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## Nearly 200 new laws take effect in Illinois on January 1, 2017

By Tim Bivins  
ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR

As citizens throughout Illinois ring in the New Year, nearly 200 laws will take effect.

A significant number of the new laws target crime, make changes to the criminal justice system, seeks to assist law enforcement, and advance safety provisions for Illinois motorists.

### Criminal justice reforms poised to take effect

One measure to allow greater flexibility in granting probation for certain non-violent offenders with no prior conviction for a violent crime is set to take effect on Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3164 is part of a bipartisan package of legislative reforms to Illinois' criminal justice system, and was introduced at the recommendation of the Governor's Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform.

The commission was charged with identifying policy changes to reduce recidivism and make significant reductions to the state's prison population, which had increased by more than 500 percent in the last 40 years. Senate Bill 3164 is one measure that seeks to reduce the number of non-violent offenders in Illinois' correctional facilities—which are operating at roughly 150 percent of recommended capacity.

### New laws aim to address sexual assault and domestic abuse

Another new law, Senate Bill 3096, seeks to increase the reporting, investigation, and successful prosecution of sexual assault cases in Illinois. This new law gives victims a longer period of time to request a rape kit, speeds up forensic testing to address the backlog of testing rape kits in sexual assault cases, and requires more detailed reporting of sexual assault cases by police.

Additionally, cosmetologists will receive special training to spot the signs of domestic violence and sexual violence as part of their license renewal process under House Bill 4264. Advocates of the measure said the training is intended to reduce domestic violence by increas-

ing awareness and offering victims another place to turn for help – especially those who may not feel comfortable going to the authorities.

### Minors protected by new laws

Child victims of battery will be able to give testimony via a one-way closed circuit television thanks to Senate Bill 2880. This new law allows children involved in battery or aggravated domestic battery cases to avoid the serious emotional trauma and distress of testifying in a courtroom.

Senate Bill 2370 requires legal counsel during the interrogation of minors younger than age 15 who have been charged with murder. This law addresses concerns that minors may not fully understand their legal rights, and as a result should have legal representation present when speaking with police.

### New law strengthens employee privacy

Another new law, House Bill 4999, seeks to further protect employees' online privacy by strengthening and clarifying existing laws that make it unlawful for any employer or prospective employer to require an employee or prospective employee to provide user names and passwords to their personal online accounts, including social media accounts.

### 'Bath salts' sales

Senate Bill 210 aims to curb the sale of all synthetic cathinones, drugs that are often sold under as legitimate products such as "bath salts." "Bath salts" have made headlines in recent years for the bizarre, zombie-like behavior exhibited by those under its influence. Under this new law, it will become a Class 3 felony with a maximum fine of \$150 to sell these drugs in a retail store.

### Police dog retirement plan

Police dogs will be able to enjoy their retirement in permanent homes with the police officers and staff they worked with, under Senate Bill 3129. Should the officer or employee who worked with the dog be unable to take their canine work companion, under the new law the dog may be offered to another officer or employee in the agency, a non-profit

agency, or a no-kill animal shelter that will find an appropriate owner for the dog.

### New transportation laws increase public safety

Don't forget to stop at a railroad crossing when the warning gates and lights are on! Under Senate Bill 2806, the fine for failure to stop at a railroad crossing will double. A first violation will now cost \$500 and subsequent violations will cost \$1,000.

Private transportation companies will be allowed to operate video recording devices, under Senate Bill 629. The new law stipulates that vehicles using this type of technology must have a notice posted stating that a passenger's conversation may be recorded. Any data recorded becomes the sole property of the vehicle's owner.

### The Annie LeGere Law

House Bill 4462 was prompted by the tragic death of 13-year-old Annie

LeGere of Elmhurst, who suffered a fatal anaphylactic reaction at a sleepover party. The Annie LeGere Law provides better access to life-saving treatment for allergic reactions by expanding training for law enforcement on how to recognize and respond to anaphylaxis, including the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

### Veterans and military families

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## A lesson in giving back

This year students in grades three through five at Lena-Winslow Elementary participated in the Scholastic Pajama Drive. The students collected 90 sets of PJs to be donated. Scholastic matches the PJ donations with bedtime stories. This is done in conjunction with the Pajama Program which donates the new pajamas and new books to children in need.

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## aided by new laws

Student musicians may now be excused from school in the case of a military funeral procession under a new law that takes effect on Jan. 1.

House Bill 4432 ensures that Illinois public students in grades 6-12 are permitted to attend a funeral of a deceased veteran during school hours for the purpose of playing "Taps," a bugle call traditionally performed during flag ceremonies and military funerals.

To honor fallen soldiers, House Bill 4344 creates the Heroes Way Designation Program Act. The law allows for the families of veterans who were killed in action while on active duty to apply for a designation to honor the departed with a personal sign on designated roadways under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. This new law was inspired by a similar law in Missouri that allowed interstate interchanges to

be designated for Missouri residents who were killed in action on or after Sept. 11, 2001, in either Afghanistan or Iraq.

## New laws focus on children

Children under the care of the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) will now have access to a greater family support system. House Bill 5656 requires that DCFS provide visitation privileges and accommodations to the grandparents and great-grandparents of a child under the department's supervision – as long as it's in the best interest of the child.

Amending Childhood Hunger Relief Act, Senate Bill 2393 is a new law this year that requires all school districts in Illinois to implement and operate a "breakfast after the bell" program. The legislation

asserts that schools must provide breakfast for their students after the instructional day has begun—and may also begin serving before the day has begun.

## New laws provide new ways to hunt and trap

In order to trap wild game in past years, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) required that all individuals must complete a hunting training course. Senate Bill 2410 has lifted that requirement and now permits that individuals ages 18 and younger can trap wild game without certification as long as they are accompanied by an adult age 21 years or older.

Thanks to House Bill 5788, fishermen can now add catfish to the list of species that may be caught with a pitchfork, underwater spear gun,

bow and arrow, or a bow and arrow device. Under the new measure, the DNR will authorize the selling of species taken by the above methods.

Being able to sell these fish not only benefits fishermen, but is also crucial to the state's overall environmental health. The current overpopulation of Asian Carp throughout the state is causing irreparable damage to Illinois' waterways and ecosystems. The DNR's authorization will allow fisherman to sell the carp carcasses, which are often taken by non-traditional methods and can be used to make fertilizer – providing incentives to catch them in greater numbers.

More details on these laws, and a full listing of all the new laws taking effect on January 1 can be found at [www.senategop.state.il.us](http://www.senategop.state.il.us).



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Jan. 7-Lena Community Park District - Free Ice Skating at Lions Park! Starting at 1p.m. there will be ice skates available if you do not have any - first come/first serve basis. This event will be fun for the whole family.

Jan. 12-Chalk Paint 101 at Sugar Bowl at 6 p.m. Bring your own piece that you feel needs a makeover. Your choice of sample size chalk type paint, small wax, brush is included. \$50 Limit 10 people  
Jan. 14-at 10 a.m. WinnPrairie will be hosting Veteran Aid and Attendance Seminar. Learn about those benefits that can provide financial assistance

for assisted living to wartime veterans or their surviving spouse. WinnPrairie is located at 1545 S Forest Road, Freeport. Call Patti at (815) 656-4800 to make a reservation for this informational seminar.

Jan. 19-Large Word or Arrow at the Sugar Bowl at 6 p.m. Choose an arrow or one of six words: Faith, Hope, Thankful, Farmhouse, Gather, and Believe. \$40 Limit 10 people

Jan. 31 Paint Your State at Sugar Bowl at 6 p.m. \$40 fee, limit 10 people

Music, Music, Music, You are invited to come to WinnPrairie, 1545 S

Forest Rd. in Freeport to enjoy musical entertainment.

Friday Jan.6-at 2 p.m, Glenda Linneman

Friday Jan. 13-at 2 p.m., Dave & Desta Ruter

Sunday, Jan. 22-at 2p.m., Sweet Memories

Friday, Jan. 27-at 2 p.m., Tyger Johnson

Every Wednesday, we have "Shop Local Wednesday's". We would like you to take a picture of yourself shopping local and put it on Facebook. Tag the Lena Business & Professional Association – LBPA page when you put it out there. You will be entered into a drawing to win \$10 in Lena Money. We would love to see where you are shopping!

Lena Living Center-Every Monday we host Morning Happy Hour with a light breakfast and stretching FREE to the community. 8-9 a.m.

Lena Living Center-Every Tuesday and Thursday we have Open Gym free to the community. 5-6 p.m.

Watch our Facebook page for more events! <https://www.facebook.com/lbpa.lenabusinessandprofessionalassociation/>

## Thank you...

I want to thank the Lena area church cooperative. Also, the Lena Lions Club, for the wonderful fruit basket and the cookie plate. They were all very good and I appreciated them very much.

-Nancy Lobdell

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## Thank you —

*I want to thank the  
Lions Club & the  
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for all the delicious  
fruit & cookies.*

*Lucille Diddens*

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## Thank you

to all who sent cards, gave memorials or offered words of sympathy and remembrances at the time of the loss of our father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather.

Also a special

**Thank you** to Dr. Tawfik and staff, FHN Hospice, the entire staff at Oakly Courts and Provena St. Joseph's Center for their wonderful care.

**From the extended family  
of Vernon A. Phillips**

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Sarah Gow, Lornah Stoewer, and Georgia Vandigo were working on an activity in which they used Christmas lights, aluminum foil (as a wire) and brass fasteners as a switch with a battery to light up a bulb.

## Scales Mound School celebrates learning in the Holiday Season

On Dec. 21, elementary, junior high and high school students participated in a day of cross-curriculum activities while celebrating the holiday season. The staff and high school students organized activities for the elementary students centered

on the themes of science, technology, mathematics, physical education, English and of course Christmas treats. It was a wonderful day in which all of Scales Mound School celebrated learning while enjoying the cheer of the holiday season.



Jenna Korte, Amanda Withington, Anne Cocagne, Mrs. Reese, Kortney Kudronowicz, and Lexie Sproule used emojis to fill out MadLibs created by high school students and shared their results with the other member of their group.

## Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 challenges students to achieve at higher standards

At the Nov. 21, Scales Mound School Board meeting, the high school course description handbook was approved for the 2017-18 school year. One noticeable change in the handbook was the inclusion of Advanced Placement courses being offered. High school principal, Dr. Matt Wiederholt explained that the inclusion of advanced placement courses is a logical next step in the district's goal to offer rigorous, challenging curriculum. "Offering advanced placement (AP) credit courses provides an additional opportunity for our students to challenge themselves and further prepare them for post-secondary education. These classes will complement the dual credit course opportunities that we have already provided our students," stated Dr. Wiederholt.

Students have met with Mrs. Brooke Deppe, school counselor, to discuss their course of study and

plans for post graduation. In addition to the advanced placement courses, Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 students have the opportunity to take dual credit courses from Highland Community College and high school credit courses from the Illinois Virtual School, sponsored by the Illinois Board of Education. "Offering our students a variety of opportunities is critical for their success," said Superintendent Bill Caron. "We want our students to push themselves to higher standards, and if

that is our goal, we have to provide them with the vehicle to get to that goal."

Students are currently in the process of registering for 2017-18 courses and Mrs. Deppe and Dr. Wiederholt have met with students in grades 6-11 to encourage their participation in dual credit and advanced placement courses. AP courses were explained to the sixth and seventh graders and students were encouraged to excel at their studies in order to succeed in advanced course in the future.

## Scales Mound students selected as Illinois State Scholars

Congratulations to seniors Zach Stadel and Jacob Winslow for being selected as Illinois State Scholars. Zach and Jacob are role models for our students at Scales Mound Community

Unit School District 211. Their success in the classroom and involvement outside of the classroom propelled them to being selected. We are very proud of their success and achievement.

## Highland Community College announces fall 2016 graduates

Highland Community College announces its fall 2016 graduates. Upon the conclusion of the fall semester, 58 students completed degrees and certificates in more than 25 academic areas. All graduates from the 2016-17 academic year will be honored at the College's commencement ceremony on May 13, 2017.

Apple River: Jon Smith — Associate of Arts  
Cedarville: Jennika Alber — Cosmetology Certificate;  
Christopher Wolter — Computer Technician Certificate  
Dakota: Rachel Clay — Associate of Science; Tylor Jacobson — Associate of Science  
Davis: Hannah Harshbarger — Associate of Arts  
Elizabeth: Christina Myers — Cosmetology Certificate

German Valley: Kelci Patterson — Associate of General Studies

Lanark: Blake Steen — Associate of Science  
Lena: Susanna Bayer — Certificate in Cosmetology;  
Chelsea Decker — Associate of Applied Science in Pre-Dentistry; Angela Edler — Associate of General Studies;  
Shannon McFadden — Certificates in Welding and Fabrication and Basic Welding; Andrew Reid — Associate of Arts

Savanna: Michael Miller — Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems

Stockton: Brooke Haug — Associate of Science in Business Administration; Brenda Miller — Associate of General Studies; Ryan Nadig — Associate of Arts; Wendy Reusch — Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education

Warren: Maurina Montoya — Associate of General Studies; Kyle Smith — Associate of Arts

## CTE Academy gives back

The Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy (formerly the Area Vocational Center) recently held a canned food drive. The project began at the start of December and all items were due Dec. 16. Students quickly became involved and friendly banter between programs on who could bring in the most items was tossed around. Community members, local district bus drivers, and CTE staff all contributed as well. When it was all collected, the CTE Academy has amassed over 1000 items. From non-perishable food to socks and personal hygiene items, the lobby was packed with boxes. Students then divvied items

up and helped deliver them to both the Hanover Food Pantry and the Elizabeth Food Pantry.

"At the CTE Academy, we're dedicated to fostering the entrepreneurial spirit and being a part of the community," said CTE Academy Administrator Nancy Jean-Paige Jogerst. "Typically, businesses participate in ways to 'give back' and so it just made sense to encourage our students to do so as well. We're all really proud of this project and the good we could do."

For more information on the Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy visit our Facebook page or website: [www.cteacademy.net](http://www.cteacademy.net)



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## HUD awards nearly \$105 million to Illinois homeless programs

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today awarded nearly \$105 million to support 416 homeless housing and service programs in Illinois. The Continuum of Care grants announced today provide critically needed housing and support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness across the state.

Today marks another critical investment in support of those working each and every day to house and serve our most vulnerable neighbors," said HUD Secretary Julián Castro. "We know how to end home-

lessness and will continue to encourage our local partners to use the latest evidence to achieve success. These grants support proven strategies to end homelessness once and for all."

This funding will continue to build upon existing efforts to end homelessness and support individuals, youth and families across Illinois when they need it most," said HUD Midwest Regional Administrator, Antonio R. Riley. "It will go a long way put them on the path towards dignity and independence."

This year, HUD continued to challenge state and local planners to

support higher performing local programs that have proven most effective in meeting their local challenges, often shifting funds from existing projects to create new ones that will have a more substantial and lasting impact on reducing homelessness.

In 2010, President Obama and 19 federal agencies and offices that form the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) launched the nation's first-ever comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. Opening Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness puts the country

on a path to end veterans and chronic homelessness as well as to end homelessness among children, family, and youth.

HUD estimates there were 549,928 persons experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2016. Since 2010, local communities around the country reported a 14 percent decline in the number of persons experiencing homelessness. In addition, Veteran homelessness fell by 47 percent, chronic homelessness declined 27 percent and family homelessness fell by nearly 23 percent. Next month, HUD and local

planners will launch a more robust effort to more accurately account for the youth and young adult population.

Across the nation, local homelessness planning agencies called 'Continuums of Care' will organize volunteers to help count the number of persons located in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs and living unsheltered on the streets. These Continuums of Care will report these one-night point-in-time counts' later in the year and will form the basis of HUD's 2017 national homeless estimate.

## Governor Rauner signs bipartisan legislation to extend River Edge tax credit

Governor Bruce Rauner has signed Senate Bill 1488, legislation to extend the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Program. The program allows for an income tax credit to be awarded for the restoration and preservation of a qualified historic structure located in a River Edge Redevelopment Zone.

"The River Edge Redevelopment Zone Program is an important tool for municipalities to utilize to spur economic development while saving and restoring historic buildings," said Rauner. "We're pleased that the legislature moved to extend this program, but hope that we can provide even more support to local municipalities through a balanced budget with reforms to grow jobs, lower property taxes, improve schools and enact term limits."

Senate Bill 1488 is effective immediately and extends the River Edge Redevelopment Zone Program for one year, to sunset on Jan. 1, 2018. A River Edge Redevelopment Zone is a specific area designated by the State of Illinois in cooperation with a local government to safely revive and redevelop environmentally-challenged properties that will stimulate economic revitalization and create jobs in Illinois. River Edge Redevelopment Zones are located in Rockford, Aurora, Elgin, Peoria and East St. Louis. The program is administered at the state level by the Illinois Department of Commerce

and Economic Opportunity.

"This bill ensures our continued support to distressed areas in river communities," said Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Acting Director Sean McCarthy. "Areas within the River Edge Redevelopment Zone represent historically strong economic engines within the state. This investment will stimulate growth and create good paying jobs for families in these communities."

"I am incredibly grateful to Governor Rauner for supporting the River Edge Historic Tax Credit extension bill. This vital program has meant millions of dollars in private sector investment in Rockford's urban core, spurred direct and indirect job growth in our community, and is returning millions of dollars in tax revenue back to the State of Illinois and the five Illinois River Edge communities," said Larry Morrissey, Mayor of Rockford. "The River Edge Historic Tax Credit has become a major part of the economic foundation that has led to explosive growth in Downtown Rockford. It has led to a level of private investment in our Downtown not seen since the 1950's. I hope that this type of smart, strategic bi-partisan legislation can be a model for moving the State forward. It allows us to both grow our economy and return tax dollars back to units of government."

"The extension of River Edge

Redevelopment Program allows for the continued redevelopment of historic riverfront properties in our region, which will in turn allow for more private investment, create construction positions and ultimately secure permanent jobs," said State Sen. Karen McConaughay (R-St. Charles). "The River Edge Redevelopment Program is an investment in not only in our riverfront, but in a number of other riverfront communities, which preserves local history while also promoting economic development."

"The State Historic Tax Credits have been THE driving force for redevelopment in Peoria. The HTC's have leveraged over \$32 million dollars in investment creating over 150 new residential units and thousands of square feet of retail and office space," said Jim Ardis, Mayor of Peoria. "Additionally hundreds of construction jobs have been generated in the renovation of these buildings. The HTC program has been the cornerstone of our redevelopment efforts in downtown and the Warehouse District. I applaud Governor Rauner for his unwavering support of economic growth in Peoria as well as the State of Illinois. We are hopeful this one year extension leads to a longer term that will incentivize considerably more investment in the 5 river cities participating while preserving historic properties."

"I have seen firsthand how this program has positively affected Rockford's downtown development. One of many examples is The Prairie Street Brewhouse, a \$12+ million renovation project in Rockford, that resulted in the creation of 110 construction jobs and hundreds of thousands of dollars in state income tax revenue," said State Sen. Dave Syverson (R-Rockford). "These types of projects offer the taxpayers of this state the chance to get a huge return on their investment in terms of tax revenue and economic activity. Just as I supported the initial passage of this bill, I am proud to be a cosponsor of this bipartisan reauthorization."

"This legislation is a common-sense measure, given the state of our economics in East St. Louis," said State Sen. James Clayborne (D-

Belleville). "I thank the Governor for getting behind this and signing it into law. With that being said, I challenge the business community to come together in moving East St. Louis in the right direction, towards sustaining itself economically."

"This credit is a vital tool for economic development. For years, it has been the only financial incentive for developers to invest in downtown Rockford," State Sen. Steve Stadelman (D-Rockford) said. "To date the tax credit has spurred more than \$100 million in development in our community alone."

"I'm pleased to see the continuation of a plan that has already helped developers make a greater investment in Peoria," said State Sen. Dave Koehler (D-Peoria). "I'm confident extending the River Edge program will open up new opportunities to create thriving business in Peoria and many other communities throughout Illinois. I applaud the governor's action in signing this into law today."

"The Rivers Edge program has already helped preserve a local landmark in Aurora," said State Sen. Linda Holmes (D-Aurora). "This program spurs economic development, repurposes historic structures, and creates jobs in the community. I am glad this important plan will be extended and know it will create even more opportunities for development."

"I thank the Governor for reaching across the aisle on important job creation issues like the Rivers Edge program," said State Sen. Mike Noland (D-Elgin).

"River's Edge historic tax credits are vital to the rebuilding of our historic Illinois towns," said State Rep. Steve Anderson (R-Geneva). "These tax credits are good for the whole state, encouraging investment, creating jobs in our communities that can't be outsourced, building sales tax revenues and reinvigorating our downtowns all at the same time. The River's Edge historic tax credit is a win-win for everyone in our State."

"The River's Edge Tax Credit program has vastly contributed to the overall workforce investment for Northern Illinois Region and Rockford downtown area in particular,"

said State Rep. Joe Sosnowski (R-Rockford). "I appreciate the Governor's leadership in bringing jobs to families and individuals in Illinois. We also need to reform Illinois in other ways to rejuvenate the state's manufacturing and business environment."

"Extending the River Edge Tax Credit is essential to promoting development and economic growth in areas of the state that need it the most," said State Rep. Chapa LaVia (D-Aurora). "I've been proud to work with my fellow legislators in Springfield to help spark economic development. I applaud Governor Rauner for his support of this economic tool and look forward to working with him to ensure programs like River Edge thrive for years to come."

"Peoria was the first city in Illinois that was able to take advantage of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit during the renovation of the Pere Marquette Hotel," State Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth (D-Peoria) said. "Since then, the tax credit has helped bring jobs, redevelopment and economic growth the Warehouse District. There is a \$10 return for every dollar the state invests using this tax credit. When elected officials discuss how they can improve our business climate and create jobs, incentives like this one has to be part of the conversation. I will continue to promote the Historic Preservation Tax Credit and work to make it permanent."

"This tax credit has been crucial in creating jobs and attracting investment for downtown Rockford," State Rep. Litesa Wallace (D-Rockford) said. "I thank local advocates, Rockford officials and my fellow legislators who worked hard to keep this economic generator for our community and our state."

"The River Edge Historic Tax Credit is a critical component to revitalizing Elgin's riverfront and downtown economy, and it has proven to be a good return on investment," State Rep. Anna Moeller (D-Elgin) said. "Maintaining this tax credit is important for Elgin to continue creating jobs and growing our local economy, and I'm glad Gov. Rauner signed this measure to extend it into law."



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## Obituaries

### BARBARA JANKOVIC

Barbara Jankovic, age 89, of Stockton, IL passed away Dec. 28, 2016 at Presence St. Joseph Center in Freeport, IL. Barbara was born on April 11, 1927 in Germany to the late George and Barbara Filips. She married Dragoslav A. Jankovic, he died on Nov. 15, 1997.



Barbara was a seamstress for Marshall Fields. She loved vacationing, especially in Florida where it was sunny. She also enjoyed dancing, but most of all she loved being around her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Rosemary (Bruce) Fritz of Stockton, IL and Erna Buchwald of DeKalb, IL; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and a few great great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Barbara; husband, Dragoslav; daughters, Laurie (Al) Coglianesi and Marianne (Jack) Smith; son, Steven Jankovic and grandsons Tony and Mike.

Visitation was Jan. 2, followed by a graveside service at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with Barbara's family at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

### ELMER VERLE SCHLICHTING

Elmer Verle Schlichting of Nora, IL, Lena, IL and Green Bay, WI passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 surrounded by his four children and daughter-in-law. Elmer was born on May 8, 1929 the only child of Elmer Ernest and Lena Marie (Schindler) Schlichting of Apple River, IL. He was baptized at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Schapville, IL where he attended Sunday school and was also confirmed there. He grew up on a farm near Apple River, IL on North Scout Camp Road in Jo Daviess County. He attended Pine Ridge elementary/grade school and graduated from Apple River High School. On July 21, of 1952 he married the love of his life Audrey Jean Brooker of Avon, WI at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. They resided in and raised four children in Nora, IL. Elmer began his working career at Fairbanks Morse in Freeport, IL. He spent most of his working career at Newell Companies in Freeport, IL as a machine designer and builder for 38 years until he and Audrey both retired in 1996. Elmer was called to Public Service, he served on The Nora Township Board and as Mayor, the District 205 School Board 20-plus years. With others in our community he started The Blackhawk Park District that acquired land, built playground equipment and in-

stalled a pool so the youth of our area had a place to play. He also served on the church council at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Warren, IL as well as the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Masonic Temple in Warren, IL and later transferred to the Masonic Temple in Lena, IL. He served as a Mason for nearly 60 years. Elmer enjoyed hunting with his sons and grandsons in Jo Daviess County, Montana and Tennessee. He was an enthusiastic Green Bay Packer fan and attended many games at Milwaukee County Stadium as well as Lambeau Field. Elmer had a unique sense of humor and his favorite movie was Grumpier Old Men.

He is survived by his three sons Mark (Wendy Thompson) Schlichting of Crawfordsville, IN, Mike (Karen Tuescher) Schlichting of Lena, IL, Kurt (Krystal Buske) Schlichting of Green Bay, WI, and his daughter Kim Schlichting of Duluth MN. He has ten Grandchildren and eleven Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death, by his loving wife Audrey.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday Jan. 5. A Masonic Funeral Service will be held at 10 a.m. and the funeral service at 10:30 a.m. all at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Schapville, IL. In lieu of flowers a memorial to the Salvation Army will be held in Elmer's name. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

### GLORIA J. CARLSON

Gloria J. Carlson, age 67, of Machesney Park, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Dec. 26, 2016. She was born on July 5, 1949 to the late Robert C. and Eileen (Ertmer) Hill. She was a 1967 graduate of Stockton High School. Gloria married Steve Carlson on Oct. 25, 1969 in Stockton.

She had been the office manager at Production Line in South Beloit and delivered papers for the Rockford Register Star for over thirty years. Gloria enjoyed playing bingo, bowling, knitting and crocheting, but most of all she loved taking care of and spending time with her family.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Steve Carlson; three sons, Jeff Carlson of Machesney Park, IL, Jerry (Amanda) Carlson of Freeport, IL, and John (Shanda) Carlson of Rockford, IL; daughter, Jodi (Brian) Schwartz of Monroe, WI; two grandchildren, Steven (Lisa) Carlson and Preston Schwartz; brother, Roger (Jane) Hill of Stockton, IL; five sisters, Diane (Robert) Heuerman of Stockton, IL, Bonnie Hill of Stockton, IL, Pat Leif of Stockton, IL, Barb (Larry) Jacobs of Roscoe, IL, and Lisa (Allen) Blacker of Gilberts, IL; mother in law,



Grace Carlson of Stockton, IL.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert C. and Eileen Hill; niece, Danielle Glover; and father in law, Al Carlson.

A funeral service was held Dec. 31, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. Visitation was Dec. 30, at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Morseville Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with her family at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com)

### JACK WILLIAMS

Jack Williams, 94, of Lena died Monday Dec. 26, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. Jack was born on Aug. 23, 1922, son of George and Rosetta (Kupersmith) Williams in Nora, IL. He attended Nora Grade School and graduated from Warren High School in 1940. Feb. 10, 1948 he married Mary Evelyn Campbell at St. Joseph Rectory in Gratiot, WI. They farmed near Nora until retiring to Lena in 1984.

Survivors include wife, Mary Evelyn, two sons; Don (Judy) of Hortonville, WI Tim of Monroe, WI, one grandson Chris of Avon, CO, One sister Viola Dochkus of Rockford, one step-grandson Spencer and two step great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one brother Gerald, one grandson Chad, and one step grandson Ben.

The funeral was Dec. 30, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena.

There will be no visitation per Jack's request.

Interment will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lena, with a luncheon following at St. Joseph's Hall in Lena.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

### KATHLEEN A. HEILER

Kathleen A. Heiler, age 75, passed away on Friday Dec. 30, 2016 at Unity Point Meriter Hospital in Madison, WI with her family by her side. She was born on Oct. 24, 1941 in Rockford, IL. She was the daughter of John and Catherine (Bender) Allen. She married John F. Heiler Sr. on June 18, 1960 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Freeport, IL. She was employed by Crum & Forrester Insurance Company and then worked at



Micro Switch Plant #4 for 30 years. She enjoyed Elvis music, collecting green Depression glass, reading and doing arts and crafts.

Surviving by her husband John Sr., daughter Amy Heiler, two sons, Steven (Ronda) Heiler and John Heiler Jr. all of Lena. Four grandchildren; Michael, Jamie, Sarah and Jonathon Heiler, three great grandchildren; Landin and Dean Heiler and Angel Hoeffler all of Lena. One sister Mary (Lonnie) Welt of Seattle, Wa. Two nieces, two nephews and one great nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one aunt and one uncle.

Graveside services will be on Friday Jan. 6, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lena Burial Park.

Pastor Randy Nicholas will officiate.

A memorial has been established in her name

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

### MARVIN L. KARNATZ,

Marvin L. Karnatz, age 94, passed peacefully away at home in the early hours of Friday, Dec. 30.

Marvin was born Sept. 17, 1922 in De-weese, Nebraska and moved to Lena in his teens. He graduated from Lena High School in 1941 where he was a member of the basketball team. He joined the US Army in 1942 and married high school sweetheart Lucille Ferguson during his first leave on Dec. 1, 1943. They made their first home in Edmonton, Alberta where he was stationed in support of the Distant Early Warning Line that stretched



across Canada's Yukon Territory.

That experience led to employment with IBM Corporation in a career that spanned four decades and focused on technology support and customer service. He was proud of his support of research scientists at Argonne Laboratories and Fermilab whose projects included leading edge particle physics research and analysis of moon rocks retrieved during Apollo space missions.

The couple lived in Aurora, Illinois for over forty years but maintained a close relationship to their home town of Lena. They purchased a summer home there and returned as residents in 1989. Marvin was a baptized, confirmed and faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was involved with the American Legion post where he helped to lead the effort to build a memorial to Veterans at the Lena Burial Park.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 73 years, Lucille, a brother, Vernon of Maineschaff, Germany, brother in law Norman Wybourn, a daughter, Nancy (Jeff) Hering of Rochester, New York, 2 sons, Jim (Peggy) Karnatz of Indianola, Iowa and John (Billie) Karnatz of Bartlett, Illinois. He loved his seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He is mourned by many neighbors and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Claire and grandson Tristan Hering.

Visitation was at St. John's Lutheran Church of Lena on Jan. 2 and prior to the funeral service Jan. 3 at the church. A committal service immediately followed the funeral at Lena Burial Park.

Remembrances may be made to St. John's of Lena, Golden Meals of Freeport, Illinois or any worthy charity.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

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# The Mighty Richland Players in Orangeville announce 2017 season

It will be a busy season for the Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater (MRPDT) in Orangeville. They have set a full schedule of shows in the upcoming year which should please a wide range of audiences.

MRPDT's first production will be a radio show. Due to the wonderful response to their production several years ago, they are bringing back this crowd favorite. It will contain all new shows and feature specially-written commercials for

local advertisers. The show will be performed March 3, 4, and 5. The theater will be transformed into a radio network sound stage where the actors will be voicing characters from favorite radio shows of the 40's and 50's. The show will be directed by Kim McIver.

On June 23, 24, and 25, the theater group will be bringing back the wonderfully-funny ladies of Harmony in Harmony Romances. Most of the original cast will be back and will be reprising their

roles. This time, the church ladies are in charge of planning Leah's wedding. She's getting married to Howard, a man she hasn't seen in years and with whom she has had only an e-mail and telephone relationship.

Between discovering a mysterious pentagram design on Howard's hand, to his spastic colon flare-up, it's a race for the ladies of Harmony to get Leah to the altar.

Self-help for Dummies will be performed in the fall on Sept. 22, 23 and 24. When a self-absorbed psychologist is late for work, the ever-growing collection of "mixed-nuts" in his waiting room begins to interact with hilarious results.

Nov. 25 and 26 is the annual Christmas Show with Sue Wich-

man directing. It will be filled with comedy and songs with a holiday theme. The MRPDT welcomes anyone who would like to perform or be part of the show.

All Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees start at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each. There is a dessert intermission included in the ticket price. Performances are held in the historic Masonic Hall, 203 High Street, Orangeville, IL. Reservations are preferred; please call (815) 819-1310.

For more information on a show, the theater group, or the theater which rents out for weddings, showers, and other events, feel free to visit mightyrichlandplayers.com or view their Facebook page.

## WinnPrairie to host veteran aid and attendance seminar

You are invited to learn about the Veteran's Aid and Attendance benefit that can apply to wartime veterans or their surviving spouse.

Jim Cauthorn of the Cauthorn Financial Group will give a presentation on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at WinnPrairie, 1545 S Forest Rd., Freeport, IL.

Many wartime veterans are unaware that they may be entitled to a pension benefit. This tax-free benefit may be used to offset the cost of Assisted Living.

Please call Patti at (815) 656-4800 to make a reservation for this informational seminar.

## Births

### OBADIAH DALE BENSON

Stephen (Bud) and Stephanie (Heid) Benson of Thomson, IL are the proud parents of a son, Obadiah Dale, born Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 at Mercy Medical Center, Clinton, IA. He weighed 6 lbs 3 oz. and was 19 in. long.

He was welcomed home by sister Ivy Ruth (1½) and two brothers, Cosmo and Wyatt.

Grandparents are Bill and Kim Heid of Thomson, IL and Shannon Brasher of Asbury, IA.

Great-grandparents are Dean and Ruth Wright of Stockton, IL ; Betty Gallentine of Thomson, IL ; Galen and Linda Heid of Stockton, IL and Dale and June Clabaugh of Picayune, MS.

### ELI EILDERS

Chelsea Karstedt and Chad Eilders of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son Eli Thomas Eilders born Friday, Dec. 23, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Eli has a brother Peyton Eilders, 6. Grandparents are Thomas and Jennifer Karstedt of Freeport, Lisa French of Lena, Ill. and Marybeth and Vernon Eilders of German Valley, Ill. Great grandparents are Carl and Donna Reuter of Freeport and Barb Reuter of Galesburg.



## Lena KOA honored for service

The Lena KOA was recently recognized for 10 years of service to the Kampgrounds of America System. The campground was honored last month during KOA's annual International Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is one of 490 KOA locations in the U.S. and Canada. The campground is owned and operated by Joe and Diane Long, and is located at 10982 US Highway 20 W in Lena, IL. Kampgrounds of America was born on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Billings, Motana in 1962 and will be celebrating its 55th anniversary in 2017.

## 100 Women Who Care awards donation to Children's Hands-On Museum

Congratulations to Children's Hands-On Museum on being the November quarterly meeting recipient of all members' donations. This week we were able to present all the cash and checks to them totaling \$11,100!

This is the largest donation made by 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County and our first donation over \$11,000!

The Children's Hands-On Museum was founded in 2014. During that time, they have popped up at venues in local schools, the Stephenson County Fair, churches, summer outdoor community events and the Stephenson County Historical Society. They have hosted two Expos showcasing their exhibits that were sponsored by the Eagles Club, and most recently held a Holidays Around the World event at the Lincoln Mall.

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The Children's Hands-On Museum mission is to have a locally accessible, affordable, interactive and educational environment that inspires children and families to learn about themselves and the world around them. The pop-up museum provides diverse, creative, hands-on learning with stimulating exhibits in science, health, arts, reading and place sense.

With a goal of \$75,000 to start up the all-volunteer organization, Children's Hands-On Museum is dedicating the generous contribution from 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County to reach the goal of finding a permanent space for the museum in 2017 to serve as a resource to children, their families, and schools of Northwestern Illinois. Congratulations Children's Hands-On Museum!

## A little levity to lighten your day

A man buys a parrot, not knowing that it previously belonged to a foul-mouthed longshoreman. One day, after several weeks of trying to teach the bird not to curse constantly, the man and parrot get into a screaming match. In frustration, the man tosses the parrot into the kitchen freezer and slams the door. After several seconds of terrible swearing there is dead silence. Horrified that he may have killed the bird, the man opens the freezer door. The parrot calmly walks out, perches on the man's shoulder and says, "Please accept my sincere apology for my past behavior. You may be assured that I will never again use offensive or inappropriate language." The man is dumbfounded. He is about to ask the parrot about his change of attitude, when the parrot continues, "If I may ask, what did the chicken do?"

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Announces the 2017 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), and Weatherization Programs.

The option to enroll in PIPP is not available after December 31, 2016 for the current LIHEAP program year which began September 1, 2016 and ends May 31, 2017.

To qualify for Weatherization assistance, you must apply for and be approved for LIHEAP.

Starting November 1st, all income eligible households may call to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance with their heating utilities.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance at one of the following locations.

NICAA Main Office - Freeport

Warren Township Library

Citizens State Bank of Lena

Illinois Bank & Trust-Galena Downtown

Stockton Banking Center

Hanover Village Hall

East Dubuque Library

Income Guidelines: To qualify, a household must have income at or below the levels shown on the chart for 30 days including the application date.

# of people in Household	30 day Gross Income
1	\$1,485
2	\$2,003
3	\$2,520
4	\$3,038

Add \$520 for each additional person.

**\*\* You must bring the following documentation with you to your appointment. If you are missing these documents, your appointment will be rescheduled.\*\***

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Top portion of current heat and electric bills issued.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- A signed copy of current lease or proof of homeownership (tax bill or title for mobile home) is required to apply for weatherization assistance



# ICYMI: Why the General Assembly must reform workers' compensation

The following is an excerpt of an op-ed written by Governor Rauner that was published this morning by Crain's Chicago Business:

Illinois has every reason to succeed. We have the hardest-working people in America, the best infrastructure in America and the best location of any state. We have unlimited economic potential. Yet, despite these advantages, the state's economic policies have led to very weak economic growth and massive manufacturing job losses. [...]

Nearly two years ago we unveiled an ambitious 44-point plan to create more jobs and spur economic growth. Since then—in the spirit of compromise—we've narrowed our focus to the most criti-

cal priorities—term limits, more jobs, lower property taxes, better schools and real pension reform. When it comes to job creation, we have continued to advocate for changes to the workers' compensation system because of its direct impact on state government and job creation. As part of a balanced budget, workers' compensation reform should be a core part of a comprehensive agreement.

When I meet with employers, both in Illinois and across the country, they cite two primary challenges for businesses in Illinois: the highest property tax burden in the nation and our uncompetitive workers' compensation system. Those costs are particularly harmful to businesses with large physical footprints and large workforces. So it shouldn't be a surprise that Illinois has lost 34 percent of its manufacturing jobs since 2000 alone, while other states, like Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky, are growing.

Workers' compensation is not just a business issue. It directly impacts taxpayers by costing state,

county and municipal governments more than \$400 million every year, plus additional costs for school districts and special purpose districts. Government employees file workers' compensation claims for injuries and illnesses more than 50 percent more often than private-sector workers.

Illinois employers spend approximately \$3 billion per year on workers' compensation, including medical expenses and disability benefits. The most widely used national study, conducted by the state of Oregon, shows that Illinois jumped from 23rd to the third most expensive state in the nation following 2005 changes to the law. Bipartisan reforms in 2011 helped to reduce costs, but Illinois remains the most expensive state

in the Midwest and is tied as the seventh most expensive state in the nation. [...]

The workers' compensation system has been forced to absorb the growing costs of obesity, heart disease, diabetes and other degenerative conditions. Most other states, including blue states like Massachusetts and Oregon, have responded by reforming their causation standards—a reform that Attorney General Lisa Madigan said in 2012 would “exclude those conditions which are primarily caused by the natural degenerative process which occurs during aging” and was necessary “to protect taxpayer dollars.” [...]

Many other good ideas have been proposed to make the system more efficient. Ultimately, we will all

benefit from balanced reform: Employers will save costs, Illinois will be a more attractive place in which to create jobs, workers will still be protected in the case of a workplace injury while enjoying greater job opportunities, and the state and local governments will experience a broader tax base through growth.

If we cannot provide Illinois residents with good jobs and expand our tax base, the state will never be able to properly support education and human services to the level they deserve, and our pension liabilities will look even more daunting.

Change is not easy, but the status quo is unacceptable. We cannot afford to fail.

## Millie's quote of the week

“It isn't what they say about you, it's what they whisper,”

Errol Flynn

## Stockton American Legion to host pasties fund raiser

Stockton American Legion Post 449 is holding a fund raiser during January. The legion post will be taking orders for pasties, a pot pie type meal made with meat and vegetables all wrapped in delicious dough and made to be eaten by hand, no fork required.

Pasties were brought to Upper Michigan (UP) by the Cornish miners who worked in the copper mines but if you ask around up in the UP, the Finns, Swedes, Germans, Irish and Scots will all claim some part in the history of the pasty.

The pasties the legion post will be taking orders for are 12 oz. and made in Crystal Falls, MI in the Upper Peninsula. They will come frozen and require 60 minutes of baking at 350 degrees. Listed below are the different pasties the legion post will offer and their main ingredients.

Beef - ground beef, potatoes, carrots, onions and spices

Beef and pork - ground beef,

pork, potatoes, rutabaga, carrots, onions and spices

Cornish - ground beef, pork, potatoes, onions, carrots and spices

Italian pork - pork, potatoes, diced red peppers, onions, fennel seeds and spices

Chicken - Skinless ground chicken, potatoes, onions carrots, celery and spices

Vegetable - Potatoes, onions, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, cheddar cheese and spices

Mexican - Beef taco meat, refried beans, potatoes, onions, garlic, red peppers

The Stockton American Legion will be taking orders at the post home located at 128 E. Front Street on Saturday, Jan. 7, and 14, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The pasties will be available for pick up on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Pasties will cost \$3 each, payable at time of order.

If you have any questions please call Mike Beatty at 947-2987.

## Jump in to watershed protection at Galena Rotary Roundtable

Our water is in trouble we are all in the same boat. We need clean water for drinking and industry, and healthy ecosystems to support the life around us. It's time for us all to jump in, learn about what can be done, and get going on doing it!

Here's a first step. On Jan. 11, the Galena Rotary partners with the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County to hold a day-long conference at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa in Galena. This conference titled “Water, We're all in the Same Boat” will be part of the 30th Annual Galena Rotary Roundtable. National and atate speakers will describe water quality issues and solutions, lead-

ing to action.

Regional workshop presenters will share the plans, policies, and practices for successful water resource management in Northwest Illinois' Apple Plum Watershed.

As a bonus, on Jan. 10, there will be a chance to socialize over wine and cheese while playing the Watershed game, an interactive tool that helps individuals understand the connection between land use and water quality.

Come and join the team. Clean water is critical for all of us.

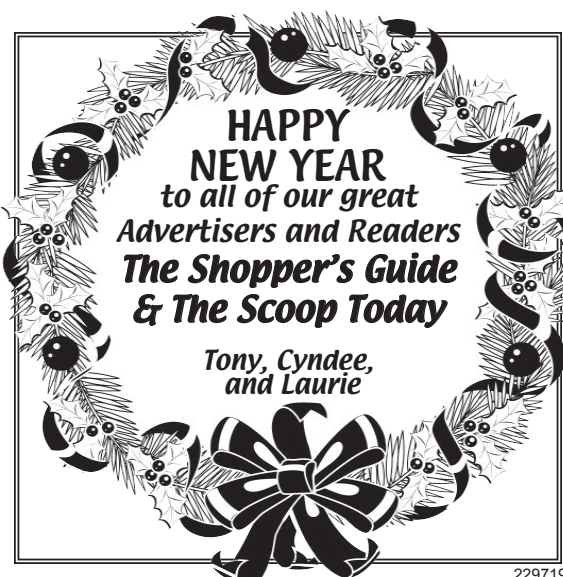
For more information or to register or sponsor the event, please visit [www.galenaroundtable.com](http://www.galenaroundtable.com)

## Stockton Chamber of Commerce to host Lunch and Learn

Join us Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Creativeations in downtown Stockton for a presentation by Brian McIntyre, President of Thames Management Resource LTD, as he explains the benefits of TCEDA's 10-month series, Build it - Grow it that will be held in Warren, IL. These sessions feature the Growth Wheel - a business tool used to achieve focus, make decisions, and take action. TCEDA will give Warren the same opportunity Elizabeth had by offer-

ing free education and consulting for the first year!

Mr. McIntyre has experience in operations, sales, management and small business development. He has been an entrepreneur, and has held key positions in both manufacturing and technology. During the 10-month series he will discuss marketing tools to help grow your business to the next level. Come find out how this 10-month series can help strengthen your business!



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 High Teens

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 • *Sunday Mass – 8:00 a.m.*  
 • Reconciliation Sunday – 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod  
 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, IL 61048  
**Rev. Rick Bader (815) 369-4035**  
 • *Saturday Evening Worship – 5:30 p.m.*  
 • *Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*  
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 • High School & Adult Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America  
 229 S. First St., Pearl City, IL 61062  
[www.stjohnspearlcity.org](http://www.stjohnspearlcity.org)  
**Pastor Thomas Ekstrand (815) 443-2215**  
 • *Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.*  
 • Christian Education for all Ages - 10:15 a.m.  
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## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

8315 S. Massbach Road, Elizabeth, IL 61028  
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 • *Saturday Mass – 6:00 p.m.*  
 • Reconciliation Saturday – 5:30 – 5:50 p.m.

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

410 West Lena Street, Lena, IL 61048  
**Father Skrobitt (815) 369-2810**  
 • *Saturday Mass – 4:00 p.m.*  
 • *Sunday Mass – 10:00 a.m.*  
 • Reconciliation Saturday – 3:30 – 3:50 p.m.

## ST. PAUL EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS

411 West Catlin Street, Elizabeth IL, 61028  
[www.stpaulielizabeth.org](http://www.stpaulielizabeth.org)  
**Pastor: Mike Nesbit (815) 858-3334**  
 • *Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.*  
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*Adult Bible Study - 8:45 a.m.*  
 • *Wednesday Evening Worship – 7:00 p.m.*

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Little Church with a Big Heart  
 1334 Sunnyside Road, Kent, IL 61044  
 1/2 mile north on Kent Road  
**Pastor Carole Andres (815) 232-4010**  
**wogac@comcast.net**  
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 Warren, IL 61087  
**Megan Preston Intern as Pastor**  
**www.stpaulswarren.org**  
 • *Saturday Worship – 5:00 p.m.*  
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 • *Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.*

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 • Adult Sunday School before Worship  
 • Children Sunday School - During the service  
 Communion Every First Sunday  
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## WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Hudson & Benton St.,  
 Stockton, IL 61085  
**Pastor Brenda Morris**  
**(815) 947-2541 or (815) 601-6742**  
 • *Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday Worship – 10:45 a.m.*  
 • *Fellowship following service*  
 • Adult Bible Studies Available  
 • Communion Every 1st Sunday  
 • Connections (meal and education for youth  
 and adults) Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
 \* *Handicapped Accessible*

## WINSLOW GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

197 Carver Street, Winslow, IL 61089  
**Pastor Robert Patin (815) 230-1862**  
 • *Sunday Worship – 10:45 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday Evening Service – 7:00 p.m.*  
 • Prayer and Bible Study – Wednesdays at  
 7:00 p.m.

## YELLOW CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

12602 W. Dublin Road, Pearl City, IL  
**Pastor Ellis Boughton • 815-864-2049**  
**Email: ellis.boughton@live.com**  
 • *Sunday Services – 10:00 a.m.*  
 • *Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.*  
*(when available)*

## ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH

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





# CHURCH NOTES

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Jan. 8, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Baptism of Our Lord 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 Tuesday Jan. 10t, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will host the Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center at 9:45 a.m. It will be a wonderful time of singing favorite hymns. Volunteers are welcome to come and sing along and to help residents with their hymn books.

On Wednesday Jan. 11, 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 Jan. 12, The Friendship Club will meet at 12 p.m. at Good Shepherd for Potluck and Bingo.

## Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday Jan 8, at 9 a.m. at Kent UMC. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message; all are invited and welcome and please stay for the fellowship following the service. Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible; all are invited and welcome to join in this time too.

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

## Lena United Methodist Church

Regardless of one's age, race, life-story, or standpoint, each unique individual is welcomed within our church. Saturday Jan. 7 will begin with a breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by UMW meeting at 9:30.

Sunday will open with the 9 a.m. worship followed by Sunday School at 10:30. Bible study will be at 6 p.m. at Edlers and Holmes Bible study will be at Gary Rich's at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, there will be a Finance Meeting.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the quilters will meet and there will be a Church Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Acts 28:19-20)

## St. John's

St. John's will hold an Epiphany service, Festival of the Epiphany, on Friday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. We will be gathering on Epiphany for an abbreviated Eucharist and an old tradition of Christian hospitality called "blessing of the doors" or "chalking of the doors." In addition, the Saturday Evening worship service will be held on Jan. 7, at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 8, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the First Sunday of Epiphany or the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. After worship, the Property and Helping Hands committees will meet. In addition, members of the church council will be available to answer questions at Coffee with Council. Whirl Sunday School will resume on Jan. 8, and will focus on the lesson, "A Light to the Nations." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) youth group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 8, in the Youth and Family Center followed by Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m.

A Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 a.m. at Little John's. The Christian Education Committee will meet on Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome to walk downstairs in the lower level on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. The Bible Studies will resume on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. and the Thursday morning study will resume on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Save the date: St. John's will host their annual Pancake and Sausage supper on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Sausage gravy with biscuits will be on the menu also.

# Early bird discounted bald eagle bus tours are a unique gift idea

Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Dir. of the Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF), has announced that ENF is offering three 4-hour Bald Eagle Bus Tours in 2017.

The dates for these four-hour bus tours are Jan. 21, Feb. 11 and Feb. 25. All of the Eagle Tours will leave at 8 a.m. and return about 12:30 p.m. to the Best Western Motel, on Hwy. 20 on the east side of Galena.

All of the tours will be led by Terrence Ingram, who has been leading bald eagle bus tours for over 50 years. During each four hours these tours will visit five different historical bald eagle wintering communities to see bald eagles flying, fishing, and roosting. Several bald eagle nesting sites will be seen as well as

nighttime roosting sites. Cameras and binoculars are recommended, as possibly the bald eagles may be seen fairly close to the bus. As many as 450 bald eagles have been seen during just one four-hour tour in the past, but with the bald eagle population declining on the Mississippi, there is no guarantee of seeing even ten bald eagles on a tour this year. He recommends that if anyone has never gone on a tour before, or has seen a bald eagle in the wild, they should try to take one of these tours as soon as possible.

Until the ENF web page is up-dated a person will need a brochure to register for these tours. To get a brochure, call ENF's office (815) 594-2306 to leave your name and ad-

dress, or write: Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001.

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

## A little levity to lighten your day

The best money managers in the Bible were Noah, who was floating his stock when everyone else was in liquidation, and Pharaoh's daughter, who went down to the bank of the Nile and managed to draw out a little prophet.

## Baptism of Our Lord Sunday at St. Paul's in Kent

On Sunday, Jan. 8, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will observe The Baptism of our Lord during their 10 a.m. family worship service. Gary Groezinger will be the liturgist. Deb Winning will play appropriate music. Two hymn texts written by Carolyn Gillette, a Presbyterian minister and friend of Pas-

tor Andres, will be sung to familiar tunes during worship. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Please join us at the little church with the big heart. We are located on 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, about one fourth mile north of Kent. For further information, please call Pastor Andres (815) 232-4010.

## Highland Community College's Early-January Lifelong Learning Courses

Highland Community College Lifelong Learning is offering a full listing of courses beginning in 2017. Two of the classes to be offered in early January are Power Yoga and Installing a Flat Screen TV.

Power Yoga – Power Yoga is an advanced class for the avid yoga student looking for a course that will provide strength as well as stretching. Prior yoga experience is required. The class is taught by certified yoga instructor, Cindy Tessendorf, who has been active in fitness training since 1992. Please bring a mat. The course will meet on Thursday evenings, January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 2, from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Student/Conference Center, room H-210. The registration deadline is January 5, 2017. The cost is \$80.

Installing a Flat Screen TV - Would you like to learn how to hang your TV on the wall, and don't know where to start? During this hands-on class, Mike Gunderson, Highland's A/V Specialist, and resident A/V Installer, will show

you mounting techniques, types of mounts and how to hide the wires inside the wall. This is a one night class that will be held Thursday, January 19, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Building M, room 122. The registration deadline is January 12, 2017. The cost is \$20.

The vision of Highland's Lifelong Learning is to serve all populations throughout the College's four-county district, including community members, seniors, and the region's business professionals.

To register for Lifelong Learning courses, and to see a complete listing of upcoming classes, visit [highland.edu/lifelong](http://highland.edu/lifelong) or call (815) 599-3414. For more information about Lifelong Learning classes, and to find out the latest in new course offerings, call (815) 599-3403.



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# 2016 in reivew

(Right) Pearl City students from Mr. Kostallari's English 3 class enjoyed an educational tour of the Anderson Japanese Gardens as part of studying a unit on Japanese culture and literature.



Henry Engel ran a tight ship while serving as Principal of the Day at the Lena-Winslow Elementary School.



Friends and family of retiring teacher George Visel gathered to dedicate the courtyard behind the Pearl City school building.

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I want to thank the Lena area church cooperative. Also the Lena Lions Club for the wonderful fruit basket and the cookie plate. They were all very good and I appreciated them very much.  
Happy New Year  
Toni Schrader

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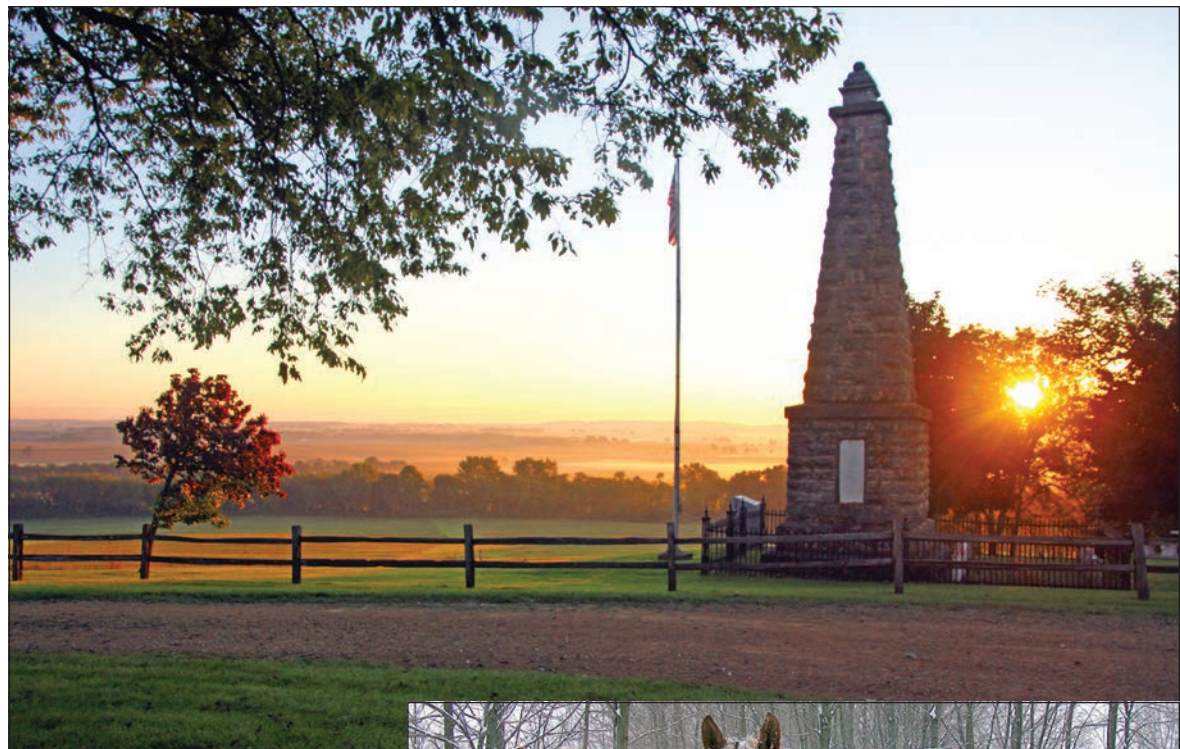
**2016 in review** All eyes were on Lena, Illinois in early September as the Lena Lions Club kicked off its Sixty-Fifth Annual Lena Lions Fall Festival.



It is not unusual to see older students sitting next to a younger student in Pearl city Schools. A variety of activities take place regularly to help build a strong community. Students read, play games, help with skill practice, act as mentors and just have fun together. We have a unique situation where students from Pre-K to Twelfth grade are all in the same building, making interacting with each other very easy. Building a strong caring community is important to us in Pearl City.



The Nerds bed racing team looked great roaring down the track all those years ago, but eventually ran out of steam and lost the bed race to the Fitness on Main team, Butz and Gutz.



The monument at Kellogg's Grove was erected in 1887, stands 34 feet tall and is made of native limestone. It is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.



In years past, the folks from Stage Coach Trail Livery always brought their special brand of winter fun to Winterfest and the crowds wanting a frosty sleigh ride kept the pair of draft horses busy for most of the festival.

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## LEGALS

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **December 16, 2016**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Seek & Share Resale Shop** located at **240 W. Main St., Suite D, Lena, IL 61048**.

Dated December 16, 2016

*VICIR. OTTE*

Stephenson County Clerk  
by *HB*

Heather Becker Deputy

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASSALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2006-HE7, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE7, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
NANETTE MAHER; RAYMOND MAHER,  
DEFENDANTS.

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1316 SOUTH BURCHARD AVENUE

FREEPORT, IL 61032

### NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 18, 2016, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on January 19, 2017, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as

shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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The Judgment amount was \$86,790.32.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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Public Notice is hereby given that on **December 28, 2016**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Head-2Toe Custom Apparel & Design** located at **501 Shumway St., Lena, Illinois 61048**.

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## 2016 in review

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the outpouring of donations that we received to help sponsor the ministry Operation Christmas Child. In November, with approximately 50 helpers, we were able to pack 300 shoeboxes. This was our goal. Our congregation is awesome! A special thank you to our Weekday School kids, Thrivent, the Board of Stewardship, and Third Day Bible Study. These shoeboxes will be shipped to a distribution center for more specific packing. From there, they will be shipped to share the love of Jesus with children around the world. Please pray for the children receiving these gifts that their eyes are opened to our Savior this Christmas. To God be the glory! St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena.

(Right top) Warren School District #205 Foundation member Jan Barker presented Coach Jared McNutt with a check for \$995.00 for the purchase of a new squat rack for the school's Fitness Center.

(Right bottom) The tactical side of the two-county CIRT program practices its maneuvers bi-monthly to stay fresh and alert should the need for their skills arise.



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Tim and Dawn Thyberg of Twisted Metal Collision Center collected dozens of lightly used coats and comforters to be donated to the My Friends Closet resale shop where they will be sold with the proceeds going to the Friendship Center.



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## 2016 in review

The pancake crew at Saturday's Lena United Methodist Church Country Breakfast was kept busy flipping cakes for the nearly 200 area residents that came to the Lena Winterfest event.



Laverne and Marcia Pax owners of AJ's Lena Maid Meats featured a food drive during Winterfest 2016 week and anyone who made a food donation received 10% off their retail purchase.



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Joe and Trina Green were named Lena Winterfest 2016 king and queen during the festival kickoff at Coach's on Saturday night.



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## 2016 in review

Congratulations to Jill Harmston who participated in the All-State Choir in Peoria, IL last Jan.30. At the time, Harmston was a junior at Stockton High School and the daughter of Greg and Peggy Harmston.



(Below) Pastor Brian LeBaron of the Lena United Methodist Church and a great volunteer crew served nearly 200 country breakfasts in conjunction with Winterfest 2016.



Twenty-two children from the Lena-Winslow school district entered the 2016 Winterfest Prince and Princess and Little Miss and Mr. Winterfest Contests sponsored by the Lena Living Center and the winners were Little Mister Winterfest Maddox McGinnis, Little Miss Winterfest Breelynn Fields, Princess Layla Mattson and Prince Wes Offermann.

(Right) The team sponsored by Natural Healing Express showed off its form in the Winterfest Bed Races staged in downtown Lena during Winterfest 2016



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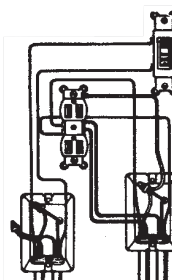
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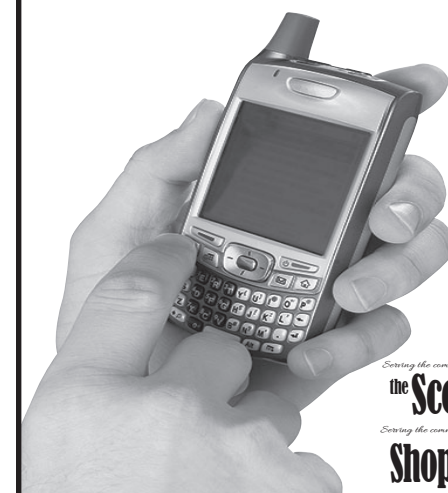
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# Pearl City Board of Education Public tax levy hearing and regular December meeting

President Bremmer called the Public Hearing on the 2016 Levy to order at 6:20 p.m.

After Roll Call the 2016 Levy was presented by Superintendent Thill. No public comments were made.

The Public Hearing on the 2016 Levy was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

President Bremmer called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

After Roll Call the Board approved the Dec. 21, agenda.

Recognition of Guests and public comments were allowed. One comment was made and Sandy Scott showed the board a plaque that the Lego League students won at compe-

tion.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the Nov. 16, Regular Board Meeting minutes, the closed session minutes from the Nov. 16, regular board meeting, and approval of bills and payroll through Dec. 16, 2016.

Scott Johnson provided a summary to the board from his attendance at the Triple I Conference.

New Business:

Approved extending the EPC football cooperative 1 year. The Cooperative now runs through the 2018-19 school year.

Approved the summer driver's

education program for 2017. The cost for the learner's permit is included in the cost of the program and was set at \$380. This is the same cost as 2016.

Provided additional information from the 2016 school report card regarding PARCC assessment results.

Provided information regarding technology usage and programs in the school. Additional conversation was held involving further advances to 1:1 technology. More discussion will take place during the board retreat in February.

Informational/questions on the 2016 audit were provided.

Approved the resolution regulating

expense reimbursements for policy 2:125-E3 setting the maximum rate at \$750.

Approved the 2016 tax levy. The approved levy includes a 4.84% increase over the previous year. This includes the bond payment. We only receive what the PTELL (Tax Cap) law allows plus any outstanding bond payments. PTELL will limit our rate increase (presently 1.7% through November) but levying at the higher rate ensures that the board will also receive all possible tax dollars on any increases in EAV and any new construction.

The board set the Board retreat for Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Thill provided the board information for the superintendent's evaluation.

Approved the following Fall coaches for 2017-18. Doral Reining- Head Golf, Kristi Fransen - Assistant Golf, Kim Krogull- Jr. High Volleyball- 7th grade, Marsha Butson- Jr. High Volleyball- 8th grade, Jordy McPeck- Fresh/Soph Volleyball, Megan Lawler- Varsity Volleyball, Nicole Lawler - Volleyball Volunteer, Fred Lagos- 8th Grade football, Austin Fischer - JH Football Volunteer, Tyler Thomas- JH

Football Volunteer, Randy Asche- Head Football Coach, Sean Downey- HS Football, Tony Dunlap- HS Football, Riley Asche- HS Football, Kevin Koning- HS Football, Tony Dunlap Jr.- Volunteer HS Football, Aaron Dinderman- Volunteer HS Football, Brian Bull.- Volunteer HS Football, Brock Musser- Volunteer HS Football, and Amber Duitsman- Cheerleading Coach

Approved the following policies: 1:20-AP, 2:30, 2:120, 2:125, 2:125-E1, 2:125-E2, 2:125-E3, 2:200, 2:200-AP, 2:220, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E2, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6, 2:220-E7, 2:220-E8, 2:230, 2:250, 2:250-AP1, 2:250-AP2, 2:250-E2, 3:40, 3:50, 4:10, 4:55, 4:60, 4:60-AP1, 4:60-AP3, 4:80, 4:80-AP, 4:110, 4:130, 4:150, 4:170, 4:170-AP5, 4:175, 4:175-AP1, 5:10, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 5:60, 5:60-E1, 5:60-AP, 5:60-E2, 5:100, 5:125, 5:185, 5:190, 5:190-AP, 5:190-E1, 5:190-E2, 5:190-E3, 5:250, 5:250-AP, 5:260, 5:280, 5:330, 6:15, 6:50, 6:60, 6:140, 6:140-AP, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 6:170-AP1, 6:170-AP1-E1, 6:170-AP1-E2, 6:170-AP2, 6:170-AP2-E1, 6:130, 6:340,

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## Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing December winners

Twelve sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County sponsor the NW II Daily Drawing 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 Boosters, 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.

NWILDD December 2016 Winners

1st. Thursday. \$50 - Mike Lee,

Pearl City

2nd. Friday. \$50 - Julia Bathon, Stockton

3rd. Saturday. \$50 - Adria Ramey, Galena

4th. Sunday. \$50 - Dale Brown, Savanna

5th. Monday. \$50 - Julie Rodgers, Indianola, IA

6th. Tuesday. \$50 - Shauna Bellich, Thomson

7th. Wednesday. \$50 - Shean Albrecht, Elizabeth

8th. Thursday. \$50 - George Kaspar, Mt Carroll

9th. Friday. \$50 - Loretta Erickson, Colorado Springs, CO

10th. Saturday. \$50 - Pam Tindell, Galena

11th. Sunday. \$50 - Chad Bremmer, Pearl City

12th. Monday. \$50 - Stephanie Hyde, Galena

13th. Tuesday. \$50 - Daisha

Boehm, Galena

14th. Wednesday. \$50 - Terry Heim, Galena

15th. Thursday. \$50 - Mike Plager, Pearl City

16th. Friday. \$50 - Toby Hanson, Savanna

17th. Saturday. \$50 - Kevin Book, Pearl City

18th. Sunday. \$50 - Kelly Paul, Peosta, IA

19th. Monday. \$50 - Robert Thrash, Galena

20th. Tuesday. \$50 - Carlene Har- ing, Elizabeth

21st. Wednesday. \$50 - Jeff Kaderly, Cedarville

22nd. Thursday. \$50 - Dean & Janet Williams, Elizabeth

23rd. Friday. \$50 - Zoe Blaum, Galena

24th. Saturday. \$150 - Safe Haven, Elizabeth

25th. Sunday. \$250 - Myron Koester, Elizabeth

26th. Monday. \$50 - The Grateful Gourmet, Galena

27th. Tuesday. \$50 - Rick Nieland, East Dubuque

28th. Wednesday. \$50 - Vicki Schulz, Stockton

29th. Thursday. \$50 - Susan Vandervate, Hanover

30th. Friday. \$50 - Olloman 'Al' Limani, Elizabeth

31st. Saturday. \$50 - Janet Giles, Grand Terrace, CA

## Northwest Illinois Forestry Association schedules planning meeting

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will meet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, to plan events for 2017. This is the opportunity for members (and the public) to provide ideas for tours and field events, to discuss their information needs, and to ask questions. We welcome this input from

all attendees to these meetings.

This meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Stockton Public Library, 140 West Benton Avenue, Stockton, Illinois. The public is welcome. NIFA is a non-profit organization of woodland owners committed to improving the productivity of members' resources.



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1316 SOUTH BURCHARD AVENUE FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 18, 2016, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on January 19, 2017, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

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The Judgment amount was \$86,790.32.

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or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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## FHN names Community Festival of Trees winners

A tree celebrating Dr. Suess from Liberty Village of Freeport and The Glittering Snowflakes from Open Bible Learning Center captured this year's top spots – and a \$500 donation for each organization – in the FHN Community Festival of Trees.

Dr. Suess' Magical Christmas Land was named the judges' top choice of the year, and the Open Bible tree garnered 690 votes to win the People's Choice top prize. All of the trees remain on display at the Freeport Public Library through Saturday, Dec. 31. Prize winners – both the panel of judges' choices and the People's Choice winners – will be marked with a sign.

This year's Community Festival of Trees drew 21 entries, and a total of 1,282 People's Choice ballots were cast from December 4 – 17.

The judges chose Hands Helping You Heal by the CareerTec/HOYA as their second-place winner. The group will receive a \$300 check. Find Time to Admire and Appreciate the Glittering Lights on Snowflakes – Debasch Mridha, MD from the Lincoln-Douglas Elementary Fourth Grade earned a \$200 second-place check as the People's Choice second-place winner, with 104 votes.

Open Bible Learning Center nabbed the judges' third prize and a \$150 check for its tree The Glittering Snowflakes. The creators of the People's Choice third-place winner, the Pecatonica Elementary 4th grade students, will receive a check for \$100 for their tree Snow Day!, which garnered 63 votes in the People's Choice competition.

## NRCS announces EQIP application cutoff in Illinois, to improve soil health

The U. S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be offering funding for a special soil health project through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). NRCS has partnered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture to help producers address resource concerns such as water quality and soil health. Producers can apply for assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to

implement cover crop, nutrient management, and/or no-till practices. The project focus is to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality by installing conservation practices on agricultural land.

The NRCS soil health project through RCPP will be available to producers throughout Illinois who are interested in installing any or all of the previously mentioned practices. To take advantage of this special conservation funding opportunity, interested producers should submit an application to their local NRCS field office by the cutoff dates of Jan. 20, and March 17. Producers are reminded that they can submit an EQIP application to their local field office at any time throughout the year.

To apply, eligible producers should contact their local NRCS field office or visit the Illinois NRCS website at [www.il.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov).

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

# Happy New Year!



Stock #351482  
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Stock #265601  
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**2008 Toyota RAV4 Base** Barcelona red metallic, 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 94k miles.  
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Stock #6350  
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Stock #265412  
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