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Executive Order forged impact on District 202

By Christopher Johnson
REPORTER

The Lena-Winslow School District 202 Board of Education will come together next Tuesday night ahead of a projected, expected message to be released through the State of Illinois Chief Executive Office, relaxing the need for face coverage in public settings.

When talk of masking up came up across the state of

Illinois and the Nation as a whole, the relaxation of certain Constitutional assurances seemed to be an accepted practice.

As time moved forward and new situations brought forth the need to make time for reflection and action, District 202 Trustees made the call to arms. Or in this situation, to mask or not, in accordance with instructions from above.

A ruling made by Governor JB Pritzker in early August, 2021 determined wearing masks provided protection from Covid19 and its spread.

A message was shared from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Illinois Governor followed the call and issued a mandate stating masks must be worn in school.

Those school districts

which chose not to comply with the ruling faced the risk of loss of funding, accreditation, and the right to compete in Illinois High School or Illinois Elementary School State Playoffs.

Funding for all school district action was established through the Constitution of the State of Illinois. It is released and could constrict or be delayed through action taken or

not.

Article X made it the duty of the State and the primary responsibility of it to finance the system of public education.

When Illinois Governor JB Pritzker made it the practice to mask up indoors, District 202 Officials made the decision to follow his decision.

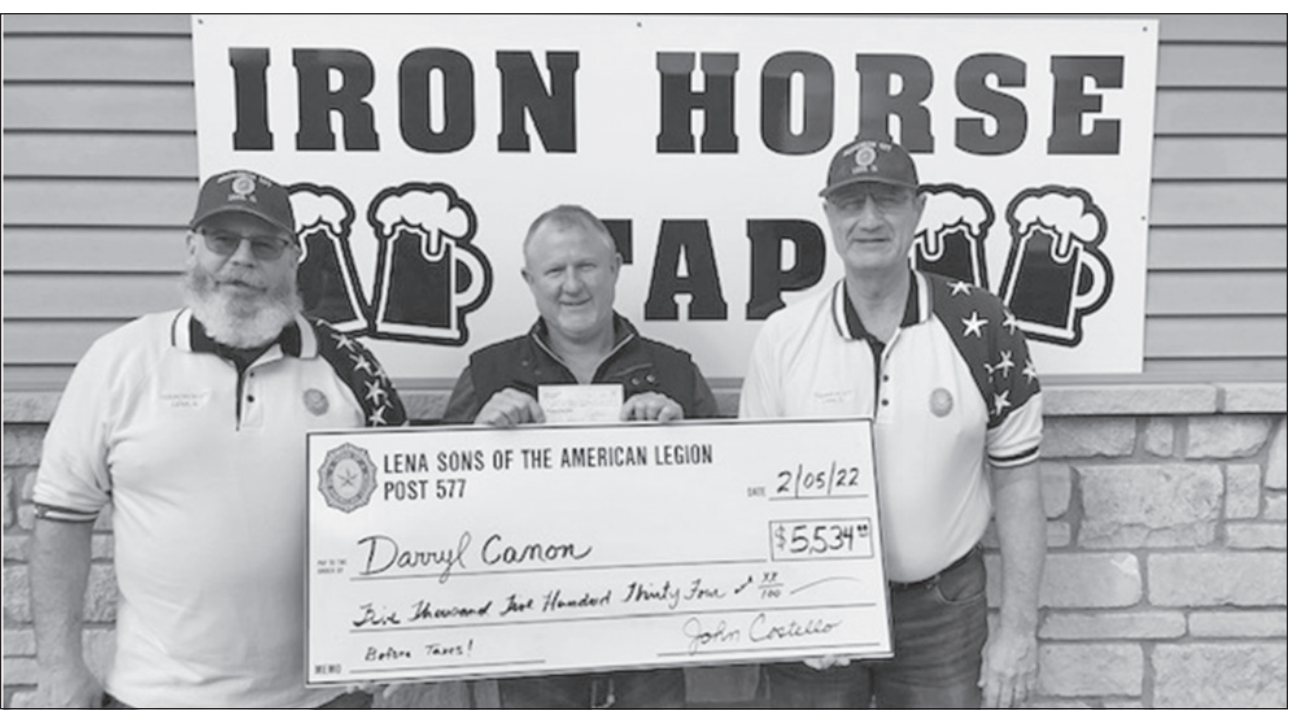
Lately, the idea of continuing that long established practice has found its way in front of Trustees at recent meetings of the Lena-Winslow Board of Education.

For now, masking remains an accepted action when most citizens travel into local areas of interest or for personal business. Recently a lot of

activity has risen as students who joined together to help reaffirm First Amendment declarations staged a collective awareness campaign.

Students at districts across northern Illinois such as Libertyville and Vernon Hills made the decision on Monday, Feb. 7, to walk out, since they weren't allowed to walk in how they wanted.

As principle, students at State of Illinois school districts who reportedly chose to not abide by district rulings were asked to convene for a discussion session at a segregated location with district officials.



Darryl Canon uncovered the Queen in the American Legion Queen of Hearts raffle, with a total pot earning of \$5,534. Canon donated \$1,200 back to the raffle which allows a new raffle to begin Feb. 19! Pictured are Scott Stich, Squadron Leader, Darryl Cannon, and Scott Olberding Queen of Hearts Chairman.

Queen of Hearts makes second visit to Lena

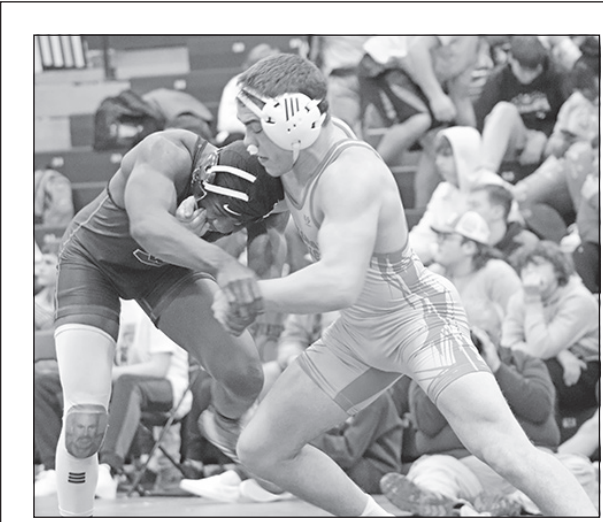
After making her initial visit to Lena on Jan. 1, the Queen of Hearts made another visit to the Iron Horse Tap in Lena on Feb. 6. Darryl Canon's name was drawn and he chose card number eight where the Queen was found hiding. With a total pot of \$7,905, by being present, Darryl won 70% of the

pot or \$5,534 with Federal and state taxes still to be withdrawn.

Darryl Canon donated \$1,200 back to the Queen of Hearts raffle, creating a new raffle with an initial pot value of \$2000.00. Weekly drawings will start on Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Iron Horse Tap, and

drawings will continue weekly every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. until the next Queen of Hearts is found. Tickets are six for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Iron Horse Tap during regular business hours or at the Lena American Legion on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Proceeds from the raffle

are used to benefit local and regional Veterans programs.



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Wrestling action

Marey Roby (Lena) competes against Aiden Livingston (Stillman Valley) during the Pantherhawk's recent victory at regionals.

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Obituaries

JANET UPMANN

Janet J. (Koehler) Upmann, age 75 of Warren, formerly of Apple River, IL passed away on Feb. 1, 2022, at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, FL.

Janet was born to Edmund and Julia (Lewis) Koehler on Oct. 15, 1946, in Council Hill, IL. She later moved to the Apple Canyon Lake area and attended Warren High School. Janet married Leo W. Upmann on Oct. 17, 1964, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Apple River, IL. Together they were married 51 years, raised four children, and owned and operated Leo Upmann's Grocery.

Janet is survived by her two sons; Gene (Annmarie) Koehler of Quincy, MA and Ken Upmann of Dubuque, IA, and one daughter; Kerri (Nicholas) Ruf of Darlington, WI. Janet is also survived by her grandchildren; Erin Koehler, Tyler, Dillon, Jared (Kenna)



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Janet was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Lyle, two sisters; Gladys Kaiser and Marion Crawley, her husband, her son Kevin, and two nephews; Larry Koehler and Dean Kaiser.

A visitation was held on Thursday, Feb. 10, from 5 until 8 p.m. at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral home in Warren, IL. Private family funeral services will be held at a later date. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren, IL. A memorial has been established in Janet's memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

and Jillian Upmann, Flinn Tassani, Nathaniel and Nya Ruf and one great-grandson Aries Tassani-Al-

GERTRUDE PAULINE BROWN

Gertrude Pauline Brown, age 99 of Lena, IL, passed away on Monday, Feb. 7, 2022. She was born in Freeport, IL on May 25, 1922, the daughter of Otto and Anna (Mock) Bergemann. She married Robert D. Brown on Sep. 27, 1942, in Freeport, IL. Gertie and Bob made their home in Lena, IL where she worked at the Shopper's Guide for many years until her retirement in 2000. She was an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena and enjoyed volunteering at My Friend's Closet and playing cards.

Gertie is survived by her daughter Diane (Daniel) Paulsen of Lena; five grandchildren, Laura (Ben) Pearson of Geneseo, IL, Steven (Kali) Brown of Stockton, IL, Joshua (Amanda) Paulsen of Lena, IL, Jessica (Sam) Hupp of Dallas, TX, and Michael Paulsen of Lena, IL; three great-grandchildren, Isabelle and Colton of Lena, and Evie of Dallas, and five step great-grandchildren, David of Geneseo, Wes, Ve-



ronika, and Vanessa of Stockton, and Deacon of Dallas, also several nieces and nephews.

Gertie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Dennis Brown, daughter-in-law Mary Brown, three brothers Ralph, Alvin, and Robert Bergemann, and one sister, Lydia Lemke.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL.

A visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, Feb. 12, also at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL.

Officiating was Rev. Rick Bader. Burial at Lena Burial Park immediately following the funeral. A luncheon will be provided at the church following committal services at the cemetery. A memorial has been established in Gertie's memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

THOMAS CALDERON

Thomas Calderon, age 63, of Stockton passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2022. He was born in Freeport, IL on Nov. 26, 1958 to the late Frank and Sandra (Stumbaugh) Calderon. Tom married Carmen Calderon on Aug. 13, 2004 in Galena, IL.

Tom was a 1977 graduate of Freeport High School. He went on to attend Motorcycle Mechanic School in Chicago. Tom was an avid member of Indian Trails Archery. He enjoyed photography and the outdoors, especially camping, boating, and hunting. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially teasing the grandkids. His family considered him to be a loving brother, confidant, and the glue that held the family together during ups and downs.

Tom is survived by his wife, Carmen Calderon of Stockton, his sons, Neil (Rianne), Cliff (Melissa), and Zach (Trista)



David, his daughters, Nicole (Chris Raab) Williams, and Tory (Josh Stewart) Calderon, his brothers, Mark Calderon, Phil "PeeWee" Calderon, Dan (Vicki) Calderon, Don Calderon, and Tim Calderon; his sisters, Lisa Calderon and Shannon Calderon and his 12 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at 6 p.m. at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There will be a visitation beginning at 4 p.m. Interment will take place at a later date at Calvary Cemetery in Freeport. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

host a Euchre party with doors opening at 1 p.m. and game play starting at 1:30 p.m. The cost to enter is five dollars. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 tickets, door prizes, and prizes for winning players. Reservations are appreciated but not required. To reserve a spot call Lana Crandall at 815-947-3702 or Penny Duchow at 815-947-3919.

News briefs

"Believers Basic" Bible Study

This Bible study offering will be held on Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. at the Lena Community Center, LL at 497 Lions Dr. The study will include looking at scripture verses from 1 Kings, Jeremiah, and Psalms. Call Pastor Cliff 716-229-9281 for information.

Backyard Birds of Illinois

The Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education will be sponsoring the program, Backyard Birds of Illinois, on Saturday, Mar. 5, 10 a.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport. Bird enthusiast, Rich Hofmaster, will give information and show pictures of the many species of birds you might see in your own backyard. This is a free event and open to the public. No reservations required. The current Covid 19 guidelines will be followed the day of the meeting.

Euchre Card Party at Stockton Middle School

On Sunday, Feb. 20 the Stockton Music Boosters will

host a Euchre party with doors opening at 1 p.m. and game play starting at 1:30 p.m. The cost to enter is five dollars. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 tickets, door prizes, and prizes for winning players. Reservations are appreciated but not required. To reserve a spot call Lana Crandall at 815-947-3702 or Penny Duchow at 815-947-3919.

Freeport Salvation Army giveaway

The Salvation Army in Freeport is offering a Winter Coat Giveaway on Tuesday Feb. 8 and Thursday Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pantry Day will be held on Friday Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lena American Legion brunch

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will honor female veterans with a brunch on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. This will be held at the Lena American Legion Home at 316 W. Main St., Lena. There will be no charge for this brunch. Call 815-369-4684 or email jamcps54@yahoo.com with questions or to make reservations. Reservations are requested by Feb. 21.

BARBARA A. AHLSTROM

Barbara A. Ahlstrom, age 82, passed away on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at her home surrounded by family. Barbara was born Oct. 7, 1939, to Harold and Mildred (Noller) Uecker. She was raised in rural Jo Daviess County. She married John H. Ahlstrom Jr. on Aug. 31, 1957 and together they had 4 children. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Warren.

Barbara is survived by her children, Jeff (Marguerite) Ahlstrom, Jackie Ahlstrom, Judy (Daryl) Ahlstrom-Kuhn, and Jennifer (Thomas) Ahlstrom Mayer. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband John Ahlstrom Jr.

Per Barbara's request no services will be held. Cremation rights to be accorded. A memorial has been established in her memory to the charity of your choice.

Compeer Financial awards FHN foundation \$10K grant

FHN Foundation has received a \$10,000 grant from Compeer Financial, a member-owned Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural commu-

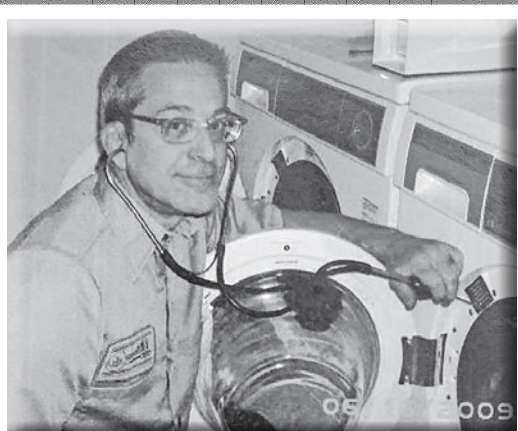
nities with a location in Freeport. The funds will be used to help purchase electrocardiogram (EKG) machines for use at FHN Memorial Hospital and various FHN Family Healthcare Centers and Specialty Care Centers. The FHN Foundation has set a \$256,000 goal for the purchase of 16 EKG machines, and the Compeer grant brings the current total to nearly \$110,000.

The family of Ruth Wright would like to honor her with a card shower for her 80th Birthday on February 15th.



Cards and letters of congratulations can be mailed to:
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Happy Birthday!



Donald Ray Gross aka DOCTOR DON'S APPLIANCE REPAIR

passed from this earth from a massive heart attack on December 31st 2021.

We would like to thank all our friends, neighbors, and family for their comforting words of sympathy, prayers, flowers, memorials and cards. This earth has lost a loving brother, uncle and great uncle but heaven has welcomed a new fix-it man and song leader for the heavenly choir and he's rejoicing in God's presence and our parent's embrace!

Till we meet again, Donnie!

Lonnie & Bonnie Gross and family
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Incidentally; Teaching your child to brush and floss

While previous columns have dealt with the many ways parents can promote their child's oral health, today I want to focus on brushing and flossing your children's teeth. Most of you have probably heard the saying, "Children thrive on structure." When it comes to establishing a daily oral hygiene routine it's important to start early and create a routine that is consistent and predictable. If you start by wiping your baby's mouth out with a damp cloth after each feeding, they will come to accept this as a normal, expected routine. As soon as your child's first tooth erupts, brush it gently, twice a day with a child-sized, soft bristle toothbrush and a drop of fluoridated toothpaste the size of a grain of rice. When your child turns three you can increase the drop of toothpaste to the size of a small pea. As soon as your toddler has teeth



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that are in contact with each other, it is time to add flossing to your routine. This will occur in their front teeth first. Your dentist or hygienist will be happy to demonstrate how to do this. You can also find a helpful video that teaches parents tips on brushing infants' and children's teeth at <https://toothtalk.org/portfolio-view/brushing-is-fun-how-to-brush-young-childrens-teeth/> You can find a video on flossing your child's teeth at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqmNqu926iE>. The important thing to remember is to be consistent. Resist the temptation to "just

skip it" when you are tired, on vacation or your toddler suddenly decides to say "no" to everything. If you have or are currently raising children, you'll know what I'm talking about. Sometimes they are determined to not get their face washed, their diaper changed, or their teeth brushed, but you do it anyway to keep them healthy. Your consistency helps them to learn that hygiene is just a part of their daily life. While it is non-negotiable, it does help to add a little fun. Give your toddler a toothbrush with their favorite character on it to hold while you brush their teeth. Never let your toddler have a toothbrush when they are not supervised. This can lead to severe injury. Try some of the various kinds of "kid flavored" ADA-approved fluoride toothpaste. Most importantly, make sure that your child sees you brushing

and flossing. To help your child brush for the recommended two minutes, the ADA has provided a variety of toothbrushing songs and videos. You can find these at <https://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/Kids-Brushing-Playlist>. Videos and books that teach children why we brush and floss offer a fun way for them to learn about oral hygiene. There is also a free app, called Chompers, that you can find on any podcast service or Alexa. Chompers keeps track of how often your child brushes and provides awards, games, songs riddles and fun facts to entertain them as they brush. Some parents find it helpful to create their own two-minute song or story brushing playlist. Some parents just use the timer on their phone and sing. All of these help your child become

aware and accustomed to how long two minutes is. Some parents report that sticker charts help motivate their children. The ADA suggests adopting the "Brush, Bath, Book" routine as an effective way to establish and maintain the nighttime session of their oral hygiene habit. This can easily be adapted to the morning session as breakfast, brush, book (or favorite activity.) Even the most cooperative toddler can have an off day. If your little one suddenly decides to clamp his mouth shut, turn it into a game. Ask him or her to roar like a lion while you brush or be the superhero who saves your teeth from the plaque monsters. As they brush and floss the germs away on your teeth, play it up. Some over-dramatic "oohs" "aahs" and "go away germs" can turn a "no" to a "my turn now."

As your child grows, learning how to brush and floss is just one of the many ways they are learning to take care of themselves. While your child may be starting to learn how to brush, they will not be able to brush their teeth until they have the dexterity to tie their own shoes. Once they start brushing, it doesn't mean that they are ready to fly solo. At this point you let them brush and floss, then you help guide and assist them to reach the places they are missing. Remember, parents, apply toothpaste, not children. Keep toothpaste and toothbrushes out of your child's reach. Parents brush and floss until children are able to tie their shoes, but they will still need to supervise and assist. Each child is unique and the age at which they have the dexterity to brush and floss effectively on their own will vary.

Freeport man struck by gun fire

On Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at approximately 5:55 p.m., the Freeport Police Department responded to a shots fired call in the Unit Block of West Dexter Street. Upon arrival, responding officers located a 24-year-old Freeport man who had sustained multiple life-threatening gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to the Freeport Memorial Hospital where he was then flown to a Rockford area hospital. The victim is listed as in critical condition at this time. The incident appears to be gang related and a suspect vehicle has been impounded. The Freeport Police Department is currently

looking for two persons of interest, as well as a witness who has yet to come forward. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to contact either the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, or Stateline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW. Tips to Stateline Area Crime Stoppers can also be submitted online at www.statelineareacrimestoppers.com or on the P-3 mobile app. Tipsters to Stateline Area Crime Stoppers always remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1000.

College news

Local students make fall 2021 dean's list
Augustana College (dean's list)
Kelsey King
Titus Jilderda
Jenna Revell

Career Technical Education Academy (outstanding students)
Amber Hupperich
Breyden Baker
Dominic Geerts
Emilee Rodriguez

Fallon Miller
Gracie Wilkinson
Hunter Curtis
Jaylyn Carter
Justin White
Madisen Glasgow
Thomas Winter
Tim Roach
Trace Williamson
Vanessa Ernst

Concordia University (honor list)
Alex Nesbit
Kelsey Bollon

Drake University (dean's list)
Makayla Milam
Sidney Weegens

University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Nicholas Giroto
Molly Thomasson
Lauren Guy
Noah Milder
Allison Stewart
Aspyn Weegant
Gracie Bidlingmaier

Armed robbery at Freeport Super 8 Motel

On Feb. 6, 2022, at approximately 4:25 a.m. an armed robbery occurred at the Super 8 Motel, located at 1551 South Sleezer Home Road. Three male suspects wearing dark clothing and face masks entered the lobby and confronted an employee. One suspect was armed with a handgun and struck the employee on the head. The victim was transported to a local hospital where they

were treated and released with non-life-threatening injuries. The suspects were able to obtain an undisclosed amount of property. The suspects then fled the business. The Detectives from the Freeport Police Department are investigating the incident. If anyone has information about these crimes, they should contact the Freeport Police Department or Stateline Area Crime Stoppers.

Tips can be submitted to Stateline Area Crime Stoppers by phone to: 1-866-TIPSNOW, through the Stateline Area Crime Stoppers "P3 Tips" mobile phone app,

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Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTS WRITER
1997 was the last time the Orangeville girls varsity basketball squad won the conference championship. Now, 25 years later, the Lady Broncos can call themselves conference champs once again.

It was a week of celebration for the Lady Broncos. Not only did they capture the NUIC Championship, but they set the school record for wins in a regular season with 26. Orangeville Head Coach Jay Doyle spoke about the family atmosphere that runs deep with this team and their records. Laney Cahoon, a freshman point guard, played a part in breaking the win record that was set by her own Mother's team back in 1988-89. It goes deeper than that, though. Jay's daughter, Ella Doyle, is one of the team's starters. Kylie Wirth, Leah Baker, and Whitney Sullivan also have parents that went to school in Orangeville. "There is a lot of Orangeville connections on our team, from top to bottom." Jay said, adding "Any time you win, and you haven't been good for a while, there is a lot of excitement." That excitement is something that Jay says the entire community has bought in

on, and it benefits the team. "It took a little bit to get going, but since January, we have had really good crowds and the community has really backed us up. It's a great thing and the girls just enjoy it, it couldn't have happened to a better group."

This type of success is the result of a work-in-progress. While that work remains in progress, it began a lot longer ago than you may think. Jay explained how these girls have been working on their game for more than a decade. "I always talk to the girls about, it doesn't matter what you do in junior high, it doesn't matter what you did as a freshman-sophomore. You work on a lot of things then. Record does not matter, it only matters when you're in high school, at the varsity level. These girls have continued to work since OAA, back in the fifth grade. They were never the best team; they were never the worst team. They were that middle of the ground team that just kept working. You never know who you're playing with. So, don't get too riled up in junior high or fresh-soph, because by the time it comes together in varsity, that's when it matters, and this group has really

gelled as a team. I, as a coach, put a game plan together, but it's really them that have made this happen."

Jay credits the team's family atmosphere and chemistry to the parents. "When you have the right parents, that's a big thing, and we have a great group of parents from ninth grade to twelfth grade. They really back what we are doing, they have great kids who are coachable, and that's a big thing. Everybody has bought into what we are doing, and I think part of that is seeing the success at the varsity level." Jay shared.

This type of success was not expected, however. Jay spoke about his goals for the team pre-season, and how they wound up blowing those goals out of the water. "My goal to begin the year, I know this sounds crazy when we're 27-4 and winning the North, but my goal at the beginning of the year was to win 10 games. Now, you kind of laugh about it, but we had not won 10 games since 2011. We won 16 games in 2011, and we won 16 games in 2008. That was one of the things I looked at when I took over the program three years ago. I looked from 2000 to now, and those were the only

two winning records. Other than that, it was three to five wins, with a couple of zeros in there."

Jay explained how they built off the shortened, COVID season. "We came off a decent year last year, but we only played 11 games because of covid. We were 5-6, so my goal was to hit that 10 win mark, because everyone knows we haven't won over 10 games in 10 years. Well, we hit the 10 mark before January first", Jay said. That is when this Lady Bronco team began to learn what they were capable of.

"I don't think the girls are shocked, but I think they understood the fact that when they play together, even out shots and play unselfish basketball, what they can do. That's the one thing they bought into, is to be a pass first team. Our motto for the whole year is 'We before me', and that is the one thing we have talked about this whole time. Your individual accomplishments will come at the end of the year."

Perhaps the most impressive part about this Lady Bronco team is that it truly is a team effort. There is no one player that stands out above the rest. Each player holds

an important spot on their roster. Jay spoke about the team mentality, saying "With these girls, if you watched us all year, every girl has led us in scoring for at least a game or two. It's always like a 14, 13, 12, and 10 type game that can be everybody from Kylie [Wirth], to Laney [Cahoon], to Ella [Doyle], to Whitney [Sullivan], to Leah [Baker].

Everybody has pitched in and that's the biggest thing we have done this year."

The conference championship sprung the Broncos into Regional play at the top of their game as they were riding an eight-game winning streak to end the regular season. Congratulations to Jay Doyle and the Lady Broncos on an accomplishment nearly three decades in the making.

Orangeville boys extend winning streak

Trenten Scheidegger
SPORTS WRITER

The Orangeville Broncos boys varsity basketball squad extended their winning streak to six game when they beat the Durand Bulldogs, the Pearl City Wolves, and the River Ridge Wildcats, last week. The winning streak comes as a breath of fresh air for the Broncos, who began their season with a record of just 6-7.

On Monday, Feb. 7, the Broncos hit the road to face off with the Durand Bulldogs. Despite coming in with very similar winning percentages, the Bulldogs had experience on their side with an overall record of 12-13. This was the second meeting between these teams this season, however. In fact, it was their second meeting in just sixteen days as the Broncos played host to the Bulldogs back on Jan. 22. The Broncos defended their home court with 60-42 victory. Orangeville was hopeful for a similar result this time around.

While both teams took their time getting settled in during the first quarter, it was the second quarter that brought the excitement. Both teams combined for 28 points in the quarter after combining for just 14 in the first. The first half was a back-and-forth race that saw the Broncos

head into the break tied at 21-21.

The Orangeville offense would catch fire in the third quarter, where they combined for 27 points. They were led by Nate Anderson who led all scorers with 22 points. Brayden Cahoon was not far behind with 18 points of his own. The duo combined for over sixty percent of Orangeville's offense in the game. Gunar Lobdell was the next leading scorer with 12 points as the Broncos went on to win 63-31.

Just two days later, the Broncos were set up to face off with the Pearl City Wolves on Wednesday, Feb. 9. Orangeville jumped out to a big lead early on. Another 20-point performance by Anderson would help lead the way as the Broncos wasted little time taking control. By halftime Orangeville held a 36-13 lead as they neared a season sweep over the Wolves.

The second half was much of the same as the Broncos continued to dominate. Pearl City did not score a single point in the fourth quarter as Orangeville went on to win by a score of 64-28. The Broncos were led in scoring by Anderson, who finished the game with 20 points. Cahoon was

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Lena's Jordan Streckwald helps Dance Marathon 28 generate \$1.3 million

Jordan Streckwald of Lena was one of more than 900 current University of Iowa students who participated in the 28th annual student-led Dance Marathon which generated more than \$1.3 million for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. The final tally raised by the students was \$1,361,184.28, a total which pushed the amount of support generated by Dance Marathon over the

course of its 28-year history to more than \$33 million. "Dance Marathon will continue to create so many miracles for our families. I am so glad that we all got to be a part of it together. Thank you so much," said Anna Dodge, the executive director of "DM28," which transitioned to a virtual event just 30 days before DM's "Big Event" weekend (Feb. 4-5, 2022).

Dance Marathon works to create special projects to provide emotional and financial support to families treated at the UI Stead Family Children's Hospital with an emphasis on pediatric cancer and bone marrow transplant patients. In addition, Dance Marathon pledged \$2.2 million to fund a Child Life Specialist Position to ensure patients are provided the emotional support they need.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany worship service on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 9:30 a.m. The service can be joined in person or via Facebook Live. After worship, Never Too Young will meet and the discussion topic will be memories and history of Good Shepherd.

On Tuesday, Feb. 22, Bible Study group will meet at 10 a.m. The reading is from the end of Genesis. On Wednesday, Feb. 23, Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On Saturday, Feb. 26, Good Shepherd will be volunteering at the Le-Win Food Pantry.

All the services will be recorded and will be available on the church's Facebook page and website. Please visit the website <http://goodshepherdlena.org/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL> for more information. Contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City will lead worship for the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. The worship service will be led by Pastor Shellie Knight and will include the Chancel Choir. After worship, Sunday School and Confirmation will meet.

The February Grace Meal will be held on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with all meals at curbside pick-up. The menu will be spaghetti, green beans, applesauce, bread, and pudding. All reservations must be made to the church office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18

by phone at 815-443-2215 (please leave a reservation on voicemail) or by email at prshadmin@gmail.com. The meal is supported by a grant from the Freeport Community Foundation.

The Women's Gathering will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 9:45 a.m. at the church for their monthly bible study, fellowship, and a brief meeting. All are welcome.

A special group discussion on spiritual practices that enrich the relationship with the Triune God will be held on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. and Feb. 16 at 9:30 a.m. The discussion will include an exploration of inner roadblocks that keep one from getting started on the spiritual journey.

Come for an evening of food, fellowship and fundraising on Monday Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. in Luther Hall. The multi-talented Sue Bourquin from Nonna's Kitchen will be introducing Epicure food products offered in the fundraiser pack and delighting us with a cooking demonstration and food tasting. There is no cost for this event. This event will also be livestreamed for those joining from afar. The sign up is posted in the Narthex.

St. John's welcomes Kate Frautschy, registered Yoga teacher and certified HoopYogi instructor, for a 6-week journey into the practice of embodiment movement. Intro to Embodiment will begin on Thursday, Feb. 24 at St. John's upstairs in the Youth and Family Center. All body types welcome. Find more details and register online at www.eclectickate.com/shop/p/pcyoga.

Join St. John's for a fun afternoon of card playing and fellowship on Thursday, Feb. 24 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Luther Hall. There will be a variety of card games to play.



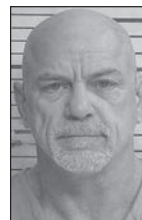
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Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to the Spelling Bee winners from Pearl City. The winners include (left to right) Hendrix Feld with first 1st place, Xander Krolow as the runner-up, and Miles Corbin as the alternate. Hendrix and Xander will compete in the Regionals Spelling Bee on Feb. 15. It will be an online competition this year.

Crime report

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney, Chris Allendorf, would like to inform the public of the following information.



Mark Herrick

Probation Violation

On Feb. 10, 2022, Mark A. Herrick, Galena, Illinois was resentenced on a Probation Violation. Herrick had previously pled guilty in April of 2021 to a Class 2 Felony - Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine w/ Intent to Deliver - and was sentenced to 158 days jail and 3 years' probation.

Herrick was re-sentenced by Judge Kevin Ward to 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This sentence will be followed by two (2) years of Mandatory Supervised Release, formerly

known as Parole.

On Feb. 10, 2022, Devin Oppold, Stockton, Illinois was resentenced on a Probation Violation. Oppold had previously pled guilty in January of 2021 to a Class 4 Felony - Criminal Damage to Property - and was sentenced to 90 days jail (stayed) and 2 years' probation.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Valentine's Day and Super Bowl have come and gone, and we are halfway through the month. I think we are in for a roller coaster of weather, so we will continue to have some good belly warming recipes. This week we have a great appetizer, a salad, some great main dishes, and some good sweets.

Creamy Orange Salad

This salad is pretty and it has a great orange and pine-

apple flavor.

1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges

1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple

Water

1 pkg. (6 oz.) orange Jell-O

1 pint orange sherbet, softened

2 bananas sliced

Drain oranges and pineapple, reserving juices. Set oranges and pineapple aside.

Add water to juices to measure 2 C. Place in a saucepan and bring to a boil; pour over gelatin in a large bowl. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in sherbet until smooth. Chill until partially set, fold in oranges, pineapple, and bananas.

Pour into an oiled 6-Cup mold. Refrigerate until firm. Turn mold onto serving platter or cake stand. Garnish with mandarin orange slices and fresh mint.

Creamy Spinach Chicken Dinner

This delicious chicken pasta casserole is easy to make and tasty. You can use any kind of pasta noodle that will trap the cheesy soup combo on it. The spinach can be the baby spinach also.

This recipe is an easy stove top one. Serve with salad and bread, and you have a full meal in under an hour.

1½ C. uncooked penne pasta

1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes

½ C. chopped onion

2 t. olive oil

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 C. heavy whipping cream

10 C. coarsely chopped fresh spinach

2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

1/8 t. pepper

Cook pasta according to package directions. In a Dutch oven over medium heat, cook and stir chicken and onion in oil for 5 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Stir in soup and cream. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat; simmer and covered for 2 minutes. Stir in spinach, cheese, and pepper; cook for 1 to 2 minutes until spinach is wilted and cheese is melted. Drain pasta; add to chicken mixture and toss to coat. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Pinwheel Steak Potpie

The food shows are showing a lot of meat pies. This one is an easy one because you use crescent rolls for the topping.

2 T. butter

1¼ lbs. sirloin steak, cut into ½ inch cubes

¼ t. pepper

1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen vegetables

2 T. water

½ t. dried thyme

1 jar 12 oz. mushroom or beef gravy

1 tube refrigerated crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 375. In a 10-inch ovenproof skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Brown beef in batches; remove from pan. Sprinkle with pepper; tent with foil to keep warm. In the same skillet combine vegetables, water and thyme; stir in gravy. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are thawed. Stir in beef; remove from heat.

Unroll crescent dough and separate into eight triangles. Starting from the wide end of each triangle, roll up a third of the length and place over beef mixture with pointed ends toward the center. Bake uncovered for 16 to 18 minutes or until golden brown.

Layered Mint Candies

These candies would be great for St. Patrick's Day or Easter. They are not hard and taste great. Sometimes when I make anything mint, I substitute spearmint extract instead of peppermint.

1 T. butter

1½ lbs. white candy coat-

ing, coarsely chopped, divided

1 C. semisweet chocolate chips

1 t. peppermint extract

4 drops green food coloring

3 T. heavy whipping cream

Line a 9 x 13 pan with foil; grease foil with butter. Microwave 1 lb. candy coating and chocolate chips until smooth, stirring every 20 seconds. Spread half into prepared pan, reserving half. In another bowl, microwave remaining white chocolate coating until melted; stir in extract and food coloring. Stir in cream until smooth (mixture will be stiff). Spread over first layer; refrigerate until firm, about 10 minutes. Warm the reserved chocolate mixture if necessary; spread over mint layer.

Using foil, lift candy out of pan and remove foil. Cut candy into 1-inch squares. Refrigerate in an airtight container until ready to use; refrigerate any leftovers.

Cherry Chewilees

I have no idea where they got the name of these bars, but I guess it is a combination of chewy and cherry. These are perfect for President's Day. I always use the cherry pie filling that says it has extra cherries in it. I find that it is worth spending a little money for more cherries and less filling.

1¼ C. flour

½ C. packed brown sugar

½ C. butter flavored shortening

1 C. chopped nuts, divided

½ C. sweetened shredded coconut

Filling:

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened

2/3 C. sugar

2 eggs, room temperature

2 t. vanilla

2 cans (21 oz. each) cherry pie filling

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 9 x 13 pan with foil; letting ends extend up sides; grease foil. Combine flour and brown sugar in a bowl; cut in the shortening until fine crumbs form. Stir in ½ C. nuts and coconut. Set aside ½ C. crumb mixture for topping. Press remaining mixture into prepared pan. Bake until lightly browned, 12 to 15 minutes.

Filling: beat cream cheese, sugar, eggs, and vanilla until smooth. Spread over hot crust. Bake 15 minutes. Spread cheery pie filling on top. Combine remaining nuts and reserved crumbs, sprinkle over cherries. Bake 15 minutes more. Cool completely on a wire rack. Refrigerate until chilled. Lifting with foil, remove mixture from pan. Cut into bars.

LEGAL NOTICES

Village of Lena Notice of Public Hearing Definition of Downtown District

A Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of Trustees of Lena, IL on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL.

The Public Hearing shall be for the purpose of defining the Downtown District within the Village of Lena.

Anyone wishing to appear and be heard on the issue should appear at that time.

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Devin Oppold

Oppold was re-sentenced by Judge Kevin Ward to 2 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This sentence will be followed by one (1) years of Mandatory Supervised Release, formerly known as Parole.

Domestic battery



Gerald Mills

On Feb. 10, 2022, Gerard Mills pled guilty as part of a plea agreement to Domestic Battery (Enhanced) - a Class 2 Felony. Mills was eligible for an enhanced felony charge due to his previ-

ous convictions for the same crime.

As a result of his plea of guilty, Mills was sentenced by Judge Kevin Ward to 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This sentence will be followed by four (4) years of Mandatory Supervised Release, formerly known as Parole.

• Streak (Continued from page 4)

Broncos were back on the court to face off with the River Ridge Wildcats. It was the first time these teams have faced off this season. The Wildcats came into the game with a record of just 8-12, while the Broncos were the favorites at 11-7.

The first quarter was back and forth. River Ridge jumped out to a slim, two-point lead as they took a 13-11 lead into the second quarter. The Broncos managed to flip the lead before halftime, however. Orangeville outscored the Wildcats 17-11 in the second quarter as the Broncos took a 28-24 lead into the break.

River Ridge would cut into the Orangeville lead in the third quarter. They outscored the Broncos 13-10, which was enough to bring them within one. The Broncos still held the advantage, however, as they took a 38-37 lead into the final quarter.

the next leading scorer with 14, including a trio of three pointers. Jake George was next up for the Broncos with 10 points, including a pair of three pointers of his own. The Wolves were led by Brenner and Petta who both finished the game with eight points. Downs was next up for the Wolves with six points.

After another day off the

The fourth quarter was all Orangeville. The Broncos dominated the rest of the way as their offense combined for 20 points in the final quarter. Some solid free throw shooting by Anderson, who was six-for-six from the line, helped lead the way. As the Broncos outscored the Cats 20-11, they went on to win by a score of 58-49.

Anderson led Orangeville in scoring again with 19 points. Cahoon was next up in scoring with 14 points. Lobdell was close behind with 11 and Carson Rote had 10 as the Broncos had four scorers reach double digits.

The winning streak has given the Broncos some comfort in their overall record as they go further and further above five hundred. The Broncos will travel to face off with Pecatonica on Wednesday, Feb. 16 for the last game of the regular season.

• Order (Continued from front page)

In Vernon Hills, students were told they could stay with masks and attend class. They had the option to stay in the gym unmasked or choose option "C", which was leaving school and call it a "mental health day."

Elected representatives of District 202 are expected to follow the lead of instruction given through the Illinois Governor's office, talk about it and then make a ruling.

The Board of Education will meet Tuesday, Feb. 22 and citizens are encouraged to voice their concerns during the early moments of the public gathering.

Residents of District 202 who wish to address their leadership council are asked to make their intentions known ahead of "tip-off" of the monthly proceedings, staled for initiation at 7 p.m.



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