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## Orangeville basketball sees split week

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

### Lady Broncos top Warren

Over the weekend the Orangeville Broncos girls' basketball squad faced off with the Warren Warriors in another non-conference battle. The Broncos have struggled to find their way this season, but they were able to fight and prevail in a tough matchup with the Warriors. It has been a year of struggles for the Warriors, as well. They came into the game sitting at the bottom of their side of the NUIC Conference, as did Orangeville in the North.

Led by Alyssa Ostendorf once again, the Broncos jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter when they outscored the Warriors 11-6. The second quarter turned out in a similar fashion as Orangeville outscored Warren 10-7, to extend their lead to 21-13 as the teams went into the halftime break.

Warren came out of the break strong, however. They fought back by putting up an impressive seventeen points while holding Orangeville to just nine to get right back into the game. Things got interesting as they went into the fourth quarter with a tie game at 30-30.

The final quarter featured an even more intense period as things came down to the wire. Both teams would put up eleven points as it would take overtime to decide this one. The Broncos were able to get it done in the clutch as they held the Warriors to just six points, allowing Orangeville to capture a nail biter of a victory with a 51-47 win.

Ostendorf provided a majority of the team's offense on the day with a whopping 29 points. She was impressive at the free throw line, shooting making eleven of her sixteen shots. A big win for the Broncos in a hard fought game,

certainly a step in the right direction for Doyle and his squad.

### Orangeville boys fall to LeWin

The Broncos started their regular season with a three game win streak, but since then they have fallen to the Warren Warriors and now the Lena-Winslow Panthers. Both the Panthers and Broncos held 3-1 overall records when they came into last Saturday's game.

It was a tight first quarter, but Le-Win earned a slim one point lead as they outscored Orangeville 10-9 in the opener. Zach Baker's five points helped to get the Broncos going.

Alex Daughenbaugh caught fire in the second quarter, however. He hit a trio of three pointers to go along with five points from Sean Ormiston which helped the Panthers extend their lead as they went into halftime. Carter Kleckler hit a three of his own for Orangeville, but the Broncos found themselves trailing as they went into halftime down 25-20.

Coming out of the break, Isaiah Bruce found his rhythm as he put up seven points in the third quarter alone. Outscoring the Broncos 14-10 in the quarter, Le-Win held a 39-30 lead as they went into the final quarter.

The Broncos were unable to fight their way back as the Panthers were solid from the free throw line, shooting a perfect eight for eight from the charity stripe in the final quarter. The clutch shooting allowed the Panthers to capture a 49-37 victory over Orangeville.

The Broncos were led by Zach Baker, who mustered up an impressive 21 points. Daughenbaugh led all scorers for Le-Win with 20 points of his own.

The win for the Panthers pushed their record to 4-1, while the Broncos fell to 3-2 on the year.



TABITHA ENGEL PHOTOS Shopper's Guide

The Lena Masons and their spouses enjoyed holiday tunes from the Lena-Winslow jr. high and high school band, under the direction of Le-Win band instructor Renee Schultz.

## Le-Win band students perform at Lena Masons' annual Christmas dinner

Lena-Winslow jr. high and high school band students treated the Masons to a festive musical program during Lena Lodge No. 174's Annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 11, 2019. Masons and their spouses enjoyed holiday tunes from all grade levels, under the direction of Le-Win band instructor Renee Schultz, beginning with familiar carols like Jingle Bells and Jolly Old St. Nicholas. Sophomore Grace Fox offered a flute solo of The First Noel, and Freshman Henry Engel performed Silent Night on the tenor saxophone. The high school band also provided a special preview of their Polar Express arrangement which will be performed at the Jan. 12 winter band concert. The concert closed with all grades joining together for a rousing rendition of Ode to Joy.

(Right) Henry Engel takes a solo during the Lena-Winslow band performance at the Lena Masons Annual Christmas Dinner.



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Pearl City fourth graders are visited by other teachers to show their work.

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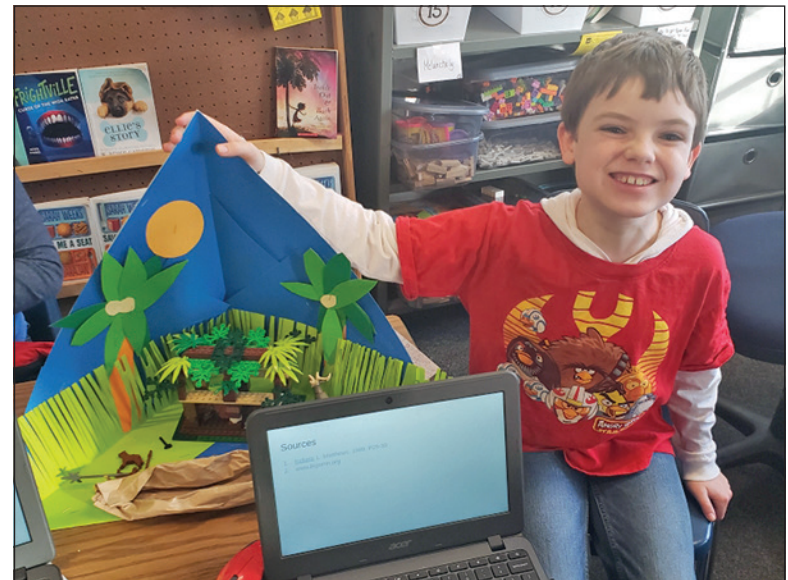
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# Pearl City Fourth Graders complete Native American project

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Sam Howe proudly shows his triarama of the Seminole tribe.

The family of Amanda Lobdell wish to extend a HUGE Thank You to everyone that touched our hearts and lives with beautiful flowers, cards and notes, phone calls and texts, food and memorials at the time of Amanda's passing. Thank You to the members of Lena Evangelical Free Church who prepared food and served the luncheon. Also, Thank You to all our friends, neighbours, co-workers and family who attended the visitation and funeral service.

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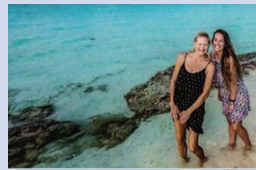
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# From nativity scene to satanic sculpture, Capitol rotunda has become focal point of religious debate

By Capitol News Illinois

Seasonal decorations are filling the Illinois Capitol rotunda — a holiday tree, nativity scene, satanic sculpture and Winter Solstice sign surround the ever-present “Illinois Welcoming the World” statue in the center of the space.

The display gained national attention in 2018 for the Satanic Temple of Chicago’s contribution of a sculpture of a woman’s left arm, with a snake coiled around it, holding an apple. The statue is a metaphor representing the biblical story of Adam and Eve, according to two leaders of the Temple, who said the apple was to represent enlightenment.

These winter displays are installed for 30 days, and are protected by the U.S. Constitution’s freedom of speech guarantees, a sign posted near the tree states.

“The State of Illinois is required by the first amendment of the United States Constitution to allow temporary, public displays in the state capitol so long as these displays are not paid for by taxpayer dollars,” it reads. “Because the first floor of the Capitol Rotunda is a public place, state officials cannot legally censor the content of speech or displays.”

This is the second holiday season the satanic sculpture is displayed in the rotunda. Its design “keeps with The Satanic Temple’s values of advocating knowledge and rationality over superstition, ignorance, and dogma,” according to a press release.

For the 11th straight year, a Winter Solstice sign, installed by Kathryn Koldehoff of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, will also have a spot in the Capitol Rotunda. It is meant to make “freethought’s presence felt in the land of Lincoln,” according to a press release.

“At this season of the Winter Solstice may reason prevail. There are no gods, no devils, no angels, no heaven or hell,” the sign reads. “There is only our natural world. Religion is but myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds.”

Winter Solstice, the shortest and darkest day each year, is on Dec. 21. The display represents “the real reason for the season,” Foundation Co President Annie Laurie Gaylor said

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in a press release.

Dave Druker, a secretary of state spokesperson, said on Monday, Dec. 2, the “holiday tree” on display is owned by the state. He does not know whether the state purchased it or whether it was donated because, he said, it “predates” Secretary of State Jesse White’s administration.

The nativity scene was installed by Julie Zanoza of the Springfield Nativity Scene Committee, Druker said.

She did not return a request for comment.

While a Chanukah menorah was present in past years, Druker said he is unaware of an application to place one in the Statehouse this year.

Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a Democrat from Chicago and a member of the Jewish Caucus, said she has made an inquiry with the secretary of state’s office about when a menorah will be installed.

**MARIJUANA TRAILER BILL:** One month before the scheduled rollout of legalized marijuana in Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a follow-up bill to the initial reform Wednesday, Dec. 4, and took questions about the next phases of the implementation.

“It’s new territory, we’re seeing that in some of the cleanup that we’re doing in this bill,” said Sen. Heather Steans, D-Chicago, who sponsored the initial marijuana legalization measure.

Steans said the bill clarifies that public consumption of marijuana can be done in only a licensed dispensary or a retail tobacco shop. This will be allowed only if a local government authorizes it on the premises.

“They can only be in those two

kinds of locations,” she said.

It also requires that individuals who have their records automatically expunged are notified when the process takes place. Medical cannabis patients aged 18-21 will now have full access to cannabis products, including combustible marijuana.

The bill also clarifies a “revolving door” provision of the initial law by prohibiting future members of the General Assembly and their families from having a direct financial ownership interest in a cannabis business until two years after that lawmaker leaves public office.

She said the bill moves up to July, from September, the earliest date municipalities and county governments can begin collecting taxes resulting from marijuana sales.

Steans said while the follow up measure, referred to as a trailer bill, was mainly about technical changes, more substantial changes could happen in the future.

“We did not want to go back and revisit policy at this point in time,” she said. “We know we may do that going forward but we want to first get this up and running and see how it actually works.”

**ETHICS REFORMS:** A handful of Illinois House Republicans on Wednesday, Dec. 4, called for a special

legislative session — or at least greater urgency in the upcoming regular session — to pass reforms to state ethics laws.

“How can this government possibly move forward with credibility without robust anti-corruption safeguards in place,” Rep. Blaine Wil-

hour, R-Beecher City, asked during a Capitol news conference.

He was joined by four of the more conservative members of the House GOP caucus in arguing that a flurry of investigative activity and federal charges filed against a pair of sitting lawmakers make clear that reforms to state ethics codes and economic interest disclosures are needed to return the public’s trust.

So far this year, Rep. Luis Arroyo, a Chicago Democrat, was arrested for bribery before stepping down and Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, was indicted on embezzlement charges. He remains in the Legislature. Several other Statehouse regulars, including Sen. Martin Sandoval, D Chicago, have had their homes or offices raided by the FBI. Sandoval announced Nov. 27 he was resigning effective Jan. 1.

An ethics commission and lobbyist disclosure bill which passed in the final days of the fall veto session were not nearly enough to reinstate public trust in government, according to Rep. Allen Skillicorn, an East Dundee Republican who spoke during the news conference.


“How do we deal with the state’s issues? How do we deal with a pension debt? How do we deal with skyrocketing property taxes? How do we deal with all this yet there’s a cloud of corruption around this building,” he asked. “How many arrests, how many search warrants, how many indictments will happen before we pass a meaningful and substantial ethics reform here in Illinois?”

**LINCOLN ARTIFACTS:** The foundation supporting the 16th president’s library and museum announced Wednesday, Dec. 4, it no longer needs to auction off a collection of more than 1,000 Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln artifacts.

Officials with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation secured a three-year extension on a loan used to buy historical items — including the bloody gloves the former president had in his pocket when he died and a huge number of Mary Lincoln documents — from former board member Louise Taper in 2007.

The terms of the original loan, for \$23 million, dictated Lake Forest

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Bank & Trust Company be paid back in October 2019. After it stopped making significant payments and the state refused to contribute taxpayer dollars, the foundation threatened to sell pieces from the Taper Collection to raise the remaining funds.

But the foundation, a private organization formed in 2000 which retained ownership of the artifacts, now has until Oct. 31, 2022, to repay about \$8.8 million it still owes, Nick Kalm, a foundation board vice chairman, said.

"In addition to giving us the flexibility to continue fun raising, this extension means the foundation no longer needs to consider auctioning off any of the artifacts to satisfy the debt," Ray McCaskey, chair of the foundation's board of directors, said in a news release. "Selling these unique artifacts was clearly something no one wanted to do. Now, this important collection will remain available to everyone who visits the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum."

Rep. Tim Butler, a Republican from Springfield, said it is "a good sign" the foundation was able to secure the new loan deadline, something he advocated for more than a year ago. The collection, he added, is "one of the crown jewels we own collectively as a state."

**FOOD STAMPS:** The Trump administration is about to impose new regulations that would tighten eligibility rules for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as food stamps, in a way state

officials say could cut off benefits for an estimated 140,000 Illinoisans.

The new rules apply to a category of SNAP recipients ages 18 to 49 known as "able-bodied adults without dependents," or ABAWDs. Currently, who meet the program's income eligibility limits are limited to three months of benefits during any 36-month period unless they work at least 20 hours a week or are enrolled in a job training program.

Those conditions were part of a 1996 welfare reform law passed during the Clinton administration. But the law also allows states to waive the work requirements if the applicant lives in an area marked by high unemployment or where there is a lack of sufficient jobs.

The new rules, which will take effect in April, will tighten the regulations governing those waivers by limiting them to counties with unemployment rates above 6 percent. It is one of several changes to SNAP eligibility being implemented or considered by the Trump administration.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the program, said in a document published Wednesday, Dec. 4, that about half of all able-bodied adults receiving SNAP live in areas that have received waivers "despite low unemployment levels across the majority of the country."

"The strong economy is creating opportunities for all," U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said during a telephone news conference Wednesday. "Now is the time for us

to engage with this subset of SNAP participants so that they can know the dignity of work and the lasting transformation that it provides."

But Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker blasted the new rules, calling them "cruel" and suggesting they are being enacted for other political purposes.

"President Trump is now resorting to the ugliest possible tactics to distract the American people from his impeachment and gin up support from the far right – denying food to the most vulnerable people in our society," Pritzker said in an email statement. "This is cruel and my administration has fought him at every turn."

USDA estimates the rule change will make about 668,000 people nationwide ineligible for SNAP, resulting in an estimated \$5.5 billion savings over five years.

**CROP PRODUCTION DECREASES:** Agriculture officials are expecting numbers to show a smaller-than-usual 2019 corn and soybean harvest in the state when reports are officially released. As of Nov. 24,

only about 88 percent of corn acres in Illinois had been harvested, according to the U.S.

Department of Agriculture, down from 100 percent at the same time last year. Soybean harvesting was 95 percent complete, down from 99 percent a year ago.

That delay is the result of historic rainfall in the spring, which prevented farmers from getting seeds into the ground in some cases until as late as June.

Officials at the Illinois Department of Agriculture say the final, official numbers for the 2019 growing season won't be known until early January. But Rodney Weinzierl, executive director of the Illinois Corn Growers Association, said all indicators point to a below-average year.

Weinzierl said Illinois farmers planted about 1.1 million fewer acres of corn this year, compared to a normal year, and there was also a big drop-off in soybean acres.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is also projecting that each acre

will produce less this year than in the recent past – about 179 bushels per acre this year, down from 210 bushels in 2018, which was a record for Illinois.

Last year, Illinois harvested roughly 11 million acres of corn, yielding about 2.7 billion bushels according to USDA estimates. Soybean farmers harvested 10.5 million acres, producing nearly 667 million bushels.

Most farmers who left acres unplanted this year had insurance coverage, but those policies only cover farmers for their input costs such as the seeds and fertilizers that went unused. They do not cover farmers for the loss of income or the cost of land for farmers who lease acreage from other landowners.

A separate report will be released in February detailing the state's first year of legal hemp production.

**SAFE SHOPPING GUIDE:** The Illinois Attorney General's Office has released its annual safe shopping guide ahead of the holiday season to alert families about recalled children's toys, clothing and furniture.

The report includes information about goods that are a safety hazard and have been linked to infant deaths. Some of the items featured include choking hazards, articles of clothing that do not meet the government's flammability standard and furniture that can injure children if not assembled correctly.

There are more than 30 products on the list, including certain bath toys, handmade knit dolls, power wheels toys, boots, socks, pajamas and more.

The office also publishes consumer alerts for all recalled products throughout the year on its website, [illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov).

The U.S. Public Interest Search Research Group also released its annual Trouble in Toyland report, which has additional information about potentially hazardous toys. It features goods that pose a choking hazard, and information about toxins found in products and which toys present a privacy risk.

It also cautions consumers that online stores do not always remove recalled items from their sites.

A complete list of product warnings and recall information can be found on the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's website, [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov). Raoul's office also has a recall hotline, 1-888-414-7678, for Illinoisans seeking more information.

## DIVERSE WORKFORCE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed legislation Tuesday, Dec. 10, aimed at ensuring minority workers have access to jobs created through the state's new \$45 billion capital improvements plan, as well as access to training for careers in construction and building trades.

Senate Bill 177 establishes the Illinois Works Jobs Program, which makes \$25 million available to community-based organizations — including public colleges and universities — to recruit new apprentices to work on construction projects. It also



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## Cannabis conviction expungements

Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks during a news conference Wednesday, Dec. 11, in Chicago about court filings by Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx (second from left behind Pritzker) to vacate more than 1,000 low-level cannabis convictions. To the left of Foxx is Rep. Kelly Cassidy, R-Chicago, lead sponsor of the cannabis legalization bill that passed the General Assembly during the spring session and goes into effect Jan. 1.

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# Obituaries

## CHARLENE LOIS SAUNDERS

Charlene Lois Saunders, 83, of Warren, Illinois passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 after a brief illness. Charlene was born on Aug. 28, 1936 in Darlington, Wisconsin to Edward and Geneva (Schwartz) Goebel. She graduated from Darlington High School. Charlene worked at The Alamo Café in Warren, where she met the love of her life, Donald Saunders. They went on their first date on Oct. 31, 1955. On Oct. 6, 1956 she married Donald at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Darlington, Wisconsin, Monsignor Bernard Doyle officiated. Together they raised three children; Steven, Marcia, and Brian. Charlene briefly worked for Microswitch in Warren. In 1965 Charlene and Donald started Saunders Oil Company which today expands to six convenience stores throughout southwest Wisconsin and Northwest Illinois.



Charlene was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Warren and the Warren Women's Club. In 2015 Charlene was awarded the William R. Deutsch Bucketeer Award from the Illinois Marketers Petroleum Association for her 50 years of service in the Petroleum Business. Prior to Donald's passing, they enjoyed traveling in their motor home, driving their Mustang, having their home in the Warren Christmas walk, and working in the plant and flower gardens. Charlene loved spending time with her friends and family, especially her grand and great-grandchildren.

Charlene is survived by her children; Steven (Julia Swanson) of Fort Myers, FL, Marica (Jim) Gray of Cape Coral, FL, Brian (Karlene) Saunders of Warren, IL, six grandchildren; Tanya (Bill Mizger) Phillips of Cape Coral, FL, Shawn (Kim) Saunders of Warren, IL, Luke (Tiffany) Saunders of Warren, IL, Jeremy (Meghan) Saunders of Gratiot, WI, Brianna (Dan Trost) Saunders of Warren, IL and Keegan (Kelsey Tesmer) Kent of Warren, IL; fourteen great-grandchildren; Xavier and Alex Phillips, Tristan and Taya Payne, Tyler, Brayden, Carsyn, and Kyrion Saunders, Fiona Saunders, Alexa, Leyla, and Izabella Saunders, and Tinley and Jett Saunders, sisters; Rose Mary Lawler of Madison, WI and Eleanor (Vernon) Gille of Gratiot, WI, brother-in-law Bernard (Barb) Saunders of Warren, IL and sister-in-law Kathryn (Ray) Reed

of Warren, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Donald in 2010, a grandson Shane Saunders in 2011, brothers; Joseph, Raymond, Robert and Karl Goebel, sisters; Margurite Sperry, Ruth Judkins, Bernadine McGrath, and Helene in infancy.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Dec. 16, 2019 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL.

A visitation was held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Burial will be at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery in Warren, IL.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Cleary and his staff at Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County, Monroe Clinic Hospice, and her wonderful caretakers over the last few months.

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

## DARLENE M. ADAMS

Darlene M. Adams, 89, of Westby, WI formerly of Stockton, IL, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday Dec. 9, 2019. She was born on Sept. 13, 1930 to Leonard and Berneice (Lee) Niles in Platteville, WI. She graduated from Platteville High School in 1947. She married Merlyn L. Adams on April 26, 1948. She was a loving mother to her children and grandmother and great grandma to her 21 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. She was the happiest when the grandchildren and great grandchildren were near her. Merlyn and Darlene began



farming together in 1948. Darlene also enjoyed waitressing in Lena and Warren. Later she enjoyed working with Hallmark Cards until she retired. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church. She enjoyed puzzles, flowers, card playing and playing games with her grandchildren.

Darlene is survived by her children; Darrell (Deb) Adams, Diane Wensel, Paul (Ann) Adams, Mary (Terry) Tunison, Joe (Julie) Adams, Pam (Paul) Schumacher and Lori (Joyce) Maher, 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. A Brother Merlin (Diane) Breihan and a Sister Judy Schmitt

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Merlyn, sons; Terry Lynn and Douglas Michael and daughter Brenda Lee.

Funeral services were held on Saturday Dec. 14, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL.

A visitation was also Dec. 14, 2019 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL.

Father Michael Morrissey will officiate the services.

Burial will be at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery in Warren, IL.

A luncheon followed at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

## JOHN P. O'BOYLE

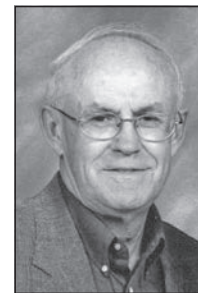
John P. O'Boyle, age 84, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 after a courageous fight against cancer. He spent 60 years in Stockton, IL and the last year in Rockford, IL. John was born on Dec. 4, 1935 to the late George and Ceil (Long) O'Boyle.

He was a 1954 graduate of Sturgeon Bay High School and went on to graduate from the University of Wis-

consin-Madison in 1958 and attained his Masters of Education at UW in 1959. In 1959, he accepted a job teaching Drivers Education and Junior High Science in the Stockton School District where he planned to stay for a year before returning to Wisconsin. That plan changed when he met another first year teacher named Mary Jo Hayes. They wed in 1961 and spent the rest of their lives in Stockton which they were proud to call their home.

During his 40 years in the Stockton School district, in addition to teaching he also coached several sports including basketball, golf and football. Stockton football teams coached by John and his friend and fellow coach, Hank Ezel, won numerous conference titles, made annual playoff appearances and appeared in four State Championship games, winning state titles in 1978 and 1991.

John loved his grandchildren and family and spending time with them.



He was a fan of all things Wisconsin - Packers, Badgers, Brewers, Bucks, Lake Perch and a Brandy Old Fashioned Sweet. Mary Jo was the love of his life and together they were a classy couple. They took many wonderful trips together including Ireland several times. He had wonderful Irish wit and was quick with a funny comment or story like driving to Green Bay for the Ice Bowl in a car with a broken heater. He and his pals would often go see the Green Bay Packers play at City Stadium where they could buy tickets for 75 cents.

John is survived by his daughter, Jane O'Boyle; his son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Jodi, and his grandchildren Erin, Brendan and Ella, and special friend Barb Callahan of Dubuque, Iowa. He is predeceased by his parents and wife of 42 years, Mary Jo, in 2003.


The funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 16, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. There was a visitation on Sunday, December 15, at the Stockton High School. Interment took place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

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# Church notes

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St., Lena, IL, will gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent worship service with Holy Communion on Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Choir will sing during the service. Following worship, there will be a time for fellowship with coffee and sweets. On Tuesday, Dec. 24, we have two Christmas Eve services. At 5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve service as we hear the Christmas story from Martin Luther's family. The service will end with singing Silent Night by candlelight. At 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be filled with music and Christmas stories. Both services will celebrate Holy

Communion, and choir and chimes will play during both services.

All are invited to come and worship the birth of Jesus, God with us. On Wednesday, Dec. 25, our Christmas Day worship service will be at 9:30 a.m. We will sing Christmas carols through ages. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. On Saturday Dec. 28, Good Shepherd will be volunteering at Le-Win Food Pantry.

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

## Lena UMC

Season of Advent - Our Advent worship services continue each week from the verses of the beloved hymn, "Silent Night." On Sunday, Dec. 22,

the Advent message will be Let Us Sing "HOPE" with scriptures from Isaiah 9:6, and Matthew 2: 1-12. The last verse of the hymn invites us to lift our voices in alleluias to the one who is "King". On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., the advent message will be "Calm and Bright" with scripture from Luke 2:6. On Sunday Dec. 29, the message will be "Is Born" with scripture from Revelation 21: 1-6. Come join us and celebrate God's message through the song of Silent Night - calm and bright - peace and light.

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

## McConnell UMC

McConnell United Methodist Church will be showing the new animated film, "The Grinch" on Friday, Dec. 20th. 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, pop corn, pop, cocoa will be available.

Come and unwind and have a great

time before the Christmas rush!

All children must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

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

You're welcome to join us for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Dec. 22. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. and will feature the annual Poinsettia Garden. The Christian Education Committee will meet before the worship service. Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet immediately following worship. The SPLAT Youth Group will have their Christmas Party at 11 am on Dec. 22.

Christmas Eve worship services will be held at 5 & 9 p.m. The Christmas Day worship service will be held at 9 a.m.

Michelle Blust, Shannon, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on Dec. 8, 2019.

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.

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.

## Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

The fourth Advent candle, the candle of Love, will be lighted during the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, on Sunday, Dec. 22. "Unexpected Gifts," the sermon by Rev. Randal Nicholas, will be based on Matthew 1:18-25. The service will also include the annual United Church of Christ "Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross," a special mission offering for financial support to those in the UCC who are facing financial difficulties. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service, including the lighting of the Christ candle, will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24, with Luke's story of the birth of Jesus from Chapter 2, verses 1-20 as the scripture for the sermon, "The Third Christmas Carol."

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## Joy in the Harvest

Lowell and Claudia Wertz of Joy in the Harvest in Tanzania visited Calvary Church in Stockton. Originally from the Chicago area, they have spent 39 years on the mission field and have built a very active ministry in Tanzania, Africa. They oversee teaching programs, training programs for pastors, feeding programs to local refugees, a radio ministry, just to name a few of their ministries. They have two married children who were born and raised on the mission field.



## LENA LIONS CLUB OPERATION GOODFELLOW 2019

Operation Goodfellow took place on Saturday, December 14th with deliveries of 160 Fruit and Cookie trays and 65 grocery deliveries. These items were delivered to individuals and families in Eleroy, Lena, Winslow, and McConnell.

Special thanks to 7 congregations who provided dozens of cookies for this project. Those congregations were: Lena United Methodist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lena Evangelical Free, McConnell 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: A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats and Sullivan's Foods we say thank you for your time and assistance.

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


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# Letters To Santa

## Ms. Leamon's Lena-Winslow first grade

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Graedon. I am six years old. I like gifts. I need new shoes that are blue. I want a toy race car. How much do you eat on Christmas Eve? Your Friend, Graedon

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Bentley. I am six years old. I need new pairs of pants that are rainbow that match everything. I want a Nintendo Switch because it has Super Mario Odyssey. How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Bentley

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Austin. I need some new socks. I want Power Rangers. How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Austin

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Evelyn. I am seven. I need some new snow pants. I want a Willa doll because she is pretty. How can you fly? Your Friend, Evelyn

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Levi. I need a new pair of shoes. I want a new farm set because I want to play. How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Levi

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Jonathon. I need a new pair of mittens and a hat. I want a police car because it looks cool and some have sirens that make sounds. How do the toy machines work? Your Friend, Jonathon

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Landyn. I am 41 pounds. I need new mittens that are blue. I want a new Nintendo Switch because I can play games. How do your elves move?

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Brishti and I like toys. I need more pants because I have more shirts than pants. I want more baby dolls because I like to play with baby dolls. Do you get presents?

Your Friend, Brishti  
Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Kar-

## Discovery Center hosts New Year's Eve celebration for families

Three...Two...Fun! Discovery Center is bringing the sights, sounds and excitement of Times Square to the museum...all before bedtime! Ring in the New Year at "Countdown to Fun" on Tuesday, December 31 from 12 to 4 p.m.

The family-friendly celebration is filled with countdowns to ball drops and confetti showers at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Fabricate a party hat, knock together a noise-maker and more! The event is sponsored by SwedishAmerican - a division of UW Health, and HMC Products.

Cost is included with admission to Discovery Center - \$9 adults; \$9 children ages 2-17 and free for Discovery Center Members and children age one and younger.

Discovery Center will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and be closed Christmas Day. Discovery Center will be open normal hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day - from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

lee. I am six and I am in first grade. I need new underwear that is a reindeer. I want a new Fitbit because it is cool. Who is your favorite reindeer? Why are you jolly? How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Karlee

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Maddox. I love having toys. I need new shoes that are strap shoes and that need to be blue. I want a desk because I like to draw. How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Maddox

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Asher. I am in first grade. I need new undies. I want a new tablet. How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Asher

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Sadie. I am seven. I need a diary. I want a tablet because it is my favorite thing. How do you fly? Your Friend, Sadie

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Jocelyn. I am seven years old. I love LOL dolls. I need purple snow pants. I want LOL dolls because they are fun to play with. How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Jocelyn

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Brody. I am seven. I want a toy race car because they are fun to play with. I need shoes. How do your reindeer fly. Your Friend, Brody

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Ayden. I am six. I need socks. I want Legos because they are very small. Do the reindeer fly? Your Friend, Ayden

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Ava. I am seven. I need more P.J.s that are long sleeved. I want a Willa an American Girl doll. How can you make toys? Your Friend, Ava

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Adelynn. I need a comforter. I want LOL dolls. Your Friend, Adelynn

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Olivia. I am six. I need pink tie shoes. I want an American Girl doll because you can do stuff with her. How many cookies do you eat on Christmas? Your Friend, Olivia

Dear Santa, Hi. My name is Layla S. I am six. I need a hat. I want a tablet because it makes me smart. How do you make my dolls? Your Friend, Layla S.

Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Layla T. I am six years old. I go to Le-Win School. I need new socks. I want an LOL doll. How do your reindeer fly? Your Friend, Layla T.

## 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)
    - Copy of current mortgage statement
    - Copy of the original Mobile Home title
- Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to make an appointment for assistance.

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# Letters To Santa

## Ms. Bunker, Pearl City

### Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Do you want some hot cocoa? I would like Pokemon cards for Christmas! I have been a very good boy...Your friend, Beau (6)

Dear Santa, Hi! Can I please have new black batting gloves? I have been really trying to be good all year! I will leave you some cookies and milk. My dogs want new toys! Merry Christmas!-Beckett (6)

Dear Santa, Can I have a Bows-er watch and a Bowser with sharp teeth its a girl one? I like reindeer, I saw them along time ago. Merry Christmas!-Luke (5)

Dear Santa, Hi! How are you? I have been a good girl all year! Can I have a phone that I can play games on? I will leave you some hot cocoa on Christmas Eve!-Blair (5)

Dear Santa, How are you? How are the reindeer? Can I have two LOL dolls? I would like a toy car that is big enough for me to drive in! Merry Christmas! I will leave you some candy canes for the Reindeer on Christmas Eve!-Bella (6)

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you are having a nice day! I want to see Rudolph! He is my favorite! I would like a new doggy for Christmas. I wish my dad would feel better to hear.

Merry Christmas!-Autumn (5)  
Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl! I would like nail polish and red and pink lipstick for Christmas. I will share with Scarlett. I would want Princesses. I want Princess shoes too! Merry Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk.- Yvana (5)

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy! I want a Spiderman stuffed animal. I would also like a hoverboard. I want a webshooter. I will

share with my brothers. I will leave you sausage and carrots for your reindeer!

Merry Christmas!-Tate (5)

Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy! I would like a stuffed Batman for Christmas. I would also like a farm set. I want a web shooter. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus! I will leave you cookies and milk!-Oliver (5)

Dear Santa, I would like LOL dolls for Christmas. I also want Ballet shoes. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!-Pyper (6)

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I would like a doll for Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will leave the reindeer some carrots!-Merry Christmas! Maylynn (5)

Dear Santa, I want a big safe for Christmas! I also want a RC car. Are your reindeer being good? I have been good. Merry Christmas!-Cayden (5)

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl. I want some new toys for Christmas. I will leave you a treat on Christmas Eve!-Amaziah (5)

## Mrs. Merboth's Pearl City

### First Graders

Dear Santa Claus, Are you real? Where do you get your magic? Please bring my mom long, fake hair and my dad a real baby. I really want an orange cat to play with. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Emily  
Dear Santa Claus, Why do you give presents? Where do you get your suit? Please bring my dad a puppy and my mom breakfast in bed. Please bring me a Baby Alive Doll that chews play dough and acts like it has to go to the bathroom. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Karlee

Dear Santa Claus, Are your elves and you real? What does Mrs. Claus do? Please bring my mom a cat, my dad a tiger, my sister, Rayvin, a flying pig, and my brother, Brad, a lot of binkies. Please bring me a Baby Alive Doll. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Audrianna

Dear Santa Claus,  
Is Rudolph real? Do reindeer fly? Could you bring my mom a phone? Dad would like a game for his phone. Also, could you bring my brother, Kolton, some sets of Legos. Please bring me an ugly

sweater and a Nintendo Switch. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Kooper

Dear Santa Claus, Do the elves work all year long? What does Mrs. Claus do? Please bring my mom happiness. My dad wants a new van. Tanner wants a new pillow. Kruz wants a dirt bike. Please bring me a Jack-in-the-Box. I would like gear for riding my dirt bike and a gold fish. I have tried to be good all year!

Your friend, Knox  
Dear Santa Claus, Are you real? Are your elves real? Could you bring my mom a cool camera? Sis would like a toy stuffed cat. Please bring me a robot fish and a dinosaur. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Phillip

Dear Santa Claus, Where did you find Rudolph? Do the elves work all year long? Lila would like sleeping magic. Mom wants a nap. Dad wants to go hunting. Please bring me a real kitten. I would also like a Barbie house. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Nataliee

Dear Santa Claus, Where do you get your magic? Do the elves really make presents? My mom really wants a drone and my dad wants a new bed. I would like a new dresser for my clothes. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Tanner

Dear Santa Claus, How many reindeer do you have? When were you born? Could you please bring Lincoln farm tractors and Lucy a Smart Watch. I would like a dirt bike. I want a drone. I want to build a shed for my Go-Cart. I have tried to be a good all year! Your friend, Hudson

Dear Santa Claus, What does Mrs. Claus do? How many elves do you have? Could you please give my parents a family vacation? My brother, Deaken, would like a calf. I want a drone. I want two elves. I want a dirt bike and dirt bike track. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Rylen

Dear Santa Claus, Do you eat cookies? How do the elves make toys? Please bring my mom a month off from work. Ryleigh wants a Merry Christmas. Clayton and Garrett want Batman Transformers. Hunter wants a chip for his PS4 games. Dad would like a gun for deer hunting. Please bring me a laptop. I would also like an American Girl Doll and a My Little Pony. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Lillian

Dear Santa Claus, How many reindeer do you have? How do your reindeer fly? Could you please bring Beau a new book. My mom wishes that she could sleep all day. My dad would like a working machine. I want a Go-Cart shed, and I'd like a fast engine for my Go-Cart. I have tried to be good all year! Your friend, Gavyn



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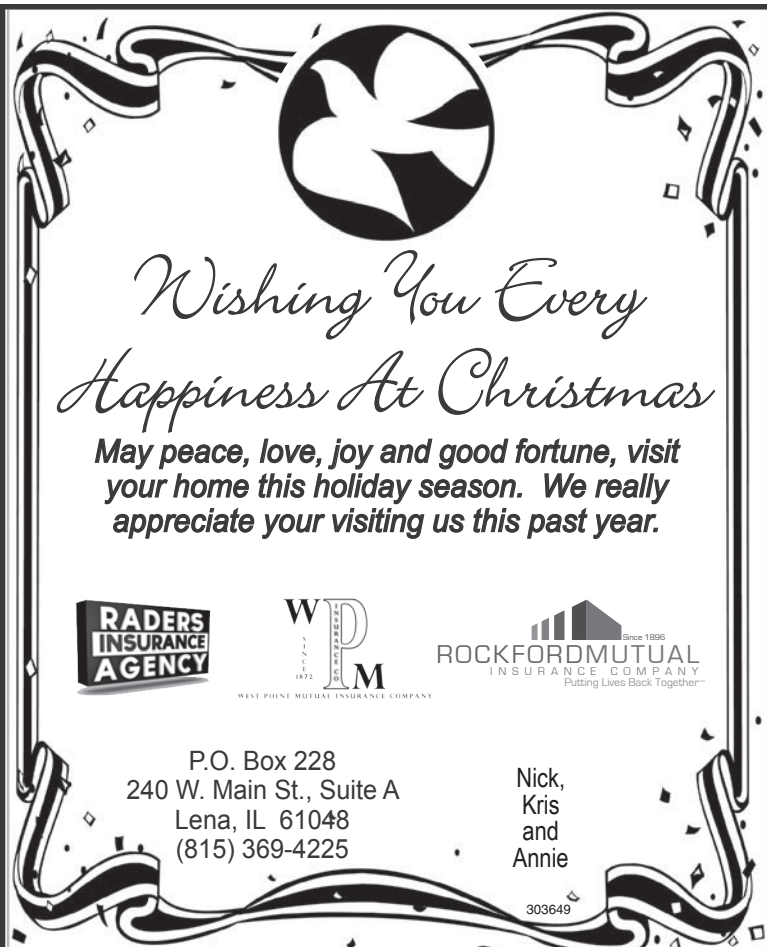
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provides that apprentices will make up 10 percent of the labor force on all projects costing \$500,000 or more. The money will come from the \$45 billion in capital plan funding.

The program will be overseen by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. It is also authorized to award "bid credits" — virtual dollars that can be used when bidding on future contracts — to encourage contractors to employ "historically underrepresented populations in the construction industry," including minorities, women and veterans.

"Rebuild Illinois is the largest, most robust capital plan in state history," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in Chicago. "We're working with our partners to make sure every community in the state benefits from these good jobs, especially those who've been left out and left behind for far too long."

Language of the program was inserted into a Senate-passed bill in the House during the fall veto session.

Rep. Will Davis, a Democrat from the south Chicago suburb of Homewood, was the leading sponsor of the amendment in the House.

The final version of the bill passed the House on Nov. 13 by a vote of 82-32. The Senate concurred with the changes the following day, 36-6. The law takes effect Jan. 1.

**STERIGENICS SUIT:** The number of parties suing medical supply sterilization company Sterigenics on claims that its ethylene oxide gas emissions caused serious health problems grew to 73 this week, according to a law firm representing 18 of the plaintiffs.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, chronic exposure to ethylene oxide gas can cause increased cancer risks, reproductive effects and other major medical problems. Sterigenics used the chemical to sterilize medical supplies at its Chicago-area Willowbrook facility for more than 30 years.

In September, Sterigenics announced it was closing its Willowbrook facility amid mounting pressure from lawmakers and activists from the area.

Sterigenics said in a news release at the time it could "not reach an agreement to renew the lease on its Quincy Street facility in Willowbrook in the present environment," and blamed an "unstable legislative and regulatory landscape in Illinois" for its decision not to reopen.

The Chicago law firm Romanucci & Blandin announced in a news release Thursday that there are 22 new lawsuits against "Sterigenics and other parties responsible for causing leukemia, lymphoma, breast cancer, miscarriages and other medical conditions."

Antonio Romanucci, a founding partner at the firm, said the "other parties" include Sotera Health LLC, which is Sterigenics' parent company; GTCR LLC, which is a hedge fund with an ownership interest in the company; and a maintenance supervisor and operations manager from the site. The defendants vary by individual suit depending on the

dates of exposure and diagnosis, he said.

There are more than 20 firms representing those 73 plaintiffs, and Romanucci said a judge ordered "any case involving similar allegations against Sterigenics be consolidated" in Cook County Circuit Court.

The suit is not class-action, however, and each case will be tried individually. Romanucci said the consolidation of pre-trial and discovery processes was for efficiency purposes.

**POT CONVICTION EXPUNGEMENTS:** Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx filed motions in court Wednesday to vacate more than 1,000 low-level marijuana convictions, following through on a recently-passed state law legalizing adult recreational use of the drug.

"We are undoing the harm prosecutors have caused," Foxx posted on Twitter Wednesday. "Prosecuting these cases was not in the public interest, or in the interest of public safety."

They were the first of what are expected to be many filings across the state to expunge potentially hundreds of thousands of criminal arrest and conviction records for marijuana-related offenses.

"A criminal record carries with it more than stigma. It prevents people from being considered for job opportunities, from getting a loan or a mortgage, from renting an apartment, from applying for financial aid for college, from getting a professional license and more," Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker said during a news conference following the court hearing. "In sum, it can crush a person's ability to live a full and dignified life."

On June 25, Pritzker signed House Bill 1438, making Illinois the 11th

state to fully legalize recreational marijuana, and the first to do so through a legislative process. Supporters have dubbed it "the most equity-centric" legalization law in the country because it specifically sets aside a portion of the tax revenue generated by legalization to reinvest in low-income and minority communities and other areas that experienced "high rates of arrest, conviction, and incarceration" for marijuana-related crimes.

Although recreational use of marijuana doesn't become legal until Jan. 1, the new law also provides for automatic expungement of criminal records for possessing less than 30 grams, or roughly one ounce, of marijuana. In addition to wiping out records of court records, the law also calls on law enforcement agencies to delete records of arrests, even if those arrests did not result in charges.

That turned out to be one of the more controversial elements of the bill, and it was the subject of intense negotiations with Republicans who supported the concept of legalization but were wary of wholesale record expungements.

**CHANGING TABLES AT CAPITOL?:** A law mandating baby changing tables be installed in both men's and women's restrooms beginning Jan. 1 does not apply to the Illinois State Capitol Complex, but the buildings' architect plans to add them to some facilities anyway. She said "there is no excuse" not to.

Chicago Democrats Rep. Delia Ramirez and Sen. Ram Villivalam sponsored the initiative. With some exceptions — including spaces that ban those under 18 years of age and some health facilities — it applies to public restrooms in buildings constructed or significantly remodeled

after the early 1990s.

That criteria does not pertain to the Illinois Statehouse, Michael J. Howlett Building and William G. Stratton Building, or the other five structures included in the Capitol Complex, according to spokespersons for Ramirez and Villivalam.

But because they are "highly public buildings," Architect of the Capitol Andrea Aggertt said, "adequate facilities" for state employees and members of the public must be provided.

"Historical preservation is at the forefront of every decision that we make, but we have to be realistic in what the needs are," she said. "My thought would be to make sure we have (changing tables) in any restroom that will have a high population of public, so groups coming to voice their opinion on a potential law can have those accommodations."

The law applies to new or mostly remodeled constructions, not existing buildings, due to parameters in the Equitable Restrooms Act. Ramirez said the Capitol Complex would have been included in the initial measure "ideally," but there is an effort to loop the structures in through a companion bill.

**COURTHOUSE COMPLIANCE:** Illinois county courthouse compliance with a law requiring them to provide nursing mothers access to a private room has so far been "decidedly mixed," an analysis found.

The state's chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union called 77 facilities to assess their implementation of a 2018 statute which mandates circuit courthouses to offer a lactation room. It was to be fully enforced by June of this year.

At a minimum, those spaces should have a chair, table and electrical outlet, according to the law. A sink with running water should be provided "where possible."

Almost 20 facilities across the state lack a designated space, the report found. In 11 courthouses, parents are told to pump breast milk in a restroom, the sanitary condition of which could contaminate the milk. And another 14 buildings had an area that did not meet the statute's requirements.

At the time lawmakers were considering the initiative, they heard stories about the spaces new mothers were offered when courthouses did not have a lactation room. One law-

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...er who was participating in a trial in the Jackson County Courthouse said she had to express breast milk in her car during breaks. Another said she was told the only option at the

McHenry County Government Center, aside from a bathroom, was the building's cafeteria facing the wall.

"When this law was passed it was done with the understanding that

this reasonable step recognized the realities working mothers faced in struggling to balance their civic responsibilities and duties as parents," Democratic Sen. Elgie Sims, from Chicago and one of the statute's chief sponsors, said in an email. "It is critical that all county courthouses comply with this fair and cost negligible law."

Emily Werth, an ACLU staff attorney, said despite the "shockingly disappointing number" of courthouses out of compliance, the several courthouses "doing quite well" — those that had a private lactation room with the mandated amenities, as well as staff members educated about that space — prove the law's requirements can be met.

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**MENORAH ON DISPLAY:** A Chanukah menorah was added to the holiday display in the Statehouse rotunda Friday, Dec. 6, joining a holiday tree, nativity scene, satanic sculpture and Winter Solstice sign

installed days earlier.

Lubavitch Chabad of Illinois, a group that aims to further the worldwide Hasidic Jewish movement, placed the symbol of "spreading light and increasing light," Rabbi Meir Moscowwitz said.

"The Menorah is the oldest symbols of the Jewish faith, a seven-branch candelabra of the nation of Israel in order to be a 'light unto the nations,'" Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, a Democrat from Chicago and a member of the Jewish Caucus, said in an email. "I am delighted that it is displayed every year in the Capitol rotunda in celebration of the holiday."

The office of Democratic Sen. Ram Villivalam, from Chicago, applied Dec. 4 with the secretary of state's office to install the holiday display addition.

"I have the largest concentration of Jewish constituents out of any district in the state, ... and so I see firsthand the different religions, cultures and languages throughout my

district," he said. "I also see how important it is to celebrate each one and also recognize the commonalities that each one has with the other. Displaying the menorah is an opportunity that we have to bring people together."

The religious group has displayed this menorah for "many, many years," Moscowwitz said, and will be adding a new accompanying sign "in the coming days."

To celebrate Chanukah, which begins the night of Dec. 22, a staff member will light each bulb on the corresponding day, he added.

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## Rotunda holiday display

A Chanukah menorah was added Friday, Dec. 6, to the holiday display at the Capitol rotunda in Springfield. It has been displayed there for many years, and soon will have a sign added to the presentation.

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By Dr. Stephen Petras  
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Thirty million Americans live with diabetes. Another seventy million are pre-diabetic. Diabetes is the seventh leading underlying cause of death in the United States. Some of the medical complications associated with diabetes include heart attacks, stroke, blindness, amputations and kidney failure. All of this points to the critical need to keep your blood sugar levels under control.

Many people are not aware that there are oral health complications associated with diabetes. These include periodontal disease, soft-tissue pathologies and tooth loss.

Oral bacteria thrive on sugar.

When diabetics, or prediabetics, do not control their blood sugar levels, they develop gum disease more frequently, more severely and lose more teeth than those who keep their disease well controlled. They also set themselves up for a vicious cycle. Poor diabetic control leads to periodontal disease and periodontal disease, like any infection, makes it hard to control sugar levels.

The good news is that people whose diabetes is well controlled and who practice good oral health care by brushing and flossing daily and seeing their dentist regularly, have no more periodontal disease than people who do not have diabetes and practice good oral health care.

Another reason to control blood

sugar levels is to avoid the blood vessel changes that increase the risk for gum disease. Blood vessels deliver oxygen and nutrients to oral tissues and remove waste. When diabetes is not well controlled, high blood sugar levels cause blood vessels to thicken and become less effective at performing these functions. Weakened oral tissues, therefore, become more vulnerable to tissue infection and gum disease.

Diabetics also face the issue of Xerostomia or dry mouth. Saliva is the mouth's natural protective fluid. It helps to control the germs that cause tooth decay and oral infections, washes away food and remineralizes tooth enamel. Lack of saliva leads to soreness, ulcers, infections and tooth decay. Good blood sugar control can help prevent or relieve dry mouth. Young people with controlled Type 1 diabetes have no more decay than do non-diabetic children if they are careful about their diet and take good care of their teeth. In fact, they may have less decay, as they do not eat foods that contain sugar.

When you have high levels of sugar in your saliva, you are also at risk for thrush, a fungus that grows in your mouth and thrives on high sugar levels.

Serious periodontal disease can not only lead to tooth loss, it can also lead to changes in the shape of bone and periodontal tissues. Tooth loss can lead to difficulty following your

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# Monroe Clinic names Jane Curran-Meuli as new president

Monroe Clinic, a Member of SSM Health, is pleased to announce that Jane Curran-Meuli will serve as the next President of Monroe Clinic beginning in December. She will replace Mike Sanders who served as president and CEO of Monroe Clinic for 18 years. The two will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition.



Jane Curran-Meuli

With more than 25 years of experience in health care, Curran-Meuli will bring a unique blend of business and clinical experience to the role having served as both an administrator and a registered nurse. She was most recently the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Holy Family Memorial in Manitowoc. Before that she served as the Chief Operating Officer at Affinity Medical Group/Ministry Health Care, a regional integrated health system in the Fox Valley.

As president of Monroe Clinic, Curran-Meuli will be responsible for setting strategic direction and assuring its alignment with the SSM Health system priorities. She will lead the operational and clinical teams day-to-day to achieve exceptional outcomes and fulfill the organization's Mission to reveal the healing presence of God.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Jane's caliber and experience join us in leading Monroe Clinic," says Sanders. "We are in an exciting and changing environ-

ment and I am confident that her leadership skills will help the team at Monroe Clinic continue to provide outstanding health care within the communities we serve."

Through the years, Curran-Meuli has made numerous contributions to the organizations within which she has served. She has been recognized for her ability to build effective, sustainable relationships with physicians, peers, business partners and staff. In 2018, during her time at Holy Family Memorial, the hospital received the CMS 5 Star rating. While at Affinity Medical Group, they received the NCQA

- Patient Centered Medical Home Tier III certification for 100 percent of the Primary Care Clinics.

"Monroe Clinic has an excellent reputation throughout the health care industry," says Curran-Meuli,

"To join this team is a great honor and I look forward to becoming part of the Monroe community."

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# Fury silences Badger Lightning in conference game

The Fury traveled to Wisconsin Dells on Dec. 12 for a conference game vs Badger Lightning. The Fury dominated the entire game. Sara Loerke opened game scoring with a rocket from the blue line, assisted by Alyssa Knauf. Alyssa skated the puck from the defensive zone for the second goal.

With eight minutes elapsed in the second period, Alyssa found the back of the net with Anika Einbeck and Haley Knauf earning assists. At 6:37 Claudia Boehlke scored a power play goal, assisted by Sara Loerke for a 4-0 lead. Haley Knauf added two more goals within 1:17 of each other with assists credited to Sam Wells, Anika Einbeck, and Sara Loerke.

At the top of the third period Sara Loerke earned her second goal of the game, assisted by Haley Knauf. The Fury's eighth and final goal came from Anika Einbeck, assisted by Alyssa Knauf.

Brodhead's Brooke Teubert earned her first shutout of the season stopping all 13 shots on goal in the 8-0 win. The Fury put up 53 shots on Badger Lightning's goalie and improves their record to 5-1.

The Fury have two home games next week. Dec. 19 will be a conference game in Beloit at 5:00 pm vs. Stoughton Icebergs. Dec. 21 will be an afternoon tilt with Fox Cities Stars at SLICE in Monroe at 1:30 p.m.



Brooke Teubert saves another shot as she earns her first shutout.

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Sara Loerke shoots and hits the opening goal.



Claudia Boehlke sets up a power play goal.



(Right - second from top) Haley Knauf adds a goal with assists credited to Sam Wells, Anika Einbeck, and Sara Loerke.

(Right) Alyssa Knauf skates the puck from the defensive zone for the second goal.

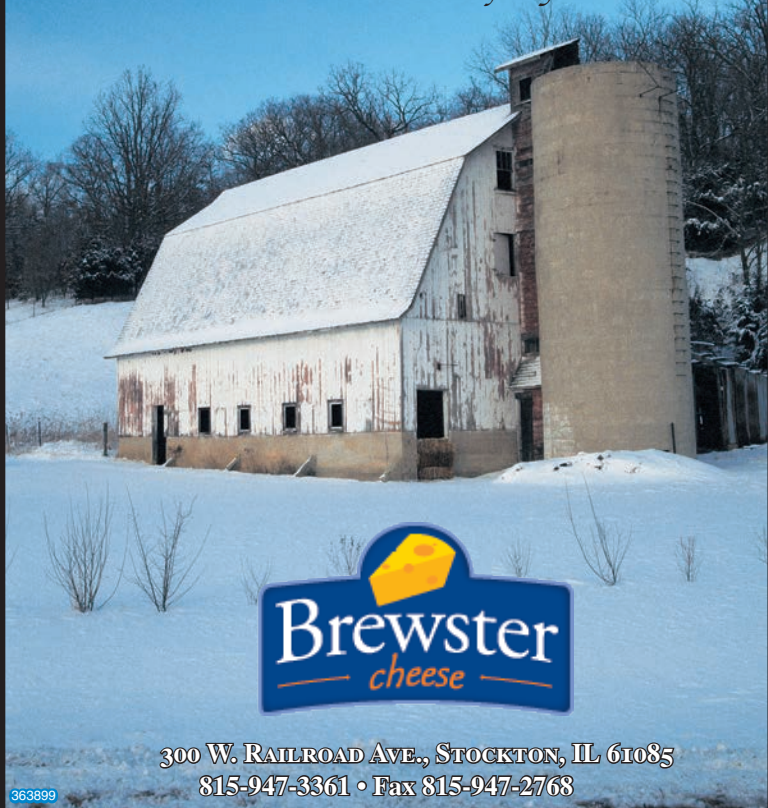
(Below) The Fury's eighth and final goal comes from Anika Einbeck, assisted by Alyssa Knauf.



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# Monroe Clinic Volunteers in Partnership scholarship applications are open

Monroe Clinic Volunteers in Partnership is once again offering two types of scholarships for students seeking a career in the healthcare field. The headline for application submission is Feb. 28, 2020.

The first type of scholarship is for high school seniors. Monroe Clinic Volunteers in Partnership awards four \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. Two scholarships will be awarded

to Monroe High School seniors and two scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors from communities with Monroe Clinic branch sites – Albany, Blanchardville, Brodhead, New Glarus, Durand, Freeport and

Lena – or who live within an area serviced by a branch site or who have a parent that is employed by Monroe Clinic.

The second type of scholarship is for continued education students. Applications for five \$1,500 scholarships are available for Monroe Clinic's service area college students. Applicants must have completed at least one year of advanced study (beyond high school) in a health-related field and be a resident of a community with a Monroe Clinic location or a resident within Monroe Clinic's service area or an employee or child of a Monroe Clinic employee.

Requirements for both types of scholarships are the individual must

be pursuing a degree or certificate in a healthcare related field, have a GPA of 3.25 or higher with an emphasis on science and math, and all applications must be typed. In no specific order, recipients will be selected based on citizenship, need and school, and outside activities.

Students who have received a Monroe Clinic Volunteers in Partnership \$500 scholarship in the past are eligible to apply for the advance study scholarship. However, an individual may only receive each scholarship once.

Applications are available at [www.monroeclinic.org](http://www.monroeclinic.org). For more information, please call Dawn Meier, Volunteer Coordinator, at 608-324-1569.

## Extension to host Industrial Hemp Workshops

The first of a pair of workshops on Industrial Hemp will be held at the Illinois Extension offices in Elizabeth, 204 Vine St., and Rockford, 1040 North Second St., on Dec. 19 and 20, respectively. The workshops run from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. both days. The cost will be \$10 per person. For more information or to register call the sponsoring Illinois Extension offices: Jo

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County Extension (815) 986-4357 or visit us online at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw).

The signing of the Illinois hemp bill has provided opportunities for the cultivation, distribution, and processing of hemp for fiber, grain, and CBD. Learn more about the options available in legal hemp production.

University of Illinois Extension Educator Phillip Alberti will be discussing Industrial Hemp and how farmers looking for an alternative

crop that takes up a small acreage might consider growing Industrial Hemp as a short term cash crop. Topics include: types of hemp, production systems, licensing, rules, and regulations, end products; and an update on hemp in Illinois. This workshop will discuss grain and fiber production but will set a particular emphasis on CBD production.

Demonstrations of various production methods will be shown while addressing issues faced throughout the growing season.

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diet, which further adversely affects controlling your blood sugar levels. Some diabetics think that dentures will solve these problems. The truth is, people with diabetes have a higher incidence of denture discomfort because of the above-mentioned complications. If chewing with dentures is painful, you might choose foods that are easier to chew, but are not right for your diet. The best choice is to avoid all these problems by keep-

ing your natural teeth and oral tissues healthy through regular dental visits, good oral care and controlled blood sugar levels.

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# Cub Scout Pack 27 hosts Annual Dessert Auction

Eastland Pearl City Cub Scout Pack 27 would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Dessert Auction on Nov. 25. All funds raised through the Dessert Auction

sales and free-will donations will be used to support EPC Pack 27's Holiday Gift Basket Program that our Cub Scout families deliver to local residents in Pearl City, Shannon and Lanark. A very special thank you to Rick Garnhart of Pro Auctions LLC based in German Valley for volunteering his services to be our auctioneer. Thanks also to Pearl City United Methodist Church, our Charter Organization, for the use of their Fellowship Hall to host our event and the Pearl City Girl Scouts for being on hand to sell hot cocoa to the attendees. It was a great evening.



The Pearl City Girl Scouts were on hand to sell hot cocoa to the attendees.



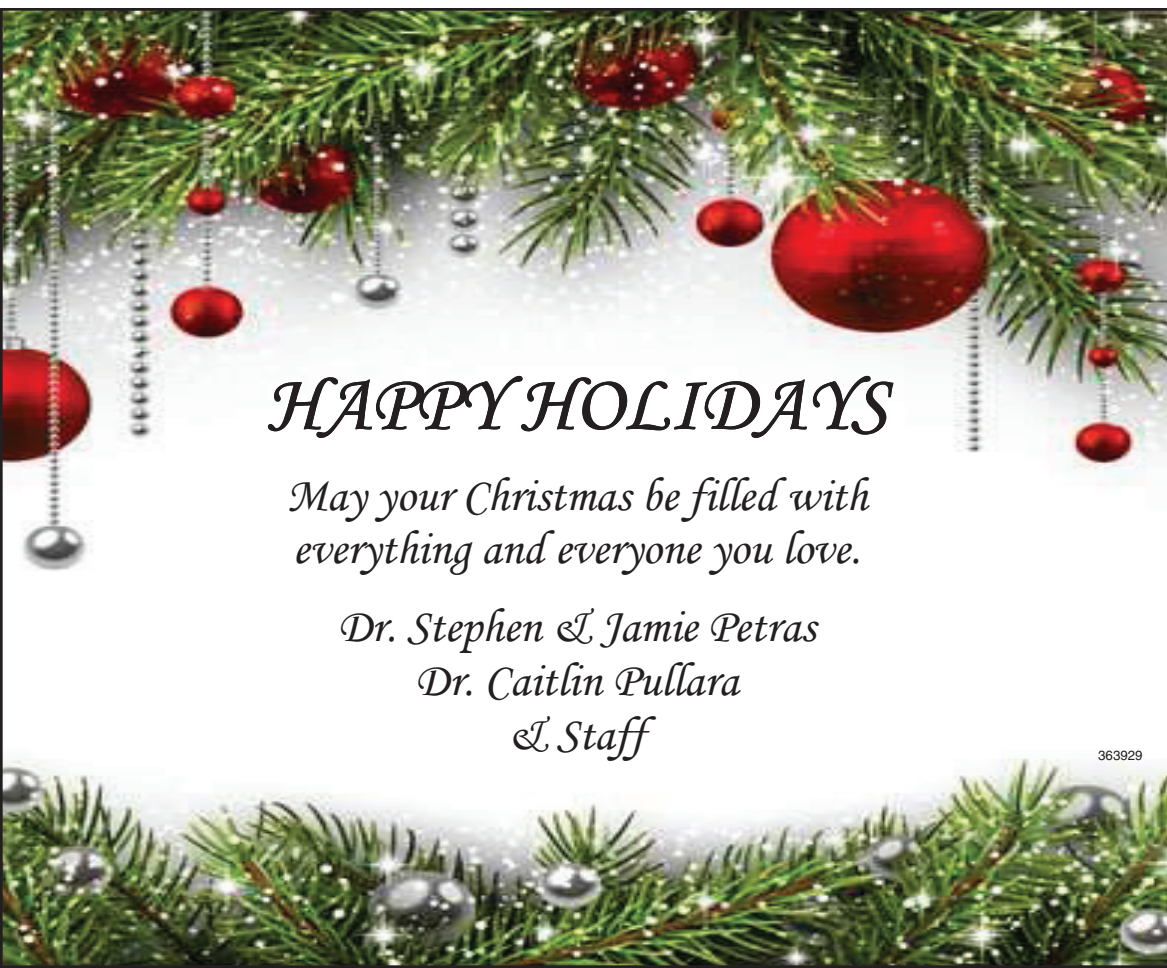
The desserts were spectacular and bidding was hot and heavy throughout the Annual EPC Pack 27 Dessert Auction.



A special thank you goes out to the Pearl City United Methodist Church, our Charter Organization, for the use of their Fellowship Hall to host our event.

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All funds raised through the Dessert Auction sales and free-will donations will be used to support EPC Pack 27's Holiday Gift Basket Program.



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Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie doll house and some Barbies for the doll house. I want a Fox game. I also want a watch with games on it. Love, Raelynn L

Dear Santa, I would like a race car and a fire truck. I would also like a robot dinosaur, an X-Box and a toy tractor. I would also like a motorcycle shirt. Love, Brayden S

Dear Santa, I would like a phone, a watch, a lunch bag, a bug zapper, a real gingerbread man, a ball that lights up, a camera, a toy robot, a toy dinosaur, Pokemon, a necklace, a Pokemon shirt, and a dinosaur stuffed animal. Love, Carter F

Dear Santa, I would like an airplane. I would like an electric fence. I would like a toy boat. I would like a Pokemon. Love, Bryden S

Dear Santa, I would like Pokemon and slime. I would like a new bike because my bike at home is old. I would like a toy airplane and a crane. Love, Nolan T

Dear Santa, I would like a robot, a microphone and a Mickey Mouse phone. Love, Matthew B

Dear Santa, I would like a dirt bike, some small farm toys and some big farm toys. Love, Blair S

Dear Santa, I would like 200 Pokemon Gxs. I would like a toilet paper Nerf gun, a remote control truck, and some chapter books. I would like an X-Box and Spiderman games for the X-Box. I would like a notebook, a dirt bike, a new bike, a football game for X-Box, an Apple watch and more Nerf guns. Love, Billy S

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie dream plane, a real cotton candy maker, a princess coloring book and a Jasmine shirt. Love, Adelen F

Dear Santa, I would like a flute,

castanets, and a drum. I would like a monster truck and lots of Pokemon stuff. I would like some shirts. I would really like some Pokemon stuff. Love, Cash M

Dear Santa, I would like Pokemon and a Pokemon stuffed animal. I would like a bucket of slime and an RC car. I would like a tablet and I am done. Love, Noah T

Dear Santa, I would like a star for my Grandma's Christmas tree and a phone for me. I would like some Pokemon and a matching game. I would like some rings that are pink and purple. I would like some shirts with a kitty. I would like a table with turkeys on it and a slime kit. I want a pencil and some new pants and a hamster friend for Midnight. Love, Sadie G

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big monster truck that is real. I would like another RC car. I would like some new markers and new scissors. Love, Jace B

Dear Santa, Please give me a Madden 20 game, a monster truck, and a phone. I would also like some football Legos and some coloring books with new markers. Love, Griffin D

Dear Santa, I would like a Flying Pigs game and a Pokemon game too. I would also like a robot. Love, Mason C

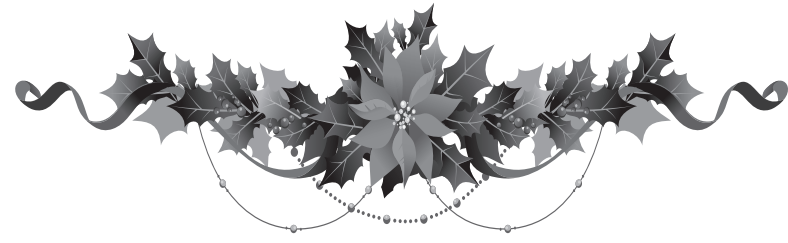
Dear Santa, I want a princess doll. I want a pretty horse. I would also like a princess shirt. I would like new markers and crayons. I would like a book with stickers, some Legos and pencils. Love, Emma K

Dear Santa, Please bring me toys. I would like a slime kit. Santa is sleeping. Please bring me a green monster truck. Please be sure to come to my new house. I would like some new shirts with a robot dinosaur and a purple skeleton shirt. I want the game Banana Blast. Love, Leo A

Dear Santa, I want a cool Barbie comic. I would like a real unicorn.

I would like one of those cry babies. Santa, please bring me a pink loader tractor so Bentley and I can play. I would also like more LOL stuff. Please make sure you stop at my house. Please bring me a Doctor Barbie costume I can wear every day. I would like a pretend phone. What do you do in the summer? Love,

Brinley B  
Dear Santa, I want a Minnie tea set. I want a Barbie house and Barbie accessories. I want a real bunny and baby stuff. I want a llama measuring thing, a toy mermaid, jammies, hair clips, an American Girl doll, Kit Barbie stuff, clothes, a toy lion, stuffed animals and a watch. Love, Macall



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## Births

### Owen James Gaulrapp

Trevor & Brittany Gaulrapp of Lena, IL are pleased to announce the birth of their son Owen James Gaulrapp born on December 5, 2019 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. Grandparents are Tana Rothenbuehler of Lena, IL and Bob & Cindy Gaulrapp of Freeport, IL. Great grandparents are Terry & Dixie Althott of Lena, IL and Robert & Sandy Myers of Leaf River, IL. Owen joins big brother Brody at home.

### Anthea May Heid

Nick and Jericho Heid of Fulton, IL are the proud parents of a daughter Anthea May, born Dec. 10, 2019. She weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces and is 19 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her siblings: William (10), Gemma (8), Warren "Zeke" (6), and Mercedes (2).

Grandparents are Thomas & Pam Stevenson of Moscow, Id and William and Kim Heid of Thomson, Ill. Great Grandparents are Barbara Haynes of Moscow ID, Betty Gallentine of Thomson, IL, Ruth Wright of Stockton, IL and Linda Heid of Stockton, IL.



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## Operation Christmas Child

The 2019 Operation Christmas Child Shoes Box drop off site was Christ Lutheran Church, Stockton IL where a total of 1,214 boxes was collected.

The volunteer workers include Hannah Smith, Angie and Kyler Broshous, Darcie Raab, Steve, Marcee, and Nancy Rice, Judy Schubert, Janice Kehl, five students from Stockton High School Servant Leadership: Elizabeth Eden, Alyssa Meade, Chandler Reisteck, Haley Johnson, Kenya Haas, from Christ Lutheran Church Confirmation Students and Pastor Paul Gebo.

The Shoe Boxes came from Galena, Stockton, Lanark, Warren, Elizabeth, Mt. Carroll IL, Argyle, Darlington, and Brownstown, WI, and were loaded into a trailer provided by Bryan Broshous and his son Kyler who drove them to Davis, IL where they were sent all over the world to children that have never received a Christmas Gift. In each box is a story about the true Christmas. Thank you all who helped in any way to make a small child happy and be able to learn about Jesus. God Bless You All!

## Friends of the Pec River Foundation schedule meeting

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant & Catering, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena, Illinois 61048. The meeting will be held in the Cafe' Dining Room with our President, Joe Ginger presiding. Great atmosphere, great food and POPCORN too!

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a 501[c]3 Not-for-Profit organization that is dedicated to improving all 58 miles of your Pecatonica River experience. This includes access, education, wildlife habitat, log jam extrication and river clean-up for the human communities in Stephenson County.

Would you like to learn more? The FPRF is available to attend your organizations meeting too!

Be sure to pick-up the all new Second Edition of the Pecatonica River post card book, which is available at our meeting for \$12. Another collector book created by Joe Ginger with autographs available at our meeting. We will be discussing our Log Jam

Removal, the proposed Wes Block Landing, Atten's Landing development, seeding and more. Come check us out.

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*The Shopper's Guide*

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Senior ILMEA Band: Cailey Cahoon, Henry Engel and Chloe Renter.



Junior Treble Choir: Esmeralda Sanchez- Lagunas, Paige Hancock, Alyssa Daughenbaugh, Layla Mattson, Madi Schierloh, McKenna Leverton



Junior Mixed Choir: Back: Molly Amendt, Rowen Schulz, Jacob Schumacher, Avery Bauldauf, Ava Fiedler Front: Sarah Geiseman, Braden Jacobs, Maia Benson, Taylor Robinson

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## 23 students represent Le-Win Music at ILMEA

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Senior Choir: Kaidyn Sargent, Michael Decker, Krista Keene, Kiera Lynn Schulz

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# Letters To Santa

## Mrs. Kempel, Pearl City Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Where is Mrs. Clause? I want an American Doll, Barbie house and a baby alive doll. I have been really good.

Love, Samantha  
Dear Santa, I like you. I want a train and a big bouncy ball.

Love, Paige  
Dear Santa,  
Did you wear your red clothing to deliver? I like your beard. I would like a Luigi Mansion 3, a teddy bear, and a new super hero adventure figure.

Please.  
-Ryan  
Dear Santa, Is your beard so fluffy? I have been a good girl. I would like a real unicorn and a teddy bear.

I love you.  
Love, Elaina  
Dear Santa, How is the North Pole? I have been a good boy. I can't wait for Christmas. I would like a pet doggy, pet lizard and a pet Parrott. I would like two boxes of darts that have 200 darts in them. Also, Nerf blasters from Fortnite.

Thank you!  
Carson  
Dear Santa, Is the North Pole cold? Can I please have some more Barbie's and some more LOL Dolls. I would like Hatchimals. I would also like Monster High Stuff.

Thank you!  
Arianna  
Dear Santa, I would like a book, a dinosaur book. I would like a basketball too.

Love,  
Kiptin  
Dear Santa, How do the Elves make toys? I have been a good girl. I want slime, a new stuffed animal, and new roller-skates (Elsa and Ana ones).

Love, Penelope  
Dear Santa, I would like a Mickey Mouse car, a Mickey Mouse real doll and a fake snowman. I have been good because I help

clean the house.  
Love, Natalie  
Dear Santa, I have good, I have been listening to my mom and dad. I have been riding my bike, which is good. Santa I like your hat, it looks so comfy. I would like toy fire truck, a basketball hoop with a basketball.

Thank you!  
Deacon  
Dear Santa, I would like a pool, a bike and toys.  
Love, Andy

## Mrs. Lawler's Pearl City First Grade

Dear Santa Claus, How many elves do you have? How cold is the North Pole? Could you please bring Jonah a phone, Dad needs a new stocking hat, and mom needs books. I would like some scrunchies. I want a camera and a sweatshirt. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Alyssa

Dear Santa Claus, How many reindeer do you have? How do you make all the toys? Could you please bring my dad some new tools? Bring my mom some Barbies. Nora wants a pink tractor. I want an x-box. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Elmer

Dear Santa Claus, How do you make the toys? How many reindeer do you have? Could you bring Anna a Barbie car and a bike? Sienna wants a phone and Xavier wants a tablet. Maurizio would like a street cleaner. Could you please bring me a red camera, an x-box, controller, and a T.V.? I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Beau

Dear Santa Claus, How do you stay warm? What is Mrs. Claus's favorite cookie? My dad wants new flannel shirts. My mom wants new pots and pans. George wants a head hauler. I would like a cornhead and a sprayer. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Welden

Dear Santa Claus, How many reindeer do you have? How do you stay warm?

My mom wants a new plant. My dad wants a new saw. Kail and Colton want a new RC car. Vivian wants a new doll. Kay wants new clothes. James wants a dirt bike. Michael wants a new car. I would like an x-box, PS 4, and a Nintendo switch. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Hunter

Dear Santa Claus, How do you make the toys? What do your reindeer eat? Please bring my mom a new car. Dad would like a new wire harness to his truck. Eli would like an Apples to Apples game. Kylee wants a new key fob for her jeep. Please bring me Farming Simulator 20. I would also like an electrical truck with a boat, and a robot. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Ryker

Dear Santa Claus, What is your favorite cookie? What do your reindeer eat?

Mommy wants a new truck. Zaylin wants a new slime block. Lorraine wants a soft blanket. I would like a remote control car, a new book, and new colored pencils. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Quinn

Dear Santa Claus, How cold is the North Pole? How many elves do you have? Could you bring Briella a computer with a pen? Brylee would like her own Alexa. Brycen wants an x-box. Brody would like a bike. My mom wants a new computer and dad wants a new red truck. Could you please bring me a blue camera in a case, my own Alexa, and desk? I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Your friend Brooklyn

Dear Santa Claus, What is Mrs. Claus's favorite cookie? How many reindeer do you have? Please bring my mom a black suburban. Dad would like new tools. Spencer wants farm toys. Natalie would like a Mickey Mouse car. Please bring me a Dino smasher egg. I would also like a kitchen set and a new i-pad. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Madi

Dear Santa Claus, How is Mrs. Claus? How many reindeer do you have? Could you bring Linkin baby toys? Benson would like a mobile. Kayleigh wants a T.V. Olivia wants new books. Ryan wants video games and Kersty wants a phone

case. Geoff would like a new phone and Elliott wants a play kitchen. Ben wants a bigger dresser. Megan wants new furniture and Hailey wants a Hover board. Could you please bring me a new blue laptop and a Girl Scout necklace? I have tried to be good all year! Thank you! Your friend, Adeline

Dear Santa Claus, What do you do after Christmas is over? How do you fly? Ashtyn wants a make up box. Saha wants a foam Luis stress ball. Mauricio wants a Tech on Titan game. Xzaiver wants a drone. Mom wants a credit card. I would like a LOL doll, and a Barbie doll. I have tried to be good all year! Thank you, Your friend, Gicela

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

than usual. This week's recipes have a nice appetizer for before Christmas dinner, a tried and true salad, an easy vegetable, a main dish, and lots of sweets.

This appetizer is really easy. Go for the rotisserie chicken (because it is good and it is easy!) and use your favorite buffalo sauce. It is also a pretty appetizer on a plate. You can jazz it up with a little shredded cheese or chopped olives.

### Chicken Logs

- 1 C. finely chopped cooked chicken
  - 3 T. sour cream
  - 2 T. buffalo wing sauce
  - 4 (10 inch) celery stalks
  - ¼ C. Ranch dressing
- Mix the chicken, sour cream and

wing sauce in a bowl until blended. Spoon into hollow centers of celery sticks. Cut each stalk into 4 pieces. Drizzle evenly with ranch dressing.

This is one of my favorite salads. It is just right for Christmas. We have made it forever in my family. I haven't made it for a while, and someone asked me to bring a gelatin salad to my card club. I decided to do this one. I can't wait to taste it!

### Raspberry Salad

- 1 large raspberry Jell-O
  - 1 large pkg. frozen raspberries
  - 2 C. boiling water
  - 1½ C. applesauce
- Topping**
- ½ pint of whipping cream
  - 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
  - 1 t. sugar
  - 1 t. vanilla

Pour boiling water over Jell-O. Add raspberries and applesauce. Pour into a serving dish and let set in refrigerator overnight.

Before serving whip the cream until stiff and stir in sugar and vanilla. In a separate small bowl, whip the cream cheese and then add to the whipped cream. Place topping over top of salad and serve. This salad can be easily made for diabetics. Use sugar free Jell-O and natural apple-

sauce for the salad. I use Equal in the topping.

Are you looking for a great side for Christmas Dinner? This simple vegetable is easy to make and really tasty. Sometimes you have to move away from green bean casseroles on holidays!

### Butter Peas and Mushrooms

- 2 T. unsalted butter
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small white onion, sliced
- 1 pkg. (13 oz.) frozen sweet peas, thawed
- 1 C. chicken broth
- ½ t. salt
- ½ t. pepper

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add mushrooms and onions; cook until onions are tender. Add peas, broth, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Cover and remove from heat; let stand for 5 minutes.

I haven't had this meat dish for years. Someone suggested that I put a recipe for Swedish meatballs in the column. They would be a great meat dish for the holiday season and can be made ahead of time.

### Swedish Meatballs

- 2/3 C. plus 1 C. evaporated milk,

- divided
  - 2/3 C. chopped onions
  - ¼ C. fine dry bread crumbs
  - ½ t. salt
  - ½ t. allspice
  - Dash of pepper
  - 1 lb. ground beef
  - 2 t. butter
  - 2 t. beef bouillon granules
  - 1 C. boiling water
  - ½ C. cold water
  - 2 T. flour
  - 1 T. lemon juice
- Combine 2/3 cup evaporated milk with onions, bread crumbs, salt, allspice, and pepper. Add beef and mix lightly. Refrigerate until chilled. With wet hands, shape meat mixture into 1-inch balls. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Brown meatballs in batches. Dissolve bouillon in boiling water. Pour over meatballs; bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Stir together cold water and flour. Remove meatballs from skillet; skim fat, reserving juices. Add the flour mixture and remaining evaporated milk to pan juices; cook, uncovered, over low heat, stirring until sauce thickens. Return meatballs to skillet. Stir in lemon juice. Place in a serving dish with sides so you don't lose any of the great sauce.

If you are looking for a great tasting fudge recipe other than chocolate, this one is for you. It has the wonderful brown sugar taste with toasted pecans. Enjoy this unique fudge.

### Butter Pecan Fudge

- 1 t. plus ½ C. butter, cubed
- ½ C. sugar
- ½ C. packed brown sugar
- ½ C. heavy whipping cream
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1 t. vanilla
- 2 C. powdered sugar
- 1 C. coarsely chopped pecans, toasted

Line an 8 x 8 pan with foil; grease foil with 1 t. butter. In a large heavy saucepan, combine the remaining butter, granulated and brown sugars, cream and salt. Bring to a rapid boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook, without stirring, until a candy thermometer reads 234 (soft ball stage). Remove from heat. Add vanilla to pan and do not stir.

Cool, without stirring to 110 about 30 minutes. Beat with a spoon until fudge just begins to thicken, gradually stir in powdered sugar until smooth and then add nuts, continue stirring until fudge becomes very thick and just begins to lose its sheen. Immediately spread into prepared pan. Cool. Lifting foil, lift fudge out of pan. Remove foil, cut fudge into 1-inch squares. Store between layers of waxed paper in an airtight container. (To toast nuts: bake in a shallow pan in a 350 oven for 5 to 10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.)

Ginger cookies are always a hit during the Christmas season. I think they scream "It's Christmas!" These are pretty easy to make. The shortening makes them "snap."

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# •Kitchen (Continued from page 20)

## Cookie Jar Gingersnaps

- ¾ C. shortening
- 1 C. plus 2 T. sugar, divided
- 1 egg
- ¼ C. molasses
- 2 C. flour
- 2 t. baking soda
- 1 ½ t. ground ginger
- 1 t. cinnamon
- ½ t. salt

Preheat oven to 350. Cream shortening and 1 cup sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and molasses. In another bowl, combine the rest of the ingredients; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Shape level tablespoonfuls of dough into balls. Dip one side into remaining sugar; place 2 inches apart, sugary side up, on greased baking sheets. Bake until lightly browned and crinkly, 12-15 minutes. Remove to wire rack to cool.

This bar cookie recipe is very rich but really good. You can cut the bars

in half to form triangles, and they will look great on the cookie plate.

## Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Bars

- ¼ C. butter, cubed
- ½ C. sugar
- 2 T. baking cocoa
- ½ t. vanilla
- 1 egg, room temperature
- ¼ C. flour
- 1/8 t. baking powder
- 1/8 t. salt

### Cheesecake layer

- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- ½ C. sugar
- 1½ t. vanilla
- ¾ C. semisweet chocolate chips, melted and cooled
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

### Ganach

- 1½ C. semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1 t. vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350. Line a 9 x 13 pan with foil, letting ends extend up sides; grease foil. In a microwave melt butter in a large microwave safe bowl. Stir in sugar, cocoa, and vanilla. Add the egg and blend well. Add the flour, baking powder and salt; stir just until combined. Spread into a thin layer in prepared pan. Bake until top appears dry, 6 to 8 minutes.

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla until smooth. Beat in cooled chocolate chips. Add eggs and beat on low speed just until combined. Spread over brownie layer. Bake until filling is set, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool 10 minutes on a wire rack.

For ganach: place chocolate chips in a small bowl in a saucepan and bring cream just to a boil. Pour over chocolate; let stand 5 minutes. Stir with a whisk until smooth. Stir in vanilla; cool slightly, stirring occasionally. Pour over cheesecake layer; cool in pan on a wire rack 1 hour. Refrigerate

at least 2 hours. Lifting with foil, remove bars from pan. Cut into bars.

We continue to march toward Christmas. There are parties and family dinners to come. I will have to fast in January because I love all the cookies, candies and desserts that are made. There will be one more paper before the day, so I will have some more good things to eat. My house is decorated and the first batch of cookies has been made. All I have left are cookies and cards! I also have to organize my presents and see what I have left to buy gifts for. I try to do most of my shopping local, so it isn't a hassle to get there. Remember we have lots of great places to get gifts. There is the Lena Mercantile (specialty items, honey, candy, beautiful Amish goods), Sweetie Me (candy galore), Fluegel's Elegant Boutique (jewelry, clothes, scarves), Hometown Trophies (gift items that can be personalized), Lena Drug Store (gift items and sweatshirts),

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## Illinois Extension develops industrial hemp resources

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production resources to help producers navigate this new industry which can be found here: [go.illinois.edu/hemp](http://go.illinois.edu/hemp).

First, Illinois Extension has created a "buyer/seller" database which will help connect hemp growers, processors, and end buyers in Illinois. Information will be filled out using the "Industrial Hemp Buyer/Seller Form" and will then be posted to a document labeled "Industri-

al Hemp Buyer/Seller List." Please note that this information will be public and as such you are able to enter the amount of information you feel comfortable with sharing. This tool may take some time to develop but is meant to help our growers across the state as a supply chain is developed. Similar tools have been shown to be effective in other states in which hemp production has been legalized.

Secondly, the University of Illinois Extension has created a "Needs Based Assessment" for industrial hemp production in Illinois. As this is an emerging industry, we are looking for the best ways in which we can serve our stakeholders, you! In order to help us with our research and extension efforts, we ask that you take the time to fill out this quick needs-based assessment to help us develop research trials

and educational programs. The brief needs assessment will only take several minutes and can be found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/HempNA>.

For additional questions, contact Phillip Alberti, Crop Science Educator with University of Illinois Extension in the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at [palberti@illinois.edu](mailto:palberti@illinois.edu), 815-599-3644 or on Twitter (@NorthernILCrops).

## Woodland management for wildlife, timber, and enjoyment

Join Illinois Extension for a seminar on Woodland Management for Wildlife, Timber, and Enjoyment on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL. There will be a \$10 charge to attend the seminar and pre-registration is required by Tuesday, Jan. 14. To register or for more information please

call the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at 815-858-2273 or visit us online at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw).

Woodlands of any size can be a source of pleasure and resources. All forest areas tend to attract some wildlife already. Deciding to prioritize wildlife habitat improvements can enhance the abundance and enjoyment of nature. In many cases, this

management can reap other benefits including financial gains.

The Woodland Management for Wildlife, Timber, and Enjoyment seminar will focus on understanding and setting management goals appropriate for your woodlands. We will cover making better use of small acreages, field borders, and other wooded areas not currently under a forest management plan. These areas are often perceived as lost acreage or poor wildlife habitat.

"Many people leave these areas for wildlife with little management or planning," comments Olivia Rauen, National Wild Turkey Federation forester. "If you want to improve

habitat for wildlife and wildlife presence, you definitely need to start doing something. That's the active management piece - doing nothing is a management decision and not the best one for habitat."

There is a lot of overlap between managing forest for wildlife and production forestry. University of Illinois Extension Forester Jay Hayek will share forest management techniques to improve the health and value of timber. Many of these techniques can also be part of the habitat improvement toolbox. Strategic timber harvesting can also play a part in improving and paying for habitat improvement efforts.

## Intro to Apple Tree Pruning: the older and neglected

University of Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty will teach Intro to Apple Tree Pruning: The Older and Neglected on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020. The class will be held twice that day, 10 a.m. to Noon and again from 6 to 8 p.m. in room 210 of the Highland Community College Student Conference Center (Building H), 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport (use parking lot A). Registration cost for this program is \$5 and pre-registration is required by Monday, Jan. 20. To register or for more information on this program, visit us online at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call us at 815-235-4125.

You may have inherited property that has a number of mature apple trees. You may also have ignored and neglected your apple trees for a number of years. Whichever category you fall into, it is not too late to get your trees on the path towards productive yields.

This course will go into the decisions you need to make when it comes to getting mature apple trees back into shape over the next couple of years. Topics to be covered include when to let go of trees, basics of seasonal/older pruning, disease/insect management, choices of tools, making the first cuts of a multi-year process, and working through visual examples of trees that have been neglected.

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Monroe Clinic Urgent Care, located at 1301 S. Kiwanis Dr., Freeport, IL, is open 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Dec. 24; closed on December 25; open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Dec. 31; and open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Jan. 1. Services range from treatment of broken bones to flu symptoms. Learn more at [www.monroeclinic.org/urgentcare](http://www.monroeclinic.org/urgentcare).

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