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# Warrior boys improve to 7-2

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

After beginning the year 0-2, the Warren Warriors have turned things around. The Warriors are now riding a seven-game winning streak thanks to their recent wins over Galena and Argyle. On Saturday, Dec. 17 the Warriors were set to defend their home court with the Galena Pirates coming to town. It was a highly anticipated matchup as the Pirates came into the matchup with a 5-3 overall record, while the Warriors were 5-2 themselves.

It was Warren who jumped out to the early lead, thanks mostly to their shooting from deep. The Warriors combined for a trio of three pointers in the first quarter, including a pair of threes from Treyton Pafford. With a pair of free throws included, Pafford had an eight-point first quarter. Altogether, the Warriors put up 15 as they took a three-point lead into the second.

The Warriors continued to find success from deep in the second. Reed McNutt drained his first three of the night on his way to seven second quarter points. Pafford drained his third three-pointer of the night as well. Galena tried to keep pace with 12 points in the second quarter, but Warren would take a 29-24 lead into the halftime break.

Coming out for the second half, the Warriors would continue to rely on their hot hand shooters. McNutt added another seven points to his total in the third quarter. Pafford would eventually drain his fourth three-pointer of the night. Galena managed to cut into the Warriors' lead, how-

ever, as they outscored Warren 15-14. Still, the Warriors would take a 43-39 lead into the final quarter.

The fourth featured an exciting offensive shootout. While the Pirates tried to catch up, the Warriors had their best offensive quarter of the night to hold onto their lead. Both teams combined for 44 points in the final quarter.

Warren's Brady Steitz came to life in the fourth quarter. After having just four points in the first three quarters combined, Steitz put

up ten in the fourth. Pafford went a perfect four-for-four at the line in the fourth as well. McNutt continued to score, adding another seven points including his third three-pointer of the night. Galena made their best efforts at a comeback, but it was too little, too late as the Warriors held on for a 66-60 victory. McNutt and Pafford each led the way as they both finished with 21 points on the night. Steitz was next up with 14 points, while Tyler VenHuizen finished with nine.

Two days later, the War-

rriors were back in business as they traveled to Wisconsin to face off with the Argyle Orioles. At 3-1, the Orioles looked to be a quality test for the Warriors. This time the Warriors continued to find success from deep, but from other offensive weapons. It was VenHuizen and Steitz each hit early three-pointers. Pafford had eight first half points, including a perfect four-for-four at the free throw line. Landen Mahoney added six first half points of his own. The Orioles caught fire from deep, as well. Argyle drained

five three pointers in the first half as they kept pace with the Warriors. Eventually, Argyle would take a slim 33-32 lead into the halftime break.

The second half became a physical matchup as both teams went to the line a number of times. Mahoney made five trips to the charity stripe alone, going six for ten at the line. VenHuizen would hit a pair of second half three-pointers, and Pafford added 11 second half points of his own. The Warriors defensive adjustments wound up paying dividends in this

one as they held the Orioles to just one three pointer after allowing five in the first half. Warren outscored the Orioles 37-19 in the second half on their way to a 69-52 victory. Pafford led the Warriors in scoring with 20 points. Mahoney was next up with 16 and VenHuizen finished with 13. McNutt was the fourth Warrior to reach double digit points as he finished with 11.

The Warriors will be back on their home court on Thursday, Jan. 5 when they play host to the West Carroll Thunder.



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## Servant Leaders dedicated to community service

Stockton's Servant Leaders dedicated their time to wrap over \$2100 worth of Christmas gifts for the children of the SNOW program families. This year the group shopped and wrapped gifts for 13 families and 30 children total. Leaders (from left to right) Ashlyn Schubert, Lincoln Legal, and Jared Dvorak prepare presents to hand off to Santa.

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# New year to bring new laws in Illinois **Obituary**

## Elimination of cash bail one of many changes taking effect Jan. 1

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

By now, almost everyone in Illinois has heard that Jan. 1 will mark the beginning of a significant change in the state's criminal justice system — the elimination of cash bail.

It's an issue that dominated the 2022 campaigns and has been both praised and criticized on editorial pages in newspapers across the state. It essentially means that starting Jan. 1, the decision as to whether a criminal suspect should be held in jail while awaiting trial will be based on public safety and the likelihood the suspect will flee rather than their financial ability to post bond.

And while that criminal justice reform has received widespread attention, it is by no means the only new law that will take effect when the calendar turns over to 2023.

For most people who work a minimum wage job, the new year will bring a pay raise to \$13 per hour, a \$1 increase over the current wage. That's the result of a law Gov. JB Pritzker signed in 2019, his first major legislative victory after being sworn into office a month earlier. The law will eventually raise the wage to \$15 an hour on Jan. 1, 2025.

The new \$13 hourly rate does not apply to all minimum wage earners. People who receive tips at work will see their base wage rise to \$7.80 an hour. And people younger than 18 who work fewer than 650 hours per year will see their wage go up to \$10.50 an hour.

The higher wage will probably come as welcome news for those who drive a car to and from work. That's because the new year will also

bring higher motor fuel taxes.

The same year Pritzker signed the minimum wage bill, he also signed a multi-year, \$45 billion transportation and capital improvements bill known as "Rebuild Illinois," which is funded in part with higher motor fuel taxes that are scheduled to increase with inflation each year.

The adjustment in the tax rate is supposed to take effect on July 1 of each year, the first day of the state's fiscal year. But last spring, in the face of rising inflation and healthy state revenues, lawmakers authorized a six-month delay in the scheduled increase, putting it off until Jan. 1.

As a result, starting Jan. 1, the motor fuel tax people pay at the pump will go up 3.1 cents per gallon, and then it will increase again when the next regular adjustment date comes around on July 1, 2023.

### Criminal law

Several new criminal laws will go into effect Jan. 1, including three that deal with sex offenses.

One of those prevents people who solicit sex from a minor or a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability from asserting a defense that they simply did not know the person was underage or intellectually disabled. House Bill 4593, signed into law May 27, puts the burden of proof on the defendant that they did not know the age or disability status of the other person, rather than the other way around.

Another new law changes the definition of when a person is "unable to give knowing consent." Under current law, a person cannot give knowing consent when the accused person "administers any intoxicating or anesthetic substance or any controlled substance" that causes the victim to lose consciousness of the nature of the act.

House Bill 5441, signed June 16, broadens that definition to include when the vic-

tim has taken any intoxicating or controlled substance causing them to lose consciousness of the nature of the act, even if the substances were administered by someone else.

Another bill expands certain employment restrictions that apply to convicted child sex offenders. Currently, they are prohibited from being employed by, or even being present at, child day care centers, schools that provide before- and after-school programs for children or any facility that provides programs or services exclusively for people under age 18.

Senate Bill 3019, signed May 27, expands that to prohibit convicted child sex offenders from working at carnivals, amusement enterprises, county fairs and the State Fair when people under age 18 are present.

Another new law expands the list of professionals who are required to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect. Starting Jan. 1, under Senate Bill 3833, signed May 13, occupational therapists and assistants, physical therapists and assistants, and athletic trainers will be added to that list.

### Carjacking

Three new laws taking effect Jan. 1 are intended to address a spike in carjackings around the state. All were signed on May 26.

House Bill 601 expands the crime of possession of burglary tools to include possession, with the intention to enter and steal a vehicle, of devices to unlock or start a vehicle, or devices that capture or duplicate a signal from a key fob to unlock or start the vehicle.

House Bill 3699 expands an existing state council charged with providing grants and financial support to law enforcement agencies to aid in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting carjackers and recover stolen vehicles.

And House Bill 3772 ensures that victims of carjackings are not liable for costs

and fines associated with impounding a vehicle that was stolen or hijacked, provided the owner files a police report in a timely manner.

### Education

To address a shortage of substitute teachers throughout the state, House Bill 4798, signed April 27, allows students enrolled in approved teacher training programs who have earned at least 90 credit hours to obtain a substitute teaching license. Before, applicants had to hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.

House Bill 4716, signed May 27, calls on the Illinois State Board of Education to adopt "rigorous learning standards" for classroom and laboratory phases of driver education programs for novice teen drivers. Those will include, at a minimum, the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards developed by the Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education in association with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

### Higher education

In an effort to get more people to pursue careers in human services, Senate Bill 3925, signed June 10, establishes a student loan repayment program. Subject to appropriations, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will award loan repayment grants to qualified individuals with an associate degree or higher who works for a human services agency that contracts with or is grant-funded by a state agency that provides "direct or indirect services that ensure that individuals have essential elements to build and maintain physical, emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of life."

Awards can be made for a maximum of four years. Maximum amounts are \$3,000 per year for someone with an associate degree, \$15,000 per year for a person with a bachelor's degree and \$25,000 per

year for a person with a master's degree or higher, with a \$5,000 per-year add-on if the applicant holds certain professional licenses.

Meanwhile, students currently enrolled in any program at a public university or community college will have access to trained individuals who can help them apply for federal, state or local assistance based on their financial need. House Bill 4201, signed June 7, requires those institutions to designate a "benefits navigator" to help students identify and determine their eligibility for various benefit programs.

### Alzheimer's care

Senate Bill 3707, signed May 27, requires all employees and people who work for agencies that contract with the Illinois Department on Aging who provide direct services to individuals participating in its Community Care Program to receive at least two hours of training in Alzheimer's disease and dementia, as well as safety risks, communication and behavior associated with the disease.

### Hunting

Starting Jan. 1, deer hunters in Illinois will have a new option for the type of firearm they use. House Bill 4386, signed May 27, authorizes the use of single-shot centerfire rifles — guns that can fire only a single round of ammunition that contains primer in the center of the cartridge and not in the rim of the cartridge. Before, only shotguns, handguns and muzzleloading rifles were allowed.

### State symbols

Illinois will have two new official state symbols effective Jan. 1. House Bill 4821 establishes the eastern milk-snake as the official state snake. That was an initiative of Gentry Heiple, a snake enthusiast and Carterville Junior High School seventh grader. And House Bill 4261 establishes dolostone as the official state rock. That was an initiative of a group of students from Pleasantdale Middle School and Maplebrook Elementary School.

### Vehicles

People who own vehicles that were manufactured in Illinois will be able to apply for a slight break on their registration fees starting Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3609 allows those drivers to apply for a one-time \$25 rebate, "if the vehicle is manufactured in this state and the application for title is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured."

## DUANE E. WILLIAMS

Duane E. Williams, 86 of Lena formerly of Naperville and Wheaton, IL passed away on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, in Freeport, IL with his wife by his side. He was born on May 5, 1936, to J. Leslie and Opal (Faulk) Williams in Pekin, IL. On Sept. 20, 1986, he married Carla Batek in Clarendon Hills, IL.

Duane retired with 40 years at Ameritech and then went on to do golf course maintenance at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena, IL for 15 years. He was an avid golfer and hunter.

He is survived by his wife Carla, three children from a previous marriage - Jay (Ron Pointdexter) Williams of Seattle, WA, Douglas Williams of Canton, IL, and Campbell Forrester of Laguna Hills, CA, and niece Patricia (Gordon) Henson of Kentucky. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Betty (Harold) Palmer.

Cremation Rites have been accorded A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Burial will take place at a later date at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Canton, IL. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## Church news

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St., Lena, IL, on Sunday, Jan. 1 at 9:30 a.m. for Third Sunday of Advent. The reading will be from Luke 2:15-21.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3 Bible Study group will meet at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, Jan. 4 Peace Corps Quilting Group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and all are welcome to attend.

Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

### St. John's Lutheran Church

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# Annual 4-H Awards and Recognition Event featured volunteer and youth award winners

On Saturday, Oct. 22, over 75 volunteers, members, and families gathered at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau building for the annual Stephenson County 4-H Award and Recognition Event. Together they enjoyed an awards ceremony, program updates, and a sweet treat from Megan Marie's Bakery. The 4-H Awards event is an annual occasion where 4-H members are awarded for outstanding accomplishments while 4-H volunteers are recognized for their valuable contributions to the Stephenson County 4-H Program.

Eight 4-H Ambassadors helped Brenda Heimann, Stephenson County's 4-H Program Coordinator, emcee the awards ceremony and help with desserts: Aaliyah Whitney of Pearl City, Rhayanna Cotter of Baileyville, Mya Mitchell of Freeport, Abby, Rachel, & Magen Busker of Ridott, Kinzy DeHaven of Ridott, and Jordan Heimann of Warren. "These young leaders did a fantastic job at the ceremony and show incredible growth in leadership skills from over this past year," stated Brenda Heimann. "The enthusiasm that these young leaders bring to 4-H events is contagious and helps encourage more members to get involved in activities and programs."

Over 150 4-H members and volunteer leaders received some sort of recognition for their accomplishments over the last 4-H year which ran from September 1, 2021, to August 31, 2022.

### Highlighted award winners include:

- 4-H Club of the Year:

- Snappy Snazzers 4-H Club**
- 4-H Youth Volunteer of the Year: Elena Tuten of German Valley Golden Eagles
  - 4-H Adult Volunteer of the Year: Dr. Ann Johnson of German Valley Golden Eagles
  - Top 4-H'er of the Year- 2 awards given: Rebekah Visel and Jordan Heimann of Lena Lucky Clovers
  - 4-H Alumni of the Year: Joyce Figi of the Davis Rockets
  - 4-H Family of the Year: Bausman Family of the Harlem Helpers
  - "I Dare You" Award: Magen Busker of the Country Cuzins
  - Top 1<sup>st</sup> Year 4-H'er: Shelby Stone of Country Cuzins
  - Officer Team of the Year: Rachel Busker, Jacob Mitchell, Maverick Weber, Magen Busker, Abby Busker, Coleton Meier, and Mya Mitchell of

- Country Cuzins**
- Program Book Cover: Colbie Roberts of Lena Lucky Clovers
  - Scrapbook of the Year: Large Club- Country Cuzins; Small Club- Davis Rockets
  - Club Recreation Chair of the Year: Abby Busker, Coleton Meier, and Mya Mitchell of Country Cuzins
  - Club Reporter of the Year: Whitney Doescher of Davis Rockets
  - Treasurer of the Year: Owen Gunderson of Florence Crickets
  - Secretary of the Year: Jordan Heimann of Lena Lucky Clovers
  - President/Vice-President of the Year: Rachel Busker and Jacob Mitchell of Country Cuzins

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The annual Stephenson County 4-H Award and Recognition Event, held on Oct. 22, 2022, was an opportunity to honor and recognize members for their participation in the program, their outstanding accomplishments, and their dedication to community. Pictured here are 4-H Ambassadors (back, left to right) Magen Busker, Rachel Busker, Jordan Heimann, Michelle Marck, Rhayanna Cotter, Kasen DeHaven, (front, left to right) Abby Busker, Kinzy DeHaven, Mya Mitchell, and Aaliyah Whitney.



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Illinois Holstein-Friesian Award winners included Rachel Busker, Magen Busker, Stella Prasse, Abby Busker, Matthew Busker, and Sarah McPeek.

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# OPINION



## Slices of life

# You don't have to make me better

When people see you hurting they want to make it better—to make you better. It's a kind and compassionate approach to life. I appreciate that.



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

But to my friends and loved ones, I have a message: You don't have to try to make me better.

In fact, you can't. But I appreciate you trying, I truly do. I feel your love. I feel your compassion and empathy. You can't make me better however much you long to try.

Because there is no making me better. There is no better. There is only right here, right now. I'm in the place where I am supposed to be. And it might be sad sometimes, but it's my place.

When I write about this place of grief that I currently find myself in, it may seem vulnerable and somber. I like to think of it as honest.

Honest is all I have, people. I don't have any reason to avoid honest.

I lost big. (How's that for honesty?) I'm not going to sugarcoat or shortchange it. I'm not going to pretend the loss wasn't significant, life-changing or horrendous.

It was all those things.

But I'm okay.

Truly. If I wasn't I'd let you know. I'd reach out.

Grief is terrible, but it isn't life-ending. At least not for me.

But that won't stop me from being honest. Because I think it's needed. I think we need to talk about grief and about how it affects our lives and about how terrible it really, truly is. Pretending it doesn't exist doesn't make that so. It doesn't make it the truth because it isn't the truth.

It doesn't allow us to avoid it because it is lurking

in the corner for everyone. Rich, poor and everything in-between. Status, power, strength, intelligence, wealth, religion—none of it provides a buffer from grief. And that is scary, so we avoid the topic.

I understand that. I even see the logic in that.

Grief is scary.

Still I think we have to bring it out in the open just a bit more. It's okay. It's a part of life—an unavoidable part, but one we all will confront one day. I'm sorry for that.

But I truly think being open and honest about this topic helps us all in the long run. It helps us help one another—which ever end of the grief train we happen to be on at the moment.

Grief sucks. Grief doesn't end.

But grief isn't the end, and it certainly isn't the end to living.

Grief endures, but life does as well.

After a loss, we go on living, but we are never done grieving.

Those of us in the thralls of it may never be over it. We will always be at least a little bit broken.

And you may read that and see it as bleak, but it isn't. Not really.

Being broken isn't the end. Losing what we were isn't bad. It may feel like it at first, but grief is a beginning just as much as it is an ending.

## Weekly connection

# The Greatest Gift at Christmas

Christmas Day finally arrived this year. Our twelve little grandchildren couldn't wait. I remember when I was a kid counting down the days and feeling like Christmas Day would never get here. There are so many things we do at Christmas that we don't do throughout the rest of the year that make it so special. First, we start listening to Christmas music weeks before the "Big Day" arrives. We buy presents for those we love and wrap them with fancy paper. We watch a classic Christmas movie or two. We probably have a Christmas party at our workplace or school. Maybe we go to a Christmas



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

concert, or we go caroling. Sometimes we make it to a Christmas parade or a festival of lights of some kind. We bake cookies, share them with neighbors and friends, and we probably send at least a few Christmas cards to our loved ones.

One of the things we love most in our family is going to Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at church. We read

the Christmas story and sing some of our favorite Christmas carols and really focus on worshipping God. At the end of the service, we always take communion to remember that Jesus was born to die on the cross to become the perfect sacrifice for the sins of man. We turn out the lights and light little candles that we hold as we sing, Silent Night Holy Night, all is calm all is bright. It certainly was a holy night when the shepherds were visited by the angels near Bethlehem long ago, and it always seems like Christmas Eve service brings God's holiness back into our lives in such a powerful way. Man, do we need that.

This year on Christmas

Eve Day, we had the blessing of having all of our family over to our farm for a Christmas celebration. It was wonderful. We are blessed beyond anything we deserve. We had four generations of family there and my wife and the ladies prepared some wonderful dishes of ham, turkey, beef brisket, rolls, beans, potatoes, and many desserts. Before we ate, the whole family gathered around in a large circle and bowed our heads before Almighty God. I prayed a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to Him for all the blessings He has showered upon us. Most importantly we thanked Him for the greatest gift of all, the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, very God born in human flesh and spirit to be our Savior.

Doesn't that very thought just boggle your mind? Here is our vast eternal God who created the universe and every other detail of creation. Here is God becoming a man in order to save us all from sin's curse and all because He loves us so much, beyond anything we can imagine.

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# SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group offering COVID-19 vaccine booster event in Monroe

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group is offering a COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Event on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their main

clinic located at 515 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Monroe, WI.

At this event, COVID-19 boosters will be offered for ages 5 and older. Appointments and masks are required.

To schedule, please call 608-324-1815. For more information on COVID-19 vaccine opportunities, please visit [ssmhealth.com/coronavirus-updates](http://ssmhealth.com/coronavirus-updates).

## • Gift (Continued from page 4)

In the gospel of John chapter 1 we read these most beautiful and descriptive words of the coming into the world of our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In him was life, and the life was the light

of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

There is just so much here in this passage. There is so much beauty and truth for us to believe in order to be

saved from sin and receive the power of the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives.

It's funny to think of man, who are just tiny little ants in God's grand scheme, that in our feeble little existence, God cared so much for us. That God so valued us above His most beautiful and immense creation that He would enter into our very sustenance, our very weak little existence and lift us up to heaven and bring us salvation. The only thing we must do is believe and live in relationship with Him. Praise God for Christmas! Until next week, God bless.

## • Slices (Continued from page 4)

It is a beginning of a new you. A you that you never imagined or wanted before. It may not have been your first, second or even last choice, still it is new. And new comes with opportunities.

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be.

*Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. She invites readers to follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.*



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4-H Leaders and volunteers that helped with the event and program are (front row) Carol Perrin, Rachel Perrin, Pennie Miller, Sheila Keene, Bonnie Campbell, and Jordan Heimann, (back row) Denise Hayunga and Tom Mulder.

## • Awards (Continued from page 3)

• Illinois Holstein-Friesian Association Award: Stella Prasse of Pearl Valley Rangers, Sarah McPeck of Pearl City Hornets, Magen, Matthew, Rachel, and Abby Busker of Country Cuzins

• Illinois Electricity Achievement Award: Wade Sheffey of Pearl Valley Rangers

Besides the county awards, Illinois 4-H has an Experience Level Recognition program for 4-H members that youth ages 8-18 can achieve. Members need to complete different experiences at the individual, club, county, multi-county, state, national or international levels within one of the four dimensions: Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning. The medals that can be earned

at the county level are bronze, silver, and gold. Medals that proceed to state recognition are emeralds and diamonds. This year Stephenson County had ten bronze medal winners: Raelynn Yaeger of Rock City, Addyson Ackerson of Lena, Natalie Fellows, Ava Fellows, Mason Fellows, Elowen Lamm, Elizabeth Lamm, Carson Williams, Grace Maskell, & Rachel Perrin all of Freeport. To win a bronze medal, youth must complete at least one experience in each of the four dimensions listed above.

Our silver medal winners are Kasen DeHaven, Kinzy DeHaven, Abigail Busker, Matthew Busker, Rachel Busker of Ridott, Alessandra Olson, Brennan Olson, Audrey Boyer of Davis, Drake Merriman,

Mya Mitchell, Jacob Mitchell of Freeport. These youth had to complete two experiences in each of the four dimensions, with at least two of those experiences being beyond the individual and club level.

Our gold medal winners had to complete four experiences in each dimension, and two of those experiences must be outside of their club and county. The youth who win this award are very active not just in their 4-H clubs in Stephenson County, but they attend and get involved with 4-H on a state and multi-county level as well. We had five youths who won gold medals this year: Stella Prasse of McConnell, Rebekah Visel of Lena, Magen Busker of Ridott, Cassie Boyer of Davis & Jordan Heimann of Warren.



Erwin Zueger of Stockton Service Center presents Dave Snyders, Board President of Tyler's Justice Center with a check for \$1,000. We are so very fortunate to have these services available for our children and families. It is an honor and a privilege to be able to assist them in this way to help them continue their support and advocacy for those who so desperately need it.





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**River Ridge High School business students hosted the annual Santa Store. They applied concepts they learned in the classroom to set-up a store where elementary students come to “shop” for holiday gifts. Pictured here are elementary students shopping as the business students from Mrs. Laity’s class help them pick out items and wrap the gifts they purchased.**

## River Ridge business students host Santa Store

By Kate Leonard  
Mrs. Laity’s high school business class of eight students was asked to take on the task of hosting River Ridge’s annual Santa Store. In the past, Kim Thorsen (former River Ridge teacher) has always run the Santa Store with assistance from middle school students. This year she decided to hand it off to the business class to practice some of what they have been learning. The business students did everything from taking care of the elementary students’

forms to making tags for each individual student’s gifts. They also helped the young children shop and wrap up the gifts they chose. This year there were around 763 gifts purchased by 182 shoppers, which is about 84% of River Ridge’s elementary students. Thank you to the business class and the other middle school and high school students who helped in their free time. Thank you to River Ridge PTO for sponsoring the Santa Store and to those who donated items.

# Trademark registration increases cost of misusing the USDA organic seal

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that it has registered the USDA organic seal trademark with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The USDA seal trademark is specifically described in the Organic Foods Protection Act (OFPA) and is currently protected by federal regulation. Registration of the organic seal grants additional intellectual property rights to further restrict the use of the trademark or a confusingly similar one, by uncertified farms and businesses. The trademark registration works in conjunction with OFPA and the organic regulations, providing another enforcement tool against misuse of the seal.

As the trademark owner, USDA can seek additional civil remedies such as injunctive relief and monetary damages under the Lanham Act. Operations trafficking in counterfeit organic goods or otherwise willfully misusing the USDA organic seal may be subject to fines and imprisonment under the Trademark Counterfeiting Act. This also means the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can now detain, reject, or re-export imported products confirmed to be fraudulently using the USDA organic seal. Trademark authority and penalties for misusing the seal are in effect regardless of whether the ® is included.

Certified organic operations are authorized to use the organic seal to identify the composition of their products and receive a premium for those products. For consumers, the organic seal registration is just another way USDA is protecting the organic brand and strengthening organic enforcement. Certified organic operations are not required to change their labels to include the registration mark ® of the seal, and certified organic products currently in the marketplace still meet the requirements of certification. Operations may choose either version of the seal and existing labels do not need to be revised or discarded. If operations choose the updated version of the organic seal with the registration

mark ®, it is available for download in multiple file formats on the AMS website. As always, certified operations are to seek approval from their certifier before making any product label changes. The USDA National Organic Program works with accredited certifiers and law enforcement partners to continually strengthen farmer and consumer trust in products that display the USDA organic label. The Organic Integrity Database (OID) remains a key tool for confirming that imported and domestic products are in fact certified organic. Anyone who suspects a violation of USDA organic regulations should submit a complaint using our online complaint portal.

## Dig into the New Year fundraising event scheduled for Jan. 2

The Stockton Servant Leaders and Stockton National Honor Society Members invite the community to an action-packed event that is sure to entertain. On Monday, Jan. 2 the Stockton High School gym will be filled with the sound of music and volleyball fans from all eras. Dig into the New Year, the Stockton Alumni Volleyball Tourna-

ment and Pep Band Show, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. so audience members can enjoy food, raffle drawings, and pep band music. Proceeds from the evening will go to the Dave Julius family as well as to support both the Servant Leadership and National Honor Society programs.



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Dig into the New Year, hosted by the Stockton Servant Leaders and Stockton National Honor Society, is a volleyball tournament fundraiser held to support local families and student organizations. This year’s tournament will include Stockton graduates from as far back as 1999 and as recent as 2022 on the court, as well as pep band entertainment, with the National Anthem being sung by 1980 graduate Lisa Nadig. Come join the fun on Jan. 2 and celebrate the New Year, all while supporting the community.

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# Stockton Auto Supply-NAPA donates to support community food needs



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Laurie Gothard-Zueger accepts a check from Randy Baysinger in support of the Stockton SNOW program, which helps provides local families in need with nutritious food.



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Sharon Madden accepts a check from Randy Baysinger in support of the Stockton Food Pantry.

Stockton Auto Supply-NAPA does more than supply parts to the automotive, truck and Ag equipment customers in the area. The Stockton business, owned by Randy Baysinger, believes in supporting the community in general. Baysinger's donation of \$500 to both the food pantry and the SNOW program helps to supply food directly to people in Jo Daviess County.

The SNOW program has been on-going for the last decade and was started by Laurie Gothard-Zueger when she found out that some children go without regular meals over the weekend, and that they heavily rely on the school breakfast/lunch program. SNOW stands for Student Nutrition Outreach Works. It is a program where the Stockton HS Servant Leaders shop for nutritious, non-perishable food items and pack bags with these items each week for underprivileged students to take home to supplement their weekend food supply. Because identities need to be protected, the school social worker distributes the bags each Friday rather than the Servant Leader students. Stockton Servant Leadership mentor, Maggie Guenzler comments, "It's a wonderful program that attends directly to the needs of kids in our community... and 100% of the money donated goes toward food!"

The Stockton food pantry, located on Front Street next to Stockton Dental Center, functions by personal appointment. Calls can be made privately, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by calling the following numbers 218-556-3822, 815-947-2164, 815-238-5187 or 262-914-6705.



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## Servant Leaders turned Santa's helpers

(Above) Olivia Harnish, a member of the Stockton Servant Leaders group, helps wrap gifts that were sent to Santa to be delivered to children in the community.

(Right) Braden Freese donates his time to support local families this holiday season, as he wraps gifts that were sent to children in the community.



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# Letters To Santa

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How are your elves doing? How do your reindeer fly? I have been a good boy this year? I would like a drone for Christmas. Merry Christmas!  
Your Friend,  
Jordan Villanueva

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeer. How do your elves make so many toys? I have been good all year. Could you please bring my brother and sisters a present too? I would like a nerf gun and Pokemon cards for Christmas. Have a Merry Christmas!

Your Friend,  
Garrett Block

Dear Santa,  
How do your elves build toys with their small hands? How do your reindeer fly in the middle of the night and not make a sound when they land on the roof? I have been

good for my mom all year. I would like a Spiderman web stringer for Christmas. Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Kruz Hiester

Dear Santa,  
How do you get through the chimney when the hole is so

small and get into the house? I have been a really good girl this year! I would like horse farm toys and fake baby stuff for Christmas. I would also like a corgi stuffed animal and a baby calf toy. Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Charlee Smital

Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Cooper Clicquennoi

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice to my family and friends. I would like a Goku toy and a sled for Christmas. I would also like a Fortnite toy. Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Julian Ayala

Dear Santa,  
I would like a glow in the dark Grave digger, a white Grave digger, the regular Grave digger, a glow in the dark bone digger, a white bone digger, and a regular bone digger. I have been a good boy all year. Please bring presents for my family too! Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Blake Williams

*Editor's note: These letters to Santa were received after press time last week.*

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## Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing December winners

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Sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Music Boosters, Galena After Prom, Galena Key Club, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Philanthropic Educational Organization-Chapter OH, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Girls Sports, Warren Athletic

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  - \$50 – Nate McCoy
  - \$50 – Erika Acevedo
  - \$50 – Marc Mullen
  - \$50 – Julene Youmans
  - \$50 – Jim Paar
  - \$150 – Sarah Harbach
  - \$250 – Anthony Martinez
  - \$50 – Mike Klinge
  - \$50 – Gary Jobgen
  - \$50 – Beth Toay
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# LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST Plaintiff, -v.- KEVEN PETERS et al Defendant

2022 FC 9 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on January 17, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - 15 North Galena Avenue, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Daryoush Bagheri, DECEASED. 22 PR 95

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Tchernavia Rocker, 100 Harborview Drive, Unit 207, Baltimore, Maryland 21230, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Grace Luetkemeyer, Hoogendoorn & Talbot, LLP, 122 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1220, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before June 14, 2023, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Grace Luetkemeyer Hoogendoorn & Talbot, LLP (6332999) 122 South Michigan Avenue Suite 1220 Chicago, Illinois 60603 (312)786-2250 I3209179

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION., Plaintiff,

v. LAURAL KAUFFMAN, AKA LAURA KAUFFMAN; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,

Case No. 2022FC62 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Laura L. Kauffman, AKA Laura Kauffman, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Stephenson County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 7 and 8 in Block 15 in the Town of Dakota; situated in the Village of Dakota, County of Stephenson and the State of Illinois.

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kota, IL 61018 14-09-36-203-001 Now, therefore, unless you, Laura L. Kauffman, AKA Laura Kauffman, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Stephenson County, Illinois, on or before February 12, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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Alan S. Kaufman (6289893) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-askaufman@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys File Number: 22-028657 I3209703

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# New Illinois laws take effect Jan. 1

By Andrew Chesney  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I hope this finds you and your family well and wish for you the best of the holiday season. As we approach the year's end, I want to take a moment to thank you for the privilege of representing your interests in Springfield. I am humbled by and grateful for the trust you have placed in me.

On your behalf, I cast votes on hundreds of pieces of legislation this year and on January 1 more than 180 of those bills will go into effect as new state laws. Some of those include:

The cost of license plate registration will be reduced from \$24 to \$10 for low-income seniors and people with disabilities (HB5304).

New rights were enacted for nursing home residents that in-

clude among other things, the right to be treated with courtesy and respect (SB1633).

Taxpayers will be able to access an interactive map on the State of Illinois Comptroller's website that provides the location and annual financial information of all statewide taxing bodies (HB0568).

Homeowner associations will be assured the right to file an appeal to the Property Tax Appeal Board on behalf of homeowners (SB3069).

Health insurance plans will be required to offer coverage for hormone therapy treatment for women who have undergone a hysterectomy (House Bill 5254).

In the Foster Children's Bill of Rights Act, the list of rights is expanded to include new items designed to support chil-

dren transitioning in and out of the foster care system (House Bill 5418).

The Family Bereavement Leave Act will now permit up to 10 work days of unpaid leave from work due to a miscarriage, unsuccessful fertility procedure, failed adoption, failed surrogacy agreement, diagnosis that negatively impacts fertility, or stillbirth (Senate Bill 3120).

Returning military service members will have better access to gain civilian work experience through the SkillBridge program for employers and transitioning service members. SkillBridge is designed for service members to gain civilian work experience through industry training apprenticeships or internships during their last 180 days of service (House Bill

5385).

This new law erases the stigma of a high school equivalency diploma versus a high school diploma, and also reduces the cost of GED exams for adult education students. This change replaces references to high school equivalency certificates to State of Illinois High School Diplomas and will aid Illinois graduates in establishing reciprocity with educational requirements in other states (Senate Bill 3792).

Streamlines the Farmers' Market Permit for those who choose to sell their products at markets in multiple counties are standardized in this law, rather than being different from county to county. Permits will be valid for one year and fees shall not exceed \$175 (Senate Bill 3838).

As we gather together with our families and loved ones to celebrate this joyous time of year, please take a moment to consider how you can help those in need and honor those who keep us safe: Our first responders, frontline healthcare

workers and those serving in the armed forces.

It has been an honor of lifetime to represent you in the Illinois House of Representatives. On behalf of my staff and myself, we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

## REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST Plaintiff, -v- KEVEN PETERS et al Defendant

2022 FC 9

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 11, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on January 17, 2023, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 11406 U.S. Route 20 W, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 709 YOUNG STREET, GALENA, IL 61036

Property Index No. 43-22-101-236-00

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate 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/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. 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.

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.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-03194 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 9 TJSC#: 42-3086

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 FC 9 I3209200

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## FHN Community Health Needs Assessment available online

Every three years, FHN Memorial Hospital (FHN) conducts a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to identify community health needs and create a plan to address those needs. The 2022 CHNA Assessment and the associated Implementation Strategy document are available online at [www.fhn.org/community-health-needs.asp](http://www.fhn.org/community-health-needs.asp).

The CHNA is required by Internal Revenue Code, section 501(r) and the Affordable Care Act to gather information from community leaders and stakeholders across a broad range of interests. For the purposes of the CHNA,

the FHN service area is defined as Stephenson, JoDavies, and Carroll counties in northwest Illinois.

Surveys measured participants' perspective on a range of issues that affect the population's health and well-being, including community resources, barriers to health-

care providers, and reasons for high rates of disease and mortality. Through the surveys, FHN also requested the collection of secondary data on a broad array of health indicators and demographic information from databases created by other agencies or organizations.

## FHN Get Fit 2023 begins Jan. 9

FHN's popular wellness program is back to help participants work toward their 2023 fitness goals. Get Fit 2023 is heavy on tips, videos, and recipes to help participants build a healthy lifestyle for years to come.

Get Fit 2023 is a FREE 12-week, all-online program again this year. It's not yet safe to gather people together for prevent screenings as has been done in past years, so the team competition has been put aside for this year and the focus is on helping participants work toward their personal best. Get-Fit 2023 runs from Monday, Jan. 9 through Sunday, April 2, and people can join at any time during the program. Registration opens Monday, Dec. 26.

Participants will still be able to keep track of exercising, eating fruits and veggies, and getting enough water via recommended online wellness trackers, and FHN's special Get Fit 2023 site will include videos with exercise and healthy diet tips, healthy cooking and shopping tips, recipes and more.

Participants can take advantage of special offers from local fitness partners and participate in fun contests, and of course, win great prizes. Signup for FHN's Get Fit 2023 opens Monday, Dec. 26 at [www.fhn.org/getfit](http://www.fhn.org/getfit).

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INDOOR HEATED FACILITY

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**ANTIQUES:** Montblanc baby fountain pen, Seeburg nickelodeon player piano, Hoosier cabinet, original Duesenberg chronograph, cast iron door stop collection, pinball machine, carnival glass, 10+ oz silver bar, U-Haul clock, one of a kind lucite GM Key presented to New York City at Futurama, head vases, photo albums, tin type photographs, 1933 Mickey Mouse watch in box, Evergleam tri-lite aluminum Christmas tree with rotating lighted base, antique scales, primitive harvest table, antique hood ornament collection, Black Americana cast iron figures, cast iron black cat boot scraper, glass eyed wood carved duck decoy, Sterling silver incense burner, Murano glass vase, figural napkin ring collection, cast iron owl andirons, Orange Crush Soda syrup dispenser, H. Gerstner & Sons machinist toolbox (like new), pair Atwater Kent model L horns, Tiffany & Co sterling silver brush set, 7-Up metal carrier with bottles, Coca-Cola cooler, stoneware crocks, Singer featherweight, gold hat pins, Hamms beer aluminum cooler, pop crates, 1960s pin up girl Ditzler advertising calendars, sterling silver flatware, yellow Vaseline glass, Ouija board, biscuit tins, primitive goat wagon, Burke & James Rembrandt portrait camera, Marguerite Kirmse bronze book ends, Hans Arp sculpture, Ansul fire extinguisher bucket (amazing graphics), carousel horse, gumball machine, large stained glass windows from Belvidere church (100+ years old), SkiDoo snowmobile ashtray, dress form with dress, Adlake 400 railroad lantern, C. N. & W. adlake padlock, Verona cast iron wood stove, antique wood wagon wheel.

**TOYS:** 1920s Graf Metal Craft Zeppelin pull toy, 1967 Murray pedal Camaro, Nylint U-Haul trucks NIB, Hedstrom U-Haul tricycle, Marx trucks, tin wind up toys, Buddy L US MAIL 2592, Barclay auto transport, Empire Steam engine windmill, AC spark plugs Irish mail car, Buddy L delivery truck, Nylint circus truck with animals, Texaco Jet Fuel truck with box, Lionel locomotive and cars, Structo livestock truck, Buckeye livestock truck, Structo Western Auto semi, Structo ride on fire engine, U-Haul pedal car trailer, Marx Lumar Woolworth's truck.

**SIGNS:** Starline Farm Products double sided, Railway Express Agency, Chicago Police Dept porcelain Firewoks, 1936 RC Cola, 7-Up metal chalkboard sign, Skokie Shifftin Bandits car club plaque, NOS Diet Rite Cola, Coca-Cola, Prestone anti-freeze Thermometer, Meister Brau thermometer.

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