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## Lena American Legion Auxiliary awarded grant

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary was recently awarded a grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. The grant amount was in the amount of \$3,378. This grant was to fund kitchen appliances at the James A. Lovell Federal Health Care in North Chicago. This is the only federal health care system in the nation and they service active military as well as veterans.

The community area at the JALFHC has a kitchen area. The appliances in this kitchen were all over 25 years of age and not in total operating condition. The American Legion Auxiliary representative has at least one event a week in this area, there are Sunday night bingos, etc. The approximately 300 residents of this facility along with their family, friends and the staff attend events in this hall daily. In the condition of the old appliances it was impossible to cook anything on site. The freezers were not keeping everything frozen, which prevented donations being given from stores and bakeries. The stove top didn't work and the refrigerators were not keeping the items as cold as they should have.

The grant allowed Sprague-Inman Unit #577 of Lena, to purchase two new refrigerators, two new freezers, one new stove and one new microwave. The local store where these appliances were purchased were generous enough to donate another refrigerator also. The Foundation requires Units applying for grants to show commitment by donating to the project, so the Unit paid \$400 towards this project.

The Lena Unit does use this kitchen on two different occasions which they help others at the Christmas gift shop (This is where the patients can come in and pick out gifts and cards for their families. The gifts are wrapped and mailed to the recipients home-all free of charge, donated by the American Legion Auxiliary.) The other event is a Fourth of July party that is sponsored by the Thirteenth District (Ogle, Lee, Whiteside, Carroll, JoDaviess and Stephenson Counties ALA Units.) The Units are able to prepare homemade food for these residents and serve it at the temperature it is meant to be served at.

Members of the Lena Unit, Julia Moore and Judy Shippee, made a trip to Zion where they purchased the appliances. The appliances were recently delivered and installed and the old appliances removed by Lucy's Appliances, a family-owned company for many decades.

The Lena Unit was very proud to be able to secure these appliances for this locations. The residents, both young and older men and wom-



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The Lena American Legion Auxiliary was recently awarded a \$3,378 grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. Shown here are: Judy Shippee (Lena Unit) Kenneth List, (Chief of Volunteer Services) Sandra Nys (ALA Representative for the JALFHC) and Julia Moore (Unit Member).

en who are sacrificing their time to serve our country are deserving of the homemade food that will be served hot or cold from the availability of new working appliances. The Unit is grateful to the ALA Foundation for awarding this grant.

Recently, Moore and Shippee, returned for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Kenneth List, Chief of Voluntary Services said, "The refrigerators and freezers were over 25 years old and have seen their better days and didn't always work well. It was a goal of mine to replace them and get rid of the issues of not cooling and freezing. The new appliances have made a big difference and are used by everyone. It was time accomplishing this goal and now I can cross it off of my bucket list. Hopefully, these new appliances will last as long as the ones they replaced." As this falls under the volunteer services, Mr. List does not have a budget and is expected to acquire items from donations.

The ALA Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 organization which awards grants to benefit veterans.



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The guys are kept busy cooking up hash browns, scrambled eggs and cakes for the folks that came to have Breakfast with Santa at the Lena Fire Station.



## Breakfast with Santa

Kieryn and Jaxyn visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Lena Fire Station.

The lines to the pancakes and sausage bins are long and steady during the annual Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Lena Community Park District.



The annual Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Lena Community Park District is famous for its delicious pancakes and the 2019 event was no exception.

**Annual cookie walk**  
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The ladies on the front lines catch a breather during the Annual Lena Community Park District Breakfast with Santa.

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## Christmas Cookie Walk

at Pearl City First United Methodist Church  
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**Saturday, Dec. 14th**

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# TLP's Christmas Kaleidoscope ushers in the Holiday Season

Featuring over thirty Christmas songs and holiday comedy, the TLP cast of singers, dancers, and musicians present an unforgettable holiday experience with TLP's flair for production. This show is perfect for the whole family and every audience.

Last Christmas, TLP presented Christmas Kaleidoscope at Henry's Double K in Mount Carroll.

Theatre goers were treated to a musical, comedy, variety show with over thirty great Christmas songs. This season, with the winterization of the theatre, TLP has moved the Christmas show to the TLP campus. With the move to the Playhouse, TLP has been able to expand the production to a full-fledged Timber Lake Extravaganza.

Creator and Director, Dan Danielowski, describes the show as "...

part concert and part spectacle, part Broadway and part Branson. This show will even put Scrooge and The Grinch in the Christmas Spirit! When you pull up to the theatre, you'll be greeted with the nearly 10,000 lights decorating the trees in front of the theatre. The lobby will be filled with the sights and smells of Christmas, and the theatre is festooned in Christmas décor.

The ten musicians on stage will create the Big Band sound in support of the ten performers singing and dancing to Let it Snow, I'll Be Home For Christmas, Oh Holy Night, Joy to the World, and more of the Christmas songs you've come to love.

"Christmas Kaleidoscope marks the first time TLP will be producing a show in the winter at the playhouse," said TLP's Artistic Director,

Paul Stancato. "With our new lobby and ability to heat the theatre, we are excited to continue to bring our audiences spectacular shows this winter."

Christmas Kaleidoscope is directed by Dan Danielowski and choreographed by choreographer and dancer, Michael Jones, with Music Direction by Lee Harris, both making their TLP debut.

It features singers Katherine Herbert, Annie Etchison, Luis Herrera, and Robert McFletcher-Jones, dancers Kayah Alexandra Franklin, Emily Kramm, Victoria Madden, Pianist Hale Guyer, and comedian Ben Marshall. McFletcher-Jones and Ma shall return from last Christmas's show at Henry's Double K in Mount Carroll.

Christmas Kaleidoscope runs through Sunday, Dec. 15. Santa Claus will make an appearance prior to the Saturday Matinees for pictures and treats with the kids. Tickets are available online at [www.timberlakeplayhouse.org](http://www.timberlakeplayhouse.org) or by calling the Box Office, (815) 244-2035. Box Office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and until intermission on how days.



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**Robert McFletcher Jones** sings "Joy to the World" in TLP's production of Christmas Kaleidoscope with dancers Victoria Madden and Emily Kramm. Christmas Kaleidoscope runs through Dec. 15, at the Playhouse.



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## Women Who Care

100 Women donate to CONTACT. Shown here are Pam Wertz, Chris Wallace, Ruth Plowman, Heather Dickman, Pat Willing, Amy Krolow, and Candy Macklin.

## Birth



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### Leviathan Paul David Alongi

Nick and Sarah Alongi of Warren, IL would like to announce the birth of their new son Leviathan Paul David Alongi. He was born at The Monroe Clinic on Nov. 6, 2019. Leviathan was 9 lbs 6 oz and 21 inches long. Levy was welcomed home by his big sister LilyAnn age 7 and Big brother Lium age 5. Grandparents are Paul and Lynn Alongi of Winslow, IL. and David and Shirley Caudle (and the late Cheryl Caudle) of Orangeville, IL. Great Grandparents are David and Sharon Ackerman of Lena, IL, Rose Alongi (and the late Ippolito Alongi) of Orangeville, IL, ( and the late Edward and Willadean Caudle of Orangeville, IL, and the late John and Evelyn Ibler or Freeport, IL.)

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The Stockton First Grade steals the show with "The First Noel."



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The Stockton Second Grade performs "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

## Stockton Music Department Winter Concerts

The Stockton Kindergarten opens the evening with a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days Of Christmas."



The Stockton Fifth Grade Band makes its first public performance at the school's Winter Concert.



The Stockton Third Grade rocks to the tune of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" during the school's Winter Concert.

## Scales Mound participates in Le-Win Shootout

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

The Scales Mound Hornets are off to a solid start to their 2019 season. Their success continued this past Saturday when they were one of the ten teams to play in the Le-Win shootout. They found themselves set up to face off with a well-known opponent in the conference rival Pearl City Wolves.

The Hornets held the advantage early on as they put up a quick twenty points in the first quarter. Matthew Davis had the hot hand as he hit a pair of three-pointers in the opening quarter. The Wolves were led by Sheffey, who hit a pair of threes himself, to help keep his team within reach. With a 20-10 lead, however, the Hornets were running away with things rather quickly.

The second quarter was even more impressive for Scales Mound as Ben Werner and Jacob Duerr each had five points as the team combined for twenty-one. Sheffey stayed hot for the Wolves in the second, putting up another seven points to add to his total. He was a majority of their production, however, as Scales Mound held a 41-21 lead going into halftime.

The Hornets nearly had their third twenty-point-quarter of the night in the third quarter, when they combined for another nineteen points. Benjamin Vandigo hit a pair of three pointers to help the Hornets go into the final quarter with a 60-29 lead.

With Scales Mound already holding what seemed to be an insurmountable lead, the Hornets were able to coast to a victory in the fourth quarter. They held the Wolves to just four points in the fourth as they captured an impressive 65-33 win over Pearl City.

The Hornets were led in scoring by Vandigo, who had thirteen points. Zaydon Ellsworth and Werner were second in scoring with nine a piece. Thomas Lange added another eight points for Scales Mound.

The Wolves were led by Sheffey who finished the night with fifteen. Endress was their next leading scorer with ten points of his own.

The victory has the Scales Mound Hornets sitting at 5-2 as the season rolls on.



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The Jo Daviess County Board is forming a Census 2020 Complete Count Committee and is hoping to partner with you. Interested county residents are invited to attend a planning meeting led by Sheila Hill, the U.S. Census Bureau Partnership Spe-

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# Austin Chumbler earns All-Conference

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

In addition to the already mind-boggling list of Stockton Blackhawk football players to receive All-Conference awards was Austin Chumbler. Chumbler, just a sophomore for the Blackhawks, was rewarded for his hard work and dedication with a First Team All-Conference Utility Player Award. Chumbler played a key role on the Blackhawks

as he filled in wherever he was needed and did a little bit of everything to contribute to Stockton's success.

Along with Chumbler; Jason Hermann, Cody Schultz, Case Harmston, Drew McGovern, Zach Cook, Gavin Keefer, Bryant Keefer, Jaden Rice, and Winston McPeek were recognized for All-Conference awards on the NUIC North team.

Congratulations to the Blackhawks as all their hard work paid off.

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent worship service with Holy Communion on Dec. 22, 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 Tuesday at 5 p.m., all are invited to Family Christmas Eve Service we will celebrate Christmas Eve, at 7:30 p.m. we will have Candlelight Service worship with Holy Communion, special music and beloved Christmas hymns.

On Wednesday, Christmas Day, we will celebrate worship service at 9:30 a.m. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus with carols through the ages.

On Saturday Dec. 28, Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Le-Win Food Pantry.

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

## Lena United Methodist Church

Season of Advent – Our Advent worship services continue each week from the verses of the beloved hymn, "Silent Night." On Sunday, Dec. 15, the Advent message will be

Redeeming Grace "LOVE" with scripture from John 1:1-18. The presence of God in human form is the "dawn" of redeeming grace, says the hymn's third verse. God so desired to be "up close and personal" that God came to live, breathe, feel, teach, touch, and love. Come join us and celebrate the carol's message.

LUMC Church service is held at 9 a.m. with a fellowship time following. Sunday school begins at 10:30 a.m. Office #815-369-5291 – Website: www.lenaumc.org – Facebook: lena united methodist church

## Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

The third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 15, will be celebrated with a hymn sing worship service at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Randal Nicholas' sermon, "The Second Christmas Carol," will be based on scripture from Luke 1:47-55. The service will include the lighting of the pink Advent candle of Joy, and special music by the children and young people. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Gifts for the Lena Area Church Cooperative Angel Trees are to be brought to the church that day. The Lena Food Pantry items for December are hot cereal and boxed cold cereal. The Wednesday morning Breakfast Group will meet at the Big Apple, 1427 W. Galena Avenue in Freeport, on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

## St. John's Lutheran Church (Pearl City)

You're welcome to join us for the Third Sunday of Advent at St. John's on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9 a.m.

The worship service will include the Christmas Program, and A Christ Filled Christmas. Memorial and Finance Committee will meet after worship. The SPLAT Youth Group will meet at 11 a.m. on the same day for their Christmas Party!

The Women's Gathering will host their Annual Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. After the potluck, everyone is welcome to enjoy Carl Cole (singer and musician) in the sanctuary with his *Sounds of Good News* at 7 p.m. A perfect way to enjoy the holiday season.

The December Grace Meal will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at St. John's. The menu is ham, hashbrown casserole, corn, applesauce, cherry poke cake and beverages. The Grace Meal is funded by a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation and is open to the community.

Marlee McPeck, Pearl City, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on Dec. 1.

The SPLAT Youth Group is having a lock-in starting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20. Please let Monica Baier know if you are joining the fun.

Looking for an opportunity to give to others this holiday season? The Mitten Tree collection is for mittens, hats, scarves and sweatpants/joggers. Donations may be left by the tree at St. John's anytime. All donations will be given to the Pearl City Schools. We are also collecting for four needy families in the Pearl City area. Gift cards for food purchases and Christmas gift purchases will be given with the donations. Monetary contributions may be left at the church office or in the secure drop box by the office anytime.

Christmas Eve worship service will be held at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Christmas Day worship service will be held at 9 a.m.

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.

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**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25**

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m.

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**TUESDAY, DEC. 31**

New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion  
5:30 p.m.

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Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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cialist for Jo Daviess County. Complete Count Committees are one of the core strategic elements of the Census Bureau's partnership program for the 2020 Census. These committees exist to plan and implement locally-based outreach

campaigns that raise awareness of the census and ultimately drive self-response and participation rates, particularly in the hardest to enumerate communities. These committees are effective because of the members' knowledge and un-

derstanding of what it takes to engage and inspire others within their community to support a complete and accurate count.

The meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m., Jo Daviess County Health Department at 9483 US Route 20 West

Please RSVP: [dianeboydgalagher@gmail.com](mailto:dianeboydgalagher@gmail.com) or 563-590-9495 or [countyadministrator@jodaviess.org](mailto:countyadministrator@jodaviess.org)

## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY20 LIHEAP, PIPP and Weatherization Assistance Programs

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

LIHEAP clients with ComEd and/or Nicor Gas as utility providers may have the option of choosing between the traditional Direct Vendor (DVP) one-time payment or the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP). The choices will be explained to clients during their application visit. PIPP applications will be taken until Dec. 31, 2019 or until funding is exhausted. LIHEAP applications will be taken until May 31, 2020 or until funding is exhausted.

Starting Dec. 2, 2019, all other income eligible households may call to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance with their heating utilities.

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

- NICAA Main Office- Freeport • Stockton Banking Center
- Warren Township Library • Hanover Village Hall
- Citizens State Bank of Lena • East Dubuque Library
- Illinois Bank & Trust - Galena Downtown
- German-American State Bank - German Valley

**Income Guidelines:** To qualify, a household must have a 30 day gross income at or below the level shown below for 30 days prior to and including the application date.

- 1 person household - \$1,561
  - 2 person household - \$2,114
  - 3 person household - \$2,666
  - 4 person household - \$3,219
- Add \$553 for each additional person in the household

**\*\* The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. \*\***

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. **No other document can be accepted as proof of social security number.**
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Complete current heat and electric bills and disconnect notices you may have received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

## PY 20 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

An Emergency Furnace Assistance Program is available for LIHEAP households of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are **homeowners** and whose **existing** heating systems are not functioning or have been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from October 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 or until funds have been exhausted.

Priority periods for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program are the following:

Starting Dec. 2, 2019 all income eligible households may apply for emergency furnace assistance.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply for and be approved for LIHEAP assistance.

The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households and disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

In addition to LIHEAP documents, the following homeownership documentation must be provided:

1. Copy of real estate tax bill  
AND
2. One or more of the following:
  - Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk)
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Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to make an appointment for assistance.

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## Jo Daviess County Christmas Bird Count

The Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF) and the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) will be conducting National Audubon Society's 2019 Christmas Bird Count in Jo Daviess County on Dec. 17. This count was started by Frank Chapman and the National Audubon Society in 1900 and ever since has been conducted annually by thousands of volunteers. Each individual bird count includes all of the birds seen within a 24-hour period in a circle that is 15 miles in diameter.

The Jo Daviess County Count, which is centered at Schapville, was

first conducted by Terrence Ingram in 1966. He has participated in and coordinated the count every year since.

Over the years the volunteers helping him have been from the Southwestern Wisconsin Audubon Club, Eagle Valley Environmentalists, The Eagle Foundation, and the Eagle Nature Foundation.

For the past few years most of the volunteers are members of the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation.

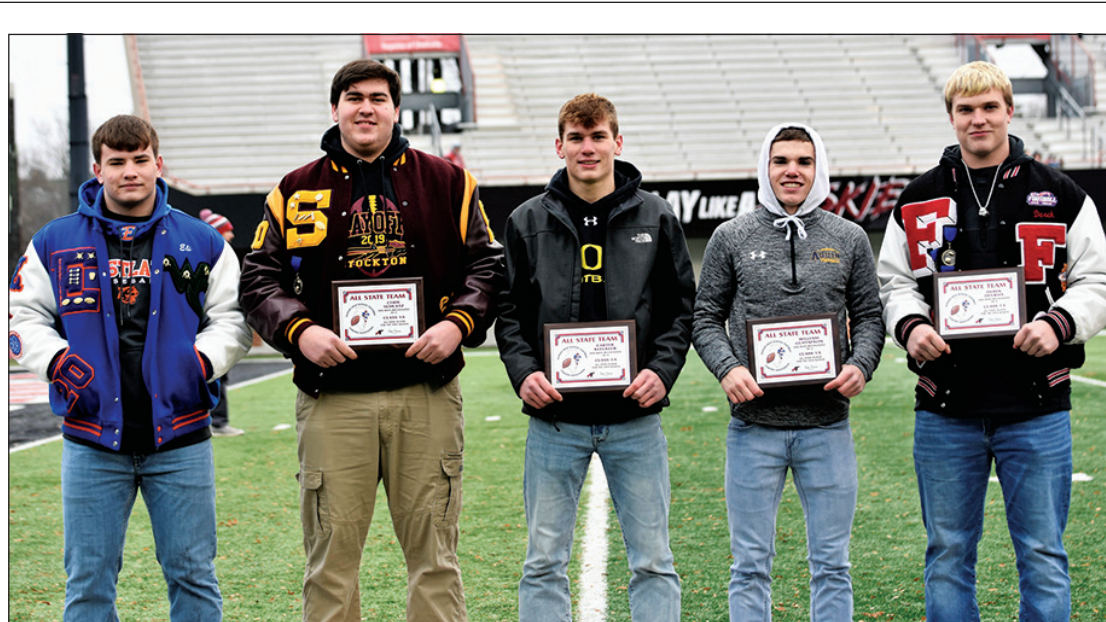
The first count was conducted with two people in one car and covering 180 miles counting 1374 birds of 18 species. We now have volun-

teer teams in six or seven cars covering over 400 miles and during some years counting more than 6,000 birds of over 40 species. Now as bird populations are declining in this area we are normally finding less than 2,000 birds of about 40 species.

Anyone interested in volunteering to join one of the bird count teams on Dec. 17 should contact: Grace Storch, at [gsstorch431@gmail.com](mailto:gsstorch431@gmail.com).

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation,

300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone 815-594-2306.



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## NUIC Awards

Area athletes were recognized during the state playoff game Friday. Pictured L-R are: 2A All State Eli Dertz of EPC, 1A All State Cody Schultz of Stockton, 1A all State Carter Kleckler of Orangeville, 1A All State William Gustafson of Aquin, and Derek DeVries of Forreston.

Also recognized, but not pictured were Sean Ormiston and Isaiah Bruce both of Lena-Winslow receiving A1 All State.

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# Village of Warren Christmas Walk

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Compiled by Tony Carton  
EDITOR

In the 16th Century in northern Europe, after the reformation, the stories and traditions about St. Nicholas became unpopular.

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In some countries including parts of Austria and Germany, present giver became the 'Christkind' a golden-haired baby, with wings, who symbolizes the new born baby Jesus.

In the early USA his name was 'Kris Kringle' (from the Christkind). Later, Dutch settlers in the USA took the old stories of St. Nicholas with them and Kris Kringle and St. Nicholas became 'Sinterklaas' or as we now say 'Santa Claus'!

Many countries, especially ones in Europe, celebrate St. Nicholas' Day on 6th December. In The Netherlands and some other European Countries, children leave clogs or shoes out on the 5th December (St. Nicholas Eve) to be filled with presents. They also believe that if they leave some hay and carrots in their shoes for Sinterklaas's horse, they will be left some sweets.

St. Nicholas became popular again in the Victorian era when writers, poets and artists rediscovered the old stories.

In 1823 the famous poem 'A Visit from St. Nicholas' or 'Twas the Night before Christmas', was published. Dr Clement Clarke Moore later claimed that he had written it for his children. (Some scholars now believe that it was actually written

by Henry Livingston, Jr., who was a distant relative of Dr Moore's wife.) The poem describes St. Nicholas with eight reindeer and gives them

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# Obituaries

## GENE E. PAIGE

Gene E. Paige, 81, Gene went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 3, 2019 in Lena, IL.

He will be truly missed by his family. Gene was born on May 13, 1938 in Nora Township to Roy and Ruby (Doubler) Paige. Gene spent his life farming and being a good steward of the land. He married Crystal D. (Koester) Paige on July 5, 1958 in Steele, ND. Gene and Crystal farmed together for 40 years in rural Stephenson County and raised three children. After retiring from farming Gene worked for Saputo Cheese and Badger State Ethanol. Gene was a member of Prince of Peace Church.

Gene is survived by his wife of 61 years Crystal; brother Gerald (Betty) Paige of Dallas, TX; Three children- Nancy Jean-Paige (Richard) Jogerst of Lena, Billy (Donna) Paige

of Monroe, WI, and Paula (Justin) Mowbray of Columbia, SC;

Seven grandchildren- James (Lauren) McGowan, Sadie McGowan, Elizabeth Paige, Danielle (Shawn) Robieson, Katlin Paige, Zachariah Post and Christian Mowbray.

Seven great-grandchildren- Payton Paige, Bentiely Paige, Ellianna Paige, Ethan McGowan, Theodore Robieson, Casey McGowan, Paige Vehmeier and an eighth expected in April.

Gene is preceded by his parents.

Gene's love, guidance, smile, and laughter will be greatly missed, but we celebrate his Heavenly Homecoming.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 7, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport, IL, with a visitation until time of service.

Visitation was Dec. 6, at the Le-

mon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Officiating the service was Pastor Karen Tews.

Burialment will take place at Lena Burial Park.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

## SARA MAE SCHULZ

Sara Mae Schulz, 96, passed away Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at Swedish American Heart Hospital, Rockford, IL. She was born on Sept. 15, 1923 in Lena, IL to Ralph and Iris (Sisson) Stabenow. Sara Married Robert Schulz on Dec. 27, 1942 and he passed away in 1990. She was a member of Lena United Methodist Church. Sara loved spending time with her family and going out to

breakfast, this was something she looked forward to everyday.

Sara is survived by her two sons; Roger (Kathie) Schulz and David Schulz all of Lena.

Eight grandchildren; Laurie Powell of Georgia, Stacey Schulz of Lena, Jeremy Schulz of Beaverton, OR., Robyn (Vicki) Schulz of Stockton, Ryan (Amy) Schulz of Winnebago, Regan (Amy) Schulz of McConnell, Riley (Amy) of Lena, Rory (Bethany) of Lena.

Nineteen great grandchildren; Keeley (Evan) Schrader of Freeport, Kiley, Ramsey, and Rawley of Stockton, Taylor and Lauren of Winnebago, Ren, Reyne, Acacia, and Audrey of McConnell, KierraLynn, Rowen, Ryder, Keighlyn, and Kinzley of Lena, R.J., Roran, and Kairi of Lena, and Brittany Robinson of Elpaso,

TX.,

One great great grandchild; Emmett Schrader of Freeport

One sister; Norma (Ervin) Klaas of Lena and one special cousin; Dolores Solace of Lena

Preceded by her two brothers; Clair and Robert Stabenow and one great grandchild; Aracelli Schulz

Funeral Service was on Dec. 6, at the Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Visitation was held Dec. 5, at the Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Internment is at the Lena Burial Park, Lena, IL

Officiating the service was Pastor Keri Rainsberger and Ernie Stabenow

A memorial has been established in her name

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

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR LENA-WINSLOW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 202

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for the Lena-Winslow Community Unit School District No. 202 for 2019 will be held on December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high school library, 517 Fremont St. Lena, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Dr. Tom Chiles, Supt. (815-369-3100).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2018 were \$4,871,287.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$5,114,177. This represents a 4.99% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 were \$344,952.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 are \$343,225. This represents a 0.5% decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2018 were \$5,216,240.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2019 are \$5,457,402.

This represents a 4.6% increase over the previous year.

Pete Conway, Secretary  
Lena-Winslow School Board

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## Orangeville tops Juda in Le-Win Shootout

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

The Orangeville Broncos and the Juda Panthers participated in the Le-Win Shootout this past Saturday. The Shootout features five varsity games consisting of local teams from Illinois and Wisconsin. Aside from the Broncos and Panthers, participating was: Scales Mound, Pearl City, Forrester, Pecatonica, Dakota, Shullsburg, New Glarus, and Lena-Winslow.

The Broncos had the upper hand from the very beginning as they more than doubled up the Panthers in the first quarter, 19-8. With the early lead, the Broncos didn't look back. The Panthers were able to fight back in the


second quarter, but the Broncos maintained their lead as they went into the halftime break with a 34-19 lead over Juda.

The Broncos best quarter of the night came in the third when they more than doubled up the Panthers output once again. Putting up sixteen points of their own, and holding Juda to just six, the Broncos expanded their lead to 50-25 as things went to the final quarter.

The fourth quarter was much of the same as they impressive Broncos' offense put up another sixteen points, only solidifying their already powerful advantage. Juda eventually fell to Orangeville by a final score of 64-35.

Garret Rodebaugh has carried his success from the football field right over to the basketball court. Rodebaugh led the team in scoring, as he often did on the field, with thirteen points. The Broncos had four players reach double digits as all of Carter Kleckler, Miche Behring, and Zach Baker had ten points each. The big win pushed Orangeville's record to 2-0 on the season.

The Panthers, who began their season with a tight win over Abundant Life-St. Ambrose, were led by Royce Brauer and Trent Anderson. The duo each had ten points as they combined for twenty of the Panthers' thirty-five total points.




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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The beginning of December has had nicer weather than most of November. I love not having to wrap up in heavy winter coats with scarves and gloves. I am enjoying these small things because I think the cold is coming. This week's recipes feature a nice stew, a great main dish, an

interesting salad, and some cookies you could use for Christmas.

The first recipe is for a lettuce salad that has a little flair to it. The original recipe had romaine lettuce, but I am so leery of romaine lettuce recalls that I use red or green leaf lettuce. It has a lot of interesting ingredients. Enjoy this southwestern lettuce salad.

## Southwestern Chopped Salad

- ¼ C. fresh lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 T. honey
- 1 T. minced jalapeno
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- ¼ C. olive oil
- 1 bunch red leaf lettuce, chopped
- 1 bunch kale, chopped

- 1 ripe avocado, pitted and cubed
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 C. corn kernels
- 1 C. tortilla chips
- ½ C. chopped green onion
- ¼ C. chopped fresh cilantro

In a blender bowl, pulse together lime juice, garlic, honey, jalapeno, salt, and pepper until smooth. With blender on low, add oil in slow steady stream until well combined. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

In a large bowl, toss together lettuce, greens, avocado, tomatoes, corn, tortilla strips, green onion, and cilantro. Serve immediately with lime dressing.

Many people love pulled pork. It has become as popular as hamburgers at a lot of restaurants. You can make your own with a nice pork

roast and then shred it putting some kind of sauce on it. You can also buy delicious pulled pork at A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats. Enjoy this pulled pork casserole.

## Pulled Pork Enchiladas

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 large pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1½ lb. pulled pork
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- 1 can (10 oz.) mild green enchilada sauce
- 1 can (4 oz.) diced green chilies, undrained
- 1 C. whipping cream
- ¼ C. chicken broth
- 10 (8 inch) flour tortillas
- 2 C. shredded Monterey Jack

cheese

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium high heat. Add onion and pepper; cook stirring occasionally until tender, about 5 minutes. Add pork, black pepper, salt; cook until heated through, about 3 minutes.

In a medium bowl, stir together enchilada sauce, chilies, cream and broth. Spread half of sauce in bottom of baking dish. Spread ½ pork mixture down center of each tortilla, and top each with about 2 T. cheese. Roll up tortillas with filling, and place, seam side down in baking dish. Pour remaining sauce onto enchiladas, and top with remaining cheese. Spray a

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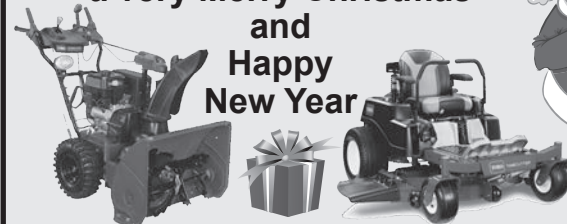


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# Panther boys begin basketball season

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

The Lena-Winslow Panthers were forced to move on quickly to their Winter sports. With the successful football season leading all the way into November, it did not leave much time for rest until the first basketball game took place.

The Panthers opened up their regular season with a home game against the Durand Bulldogs. The Panthers were impressive right from the start as they held the Bulldogs to just one single point in the first quarter, while putting up nine of their own. Sean Ormiston got two early buckets to help get things going.

The second quarter was more evenly matched, as both teams put up ten points. Luke Benson hit a three in the quarter to give the Panthers a 19-11 lead as they went into the halftime break.

The third quarter was when the Panthers really opened things up as they outscored Durand 13-5. Caleb Maatz put up four points in a quarter for the second time that game to give Le-Win a 32-16 lead as they went into the final quarter.

With things going well as we neared the end, it only got better for Coach Benson and the Panthers. They put up another eleven points, thanks in large to four coming from Isaiah Bruce, to give them an impressive 43-25 victory in their opening game of the 2019 campaign.

Just a few days after, the Panthers hosted their Le-Win Shootout. Ten teams participated in the shootout, as Le-Win was set up to face one of the Wisconsin teams in the New Glarus Ponies.

The Ponies proved to be too much from the start as they quickly jumped out to an early 14-8 lead. Nearly all of the offense came from Bruce as he had six of the team's eight first quarter points. Things did not get better in the second quarter as New Glarus held a 24-11 lead going into halftime.

Luke Benson caught fire in the third quarter when he hit a trio of three-pointers to help spark some offense for his team. It wasn't enough, however, as the Ponies carried a 37-22 lead going into the final quarter.

Brady Mahon and Alex Daughenbaugh were able to hit three pointers of their own in the fourth quarter, but it was all for naught as the Panthers eventually fell, 51-32. They were led by Benson and Bruce who each finished with eleven points.



Elf-maid Merry reads to the folks gathered in the Pearl City Park District facility for Santa's visit.



The Pearl City American Legion Auxiliary supplied the cookies for Santa's visit.



Miles and Everly stop by the craft table to pick up a couple projects.



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## Santa visits Pearl City

Kamden and Kylyne share some ideas with Santa.



Jared and Hannah visit with the jolly old elf during the Pearl City Park District Christmas celebration.

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## LEGALS

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Public Notice is hereby given that on **November 18, 2019**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons, owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Deb's Garden Gate Floral** located at **501 Jackson St., Scales Mound, IL 61075**.

Dated November 18, 2019

**ANGELA KAISER**  
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large piece of foil with cooking spray and cover casserole with spray side down. Bake 20 minutes. Uncover and bake until bubbly, about 10 minutes more. Increase heat to broil; broil until cheese is lightly browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with cilantro if desired.

This hearty beef stew is a great dinner for a cold night. Serve it with

salad and some crusty bread. You could substitute turnips for parsnips. You could also jazz it up a bit with the diced tomatoes that have peppers or garlic in them. If you don't want to use wine, add extra beef broth.

## Beef and Barley Stew

- 1 T. oil
- 2 lbs. boneless beef chuck roast, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 t. salt

- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1 pkg. sliced fresh mushrooms
- 4 large parsnips, peeled and sliced crosswise, 1/4 inch thick
- 3 medium Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 6 C. beef broth
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes
- 1 C. dry red wine

- 1/4 C. tomato past
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 C. quick-cooking barley
- 2 T. chopped fresh parsley

In a large Dutch oven, heat oil over medium high heat. Sprinkle beef with salt and pepper. Add beef; cook stirring occasionally, until browned on all sides. Drain. Add mushrooms, parsnips, potatoes, onion and garlic; cook until onion is translucent. Stir in broth, tomatoes, wine, tomato paste, thyme and bay leaf; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer until beef is tender, 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Stir in barley and parsley; cook for 15 minutes. Garnish with parsley and thyme.

These cookies are an old fashioned oat cookie; it uses both flour and whole wheat cereal. The name is misleading because it really is a bar cookie. The raspberry jam makes it an easy bar cookie. Enjoy these pretty and tasty fruit bars.

## Raspberry Crumble Cookies

- 1 2/3 C. plus 3 T. flour
- 1/3 t. baking soda
- 3/4 T. cinnamon
- 1/2 t. salt

- 1 C. instant whole wheat cereal
- 1/2 C. brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 t. grated lemon peel
- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 C. butter, softened
- 12 oz. raspberry jam

Heat the oven to 350. Grease and flour a 9 x 13 pan. Sift flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt together. Stir in cereal, brown sugar, and lemon peel. Add the cream cheese and butter, and cut the mixture with a pastry blender until crumbly. Reserve 1/3 of the crumb mixture. Pour remaining crumbs into prepared pan and pack tightly over the bottom of the pan. Spread jam over crumbs. Sprinkle reserved crumbs over the jam. Bake 30 minutes or until crumbs are lightly brown. Cool for 20 minutes before cutting.

If you like cranberries, nuts and chocolate, these cookies are for you. You can use either walnuts or pecans for the nuts. If you would rather use dried cherries, they will work also. These cookies use both regular and wheat flour and oats. I guess you could say they were healthy!!!! Enjoy these tasty cookies full of lots of goodies.

## Cranberry Nut Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 3/4 C. Flour
- 3/4 C. wheat flour
- 3/4 C. regular oats (like Quaker, and not instant)
- 1/2 t. baking powder
- 1/4 t. baking soda
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 C. dried cranberries
- 2 1/2 C. finely chopped nuts
- 2 1/2 T. semisweet chocolate mini-chips
- 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
- 5 T. butter, softened
- 2 T. honey
- 3/4 t. vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 egg white

Lightly spoon flours into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine flours, oats, baking powder, soda, salt, cranberries, nuts and mini chips in a large bowl. Combine sugar and butter in a large bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until light and fluffy. Add honey, vanilla, egg, and egg white; beat well. Add flour mixture and beat on low speed until well blended. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls onto a baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake for 10 minutes and then cool on pans for 2 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on wire racks.

The Christmas tree is lighted and people had a lot of fun downtown for the parade and rides. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived and saw a lot of little kids. The breakfast is over, and so we march on to Christmas. This weekend is the house walk. It is always great to see decorated houses. I am still working on mine, and the deadline is approaching. I have a few Christmas presents to get, but money and gift cards make some shopping go quickly. We are still looking for some good holiday recipes for salads, sides, desserts, and of course, cookies. If you have any recipes you would like to share, send them our way. You can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *Shopper's Guide* at 213 S. Center St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.



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## Listings

Winslow • \$53,000



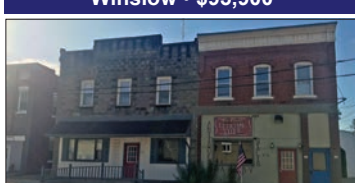
Walk into an enclosed front porch which leads you to the eat in kitchen. On the main level you will also find the living room, master bedroom, full bath, and laundry room. Upstairs you will find 2 bedrooms with hall closet for one of the bedrooms. Outside there is a back deck and 2 stall detached garage.

Winslow • \$53,900



Enter the home into entry with large closet and laundry. Through the entry you will find the kitchen, dining room with full bath off of it and large living room. Upstairs there is a master bedroom with full bath attached and 2 other bedrooms.

Winslow • \$95,900



This property features main floor restaurant/bar area with 2 additional seating areas, kitchen, storage area, dishwasher room, and walk in cooler. Upstairs is 2 separate apartments. The first unit is a 2 bedroom with large living area, kitchen with access to back deck, full bath with stackable washer and dryer. The second apartment is a 3 bedroom, 2 bath, and includes 2 separate living spaces.

Orangeville • \$59,900



Home features front porch, kitchen, living room, main floor bedroom, and half bath with laundry. Upstairs has area for office, 1 bedroom, master bedroom with walk out deck, and large full bath.

Winslow • \$69,900



Two for one residential home and prior church on one tax ID for one purchase price.

Lena • \$74,900



Home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, den, eat in kitchen, dining room, mud room, enclosed front porch with wood stove.

Lena • \$119,900 - Just Reduced



Step up onto the front porch and walk into this ranch home with beautiful freshly refinished hardwood floors. Main level with whole house fan has living room, dining room with fireplace and patio door to deck, kitchen with walk in pantry, half bath, and master bedroom with full bath and walk in closet with option for main floor laundry. Down the hallway you will find office, full bath, and 2 additional bedrooms. The stairs to the lower level will lead you to a large open family room with fireplace and walk out door to the lower level patio with hot tub and large lot. Lower level also features half bath, additional room with closet and plenty of storage with laundry hook up.

Lena • \$268,900



New construction! Walk into this new construction home. The open concept great room with vaulted ceilings with 6' kitchen island for extra seating. Want to enjoy the view? Sit out in the sun room with panoramic views. Down the hallway you will find the laundry room, full bath, second bedroom and the master with walk in closet and full bath with walk in shower.

Lena • \$89,000



Great location, within walking distance to downtown and parks. Sit on the covered front porch or back deck with bench and relax. Open floor plan with kitchen-dining area and living room. Down the hall are the two bedrooms with wood floors and full bath. Door from the kitchen leads to the back yard and one plus stall garage. Downstairs is the family room, room with closet, a walk in closet, another room could be used as office, craft room or storage.

Stockton • \$129,900



Property features 5 store fronts, 1 workshop/garage area, and 7 upper apartments.

Warren • \$165,000



Grand entry goes up to the living room with gas fireplace that opens to the kitchen and dining room with patio door to the back yard or go down to the second family room, office (does have a closet) and half bath. Kitchen has an abundance of cabinets & counter space plus an island with prep sink. Upstairs are the 4 bedrooms, master has bath with shower, full bath with tub/shower, spacious laundry room has folding counters and soak sink. Behind the garage is the second family room with door to the garage and windows to the back yard.

## Rentals

Move in incentive available for the month of December. Call for more information on these available rentals.

### Freeport

- \$875 - House - 3 bedrooms, 1 Bath, 1 stall attached garage, partially finished basement
- \$825 - House - 3 bedrooms, 1 Bath, large storage area
- \$800 - House - 2 bedrooms, 2 Bath, 1 stall attached garage, partially finished basement

### Stockton

- \$450 - Upper Apartment - 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, washer/dryer in unit

### Winslow

- \$500 - Upper Apartment - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, with additional room for office or storage.

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