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Lena-Winslow girls win 17th game

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, the Lena-Winslow Panthers girls basketball team was looking to bounce back. The Panthers were coming off a three-game losing streak that set the team back midseason. The Panthers ended that losing streak with a 6-25 victory over Pearl City, but they would have to wait six whole days before getting back into live game action.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18 the Panthers' break came to an end as they traveled to face off with the Aquin Bulldogs. At 11-9, Aquin looked to be a solid test for the Panthers, who were 16-6 at the time. The first quarter belonged to the Bulldogs. Le-Win put up just six points in the opening quarter, four of which came from Rachael Setterstrom. Alyssa Daughenbaugh hit an early basket of her own, but the Panthers found themselves trailing 10-6 after one.

Le-Win head coach, Dennis Huttenlocher, spoke about the adjustments that allowed the Panthers to jump into the lead. "Aquin shifted from man to zone in the second quarter, and we made four three-pointers," Huttenlocher shared. It was Daughenbaugh who hit a pair of three-pointers herself. Setterstrom and Camdyn Huttenlocher each hit second quarter three-pointers of their own as the Panthers combined for 14 in the quarter. The big quarter helped Le-Win jump out to a 20-17 lead at the halftime break.

Both teams came out slow in the second half. Aquin and

Le-Win combined for just six points in the quarter. It was Le-Win who managed to expand their lead, however, as Grace Groezinger and Setterstrom each hit baskets in the third. Despite putting up just four points in the quarter, the Panthers found themselves going into the fourth with a 24-19 lead.

"In the fourth quarter, we got to the foul line and made free throws," Le-Win's coach shared. In fact, it was Groezinger who got to the line as she went seven for nine on her fourth quarter free throw attempts. After scoring just four points in the opening three quarters, Groezinger put up nine in the fourth. Setterstrom also sunk a free throw, while Molly Amendt hit a late basket that helped Le-Win seal the deal. Eventually, the Panthers picked up the 36-26 victory.

The Panthers had two players in double digits as Groezinger led the team with 13 points and Setterstrom had ten. Daughenbaugh was next up for the Panthers with eight. Dennis spoke about his team's ability to step up in the face of adversity. "We are still a young team, and we are still learning to play without our senior point guard, Tianna Esser, who is out for several weeks with a strained achilleas. We now start two sophomores, two juniors, and a senior and our top reserves are a junior, sophomore, and a freshman." Despite all that, the Panthers were 2-2 over their last four games and improved to 17-6

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A team built for success!

On Dec. 10, the Pearl City Technowolves Lego League team headed to the Rockford Christian Qualifier, winning the award for their innovation project and, combined with other scores from the day like robot mission points, earned a top spot for the state tournament. On Jan. 14, the team competed with 47 other teams at the Einstein State Tournament at Elgin Community College. Congrats to the ten team members which include (front, left to right) Ayden Hayes, Jonah Ehlers, Hendrix Feld, Aubri Mefford, Kolton Kampmeier, (back, left to right) Scarlett Snyder, Kennedy Solt, Hannah Dinderman, Cassidy Dorty, Carson Downey. The team is coached by Michael Tresemer and Sandy Scott.

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Obituary

RONALD A. SCHRADER
Ronald "Ron" A. Schrader, 79, of Lena passed away with his family by his side on Monday Jan. 16, 2023, in Lena, IL. He was born to Walter and Alice (Edler) Schrader on Aug. 12, 1943, in Freeport, IL. Ron graduated from Lanark High School in 1962 where he excelled in football, basketball, and track and field.



Ron loved his animals, and he always had a 4-legged friend.

He has left behind his family who misses him and loved him dearly. Wife- Pam of Lena, IL; Children- Rod (Kim) Schrader of Long Grove, IL, Amy (Karl) Musser of Stockton, IL, Corey Schrader of Caledonia, WI, Troy (Laurie) Schrader of Oswego, IL, Macey Koehn of Monroe, WI, Shelley (Chase Miller) Koehn of Denver, CO, Tanya (Jeff) Knoup of Lena, IL.; 13 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren. Sister-in-law; Sandy Scuitto of Cedarville, IL and Lenore Schrader of Lanark, IL; Many nieces and nephews and his beloved dog Tia. He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Roger Schrader and Brother-in-law Tony Scuitto. The Family would like to extend a thanks to the staff on the 4th floor at FHN and at the Lena Living Center.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. Visitation was held prior to the service from 9 a.m. 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. A private family burial will be held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial can be made out to the Ronald A. Schrader Memorial Fund. Condolences can be sent to the family on our website at www.leamonfh.com.

Upon graduating from high school, he helped on his family's farm. He then began to work at Kelly Springfield in Freeport, IL until his retirement, after 30 years of service. He married Pam Koehn on Sept. 1, 2006.

He continued to have a love for farming throughout his life and helped at Harbach Farms in Warren, IL. His passion and love for people kept him active throughout his community by helping with lawn maintenance at the Wolf Hollow Golf Course and doing seasonal work at Swiss Colony in Monroe, WI.

Ron had a love for various sports. He has been an avid Chicago Bears fan, but no love was matched for his Lena-Winslow Panthers. When he wasn't watching sports, he enjoyed riding his motorcycles, hot rods, and jet skis. His summers were filled with many boat and camping trips to Savanna. Ron loved having adventures or just hanging out with a special group of friends who always called him "Uncle Ron". He was like a fun Uncle that everyone dreams of having, but most of all he was a helpful friend to all.



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Rural communities across the nation will soon benefit from increased funding and changes in the Rural Energy for America Program, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced.

Illinois Rural Development poised for 'historic investment'

By Kay Shipman
FARMWEEK

Rural Illinois stands to benefit from increased funding and changes in the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced that \$300 million, including \$250 million from the Inflation Reduction Act, is available nationwide.

"This is an historic investment," said Betsy Dirksen Londrigan, Illinois State Rural Development director. "The amount being made available this year compounds our capabilities. It's a program that in Illinois is consistently over-subscribed. It means we're going to be able to help more people."

REAP provides farmers and small rural businesses with grants and guaranteed loans to develop renewable energy systems and to improve ener-

gy efficiency. The application deadline for Fiscal Year 2023 is March 31.

Callie Heidbreder, Illinois Rural Development business programs specialist and rural energy coordinator, explained that REAP applicants previously could apply for up to 25 percent of total eligible project costs, but that has increased to up to 40 percent of those costs thanks to the additional funding.

In addition, maximum grant amounts have also doubled, Heidbreder said, from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for energy efficiency improvements. Likewise, the maximum for a renewable energy system request has increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

"There are definitely greater thresholds available and an ability to take more dollars out to the applicants in Illinois," Heidbreder said.

The rural energy coordinator anticipates Illinois Rural Development may receive more project applications sparked by the amount of available funding. Heidbreder related she was speaking with a farmer

focused on an energy efficient grain dryer. Although he also had been considering a solar project, the farmer wasn't aware of the additional funding available.

"He said, 'Does it make sense to look at solar?'" she recalled. "I think we will see more examples like that as people, who have been thinking about these types of projects, needed an extra nudge to pull the trigger and make those possible for their operations."

Dirksen Londrigan pointed out important REAP changes now apply to cooperatives.

Electric and telephone cooperatives may now receive direct payment in lieu of federal tax credits for installation of certain renewable energy projects, the state director said. For example, if a cooperative is installing a solar project, it may apply for REAP and potentially receive a direct payment, reducing the overall payback of the system.

"Typically, they (cooperatives) don't have a tax liability. This is an incentive because they can receive a direct payment. That's an important

change," Dirksen Londrigan said.

Heidbreder offered three examples of Illinois REAP projects funded in fiscal year 2022.

The Lacon Rehab and Nursing LLC in Lacon operates a skilled nursing and sub-acute rehabilitation facility. It received funding to buy and install a 556-kilowatt solar array to help power the business and save more than \$41,300 annually.

A Bureau County farmer received funding to buy and install an energy efficient electric irrigation motor. The farmer anticipates saving more than \$4,300 each year and replacing 110,898 kilowatt hours or 59 percent annually.

A McHenry County farmer received funding to buy and install an energy efficient grain dryer and will save more than \$52,300 per year in energy costs and replace 1.113 million kilowatt hours or 39 percent annually.

Heidbreder encouraged interested applicants to email her at Callie.Heidbreder@usda.gov to ensure they and the project they are considering are both eligible "before they get too far down the road." Information also is available online.

In addition, state and local governments, federally recognized tribes, land-grant universities or other higher education institutions, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities and Resource Conservation and Development Councils may apply for grants to conduct energy audits and provide development assistance.

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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. 29 at 9:30 a.m. for Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Service. The reading will be from Matthew 5:1-12.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 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. The CDC guidelines will be followed for gathering. For the safety of everyone, it is encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing inside the building.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Join St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City every Sunday, at 9 a.m. for Worship, Sunday School and Communion. Worship is led by Pastor Shellie Knight. Join the fun for monthly dominoes and card games, Men's Breakfast, and Women's gatherings.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 229 S First St., Pearl City, IL.

Cedarville Baptist Church

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Pastor Jason Pankonin currently leads the adult class on the topic of personal Sanctification. In the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Pastor Pankonin is expository preaching through II Corinthians.

The 6 p.m. evening service is about "Jacob's Dozen". The upcoming message will be on the tribe of Asher. For the 6 p.m. Bible lesson and prayer time on Wednesdays, Pastor Pankonin continues to go through the Book of Proverbs.



News briefs

Lena American Legion Auxiliary

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will honor female veterans with a brunch on Saturday, Feb. 25, 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. Please come and join for fellowship and entertainment. Please call 815-369-4684 or contact jamcps54@yahoo.com with questions or to make reservations. Reservations are requested by Feb. 20.

Cupcakes and Cocktails fundraiser

CONTACT of Northern Illinois will be hosting the 10th Annual Cupcakes and Cocktails Fundraiser. The event will be held on Wednesday March 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at This is it Eatery, 16 N. Chicago Ave. Freeport, IL.

Try four of six cupcake combinations for \$15 or upgrade for \$2 more to try all six. Silent auction baskets will be available for bidding. Tickets can be purchased at This is it Eatery starting on Jan. 16 or at the door during the event.

Please call CONTACT of Northern Illinois at 815-233-4402 with any questions. This is it Eatery will be donating 10% of food sales during the event.

Solar energy panel discussion

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will host a discussion of solar energy options for homeowners and businesses on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Stockton Public Library.

NIFA has invited three vendors to provide information on installation logistics and needs as well as available financial assistance including grants. In addition, several homeowners will discuss their experiences with solar energy collection systems.

Audience questions will be entertained following the discussion.

The Stockton Public Library is located at 140 W. Benton Ave. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Veterans Pantry requests

The Veterans Pantry in Freeport is very low on paper towels and toilet paper

(4 packs preferred). Items for donation may be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 to 12 p.m. at 314 W Main St. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

Beef Association scholarship

The Jo Daviess Beef Association is excited to announce the release of their 2023 scholarship for students in Jo Daviess County seeking education in the agricultural industry. To obtain an application contact your high school counselor, FFA Advisor, the Farm Bureau office, or the Jo Daviess Extension office.

Please contact Karen Koester at 815-275-3083 for further information. Applications must be received by the

association scholarship committee by April 1, 2023.

Genealogy group discussion

Green County Genealogical Society (GCGS) will hold its monthly meeting Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Monroe Public Library at 10 a.m. The group discussion and program are "Who, what, where are you in your genealogy?"

A short business meeting will be held preceding the program. The meeting will be held in the second-floor meeting room of the Monroe Public Library at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4. Visitors are always welcome and there is no cost to attend. Call Donna at 608-921-1537 or Ginny at 608-426-1796 with any questions.

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OPINION



Slices of life

The birthday party without an invite



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

I went to many birthday parties when I was a kid. I don't remember most of them. One I do remember, vividly, however, is the party to which I didn't receive an invitation.

It was in celebration of one of my good friend's 10th birthdays. I was unaware of the occurrence of such a mega event, which happened on a Sunday afternoon, until Monday morning, when it was the talk of the entire fifth grade.

My friend Elizabeth had been to my house many times, and I to hers. I thought we were very close. Turns out there were at least a dozen or so girls she deemed closer.

I was devastated.

This was mid-January. Elizabeth was now 11. I was still 10 because my birthday was in the upcoming month of February.

Yep. Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

The tables had turned. It was my turn to plan the party and invite the guests.

I'd discussed my angst at the non-invitation with my mom and she acknowledged my right to feel slighted. And then she made a suggestion about my upcoming party.

"I think you should invite

Elizabeth," she said. "She may not have invited you, but leaving her out won't change that. If you see her as a friend, show her and maybe she will come to understand how true friends treat each other."

I, of course, counter-argued, "But she didn't invite me!"

To that, my mom explained that meeting a perceived wrong with a similar action doesn't help anyone.

"You felt bad when you found out about her party," my mom said. "How will she feel if you do the same to her for your party? And, just as importantly, how will that make you feel?"

My 10-year-old brain contemplated that thought and I realized, rather quickly (to my surprise) that inviting Elizabeth was right in a number of ways, while not inviting her was wrong.

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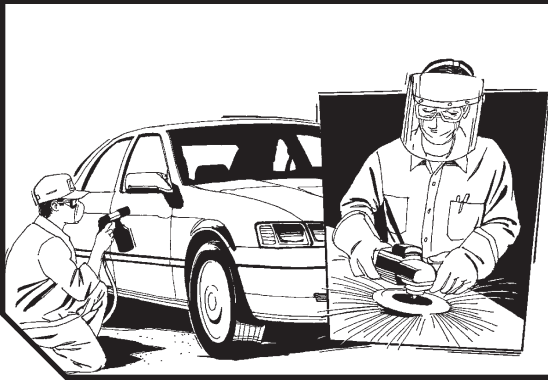
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Illinois named top soybean producing state for 2022 growing season

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) is proud to announce that Illinois produced the most soybeans in the nation again in 2022.

After a slow start to the planting season due to cool and wet weather, followed by a hot and dry summer for many of the state's farmers, the National Agricultural Statistics Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates Illinois soybean farmers raised 677.25 million bushels on 10.75 million harvested acres with an average yield of 63 bushels per acre.

"I'm proud to be able to congratulate my 43,000 colleagues across the state on this announcement," said Steve Pitstick, a Maple Park farmer and Chairman of ISA. "Illinois soybean farmers have gotten really good at making the best of whatever growing challenges confront them, making smart management decisions, and maximizing production opportunities, and 2022 was no different.

"We have proven once again that we know how to

roll up our sleeves and put the sweat equity into producing a high-quality product and raising a record-breaking crop."

Pitstick says ISA's three-pronged approach to supporting a thriving soybean industry - agronomy, domestic and global market development, and local, state and national government relations - are the key ingredients when it comes to the recipe for raising a record soybean crop.

"ISA remains committed to helping farmers improve return on investment (ROI) by providing tools such as sharing the latest innovations, technology, and research that boosts profitability," says Pitstick. "We are proud to provide year-round, actionable agronomic advice and insights that focus on improving soybean productivity and quality."

The ISA checkoff program funds ILSoyAdvisor as a go-to toolbox for expert agronomic and management advice, including renewed efforts in funding research and conservation agronomy

programming to help farmers be more successful on their soybean acres.

ILSoyAdvisor and the expansion of the ISA agronomy team provide the latest educational resources, agronomic insights, webinars, success stories, events, and more for soybean farmers to maximize their operation year-round. To learn more about upcoming ILSoyAdvisor events near you or to read the latest in agronomic advice, visit www.ilsoyadvisor.com.

"This announcement is more than a newsworthy headline; it represents the lineage, hard work, and contributions of 43,000 farmers," said Pitstick. "This celebration belongs to every soy grower- and every soy family- across Illinois. Congratulations on a job well done!"

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff and membership programs represent more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois. The checkoff funds market development and utilization efforts while the membership program supports the gov-

ernment relations interests of Illinois soybean farmers at the local, state, and national level, through the Illinois Soybean Growers (ISG).

ISA upholds the interests of Illinois soybean producers through promotion, advocacy, and education with the vision of becoming a market

leader in sustainable soybean production and profitability. For more information, visit the website www.ilsoy.org and www.ilsoygrowers.com.

• Slices (Continued from page 4)

Offering the proverbial olive branch made my heart happy, while thoughts of excluding my friend were only coming from a dark place. Even at 10 years old I understood that.

When I brought my party invitations to school a few days later I handed one to Elizabeth. Her eye widened and I could see she was surprised.

"You're inviting me to your party?" She asked. "I didn't invite you to mine."

"I know," I said. "I want you to come. I didn't want to leave you out."

She smiled and I smiled, and with that one exchange the discomfort of her party

was put behind us. She did come to my party and we remained friends through age 11 and maybe even through age 12.

We were kids. Learning and growing from our mistakes. Sometimes the hard way, sometimes through the grace and insight of a wise mother.

But, here's the real lesson in all of this. It's one I just realized, decades later:

I never would have thought twice about inviting Elizabeth had she not invited me. I never would have confided in my mom and she, in turn, never would have had the chance to teach me this truth had I not been excluded in

the first place.

Sometimes valuable insight and knowledge comes from the least likely of places—from darkness or at least the shadows.

Without shadows, we might not appreciate the light.

Elizabeth, in leaving me out, gave me a chance to embrace the light. Find your lessons from the most unlikely of places and darkest corners. That where they most often can be found.

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

Northwest Illinois F-4 Jet Combat Memorial

The Lena community and Northwest Illinois region have been working hard since 2018 to build a veteran's memorial park to honor those who often risked their lives in aerial combat as well as aerial support crew veterans.

Since the project's inception, over \$100,000 has been raised through generous donations and memorial brick pledges. The F-4 Phantom jet has been transported to the ground just west of Rafter's. Site work across from the American Legion has been completed, and paint-

ing is underway. Approximately \$40,000 is still needed for the movement and final placing of the jet at the park site.

A fundraising event will be held to raise funds to support the project's completion. The Memorial Committee will host a radio-a-thon on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Lena Winslow High School. It will be live on WCCI 100.3 FM. The event will feature music along with many interviews with veterans, business owners, and project supporters. During the show

the phone lines will be open to accept pledges. The call-in number is 815-668-0821, and community members can also pledge in advance in-person at the school or by mail.

The goal is to raise \$20,000 which will cover approximately half of the funds needed to complete the project. To pledge before the event, please send donations to The Northwest Illinois F-4 Jet Committee, PO Box 290, Lena, IL 61048.

Please contact Denny Luke at 815-985-5552 with any questions.

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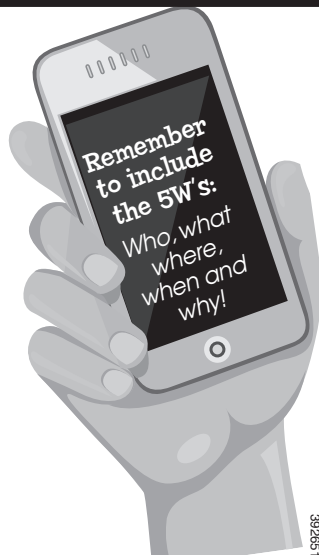
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Wolves fall to Warren in cross NUIC matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Pearl City Lady Wolves basketball team found themselves sitting at a record of 7-11 on Friday, Jan. 6. The Wolves had just picked up a 40-16 victory over the Durand Bulldogs, and an overtime victory over the Dakota Indians. The victories had the Wolves in a pretty good spot, considering the 4-10 start to their 2022-2023 girls basketball season.

Since the back-to-back victories, it has been a rough go of things for the Wolves. Pearl City hit a tough spot in their schedule, facing off with the Lena-Winslow Panthers, the Orangeville Broncos, the Polo Marcos, and the Warren Warriors in a span of just six days. As of Jan. 19, the Panthers and Broncos sat atop the Northwest Upstate Illini-North conference standings with a combined record of 35-9. Polo was 12-9, and Warren was 12-10. With four opponents combining for nearly 60 wins scheduled in less than a week, things weren't going to be easy for Pearl City.

The Wolves would go on a four-game losing streak, dropping their overall record to 7-15. After suffering a pair of conference losses to the Broncos and Panthers, the Wolves found themselves in some non-conference action with the Marcos and the Warriors. The

Wolves were mostly outmatched by the Marcos as Polo picked up the 54-34 victory.

On Monday, Jan. 16 the Wolves were hoping to snap the losing streak as they played host to the Warren Warriors. Warren came into the game riding a four-game losing streak of their own, so something had to give in this mid-January matchup. The first quarter was all Pearl City as the Wolves got off to a hot start. Fallyn Endress had the hot hand early on as she posted six quick points. The Pearl City defense was tight from the start as well. They held Warren to just three points in the opening quarter as the Wolves jumped out to an 11-3 lead.

Things went sideways in the second quarter. Warren turned things around in the second quarter as the Warriors put up 18 points. The Wolves' production was nearly cut in half as they put up just six in the quarter. All six points came from Brea Musser, who hit a pair of baskets and went two for two at the foul line. It was Musser's performance that helped the Wolves stay in the game. Eventually, the Wolves went into the break trailing 21-17.

Following the break, the Wolves came out hot for the opening quarter once again. Musser posted another seven points in the third quarter, including another free throw. Ava

Bremmer added three points of her own as the Wolves put up ten in the quarter. It wasn't enough to cut into the Warriors' lead, however, as Warren put up ten points of their own. With one quarter left to play, the Wolves trailed Warren 31-27.

The game was within grasp, but the Wolves needed more than a few things to go there way if they wanted to come back. Pearl City had their opportunities as Warren went one for seven at the free throw line in the fourth. The Wolves just weren't able to hit the big shots as they tried to erase the deficit. Kenzee Evans provided a spark with four points in the quarter, including a pair of free throws. Emma Boyer hit a late shot of her own, but the Wolves eventually fell by a score of 40-37.

Musser led the way in the loss with 11 points. Musser also led the team with nine rebounds as she nearly posted a double double. Endress was next up with eight points, and Evans finished the game with seven.

Considering the circumstances, the three-point loss had to sting a little extra for the Wolves. They will get an opportunity to get back in the win column on Thursday, Jan. 26 when they travel to face off with the Dakota Indians. It should be an exciting matchup with their previous game going into overtime.

Winterfest returns to Lena

Lena Area Special Events Runners (L.A.S.E.R.) announces the return of Winterfest 2023, taking place throughout the community on Feb. 3 and 4. Scheduled events are Friday, Feb. 3 at Coach's Golf and Grill with the King and Queen Coronation at 5p.m. The Prince and Princess Pageant will begin at 530 p.m. Any child in the Lena Area Grades K-8th is eligible. Participants must dress in their favorite Winterfest attire and answer two easy questions asked by the judges. Winners are crowned at approximately 630 p.m. Nashville Recording Artist / Honorary Lena Resident Corey Cox and special guest Sir Jason Miller will kick off the Royalty Ball around 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 4 there will be ice skating at Lena Lions Park (weather dependent) with free hot chocolate from 1 to 3 p.m. Also on Saturday is the Community Scavenger Hunt held at Lena Brewing Company with prizes awarded to winning teams. Team check-in starts at 6:40 p.m., and the event will kick off at precisely 7 p.m. Teams are due back by 9 p.m. (or earlier if all clues are found).

New this year is the opportunity to win dinner for four in the Winterfest Snow Glob.

Visit Coach's Golf and Grill between Jan. 29 and Feb. 3 to enter. Additional events and activities will be updated on the Lena Winterfest Facebook Page. Businesses are encouraged to participate with their own specials, and will be promoted on Facebook.

"We are happy to bring a little fun to our community during the cold weather months," said Ruthi Dake Winterfest Committee Member. "We are grateful for our sponsors, Freeport Ford, Coach's Golf and Grill, Lena Brewing Company/Rafters, Citizens Bank, Community Bank, Scout Clean Energy, Lingle Design Group, Inc., Brandon's Hardware and Rental and Pat Brown Realty and the Lena Community Park District for making this possible."

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overall. That leaves them just one game behind the Orangeville Broncos in the NUIC North.

The Panthers will be back on the floor on Thursday, Jan. 26 when they travel to face off with the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats. The Wildcats were 20-3 on the season as of Jan. 19.

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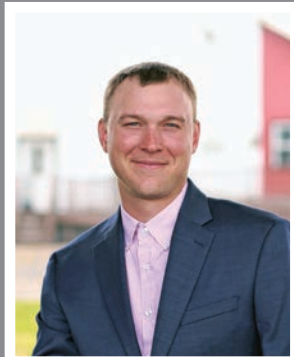
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Report predicts billions in motor fuel tax revenue losses if state meets electric vehicle goals

Union-tied research group pushes for mileage tax to shore up road-building funds

By Nika Schoonover
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Despite Illinois' efforts to smoothly integrate electric vehicles into the state's economy, a new report from the Illinois Economic Policy Institute is warning of a potential steep decline in transportation revenue as the process of electrification accelerates. The primary issue is motor fuel taxes, which will see a significant drop as more electric vehicles make their way to the road and fewer people fill their cars with gas.

Since motor fuel taxes make up the backbone of state funding for road and bridge projects, ILE-PI, which has strong ties to organized labor, warned in its report that new revenue sources will have to be identified to ensure the state's 10-year capital improvements plan remains on track.

"There's absolutely a benefit to having EVs but it will ultimately have a strong impact on transportation funding," Mary Tyler, the author of the report, said in an interview. "It's something that I don't think is

talked about enough."

Motor fuel tax is the state's leading source of transportation funding and makes up 52 percent of Illinois' total transportation revenue and 82 percent of its contributions to the federal highway trust fund.

The report's main policy recommendation is implementing a vehicle miles traveled, or VMT, fee which would replace the existing motor fuel tax with a fee determined by the number of miles a car travels on Illinois roads.

The idea has been floated in the past, including by Gov. JB Pritzker in an interview with *The Daily Herald* during his initial gubernatorial campaign in 2018.

"In some states (such as Oregon), they have done tests recently for a VMT tax because we have more and more electric cars on the road, more and more hybrids, and because gas mileage is rising," then-candidate Pritzker told the outlet. "It's only fair if you're on a road and traveling on that road that you should pay your fair share."

In his four years as gov-

ernor, however, Pritzker has not made a serious legislative push for a VMT, and spokesperson Alex Gough said in an email Monday he has no plans to do so. "Gov. Pritzker never proposed a vehicle mileage tax and has no intention of doing so now," Gough said in a statement. "What he said is that other states are studying the issue and it would be worthwhile to look at the results of those studies."

It's an issue that ILE-PI says will become more pressing as the state moves toward its goal of putting 1 million electric vehicles on state roads by the end of the decade - a goal written into law with the passage of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act in 2021.

Even before this promise was made, Illinois was seeing a yearly increase in electric vehicles. From 2017 to 2021, electric vehicle registrations have increased from 8,255 to 36,482. The most recent data from the Illinois Secretary of State's office shows that, as of December 2022, there are 57,311 electric vehicle registrations. "Looking at the growth

we're seeing, we're seeing it grow at a faster rate than what we ever have before," Tyler said.

According to Tyler's estimate, Illinois would have to add 119,000 electric vehicles every year in order to meet their goal of one million by 2030. If that came to fruition, the state would lose \$765 million in combined sales and motor fuel tax when accounting for added EV fees. Counting federal revenues, that figure would jump up to \$1.1 billion.

Electric vehicles aside, Tyler said fuel-efficient vehicles pose an additional threat to the state's transportation revenue. Roughly 10 percent of registered vehicles in Illinois are electric, while the rest of the 11 million are increasingly becoming more fuel-efficient.

"If you take a look at the picture of all the vehicles on the road, as newer vehicles come out that are more fuel-efficient, that means we're just having overall, on average, a more fuel-efficient fleet," Tyler said.

Tyler calculated that the total state and federal revenue loss over the next de-

cade would be about \$4.3 billion. That loss would be especially threatening to the back half of Pritzker's historic 10-year, \$45 billion capital infrastructure plan known as Rebuild Illinois. The roads-and-bridges portion of the 2019 program was made possible in large part by doubling the state's motor fuel tax, which hadn't seen an increase since 1990, then tying it to inflation in subsequent years. The infrastructure plan also increased Illinois' annual electric vehicle registration fee by \$100 annually. Tyler said while the fee hike helped replace some of the lost revenue, it won't go far enough.

"As soon as the change can be made, the better," Tyler said. "Even to this day,

there are EVs on the road that are not paying as much as they would be on motor fuel tax. So there is an impact, it's just right now the impact isn't as big as what it will be in the future."

In response to questions about revenue declines, Gough, Pritzker's spokesperson, said Rebuild Illinois "is a six-year plan that relies on a variety of revenue streams to ensure the state can continue investing in infrastructure once the plan is complete." Other policy areas to explore, Tyler suggests, include increasing existing registration fees even further, implementing a separate hybrid vehicle fee and creating an electric vehicle-specific kilowatt-per-hour fee.



The Queen makes a fourth visit to Lena

In just over a one year span the Queen of Hearts has made her 4th visit to Lena in The Lena Sons of the American Legion Queen of Hearts raffle held each Saturday at the Iron Horse Tap. Deb Vrstal correctly chose card number 30 where the Queen was hiding and for

guessing correctly and being present for the drawing, she takes home 70% of the \$4,820 prize pool or \$3,374 with federal and state taxes to be withheld.

A new raffle with an initial pot of \$500 will start with weekly drawings on Saturday, Jan. 28 at 5:30

p.m. at the Iron Horse Tap and 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. Updated information can be found on the Lena SAL or Iron Horse Tap Facebook pages or by emailing salpost577@gmail.com.

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2022 FC 8
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on February 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:

LOT NUMBER SIXTY-SEVEN (67) ON GRATIOT STREET, ON THE WEST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, IN THE CITY OF GALENA, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS. THE NORTH 24.43 FEET OF LOT SIXTY-SIX (66) ON GRATIOT STREET, ON THE WEST SIDE OF GALENA RIVER, IN THE CITY OF GALENA, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WHICH PORTION OF LOT SIXTY-SIX (66) FRONTS 24.43 FEET ON GRATIOT STREET, NOW KNOWN AS DEWEY AVENUE AND EXTENDS WESTERLY 217.8 FEET

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Winter came back with some ice and snow. We have been lucky so far because the temperatures, other than Christmas when everyone wanted to go somewhere, have been fairly mild. This week's columns do feature some winter recipes. Happy cooking!

Cran-Raspberry Jell-O

In a recent discussion with cooks of my generation, we talked about Jell-O salads. Most of us agreed that we like Jell-O salads especially for special dinners. A lot of younger cooks can't be bothered with gelatin salads; they just want vegetable or green leafy salads. I have been featuring several gelatin salads the last few weeks mainly because I like them. That is why there is another one this week. I have concentrated on cranberry salads during the holidays and because there are still cranberries around. This salad is easy to make; you can do it in a mold (although many people have gotten rid of their molds—check the Thrift Shop if you need one), you can make this in a pretty glass dish also.

2 pkg. (3 oz. each) raspberry Jell-O C. boiling water
 1 can (14 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained
 1 C. orange juice

In a large bowl, dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in the cranberry sauce, pineapple, and orange juice. Pour into a 6-cup mold coated with cooking spray or a large glass bowl. Cover and refrigerate until set, about 4 hours. Unmold onto a serving platter. You can serve it as a molded salad or as a bowl salad. Garnish with sugared cranberries. To make sugared cranberries: boil 1 C. water and 1 C. sugar, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cool completely. Drop cranberries into sugar water and let them dry on a rack to get excess moisture off. When they are dry, roll them in a shallow dish of sugar.

Snowflake Tomato Soup

I love tomato soup in the winter. It is a go-to meal for me when I am sitting there trying to figure out what I am hungry for. This is extra creamy and delicious. I love tomato basil soup,

so I would substitute basil for the oregano.

2 cans (28 oz. each) crushed tomatoes
 1 can (14.5 oz.) chicken broth
 2 t. dried oregano
 1 T. sugar
 1 C. heavy whipping cream
 Crackers and sliced white cheese

In a blender, process tomatoes, one can at a time, until smooth. Transfer to a large saucepan. Stir in broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in the oregano and sugar. Add a small amount of hot tomato mixture to whipping cream; return all to the saucepan. Cook until slightly thickened, do not boil. Are you still wondering about the Snowflake? If desired, cut snowflake shapes from sliced cheese using a small cutter; arrange on top of crackers. Place soup into serving bowl; top with crackers and cheese!

Texas Chicken Spaghetti

This casserole is an interesting combo of flavors. Most of the time we don't think of pairing spaghetti and chicken, but this one is pretty tasty. This casserole can be frozen. It also can be made a day ahead for an easy week-night dinner. Using rotisserie chicken makes this easier to assemble because it is cooked for you. You can use two cans of cream of mushroom instead of one can of cream of mushroom and one can of cream of chicken. I think the cream of chicken gives it good flavor. I have a friend who never uses cream of mushroom, she uses cream of celery instead. It is whatever tastes the best for your group. Enjoy this non-traditional spaghetti casserole.

1 pkg. (16 oz.) uncooked spaghetti
 ¼ C. butter, cubed
 1 large onion, chopped
 1 large green pepper, chopped
 1 can (14 oz.) stewed tomatoes
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 2 t. sugar (optional)
 16 oz. Velveeta cheese, cubed
 3 C. shredded cooked chicken
 Minced fresh parsley (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350. Cook the spaghetti according to package directions. In a Dutch oven, melt butter over medium heat, add onion and pepper. Cook and stir until tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain stewed tomatoes, reserving the liquid, and chop tomatoes. Stir in soups, tomatoes, and sugar if desired. Drain spa-

ghetti; add to sauce mixture with Velveeta and chicken. Add reserved liquid if mixture seems thick. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Cover and bake 20 minutes. Uncover and bake until bubbly and cheese is melted, 5 to 10 minutes longer. Garnish with parsley.

Cabbage Roll Casserole

If you like stuffed cabbage rolls, you will like this recipe because it is a whole lot easier. You make it like lasagna by layering the meat, sauce, and cabbage. It is a great meal for a winter night.

2 lbs. ground beef
 1 large onion, chopped
 3 garlic cloves, minced
 2 cans (15 oz. each) tomato sauce, divided
 1 t. dried thyme
 ½ t. dill weed
 ½ t. rubbed sage
 ¼ t. salt
 ¼ t. pepper
 ¼ t. cayenne pepper

2 C. cooked rice
 4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 1 medium cabbage, shredded
 1 C. shredded mozzarella cheese
 Preheat the oven to 375.

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Highland Community College announces fall 2022 dean's list

Highland Community College proudly announces the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester. Students who have completed 12 credit hours or more during the semester and have a minimum 3.25-grade point average (GPA), based on a 4.0 scale, are included on the dean's list. The highest Honors are awarded to students with a perfect 4.0 GPA. High Honors are given to students with a 3.50 to 3.99 GPA, and Honors students have earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.

Highest Honors

Elizabeth: Kara Conklin
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Elliott; Betina Faga Bergallo; Sarah Foster; Christian Gasmund; Demetrus Johnson; Owen Joseph; Xavier Lasandro; Brooke Allison Parkinson; Sarah Paul; Yowendy Paulino Lopez; Morgan Penticoff; Bayley Pierce; Lane Pierson; Felix Polanco; Jeyson Polanco Ramos; Noah Redmore; Katelyn Schiffman; Mitchell Schneider; Matthew Tran; Olivia Wenzel; Elizabeth Wuebbels; Jeremiah Zuehlke

Lena: Stefany Arreola; Hannah Visel

Orangeville: Daniel Creuzer; Zacharey Green; Natalie Smith

Pearl City: Benjamin Bremmer; Madilyn Diddens; Cody Pitts; Brianna Stager

Stockton: Ashton Davis
Winslow: Marguerite Johnson

High Honors

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Amanda Sawatzky; Nilaya Schulz; Chloe Smith; Sarah Webster; Olivia Wilhelms

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Orangeville: Emily Tilbrook

Pearl City: Conor DeZell; Rachel Riley

Stockton: Morgan McPeck; Sara Miller

Warren: Christian Eaton; Sydney Ertmer; Hunter Kopp; Teila Thommen

Winslow: Payton O'Connor

Honors

Apple River: Diana Mon-

talvo
Freeport: Andrew Bowman; Gage Brewer; Tyler Brooks; Mikko Calingacion; Allison Coon; Ian Devers; Adam Engelkens; Zachary Fisher; Adam Hintz; Christine McDougal; Delia Pokoj; Erica Sanchez; Janelle Sarandi; Brady Schoch; Lieke Simons;

Shanitha Tillmon; Jessica Tomita; Gregory Yount
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REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff,

-v.- JUSTIN KROHMER et al Defendant

2022 FC 8

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 8, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on February 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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The real estate is improved with a residence.

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the con-

dition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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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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College news

Local students make Dean's List

Belmont University
Savanah Brandt

Iowa State

Ashley Carroll
Christopher Schnitzler
Julianna Kuzniar
Ella Wolfrom
Oliver Petta
Kendra Scace

Loras College

Mary Fellers
Hannah Hazzard
Timothy Harrington
Madyson Stephan

Northern Illinois University (graduate)

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Andrew Ford

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Bryce Fitzanko
Madalyn Fitzanko
Ellen Fox
Madeline Klippert
Daisy Timp
Padric Timp
Emma Zeller
Kyle Zimmerman

University of Wisconsin-Stout

Ryan Guy

•Kitchen

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In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat, crumbling beef, until meat is no longer pink. Add garlic; cook for 1 minute longer. Drain. Stir in 1 can tomato sauce and the thyme, dill weed, sage, salt, pepper, and cayenne pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered for 5 minutes; stir in rice and bacon; remove from heat.

Layer a third of the cabbage in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Top with half the meat mixture. Repeat layers; top with remaining cabbage. Pour remaining tomato sauce over the top. Cover and bake 45 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with cheese. Bake until cheese is melted, about 10 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Butterscotch Toffee Cookies

These cookies are really easy to make because they use a cake mix. You do have to find the butterscotch chips and milk chocolate English toffee bits to complete the cookies.

2 large eggs, room temperature
½ C. canola oil
1 pkg. butter pecan cake mix
1 pkg. (10 to 11 oz.) butterscotch chips

1 pkg. (8 oz.) milk chocolate English toffee bits

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, beat eggs and oil until blended; gradually add cake mix and mix well. Fold in chips and toffee bits. Drop by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake until golden brown, 10 to 12 minutes. Cool 1 minute before removing to wire racks.

Peanut Butter Chocolate Cereal Bars

There are only a few ingredients in these cereal bars. They have a little crunch and are a perfect after school snack or something good to put in a sack lunch.

3 T. unsalted butter
¾ C. miniature marshmallows
2/3 C. crunchy peanut butter
3 C. Chocolate Cheerios
3 C. Capt. Crunch's Peanut Butter Crunch

Spray a 9 x 13 baking pan with cooking spray. In a large saucepan, melt butter over low heat. Stir in marshmallows and peanut butter; cook, stirring frequently, until melted, about 8 minutes. Stir in cereals until coated. Remove from heat. Using a spatula coated with cooking

spray, press mixture into prepared pan. Let cool for one hour. Cut into bars. Store in an airtight container up to 3 days.

Final Thoughts

I had computer adventure problems again last week. My monitor kept getting dimmer and dimmer. I finally had to break down and buy a new monitor. It wasn't as expensive as I thought it was going to be. I found out the old one was about ten years old. In this day and age I would say I got my money's worth out of that one. In our era of planned obsolescence, this one will be lucky to last half that time. I got a larger monitor for these older tired eyes. I was lucky that I could get my column done in between break down and replacement.

I had an adventure on a Saturday morning that I thought I would share. I had heard that in the old restaurant in Winslow (some might remember Davey's) on the corner when you turn off Rt. 73 to go across the bridge on the Winslow Blacktop, is a store. It is called Here and There Farms. It is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. They have canned salsa, pickled garlic, relish, jelly, and lots of other

good things. They serve a luncheon special and have homemade cinnamon rolls. Their maple syrup and honey are local and will have some fresh vegetables in the summer. It is worth the trip to check them out. If you want good water, a lot of people go to the artesian well at Paradise Cove too. Sometimes the best things are in our own backyards. Good luck to Luke and Andrew on this farming adventure.

It is hard to believe that the January is racing to a close. We will be looking for recipes for the "red" month. Valentine's Day and Cherry Day (George Washington, you know). If you have any recipes that you would like to share with us, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International provides books to local classrooms

Pi Chapter is honored to be awarded a Delta Kappa Gamma (Lambda State Foundation for Educational Studies, Inc.) grant to support the 2023 "It's All About Books" project for the fourth year. In 2019 Mary Stayner succeeded in getting the first grant with the support of the foundation so the chapter could continue to provide books to the classrooms in the Jo Daviess and Carroll Coun-

ty schools.

The Literacy Committee personally contacted each teacher to gain their insight and/or request of books to either support their reading program, novel studies, or enhance their classroom libraries. Last year, books were provided to 19 third grade classrooms, totaling over 750 books donated. The teachers and children were both excit-

ed to receive the carefully selected books.

This year Jane Yoder was instrumental in getting the grant. The project will be providing books to all second graders in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties schools. Once again, the books can either be recommended by the classroom teachers to enhance their curriculum or books that the Pi Chapter

deems appropriate for second grade if teacher requests are not submitted. In addition to the funds provided by Lambda State Delta Kappa Gamma Illinois State Organization, Pi Chapter sponsors fund raisers to be able to provide the classrooms with as many titles as possible. This project is a blessing to so many students and teachers, as well as the Pi Chapter members.

FHN awards four healthcare scholarships

Four area students have been awarded scholarships to help cover the cost of healthcare education. An outstanding group of students applied for the Healthcare scholarships and Diversity scholarship this year. The students wrote an essay about their career path along with strengths and personal goals to support the healthcare needs of FHN's service area, and the top candidates were selected for face-to-face interviews.

After the interviews, three Healthcare Scholarship applicants were chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship and one Diversity applicant was chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholarship. All of FHN's scholarships are funded through donations to the FHN Foundation.

The 2022 Healthcare Career Scholarships winners are:

Keegan Koester of Freeport, who is pursuing an occupational therapy degree at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa

Joe Namio of Freeport, who is pursuing a nursing degree at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa

Breanna Schneider of Shannon, who is pursuing a degree in nursing at Highland Community College in Freeport

The 2022 Diversity Scholarship winner is:

Crystal Gonzalez of Kirkland, who is pursuing a BSN degree through Walden University's online program

A video of this year's awards presentation is available at www.fhn.org/scholarships. FHN awards Healthcare Career, Diversity, and Volunteer Resources scholarships each year; the application period opens early each summer. For more information, visit the link above.



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