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## Young leaders raise money for accident victim

Members of Stockton Servant Leadership are organizing a fundraiser to benefit Stockton resident Patrick Hatfield, who was critically injured in an August motorcycle accident.

Orders are due Nov. 12 for the take-and-bake pizza fundraiser. Order forms are available on the Stockton Servant Leadership Facebook page, at [www.stocktonschools.com](http://www.stocktonschools.com) or through a Servant Leadership member.

People may also buy tickets for the three raffle prizes: a quarter of beef, an iPad or a quarantine gift basket.

On Nov. 22, Servant Leadership members will assemble and distribute the uncooked pizzas under supervision of licensed food preparers. Those who order pizzas may pick them up in a drive-thru at Stockton High School from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22.

Drawings for the raffle winners will be announced on Facebook live at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 22.

Hatfield is currently undergoing intensive physical and occupational therapy at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab in Chicago but is expected to return home later this month.

The August accident "left him currently unable to walk or complete daily activities without significant assistance," according to a news release.

"It is our hope that through a successful Pizzas for Patrick event, we are able to donate funds which will not only ease the family's financial burden, but provide them with a more promising and stable future," said Hayley Johnson, a Stockton Servant Leadership member.

For more information, contact Johnson at 815-858-5936.



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Monroe Clinic Hospice Chaplain Steve Bullock visits with veteran Jack Kiebach during Kiebach's recognition ceremony. Kiebach, who served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, died Oct. 20, just a few days after his recognition ceremony.

## Hospice volunteers deliver personal honors to ailing vets

By Mary Hookham  
CORRESPONDENT

A team of volunteers is working to bring honor and dignity to local American veterans through Monroe Clinic Hospice. The We Honor Veterans program celebrates the service of veterans in the stateline area.

"This was the best thing that happened to Dad just before he died," said Phyllis Wells of Gratiot, Wisconsin. "It made him smile."

Wells' dad, Jack Kiebach, served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and passed away on Oct. 20. Just a few days before his death, the We Honor Veterans volunteers surprised Kiebach with a visit to honor his service and share stories of his years in the Navy. The group sang

"America the Beautiful" and presented him with a pin and a wooden plaque commemorating his service.

"This was such an honor for dad and for the rest of the family," Wells said. "He even shed a few tears. His health has been failing rapidly so this was an awesome thing to have for him."

Chaplain Steve Bullock has been with the hospice pro-gram since early this year and continues to enjoy seeing the connection the veterans make with the others in the room during the ceremonies. He is grateful to be a part of recognizing the sacrifices of the veterans.

"I find it's been meaningful for the recipient as well as for the families," Bullock said. "We all want to have a way to connect, especial-

ly now during the pandemic. And singing at the end is a great experience to honor someone and let them know they are appreciated and have done something wonderful."

The team of about six volunteers has honored many veterans since the program began four years ago. In Illinois, the hospice outreach includes Stephenson County and the Warren and Stockton areas.

Volunteers go into hospitals, nursing homes and private residences for ceremonies. The group researches information on each veteran, gathers up pins and plaques, and coordinates the visits with relatives to have as many attend as possible.

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Stockton resident Patrick Hatfield was critically injured in an August motorcycle accident. Servant Leadership members at Stockton High School are selling pizzas through Nov. 12 to raise money for the Hatfield family. A raffle is also being held to help the cause.



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# X-rays continue to provide vital medical information

By Dr. Stephen Petras

Nov. 8, 2020, marked World Radiography Day, the 125th anniversary of the discovery of the X-ray. This discovery, which captivated the scientific world, forever altered the practice of dentistry and medicine and continues to make a profound impact on our lives.

When physicist William Conrad Roentgen first accidentally stumbled onto this new form of energy, he knew absolutely nothing about its properties, other than it had the ability to penetrate solid materials. Since the nature/properties of these energy rays were unknown, he called them "X", as x stands for an unknown factor in math.

Roentgen's tenacity and genius as an investigative scientist opened the door to the science of diagnostic radiology. It was his goal to define all the properties of this energy and, in so doing, he found that X-rays could penetrate the human body. With this

new ability the medical and dental community gained a powerful tool for the diagnosis and treatment of disease and trauma.

Roentgen received many honors, including the change of the name of his discovery from "X-ray" to "Roentgen Ray." In 1901 he was awarded the first Nobel Prize in Physics. However, he was a modest man and determined not to reap any personal benefits from his discovery. He refused to take patents on his discoveries, as he wanted everyone to benefit from them. To this end, he also donated his Nobel Prize money to the University of Wurzburg and the German war effort.

When X-rays were first discovered, it was believed that they did no harm when they passed through flesh. However, many of the first scientists who worked with X-rays soon began reporting burns, skin damage and even the death of their colleagues. It is believed that Roentgen did not suffer any harmful effects because he was one of the few pioneers in his field who routinely wore protective lead shields. Not wishing to lose the tremendous medical benefits of X-rays, scientists began to develop ways to mitigate damage and keep radiation to a minimum.

In modern dentistry, we use digital X-rays to provide you better diagnostic ability through superior image quality, with 90% less radiation exposure than traditional X-rays. Digital X-rays capture X-ray images by using an electronic sensor, which then stores the X-ray on a computer. This image can be projected onto the monitor, so you can visualize, discuss and better understand your oral health.

Enhanced imaging allows your dentist to detect damage at its earliest stages. Digital X-rays are less expensive and easier to share when you or your child are referred to a specialist, or when your dental office is filing your insurance.

The science of radiology is ever advancing. Computer programs allow clinicians to manipulate and interact with digitally acquired images. With three-dimensional imaging now a reality, clinicians are able to visualize the spatial relationship of anatomical structures, generate treatment-planning images and more accurately predict the staging and timing of interventions and procedures to achieve optimal outcomes.

*Dr. Stephen Petras is an Illinois-licensed general dentist at the Stockton Dental Center.*



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## YMCA gets a boost from bank grant

Stephanie Diehl, left, executive director of youth development for the Family YMCA of Northern Illinois in Freeport, accepts a donation check from Amy Baker, president of Citizens State Bank. The bank, with locations in Lena, Stockton and Freeport, presented a \$5,000 grant to the YMCA. The grant was through the Federal Home Loan Bank Chicago to provide relief for communities hit hardest by COVID-19. For more information, contact the YMCA at 815-235-9622 or go online to freeportymca.org.

## Births

### HONORAH GRACE CASWELL

Honorah Grace Caswell is the new daughter of Gator and Hannah Caswell of Pearl City, Illinois, born on Oct. 25, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Honorah joins two sisters, Waverly, 7, and Poppy, 3, and a brother, Driver, 5. Grandparents are Steve and Lori Caswell and JB and Chelle Shultis, all of Stockton, Illinois. Great-grandparents are Violet Caswell of Stockton and Gloria Giesel of Freeport.

Rock City and Carla Fiene of Cedarville. Great-grandparents are Dwain and Ruth Ann Jordan of Kent, Carole Busjahn of Cedarville, Larry Fiene of Dakota, LaVon and Keith Barth of Freeport and Terry and Mary Lou Clay of Rock City.

### AVLEDIJE ADALIJA ALIU

Avledije Adalija Aliu is the new daughter to Jessica and Mevludin Aliu of Freeport, Illinois, born on Oct. 29, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. Avledije joins three sisters, Ambri, 10, Athea, 4, and Adesija, 1, and a brother, Achilles, 5. Grandparents are Tina and Coleman Metz and Atixhe and Besim Aliu in Freeport and Bill Meyers of Lena. Great-grandparents are Pam and Bob Torres, Dewey Meyers, and Nexhbedije, all of Freeport.

### LILY LU FIENE

Lily Lu Fiene is the new daughter of Hilary Fiene of Lena, Illinois, born on Oct. 26, 2020, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois. Lily joins a brother, Waylen, 11 months. Grandparents are Mark and LuAnn Jordan of Lena, Evie Fiene of

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*Gene & Vivian Hesselbacher*

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 I would like to Thank You all... Orangeville and all surrounding communities... from the bottom of my heart for the cards, flowers, meals, donations and kind expressions of sympathy shown following the loss of my family and home. Your support at this most difficult time is a great comfort.

**Alisha Johannsen**



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The work of Freeport artist Melinda Cook is featured in an exhibit opening Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Freeport Art Museum.

## Freeport Art Museum features screen prints, abstract collection

The Freeport Art Museum will open two exhibitions on Saturday, Nov. 14.

### Powerful prints

One exhibit features the work of Fatherless, a collaborative print posse based in Rockford, Illinois.

"They offer up a brand of Rust Belt power pop screen prints," according to an art center news release. "This exhibition includes prints from the past decade and works responding to social upheaval beginning with the 2016 election."

"The collaborative process of passing the print from one artist to the next, each contributing image and color, results in challenging images with acerbic wit commenting on today's life and today's issues."

### A decade's work

The second floor Contemporary Gallery will feature an installation by Freeport artist Melinda Cook

"She has created this elaborate display with more than a decade of work consisting of paintings, sculptures, found objects and hoarded materials," the release said. "This heavily layered installation of primarily abstract work focuses on bold color, organic form and curious textures residing somewhere between a religious shrine and a trash heap for a rich and stimulating sensory experience."

The exhibits may be viewed during regular museum hours, with social distancing and facemasks required.

Both exhibits will show through Feb. 27.

The Freeport Art Museum, 121 N. Harlem Ave., is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Tours may be scheduled by calling 815-235-9755.

Admission to the museum is free, however, donations are appreciated. For more information, call 815-235-9755.

## Slices of life

# We all need a hand appreciating the little things

It's funny how you don't give something a second (or third, fourth or 10th) thought, until it becomes suddenly a first thought.

Like a pinky finger.

Let's be honest; no one gives a whole lot of brain time to their pinky finger (left or right or maybe both). Pinky fingers don't generally register on the radar. No one ever says, "Give them the pinky finger!"

Our smallest digit doesn't hold that much power.

Our pretty pinkies are just there to do what they do — basically nothing, unless you consider raising one of them while you are drinking tea or coffee, which I'm sort of embarrassed to admit, I've done (without coaching) since childhood.

I feel a need here to defend my stance. I don't know why I have prim and proper pinky fingers. I just do. My parents were hard-working folks. My grandparents were the same. No one I know of with whom I share a genetic disposition ever raised their pinky fingers, nor drank tea. I come from more of a strong coffee-drinking lot.

Still, the only time I ever really contemplated my pinky was when someone in my family (or one of my friends) made fun of me raising it genteelly while drinking chocolate milk.



By **JILL PERTLER**

Contributor

That was then. This is now.

I recently did something to strain my right pinky finger. I remember recognizing it at the time. (Oh, that hurts!) But I can't recall exactly what I did to cause the pain. I believe it was a repetitive task of some sort, but beyond that — well, you know what they say about memory being the first to go.

My memory was closely followed by my pinky finger. Whatever I did caused a slight bit of arthritis to the inner bottom joint. (Please note: Arthritis is completely self-diagnosed. I am not a doctor, nor do I play one on TV.)

My little pinky joint is a tiny bit swollen and painful to the touch, but just on the one side. No one would notice it, except me. I dare say I'd need to point it out to a medical professional. It's that slight. Still it warrants my attention. Pain will do that to you.

The other pinky is completely

normal. I haven't thought about the poor, neglected left pinky in months. The right one, however, gets my attention almost daily.

It's not a huge amount of attention. I might feel the tiny bump and recognize the pain and acknowledge that it feels like arthritis (if I knew firsthand what arthritis feels like.)

But pinky thoughts and contemplations are hardly ever about pinkies. Pinkies are part of a larger whole hand and arm and body. The same goes for life.

Is it just me, or doesn't every subject seem to come full circle and relate to life?

I think of the story I learned in Sunday school about the woman with 10 coins who lost one and wouldn't let up until she found it. Somehow the remaining nine diminished in value because she had lost the 10th. Ten fingers minus one pinky, the comparison is, well, a comparison. But an obvious one at that.

I often lose my glasses. Because I am aware of this, I have four pair. Still, when I lose one, I can't rest until I find it. The other three pair aren't good enough until I find the lost one.

The same goes for my pinky. It isn't lost but it needs my attention.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I write this column a week ahead, and as I am writing this paragraph I still don't know who won the election. I am grateful for no political ads, no phone calls and no press conferences. The weather was warm last week, and it was nice to get out in the fresh air. The leaves are almost down, but the grass is still green. I bought my first Christmas present, so I am good to go! There are a lot of things to be grateful for. We just have to keep reminding ourselves of our many blessings. This week's recipes are a little of cooking for the holidays, some good and warm tummy fillers and a new take on an old

favorite.

## Cranberry Salad

Cranberries are showing up in the grocery store; they are also on sale in many places. It must be getting to holiday time? This salad is pretty simple, but it is tasty. My mother used to make something like it, so it is an old-fashioned recipe. What I like about it is the crunch.

- 2 C. fresh cranberries
- 2/3 C. water
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) cherry gelatin
- 1 C. finely cut celery
- 1 C. pecans

Boil cranberries in water until they pop. Add sugar and gelatin. When partially set, add celery and pecans. Put in a mold or a fancy glass dish. Refrigerate until set.

## White Bean and Barley Soup

I think this week is soup weather. Last week we could all have grilled out because the weather was so nice. This is a great barley soup. If you don't have cannelloni beans, you can

substitute canned great northern or navy beans. If you use the vegetable broth, it is a vegetarian soup. Enjoy this really easy soup recipe on a cool day.

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 C. onion, chopped
- 1 celery stalk, trimmed and chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 t. Italian seasoning
- 1/2 C. barley
- 1 can (16.5 oz.) cannelloni beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained

1/2 C. chicken broth or vegetable broth

2 T. grated parmesan cheese,  
2 T. chopped fresh basil

Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, celery, carrots and pepper. Cook until vegetables are softened, about five to seven minutes. Add garlic and Italian seasoning and cook for one minute more. Add barley, beans, tomatoes and stock; stir and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 25 to 39 minutes, or until barley is tender. Season to taste with salt and more pepper. Garnish with parmesan and/or basil if desired.

## Slow Cooker Pork Cacciatore

I don't often have a lot of pork chop recipes in this column. I love good pork chops, but I am sort of a purist in that I like them grilled, fried on the stove, or oven baked. This one has a bit of an Italian theme, and it is easy to make because you use the crock pot. Enjoy these wonderfully seasoned and tender pork chops.

- 2 T. olive oil
- 4 boneless pork chops (about 1 1/2 lbs.)
- 1 onion, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 green pepper, sliced into strips
- 1 jar (15 oz.) pasta sauce
- 1 can (15 oz.) diced tomatoes, drained

- 1/2 C. chicken stock
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 t. dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 t. dried basil
- 4 slices mozzarella cheese
- Grated Parmesan

Heat 1 T. oil in large skillet over medium high heat. Brown chops for two minutes per side; transfer to a 6- or 8-quart slow cooker. Reduce heat to medium in skillet. Add remaining oil and onion; cook, stirring occasionally until onion is browned, about seven minutes. Add mushrooms and green pepper; cook, stirring occasionally until vegetables are soft, about seven minutes. Transfer to slow cooker; add pasta sauce, tomatoes and stock along with Italian seasoning, garlic and basil. Tuck chops into mixture. Cook on low for eight hours or on high for four hours. Top each chop with mozzarella, sauce and Parmesan to serve.

## Orange, Honey and Soy Chicken

This recipe is a great and quick stir fry chicken recipe. You can have supper on the table in less than half an hour. I think you could put some parboiled broccoli and cauliflower in it also. Serve a salad and a roll, and it is just like eating at the Chinese Restaurant.

- 1 T. oil
- 1 1/2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts, diced
- 2/3 C. orange juice
- 1/4 C. reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 C. honey
- 1 t. minced garlic
- 1 T. minced ginger
- 1/4 t. pepper
- Hot cooked brown rice
- Garnish with chopped green onion

and orange slices

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until no longer pink, about eight minutes. Remove from skillet. Stir juice, soy sauce, honey, garlic, ginger and pepper into skillet; bring to a boil. Cool, stirring occasionally until sauce reduces to a sticky glaze, 15 to 20 minutes. Return chicken to skillet and heat through. Serve over hot rice and garnish with green onion and orange slices.

## Warm Apple Bread

One of my good friends had this great apple bread. She served it as dessert; it would be great on a brunch buffet. It makes a relatively small loaf, so you aren't peeling apples forever.

- 1/2 T. cinnamon
- 1/3 C. sugar
- 2/3 C. brown sugar, divided
- 1/4 C. butter, softened
- 1/4 C. applesauce (you can use 1/2 C. butter and skip the applesauce if you prefer)

- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 1/2 C. flour
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1/3 C. milk
- 1 large or 2 small apples peeled and chopped

1 T. butter melted

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour an 8-by-4 loaf pan. Combine 1/3 C. of the brown sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside.

With mixer on medium, cream white sugar, remaining brown sugar and butter until fluffy. Mix in applesauce (if using), beaten eggs and vanilla.

Stir together flour and baking powder. Add flour to egg mixture along with milk and stir just until combined. Do not over mix! Pour half of the batter into a greased and floured loaf pan. Sprinkle with one-half of the apples and one-half of the cinnamon mixture.

Stir the remaining apples into the remaining batter and pour into the pan. Top with remaining cinnamon mixture. Bake approximately 40 minutes. Brush topping with melted butter. Continue baking an additional five to 10 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool 10 minutes and remove from pan.

## Peanut Butter Crispy Rice Squares

I saw these on a cooking show, and they are just a little bit different than the regular Rice Krispie treats. The graham crackers give a just a little bit of a sweet taste. Kids will love these.

- 6 T. unsalted butter
- 16 oz. mini marshmallows
- 1/2 t. salt
- 6 T. creamy peanut butter
- 2 t. vanilla
- 6 1/2 C. rice cereal
- 2 1/2 C. coarsely crushed graham crackers (about 9 rectangles)

1 C. milk chocolate chips

Line an 8-inch square baking dish with parchment paper, allowing 1-inch wings to hang over the edges; set aside.



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# ON THE RECORD

## Obituaries

### DEBRA FARMER

On Nov. 2, 2020, Debra Farmer, loving wife and mother, passed away at age 62 after battling cancer for 11 years.

Deb was born Sept. 20, 1958, in Monroe, Wisconsin, to George and Norma Jean Drye. She graduated from Lena-Winslow in 1977. After graduation, Deb worked at K-mart for many years before transitioning to surgical housekeeping at FHN. On Oct. 7, 1989 she married Richard Farmer. They raised two daughters, Jenny and Sara.

Deb loved others deeply and lived selflessly. She was an active member of her church, where she taught Sunday school with her husband. Deb



loved photography, especially in the fall. She was best known for her kind heart, contagious laughter and love of Jesus.

Deb was preceded in death by her mother, Norma Jean Drye; her grandmother, Leona Grebner; and her nephew, Colton Drye.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; her two children, Jenny (Jacob) Keltner and Sara (Chris) Roth-

schadl; father, George Drye; siblings, Greg (Kathy) Drye, Darla (Rob) Lingle and Rich (Deanna) Drye; multiple aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and "fur grand-babies," Brutus, Daisy and Brennan.

A visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2020, at Leamon's Funeral Home in Lena. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are required.

A private funeral will be held for her immediate family. Steve Cassell will be officiating the service.

A memorial fund has been established in her name.

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

### RANDALL 'RANDY' L. RIMINGTON

Randall "Randy" L. Rimington of Orangeville, Illinois, died Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, at Monroe Clinic Hospital. He was born to Frederick and Virginia (Wilson) Rimington on March 26, 1952, in Peoria, Illinois. The family moved to Stephenson County in 1962, where Randy graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1970. He attended Highland Community College, graduating with an associate's degree. He married Katherine Kaufman in 1976 and together they had one child, Ruth.

Randy farmed with his dad in Lena and then in the Cedarville and Dakota areas. After farming he had a trucking career hauling milk for Karlen Trucking and later driving semis for Bytec.

Randy was a Bears fan, enjoying when the Packers lost. He also enjoyed his Allis Chalmers tractors.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine (Kate) of Orangeville; mother, Virginia, of Lena, Illinois; daughter, Ruth (Jeff) Adams of Janesville, Wisconsin; two grandsons, Conner

and Nolan Adams; sister, Kathryn Rimington of Escondido, California; brothers, Kent and Ronald (Diane) Rimington and family of Lena and Jeffrey Rimington of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin; brothers-in-law, Donald (Judith) Kaufman and family of Winslow, Illinois, and Paul Kaufman of Freeport, Illinois; and former sister-in-law, Linda Rimington.

He was preceded in death by his father and Alice Munz, (life partner of Jeffrey Rimington).

Visitation was held Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, at Sunset Acres Cemetery in Orangeville. Social distancing will be practiced and masks are required.

Keith Johnson will be officiating the service.

Cremations rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in this name.

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

### ROGER E. WILLS

Roger E. Wills, age 49, of Elizabeth, Illinois, passed away Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, at Alex Finley Hospital in Dubuque, Iowa. A private funeral service will be held in his honor, with burial taking place at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren, Illinois. Family and friends are invited to share in Roger's life at [lawjonesfuneralhome.com](http://lawjonesfuneralhome.com).

Roger was born Nov. 28, 1970, in Galena, Illinois, the son of Eldon and Doris (Watson) Wills. He attended Elizabeth schools, ultimately graduating from River Ridge High School. Roger grew up working on the family dairy farm, and extended this work



well into his adult years. He later worked for the Kolb-Lena Cheese Factory, then Dura Automotive in Stockton. Farming was always his passion, however; something he

held dear to his heart. Roger will always be remembered by those close to him as the guy who would drop anything to assist a friend. He placed others' needs over his own and was eager to lend a help-

ing hand. He loved going for drives, sometimes stopping to talk with friends. He was definitely a talker, and once he got going on some of his favorite topics, he could go on for an hour if you let him.

Roger will be dearly missed by his two brothers, John (Joyce) Wills of Galena and Elmer Wills of Elizabeth; two sisters, Goldie (Dennis) Foley of Scales Mound, Illinois, and Thelma (Kevin) Busker of Rockford, Illinois; four nephews; three nieces; two great-nieces; and one great-nephew.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, Eldon and Doris; sister, Joyce; and his two dogs, Lucky and Sebastian.

### SHIRLEY JOAN OPPOLD

Shirley Joan Oppold, 85, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away Nov. 2, 2020, at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. She was born Feb. 12, 1935, to William and Pearl Roemer. She married Joseph Edward Oppold Jr. on June 5, 1953.

Shirley loved spending time with her family, reading books, cleaning her house, baking goodies, listening and dancing to polka music, traveling and being a snowbird during the cold winters with her sons in sunny southern California.

She will be dearly missed by many family members and friends: her sons, Joseph (David Norgard) of West Hollywood, California, and Jerry (Trisha) Oppold of Stockton; her two grandchildren, Brooke (Grant) Pierce of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and David (Morgan Smith) Craig of Stockton; two great-grandchildren, Marshall and Jordan Pierce of Sun Prairie; her



sister, Marilyn Shay of Freeport; her four sisters-in-law, Vera Boswell of Winnebago, Shirley Oppold of Pearl City, Cass Oppold of Stockton and Betty Durray of Freeport; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Edward Oppold Jr.; parents, William and Pearl Roemer; and her brother, Roland Roemer.

Funeral services are being planned for a future date. Interment will be at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton, next to her husband. A memorial fund has been established in Shirley's name at the Stockton Public Library. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

### GARY L. ALBRECHT

Gary L. Albrecht, age 78, passed away at his home on Nov. 2, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was born Feb. 27, 1942, in Freeport, Illinois, to Walter and Emma (Zink) Albrecht. He married Nancy Krebs on Jan. 8, 1964, at St. Paul's Church in Wayne Township. He worked at Micro Switch for 34 years until retirement in 1999. He was a member of the Cedarville Baptist Church. Gary enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening,

Canada trips with his dad and brothers and enjoyed his CB radio club back in the 1970s.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy; son, Brian (Tamara) Albrecht of Lena; daughter, Barbara Schubert of Lena; grandchildren, Spc. Kyle Albrecht (deployed), Kelsey Albrecht of Lena, Heidi (Patrick) Arnold of Dubuque, Iowa, Kayla (Eric Ford) Schubert of Geneseo, Illinois, and Austin "A.J." Schubert of Lena; two great-grandsons, Carter and Cayden

Arnold; brother, Wayne Albrecht of Winslow, Illinois; and Nancy's sister, Linda (Don) Gilbertson of Winslow.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James.

A visitation and memorial service were held Friday, Nov. 6, at Cedarville Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Cernek officiating.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

## • Slices (Continued from page 3)

Life is telling me to pay some heed to it. So I will. It will heal and I will forget about all this brain time I spent contemplating a pinky. But I hope I don't forget the lesson it carried: You don't pay attention to certain details until they become important, and then you realize

they were important all along.

Like a lost coin, a painful pinky or even a person you hold dear to your heart, you never know what you have until you have it no longer.

In that vein, value what you have and never forget about the

little things, especially pinkies (and people) — right or left, take you pick.

*Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.*

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# Obituaries

## BEN E. MAYER

Ben E. Mayer, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020. He was born April 6, 1930, in Lena, Illinois, to Ben and Verna (Runkle) Mayer. He graduated from Lena High School in 1948. He married Gail Fluegel on Nov. 21, 1954, at the Salem United Church of Christ. Ben started as a teller at Lena State Bank and worked his way up to CEO, retiring on June 30, 1999. He was a lifelong member of the Lena Lions, Lena Rifle Club, Lena American Legion and Ducks Unlimited. He is survived by his wife, Gail, of Lena; daughter, Rhonda (Don) Coyier of Madison, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, DeDe (Todd) Heid of Appleton, Wisconsin, and Kelsey (Aaron) Pearson of Oconomowoc,



Wisconsin; five great-grandchildren, Braelyn, Gianna, Otto Mayer, Theo and Viviana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Ryan, in 1981; two brothers, Robert and Allen Mayer; and two sisters, Dorothy Trappen and Mildred Price.

Ben was passionate about serving the Lena community and found joy in the many hours of dedicated work he quietly gave. Ben was a loving man who was full of life and had an infectious smile. Ben

took great pride in his family, who proudly called him "Poppa" and he loved them unconditionally. He was a big kid at heart who said that Mickey Mouse was his hero, "Because he makes everyone happy." Ben led his life with a focus around kindness, compassion and stewardship.

A private family funeral will be held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, Illinois. The Rev. Rick Bader will be officiating the service.

In lieu of flowers, at Ben's request, a memorial has been set up in Ben Mayer's name for the LeWin Education Foundation through Lena State Bank.

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

## CAROL E. CARSON

Carol E. Carson, age 86, of Freeport, Illinois, passed away Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at her home. She was born Jan. 1, 1934, in Derinda, Illinois, to the late Lorenz and Lillian (Belk) Randecker.

Carol was a 1952 graduate of Hanover High School. She had worked at Chestnut Ski Resort and Power Lab, where she retired from in 1997. In her younger years she enjoyed going on motorcycle trips and watching the colors change in the fall. She also enjoyed going to Family Affair to have coffee and visit. She had three great sons, created and given to us, a gift from God.

She is survived by her two sons, Dale (Elizabeth) Duff of New Alba-



ny, Indiana, and Darryl (Lisa) Duff of Loves Park, Illinois; her six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; her sister, Maxine Dittmar; and four nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Charlene Kunz; her brother-in-law, John Dittmar; and her son, Duane Duff.

There will be no services. Interment will take place in the Derinda Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at [www.walkermortuary.com](http://www.walkermortuary.com).

## GERALD (JERRY) BROWN

Gerald (Jerry) Brown, 80, of Warren, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at the UW Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. He was born on July 28, 1940, to Albert and Lucille (Winter) Brown in Dubuque, Iowa. Gerald was in the National Guard and belonged to the American Legion Post #0298 for 34 years. He drove bus for the Warren School District for many years, farmed in the Winslow area and drove semi until retirement.

Jerry loved working in his garden, going fishing in Muscatine, Iowa, taking care of his yard and spending Sundays cooking on his grill.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Christine, of Warren; his mother, Lucille, of Apple River, Illinois; his children, Mary Grinnel, Monica (Tom) Crook, Suzanne Shaw and special friend Gary, all of Monroe, Wisconsin, Robert and Montie Brown of Boise, Idaho, and Jared Brown of Warren; brothers and sisters, Tom Brown of Dixon, Illinois, Judy (Nelson) Anger of Rockford, Illinois, Jean (Richard) Schaber



of Winnebago, Illinois, Sharon (Ron) Abner, Karen (John) Forester of Orlando, Florida, and Bob Hicks of Cuba City, Wisconsin; and many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; sister, Janet; sister-in-law, Renae; an infant son; and niece, Debbie.

Jerry's wish was to be cremated and buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren.

Private family graveside services will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren. The Rev. Roger Bronkema will officiate the services.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Dr. Martin Cleary and the Warren ambulance service.

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

## PAUL KENNETH POTTER

Paul Kenneth Potter, 49, of Lena, Illinois, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on Nov. 3, 2020. He was born Aug. 13, 1971, in San Diego, to Paul and Regina (Huff) Potter. Paul worked for Advanced Technologies in Freeport. He was an avid golfer who enjoyed life and was a friend to all. Paul was also very active in barbecue competitions. He loved all Chicago sports, especially the Chicago Bears.

Paul is survived by his adult child, Misha Madison of Lena; his father, Paul Potter of Lena; his brother, Aaron (April) Potter of Lena; his sister, Melissa (Rob) Kosman of Pepperell, Massachusetts; nieces and nephews, Alysse and Addison of Lena and Madeline and Mason of Pepperell; grandmother, Grace Potter of Richland Center, Wisconsin;



and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Paul was preceded in death by his mother, Regina (Huff) Potter; and grandparents, Kenneth and Leota Huff and Paul Potter.

Visitation and funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 6, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. The Rev. Sean Huguenin officiated at the service.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A private family burial will take place at Lena Burial Park.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

## ROBERT HASTINGS

Robert Hastings, 83, of Freeport, Illinois, and formerly of Winslow, Illinois, passed away at his home on Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, surrounded by his family.

He was born July 24, 1937, in Rockford, Illinois, to Frederick and Lottie (Rodebaugh) Hastings. Robert married Patricia Solace on Dec. 30, 1960, at the Winslow United Methodist Church. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1960. Robert owned and operated the Winslow Stockyards and the Winslow Sale Barn. He was a former mayor of Winslow, member of the Winslow Fire Department and the Fire Department Trustees. Robert also was on the Paradise Cove Committee and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed fishing and playing cards, especially poker with his friends. Robert enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren and the many weekends spent at Castle Rock Lake.

Robert is survived by his three children, Charles (Lorna) Hastings of Lena, Illinois, Doug (Katie) Hastings of Freeport and Darla (David) Cobb of Warren, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Bradley, Brandon (Amanda), Ryan, Travis (Caitlin) and Dylan (Molly) Hastings, Erica and Mitchell (Stephanie) Stocks; special girls, Brianna and Danica; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Linda (LaVerne) Broge; and many nieces and nephews.

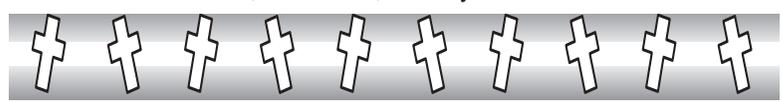
Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia, in 2014; three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020, at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow. A celebration of life was held at Route 20 Bar and Grill in Freeport following the services at the cemetery.

A visitation was held Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

The Rev. Gary Rich officiated the services.

A memorial has been established in Robert's memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).



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# •Kitchen (Continued from page 4)

In a large pot over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the marshmallows and salt and cook, stirring, until the marshmallows are melted and smooth, about two to three minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the peanut butter and vanilla — the peanut butter can still be swirled. Add the cereal, crushed graham crackers and chocolate chips and fold with a large rubber spatula to combine.

Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish, using the spatula to spread it out evenly. Place a piece of parchment on top and then use your hands to press the mixture down very firmly. Let the mixture firm up in the refrigerator for one hour.

## Final thoughts

If this column seems to go all over the place, it is because this is what this past week has been — all over the place. I have put away my witches and turned my pumpkins around. Halloween has come and gone. I didn't even look out to see if anyone was on my street. I did have my traditional Halloween after trick or treat dinner. I made ham balls, which I hadn't made for a long time. I had several dishes to give away because you really can't make just a few. I also made a pumpkin

pie. It was really great to taste that; pumpkin pie just makes you feel like fall.

College football is having some trouble keeping players healthy. I wonder if they will finish the season. We continue to have a record number of COVID cases; it almost makes you want to keep your nose inside the house.

Veterans Day is this week, and it makes me sad that we will not have any ceremonies for these wonderful people who have done so much for us. I am also sad because I lost two of my former students this week to cancer. They were both special people who touched a lot of lives. If we ever get this COVID under control, I would hope we could work on finally getting a cure for cancer.

On a different note, thanks to my friend for sending the Warm Apple Bread recipe. I guess I better stop rambling. As I wrap up this week, please keep yourselves safe, stay healthy and keep the faith.

If you have found any Thanksgiving or holiday recipes you think we would like, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 213 S. Center St., Lena, IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.



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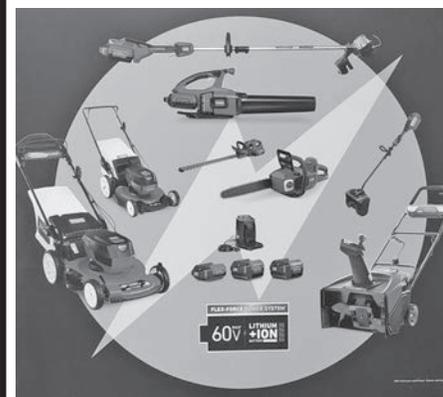
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# FHN gala goes virtual

## Event raises money for community emergency preparation

In keeping with safety protocols to help stop the spread of COVID-19, this year's FHN Festival of Trees Gala is going virtual.

The FHN Virtu-ALE Gala will kick off the organization's slate of Festival of Trees events from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, with "delicious food, treats, silent auction shopping and other surprises, all from the comfort (and safety) of your own home," according to an FHN news release.

Registration is open through Nov. 11 at [www.fhn.org/Gala2020](http://www.fhn.org/Gala2020). Tickets cost \$65 per person and include a link to the live celebration along with a refreshment box filled with appetizers, treats and other surprises ready for pickup before the gala begins.

"In keeping with this year's theme, attendees will enjoy great craft beers from three local breweries — Generations Brewing Company, Lena Brewing Company and Wishful Acres Farm and Brewery — as part of their refreshment box," the release said.

Ticketholders get advance access to this year's online silent auction items. Bidding begins Saturday, Nov. 14, and will close at the end of the gala.

This year, the auction will be opened to the public (registration is necessary, but no gala ticket is required) on Saturday, Nov. 21, for any items that do not receive the minimum bid.

Funds raised through this year's gala will help FHN prepare for community emergencies with proper training and help make sure the organization has necessary supplies like personal protective equipment and infection control devices.

Information about FHN's other Festival of Trees events, including the Community Festival of Trees and FHN Letters to Santa, is available by going online to [www.fhn.org/festival-of-trees](http://www.fhn.org/festival-of-trees).

# Briefs

## Warren senior garners college scholarship

Warren High School senior Skylar Neff has been accepted as a member of the incoming fall 2021 class at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri.

Neff, of Warren, was awarded the President Scholarship, a \$13,000 per year award.

The scholarship is awarded for four years and is based on academic credentials. The scholarship is renewable, provided the student remains in good academic standing.

Culver-Stockton College is a four-year residential institution in affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## Stockton church collects Christmas shoeboxes

Organizers at Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton are hoping to collect 1,300 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this holiday season.

Boxes can be dropped off at the church, 600 N. Main St., from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 16, Nov. 18, Nov. 20, Nov. 21 and Nov. 23 and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 17, Nov. 19 and Nov. 22.

Donations of boxes for boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are especially need-

ed, organizer Nancy Rice said.

Operation Christmas Child is a worldwide outreach effort through Samaritan's Purse. Go online to [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) for more information.

## Christian women set Nov. 18 meeting in Stockton

The Stockton group of the Concerned Women of America will meet

at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the home of Sandy Kampmeier, 139 W. Columbia Ave., Stockton. The group is composed of nondenominational conservative Christian women who meet to be informed, to pray and to act. Women are welcome to join.

For more information, call Pam Hess at 815-947-9154 or Carol Rowe at 815-947-2122.



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# Police, local businesses provide treats

Stockton Police Officer Christian Schock passes out Halloween goodie bags to fifth- and sixth-grade students at Stockton Middle School on Oct. 29. In light of COVID-19, the police department opted for the holiday giveaway instead of its traditional Halloween party. The bags contained glow sticks, candy, snacks, pencils, erasers and coupons, thanks to the following contributors: Casey's General Store, Subway, JJ & Fred's, Sullivan's Foods, McDonald's, Corner Tap, Illinois Bank & Trust, Stockton Service Center, Ace Hardware, Country Companies-Sarah Heller and Bauer Agency Ltd.

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# Stockton names honor roll students

Dozens of Stockton High School students were recently named to the first quarter honor rolls.

### High honor roll

- Grade 9: Dominick Bilich, Abby Chumbler, Bennett Graves, Carson McPeck, Nevaeh Peterson, Ashlyn Schubert, Camerin Vincent, Leah Warner
- Grade 10: Katherine Crome, Kyla Kurek, Garrett Luke, Dustin Oppold, Ryley Schultz
- Grade 11: Maria Bender, Joseph Brudi, Owen Groshans, Brynn Haas, Jenna Haas, Caleb Mammoser, Morgan McPeck, Kayden Schubert
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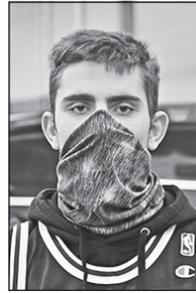
### Honor roll

- Grade 9: Kristian Adleman, Lily Baker, Jared Dvorak, Addison Ernst, Izabella Ertmer, Braden Freese, Brady Haas, Michael Haas, Lincoln Legel, Madalyn Marcure, Drake Offenheiser, Gracie Raab, Lydia Schuldt, Colby Tucker, Gabrielle VenHuizen, Mavrick Winters
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# Academy honors outstanding students

Several area teens were honored as Outstanding Students for the first quarter at the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy in Elizabeth:

- Trevor Grube, River Ridge school district, auto technology
- Keagan Schoenhaar, River Ridge school district, computer networking and security
- Taylor Broshous, Stockton school district, construction technology
- Skylar Neff, Warren school district, cooperative education
- Dominic Geerts, River Ridge school district, criminal justice/law enforcement
- Maggie Grissinger, River Ridge school district, early childhood education
- Fallon Miller, River Ridge school district, graphic communications
- Cameron Kent, Warren school district, health occupations



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Cameron Kent

# Volunteers

(Continued from front page)

“This has been harder lately because of the virus,” said Ken Joyce, a program volunteer and Vietnam veteran. “Even if I see the smiles virtually, I miss that part of going in and meeting our veterans and talking with them and their families.”

Joyce said most veterans are proud of their service and willing to share old stories. Families also feel honored with the ceremony.

“Before the pandemic, families would plan celebrations after the ceremonies,” he said.

Joyce served as an air res-cue crew member in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 to 1968. As a veteran, he finds the work of the We Honor Veterans program to be personally rewarding as well as satisfying for the veterans being honored as part of the program.

“This program has been very well received and appreciated, and it is as important for us as it is for the veterans,” he said.

Wells said veterans deserve this recognition. It’s a great way for people to show their pride in and appreciation for American veterans instead of just verbally proclaiming pride.

“Veterans give so much of their lives for their countries,” she said. “Us kids spent 20 years without our dad. We moved all the time and made friends every-where, which made for a great life, but dad gave his life to his country.”

“He always went wherever he was told, even when his family didn’t know where that was, but we learned to trust. This is what America is all about.”

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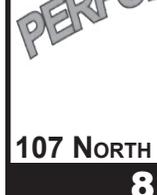
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc PLAINTIFF Vs. Christina Kreeger; et. al. DEFENDANTS

2019CH6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/20/2019, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on December 17, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 1 OF ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK "H" OF PLATS, PAGE 37; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN 18-18-01-178-017

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If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-14176.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. KRIS R. WILD, THERESA

E. WILD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ORANGEVILLE COMMUNITY BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

2020 CH 28

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the current Decree for Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned cause on September 15, 2020, an agent of the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office will at 9:30 a.m. on December 17, 2020, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Address: 12838 North Hulbert Road, Winslow, L 61089

A tract of land located in part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Oneco Township, Stephenson County Illinois, the boundary of said tract being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 29 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; thence South along the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 875.59 feet, more or less; thence West, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section, a distance of 1,080.12 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; thence South, parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750 feet, more or less; thence West parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less; thence North, parallel to the East line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 750.00 feet, more or less; thence East, parallel to the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30, a distance of 650.00 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; all being situated in Oneco Township, Stephenson County in the State of Illinois.

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PIN: 16-03-30-200-004

The improvements on the real estate consist of a single family home and various outbuilding previously utilized as a dairy farm.

The judgment amount was \$571,070.46 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

Persons wishing information regarding the real estate may contact:

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Officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region 5 office are urging citizens to get the resources they need to be safe online.

"Protecting against potential cyberattacks should be a part of everyone's overall disaster preparedness plan," said Kevin M. Sligh, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Take the time now to set up the proper controls in your online life — whether at home, work or school — to keep you, your family and your information safe and secure."

"Cybersecurity starts with each of us, and is everyone's responsibility," said Alex Joves, regional director, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency Region 5. "Cyber self-defense basics can go a long way to keeping you and your data out of the hands of bad actors."

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  - Protective barriers added to workflows
  - Face masks are provided
  - Temperature Scans
  - Continuous facility cleaning & sanitation

Now Conducting  
**PHONE INTERVIEWS!**  
Monday - Friday  
8am-4:30pm  
**Monroe, WI**  
800-487-9477

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**Colony BRANDS, INC. & Affiliates**  
MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD

### Help Wanted

**PART TIME** farm help wanted. Must have farm experience and driver's license. Excellent wages & benefits for qualified person. 815-291-2381



Find your next home in the classifieds

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## garage sale

Moving Sale

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**The Shopper's Guide and Scoop Today** are excited for our upcoming move to a new Lena location. We have lots of extra office furniture and odds & ends for sale at great prices - plus some **FREE** items! Stop by our office for some great deals on desks, chairs and more. All offers welcome. Please bring help to move large items.  
**213 S. Center St., Lena**  
Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.



## for rent

Apartments

**Old School Apartments in Lena, open Nov. 1**  
Clean & nice 2 bedroom, newer carpet. In house laundromat, gym, mail delivery and more. Security entry, no pets, non smoking. If you like loud late parties you will need to look elsewhere! \$515/mo.  
**815-369-4334** 382707

### Other Real Estate

## real estate

Farms

### FOR SALE BY OWNER:

**60 acres of farmland in Pecatonica, IL.**  
50 acres are tillable, 10 acres are creek and pasture. \$6,250 per acre or best offer. Call 386-679-0771 or email jacksonat@aol.com

## for sale

Announcements

**CLASSIFIED IN-COLUMN ADS cannot be credited or refunded after the ad has been placed. Ads canceled before deadline will be removed from the paper as a service to our customers, but no credit or refund will be issued to your account.**

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## transportation

Automobiles

**1990 CHRYSLER IMPERIAL** Unique car in very nice condition. White/red. \$3,500. 262-325-3541.

**1995 CABRIO:** Convertible. New battery/brake lines/brain box. 110 mlg. 847-477-6384 or 696-3289.

**2005 C230 MERCEDES BENZ KOMPRESSOR** Black, 4dr. sport, 150k, auto, great cond., runs great. \$4,500 OBO 262-758-9027

**2007 FORD EXPEDITION 165K,** new cats, O2 sensors, new plugs, coil packs, tires. Excellent condition. \$5,500 Can text or call 262-989-4112

**2007 FORD FOCUS S** Very good condition, runs well, approx. 110K. Well maintained. Asking \$3500. 262-374-0465.

**2008 TOYOTA COROLLA** Remote start. New battery, brakes & tires. Excellent condition. \$4,250. 262-331-0540.

**2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE** nice condition, 142k Hwy miles, 2 new tires, \$6900. 815-947-2972

Automobiles Wanted

**TOP DOLLAR FOR YOUR FULL SIZE JUNK TRUCKS & SUV's.** Haul away 7 days a week. 262-758-1807

**WANTED: OLD CAR PARTS** Viosors, radios, clocks, lights, hood ornaments, skirts, etc. Also antique project car. 262-245-9395

Agriculture

**ROUND BALES GRASS/HAY** no rain, excellent quality, priced reasonable, stored inside. 815-291-2381

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Boats

**1995 SYLVAN 820 ADVANTAGE PONTON** 60hp Johnson, 22 ft, runs good. \$1500 OBO. 815-347-0496

Farm Machinery

**KUBOTA 4x4 TRACTOR** Model L2650 with Kubota LA450A Loader, 3 pt., power take off. \$6750. 262-930-9109.

Motorcycles

**1986 Honda Magna VF700,** 1745 original miles, super clean \$3,250. Call 414-303-8619.

**2019 HONDA MONKEY 125cc** 11 miles. \$3,200 262-534-3083

Parts & Accessories

**S.B.C. DART11 IRON EAGLE SPORTSMAN HEADS** ported, polished, stainless valves-202in, 160 ex. \$750.00. Huggins Cam 540 int, 562 ex. lifters, pushrods \$125.00 less than 500 miles on both. 1932 Ford original running boards, new covers \$400.00. 262-497-1898

Sports/Classic Cars

**1979 CORVETTE** 58k miles, new GM motor, \$7,500. Call 414-232-6083.

**1979 DATSUN 280-ZX** Arizona car all original! 5 speed, runs great. \$10,500. 847-987-0018.

**1987 COUGAR** 20th Anniversary, 118k, owned since 1989, excellent condition. \$3,500 Can text or call 262-989-4112

**'93 MITSUBISHI 3000 GT VR4.** Beautiful garage kept. Stored last 5 years. Zurich white w/ebody leather. Must sell son has cancer. 97k. \$8,000 OBO.. Bill 262-806-1914.

Trucks & Trailers

**1998 FORD RANGER, 4X4,** with cap, automatic, power, transmission fluid leak, \$875. 262-949-6997 text preferred.

Vans, Mini Vans

**2001 FORD, E-150 1/2 ton van,** white, 4.2 liter. Great for camping or work! \$495 Delavan location. 262-949-6997 text preferred.

# ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AUCTION

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA  
SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

ALL health guidelines/regulations regarding COVID-19 will be observed and followed.

**ANTIQUES:** Nichols & Stone rocking chair; treadle base table; quilts; Enterprise sausage press; 3 & 4-gallon crown crocks; Structo semi transport vehicles; airplane & car models; porcelain dolls; arrowheads; vintage costume jewelry; carnival, depression, clear & colored glassware; painted dishes; Franciscan apple dishes; GWTW "Shepherders" lamp; "Cupid" parlor lamp; brown Aladdin lamp; bracket & table kerosene lamps; kerosene & Aladdin lamp chimneys, burners, spiders & parts; smoke bells; **MISC.:** 1900psi elec. pressure washer; Fimco 4-gallon sprayer; elec. Remington chain saw. Full listing & pictures on web site.

**TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK**

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## REAL ESTATE LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT,  
ILLINOIS  
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Christina Kreeger, et. al.  
DEFENDANTS

2019CH6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/20/2019, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on December 17, 2020 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 18-18-01-178-017  
Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1210 Sun  
Vu Dr Freeport, IL 61032

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason,

the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

**IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.**

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Cordlis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-14176.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON  
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois  
Banking Corporation,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

KRIS R. WILD, THERESA E. WILD,  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,  
ORANGEVILLE COMMUNITY BANK,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-  
RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

2020 CH 28

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the current Decree for Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned cause on September 15, 2020, an agent of the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office will at 9:30 a.m. on December 17, 2020, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Free-

port, Illinois 61032, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Address: 12838 North Hulbert Road,  
Winslow, L 61089  
PIN: 16-03-30-200-004

The improvements on the real estate consist of a single family home and various outbuilding previously utilized as a dairy farm.

The judgment amount was \$571,070.46 together with interest thereon at the statutory rate plus additional costs, including publication costs, court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses of sale.

Sale Terms: 25 percent down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and is "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court and is, further, subject to a right of redemption in favor of the Internal Revenue Service.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

Persons wishing information regarding the real estate may contact:

Joel Kempel - Citizens State Bank  
102 West Main Street,  
Lena, Illinois 61048-9247  
Phone: (815) 369-4524

Dated this 4th day of November, 2020.

YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE

By: /s/ Craig A. Willette  
Craig A. Willette, Attorney for  
Citizens State Bank, Plaintiff  
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## FFA Greenhands show what they know

Members of River Ridge High School FFA recently attended the virtual Greenhand Conference hosted by Western Illinois University, which included the Greenhand Quizbowl. River Ridge placed first in the section one Greenhand Quizbowl for answering questions about FFA history, acronyms and trivia. Students also were able to learn about FFA supervised agriculture experiences and meet students from other FFA chapters. Greenhands are first-year FFA members.



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## NOTICE

The Lena Community District Library has the following positions open for the upcoming consolidated election, April 6, 2021:

**ONE - 6 year term Trustee Position**

Packet may be picked up at the library.

## VILLAGE OF LENA REQUEST FOR BIDS

Bids are invited for removal of trees within the village limits.

A list describing tree locations is available by request to the Village Clerk at 122 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 607, Lena, IL 61048 or by telephone at 815-369-4016.

Tree contractors must be licensed and insured and be prepared to provide a certificate of Liability with limits of \$500,000 CSL or higher, and, if applicable, Workers Compensation insurance prior to award of the work. Successful bidder would be required to comply with the prevailing wage rates established for Stephenson County.

The closing date for receipt of sealed bids at Village Hall is 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020.

The bids will be discussed at the Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Bidders need not be present.

Lynn Pohill, Village Clerk