is what you should do if you have 95.2 million pounds of cheese.

Gaven Offenheiser

There is extra cheese. I am going to bring it to the store. First I would get my friends to help me carry the cheese to my house. I would ask my friends to help me get out tables. I would ask my friends to bring knives so we can cut the cheese. Next I would package the cheese. I would put the cheese on the tables. People would come and buy the cheese. Last, I would bring other cheese to the store so the people can go to the store. I could have cheese for my house. This is what I would do with 95.2 million pounds of cheese. People can buy it so they don't starve.

Ari Zink

If I had 95.2 million pounds of extra cheese, here is what I would do with it. First, I would grab the cheese. I would make cheesecake. I would make more cheesecake. Next, I would decorate it. I would decorate it with icing. I would make little cheese out of icing. Last, I would make a stand and sign and sell it. We would make two stands and sell it. There would be 3 people in each stand. This is what I would do with the cheese.

Jon Randecker

Here is what I would do if there was 95.2 million pounds of cheese. First, I would put it into a jar. Then, I would put it into the freezer. Next, I would take it out and cut it up. Last, I would make a stand and sell it. Then I would donate the money so they can get somebody to come. That is what I would do with 95.2 million pounds of cheese.

Maruice

If there was a whole building of cheese, I would make sure it is not rotted. First I would organize the cheese and I would do that by asking friends to help me. Next, I would put them in boxes. When I'm done, I will ask for some help. Last, I will have a garage sale for stores and ask the truck to take the cheese to the store. When I get the money I will give it to charity.

Kaylynn Brunner

If there was 95.2 million pounds of extra cheese I would sell cheese-

cake. First, I would make cheesecake I would have a cook book to help me. I would make it so I don't have to do it later. Next, I would eat some and tell my mom to call my friends, Olivia and Avery. Last, I would set it all up and go to Stockton and sell it. It would be kind of hard, I would meet a lot of people. That's what I would do with that cheese.

Kyla Arnold

If I had 95.2 million pounds of extra cheese I would put the cheese on a table and make a sign that says "A pound of cheese for \$5 each!!" Then I'd yell the same words I

wrote on the poster. It would be at my house. I would give the cheese to everybody who comes to Stockton. There will be another sign that says, "this is 95.2 million pounds of cheese so get it here for only \$5" I would use the money for college and a car. I would do this because I want to go to a good college and I knew what car I want when I get older. This is another idea I have. I would put it on display and write about it. Then, I'd put it in a museum. People will be able to come and see the 95.2 million pounds of cheese. I would do this because I want all people to see the cheese and read a story about it.

• REAL ESTATE •

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15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY
F/K/A GALENA STATE BANK F/K/A THE
ELIZABETH STATE BANK

Plaintiff,

-v.-

ELIZABETH F. SCHNITZLER, et al

Defendant

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Santa's elves took an evening away from their busiest time of the year in the toy making workshop to march Friday evening in Lena's Hometown Christmas parade.



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Lema Hometown Christmas

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in downtown Lena via horse drawn wagon before settling in to chat with area children at Citizen's State Bank during Friday night's "Christmas Past" festivities.



The Polar Express entry in Friday night's Lena Hometown Christmas "Christmas Past" parade was filled with excited children ready to cruise to Santa's Workshop at the North Pole.



The beautifully lit Lena Lions float was among the more popular entries in this year's Lena Hometown Christmas parade held Friday throughout downtown Lena.

Lena Live Wires list holiday activities

By Krista Keene
REPORTER

The Nov. 14, Lena Live Wires 4-H meeting was held at St. John's Church in Lena IL. The meeting began with the business details.

A tree decorating meeting was Sunday Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. at Kathy's house. We put a tree up at the Lena Living Center.

The Penny Carnival was Nov. 20, at the Lincoln Mall in Freeport from 3-5 p.m.

We participated in the Lena Holi-

day Parade which was Dec. 2.

Our next meeting is Dec. 11, at the Skate Station from 1:30-4 p.m. Please bring food to share at the next meeting. Also bring a nonperishable food item or paper or hygiene product for the Adopt a Family. Remember to bring a gift to exchange with one another. There were no talks or demos.

Make sure to get enrolled before it is too late. Sam Pecoraro made a motion to end the meeting and Garrett Sutter seconded it.

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