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Orangeville contingent shines at Rochelle Speech Tourney

To say that Orangeville freshman Ronan O'Brien and Rochelle Township High School get along would be a slight understatement. Competing in the radio speaking category at the Rochelle Speech Tournament, held Saturday, December 8, Ronan captured his third consecutive 1st place award in as many tournaments this young speech season, two of them coming from Rochelle (the first was at the Rochelle Novice Tournament on November 18).

On the other hand, to say that the Lena-Winslow/Orangeville Speech team was a bit shorthanded at Rochelle would also be an understatement. As is typical so many times, other activities and medical issues took their toll on the squad which has yet to field a full team after its first three tournaments.

A few of Le-Win/Orangeville's "heavy hitters", all Lena-Winslow High students, were missing that day, students that usually garner awards for their performances. The coop team still came away with three individual prizes, all of which were won by the Orangeville contingent of the team. In addition to Ronan's first place novice ribbon, the other two speaking awards were captured by senior Justin Malone, a 2018 State Finalist in Radio, who got second in, you guessed it, Radio Speaking, and up-and-coming sophomore Emma Beightol, winning fourth place in Novice Poetry Reading.

However, even with the shortages, the team still finished at respectable 14 out of 22 teams. Actually, the total was 23, but because of time-honored tradition and professional courtesy, the host school does not include itself in what is referred to as the Team Sweepstakes.

First-year coach Meredith Schoonhoven is doing quite an admirable job in fielding a team week after week, even with personnel shortages. Out of the 14 speaking categories, Le-Win/Orangeville still filled 11, with the other three, Humorous Duet Acting, Informative Speaking, and Original Comedy expected to be on board shortly.

As has been written about in other

speech competition stories, Le-Win/Orangeville and other small local teams have to compete against schools whose football teams are in classes 7A and 8A, and the Rochelle tournament was no exception.

Said Le-Win/Orangeville assistant coach Tom Fore, "This is my 17th year coaching competitive speech, and I've seen no movement on breaking Speech into classes. There have been proposals here and there, but it all boils down to a lack of schools that have speech teams. There may be a couple of classes someday, but not in the foreseeable future."

However, don't tell that to the kids from Lena-Winslow and Orangeville. Small enrollment notwithstanding, Justin's second place award was in a category that featured 38 other competitors, which included 11 novices (first-year speakers), of which Ronan was tournament champ. Emma's Poetry Reading category sported 44 contestants, 17 of which were novices.

The Le-Win/Orangeville team will host its 12th Annual Tournament on Saturday, January 5, followed by tournaments at River Ridge, Downers Grove South, and Jefferson (Rockford). The IHSA State Series begins in early February.



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Orangeville preschool

Miss Ellingson's preschool class enjoyed making Gingerbread Play-Doh as a holiday project.

Regional Spelling Bee requests financial support

By: Aaron Mercier
REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

The Pearl City School gymnasium will be filled with anticipation and nervous energy Feb. 19, as the top spellers from schools in Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson Counties compete in the Regional Spelling Bee. Historically, the area spelling champion and one chaperone has received an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where the winner has had the opportunity to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Aaron Mercier, Regional Superintendent of Schools, is asking for your support in continuing this time-honored tradition.

Over the past years, area employers, community service organizations, and individuals have generously donated

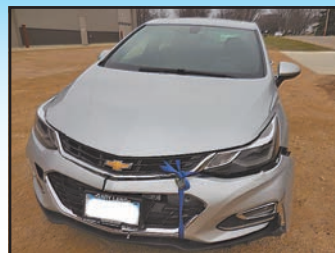
funds, making it possible for the winner to participate in the national contest. Mercier feels strongly about the importance of continuing this tradition and is asking local communities for their continued support. "As society becomes more and more technologically oriented, a Spelling Bee may seem old-fashioned," Mercier states. "However, a solid mastery of the English language still gives people a strong advantage in educational settings and later in employment situations."

The cost of sponsoring the Regional Spelling Bee and sending a contestant and their chaperone to Washington D.C. is approximately \$5,000. "If we all pitch in, we can make this a successful regional event. Even if our winner doesn't make it to the final rounds in the national contest, the experience itself is invaluable," says Mercier.

Individuals and businesses wishing to donate may send their contributions to the Regional Office of Education #8

– Spelling Bee Fund, 27 S. State Ave, Suite 101, Freeport IL 61032. Mercier will be happy to answer questions and can be reached at 815-599-1408. All donors will be recognized in the Regional Spelling Bee program as well as in the area newspapers. The public is encouraged to attend the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Pearl City School small gymnasium. In case of inclement weather, a "snow date" is scheduled for Feb. 21.

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Letters To Santa

By Mrs. Hasselman's Lena-Winslow First Grade

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that goes on water and a toy jet and a helicopter, please. Santa, how do you find the reindeer and where do you find the sleigh?
Sincerely, Jackson

Dear Santa,
I want a mechanical, green, cool RC truck and I want a Ninjago Lego set. I have a question; how can you not get tired from going so far?
Sincerely, Logan
Dear Santa,
I want a LOL doll and a Littlest Pet Shop, please. Santa, what kind of

cookies do you want? Elves, how do you make toys?
Sincerely, Isabella
Dear Santa,
I want a LOL doll, please. Would you like chocolate chip cookies?
Sincerely, Abigail
Dear Santa,
I want an X-Box, please.
Sincerely, Gracin
Dear Santa,
I would like a zebra Lego set because zebras are my favorite animal. I hope I am on the good list. I have a question for you. How do you travel thousands of miles?
Sincerely, Jonah
Dear Santa,
I would like a sequin shirt that is green and changes to red, please. How do you fly across the world?
Sincerely, Landon

Dear Santa,
I want a LOL doll and an American girl doll.
Sincerely, Ellaina
Dear Santa,
I want a play unicorn for my dolls, please. What kind of cookies do you want?
Sincerely, Keighlyn
Dear Santa,
I want a soldier base and a tank with six real wheels also, please. Please use hand sanitizer before eating the donuts.
Sincerely, Carter
Dear Santa,
Please Santa, can I have a Hello Kitty flippy sequin shirt but I don't care what color. How are you doing? Do you want chocolate milk?
Sincerely, Carissa

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Lawler's Pearl City First Grade Class

Dear Santa Claus,
How long does it take the elves to make toys? How long does it take Santa to deliver toys?

Could you please bring Parker a new game, Aubrey an apple watch, Jaxson and Jack baby toys. I would like an apple watch and a Barbie house. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Lacie

Dear Santa Claus,
How many elves do you have? I would like to know if Rudolph is real? Olivia would like a Barbie dream house. Kayden would like Star Wars action figures. Mom would like dad to make supper. Dad would like more computer stuff. Could you please bring me PJ masks cars and a Spiderman Web Shooter? Merry Christmas Santa!! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Silas

Dear Santa Claus,
Is Santa real? How long does it take the elves to make toys? Could you please bring Rhett some Yu-Gi-Oh cards, my dad a new truck, and my mom wants healthy children. I would like 2 remote monster trucks, 4 packs of Hot Wheel cars, and 2 monster trucks. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Jace

Dear Santa Claus,
Does Mrs. Claus bake cookies? How does Santa eat so many cookies? Please bring Adrianna a baby phone. Grandma wants make up. Mom would like new clothes. Dad wants new tools. Please bring me the biggest LOL house and a little house. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Deisy

Dear Santa Claus,
Is Santa real? Are the elves real? Could you please bring my mom a frying pan, Emerson some baby toys, Anthony wants a Game Stop card, and my dad wants a stuffed octopus. I would like a Boxy Girl, a fitbit, and a puppy. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Evelynnn

Dear Santa Claus,
Is Santa real? Do elves have magic? Please bring Colette the biggest LOL dollhouse. Mom wants a little vacuum. Dad would like new chore clothes. Please bring me the biggest LOL surprise, slime set and the LOL balls. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Cara

Dear Santa Claus,
How long does it take you to deliver toys? How big is your sleigh? Santa could you please bring phones for Hannah and Elizabeth? Jon would like a 4-wheeler, mom would

like chapter books, and dad wants more tools. Santa I would like an Irish setter puppy and Jurassic World legos. Thank you Santa! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Jared

Dear Santa Claus,
Is Rudolph real? How big is your sleigh? Could you bring mom some books, Mason wants some legos. Dad wants some clothes. Landon needs new diapers. My cats need new toys. I would like a remote control snake toy and a phone. Have a safe trip Santa! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Carmen

Dear Santa Claus,
Is Rudolph real? How big is Santa's sleigh? Please bring my dad Todd a workbook. Mom wants a new purse. Sidney wants an I phone 8. Please bring me my own red toy car. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Dylan

Dear Santa Claus,
Is Santa real? Do elves have magic? Could you please bring my family a picture frame? I would like Smashers Series 2, Treasure X, and a new Apple watch. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Parker

Dear Santa Claus,
Is Rudolph real? How do the elves make RC cars? My dad wants car parts. My mom wants a new house. Olivia wants clothes. I want a bike seat and a Grand Theft Auto video game. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Owen

Dear Santa Claus,
Are the elves real? How big is Santa's sleigh? My dad wants a brand new blue mustang. My dogs want some brand new bones and toys. I want a dirt bike, hoverboard, and a GTA5 video game. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Brayden

Dear Santa Claus,
Does Mrs. Claus bake cookies? What is Santa's favorite cookie? Abigail wants a jewelry box and a baby kitten. My mom wants a new house. My dad wants a hoverboard. Leo wants toys. Luke wants team hot wheels. I want a jewelry box, bracelets, and necklaces. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Ashton

Mrs. Merboth's Pearl City First Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
Does Mrs. Claus help with the elves? What is Rudolph's favorite game? Chandelier would like a doll. Tatum would like a drone. Ri-

ley wants a scooter. Talon wants a baby that looks alive. My mom Amber wants a real car. My dad Brock wants a new gun. Please bring me a bearded dragon, a phone, and a guitar. I have tried to be good all year. Your friend, Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,
How many reindeer do you have? What day is your birthday? Could you please bring Isaac a computer, Nakiya a fun sticker book and Mom and Dad a nice car with a DVD player and a T.V.? I would like a new fun bouncy house and a Hot Wheels track. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Eli

Dear Santa Claus,
How do the elves make toys? How old is Rudolph? Could you please bring Emma a pet fish? Dad wants a new truck and Mom wants some new shoes. I would like some new cars. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Ethan

Dear Santa Claus,
How many reindeer do you have? How old are you? Could you please bring my family a Christmas tree that is decorated? I would like anything that has to do with horses. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Chloe Jean

Dear Santa Claus,
How much weight can your sleigh hold? How many houses do you go to? Can you please bring Mom a T.V. and dolls for my sister, and some tools for my dad. I would like Xbox race car simulator game. Thank you, Santa! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Jakob

Dear Santa Claus,
How old are you? Does Mrs. Claus help make toys with the elves? Could you please bring my dad some tools. Mom would like some new pans. Colton would

like Legos, and Weston would like Xbox games. I would like a new purple bike and a new Barbie doll. Thank you, Santa! I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Diem

Dear Santa Claus,
How do the elves make toys? What is Rudolph's favorite game? Please bring my dad a new raincoat. Mom wants a charm for her bracelet. Maddi wants nail polish. Cassidy wants a new Barbie. Please bring me a Fingerling Dragon, the Barbie Zoo Set, and the Barbie Boat. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Khloe

Dear Santa Claus,
How old are you? How does your sleigh work? Please bring my dad new tools. Please bring my mom a new vacuum. My sister wants a new book. Please bring my baby sister new toys. Please bring me a new shirt, a toy tractor, and a toy truck. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Kamden

Dear Santa Claus,
What is Rudolph's favorite thing to do? How old is Rudolph? Please bring my dad a Hot Wheels car. Mom wants a necklace. Lily would like glitter makeup. Please bring me a new drone and a blue Match Box car. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Jaxson

Dear Santa Claus,
How does your sleigh work? What is your favorite cookie? Please bring my dad a new knife. Please bring my mom a new cool-

er. My brother wants a John Deere tractor. Please bring my sister a new Christmas bib. Please bring me a John Deere tractor, a Fingerling dinosaur and a Hulkbustor Look-out. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Jesse

Dear Santa Claus,
How old are you? How tall are you? Please bring my dad new tools. Please bring my mom a new water bottle. I want my baby brother to have a new Christmas bib. Kiptin wants a remote control tractor. Deklan wants a tractor. Please bring me a Fingerling Panda, a new kitten, and a baby sister. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Adeline

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Dear Santa,
I want a LOL doll, please. Can you get Finn a lot of tractors?

Sincerely, Veyah
Dear Santa,
I would like a mechanical robot, please. Have a great day.

Sincerely, Connor
Dear Santa,
I would want a remote control big foot.

Sincerely, Liam
Dear Santa,
You are the best. Can I please have a Lego moving robot?
Sincerely, Quinn

Thank you to the Lena Lions and area church co-operative for thinking of me this Christmas season with the gift of food.
-Darlene Aurand
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We thank the Lena Lions Club and the Lena area church co-operative for the cookies and fruit. It was appreciated.
-The Residents of Doll Apartments
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I want to thank the Lena Lions and area church co-operative for the fruit and cookies.
Bless you with a New Year,
Joyce Edler
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Thank you to the Lena Lions and L.A.C.C. for thinking of me with cookies and fruit.
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The Le-Win fifth grade class' STEM Day was made possible by a grant from the Le-Win Education Foundation. Thank you Le-Win Foundation for making this memorable learning experience possible.



The Le-Win fifth grade class held a STEM Day that involved Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math based on the book, "I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic," by Lauren Tarshis.



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STEM Day at LeWin

On STEM Day LeWin fifth graders solved puzzles involving Titanic statistics, while learning about the Titanic's fateful last day.



3D printer

Mrs. Raab's pre-school class had a 3D printer demonstration in their room on Friday. Jeremy Monigold brought in his 3D printer and created some tractor and turkey cookie cutters for the students to use in the Play Doh.

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Le-Win/Orangeville speech results

Results from the Dec.1 Stockton Speech Tournament:

Overall Team Ranking: First

Dramatic Interpretation: Jocelyn Comito Second (Novice)

Extemporaneous: Ashlyn Enck First (Varsity), Ben Gardner, First (Novice)

Humorous Duet Acting: Ella Brunner/Kierra Lynn Schultz First (Varsity)

Humorous Interpretation: Mollee Brumfield Third (Varsity), Payton Scafe Third (Novice)



Impromptu: Ronan O'Brien First (Novice)

Informative: Ben Gardner First (Novice)

Original Comedy: Lucas Schoaf Fourth (Varsity)

Oratorical Declamation: Justin Malone Second (Varsity)

Poetry: Jacob Malloy First (Varsity), Emma Beightol Second (Varsity), Tabitha Roenneburg Third (Novice)

Prose: Andrea Sutter Second (Varsity), Mikhail Schoonhoven-Husain Second (Novice)

Radio: Justin Malone First (Varsity), Ronan O'Brien First (Novice)

Special Occasion Speaking: Ashlyn Enck Second (Varsity)

Obituary

MARCUS GABRIEL

Marcus Gabriel, age 90, of Hanover, Illinois, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 in Arizona. Visitation and funeral services were held Dec. 15, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover. Burial will take place in Evergreen Cemetery, Hanover. Memorials may be given to the family in Marcus' memory. Family and friends are invited to share in Marcus' life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com. Marcus was born April 25, 1928, in Hillsview, South Dakota, the son of Frank and Veronica (Stoppler) Gabriel. On Nov. 22, 1948, Marcus married Dorothy Grischkowsky. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Marcus worked as a truck driver and in mechanical maintenance until 1985. He also worked at the Savanna Army Depot for 37 years. Although he took an early retirement from the Depot in the spring of 1985, by no means was he officially retired as he became self-employed as an overall handyman and remodeled many homes in and around Hanover. His proudest remodeling project was converting the interior of a barn into a museum-like atmosphere. He was a member of the Savanna Moose and the Hanover VFW. Marcus and Dorothy also had plenty of time to do what they enjoyed most—polka dancing. They spent many winter months staying with their son, Bob in Arizona and attended polka dances which were abundant in Arizona. As a husband, Marcus was very devoted and caring. After an automobile accident left Dorothy comatose for 19 months, he visited with her every day for hours and cared for her as best as he could. She passed away on May 20, 1995.

After her death, he continued to spend winter months in Arizona and eventually resumed polka dancing where he met his second wife, Emily, who was from Canada, but also a winter snowbird. They were married in Saskatoon, SASK on April 26, 1997 and Marcus now had an extended family with Emily's two daughters (Diane and Elaine) and two sons, (Gerry and Garry), their spouses, children, and grandchildren.

Marcus was very fortunate to have many good neighbors and friends in

the village of Hanover who gave him support during a difficult time and shared his sorrows and joys. He will be missed here on earth, but know he will be welcomed by many others who have passed before him.

Marcus will be dearly missed by his wife Emily and her family; daughter Bonnie (Brad) Beyer of Stockton, Illinois; son Robert Gabriel of Apache Junction, Arizona; grandson Michael (Merri Lin) Foht; great grandchildren Hannah, Christopher, Michaela, Joshua, Katherine, Margaret, Annie and William; and one sister Tillie Roth of Lead, South Dakota. Marcus is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Veronica; sisters Christine Strobel, Liz Roesler and Ludvina Brandneert; brothers Joe, Karl, George and Tony; wife Dorothy; daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Matthew Williams.



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Parkinson-Ganzer

On June 30, 2018 Lauren Ann Parkinson was united in marriage with Mitchell John Ganzer at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, Ill. with Pastor Rick Bader officiating. Lauren is the daughter of Mike and Anita Parkinson of Lena. Mitchell is the son of Lori Millwright Ganzer and Brian Ganzer both of Iowa. The couple was attended by maids of honor Lindsey and Lana Parkinson, sisters of the bride, and bridesmaids Stefani Ganzer, sister of the groom and Jillian Koos, friend of the couple. The flower girl was Ruby Hamel. The best

man was Garrett Grosskruger, friend of the couple. Groomsmen were Will Cornelius, JC Cornelius and Kyler Calow, friends of the couple. Ring bearers were Calahan Cornelius and Logan Cornelius. The bride wore structured silk Essence of Australia. The high neckline Matte Mikado gown flares out into a dramatic full skirt and train. A Diamante beaded belt highlights the waist and coordinates perfectly with a unique Diamante beaded double strap back. Silk buttons accent down the back of the dress to the end of the train. The bride also wore a fingertip, floor length veil. Her bouquet was a mix of lilies and roses. A reception and dance followed the ceremony. The newlyweds reside in Dubuque, Iowa.

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Let chiropractic help relieve your holiday stress

By Dr. Mike Wampfler DC
PREMIER CHIROPRACTIC

A recent study published by the Gallup poll shows that a overwhelming number of Americans (79%) feel stress sometimes or frequently throughout each day. The anticipation and expectation of stress impacts people just as much as the stress itself. Stress also plays a significant role in chronic disease. Stress serves as the single largest determining factor in heart disease and heart attacks. Stress manifests throughout the year through multiple avenues and individual health requires that people maintain a plan to remove, minimize, and cope with stress, especially during the holiday season. Many proven options help reduce or remove stress. Rhythmic breathing, consistent exercise, and

good nutrition offer excellent choices to help counteract the impact of stress. One of the greatest stress-relieving tools a person can utilize to deal with the weight of stress comes from utilizing Chiropractic spinal adjustments.

The spine maintains a unique and intimate relationship with the central nervous system. The central nervous system filters stress and determines whether or not stressors will cause harm. Some people possess the capability to withstand high amounts of stress without experiencing any significant health challenges or symptoms. Other people encounter lower amounts of stress but exhibit greater levels of symptoms, dysfunction, and disease. The filter which screens all stress lives in the central nervous system. The intimate connection between the spine and central nervous system results in stress-relief being one of the greatest benefits achieved through Chiropractic spinal adjustments. According to the American Institute of Stress, 44% of Americans feel more stressed than they did just five years ago. Many professions focus on changing a person's environment to suit the weakened body, but Chiropractors concentrate on strengthening the body to suit the environment. Nervous system capability weakens as the spine loses function in both alignment and movement. Operating below maximum potential causes the body to reduce efficiency when it comes to filtering out the effects of stress. Chiropractic

focuses on helping a person's body better adapt and maintain resiliency against stress by restoring spinal alignment to the least stressful positions. Research from 2014 proved a direct link between a spinal adjustment and the reduction of stress hormones. Chiropractic reduces unwanted stress build up in the spine and nervous system, thus balancing hormones and restoring optimal function to the entire body.

Four specific strategies to become more resilient to stressors over the holiday season:

- Regular Chiropractic Adjustments
- 7-8 Hours of Sleep
- More Vegetables (anti-oxidants)
- Increased Heart Rate 3-5x/week (exercise or brisk walk)

The holidays come hand in hand with the most potent stress of the year. Consistent Chiropractic care throughout this time of year equips the entire family with the capability to combat stress and enjoy festivities and time together. The benefits of Chiropractic care come in many forms ranging from improved sleep, immunity (think about all the relatives sharing their germs), digestion(if you're like me and you take that second plate of food and maybe a few too many Christmas cookies), mobility (sitting around talking and eating way more than normal), and whole-body health. No holiday gift means more than time well spent in good health and good cheer. Chiropractic helps the whole family better adapt to the stress of the season.



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Birth

Cadence Pickard

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CHURCH NEWS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent for worship service with Holy Communion on Dec. 23, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. Following worship, there will be a time for fellowship with coffee and sweets.

On Monday at 5 p.m., all are invited to Family Christmas Eve Service. Come and hear the puppets tell a Christmas story, the service will end with the singing of Silent Night and candlelight., at 7:30 p.m. we will have Candlelight Service worship with Holy Communion, special music and beloved Christmas hymns.

On Tuesday, Christmas Day, we will celebrate worship service at 9:30 a.m. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols from around the world.

On Wednesday Dec. 26, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran

World Relief. Our quilts provide warmth and love to people in our community and in the world. Materials and helping hands to tie and sew quilts are always appreciated. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

We are having a SOCK DRIVE for the Le-Win Elementary school. Bring new and comfortable socks to the church during the Christmas season.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

The Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches will worship together Sunday, Dec. 23, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will bring the message celebrating the Fourth Sunday in Advent (Love). All are invited and welcome to stay for fellowship. Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m., studying from the Upper

Room. All are invited and welcome to this time too.

Dec. 24 is our Candle Light Service, at 5 p.m. at the Willow Church.

Kent Church is located in beautiful downtown Kent, IL For more information, please call Pastor Chuck at 815-947-2541

McConnell United Methodist Church

McConnell United Methodist Church invites you and your loved ones to worship with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ this Christmas Eve at our family friendly Candlelight Service at 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 24.

McConnell United Methodist Church will be showing the classic film, "The Santa Clause" on Thursday, Dec. 20. Admission is FREE. Doors at the church will open at 5:30 p.m. The movie will begin at 6 p.m.

Hog dogs, chips, popcorn, pop, co-coa will be available.

Come and unwind and have a great time before the Christmas rush! The church is located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd. in McConnell.

St. John's (Pearl City) celebrate Christmas

You're invited to join us at St. John's for worship on Sunday, Dec. 23 for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Enjoy the beautiful poinsettia garden during worship. Sunday School will be held on Dec. 23 after worship. Plan on celebrating the Christmas Season at St. John's. Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be held at 5 and 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Day worship will be at 9

a.m. The service of Carols and Readings will be at 9 a.m. on Dec. 30.

The Advent Book Study is focusing on the book, "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado and is meeting after worship on Sundays. Come study the season of Advent as we move from Hope, Peace, and Joy to love that has to offer, as we explore the child in the cradle.

Congratulations to Twila Simler, Pearl City, IL, for winning the the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on Dec. 12.

Need a place to hold an event in Pearl City? The main hall at St. John's is available for rent. Call the church for more information and availability.

St. John's Lutheran Church is at 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, Illinois. The office phone number is 815-443-2215(mornings). All are invited to our weekly worship services and youth to our Sunday School and youth ministries. You may also email at prshadmin@gmail.com

Stockton to host Annual Community Christmas Dinner

The Annual Stockton Community Christmas Dinner will be held Tuesday, Dec. 25, at noon at Calvary United Methodist Church in Stockton. We believe this is the 33rd year the churches and businesses have worked together to provide this dinner. All persons are invited, especially those who will not be with family on Christmas. Reservations can be made at each church until Dec. 23, or by phone to Elaine Schlichting at 815-947-3795, but are not needed.

Deliveries will also be made to shut-ins in the immediate Stockton area, just remember to give your address and a phone number. Please call Calvary Church at 815-947-2414 on Christmas Day.

The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, raspberry salad, rolls, pies and angel food cake. Volunteers will be doing set-up starting at 1 p.m. on Dec. 24. Those bringing donated food may bring food at that time to Calvary Church or Tuesday morning preferably before 10 a.m.

Salvation Army Campaign is lagging behind

The Freeport Salvation Army is still \$127,000 shy of their \$225,000 goal. The funds collected during this time of year support the services that are given year round as we meet the needs of Stephenson County. Freeport's Salvation Army raises about 70% of their total operating funds during the first quarter of each year. This year's total Christmas goal is set at 225K, slightly above last years.

"Freeport has utilized the services of The Salvation Army for more than 133 years," said Captain Jim Brickson. "The need for our organization has been real and we have responded to the changing times."

The Salvation Army is asking that area residents consider even giving just two hours to ring the bell at any of the available locations. Financial support can be as easy as texting "freeport" to 91999, sending a check to 106 W Exchange St Freeport, or visiting our website at www.saheartland.org.

Millie's Quote of the Week

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Letters To Santa

Ms. Duncan's Pearl City Second Grade

Dear Santa,

First, I have been sort of good. I listen to my mom and I listen to my sister. I am really good at Walmart because I don't scream. Next, my family would like gifts for Christmas. My sister would like a kitten for Christmas. My mom would like a new dvd. My cat Tom would like a new toy. My cat Tucker would like a bottle of catnip. Then, I would like a rat, a Xbox, and mine craft. And for you, Santa, I want you to go on a vacation to New York. I want Fortnite, a benten watch, an iphone that has wifi, and a 3DS game. I hope you don't run out of magic. Merry Christmas and thank you. Love, John

Dear Santa,


How many presents do you give out? I have been mostly good and bad. I fight with my brother but sometimes we get along. I do dishes when my grandma isn't feeling the best. Sometimes I help my grandma make the bed. Will you give my family really good presents? Will you get my brother some Xbox cards for Christmas? I want a hoverboard because it is really fun. I want a phone so I can call mom and dad. I want a puppy for Christmas because they are so cute. I hope you got everything. Merry Christmas and have a good rest of the year. I love how you do this every 25th of December. I thank you for everything you have done. Love, Aleeah

Dear Santa,

First, I have been a little naughty but I have been good the rest of the months. Next, my dad would like a plow. My brother like a zero turn lawn mower. My sister would like an Ipad. My brother would like an X-box. Then, I would like a RC car and a PS4. I want a computer to do Zearn at home so I can get caught up. Last, Santa, I hope you get all the presents delivered to kids. Merry Christmas and thank you for Christmas. Love, Maxx

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the whole year. I help my brother and sister. I give my rabbit carrots every day. Next, my family wants a new couch. My brother wants a calendar and a husky. My whole family wants gift cards to Walmart. Third, I want a unicorn figurine. I want Dr. Seuss books and unicorn books. Last, thank you, Santa, for bringing me gifts and Merry Christmas. Love, La'Maya

Dear Santa,

How was your vacations? First, I have been good because I clean the house. I pick up trash and throw away water bottles. I help my mom fold laundry. Next, my mom would want a box of makeup. My dad would like a coffee mug. My brother would want Fallout 76. My sisters would want a Nintendo Switch. Also, I would like a remote control race car and a stuffed bear. I would also like a blanket. Finally, thank you for bringing joy to all of the world. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Hendrix

Dear Santa,

How are doing? First, I'll show you how I am good. For four weeks I have been nice to my sister, Lila. Sometimes I help my grandma do barn chores. I help my mom with dishes some times. Next, this is what my sister wants for Christmas: PS4 controller, a phone, slime, squishies, chocolate, candy corn, and a game. Then, this is what I want for Christmas: a Christmas game, chocolate, Fallout one and two, a computer, a PS4 game, and a Dog Man book. I also want ideas for coloring. Last, thank you for everything you did for me. Thank you for the presents because I enjoy the presents. Thank you and Merry Christmas. From, Ty

Dear Santa,

How is the reindeer doing? First,

I have been really good for this year, because I am a good friend. I have been helpful. I clean up after myself. I help my dad with the trash. Next, I want you to bring my family gifts. My mom wants money. My brother wants a soccer ball. My sitter wants a squishy. My big sister wants a scech book. My dad wants a truck. Then, I want a football, a soccer ball, lots of games, an Xbox, slime, lots of cool cars, a big soccer goal, lots of big trucks, and a shirt. Last, Merry Christmas, Santa, and thanks for giving joy to all of the kids and have a Merry Christmas. Love, Eriberto

Dear Santa,

Do you ever get cold up in the North Pole? First, I'm being good this year. I'm really trying to hang seven ornaments. I don't do cartwheels or handstands in the house. I show my sister the right way of being good. Next, my family would like some presents. My sister wants a Spirit doll. Can my mom have a pair of slippers so she doesn't steal my dad's? Can you bring my dad some hunting clothes? Then I want a diary, thinking putty, play kitchen, and a trip to the water park. I would also like a very special thing. I want more time with my dad. Last, thank you for all the presents that your elves make. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Aubri

Dear Santa,

Do you know how many presents you make? I have been good this year. I play with my brother Beckett lots of times. I play in my yard with my brother and play tag. Next, can you bring a toy grenade for Beckett? Can you bring Fallyn a baby doll? And my mom wants a candle. I think my dad wants a watch. Last, can I

have a hoverboard, batting gloves, and a Dogman book. Also can I maybe have a new bat with a blue color on the top and a green color on the bottom. Finally, thank you for making good presents for my family including me. Thank you for the good presents. Merry Christmas. Mason

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? First, I have sort of been good. I sometimes clean the litter box. I be good at school for Ms. Duncan. I cleaned my room with my sister. I'm very nice to my mom when I talk to her. Next, please bring presents for my family. Can you please bring a bouquet of flowers for my mom? Will you please bring a fuzzy blanket for my brother? Is it possible that you bring my cat some toys? My sister would like some slime for Christmas. Last, could you bring my a Love a Bella? Would you get me some roller skates, please? Could you get me a new blanket? Is it possible that you get me a new possible? Could you get me a new watch, please? Finally, I hope you have fun watching Clyde make toys. Merry Christmas! Thank you for all the toys you made! Love, Rayvin

Dear Santa,

How does the elves make toys? First, I sometimes been naughty but sometime I have been good. I help my mom and dad clean their room. I also clean the dishes and my brothers' room. Next, I want you to bring my family gifts. I want you to bring my sister a bike and a doll house.

I want yo to bring my dad a watch and a Iphone. I want you to bring my mom an elf. My brother want a PS4. Then, I want a puppy and some Dog Man books. I would like a controller for the xBox so my brother can play with me. I also want some Pokemon cards and a big one. Last, I wish I can see you, Santa. Have a Merry Christmas and thank you for bringing us presents. Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,

How many presents do you give out a night? First, I have been good since my elf on the shelf came. Last year Lincoln, Hudson, and I named him Elfey. Some mornings I let the chickens and check for eggs and then the last thing I feed them. Then when I get home I told my cooks. Next, will you give my family the best presents in the world? Can you get my mommy a new sewing machine and fabric, please? Any my brother, Lincoln, wants little farm toys. Also, my little brother, Hudson, wants a new lego set or a transformer. Also, my daddy wants new tools. Then can you please get me an American boy doll, mermaid pj's, a new toothbrush, new school supplies, and a writing pad. The last things are glasses, new glass cleaner, new makeup, a new mermaid coloring book, owl shrinky dinks, a nail polish set to make nail polish, and my last hing is glitter glue and thinking putty. As you can see I have been good this year. I think I deserve some presents. Thank you Merry Christmas, Santa! Love, Lucy

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Letters To Santa

By Mrs. Robinson's Pearl City Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,
Santa I have been very good this year. I have read to my sister, put my brother to sleep, and helped my brother and sister. My mom would probably like a pool. My dad would like a statue of a Cubs' player. Parker probably would want a gift card for his Xbox1. Lacie would like a toy guitar. Olivia would want a toy doll set. Jack would want a baby shark set. JT wants a music set that sings "Baby Shark." Izzy would want lots of bones. I want a hover board and an iPod, because my other iPod doesn't work. Santa how many elves do you have? Will you send a letter back? I wish you a Merry Christmas and your elves and your wife. Your friend, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. At school I've been kind to my friend.

Please bring Aiden a combine. Dylan wants PS4 games. Maxx wants a shed for his toys. Dad needs new work boots. Mom wants a new phone. Anna would like some games and movies. Please bring me a PS4 and some games. What do you like to do in your spare time? Merry Christmas! Your friend, Mason

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I read to my sister one night. Please bring Alyssa Animal Jams. Dad would like a new bike. Mom would like a pearl necklace. Please bring me a Vector Robot. Where do the elves live? Merry Christmas!!! Your friend, Jonah

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I followed directions and did my work. Please bring Briella Candyland. Brody wants a batting glove. Brycen wants an iPhoneX. Brooklyn wants twin Hatchimals. Mom wants

a new diamond ring. Dad wants a new bike. Please bring me JoJo shoes and twin Hatchimals. I love you and the presents you gave me. Your friend, Brynlee

Dear St. Nicholas,
I have been very good this year because I read to my mom every night. The gifts my family would like are a makeup kit for Gracie, and Tami and Casey want t-shirts, Jasper wants a ball and Trigger wants a toy. Could you please bring me 2 lightsabers and a black zebra hover board? I was wondering if you are a real elf. Are you real? I hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

Your friend, Abigail

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year because I have no negative points at school. The gifts my family would like are a Salute to Service hoodie for Joey and a phone for my mom. Could you please bring me a skateboard? I was wondering if you eat all winter long, and how you deliver those presents so fast. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Your friend, Joshua

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year because I hold the baby. Please bring my

mom a new coffee machine. My dad wants some more silver Lena coins. Makayla wants blankets and a pillow. Nola wants LOL dolls and the baby wants more bin keys. I want a My brow and more Zelda games. Are you an elf? Merry Christmas. Your friend, Miles

Dear Santa,
I have been good and bad this year. I used good manners and for hitting my brother. My brother wants a puppy. My dad wants a football. My grandma wants a daily calendar. I want some Legos to play with. I want some white paper to draw on. Santa, have a good Christmas. Your friend, Kolton

Dear Santa,
I have been good like you said at the library because I feed the animals at Mom's house. Arianna wants Hatchimals and LOL dolls. Memo wants a new blender. Our dogs want bones and dog toys. My dad wants tools. Mom wants pillows and blankets for her new couch. Santa can you please bring me toys and a My brow at Mom's for Christmas and Squishies? Do you take showers? Merry Christmas Santa. Your friend, Rayne

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring my mom a red blanket. And bring my dad lotion. And bring my sisters clothes. And my brother Brady a computer. And my other brother a football. I want an iPhone and Squishies. Do you change your outfit? Santa have a great Christmas. Your friend, Sophia

Dear Santa,
I have been really good because I am nice at school to my friends. The gifts my family would like are a big LOL packet for Zinnia, a cappuccino coffee maker for my mom, and my pets want food. My cat wants toys, too. My dad would like a black karate board that you can put back together. Maddy, Mari, and Mason want gift cards. Could you please make me a guitar and an Alexa Dot Echo? I was wondering if you are real. I was also wondering if you are an elf. I hope you have a good Christmas. Your friend, Jack

Dear Santa,
I have had a bad year, but I'm trying to listen to directions. Please bring Weldon a cattle barn. Mom would like a new bike. Dad wants a new toolbox. Please bring me a 4440 tractor and a feeder wagon. Santa, how does your beard feel? I wish you a Merry Christmas! Your friend, George

Dear Santa,
I have been good through this year. I never got in a fight, and I have taken out the trash. My mom and dad need new ornaments for the tree. My cat needs a cat house. My dog needs a new Lambchop. I will need a new game for my 2DSXi. It is called Super Mario minigames. The other game for the PS4 is another game I would like. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Your friend, Nathan

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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Bonebright's Le-Win Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I would like a ring and a doll for Christmas this year. I have been a good girl! Love, Alyson

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Can I please have a Bears jersey, a tv, and a Dallas Cowboys jersey? I have been a really good boy this year! Thank you Santa! Love, Levi

Dear Santa,
I have been a super good boy this year! I would like a Bat Bot Extreme, a scarecrow for my grandma's garden, and a Paw Patrol House. Thanks Santa! Love, Austin

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I have been a good girl. I would like a Barbie, a princess, and some perfume that is just for me. Thank you Santa! Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a stuffed fish, some yarn, and a doll that looks like me? I have been a good girl! Thank you Santa! Love, Aliese

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I have been a very good girl this year. Can I please have a hair style, a toy cat, and some slime for Christmas? Thank you! Love, Brynn

Dear Santa,
I would like some army men for Christmas. Even some blue army men. I have been so good, Santa. Merry Christmas! Love, Kooper

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I have been a good boy this year. I would like a Polar Express train, a velociraptor, and a raptor. Thank you Santa! Love, Noah

Dear Santa,
I have been such a good boy this year! Can I please have a Go Leap Pad, a racecar, and a computer? Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Jonathon

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I have been so nice and so helpful this year. I would like a necklace, a toy cat, and a listening center please. Thank you Santa! Love, Savanna

Dear Santa,
I have been a super good girl this year! Can I please have a bouncy house, a slide, and a toy car for Christmas? Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Cael

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like a toy cat, a necklace, and a computer please. I have been a really good girl Santa! Thank you! Love, Rainah

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I have been really super good this year! Can I please have an ultra t-rex, a Hot Wheels Ultimate Car Wash, and an Ultimate Hulk Buster? Thanks Santa! Love, Jaxson

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I would like a toy sprinkle shaker, a smoothie maker, and a toy tea kettle for Christmas this year. Santa, I have been so good and helpful! Thank you Santa! Love, Violet

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa! I would like a skate board, ice skates, and a toy unicorn for Christmas please. I have been a very good girl, and I am so helpful too! Merry Christmas Santa! Love, Brishti

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I would like a Voltron Lego set, a computer, and Pokemon cards please. Thank you Santa! I have been so good this year Santa! Love, Reny

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I have been a good boy this year! Can I please have a Bears football, a Bears jersey, and a 2-wheel scooter that is green? Thank you so much Santa, Love, Alex

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I have been so good this year! Can I please have ice skates, a Rizzo 44 jersey, and a trampoline for Christmas? Thank you Santa! Love, Brock

Dear Santa,
I have been a super good girl this year! Can I please have LOL surprises, LOL hair stuff, and LOL slime? Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas! Love, Macie

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Can I please have a Barbie, a book, and a yoyo this year? I have been so good and helpful. Thank you Santa! Love, Jocelyn



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Lena's Hometown "Vintage Christmas"

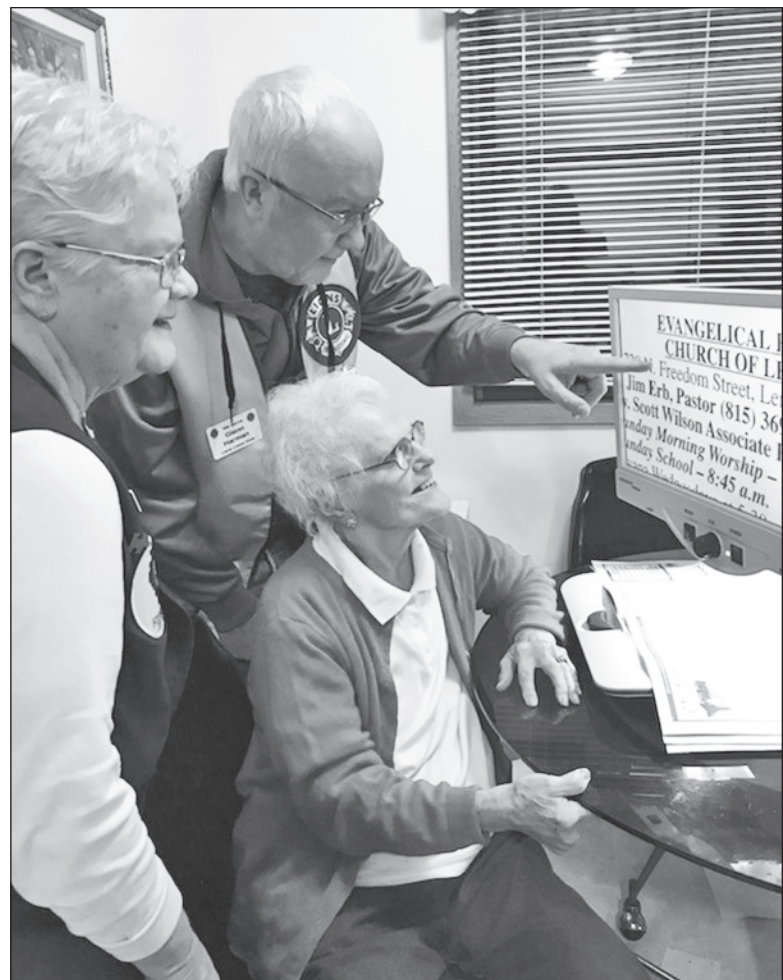
Dean Heiler (10) and Angel Hoefer (5) share their Christmas wishes with the Jolly Old Elf on Friday evening in Citizen's State Bank.



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Paying it forward

The Lena Lions Club was able to purchase a magnified reader and, as seen in the photo, long time Lena resident Mary Lou Krahmer is enjoying it so much and it has greatly increased her independence. She is so very thankful for this device and the Lena Lions Club is thankful for all of the support you show us so we can pay it forward!



LENA LIONS CLUB OPERATION GOODFELLOW 2018

Operation Goodfellow took place on Saturday, Dec. 8th with deliveries of 199 Fruit and Cookie trays and 53 grocery deliveries. These items were delivered to individuals and families in Eleroy, Lena, Winslow and McConnell. Poinsettias were also delivered to the Lena Living Center.

Special thanks to 7 congregations who provided dozens of cookies for this project. Those congregations were: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lena Evangelical Free, McConnell United Methodist, Lena United Methodist, Salem United Church of Christ, St. John's Lutheran and St. Joseph Catholic. Without these generous donations this project would not be possible.

Thank you to Sherry Brinker who coordinated with the Lions and churches for the cookie portion of this project.

To local businesses: DeVoe Floral, A.J.'s and Sullivan's Foods we say thank you for your time and assistance with our ordering and project needs.

Thank you to the Lena Living Center residents for their contribution. We appreciate your participation.

Thank you to the many members of the Lena Lions Club, spouses, and friends for their work in packaging, preparing and delivering the items.

Lena is a great place to live and serve. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Nancy and Rich Jogerst - Goodfellow Co-Chairs

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Payton Meier battles to bring the ball closer to the paint.

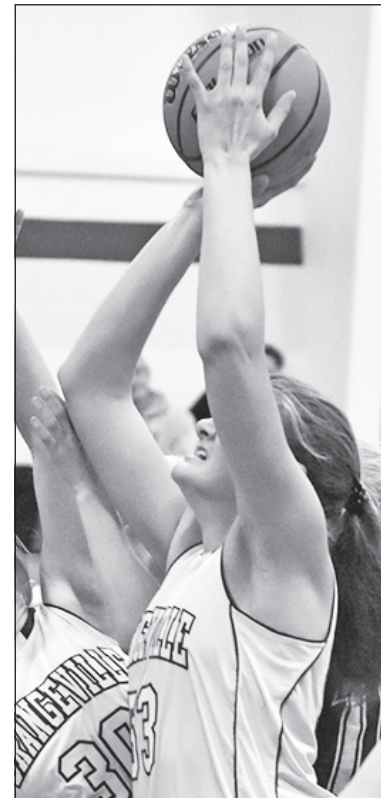
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Timber Oakes drives from the outside getting by the Polo defender.



Working on the inside Alyssa Ostendorf lays up two on the jump shot.



Grace Edler uses her height advantage to nab the rebound and set back up adding two to the board.



Mckayla Riemer goes up for an easy two for the Lady Broncos.

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Letters To Santa

By Ms. Tiesman' Le-Win Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
I would like a ball, a Shopkin's Set, and a toy American Flag for my Shopkin's Set for Christmas!!
Peighton Koch
Dear Santa,
I would love to have a rainbow American Girl Doll, a new coloring book, and a plain pencil for Christmas!!
Aubree Knoup
Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me 2 Amazon Alexa's for Christmas! I would also like a dirt bike to ride.
Levi Lobdell

Dear Santa,
I really want a stuffed LOL doll, new hair colors, and a Hatchimal for Christmas. At my Dad's house I already have the American Girl Doll Tenney that sings, but I would also like one at my Mom's house so can play with her at both places!!
Evelyn Burckhardt
Dear Santa,
I would like a Aquaman costume, Adventures Black Panther claw, and a Transformers Bumble Bee Voice Changing Mask all for Christmas!
Carter Campbell
Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me not 1, not 2, but 3 LOL dolls for Christmas?
Ainsley Sutter

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Santa shirt, a new phone, and an American flag. Thank you.
Maddox Heimann
Dear Santa,
Please bring me hair cutters, a new tablet, and LOL dolls for Christmas.
Helena Schubert
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a monster truck, a new ball, and a monster truck race.
Blaine Drake
Dear Santa,
Could you bring please bring me legos, a second phone, and a Nintendo for Christmas. Also, I want a candy cane.

Dylan Kent
Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me legos, a Gingerbread house, and a remote controlled car?
Brody Roberts
Dear Santa,
I would really like to have a Lego Ninjago, a Lego Marvel, and a Lego Star Wars for Christmas!
Jack Krumm
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would love to have three more LOL dolls to add to my collection!
Hannah Lerdahl
Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a computer, and two Amazon Alexa's for Christmas?
Gaedon Getz
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a new barbie, a robot, and a sinker robot that sinks in the ground. I would also like to have a new LOL doll.

Layla Taft
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a MiBro Robot, hatchimal, and a phone for Christmas!
Ben Heitkam
Dear Santa
For Christmas could you please bring me a new art set, a stuffed animal cat, and a new LOL doll?
Ava Kautz
Dear Santa,
I would really like to have a computer, a new Barbie doll house, and a new barbie doll for Christmas.
Jaylee Dittmar
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would love to have two LOL doll sets and a thing with paints, markers, and a stage, like a new art set.
Ava McNett
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a cop car, a hatchimal, and an electronic-big milker.
Ayden Williams

Lena library news

By Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR
It's that time of year again. The trees are up and the stockings are hung. We had a great time kicking off the season participating in the Christmas Walk. We really enjoyed seeing everyone who stopped by for crafts and cookies with us. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves as well.
Santa will be here visiting us on Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 10-11 a.m.. He will be here with his candy canes ready to hear your Christmas wishes. Come and get your picture taken.
The After School kids have been busy getting into the Christmas spirit as well. Last week they each designed and decorated their own trees. They will be on display here at the library for another week. Stop by and check them out. They also had fun playing Christmas/Winter charades with Mrs. Kathy.
The Story Hour kids designed their own trees as well, and made "goofy" Christmas bulb ornaments to take home. They also enjoyed decorating the seasonal story hour room tree with lights. As always they left time to squeeze in a few stories: Up On The Housetop, Eight Jolly Reindeer, One Christmas Bear, Christmastime Is Here, and Toddler Christmas.

Do you have a child that you think would be interested in Story Hour, but you're afraid you missed the deadline to sign up? It's never too late. We are still accepting sign-ups to start after the New Year. For more information regarding programming call us at 815-369-3180 or check us out on our Facebook page.
Our book club group met last month and some great titles were discussed: The Noel Stranger- Richard Paul Evans, Every Breath-Nicholas Sparks, The City Baker's Guide to Country Living-Louise Miller, The Woman In Cabin 10, and Clara and Mr. Tiffany-Susan Vreeland were just a few of the books mentioned. Our next meet-

ing will be Dec. 19th at 9:30 am. Join us, and grab one of our holiday books on display. It's the best time of year for a good book.
New Books: Beauchamp Hall-Steel, Long Road To Mercy-Baldacci, Holy Ghost-Sanford, Target Alex Cross-Patterson, and Look Alive Twenty-Five-Evanovich. New DVDs: The Incredibles 2, Hotel Transylvania 3, and Mamma Mia. Here We Go Again. Come in and see us, or call to place holds on your favorite titles. Don't forget you can place holds on items anywhere using Encore. We also offer access to a free app for E-books and E-audiobooks for reading on the go. Stop in to learn more.

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Letters To Santa

By Mrs. Hanson's Orangeville Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
I know you have been busy, but can you please help my dog? He got ran over, but he is at my sister's house and I don't get to see him anymore. For my list, I want a stuffed animal dog, a stuffed animal cat and a stuffed animal duck. I would also like a stuffed snake and a stuffed bat. I want a Picney Pop. I want this because my mom has it. It is jewelry. I love you, Santa!

Love, Madelyn (Mady)
Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. Can I have some presents? I would like LOL and Barbies.

Love, Aubri
Dear Santa, One time I thought I saw your reindeer. How are you feeling? I want some more buses for my collection.

Love, Jude
Dear Santa,
I want dinosaur toys for Christmas because I love dinosaurs. I want some robot toys.

Love, Jake C.
Dear Santa,

Please bring me some toys. I would like a toy boat, a goldfish and a train.

Love, Jake D.

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I want a pickup truck, trailer, tractor, a remote control jeep, and a remote control truck. I would also like a tractor trailer.

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,

Can I have baby dolls? When can I see your reindeer? How are you doing? How is your house?

Love, Mackenzie

Dear Santa,

Happy Thursday! I want a Nerf gun. I want a fire truck. I want an ambulance and a cop car. I want a laser gun. I want a hunting truck and a pretend snake. I want a barn. I want a turkey truck and a fire truck with a ladder and a hose.

Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,

I would like a pet goldfish. I would like some My Life doll clothes and I would like a My Life bathroom. I would like to know how your reindeer are. Santa, I would like some Barbies and a Barbie doll house.

Love, Delaney

Dear Santa,

I wish you a good day to deliver presents. I hope the reindeer have a great time. If people put out snacks for you, I hope they are yummy. Santa, I hope you make enough presents and I hope you have a great Thanksgiving Day. I wish for a rocket fishing pole and I wish that I had my own pack of toy dinosaurs. I also wish for an Xbox.

Love, Max

Dear Santa,

I would like Magic School Bus toys. I would like dinosaur toys. I would like Magic School Bus coloring books. I would like a Batman cave and Batman toys. I would like

some books to read and packages with letters. I would like a card from a friend. I would like a basket to hold games. I would like some chair toys. I would like an M&M stuffed animal. I would like Scaredy Squirrel.

Love, Travis

Dear Santa,

I have been super good at school and I have done all of my work. I was waiting for Christmas for very long. I want a truck for Christmas. I also want a toy Buzz Lightyear.

Love, Paxson

Dear Santa,

Could I have a new movie?

Love, Finn

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Do you ever get sick? I need some glue so I can glue crafts. I would like a tie dye sweatshirt.

Love, Breezy

Dear Santa,

What do your reindeer eat? What do your elves do? What do you do? I would like a Nerf gun.

Love, Devin

Dear Santa,

I love you, Santa! I like your reindeer. I would like a real bunny. I want a cage for the bunny and I would like some food for it. I would like to see you sometime Santa.

Love, Kinley

First Quarter 2018-2019 Pearl City Junior High and High School Honor Rolls

Highest Honor Roll

Seniors: Andrew Lorig, Jeremy Simler, Riley Wright

Sophomores: Makayla Milam, Caitlin Niesman

Freshmen: Jacob Joseph, Oliver Petta, Sidney Wright

Eighth Grade: Addison Bremmer, Nathan Brinkmeir

Seventh Grade: Jayden Downs, Kyle Niehaus, Ethan Petta

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Amanda Baldauf, Joshua Cassell, Tia Clark, Olivia Cummins, Elizabeth Dixon, Madison Downs, Mackenzie Endress, Brooke Hass,

Addison Keltner, Jayden Kempel, Caitlyn Krell, Zachariah Lieb, Isabel Pena, Lucas Petersen, Liana Rosenstiel, Kerstan Shippy, Braden Smargiassi

Juniors: Nicole Adolph, Abby Ditsworth, Zander Endress, Sydney Foulker, Autumn Gray, Hailey Johnson, Isabella Kostallari, Alayna Palmer, Jenna Robinson, Kayla Runkle

Sophomores: Estrella Ayala, Molly Cropper, Macie Kaney, Jule Langeloh, Makayla Ruttman, Madyson Stephan, Jenee Stultz, Ella Williams

Freshmen: Savanah Brandt, Ben-

jamin Bremmer, Kenner Brinkmeir, Madilyn Diddens, Kendall Dixon, Christian Fischer, Alexander Gray, Owen Joseph, Audra Lartz, Cody Pitts, Brynn Solt, Brianna Stager, Alena Welch

Eighth Grade: Jonathan Dinderman, Destiny Haugh, Jordan Johnson, Brea Musser, Tanner Perdue, Nicholas Polizzi, Jaden Robinson, Laine Rosenstiel, Levi Sheffey

Seventh Grade: Daneli Ayala, Ava Bremmer, Patience Chavez-Boyle, Shyanna Ditzler, Logan Freier, Kyleigh Gentz, Jacob Lieb, Rayce Mullen, Miranda Posey, Margaret Smital

Honor Roll

Seniors: Connor Boop, Jarod Kempel, Collyn Kuberski, Lydia Lott, Maxwell Polizzi, Amber Roach, Brock Smargiassi, Lauren Strock, Caleb Tichler

Juniors: Sydney Monks

Sophomores: Marianna Brenner, Carter Brudi, Alexis Daves, Aliya Fischer, Madison Lesko, Miranda Mellentine, Montana Sargent, Jase Sheffey

Freshmen: Skylar Campbell, Tyson Clark, Cheyenne Handsaker, Brady Heinrich, Theodore Ils, Riley Schauer, Noah Tollers

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Letters To Santa

By Ms. Bunker's Pearl City Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like a dinosaur and a pet tiger. I want a toy truck.
I will leave you cookies!
Tanner (5)
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like some RC's. I would like new teddy bears and blue chairs to match my blue table. I also would like a Nike backpack.
I will leave you cookies and milk.
Hunter (5)
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a kitchen set and fake food

for it. I want a new book bag, I would like Paw Patrol. I want some slime. My family wants some paper plates with Christmas designs.
How do Reindeer fly? Does Rudolph really help you with his nose?
Merry Christmas,
Madi (5)
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How is Mrs. Claus? I want JoJo bows. I would like a rainbow unicorn. I would also like a diary.
I will leave you cookies and a soda! I have been a very good girl!
Brooklyn (5)
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus! I want

a cop truck and cop car for Christmas. I would also like a fire truck for Christmas.
I will leave you cookies and milk.
Beau (6)
Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo switch controller. I want a puppy. How is Rudolph?
Thank you Santa!
Ryker (6)
Dear Santa,
I love you! I would like a computer for Christmas. I want a sleeping mask. My brothers would like race cars.
I will leave you a snack!
Love you!

Lily (5)
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I would like a transformer. I would also like an Ipad. A new lego set would be nice!
Thank you,
Hudson (6)
Dear Santa,
How are you? Did you have a nice Thanksgiving? I want a toy doggy. I would like a Sled remote controller.
I will leave you Chocolate milk and cookies!
Elmer (5)
Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you have a

cold? How do you fly so fast around the world? You are so helpful. I would like a Lol doll.
I would like a baby alive. I would like a dream house for my barbies.
Merry Christmas and I will make you cookies!
Karlee (5)
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I like you so much and I want you to bring me a giant dinosaur that is remote. I also want a Gorilla.
I will leave you Chocolate milk.
Gavyn (6)

Beekeeping Club is all abuzz

"Every time I look into a beehive, I learn something new about the bees, and I see another reason why I like the bees so much." Many times the only experience a person has with a bee involves their stinger. However, we all know there is much more to bees than their sting.

Join the University of Illinois Extension and 4-H volunteer Donovan Coffey, beekeeper and owner of The Coffey Bee Ranch, for this exciting beekeeping opportunity. All youth who are currently in 5th-12th grade are invited to be a part of the 4-H Beekeeping Club. Meetings will begin in late-January and run through November. We encourage family participation so parents, grandparents, or guardians may attend the club meetings and join in the fun. Meetings will be a blend of inside learning, field trips, and actual beekeeping. Participants will meet once a month. The first club meeting will be held on Jan. 29, from 5-7:30 pm at the Galena Middle School Library.

The best way to learn about bees is to work side by side a professional beekeeper. "I am excited to be partnering with 4-H to be able to share beekeeping with the youth of our county," says Donovan Coffey. "Healthy honey bees and pollinators, in general, are critical to maintaining a sustainable ecosystem. Through this course, we will explore the life cycle of the honey bee, learn about the challenges they currently face, utilizing research-based information to maintain live colonies,

and have some fun along the way. Participants will have the opportunity to meet local beekeepers with a vast array of experience as well as harvesting and marketing their honey. Over the course of the year, we'll learn, gain practical experience, and have some fun along the way."

Why is this important? There is a great need for more young professionals to be the driving force for innovation in agriculture and food production. It is estimated that the world's population will add two billion people in the next 40 years. "Illinois Extension is extremely excited to provide this amazing opportunity to youth in Jo Daviess County," says 4-H Youth Development

Educator Jackie de Batista. "Bees are extremely important pollinators, and we can thank them for about 30% of the foods we eat every day. If we want to continue to enjoy almonds and apple pie, peach cobbler and yogurt with blueberries, we need to teach youth how to raise bees as well as care for the environment in which they live." Our young people play a critical role as future farmers and community leaders to help address these challenges.

Participants will have a cost of \$30 which will be used to buy equipment and supplies. Pre-Registration is required and spots are limited. To register call 815-858-2273 or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>.

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Letters To Santa

By Mrs. Werhane's Pearl City Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas, my dad would like a kitten. Please bring my mom a real elf. I would like a Minecraft game. I have tried to be good all year.

your friend,
Beau
Dear Santa Claus,
What is your favorite cookie? For Christmas, my brother would like a new Pikachu game. Please bring me a large, green Hatchimal, a Beanie Boo, and books. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend,
Alyssa
Dear Santa Claus,
How do you get to all the houses in one night? Please bring my sister some new barbies. My mom would like a new pan. Dad wants a new coffee maker. For Christmas, I would like two bells from your rein-

deer, a yorkie puppy, and a ball gun. I have tried to be good all year.
Your Friend,
Ethan
Dear Santa Claus,
How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas, would like some peace and quiet. Dad wants a new car. Tanner would like a new cat. Kruze would

like a toy dirt bike. Please bring me a new puppy. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend,
Knox
Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer doing? What is your favorite cookie these days? For Christmas my mom and dad would like a vacation to Florida. Deaken would like a new cat. Please bring me a new pair of shoes. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend
Rylen
Dear Santa Claus,
How do your reindeer fly? For Christmas, my brother would like legos. My dad wants a new pair of shoes. My mom wants a new baby kitten. Please bring me new puppy. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend
Kooper
Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? My mom and dad would like new clothes for Christmas. Please bring me a pony this year. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend
Nataliee
Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer doing? For Christmas, my mom would like a new necklace and ring. My dad wants a new coffee maker. My sister would like a phone. My baby sister would want a new rattle. Kaylee wants a new book shelf. Emmerson would like new barbies and Jackson would like new hot wheels. Please bring me a stuffed bunny. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend
Addie
Dear Santa Claus,
How is the weather at the North Pole? For Christmas, my mom would like a new necklace. Dad wants a new car. My sister would like candy and my brother would like baby toys. Please bring me squisheys and new shoes. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend
Audi
Dear Santa Claus,
How do the elves make toys? For Christmas, my mom wants art supplies. My dad wants a new bed. My brother really wants a new rattle. Please bring me a big stuffed dog and an Anna Barbie. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend
Lily
Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? My mom would like new work clothes. Dad wants a new truck. George and I would like a new 4440 tractor. Also, please bring me new farm clothes for Christmas. I have tried to be good all year.

Your Friend
Weldon

Set up 'salad bar' at home

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The not so skinny cook

It's beginning to look like Christmas—yes, it is everywhere we go. I went shopping, and I have been baking too. I found the Christmas music station on the radio—103. 1, and I am getting ready for next week. Since this column will come out as the last one before Christmas, there are some good recipes—an appetizer, a salad, a good side, a main dish, and two elegant desserts.

These mushrooms are listed as the best stuffed mushrooms ever—if you look at the recipe, it has bacon, cream cheese, Parmesan and mushrooms. You really can't get better than that because mushrooms take on the flavor of everything else. Use these for a Christmas appetizer, or you can save them for New Year's Eve too.

Stuffed Mushrooms

3 slices bacon
4 oz. cream cheese, softened
4 T. Parmesan cheese, divided
½ t. Worcestershire sauce
½ t. pepper
1 lb. button mushroom caps
Preheat the oven to 350. Cook the bacon in a large skillet, turning occasionally, until crisp and evenly

browned, about 10 minutes. Drain on paper towels; crumble when cooled. Stir the bacon into the cream cheese, adding 2 tablespoons of parmesan cheese, Worcestershire sauce, and pepper in a large bowl. Spoon filling into the mushroom caps, using about 1 teaspoon filling per cap. Place in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining parmesan. Bake until mushrooms are tender and filling is golden brown, about 25 to 30 minutes.

This salad has a lot of fruits in it. It is a little more than just the cranberry relish. I like the crunch of apples (my favorites are Gala, Fuji, or Granny Smith). I can't have bananas, so I leave them out. There is only a little preparation involved. Enjoy this refreshing fruit salad at your Christmas dinner.

Festive Cranberry Fruit Salad

1 lb. (12 oz.) fresh or frozen cranberries
¼ C. water
½ C. sugar
5 medium apples, diced
2 medium firm bananas, sliced
1½ C. fresh or frozen blueberries, thawed
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, undrained
1 C. fresh or frozen raspberries, thawed
¼ C. strawberries, halved

In a large saucepan, combine the cranberries, water, and sugar. Cook and stir over medium heat until berries pop, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and cool slightly.

In a bowl combine the remaining ingredients. Add cranberry mixture and stir gently. Refrigerate until serving.

Are you looking for a great side for Christmas dinner? This sweet potato and squash recipe is really tasty. The use of evaporated milk, butter, brown sugar and the pumpkin pie spice makes for an interesting "dressing" or sauce for special occasion vegetables. If you are not a nut lover, omit the pecans.

Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Casserole

3 medium sweet potatoes, halved lengthwise
1 small butternut squash, halved lengthwise and seeded
¼ C. plus 2 T. firmly packed light brown sugar, divided
½ C. evaporated milk
5 T. butter, melted and divided
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 T. lemon juice
¼ t. pumpkin pie spice
¼ t. salt
1 C. pecans

Preheat the oven to 425. Spray a large rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray. Place sweet potatoes and squash cut side down, on prepared pan. Bake until a sharp knife can be easily inserted in center, about 45 minutes. Let stand at room temperature until cool enough to handle. Reduce oven temperature to 350.

Scoop pulp from sweet potato and squash and place in a large bowl. Add ¼ C. brown sugar, evaporated milk, 4 tablespoons melted butter, eggs, lemon juice, pie spice and salt. Beat with a mixer at medium speed until smooth.

Spray a shallow 2 quart baking dish with cooking spray. Spoon the mixture into the dish and bake for 20

minutes. In a small bowl, toss together the pecans, 2 tablespoons of brown sugar, and 1 tablespoon melted butter. Sprinkle over casserole. And bake until the mixture is set, about 20 minutes more.

What I like about serving ham balls for Christmas dinner is that you can make them several days ahead of time or even put them in the freezer. (I put the glaze on after taking them and unthawing from the freezer.) You have an easy couple of days before Christmas without having to do the main dish prep the day of the big event. You get to enjoy family

and guests by planning ahead. Use the sweet potato casserole and you can do most preparation way ahead of time.

Ham Balls with Brown Sugar Glaze

1 lb fully cooked ground ham
1 lb. ground pork
1 C. milk
1 C. crushed cornflakes
1 large egg, slightly beaten

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• **Kitchen** (Continued from page 17)

¼ C. packed brown sugar
1 T. ground mustard
½ t. salt
Glaze
1 C. packed brown sugar
¼ C. vinegar
1 T. ground mustard
Preheat the oven to 350. Combine ground ham ground beef, milk, cornflakes, egg, brown sugar, ground mustard, and salt until mixed. Shape into 1 inch balls; place in a single layer on a greased 15 x 10 rimmed baking dish which has been sprayed with cooking spray. To make the glaze: cook and stir all ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Spoon over ham balls. Bake until ham balls are just

beginning to brown, 30 to 35 minutes rotating pan and carefully stirring halfway through. Gently toss in glaze. Serve warm.

This beautiful cake is gorgeous on a cake stand. It uses the cooked frosting that both my grandmother and mother used to make for special occasions. It does require a little make ahead preparation, but the end result is worth it-

Holiday Snowflake Cake

2 eggs plus 4 egg yolks
1½ C. sugar
1 C. whole milk
½ C. butter, cubed
2½ C. flour

1 T. baking powder
1 t. vanilla
½ C. chopped pecans
Frosting
1¾ C. sugar
½ C. water
4 egg whites
½ t. cream of tartar
1 t. vanilla
2 C. sweetened shredded coconut

In a large bowl, beat the eggs, egg yolks and sugar until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. In a small saucepan, heat milk and butter until butter melts. Combine flour and baking powder; add to the egg mixture alternately with milk mixture. Beat until well mixed. Add vanilla. Fold in nuts.

Pour the batter into three greased 9 inch round baking pans. Bake at 350 until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean about 15-18 minutes. Cool in pans 10 minutes before removing to wire racks to cool completely.

Frosting: in a saucepan combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil; cook over medium-high heat until a thermometer reads 244. Meanwhile, beat egg whites and cream of tartar on high speed until foamy. Slowly pour hot sugar syrup over the egg whites while beating continuously. Continue beating on high until stiff glossy peaks form, about 7 minutes. Add the vanilla; beat until the frosting cools slightly and reaches the desired consistency.

Place one cake layer on a serving plate, spread with ¾ cup frosting. Sprinkle with ¼ cup coconut. Repeat layers. Top with remaining cake lay-

er. Frost top and sides of cakes with remaining frosting and sprinkle with remaining coconut.

If the preceding recipe is too hard to make, this next one is simple and delicious. It also is really pretty in a trifle bowl. If you don't have a trifle bowl, use a large glass bowl. It is really pretty and tastes great too!

Irish Crème Chocolate Trifle

1 pkg. devil's food cake mix regular size
1 C. refrigerated Irish crème non-dairy creamer
2½ C. 2 % milk
2 pkg. (3.9 oz. each) instant chocolate pudding mix
3 C. whipped topping
12 mint Andes candies, chopped

Prepare and bake the cake mix according to package directions using a 9 x 13 pan. Cool pan on a wire rack for 1 hour. With a fork or wooden skewer, poke holes in cake about 2 inches apart. Slowly pour creamer over the cake; refrigerate, covered for 1 hour.

In a large bowl, whisk the milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes; let stand until soft-set about 2 minutes. Cut cake into 1½ inch cubes. In a 3 quart trifle or glass bowl, layer a third of each of the following: cake cubes, pudding, whipped topping, cake cubes, pudding, whipped topping and candy. Repeat layers twice. Refrigerate trifle until serving.

We are looking for recipes for the New Year—some appetizers, soups, and sandwiches. If you would like

to share, please send them in. You can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

It has been a long and challenging year for me, and I am grateful to be sitting here typing on my computer. I am thankful for my doctors, my family, and my friends who have been on this journey with me. In leaving our time together today, I would share with you my traditional Christmas message that I received many years ago from a dear friend. Each year I say that it continues to have a message of truth for my family and friends. Remember: "Every time a hand reaches out to help another... that is Christmas. Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding...that is Christmas. Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other...that is Christmas. May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding, closer to the blessing of peace." May the blessings of Christmas be on all of you as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and the promise of eternal life. Merry Christmas from Lena's Kitchen and the not so skinny cook.

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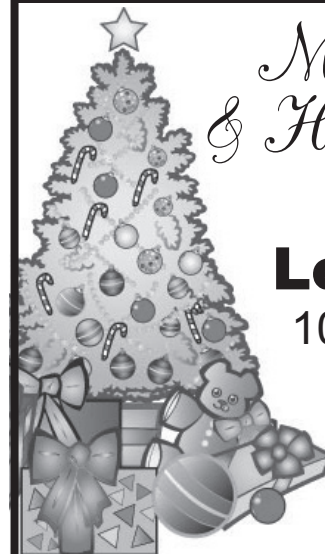
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Alexander Daughenbaugh
Gennings Dunker
Marguerite Johnson
Sarah Madigan
Allyson Milder
Jennifer Swedlund
Sidney Weegens
Noah White

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Jenna Bidlingmaier
Ashlyn Enck
Samantha Kempel
Joseph Lenz
Kaylee Meyer
Kaidyn Sargent

Seniors

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Kendall Lobdell
Meagan Mader
Christina Schubert
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Sophie Tootelian

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Grace Fox
Ethan Fye
Lila Rudisill
Diana Sanchez-Lagunas
Maddex Sargent
Ross Stabenow
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Makenzie Lawson
Madison Meador
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Sean Ormiston
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Parker Magee
Olivia Matz
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Letters To Santa

Mrs. Blakely's Lena-Winslow First Grade

Dear Santa,
I am Lydia. I am 6. I need new dry erase markers. I want an Amazon Alexa. How are the elves? How did Rudolph get his red nose? Your Friend, Lydia

Dear Santa,
My name is Ainsley. I am in 1st grade. I am 6. I need a new pair of shoes. I want a make up kit, a Amazon Alexa, a tablet, and nail polish. What is your favorite cookie? Why do you give presents? How to you go down the chimney? Your Friend, Ainsley

Dear Santa,
My name is Karli. I am in 1st grade. I need new snow pants and boots and a comforter. I want a hover board and some Mini Hatchimals. What are you doing on Christmas night, Santa? Your Friend, Karli

Dear Santa,
My name is Clayton. I am in 1st grade. I am six. I need new pants. I want a real phone. I want a big tv. I want five pillows. How is Rudolph? Your Friend, Clayton

Dear Santa,
My name is Hayden. I am in first grade and I am six. I need a bunch of new shoes. I want a make-up kit and a bunch of Barbie clothes. What is your favorite cookie? How is Flower doing? Your Friend, Hayden

Dear Santa,
I am Beau. I am in first grade. I am six. I need pants. I want a jeep and a dirt bike. How are your elves? Your Friend, Beau

Dear Santa,
My name is Payton and I am in 1st grade. I need a new pair of pants. I want a tv and a toy truck. How are the elves and how is Mrs. Claus? Your Friend, Payton

Dear Santa,
I am Lilli. I am 6. I need new shoes. I want a doll house and a stuffed animal. How do you make the toys? Your Friend, Lilli

Dear Santa,
I am Lukas, I am in 1st grade. I need a new Bears jersey. I want a coloring book. How are the elves? How is Rudolph? Your Friend, Lukas

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxyn. I need some new shoes that are green and black and gray. I want a slingshot. What kind of milk and cookie do you like? How do you make presents? Your Friend, Jaxyn

Dear Santa,
I am Isaac. I am 6. I need new shoes. I want monster trucks. How does the sleigh go high? Your Friend, Isaac

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophie. I need a new tooth brush. I want lipstick, a make-up kit, and a princess play

house. How do you get down the chimney? Your Friend, Sophie

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade and my name is Brianna. I need a computer. I want a bean bag that is a butterfly. What are you doing? How do you fly to the North Pole? Your Friend, Brianna

Dear Santa,
I am Emmalyn. I am six. I need new socks. I want a new Barbie house and a new Barbie van. How is Santa doing? Your Friend, Emmalyn

Ms. Leamon's Lena-Winslow First Grade

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Kenzie. I like to do math. I need glasses and snow pants. I want 100 My Little Ponies. Why do you make toys? Love, Kenzie

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Kade. I like to go to the zoo. I need new shoes. I want Pokémon cards. How do you fit through the chimney? Your Friend, Kade

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Ben. I like bikes.

I need some gloves. I want an automatic tank. How many people do you visit on Christmas Eve? Your Friend, Ben

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Kaylie. I need leggings. I want more kitty ear headbands. How do you know who has been good or not? Your Friend, Kaylie

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Kolten. I like Ryan on Youtube. I need a blanket. I want Ryan's blue egg. How do you get your reindeer to fly? Your Friend, Kolten

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Gracelyn. I love school. I need mittens. I want an American Girl doll. How do you get to the North Pole? Your Friend, Gracelyn

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Addison. I love writing. I need some new socks. I want colored spiral hair ties. How do elves fly? Your Friend, Addison

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Max. I like my sister. I need new boots. I want a tablet. How can you fly? Your Friend, Max

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Abigail. I like my Elf in the Shelf. I need jean pants. I want a laptop. What do you do when you sleep? Your Friend, Abigail

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Jameson and I am six years old. I need a new pair of pants. I want a remote control car. Why are the elves so silly? Your Friend, Jameson



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Christmas science

Pearl City fifth graders Kayden Martin, Eden Schubert, Kamden Downs, Kip Martens, and Parker Pettenger really investigate during poinsettia experiments.



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4-H service award

Rachel Young, of Lena Lucky Clovers, was recognized as the Stephenson County Top 4-Her for 2017-18. This award recognizes youth who go above and beyond in their 4-H participation and service to their community.



Best Wishes

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A-1 Agency Coat Drive

A successful coat drive was held by the Freeport Real Estate office of the A-1 Agency. All donations were delivered to the Salvation Army of Freeport, Il. Pictured are Owner/Broker of A-1 Agency, Brian Borchardt, Captains Lee and Jim Brickson of the Salvation Army and Thomas Grimes, Broker with the A-1 Agency. A sincere thank you to all who donated so others could feel the warmth of the Christmas holiday during the winter season.

Have Girl Scout Cookies in time for Christmas

Area Girl Scouts will kick-off the 2019 Girl Scout Cookie Program earlier than usual this year with on-line sales beginning Dec. 17! Digital Cookie 5.0 allows girls to take electronic orders for cookies. Customers can order and pay for cookies online and have the option to have the cookies shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), have the Girl Scout deliver the cookies to them, or donate cookies (with no additional handling fees).

If customers would like to have Girl Scout Cookies for holiday gift-giving (or for themselves!), they should tell the Girl Scout in their lives to send them an email from their personalized website as soon as possible! Don't know a Girl Scout? Email cookies4you@girlscoutsni.org to be connected to a local entrepreneur who would love to add you to her customer list!

Digital Cookie 5.0 is an innovative and educational web-based addition to the cookie program that helps girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie businesses online. Now in its fifth year, Digital Cookie brings Girl Scout programming into the future by providing girls with invaluable business and science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills that prepare them for next century leadership.

Local Girl Scouts will also take cookie orders in-person (and online) from January 4-27, 2019. The cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints, caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Dosidos, buttery Trefoils, zesty lemon Savannah Smiles, sweet S'mores, and toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too!). Cookies are on sale for \$5 per box!

During Girl Scout Cookie season, each G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ sets out to sell delicious cookies while also building entrepreneurial and business skills imperative for leadership and future success. All the net revenue raised—100 percent of it—stays within the northern Illinois area.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois uses cookie earnings to power amazing experiences for girls through their programming, while girls and their troops decide how to invest in impactful community projects, personal enrichment opportunities, and more. Skills girls learn in the cookie program also influence later success as data shows more than half (57 percent) of Girl Scout alumnae in business say the cookie program was beneficial to skills they possess.

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United Way of Northwest Illinois and Lena-Winslow School District partner to offer new reading initiative

United Way of Northwest Illinois is excited to partner with Lena-Winslow school district to mobilize community members interested in making a difference in the lives of students in our community. Through a program called, It Takes a Village, volunteers will assist elementary students by working with them one-on-one each week. Volunteers will assist students in reading, math and other areas and also provide a positive role model for the students. Volunteers will be trained, have access to support services and will be able to choose dates and times that fit into their schedule. In addition, volunteers will need to pass a background check to be accepted.

Early grade reading is a priority area for United Way of Northwest Illinois. The impact of early childhood reading is critical for not only students and schools, but the community as a whole. Research shows that students who read at grade level by 3rd grade are less likely to drop out of school or be involved with the criminal justice system. We also know that it takes more than teachers to make this happen, it takes a village, and we need you.

The United Way of Northwest Illinois is reaching into the community to engage interested volunteers within the Le-Win School District. By contacting the United Way of Northwest Illinois interested volunteers will have the opportunity to complete an application and a background check to move forward in the process. The It Takes a Village program is made possible through a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation.

Those interested in learning more about this opportunity to positively impact the education and lives of local children and the community can email Connie Kraft at director@uwni.org or call 815-232-5184.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS QUICKEN LOANS INC, PLAINTIFF

vs.

STACY KING; LINDA MEIGHAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS

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Address: 830 W Hamilton St Freeport, Illinois 61032

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LOTS 18 AND 19 IN BLOCK 5 OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 4, 1911 IN BOOK D OF PLATS, PAGE 4

COMMON ADDRESS: 830 W Hamilton St, Freeport, Illinois 61032

P.I.N.: 18-18-01-230-021

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$67,687.79

Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale

without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.

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

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 18 5664.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, STATE OF ILLINOIS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF MATAWIN VENTURES TRUST SERIES 2018-1,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

ELLEN R. GORDON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CITY OF FREEPORT, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendant(s).

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: ELLEN R. GORDON, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Stephenson County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 15 IN BLOCK 15 OF ARCADE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON

COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 14-32-437-010 A/K/A 18-14-32-437-010

commonly known as 806 S 18TH AVE FREEPORT IL 61032;

and which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by JAMES C. GORDON, and recorded in the Office of the Stephenson County Recorder as Document Number 9877357; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Stephenson County, located at 15 NORTH GALENA AVENUE, SECOND FLOOR, FREEPORT, IL 61032, on or before January 18, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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Crafting with Santa

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December 25, 2018
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625 Country Lane, Lena

December 24, 2018
3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

December 25, 2018
9:30 a.m.

Lena United Methodist Church

130 W. Mason, Lena

December 24, 2018
4:30 and 11:00 p.m.

