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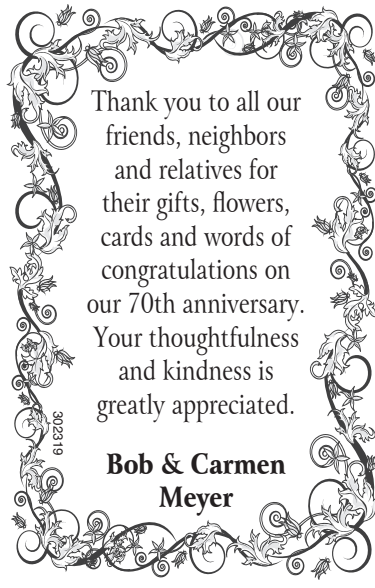
**Loves Park**  
**Nov. 12**  
McFarland Road/E. Riverside Blvd. – Deandre M. Billingslea, 23, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration for no insurance, reckless driving, traffic sign violation, and attempts to flee or elude officer  
**Nov. 13**  
7913 N. Alpine Road – Jamell L. Webster, 22, on charges of vehicular hit and run and a Rockford PD warrant  
714 River Park Dr. – Joshua D. Eddy, 41, on charges of domestic battery  
**Nov. 14**  
7200 N. Alpine Road – Kristen D. Hernandez, 36, on charges of registration/title violation, possession of drug equipment, and possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis  
N. Alpine/Forest Hills Road – Alexandrea M. Volkert, 22, on charges

of traffic offenses  
Applewood/Riverside – Nicholas L. Mancuso, 37, on charges of a registration/title violation, and a warrant/summons/subpoena  
**Nov. 15**  
Riverside Blvd./N. 2nd St. – Chontal Fidel Marcial, 33, operating an uninsured motor vehicle with no driver's license, and illegal use of a cell phone  
Forest Hills Road/Riverside Blvd. – Jordan E. Campos, 26, on charges of speeding and an in-state warrant  
7289 Mabels Way – Javonte Daquan Kevin Simmons-Bailey, 21, on charges of interfering with a public officer  
**Nov. 16**  
Loves Park Dr./Garden Plain Ave. – Chenin L. Congrave Rude, 34, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a registration/title violation and no driver's license  
6344 Riverside Blvd. – Jasmine Rubalcaba, 18, on charges of theft over \$500  
6344 E. Riverside Blvd. – Anthony Allen Esteves-Barrera, 28, on charges of theft under \$500 and buy/receive/possession of stolen property  
**Nov. 17**  
5624 N. 2nd St. – Thomas S. Roach, 23, on charges of disorderly conduct (drunkenness), aggravated battery, interfering with a public officer, and a Rockford PD warrant  
5624 N. 2nd St. – Christopher A. Protz, 28, on charges of an in-state warrant  
N. 2nd St./McKinley Ave. – Terry C. Houston, 41, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and improper lane usage  
**Machesney Park**  
**Nov. 12**  
1001 West Lane Road – Dakotaa S. Champion, 22, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and interfering with a public officer  
416 Wallace Ave. – Tyrin D. Lamb, 19, on charges of interfering with a

public officer  
Harlem/Scott – Brent William Adams, 29, on charges of possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis  
**Nov. 13**  
Minns Dr./Rena Lane – April D. Winters, 41, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a cancelled/suspended/revoked registration and traffic light violations  
8215 Cameo Dr. – Taylor A. Carlson, 20, on charges of attempt to locate/foreign warrant  
**Nov. 14**  
Latham Road/N. Main St. – Dan W. Glass, 48, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and traffic light violations  
1031 Harlem Road – James C. Lawson, 37, on charges of disorderly conduct (not drunkenness)  
10153 N. Second St. – Joyce Taylor, 64, on charges of obstructing justice  
10153 N. 2nd St. – Timika Nabors, 32, on charges of retail theft  
10153 N. 2nd St. – Keith A. Love, 55, on charges of registration/title violation, possession of drug equipment, and attempts to flee or elude officer  
10153 N. 2nd St. – Timika Nabors, 32, on charges of a Rockford PG warrant  
Roosevelt Road/Victory Lane – Terry R. Pody, 55, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license and failure to signal/improper signal  
**Nov. 15**  
1309 Van Stone – Nathan James Lucas, 29, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena  
1 Huskie Cir. – David Alan Mirshak, 39, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license  
Forest Hills Road/West Lane Road – Luis F. Ramirez, 29, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and illegal use of a cell phone

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The Pecatonica Fire Protection District would like to thank everyone who attended the chili supper. We had a great turnout! Thank you to all our wonderful businesses that donated for our raffles and the vendors that donated product for our meal. We look forward to another great year!



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# OSF Healthcare reaches agreement with Blue Cross And Blue Shield of Illinois

OSF HealthCare has reached an agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois (BCBSIL) to ensure patients have uninterrupted access to extensive high quality, in-network, medical care and services, including pediatric, neurologic, and cardiovascular care. All OSF HealthCare hospitals and services will continue to be in network

now and in the New Year. “We are pleased to have finalized a continuation of OSF HealthCare’s relationship with BCBSIL that ensures patients and families have in-network access to the treatments and services they need,” said Randy Billings, senior vice president of population health. “We realize this situation caused concern for our patients and families, and appreciate the support and patience of local businesses and community leaders.”

OSF HealthCare hospitals and providers are in-network caregivers for BCBSIL today, and will remain in network moving forward into 2018.

This includes BCBSIL Commercial, PPO, EPO, and Blue Choice products that BCBSIL terminated previously.

For a complete listing, visit [www.osfhealthcare.org/blue](http://www.osfhealthcare.org/blue).

OSF HealthCare has been recognized by Blue Cross and Blue Shield for quality and safety, earning several distinctions including Blue Distinction Total Care and BlueStar Status.

OSF HealthCare is ranked in the top 20 percent of large health care systems in the country by Truven, an independent health care analytics research company and OSF HealthCare Children’s Hospital of Illinois has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report among the top 50 pediatric facilities in the U.S. in two pediatric specialties.

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# Jesse White targets shoppers abusing disability parking at malls

## Marks the 11th Year Secretary of State Police conduct stings

Secretary of State Jesse White announced last week that Secretary of State Police would conduct statewide parking stings targeting individuals illegally parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities at shopping malls beginning Black Friday, Nov. 24.

Secretary of State Police will enforce the provisions of the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities at shopping centers in Aurora, Bloomington, Carbondale, Chicago, Fairview Heights, Oak Brook, Orland Park, Peoria, Rockford, Schaumburg, and Springfield on Nov. 24.

Black Friday marked the unofficial start of the holiday shopping season and one of the busiest shopping days of the year. Other enforcements will take place during the holiday season in Chicago, the suburbs and throughout the state.

"Our mission is not to issue tickets, but to ensure that accessible parking spaces are available to those who need them," White said. "Parking illegally in a space reserved for people with disabilities means a possible driver's license suspension and a hefty fine, money which could otherwise be used on gifts. Remember, if you don't belong there, don't park there."

Drivers caught misusing a placard face a six-month driver's license suspension and a \$600 fine. Repeat violators will face a one-year driver's license suspension and a \$750 fine for a second offense; for third or subsequent offenses, violators will face a \$1,000 fine plus a one-year driver's license revocation.

The fine for parking in an accessible parking space without a disability placard or license plates can be up to \$350 and using a deceased person's placard or a fraudulent placard can result in a \$2,500 fine and one-year revocation of a driver's license.

Currently, 627,281 permanent disability placards and 51,416 disability license plates are registered in Illinois.

Secretary White urges individuals to report abuse of parking spaces for people with disabilities by calling 217-785-0309. Callers should be prepared to report placard and license plate numbers as well as the location of vehicles.

People can also report abuse via the Secretary of State's website at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) and complete the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities Abuse Complaint Form.

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By  
**KELLY  
SIMMONS**  
Columnist

## Curious about the Christmas gift trends this year?

My granddaughter just turned eight and she is into all things *Descendants*. Correction, *Descendants* 2. I have not yet seen the movies, but have bought her the merch and overpriced clothing for her birthday, and will do so again for Christmas. The premise of the Disney TV movies is the children, "the descendants," of heroes like Beauty and the Beast and villains like Cruella DeVile, go to the same school now and the usual conflicts take place. This holiday season, *Descendants* items are hot buys.

In years past, my granddaughter has wanted ShopKins, Pokeman cards, and dolls that poop. I don't remember much of what I wanted for Christmas as a kid, but I do remember various crazes that thankfully, I was never part of, as a child or a parent.

Who can forget the Cabbage Patch Kids craze? Or Tickle Me Elmo? Or Caboodles? *Caboodles*?! I don't remember those, but apparently they were big in 1987 and then again in 2012 for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I had to look it up. A Caboodle is basically a plastic tackle box for makeup and jewelry. Maybe you'll find one under the tree this year.

Perhaps you have gifted someone a Big Mouth Billy Bass. Or been on the receiving end. That is the kind of silly gift that can be passed along every year from home to home family to family. I might just start that tradition this year so siblings and cousins, you have been warned.

I used to joke that my holiday fashion wish list included leg warmers, gauchos, and a poncho. They all recently came back "in style" so I guess I better not be surprised if someone takes me seriously and decks me out. Maybe I'll get a body suit that snaps in the crotch too.

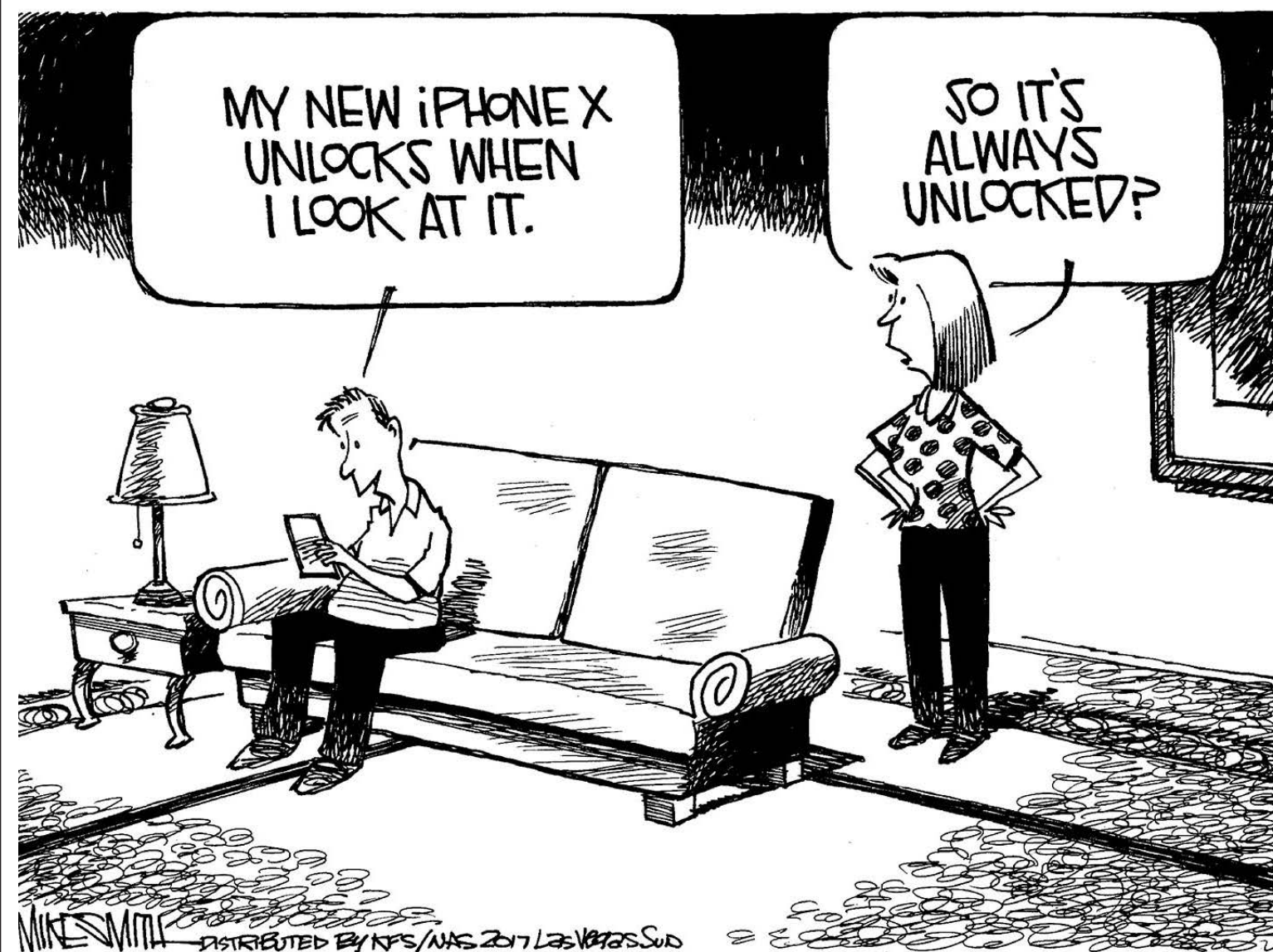
How about you? Anything on your list? Do you prefer a Chia Pet or a Hatchimal? What about a Fingerlings Glitter Monkey? That sounds pretty risqué, but they sell 'em at Toys R Us and are this season's most wanted toy.

Some things have stood the test of time, like Baby Alive and My Little Pony. And have you noticed Smurfs have their own blue empire and Trolls their own multi-colored one? Transformers and LEGOs are now movie franchises too. Power Rangers are still kicking. As are the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. But what about jacks or a yo-yo? Who wants those?

Maybe this year I will get myself a Barbie Dreamhouse. Or a Teddy Ruxpin. Actually, Teddy kinda creeps me out. I am contemplating getting my husband the new Super Spirograph. I will use it too.

Some things don't have staying power. Beanie Babies. Barney. Pong. Rubik's Cube? But one thing never changes: some kooky items go viral every year and we cannot predict what will become the latest rage. What is on your must-get list – for yourself or those you buy for? If it's a Barry Manilow album in the shape of his head, add me to your list!

Kelly Epperson invites you to join her jolly Joy Letter sent via email every Friday. Send your email address to [info@kellyepperson.com](mailto:info@kellyepperson.com).



## Slices of life

# Family: Not always perfect but we need each other

Family: Flawed and Fabulous, Adoring and Amusing, Messy and Magnificent, Important and Irreverent, Loyal and Loud and Yay, it's Year-round.

Just about everyone has one, but chances are yours isn't like mine and vice versa.

So what makes a family? Everything. Anything. The sum of many things. Each family is unique, and even (dare I say) weird in some (dare I say many) ways. Although you probably don't realize the weirdness of your own because it's just the way your family does things so that makes it normal for you. Like peanut butter on pancakes or ketchup on potato chips.

As for my family: We are good. We are flawed. We are loyal. We love one another. I like to think our love is unconditional but that's a hard term to grasp.

We disagree. We fight sometimes. We look out for each other.



By  
**JILL  
PERTLER**

*Slices  
of Life*

We hold each other up and build each other up. We lean on each other. We hug.

Some of us taught the others the ABCs and others of us taught life lessons we couldn't ever have imagined. We make one another better. Together we are stronger.

When one of us hurts, we all hurt. When one of us succeeds, we all celebrate. We share the mundane and the extraordinary with equal attentiveness, although we probably appreciate the extraordinary a bit more, if I am being honest.

We know our strengths and weaknesses. We know who's more

likely to show up late and who might forget to flush. We know who hides the ice cream treats and who leaves the milk out on the counter. We know who likes to nap and who would prefer to sleep in. We know who uses way too much ranch dip (on pizza). We know who can help with technology issues or car problems or grammar or math.

We pick up one another's messes sometimes. We make messes sometimes. We listen. We talk. We listen some more. We sit in comfortable silence. We answer each other's calls or texts. We are friends on Facebook and in real life.

We talk politics. We talk about the weather. We talk about life. We talk about the future. We tell jokes. We share stories. We share life. We teach each other and learn from each other. We rub off in good ways on one another and try not to influence each other in the bad ones. (Not always successful, but

we try.)

We whisper when someone else is sleeping. We care about each other's feelings and try to be tender when tender is needed. We watch the same shows. We cook together and eat together. We steal each other's socks and mittens and combs and brushes – but not toothbrushes, at least not on purpose. Sometimes we steal the blankets.

We share a love of animals. We play laser tag with our cats. Some of us love sweet potatoes. Some of us hate sweet potatoes. We realize we don't have to be the same.

We share history, memories and DNA. Over the years we have nurtured and helped each other grow. We have the same inflections in our voice when we say certain words or phrases. Some people say we look alike, but we don't see it.

We celebrate birthdays and holidays and graduations and anniversaries. Together we've established traditions. We play croquet and board games together. We create contests out of anything and everything. Some of us are more competitive than others.

We ride roller coasters. Some of us are more daring than others. We laugh at each other and with each other. We enjoy one another's company – most of the time. We look forward to our times together. We are important to each other.

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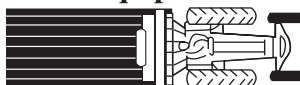
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To the joy of many area residents the Third Street Station restaurant/ice cream shop in Pecatonica has been sold after sitting idle for over a year. Pecatonica residents Marlin and Linda Stedman, along with their son, Ryan Stedman, have purchased the building and business from Carol Campbell, who had owned the business since 1994. She started out renting the business in 1989.

The building itself started out as a gas station in 1920. It remained that way for many years until the 1980's when it became an ice cream parlor. When Campbell purchased the business in 1994 she made many renovations to the building, bringing it to as it looks now.

After more than twenty years though, the kitchen needs some upgrades and needs to be brought up to code. The Stedmans have been working steadfastly to get that done. As of now the entire kitchen and serving counter have been taken out and will be replaced.

Plans for a drive-thru window to be installed are also in place, which will help in serving more customers.

Will the food be the same?

"We hope to keep the menu about the same, with some upgrades here and there," said Ryan.

Ryan worked as a manager at Cimino's in Winnebago for several years, so he will be bringing his experience from there to run his family's new business.

The Stedman's plan is to also be open in the early morning hours to accommodate those who like their coffee at that time.

This is the Stedman's first venture into the restaurant business. March 1 has been set as the date for the soft opening. A Grand Opening will be scheduled at a later time.

Residents are clearly excited about Third Street opening up again as there has been much discussion on social media about it. Look for updates on their Facebook page The 3rd Street Station.

**The sale of Third Street Station has been finalized. Carol Campbell has sold the building and business to Pecatonica residents Marlin and Linda Stedman, and their son, Ryan Stedman.**



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