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Wildcats return from break, continue winning streak

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

After a lengthy holiday break, the River Ridge-Scales Mound basketball team has gotten right back to business. Despite nearly two weeks away from live action, the Wildcats didn't appear to have much rust to knock off when they returned to the floor on

Monday, Jan. 2. That day, the Wildcats traveled to face off with the Benton Zephyrs in Wisconsin. Benton held a record of just 1-8 at the time.

RR-SM Head Coach, David Wiegel, and the Wildcats were just excited to be back on the floor. "We had an extended period of time away from basketball over Christ-

mas break and it's refreshing to see the team back practicing and playing quickly and aggressively", Wiegel shared on the team's return. It was a victorious return for the Wildcats, as they picked up the 66-38 victory over the Zephyrs. The win improved the Wildcats record to 16-2 on the year, but really it prepared

them for what was to come.

On Wednesday, Jan. 4, just two days later, the Wildcats began league play in the Northwest Upstate Illini-West Conference. Their first conference opponent was none other than the East Dubuque Warriors. At just 1-12 on the year, the Warriors were heavy underdogs for this NUIC-

West matchup. Despite the Wildcats doubling up the Warriors in the first, it was a slow start for the RR-SM offense. The Wildcats posted just eight points in the opening quarter, but it was enough to get them an early lead as they went into the second quarter up 8-4.

RR-SM busted the game open in the second quarter as they combined for 20 points as a team. Annie Werner had an efficient night shooting, hitting more than 60 percent of her shot attempts. Gwen Miller also got busy in the paint, as she hit 50 percent of her two-point shot attempts. Miller and Werner helped the Wildcats jump out to a big lead as they went up 28-10 before the halftime break.

The RR-SM offense continued to have the hot hand in the second half. The Wildcats had another impressive showing in the third quarter as they combined to put up 18 points. The RR-SM defense held the Warriors to just seven points in the third, allowing them to expand their lead even further. Those seven points were the most the RR-SM defense would allow in a single quarter all night. Eventually, the Wildcats took a 46-17 lead into the final quarter.

With the game already in hand, the Wildcats were able to coast to a 50-22 victory over East Dubuque. The victory expanded the Wildcats' winning streak to 11 games. Werner finished the game with a team-leading 12 points. Laiken Haas, who compliments the physical play of Werner and Miller well, man-

aged to finish the game with 12 points of her own. Haas was two for five from behind the three-point arc on the game. Miller was next up with eight points, while both Addison Albrecht and Anna Wentz finished the game with seven.

Wentz is another player that helps expand the offense as she finished the game going two for two from three-point range. Wiegel's Wildcats tend to do most of their damage from inside the arc, but they benefit greatly from their three-point shooters. Wiegel spoke about the dynamics of the offense saying, "Without question, teams do a lot defensively against us to take away our inside presence, so when our guards can knock down perimeter shots it definitely takes the pressure off of us. Good guard play will help us to score inside by having to stretch the defense. So, the better our guards play, the better our inside game will be." Wiegel is hoping the team can continue to count on those guards as he explained, "To this point, our guard play has been very productive, and we hope that continues."

After another conference matchup against a different set of Warriors out of Warren last week, the Wildcats will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 13. RR-SM is set to travel to travel to face off with the West Carroll Thunder, who are currently just 3-12 on the year. Earlier this year, RR-SM picked up a 57-12 victory over the Thunder in tournament play.



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DEFY Domestic Abuse holiday project a success

With donations and other support, DEFY Domestic Abuse was able to provide holiday gifts to many families and children this year. Eboni Morrow, Family Advocate/Prevention and Youth Specialist with DEFY Domestic Abuse, displays some of the donations received for the nonprofit's holiday project.

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Obituaries

RONALD C. HUGHES

Ron Hughes, 85, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Jan. 3, 2023, at Midwest Medical Center in Galena. Ron was born Aug. 8, 1937, in Freeport to Henrietta (Winter) and Donald Hughes. He married Eileen Zink on May 20, 1967, at St. John Lutheran Church in Massbach.

Ron grew up on the family farm in Woodbine, which he and Eileen made their first home when they married. They soon moved south of Stockton to "Yankee Hollow" and lived there for 15 years before moving to "the suburbs of Woodbine" in 1984. Through the years, Ron hauled milk, drove truck for Schamberger, Logemann, and McMorhan Trucking Companies, worked at Dittmar Shell Station, and was a maintenance electrician at Kraft Cheese and then Atwood Automotive in Stockton. He retired in 1999 and became "Eileen's Secretary," helping her with cake deliveries and set up and calculating quilting geometry, making special fabric cutting templates for her use.

He had a lifelong passion for flight and owned a Luscombe airplane when he was just 17. Ron joined the Navy after graduating from Stockton High School in 1955. He served on the aircraft carrier USS Philippine Sea and was honorably discharged in 1958.



Ron was always creative and innovative in fixing things and providing unique solutions to challenges.

He loved helping others and had a special place in his heart for his family and neighbors.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Eileen, who passed just one month prior. He is survived by their daughter Janelle (Steve) Keeffer of Galena, granddaughters Erin Keeffer (Des Moines, IA) and Elyse Keeffer (Cedar Rapids, IA), his sister Neenah (Carl) Fairbairn (Ridott, IL), sister-in-law Merri Hughes (Lena, IL), and beloved nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother David Hughes.

Memorial services were held at St. John Lutheran Church in Massbach on Saturday, Jan. 7. Visitation began at 10 a.m. with funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Burial with military honors will be at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The family sincerely thanks the compassionate staff at Midwest Medical Center and Midwest Senior Care Community for their recent care.

JOYCE E. SCHEIDER

Joyce E. Scheider, 94, of Lena, IL passed away on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at the Lena Living Center in Lena, IL with her family by her side. Joyce was born on Dec. 5, 1928, to Clarence and Irene (Miller) Barker. She attended McConnell Grade School and graduated from Winslow High School in 1946. Joyce married Donald L. Scheider on June 14, 1946, at the McConnell United Methodist Church.

Joyce was a farmwife, she helped with the farm work, and did the gardening, freezing and canning of the fruits and vegetables. Donald and Joyce moved to Lena in 1976. After moving to Lena, Joyce worked at the Lena Nursing Home as the Activity Director. She was a member of the McConnell United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Joyce played the piano for over 60 years, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and Bible School. She was a member of the McConnell Home Bureau and Waddams Home Extension. She also enjoyed square dancing, playing the piano, playing cards and bowling. Joyce was also a member of the Friendship Club of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church serving as the president and vice president. She also was a 4-H Leader and Cub Scouts leader. She loved limburger cheese and Werther's Original caramels.

Joyce was a great cook. She made homemade noodles and potato salad, baked apple pies, among many other family favorites. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Joyce is survived by her children; Judy Rampenthal, Debbie (Jeff Frende) Vrstal, and Steven (Susan) Scheider, all of Lena, daughter-in-law; Janice Scheider, eight grandchildren; Matthew (Brittany Miller) Rampenthal, Brandon (Christy) Scheider, Chad Scheider, Angie (Jorge) Diaz, Chris (Tiffany) Scheider, Shayna (Scott) Lincoln, Lindsey (Dan) Yoder, and Nick (Chivone Olson) Vrstal, 17 great-grandchildren; Miller, Weston, Nick, Caellan, Cambry, Addie (Oliver), Micah, Carson, Araceli, Audrey, Vivian, Brycen, Macyn, Kiah (Daniel) Jack, Max, and Blake, her brother; Merlyn (Betty) Barker and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Donald, her son Terry Scheider, son-in-law David Rampenthal, grandson Eric Scheider, brother Clarence (Carol) Barker, and sister Dorothy (Robert) Donovan.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the McConnell United Methodist Church. A visitation will be from 9 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the church. Pastor Doug Carroll will officiate the services. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A luncheon will follow the burial at the church. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.letononfh.com.

NINA M. SHEETZ

Nina M. Sheetz, 98, of Freeport, IL died peacefully on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, at Oakley Courts Assisted Living surrounded by family. She was born on Oct. 9, 1924, to Winfield and Lucille (Hermann) Hall of Stockton. Nina and Bill Sheetz were married on Sept. 9, 1944, and farmed in Stockton until their retirement.

Nina was a long-time member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Stockton where she was a church organist for 60 plus years and accompanied Bill's singing for numerous funerals and weddings throughout their 64-year marriage. Nina was also a member of Eastern Star. She was an avid reader and loved jigsaw and word puzzles, quilting and other needle work, and above all, spending time with her family.

Nina is survived by her three children; Mary Lynn (Gary) Groezinger of Stock-



ton, Milton (Debbie) Sheetz of Yucaipa, CA., and Eileen Sheetz (Bev Miller) of South Dennis, MA., four grandchildren; Marci (Kevin) Schubert of Stockton, Becki (Stewart) Baker of Freeport, Christopher Sheetz of Yucaipa, CA and Brianna (Jordan) Hazell of Sacramento, CA.; three great grandchildren; Sydney Schubert (fiancé Dylan Pulvermacher) of Stockton, Lauryn Schubert of Rock Island, and Annalise Sheetz of Yucaipa; and two great-great grandchildren, Cecelia and Violet of Stockton.

Memorial funds have been established for Oakley Courts Assisted Living, FHN Hospice, or a charity of your choice. A Celebration of Life service will be held late Spring of 2023.



HANNA BENDER

Hanna Bender, age 90, went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, at her home in McConnell, IL. She was born on Oct. 6, 1932, in Soltau, Germany to Herman and Sophia (Barenscheer) Luders. She married Friedrich Hoeltke in 1949. She married Arlen Bender in El Paso Texas in 1960. She was a member of Grace Free Methodist Church in McConnell, and the American Legion in McConnell.

Hanna is survived by her children Jurgen (Marina) Hoeltke, Carola (Doug) Kehler, Pete (Peggy Raab) Hoeltke, Wendy (Rick) Wing; 7



grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; special friend Bev Cornwell. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother, and sister.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cremation rights have been accorded. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family on our website at www.letononfh.com.

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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. 15 at 9:30 a.m. for Communion Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from John 1:29-42.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17 Bible Study group will meet at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, Jan. 18 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 for 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.

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The Freeport Public Library announces the One Book One Freeport 2023 title *Life Among the Qallunaat* by *Mini Aodla Freeman*, a story of the author's experiences growing up in the Inuit communities. The free book giveaway started Jan. 9 at the library. Community members of all ages are invited to participate in this fun, completely free event.

One Book One Freeport is a community read program hosted by the library. Following the giveaway, there are programs open to the community including film screenings, group discussions, Storytimes, and crafts. Check out the Facebook page at facebook.com/FreeportPublicLibrary or the library website at www.freeportpubliclibrary.org.

For more information contact Dianne Ludwig, Adult Services Manager for the Freeport Public Library at 815-233-3000 EXT 221 or dludwig@freeportpubliclibrary.org.

NWILED announces 2023 entrepreneurial scholarship

NWILED will offer three scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are entrepreneurial and want to start a business or pursue a career in business. There is one \$2,000 first place award and two \$1,500 runners up awards. Recipients shall be full-time students in good academic standing in the qualifying school year (2022 - 2023).

Students may download the 2023 application from the

NWILED website. Completed applications should be sent to David Schmit, Regional Director: DSchmit@nwiled.org or 1 Commercial Dr, Ste. 2, Hanover, IL 61041 by Friday, March 17.

Scholarships can be used for start-up costs related to launching a business and or advancing a career in business through education and or training. For more information about NWILED visit nwiled.org.

College news

Local students named to Dean's List

Bob Jones University
Denver Baughman
Sophia Bayer

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Bill Werkheiser,
Chandler Reifsteck

Kirkwood Community College
Emma Kloss
Jannah Magill

Western Illinois University
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University of Wisconsin-Madison
Claire Riedl

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Gabi Brinkmeier
Macie Kaney
Olivia Matz
Zoe Penwell
Simon Rillie
Nevaeh Roberts

News briefs

Carrol County Help Center

The Carrol County Help Center and Thrift Shop will host a "buck-a-bag" (limit of five bags) sale on infant, toddler, and children's items on Fridays and Saturdays in January.

Shoppers will also receive a free hat, scarf, mittens, or gloves with each purchase while supplies last. Friday hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 jameps54@yahoo.com with questions or to

make reservations.

Reservations are requested by Feb. 20.

Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension

On Jan. 19, the Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will host their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at the Pearl

City Library.

Roll call will be a "Favorite Memory of Your Holiday". The major lesson will be, "Who are you with Money?", and the minor lesson is, "What to do if you lost your wallet or purse?"

All are invited to join for an afternoon of learning and fellowship.

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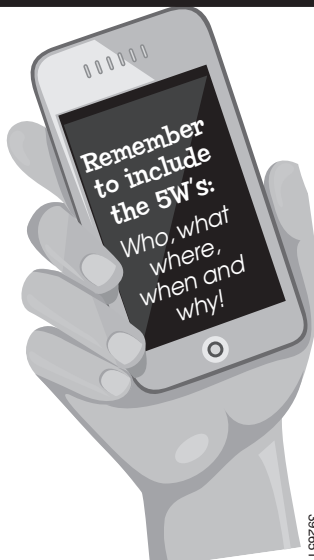
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OPINION

In my opinion

Fairness being added to Illinois' justice system despite efforts to prevent progress

By Ben Ruddell
ACLU OF ILLINOIS STAFF
ATTORNEY

After years of work and deliberations—and a last-minute hiccup from a court ruling—Illinois is poised at last to implement the Pretrial Fairness Act, ending money bond across our state. This historic step eliminates the practice of jailing people accused of a crime simply because they cannot afford to pay a money bond.

Opponents of ending money bond spent millions during the election campaign

on desperate television advertisements aimed at spreading misinformation and stoking fear and confusion about the new law. Despite those millions of ad dollars and widespread media coverage, voters rejected the lies. After the election, legislators expressed further support for the law, resisting calls to repeal or water it down, and instead enacting revisions designed to ensure its effective implementation.

Just days before the law's effective date, a judge in Kankakee County added to

the sense of confusion and chaos when he declared the law to be unconstitutional.

While the Kankakee court's ruling is a setback, let's be clear: This latest desperate attempt by recalcitrant system actors to resist this long overdue reform is not going to stop the end of money bond. Attorney General Kwame Raoul is acting swiftly to appeal the ruling to the Illinois Supreme Court, and well-established legal precedents make it very likely that the court will ultimately overturn the Kankakee court's ruling and uphold the law's constitutionality.

In the nearly two years since the Pretrial Fairness Act was passed, some prosecutors have been tireless in their attempts to undermine the new law in the legislature, in

the media, and in the courts. These efforts have never been about justice or public safety; they are simply about preserving a system under which people are routinely jailed simply because they cannot afford to pay an arbitrary sum of money—not because their release would endanger others or create any risk that they would flee from prosecution.

Sadly, all the politics around the effort to defeat ending money bond obscures two critical points. First, the failed money bond system always has allowed people accused of crime to be released even if they pose a threat to others.

These people just had to have the resources to afford bail. So, when we hear about people accused of a crime

being released from pretrial detention, that is not new. It has been part of the system for decades.

But the campaign against ending money bond has really been about denying justice to people accused of crimes, to treat them as guilty before any court has adjudicated the charge. For generations, thousands of people from Illinois' most marginalized communities have been held pretrial—sometimes for lengthy periods of time—because they did not have the money to buy their freedom.

While they languished in a county jail—perhaps being innocent of the charges against them—these individuals lost their jobs, housing, and even the custody of their children. Where is the justice in this system?

Each day that implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act is delayed continues to perpetuate these harms, undermining the safety and stability of our communities. That is right—this system actually undermines public safety.

When all is said and done, we expect that the law will be vindicated and money bond will be abolished in every county across Illinois, ringing in a new era of fairness in Illinois' criminal court system. While the efforts to debase the law will not abate, we know that a system that is supposedly based on "justice" must treat people in a just fashion. That process is beginning in Illinois.

Ben Ruddell is a staff attorney for ACLU of Illinois in Chicago.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY23 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric heating bills.

The LIHEAP program began Sept. 1 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2023, or until funding is exhausted. There will be no priority groups this program year. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

Due to funding limitations, there will be NO NEW enrollments in the PIPP program this year.

Applicants may apply for a Direct Vendor Payments (DVP) which provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible homeowners and renters to gas or propane and electric vendors to help with home utility bills and for reconnection assistance. Households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines listed below to receive a benefit from LIHEAP.

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| 5 | \$5,412 | 10 | \$7,643 |
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- Proof of Social Security numbers (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and NICA will advise.
 - Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date, such as paycheck stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
 - Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
 - Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment.
- There is no more funding for LIHWAP water and sewer bill assistance.**

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By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

meaning for me. In an instant, I saw it with new eyes. I was looking back. And I realized I no longer wanted to do that.

I no longer needed to do that.

My past was wonderful. I've had a magnificently fortunate life. And this is not to say that I can't look back occasionally or even frequently, but it shouldn't be my mainstay photo - my mainstay stance in life. I hope I always look back at times and in some regards.

Just as I hope I always look forward to the future.

But I can't properly prosper and grow and flourish in the looking backward. It can give me perspective and memories, but I don't want it to be the focus of my life.

That evening, when I saw the photo as if for the first time, I realized it was time to turn my face forward and focus on the now.

Not behind, which is no more. Not ahead, which is yet to be. But now; what I have. The only time I have, really. Just. Right. Now.

How simple is that?

How hard is that?

Come January every year, we are challenged to see things anew. To set goals. Instead, I challenge us to live in the now. Not to worry about our failed marriage or failed job or why that friend never calls or next Wednesday or the upcoming dentist appointment or when we might be able to lose those 20 extra pounds or pay off the mortgage or get that new puppy or buy that new car or the price of gas or milk or any of the myriad things we can think of from the past or the future that could occupy our

thoughts today.

Today focus on today. The best you can be today. The best you can do today. Right here, right now.

Tomorrow will come. And it will be today and then you can do it all over again with the next tomorrow that comes your way.

If you are lucky. All the best in 2023, but most especially all the best to you today.

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.

The New Year—January as a month—is a time for reflection. To assess our progress in life: where we were, where we are and where we are going.

I've learned, in a hard way, that where I was—the past—and where I'm going—the future—don't hold much mettle. The place to be is here, right now. It's all I've got. It's all any of us has.

It was in this thought that I recently changed my Facebook cover photo.

I'd had the same picture for two years. It was a nice photo.

I had the one before this one for maybe five years. I don't really like changing my photo, because change is hard. Plus, each change only makes me look older.

As stated, the photo I recently swapped out was nice. (Because no one posts an ugly one.) It was of my husband and me, and I was at Mickey's favorite place. We were both smiling. I was looking back, probably at our kids who were riding in the Dumbo car behind ours. It was a really happy, in-the-moment shot.

I'd had the photo as my mainstay for two years mostly because it was a moment in time when my husband I were truly happy, and who doesn't want remember that—much less project it upon the world at large?

It worked for me for two years, until one evening I looked at that picture and saw something I hadn't really noticed or registered before. In the photo I was, quite literally, looking back.

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Scholarships program

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation's scholarship program provides scholarship(s) to students who are majoring in agriculture, agribusiness, vocational or an agriculture related course of study. The scholarship(s) are awarded based on exceptional scholastic ability.

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1. Must be a Jo Daviess County Farm



Annette Eggers

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2. Must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college or vocational/technical school.

3. Must be majoring in agriculture or an ag-

related study.

4. Must exhibit potential for successful completion of study.

General scholarship applications must have successfully completed 12 college credits and be enrolled as a full-time student, and up to two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Highland Community College applicants do not have to have any college credits completed to apply for the scholarship, and up to two \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

A copy of the application can be found at www.jodaviesscfb.com.

Illinois Farm Bureau's member benefit platform

Have you had a chance to try out Illinois Farm Bureau's member benefit platform? This is a great way to save money as a farm bureau member. Personally, I have come across some great discounts through this platform. What I like is that you can set up notifications on your phone to be alerted of nearby discounts.

To access the new web platform at <https://ilfb.abenity.com>, members must create an account and provide

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Warren boys fall to Scales Mound, bounce back against West Carroll

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

After getting off to an 0-2 start on the 2022-2023 boys basketball season, the Warren Warriors went on a seven-game winning streak. The consecutive wins had the Warriors feeling confident as they prepared for one of their biggest games of the season.

On Tuesday, Jan. 3 the Warriors were prepared to face off with the Scales Mound Hornets. At 13-1, the Hornets held more live game experience over the Warriors this season. Warren was hoping to shock the Northwest Upstate Illini-West Conference with a victory over the Hornets.

Scales Mound would jump out to a 16-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Hornets were boosted by another impressive shooting performance by Thomas Hereau, who shot nearly 80 percent in the game. Charlie Wiegel also had a solid performance as the duo helped the Hornets jump out to the early lead.

Warren would cut into the Hornets' lead by outscoring Scales Mound 11-8 in the second quarter. A majority of Warren's offense came from Reed McNutt, who did most of his damage from behind the three-point arc. On the game, McNutt hit four of his eight attempts from three-point range. His shooting helped the Warriors get back

in the game as they went into halftime trailing 24-21.

The third quarter was a damaging one for the Warriors. Scales Mound outscored Warren 17-8, expanding their lead into double digits. Eventually, Scales Mound held a 41-29 lead going into the fourth. The final quarter featured an electric performance from both offenses. Both teams combined for 43 points in the quarter as the Warriors outscored the Hornets 23-20. Despite the big quarter, it wouldn't be enough to comeback as Scales Mound held on for a 61-52 victory.

The Hornets were led by Hereau, who finished with 23 points. Wiegel was next up with 12, and Jonah Driscoll finished with nine. McNutt led the Warriors with 18 points in the loss. Warren sophomore, Brady Stietz, was the only other Warrior in double digits with 10 points. Landen Mahoney finished the game with nine.

Two days later, the Warriors had the opportunity to bounce back when they played host to the West Carroll Thunder. At just 1-12, the Thunder were underdogs for this conference matchup. Warren was boosted by another solid performance from McNutt, early on. With six first quarter points, McNutt helped the Warriors jump out to a quick lead. Treyton Paf-

ford came through with five first quarter points of his own. The duo helped Warren take a 21-7 lead into the second quarter.

Cyler Cornelius sunk a three in the second on his way to four points in the quarter. Pafford added another four points and Alex Harris sunk a basket as the Warriors combined for 14 in the quarter. Eventually, the Warriors took a massive 35-9 lead into the halftime break.

Despite the big lead, the Warren offense continued to fire away in the third quarter. Stietz and Pafford each posted six points in the quarter. McNutt added another four and Tyler VenHuizen sunk a three-pointer. It was the second quarter of the night where the Warriors had put up more than twenty points. They outscored the Thunder 21-2 in the quarter, giving Warren a massive 56-11 lead going into the fourth.

With the game already in hand, the Warriors were able to coast to a 62-16 win over the Thunder. The victory improved Warren's overall record to 8-3, while being 2-1 in conference play.

The Warriors will be at home on Thursday, Jan. 12 to play host to the Oregon Hawks. Scales Mound will participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Tournament in Pecatonica on Saturday, Jan. 14.

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Swine production webinar offered

Join University of Illinois Extension for a free webinar on swine production as part of the new "Livestock Production and Principles for Beginners Webinar Series." Katie Bell, Local Foods Systems and Small Farms Extension Educator, will discuss "Getting Started with Swine" on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. This program is being offered via Zoom. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, Jan. 25, to receive the Zoom link. To register or for more information on the program please visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw or call our office at 815-235-4125.

This presentation will be a basic overview for those considering getting started in swine. During the session, Bell will review the basics of swine care including feed management, infrastructure and housing, and manure management. She will also talk about breed selection, giving an overview of breeds and why it is important to review your production goals when considering breed selection. Lastly, marketing considerations will be covered. Resources and laws and products to sell will be discussed when talking about marketing considerations.

Other topics in the series include Grazing with Doug Gucker on Thursday, Feb. 23, Meat Goat Production with Sarah Farley on Thursday, March 16, and Farm Scale Manure Management with Jay Solomon on Thursday, April 13. All of these will begin at 6 p.m. and will be offered as a Zoom webinar.

If in need of reasonable accommodation to attend this program, please call the office at 815-235-4125. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your needs.

House advances assault weapon ban, Senate giving it 'extensive review'

Pritzker expresses support, watches debate from House chamber

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A bill that would ban the sale and manufacture of assault weapons in Illinois advanced out of the state House on Jan. 5 and now awaits

action in the Senate. The bill was prompted in large part by the July 4 mass shooting in Highland Park during an Independence Day parade which left seven people dead and dozens more injured or

traumatized.

Among those who traveled directly from Highland Park was Ashbey Beasley, who told a House committee Jan. 5 that her 6-year-old son was traumatized by witnessing the

parade shooting and is now undergoing therapy. "I don't believe in stripping things away from people," Beasley said, noting that she holds a

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First Community Bank of Galena and Apple River State Bank expands Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program into Wisconsin

The United Way of Northwest Illinois is excited to announce the renewed and expanded sponsorship of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library from the Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena. In 2023 all children in Jo Daviess County IL, Hazel Green WI, and Darlington WI are eligible to enroll, thanks to the bank's commitment.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library affiliate, The United

Way of Northwest Illinois, launched the DPIL in March 2016, and is now providing a book a month to 650 children in Jo Daviess County and Hazel Green WI. In addition, over 1,017 Jo Daviess County children have "graduated" from the program when they reached the age of 5. In 2022 alone, over 7900 books were mailed in Jo Daviess County.

Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena has renewed its

support of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library with a \$6,950 sponsorship. The bank renewed its generous support of the program because of their strong commitment to children in our community, and also because of the amazing response generated by the program.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is open to all children ages 0-5, residing in Jo Daviess County, Hazel Green WI zip code (53811) and

now Darlington WI zip code (53530). The program provides an age-appropriate book mailed to their home once a month. Parents can register their children by picking up a registration form at any Apple River State Bank or First Community Bank of Galena office. You can also register online at <https://www.uwni.org/dolly-parton-imagination-library>, or by contacting the United Way of Northwest Illinois at 815-232-5184.

NWILED to host farming economics event

Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) will host a free public lecture event with author and farmer Beth Hoffman on Thursday, Feb. 2 at Lola's Deli in Elizabeth, IL. Local growers, producers, farmers, food entrepreneurs, agritourists, and community leaders are invited to a lunch and learn where they will receive a complementary lecture, lunch, and copy of *Bet the Farm - The Dollars and Sense of Growing Food in America*.

According to USDA, median farm income in 2022 is expected to be a negative \$661. Even with high commodity prices, the rising cost

of land, fertilizer, and equipment, and changing climate, farming is risky business.

Author Beth Hoffman began her food writing career focused on culture. Now twenty years into writing and producing work on food and agriculture, she has moved

with her husband from San Francisco to his family's 570-acres in South Central Iowa.

RSVP required as space is limited. Connect with David Schmit to reserve your seat at 815-297-7361 or dschmit@nwiled.org.

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their Illinois Farm Bureau member number. Members can also go to the iPhone app store, search IL Farm Bureau membership benefits, and download the app on their iPhone or iPad. If you have any questions about the new member benefit platform, feel free to call our office.

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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 & Lintzen 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 MORE OR LESS TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT SIXTY-SIX (66).

TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING PORTION OF VACATED DODGE STREET DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 68 BETWEEN GRATIOT AND HARRISON STREETS, IN THE CITY OF GALENA, ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE GALENA RIVER, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 68 EXTENDED SOUTHERLY,

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2023 SR. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE

Qualifications:

- Must own and occupy home as a full time resident as of January 1, 2023
- Must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property
- Must be of the age of 65 or older in 2023

Apply at the Chief County Assessment Office, 330 N. Bench Street, Galena, IL prior to May 31, 2023 or phone 815-777-1016.

First time applicants are required to submit a copy of their driver's license. Those currently receiving this exemption do not need to reapply.

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2023 OWNER OCCUPIED EXEMPTION

Qualifications:

- Must own and occupy home as a full time resident as of January 1, 2023;

- Must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property

Apply at the Chief County Assessment Office, 330 N. Bench Street, Galena, IL prior to May 31, 2023 or phone 815-777-1016. Applicants are required to submit a copy of their driver's license or Federal Income Tax form. Those currently receiving this exemption do not need to reapply.

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2023 SR. CITIZEN ASSESSMENT FREEZE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Qualifications:

- Must be 65 years of age or older in 2023;
- Have used the property as your principal place of residence since January 1, 2022;
- Own the property on January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023;
- Must be a single family residence;
- Be liable for the payment of property taxes for 2022 and 2023;
- Have a total household income (includes everyone who lives at the residence) of no more than \$65,000 for 2022.
- Must renew annually

You must submit a complete copy of both your Federal income tax including Schedule 1 with your application. If you DO NOT file income tax, then you must submit a copy of your Statement of Social Security Benefits, State-

ment of Pension Benefits, W-2's and 1099's or any other household income. You must apply for this exemption every year. This exemption freezes the assessed value of your property. It does NOT freeze your tax bill. The deadline for filing is July 1, 2023.

If this is the first time you are eligible, please contact the County Assessment Office at (815) 777-1016 for an application. Chief County Assessment Office (Published in The Scoop Today Jan. 11, 2023) 431303

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2023 Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

- You must be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, Illinois National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces and not dishonorably discharged;
- You must have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs;
- You must own and occupy the property as your primary residence on January 1, of the assessment year (2023), or the exemption granted under this Section shall be prorated on a monthly basis, beginning the first completed month in which the person occupies the qualified residence, and be liable for the payment of the property taxes;
- You must have a total EAV of less than \$250,000 for the primary residence;
- MUST renew and provide VA disability documentation annually.

A certified DD Form 214 and a current disability certification letter from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs for the current assessment year must be provided.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The New Year has many people making resolutions. One of mine is to get more organized. I need to weed out some more stuff that is not essential. I tried to organize the Christmas decorations, and last year I purged a lot, but still could use some purging this year.

Several of my friends have said they are going to cook more because it is cheaper. We all are watching the pennies when grocery shopping. This week we are featuring an repeat appetizer, a healthy salad, some soup, some sandwich, and a dessert for February.

Betty's Crab Triangles

I had a request to publish this appetizer again. This delicious appetizer was in the "Something Special Cookbook" that was published by one of the sorority groups way back in the 1970's. It is a cherished group of three cookbooks that a lot of people still use today. This appetizer is great for a party and was submitted by Betty Werhane. I have always called them Betty's Crab Triangles, although I cut them in half. You can make them ahead of time and freeze them. They will stay good in the freezer for about a month. I also use the imitation crab that you can get at most grocery stores rather than the canned crab as it is cheaper, and I think just as good.

- 6 1/2 oz. crab
- 1 T. mayonnaise
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1/4 t. garlic powder
- 5 oz. Old English cheese spread
- 6 English muffins

Mix all the ingredients together. Split the muffins. Spread mixture on muffin halves. Cut into quarters. Place on ungreased cookie

sheet and broil until bubbly. You can freeze them on a cookie sheet until they are hard and then place them in a Ziploc bag.

Kale Salad with Dijon Vinaigrette

Kale is touted as one of the best greens for good health. This mustard dressing and the dried cranberries make it a great salad with any soup.

- 1/3 C. whole almonds
- 1/4 C. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 T. white wine vinegar
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 10 C. chopped kale
- 1/3 C. dried cranberries
- 2/3 C. Parmesan shavings

Heat a skillet over medium heat. Add almonds and cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly toasted, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from skillet and let cool. In a large bowl, combine the oil, vinegar, mustard, salt, and pepper, whisk until fully incorporated. Add kale and cranberries; toss until kale is evenly coated with dressing. Chop almonds, add to salad and toss until combined. Transfer salad to serving bowl; sprinkle with Parmesan.

Crock Pot Ham and Bean Soup

If you have ham leftover from New Years, you can make some soup to warm everyone up. Ham is supposed to be bring you luck in the New Year, but personally I think somebody made that up so they could use leftovers. Add beans, which are also a good luck food, and you have started the year off with good vibes. A good pot of ham and bean soup is just what is needed when the weather turns cold.

- 1 lb. dry navy or great northern beans
- 1 ham bone
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 stalks of celery, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1/2 t. garlic powder
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 6 C. water

Rinse 1 pound of navy or great northern dry beans. Pick through the beans for any

stones or pebbles. Cover with water and allow to soak overnight. Under running water rinse any coating off a meaty ham bone. Also, scrap off any surface fat that you can. Add to a larger crock pot that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Place the carrots, celery, onion, and beans into the crock pot. Add the seasonings

and water. Cook on Low for 8 hours; remove ham bone to a cutting board. Allow the bone to cool for 10 to 15 minutes. Then remove all the meat from the bone. Discard the bone and any fat and waste. Place meat back into the slow cooker and cook on Low for another 2 hours. Taste to see if it needs added salt. Remove

the bay leaf and serve.

Cabbage and Beef Soup

Yet another tradition for good luck is to eat cabbage early in the New Year. You could have some coleslaw for luck or make this hearty soup. This soup is very economical to make and is even better the next day.

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 t. garlic salt
- 1/4 t. garlic powder
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 can (16 oz.) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 medium head cabbage, chopped

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LEGAL NOTICES

2023 Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

- You must be disabled or become disabled during the assessment year;
- You must own or have a legal or equitable interest in the property on January 1, 2023;
- You must occupy the property as your principal residence on January 1, 2023;
- You must be liable for the payment of the property taxes;
- Must renew annually.

Proof of disability must be submitted in the form of a Class 2 Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card, Social Security Administration disability benefits, Veterans Administration disability verification you are receiving a person for non-service connected disability. Railroad or Civil Service disability benefits (100% disability).

Deadline for filing is July 1, 2023.

Please contact the Chief County Assessment Office at 815-777-1016 for an application.

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2023 Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

- You must be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Illinois National Guard or U.S. Reserve Forces;
- You must have recently returned from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S.;
- You must have owned or had a legal or equitable interest on January 1,

2023;

• You must be liable for the payment of property taxes.

A certified DD Form 214 must be provided or if not discharged, then your military orders and travel voucher showing date of return must be provided.

Deadline for filing is December 31, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS Fifth Third Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF

vs. Joseph Freeman, Jr.; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2022FC45

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/25/2022, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on February 16, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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

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

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes, undrained
 3½ C. water
 4 t. beef bouillon granules or 4 bouillon cubes
 Minced fresh parsley
 In a Dutch oven, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking the meat up into crumbles; drain. Stir in remaining ingredients except parsley. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 hour. Garnish with parsley.

Bacon Cheeseburger Sloppy Joes

You can make these sandwiches with either turkey or ground beef. They are a tasty way to make sandwiches go further and are a hit with all ages.

1½ lb. ground turkey or beef
 1 large red onion, finely chopped
 12 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 2 medium tomatoes, chopped
 ¾ C. ketchup
 ½ C. chopped dill pickle
 2 T. yellow mustard
 1½ C. shredded cheddar cheese
 Hamburger buns
 In a large skillet, cook and crumble meat with onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in bacon, tomatoes, ketchup, pickle and mustard, heat through. Stir in cheese until melted. Spoon meat mixture onto bun bottoms. Replace the tops.

Is it Salad or Dessert?

This salad can be used for a salad or a dessert. It is a great dish for a potluck. The biggest problem will be where to put it in the food line.

1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained
 1 can (15 ¼ oz.) sliced peaches, drained and cut into bite-size pieces
 1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
 3 bananas, sliced
 2 unpeeled red apples, cut into bite sized pieces
 Fruit Sauce:
 1 C. cold whole milk
 ¾ C. sour cream
 1/3 C. thawed orange juice

concentrate
 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
 In a large bowl, combine fruits. In a separate bowl, whisk the milk, sour cream, orange juice and pudding mix until smooth. Gently fold over fruits. Cover and chill for 3 to 4 hours before serving.

Red Velvet Swirl Bundt Cake

If you are looking for a Valentine dessert, this one will do just fine. This beautiful cake will be a treat for all the "sweethearts" in the family. It has a surprise in the middle that everyone will find yummy.

¾ C. unsalted butter softened
 1½ C. sugar
 3 eggs
 1½ C. flour
 3 T. unsweetened cocoa powder
 ¼ t. salt
 1/8 t. baking powder
 ½ C. buttermilk
 1½ T. red food coloring
 1 t. vanilla extract, divided
 ½ t. distilled white vinegar
 Cream Cheese Filling (recipe follows)
 1 C. powdered sugar
 ¼ to ½ C. heavy whipping cream

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, beat butter with sugar at medium speed until fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, cocoa, salt, and baking soda. With mixer on low speed, add flour mixture to butter mixture in three additions alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture, beating until combined after each addition. Stir in food coloring, ½ t. vanilla, and vinegar. Spray a 10 to 12 cup Bundt pan with baking spray with flour. Spoon half of batter into prepared pan. Spoon Cream Cheese Filling over batter, avoiding edges of the pan. Top with remaining batter. Gently swirl batter using the tip of a knife. Smooth top with an offset spatula. Bake until a wooden pick insert-

ed near the center comes out clean, 45 to 55 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Invert cake onto a wire rack and let cool completely.

Place cake on a decorative plate or a cake stand. In a small bowl, whisk together powdered sugar, cream, and remaining vanilla, until smooth. Drizzle over cake.

Cream Cheese Filling

3 oz. cream cheese, softened
 3 T. sugar
 1 T. flour
 1 egg white
 ½ t. vanilla
 In a medium bowl, beat

cream cheese, sugar, and flour with a mixer at medium speed until smooth. Add egg white and vanilla, beating until combined. Add to the cake recipe above.

Final Thoughts

The first week of January went by in a flash. I am hoping that the second week won't be so busy. I spent a lot of time packing away Christmas decorations and cleaning up glitter. I love glitter, but I hate the aftermath of it. I probably will be cleaning that up for months. It is time to get 2022 packed up

and 2023 started. That is another job that I dread. What do you keep? How long do you keep it? What do I need for taxes? I know you all are going through the same things I am. I am hoping to get my computer room back in some semblance of order. That is on this week's list of things to do. I think I just might make a pot of chili too!

I have been looking at Valentine cards and Easter cards. It seems too soon to think about them. My snowmen are not put away because I think we will probably still have some winter weather. I

keep seeing things that tell me it is only so many days until Spring. If you are trying to pass some time these dark winter days, try making something good. If you can't eat it all yourself, call up a working mom, a friend, or someone alone and offer to give them something for their supper. We need all of us to be in life together. If you have some good recipes for winter cooking, 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.

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:
 Commonly known as 614 DEWEY AVE, GALENA, IL 61036
 Property Index No. 22-100-448-00

The real estate is improved with a 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).

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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.

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• **Ban** (Continued from page 7)

Firearm Owner Identification card. "But I do know what it feels like to run away from an AR-15. I do know what it's like to run into a crowd of people running from an AR-15."

The bill was the subject of extensive committee hearings in December and negotiations over details of the measure continued until right before its passage in the House. It will still need approval in the Senate and from Gov. JB Pritzker

to become law. Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, issued a statement Jan. 6, saying senators are giving both the assault weapons ban and another House-approved abortion-related bill "extensive review and careful evaluation" last weekend, as the Senate left Springfield until Sunday evening.

While changes to the legislation are possible, under the version passed by the House it would become illegal for

anyone other than certain law enforcement officers, members of the U.S. military or the Illinois National Guard to knowingly manufacture, deliver, sell or purchase an assault weapon, assault weapon attachment, .50 caliber rifle or .50 caliber cartridge beginning 300 days after Pritzker's signature on the measure.

However, firearms used for hunting that are explicitly allowed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources would not fall under the ban.

The bill provides a long list of specific weapons that would qualify as assault weapons, based largely on the federal assault weapons ban that was in effect from 1994 until 2014. "These are weapons that belong on a battlefield, not at parades, or parks, or schools or churches," House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, a chief sponsor of the bill, told his colleagues during a hearing Jan. 6.

The bill would also ban large-capacity magazines capable of holding more than 12 rounds of ammunition. And it would ban assault weapon attachments, or devices that make other guns resemble assault weapons, as well as "switches"—devices that increase a semi-automatic weapon's rate of fire, effectively turning them into fully automatic weapons.

People who already own a weapon that would be banned under the bill would be allowed to keep them, but they would be required to file an affidavit with the Illinois State Police within 180 days after the bill becomes law, providing the weapon's serial number in order to receive a special endorsement on their Firearm Owner's Identification card.

Also beginning 300 days after becoming law, it would be illegal for anyone who owns such a weapon to sell or transfer it to anyone other than an heir, an out-of-state resident or a federally licensed firearms dealer. They would also be required to notify state police within 10 days of that sale or gift.

One of the last-minute changes made to the bill was a provision that would allow

Illinois gun manufacturers to continue producing the weapons but would limit their sales to only law enforcement or out-of-state purchasers in jurisdictions where the weapons are still permitted.

The final version of the measure was stripped of provisions that would have prohibited individuals between ages 18 and 21 from purchasing a firearm, even with a parent's consent.

The latest version also removed a provision requiring hunters younger than 21 to be under the supervision of someone over 21 with a valid FOID card. That means if the bill becomes law, those individuals will have the same rights and protections they have under current law.

"We talked a lot about that within our caucus, with negotiations," Rep. Bob Morgan, D-Deerfield, the bill's chief sponsor in the House, told reporters. "We heard a lot of feedback about the under-21 (issue). And what we heard most commonly was a lot of concerns with regards to hunting. That was a really important element."

Even those changes, however, were not enough to satisfy ardent gun rights advocates who argued that the measure

would still violate the Second Amendment's guarantee of the right to keep and bear arms. "Part of me wants you to pass this bill," Illinois State Rifle Association lobbyist Ed Sullivan told the committee. "From what I read, it's less constitutional than it was before. Takes away more rights than it did before. Makes it easier to strike down."

Sullivan argued that many of the weapons listed in the bill as assault weapons are commonly used by hunters and sportsmen, a fact that he said would make the ban vulnerable to being overturned under recent U.S. Supreme Court standards.

Still, the bill passed out of the committee on a 9-4 vote, sending it to the House floor for a debate that lasted nearly two hours, with supporters arguing it would reduce gun-related deaths in Illinois and opponents arguing it would have little or no effect and would likely be ruled unconstitutional.

The final vote in the House, taken shortly after midnight Jan. 6, was 64-43. Only one Republican, outgoing Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, voted in favor of the bill. Four Democrats voted no and four more were listed as absent or not voting. In an unusual move, Pritzker sat in the House chamber throughout the debate, at a House member's desk next to Welch. After the vote, he issued a statement saying he looked forward to working with the Senate to pass the bill.

The language of the bill was inserted as an amendment to a bill, Senate Bill 2226, that had already passed the Senate, one dealing with amusement ride safety. That means the Senate only needs to vote on whether to concur with the changes made by the House.



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