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## Area authoress donates royalties to Stockton Music Department

By John Day  
CORRESPONDENT

Paula Baysinger-Morhardt, a life-long Stockton resident, is an example of someone finding light during the darkest hours.

On Nov. 14, 2017 Paula's husband LaVerne passed away unexpectedly. The shock and grief that Paula Baysinger-Morhardt felt was riveting. She tried to gather her thoughts as she began the grieving process and tried to understand how she would cope with the loss of her husband as well as other issues that would have to be dealt with in her life. Issues such as her 78-year-old mothers need to be placed in hospice.

Baysinger-Morhardt's mother, Mary Baysinger was suffering from lung cancer and was being treated at the Monroe Clinic hospital. Mary Baysinger was scheduled to be sent back to Stockton within a few days to begin hospice care. Baysinger-Morhardt's loss of a husband, her mother's illness, and funeral planning and other family issues had become a heavy burden. Then, on November 15, the day after the death of LaVerne, Baysinger-Morhardt received a call from Monroe Clinic. Her mother would not be coming home. She was in the very final stage of life and would soon expire.

Baysinger-Morhardt said, "I felt that the world around me had begun to crash. The nurse with whom I was speaking told me that although my mother couldn't speak, she was capable of hearing and understanding what I might want to say to her. The nurse said she would place the phone on the pillow next to my mother and I could speak to her.

"Still reeling from the death of LaVerne, I said goodbye to my mother. The conversation lasted only a few minutes. When it was over, I felt confused. There was something odd about trying to mourn two losses simultaneously."

No doubt, experiencing shock and depression Baysinger-Morhardt slipped into the survivor mode. Baysinger-Morhardt said, "I've been writing my whole life. That's where I took shelter. I began putting my thoughts and emotions on paper. I found myself carrying notes that I had made about my thoughts and writing in my blog. Even the day my mom died, I put some notes on paper."

Strangers began sending notes, emails and cards offering encouragement and telling Baysinger-Morhardt that they had taken a similar journey. One stranger mentioned that Baysinger-Morhardt should use this tragedy to help others. Baysinger-Morhardt said, "That's when everything came together. I looked through all of the notes I had made, looked through my blog and decided to write a book."

The book is titled, *Widow's Walk: How My World Ended And What Happened After*. Using her notes, her blog, poems she had written and other personal sources, Baysinger-Morhardt told the story of her losses. The book has become a help to others for coping with their own losses. Baysinger-Morhardt said, "Before my mother passed, a minister had told her about LaVerne's death. I was angry. I didn't want my mother to be saddened as she was leaving the world. Then the minister said that he told my mother because he didn't want her to be surprised when they met in heaven. I feel as though LaVerne is still with me."

Baysinger-Morhardt is donating the proceeds of the books sales to the Stockton Music Boosters where her beloved husband was once a member. The Stockton Music Boosters are a group who support and help fund the efforts of students in school music programs.

A book sale and signing will be open to the public on Dec. 21, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Main Street Parties & Events, 113 S. Main St. Stockton, IL.



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Austin Chumbler stretches it out to gain the extra yard for the Blackhawks.

## Austin Chumbler earns All-Conference

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

In addition to the already mind-boggling list of Stockton Blackhawk football players to receive All-Conference awards was Austin Chumbler. Chumbler, just a sophomore for the Blackhawks, was

rewarded for his hard work and dedication with a First Team All-Conference Utility Player Award. Chumbler played a key role on the Blackhawks as he filled in wherever he was needed and did a little bit of everything to contribute to Stockton's success.

Along with Chumbler; Jason Her-

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

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



## ILMEA All State performers

Congratulations to Trace Williamson for being selected to the All-State ILMEA Choir and to Rawley Schulz for being selected to the Honors Choir for ILMEA. They will both be attending the All-State Conference in Peoria this January!

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# River Ridge High School lists Illinois State Scholars

River Ridge High School Principal Mike Foltz is pleased to announce that six River Ridge students have been recognized as 2020-2021 Illinois State Scholars.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state agency committed to helping to make college accessible and affordable for Illinois families, bestows this prestigious recognition to top Illinois high school students annually.

Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth semester class rank. State Scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of high school seniors across the state.

River Ridge 2020-2021 Illinois State Scholars are Madeline Klippert, Julianna Kuzniar, Andrew Merkle, Joseph Tippett, and Kathryn Walters.



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**Madeline Klippert**



**Joseph Tippett**



**Julianna Kuzniar**



**Kathryn Walters**



**Andrew Merkle**

## Stockton shining stars

On Nov. 23, members of the Stockton Music Department participated in an afternoon of concerts at the DeKalb High School in DeKalb, IL.

Back row: Karl Hubb, Lydia Shuldt, Daniel Schmoll, Eve Moore, Lincoln Legel

Front Row: Shirley Cook, Lillian Sikora, Madalyn Marcure, Addison Ernst, Molly James



Each participating student had to audition to earn a spot in the District Band and Choirs. ILMEA presents this opportunity each year for students to audition and participate in its' festival each year.

Back Row: Case Harmston, Patrick Mensendike, Rawley Schulz

Front Row: Trace Williamson, Justin Eden, Maria Bender, Dezi Gillen, Jamie Eden.

(Left) On Nov. 23, members of the Stockton Music Department including Braden Freese of the Jr. High Band, participated in an afternoon of concerts at the DeKalb High School.

## Apple River Good News Club Christmas celebration

In 1963 the youth of the Presbyterian Church presented a slide show of the Christmas Story titled the Prophecy Fulfilled. We are revisiting the story. Our current Good News Club youth will be singing the carols that the 1963 youth sang.

This will take place on Monday, Dec. 16, - 6 p.m. Apple River Presbyterian Church

Followed by fellowship, Hot Chocolate and cookies. All family, friends, and neighbors are invited.

We also extend the invitation to anyone that may have been involved in the original filming of the slide show. Come and revisit the Prophecy Fulfilled of your youth.

Come join our community youth to celebrate the birth of Christ

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*The family of Bill Lingle would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who came to the visitation and/or funeral, sent flowers, cards, food or contributed to his memorial. All the love and support shown to us during this difficult time will never be forgotten. Thank You.*

*Gayle Lingle  
Stacy & Eric Anderson and family  
Bill & Tina Lingle and family  
Janice & Clyde Pohl  
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# TLP's Christmas Kaleidoscope ushers in the Holiday Season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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## Women Who Care

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

## Birth



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### Leviathan Paul David Alongi

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

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



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

## Stockton Music Department Winter Concerts

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



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



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

## Scales Mound participates in Le-Win Shootout

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## To all Jo Daviess County Residents:

The 2020 US Census data is very important to our county. It determines how many representatives each State gets in Congress and is used to redraw district boundaries. At the local level, communities and businesses use the data for planning and it determines how much State and Federal funding we receive.

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

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# Obituaries

## GENE E. PAIGE

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

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

Gene is survived by his wife of 61 years Crystal; brother Gerald (Betty) Paige of Dallas, TX; Three children- Nancy Jean-Paige (Richard) Jogerst of Lena, Billy (Donna) Paige of Monroe, WI, and Paula (Justin) Mowbray of Columbia, SC;

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

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

Gene is preceded by his parents.

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

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

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

Officiating the service was Pastor Karen Tews.

Interment will take place at Lena Burial Park.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

## SARA MAE SCHULZ

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

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

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

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

One great great grandchild; Emmett Schrader of Freeport

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

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

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

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

Internment is at the Lena Burial Park, Lena, IL

Officiating the service was Pastor Keri Rainsberger and Ernie Stabenow

A memorial has been established in her name

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

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather on this Fourth Sunday of Advent worship service with Holy Communion on Dec. 22, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. Following worship, there will be a time for fellowship with coffee and sweets.

On Tuesday at 5 p.m., all are invited to Family Christmas Eve Service we will celebrate Christmas Eve, at 7:30 p.m. we will have Candlelight Service worship with Holy Communion, special music and beloved Christmas hymns.

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

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

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

## Lena United Methodist Church

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

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

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

## Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## You're Invited to a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Helen Reed



Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren hope you'll help them celebrate this special occasion on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, from noon - 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Wesley United Methodist Church. We ask only that you come with a smile, a special memory and

a warm hug for our mom and your special friend. Jim, Nancy and Karen and their families will be glad to greet you and share in the many stories and laughter over a long lifetime!



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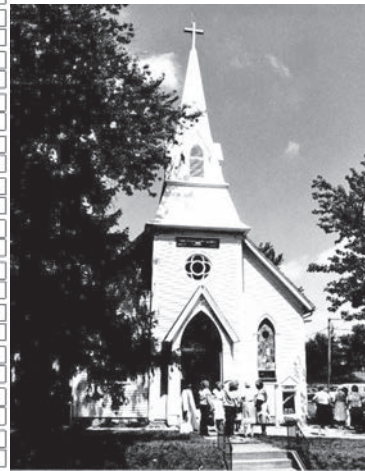


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cialist for Jo Daviess County. Complete Count Committees are one of the core strategic elements of the Census Bureau's partnership program for the 2020 Census. These committees exist to plan and implement locally-based outreach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PY 20 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Copy of real estate tax bill  
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2. One or more of the following:
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## Jo Daviess County Christmas Bird Count

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## NUIC Awards

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

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

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## How St. Nicholas became Santa Claus

Compiled by Tony Carton  
EDITOR

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

But someone had to deliver presents to children at Christmas, so in the UK, particularly in England, he became 'Father Christmas' or 'Old Man Christmas', an old character from stories plays during the middle ages in the UK and parts of northern Europe. In France, he was then known as 'Père Noël'.

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

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

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

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

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

by Henry Livingston, Jr., who was a distant relative of Dr Moore's wife.) The poem describes St. Nicholas with eight reindeer and gives them their names. They became really well known in the song 'Rudolph the Red nosed Reindeer', written in 1949. Do you know all eight names?

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Guillaume Lacroix, French Consul General to the Midwest visited the Savencia USA facility in Lena to present an award and medal to Lena Village President Dennis Bergman in recognition of Bergman's support of agriculture and agri-businesses.

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The Stockton Senior High Band brings the overflow crowd to its feet with their version of, "Polar Express."



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## Stockton Music Department Winter Concerts

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

## Stockton bests Lady Wolves

By Trenten Scheidegger  
SPORTSWRITER

Last Monday, the Stockton Lady Blackhawks kicked off their 2019 campaign when they hosted the Pearl City Wolves for an early season conference game. The Wolves, who finished 2018 with a 6-20 record, lost a pair of key seniors in Libby Dixon and Isa Pena to graduation. They will have to find a way to replace them, which was no easy task in their opening game with a Stockton team who went 27-5 last season and returned a plethora of talent from that squad.

Stockton wasted little time in getting right into rhythm in 2019 as they opened up to an early 15-4 lead in the first quarter over the Wolves. Pearl City was much more impressive in the second quarter as they were able to double their first quarter output, with eight points. They still found themselves facing a deficit, however, as Stockton went into halftime holding a 25-12 lead. A deficit that is tough to overcome against any team, let alone a team with the talent of the Blackhawks.

Stockton's offense blew things wide open in the third quarter when they nearly matched their entire first half total of 25, with 24 points in the third alone.

With a massive, 49-15 lead as they went into the final quarter, Tiana Timpe and the Blackhawks were able to put on cruise control and coast to an easy victory over Pearl City. The Blackhawks were led by their usual duo in Timpe and Lizzie Eisfeller, who each had something more than just a victory to celebrate. They dynamic duo both reached a phenomenal career achievement, last Monday, when they each eclipsed the 1,000-point mark. The two did so in impressive fashion as they combined for over half the team's points as Timpe had sixteen and Eisfeller led the team with nineteen. Congratulations on the exceptional achievement. Eisfeller also had nine rebounds and four assists to go along with her incredible stat line. Timpe had a trio of three pointers, as per usual, she is a deadeye shooter from deep range.

The Wolves were led by Anahi Hernandez and Kayla Runkle. Hernandez hit a pair of three pointers and finished the game with eight points, while Runkle had six points of her own, four of which came from the free throw line.

Since, the Blackhawks have won games over Winnebago, Morrison, and Rochelle. They've done so in blowout fashion as they have outscored their opponents 212-106 through four games.

With the perfect, 4-0 start, the Blackhawks are primed and ready to make another deep run in the post season this year.



The Stockton Fifth Grade Chorus opens its segment of the evening's performances with "Here Comes Santa Claus."



The Stockton Sixth Grade Band offers a lively performance of "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."



The Stockton Junior High Band performs everybody's holiday favorite, "Jingle Bell Rock."

The Stockton Community Unit School District is soliciting bids for **Gasoline, 5% Bio-Diesel Fuel, and Propane Fuel** for the period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020.

Fuel bids should represent the price of fuel that would be charged as of December 16, 2019. Federal Motor Fuel Tax should **not** be included in bid price. The successful bidder will complete available tax exemptions and paperwork. **Invoices confirming bidder's cost must accompany bid and be made available to the District during the contract period.** All applicable taxes should be included in bid. Amount above cost will be kept confidential. **Bids must be received by 3:00 pm on Monday, December 16, 2019.** Bids should be sent or delivered to Colleen Fox at 236 North Pearl Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085. Please indicate in the lower left hand corner of the envelope the following: **Bid Enclosed – Do Not Open.** The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.





# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

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

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

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

## Southwestern Chopped Salad

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Pulled Pork Enchiladas

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

cheese

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

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

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This past weekend travelled into Chicago with our Jo Daviess County delegates to the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting. The delegates from across the state worked hard to determine the changes and additions to Illinois Farm Bureau's policy. This is what is so great about farm bureau, it is truly a grassroots effort. Would you like to know how the policy development process works? Feel free to give me a call.

**You don't farm, so would should agriculture and Farm Bureau matter to you?** According to the Census of Agriculture, roughly 108,000 Illinoisans farm, just a small portion of the population. What I'm about to say next about the value of agriculture and Farm Bureau doesn't apply to you, right? Wrong. Yes, farming and an organization that supports farmers probably doesn't matter to you in the way that they mattered to your great grandparents. But they do matter, differently. Farming may not be your job, but for many of us, it's the economic foundation we're standing on. With almost 1 million agriculture-related jobs in Illinois, that means more than 13% of Illinois jobs are supported by agriculture. It's the source of your food (Jo Daviess County is #1 in the state for beef production and the total number of cattle, the #1 alfalfa producer, and the #3 dairy county), and it's still one of the top economic drivers of your small town. Agriculture is not only dependent on those in production agriculture, it includes the driver that takes the products to market, the mechanic that keeps the machinery running, the factory worker that makes tires for the equipment, those that work in processing that convert the farm commodities into foods that consumers enjoy, the chef that pre-

pares the food at your favorite restaurant, and the mom who picks out the food to feed her family just to name a few. On a different note, Farm Bureau is continually investing in member programs, educational efforts (such as Ag in the Classroom activities) and investing in our future leaders (through scholarships and leadership programs). So, do farming and Farm Bureau matter to you, as much as they mattered to your ancestors? Maybe not. But if you take time to study your roots and look around at the people, industries, and institutions that are helping enrich your community and everyday life, you might find out that they matter even more.

**IAA Foundation Scholarships.** Do you know of a student that is majoring in an ag-related career? Children of Illinois Farm Bureau members are eligible to apply for scholarships through the IAA Foundation. This year, the IAA Foundation offers 76 awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 and totals \$118,000 in awards. Applicants may apply for more than one, but can only receive on scholarship. For the full details, go the IAA Foundation website. The application period runs from December 1, 2019 through February 1, 2020. The past two years Jo Daviess County has had a winner, so I encourage everyone to apply!

**Farm Fun Fact:** Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since 1851.



Annette Eggers

### LEGAL NOTIFICATIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ISSUING RFP

The requests for proposals (RFP) shall be announced in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin and through at least one public notice, at least **30 days** before the proposals are due. Posting an RFP on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin requires the public entity to send an email with an attachment of the RFP document to [Nicki.Patterson@Illinois.gov](mailto:Nicki.Patterson@Illinois.gov)

### Request for Proposals for a Guaranteed Facility Improvement Program

"Notice is hereby given that Stockton CUSD 206 is soliciting Proposals from Qualified Providers to select a provider and subsequently consider a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract

pursuant to Section 19b of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/19b-1 et. seq.) The contract shall follow the requirements of Article 19b of the Illinois School Code - "School Energy Conservation Measures," as well as those listed in this RFP.

The District's objective in issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to provide a transparent and open means through which to select a single Qualified Provider to potentially implement a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract on behalf of the district.

Proposals will be received no later than 2:00pm 01/08/20 at the District Office located at 540 N Rush St, Stockton, IL 61085. **EXTENSIONS WILL NOT BE GRANTED.** The District is requesting 4 sealed copies and

one (1) electronic of the proposals which will be publicly opened and announced immediately following the proposal due date and time. Proposals will be in accordance with said Article 19b of the School Code and the RFP guidelines. For more information, contact Colleen Fox, Superintendent by email, at email [colleen.fox@stockton-schools.com](mailto:colleen.fox@stockton-schools.com).

The successful provider shall be required to submit a 100% Performance and Material Payment Bond upon award of Contract along with a Certificate of Insurance. The District may elect to implement similar facility improvements to those proposed, throughout the duration of the contract with the Qualified Provider pursuant to the contract.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to be the sole judge of the value and merit of the proposals offered. Such decisions shall be final. Failure to meet any of the "Required Criteria" will result in automatic rejection of the proposal.

- Sealed proposals must be opened by a member or employee of the District at a public opening.
- The District shall select the qualified provider who best meets the overall needs of the District

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### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the meetings of Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance Dist. will be held at on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the District's Fire Station at 127 E. Front Ave., Stockton, IL 61085 beginning on December 23, 2019 and continuing at said location thereafter.

DATED: December 2, 2019.

**RONALD PAJA**  
Attorney - Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection & Ambulance Dist.  
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### TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE STOCKTON FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR FROM MAY 1, 2019 TO APRIL 30, 2020 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STOCKTON FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE DISTRICT:

#### SECTION 1. LEVY.

For there be and is hereby levied on all of the taxable property within the corporate limits of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District subject to taxation for its fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020, the following sums for the various purposes mentioned in the District's Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as follows:

#### ITEMS

	AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	AMOUNT LEVIED
1. Administration Expense	10,000.00	8,500.00
2. Station Expense	35,000.00	30,500.00
3. Operations Expense	154,000.00	142,150.00
4. Contingent	1,000.00	500.00
Total Appropriation for Corporate (Administration, Station, Operations and Contingent) purposes	\$200,000.00	
TOTAL LEVY FOR CORPORATE (ADMINISTRATION, STATION, OPERATIONS and CONTINGENT) PURPOSES		\$181,650.00
5. Ambulance Service	85,000.00	77,715.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE		77,715.00
6. Tort Immunity, Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance(s)	35,000.00	29,720.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR TORT IMMUNITY LIABILITY and WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE(S)		29,720.00
7. Audit	3,500.00	3,135.00
TOTAL LEVY FOR AUDIT		3,135.00

#### SECTION 2. NECESSITY.

That each and every of the sums of money above set forth and the aggregate thereof are deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District to defray the necessary expenses of said District during its fiscal year beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.

#### SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in accordance with law.

APPROVED and PASSED

on November 25, 2019.

/s/ D. Robert Melcher  
D. ROBERT MELCHER  
President

/s/ Ernest S. Lieb  
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# •Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

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

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

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

## Beef and Barley Stew

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

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

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

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

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

## Raspberry Crumble Cookies

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

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

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

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

## Cranberry Nut Chocolate Chip Cookies

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

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

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

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



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## Listings

Winslow • \$53,000



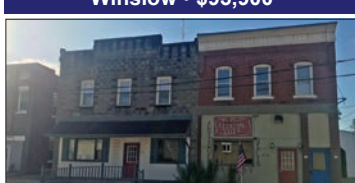
Walk into an enclosed front porch which leads you to the eat in kitchen. On the main level you will also find the living room, master bedroom, full bath, and laundry room. Upstairs you will find 2 bedrooms with hall closet for one of the bedrooms. Outside there is a back deck and 2 stall detached garage.

Winslow • \$53,900



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

Winslow • \$95,900



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

Orangeville • \$59,900



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

Winslow • \$69,900



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

Lena • \$74,900



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

Lena • \$119,900 - Just Reduced



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

Lena • \$268,900



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

Lena • \$89,000



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

Stockton • \$129,900



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

Warren • \$165,000



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

## Rentals

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

### Freeport

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

### Stockton

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

### Winslow

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

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