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# Warren tops River Ridge in overtime battle

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The Warren Warriors boys basketball team picked up a pair of victories over the West Carroll Thunder and the River Ridge Wildcats last week. On Monday, Jan. 30 the Warriors began their week with an away matchup against Le-Win. The Panthers came into the matchup at 16-7, while the Warriors were 16-5. It had all the makings of an exciting crossover Northwest Upstate Illini Conference matchup.

The Warriors found themselves trailing early on in this one. A scoreless first quarter would leave Warren facing a double-digit deficit before the break. In the second quarter, Warren would attempt to climb back into the game by outscoring the Panthers 12-8. It was Tyler VenHuizen who finally sparked some offense for the Warriors. VenHuizen hit a pair of three-pointers in the second as he put up 10 points in the quarter. Treyton Pafford added a basket of his

own as the Warriors went into halftime trailing 23-12. Following the break, the Warriors were unable to continue cutting into Le-Win's lead. Pafford sunk a third quarter three-pointer on his way to seven points in the quarter, but it wasn't enough. The Panthers outscored Warren 15-9 in the third. Warren, facing a 17-point lead, was unable to comeback as they finished 48-34. VenHuizen led the way in the loss with 16 points. Pafford was

right behind him with 14 and Brady Stietz had three. The only other Warrior to score was Landen Mahoney, who finished with just one point. The next day, the Warriors were looking to bounce back as they traveled to face off the West Carroll Thunder. The Thunder have struggled through most of the 2022-2023 season as they brought a 1-23 overall record into the matchup. Unlike the game against Le-Win, the Warriors would

have a much better opening quarter against the Thunder. Pafford had the hot hand early on, hitting a trio of three-pointers in the first. Stietz added an early boost with seven first quarter points of his own as well. The sophomore duo helped the Warriors jump out to an 11-8 lead. The middle quarters are where the Warriors took control of this one. The Thunder scored just eight points in the second and third quarters combined. Meanwhile, Stietz matched their team total with eight points of his own in those two quarters. Reed McNutt got to work with a six-point third quarter. Pafford added four points of his own in the third, as the Warriors jumped out to a 47-16 lead. Thanks to Stietz's 17-point performance, the Warriors were able to pick up a 57-25 victory. Pafford was next up in scoring with 13 points, while McNutt added 11 in the win. The Warriors had a day off before they got back onto their home court to play host to the River Ridge Wildcats. It was an exciting NUIC-West matchup that had the Wildcats looking for revenge from their last matchup, which saw the Warriors win by a score of 45-32. Things were pretty even from the tip. Pafford sunk an early three-pointer to help the Warriors. Dylan Diehl had the hot hand for the Wildcats with five first quarter points. George Winter and Jack Ketselsen each hit opening quarter baskets of their own as

River Ridge held a 9-8 lead at the end of one. River Ridge would expand their slim lead in the second. Winter added six points, including going two for two at the free throw line. Joe Winter went to work himself, posting four second quarter points. The Warriors spread the ball around in the second quarter. Pafford, Stietz, Mahoney, and McNutt each scored in the quarter. Still, Warren found themselves trailing 21-16 at the halftime break. Things continued to go River Ridge's way in the third quarter. Coming out of the break, the Wildcats outscored the Warriors 15-14 as both offenses got busy. Ethan Walters, who went scoreless in the first half, hit a pair of three-pointers and went two for two at the charity stripe in the third quarter. His appearance helped the Wildcats hold onto their lead. The Warriors continued to spread things around in the third. McNutt and VenHuizen each hit three-pointers, while Mahoney and Jason Niemann added two points each. Despite their efforts, Warren would go into the fourth trailing 36-30. The Warriors knew they would need a big fourth quarter if they wanted to complete the comeback. Two Warren players stepped up to the occasion as VenHuizen and Stietz combined for all 14 of Warren's fourth quarter points. VenHuizen hit a pair



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The River Ridge FFA Poultry high school chapter recently took first place at the Poultry Career Development Event. The team included (back row left to right) Ian Wachter, Arthur Horn, Izzy Haring, Avery Engle, Brook Bradbury, (front row left to right) Brynn Fry, Laiken Haas, Gracie Vanderheyden, Bindi Boop, Katie Cobine.

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# Obituaries

## DENNIS LEE SHULTZ

Dennis Lee Shultz was born to Lester and Sophie Shultz in Warren, Illinois, on June 22, 1954. He was the third child to be born at home, weighing in at 13 pounds! That must have been quite the feat for his 45-year-old mother. Dennis joined two other siblings: Donna Mammoser (who was 18, and Duane (Pat) Shultz who was 9 years old. Dennis put many long days in on the family farm in Warren. When he wasn't hauling water to the house, or milking cows, or attending school, he was playing football. He was proudly a star football player for the Warren Warriors all four years of high school; he would often relive every minute spent on the field.

Just before graduation in May 1972, he met 14-year-old Ruby (Johnson) Shultz of Lena, and it was love at first sight – at least for Dennis. Rumor has it that Ruby was eventually won over by his bright red '72 Comet GT. This was just the beginning of the greatest love story ever told. Even though Dennis was a tinkering country bumpkin who preferred manuals, and Ruby was a townsperson who only drove automatics with a strong get-in-done-now personality, they created a beautiful life together, one that is admired by all who know them.

Dennis and Ruby were married in March 1974 at the United Methodist Church in Lena; their firstborn Stephanie (Shultz) Cochran was born later that same year. Stephanie is Dennis' "original



little grease monkey" as she spent her preschool years "working" with her dad at Shoemaker's Implement in Lena, IL., where Dennis worked as a mechanic for 12 years. Dennis and Ruby's middle child Sheila (Shultz) Mikesell joined the happy family in 1980 and was always a mama's girl. Jedediah Shultz, the only boy, rounded out the family circle in 1982 and was born with a wrench in his hand. Jed often woke up early so he could go to work with his dad.

In August 1984, Dennis was given the opportunity to start his own farm implement business, and he jumped at the chance. Skid Steer Specialties was born and became the premiere sales and service skid-steer business in the area for over 38 years. Even during this very busy season of life, Dennis found time to volunteer for the Lena Fire Department from 1989-2014, including 12 years of service alongside his son, Jed. After Dennis officially retired from Skid Steer in 2005, Jed and his wife Malissa continued the family business, and his son Ike joined after his graduation. Dennis spent much of his retirement years hanging out with Ruby at Café 217 which they purchased together in 2012. He enjoyed not only creating delicious smoothies, but also making sure everyone had a smile on

their face by the time they left with their morning latte and nutteroo.

While Dennis and Ruby were just one year and one month short of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, anyone who knows them, knows that all the years were packed with lots of love and adventures. They both shared a love for old cars and car shows until later years when they came across a '89 Jeep that would fill their days with fresh fun, excitement, and memories. They would strip everything off and joyride to their hearts content, flying down highways, splashing through puddles, and meandering along back country roads with the country radio music blaring.

Over the years, the family tree continues to grow. Stephanie and Grant Cochran of Alaska have three adult children who also enjoy life in Alaska: Oliver and Cheryl Cochran with son Theodore, Neveyn and Sarah Cochran with "little rutabaga" on the way, and Phoebe Cochran with fiancé Jesus Cisneros who will be married later this year. Sheila and Mike Mikesell and two of their adult sons, Jaedon and Parker Terhaar live in the area while Mitchell and Kyleigh Mikesell live in Wisconsin with their twin girls Kora and Kenlynn. Jed and Malissa Shultz also live in the area with their six children: Ike Shultz with Maya Curtis, Izaiah Shultz, Hadlea Shultz, Preston Shultz, Brycen Shultz, and Ryan Shultz.

Even during cancer treatment, Dennis continued to

spread light and cheer wherever he went. He never understood why all the nurses enjoyed hanging out in his hospital room during their breaks. He attributed his stubborn strong will-to-live to his heritage: "I'm half German, a quarter Swiss, and a quarter Irish. That means I'm a fighter!" Truth be told, Dennis did continue to fight all the way through his finish line. He came home from the hospital Tuesday evening, spent precious hours surrounded by family, and took his final 'river crossing' very peacefully early Wednesday afternoon.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Sophie Shultz, and he leaves many loved ones behind including his loyal canine companion "Sofie." Because of Dennis' trust in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, we know this is not the end; because of the resurrection, we have the promise of seeing Dennis again someday.

Please join for a visitation at Leamon's Funeral Home, Thursday, Feb. 9 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Also, there is a Celebration of Life at the Lena Fire Department, Friday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m.

## LAYNE GRIFFIN

Layne "Wolfer" L. Griffin, 69, of Monroe, WI passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023. Wolfer was born on Aug. 17, 1953, to Janette Davidson. He married Betty Heike and together they raised two boys: Chuck and Mike Griffin. In 1988, Wolfer met the love of his life, Wilma Euler, and together they shared 34 years.

Wolfer was a tree trimmer. He was also a junker, where all the area salvage yards knew him by name. If you didn't know Wolfer when you first met him, by the time you were done talking, you were lifelong friends.

Wolfer and Wilma enjoyed camping together and they were the first campers to camp at the Backyard Campground in Gratiot, WI. He had a sweet tooth; he loved candy bars and Dr. Pepper. Wolfer also enjoyed his Old Milwaukee Red's, Pall Malls, beef jerky sticks and dancing. He enjoyed working on cars, watching enduro races,

the boy's demolition derby's, stock car racing, and NASCAR.

Wolfer is survived by the love of his life, Wilma Euler of Monroe, WI, his sons; Chuck (Lisa) Griffin of Apple River, IL and Mike (Melissa) Griffin of Browntown, WI, stepson; Travis (Kelly) Euler, grandchildren; Jessica and Lucas Griffin, Charles and Dayinera Griffin, Bob Vanderdiver, Noah and Nikki Davis, Degan and Bentley Euler, six great-grandchildren, sister Vicki Griffin, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at the Apple River Event Center, in Apple River, IL.

A celebration of life will follow the services at the Apple River Event Center, until 4 p.m. Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate the services. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).



## JEAN KYLES

Jean Kyles, 73, of Taylor Texas passed away Jan. 24 at the Cottages of Chandler Creek Memory Care Facility in Round Rock, Texas. She was born March 18, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois and lived in Blue Island with family and friends. She is the daughter of Grace Eriks and stepfa-



ther George Eriks. She graduated from Joliet West HS in 1967 and then attended the University of Illinois in

Champaign, graduating with a degree in Math Education. At the University she met the love of her life, Bruce Kyles, and they married June 1970. After both graduation from college, they spent the next several years moving around Iowa. IN 1976, after getting her CPA certificate, she eventually went on to earn her MBO alongside Bruce from St. Ambrose University. She found her vocation with Oscar Mayer in Davenport, IA in the accounting department. Over the next 30 years she moved up in various roles, finally retiring in 2006 from Kraft Foods.

Her biggest joys in life revolved around activities with her daughter-in-law

and grandchildren. Jean loved horses, drawing, and of course her dogs that were always by her side. She was well known for her infectious laugh and contagious grin whenever you saw her, along with a good glass of wine in her hand. One of Jean's lifelong goals was to visit all 50 states which she accomplished with Bruce and Tyler (her dog) in 2020. She also visited Europe, Mexico, Ireland, Australia, and often when traveling for business, she would take extra day to visit interesting places.

Jean is survived by her husband Bruce; sons Greg (Kendra) Kyles of Westmont, IL; Tony (Ginger) Kyles of Round Rock, TX; six grandchildren Savannah (16), Lilia (15), Kelsey (14), Zachery (11), Devin (10), and Own (9). She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Karen Stafford.

In lieu of flowers, please support the Alzheimer's association <http://act.alz.org/> donate.

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The family of Joyce Scheider would like to express our thanks to all our relatives and friends for the cards, flowers, food and memorials at the time of her passing. Thank you to Pastor Doug for being with us and the McConnell U. M. church for serving the lunch. Special thanks to Lena Living Center and hospice for their care this past year. Your many acts of kindness and concern will always be remembered.

God bless you all.  
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# Obituaries

## SHIRLEY HINTZ

Shirley I. Hintz, 87 passed away on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at her home in Stockton, IL. She was born on April 9, 1935, to John and Florence (Dunifer) Lashbrook in Charleston, IL. She attended Atkinson High School and graduated in 1952. She worked in the banking industry until 1960 and then worked at Atwood's in Stockton until 1978. In her retirement she purchased Valley Vu Motel in Stockton.

In 1953 she married Rondle V. Castle and had 2 children Katherine I. and Rondle P. Castle, in 1960 she married Gerald L. Yeager and had 2 children John K. and Cynthia M. Yeager and in 1982 she married Russell "Sam"



Hintz. Shirley is survived by 4 children; Katherine (Matt) Gray of Oregon, IL, Rondle (Joanne Haubrick) Castle of Prescott Valley, AZ, John (Cheryl) Yeager and Cynthia (Hal) Tucker both of Stockton, IL. 8 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 12 step great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Sister Pauline Paxton of Stockton, and Sister-in-law; Dorothy Lashbrook of Red Oak, IL.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Husband Sam, 5 brothers; Benjamin, Lona, Junior, Kenny, and James Lashbrook, 3 sisters; Rosetta Smith, Barbara Smith and Roena Morgan, great granddaughter; Chloe Davis, step-grandchildren; Kyle Tucker and Justin Blanchard, and step-great grandchild; Kash Tucker.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until time of service. Officiating was Pastor Keri Rainsberger. Burial took place at Lena Burial Park. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

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## VELMA NEWINGHAM

Velma "Mickey" Newingham, age 85, of Apple River passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023. She was born on Jan. 17, 1938, to Ralph and Hazel (Martin) Boelk. Mickey was born and raised in Apple River. She married Teddy Newingham on Aug. 9, 1963, at Jo Daviess County Courthouse. She loved Apple River so much she decided to raise her own family in the area. She spent her time being a full-time homemaker and stay at home mom where she raised her 4 children.

Mickey was active in the Ladies Legion Auxiliary. She would spend her time thrifting, sewing, and crocheting. She enjoyed camping with her family, playing music, and singing. Mickey had a soft spot for animals. While sitting



on the back porch, you would see her admiring and feeding the birds and squirrels. She loved cooking and would never

let anyone leave hungry. Mickey is survived by her husband Teddy; children-Tina (Jerry) Kent, Becky Deyo, Joseph (SuAnn) Newingham; grandchildren-Nolayne Kraft, Jerry (Lindsay) Kent, Tanya (Jeff) Winters, Nicole Deyo, Joshua (Janessa) Newingham, Cory (Jessica) Newingham, Casey (Casey) Newingham, Justin Viel; great grandchildren- Cameron, Braxten, Abby, Lana, Opal, Rowan, Aubrey, Avery; sisters- Elaine (Ron), Sue (Gene), Sandy (Sylvanus), Ann (Dave). She is

preceded in death by her parents; siblings- Linda, Ronnie, Judy, Margie, Pat; son-in-law Delvin; brothers-in-law Howard and Larry.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the following for providing outstanding care and compassion: St. Croix Hospice Staff, Caregivers Cali Burke and Christa Cook, and Lisa Bourquin, M.P.

Funeral Services will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at the Apple River United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held prior to services from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Apple River United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Pastor Libby Rutherford. Burial will take place at West Ella Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

# Church news

## St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany on Feb. 12. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle Knight presiding. The service will be available on Livestream on the St. John's Pearl City Facebook Page.

Healthy Wolves Backpack has been a weekly ministry of St. John's since April of last year. Backpacks are filled with food and taken to the Pearl City school every Friday. The backpacks are sent home with families for the weekend so that adequate nutrition can be provided for children over the weekend. The families then return the backpack, and they are refilled to be sent home for the next weekend. We currently are serving 41 children through this program. Backpacks are assembled Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs youth kitchen. Anyone in the community is invited to help. Visit the St. John's Lutheran Church website for more information on how to volunteer.

St. John's will serve a free community Grace Meal on Feb. 19. The menu will be chili and corn bread with honey. The meal will be served curbside pick-up for reservations and delivery will be available to shut-ins and

homebound of the Pearl City community. Meals must be ordered by Feb. 16 by calling the church office at 815-443-2215 and leaving a message.

Confirmation Class will be held Feb. 19 with a potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by lessons. Women's Gathering will have a Bible Study on Feb. 21 at 9:45. Pastor Shellie will lead the continued study on the Ten Commandments. Refreshments will be served by Kathy Hillmer and Carla Personette. All community women are invited to attend.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. It will begin the Lenten Season with services which will be held each Wednesday with a soup supper at 6 p.m. and a short service at 6:30 p.m. The weekly services will be held in Luther Hall.

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

you need to contact the pastor or church, you may call 815-443-2215 for information.

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL. on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 9:30 a.m. for Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Service. The reading will be from Matthew 5:21-37.

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 for everyone, it is encouraged to wear masks and practice social distancing inside the building.

## LAVONNE SCHRADER

LaVonne Eileen Schrader, age 81, of Stockton, IL passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at Monroe Hospice Home. She was born at home in Jo Daviess County on March 10, 1941, to the late Lorenz and Augusta (Eacker) Beyer. LaVonne married Robert Schrader on Aug. 20, 1961, at Derinda Lutheran Church.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton. LaVonne graduated from Elizabeth High School in 1959. She had worked at Burgess Battery, Western Newell, Structo, Micro Switch, as a waitress at several restaurants, and a cashier and night manager for Sullivan Foods in Stockton. She also sold Avon for over 30 years. La-



Vonne enjoyed playing cards, flowers, gardening, morel hunting, birds, cooking, baking, reading, watching tv and traveling. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

LaVonne is survived by her companion and special friend, Lee Michael of Freeport; her son, Douglas Schrader of Tomah, WI; her daughter, Deborah (Richard) Hawk of Gregory, MI; her grandchildren, Derek Hawk, Nicole (Eric) Biehl, Faith Schrader and Cyrus Schrader; her great grandchildren, Micah, Mala-

chi, Asher, Silas, Evangeline, Adelynn, Kennedy, Savannah and Easton; her brother, Russell (Linda) Beyer of Elizabeth; her sister, Twila (Richard) Reusch of Elizabeth; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Dennis; her sisters, Dorothy and Iva Mae; and her brothers, John, Allen, LeRoy and Ronald.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 11 a.m. There will be a visitation on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. also at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).





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# OPINION

## Slices of life

# Lessons from the past two years

The last couple of years have been doozies—for just about all of us. The world has changed before our eyes, in ways we never would have or could have imagined.

I've found—often the hard way—that difficult times are opportunities for growth, new perspectives and outlooks.

Two years ago, my world felt devastated because it was. We were smack dab in the middle of COVID and I had the bonus life change of becoming a new widow.

New widow. How's that for a conundrum of terms?

I wouldn't want to repeat the last two years of my life. Not ever. I'm glad I'm here (now) and not there (then). Still, as I alluded to above, times of great stress can be times of great learning and positive change. I hope I've accomplished both. I guess I'm still trying, and that, in itself, counts for something.

The past two years have been life-changing.

I've written about these changes and outlooks, but I'm putting some of them together here as a sort of summary. A Cliff Notes for life, if you will.

Life is fleeting; it is short. It can all change in an instant. Live in the present—not yesterday, not tomorrow, but now. Live in the now, and appreciate it for all that it is.

Having said that, understand the big picture. What troubled you last year or last month is likely no longer on your radar.



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

Appreciate what is good right now. Understand the hurdles and challenges along your path are most likely temporary.

We are all connected. We all look up at the same sky and are warmed by the same sun. We all claim the same home—Mother Earth. We all breathe the same air. Our bodies are universally hydrated by the same H<sub>2</sub>O compound known as water. We all yearn for love. We have more in common than we have differences. Be kind.

Happiness and joy come from within, as does the most important emotion of all: love. They are always in you, waiting—an infinite reservoir of beauty, reverence and delight, yours for the taking. You, and you alone, can choose happiness and joy—or the opposite.

Choose joy. Choose love. We all make mistakes. Every day. Give yourself grace. Forgive yourself abundantly. The best you can do is learn and step forward, wiser for the lesson.

The world has a tendency to judge harshly. Don't repay the favor — for yourself or for anyone else whom you may be tempted to judge. In that, realize that

not judging yourself may very well be one the hardest things you'll ever aspire to do.

I read a quote about the moon that I love. The premise isn't original with me, but I think it's good enough to share. The moon, much like people, goes through different phases of darkness and light—a quarter moon, a half moon and so on. Much like the moon, you may change as the illumination in your life waxes and wanes, but through it all you are always whole. Remember this wholeness is always within you.

As much as you (and I) dislike it, we are not in control. The world provides us with both possibilities and hardships. Take both with equal amounts of gratitude and fortitude. Make the best of every circumstance and hold your head high, despite setbacks and heartbreak.

You've got this. Life can be hard. It often is hard. But you've made it this far. Keep pressing forward. Keep going. You can always quit tomorrow. But don't. Please don't. You are worth fighting for. Day after day after day. I'm rooting for you. I'm right there with you.

*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 Phasing out of police protections in Illinois

By Senator Andrew Chesney

Over the last several years, there has been a gradual diminishment in the role law enforcement plays in keeping communities safe, and the system that administers justice to those convicted of crimes. This attack on our criminal justice system and the men and women whose job it is to apprehend criminals has been deliberately phased. Over time, Illinois has become a soft-on-crime state that places the well-being of criminals and the accused far ahead of crime victims, their families, and Illinoisans who have the right to feel safe in their neighborhoods.

The beginning of this coordinated plan dates back to 2020, when Governor JB Pritzker quietly used his expanded executive powers to release more than 1,000 prison inmates from Department of Corrections facilities. Some were guilty of serious crimes, even murder, that carried a life sentence. These prisoners were released in the name of COVID-19 safety, with no thought whatsoever given to the safety of their victims.

The next phase took place in 2021, when Democrats passed the (un)SAFE-T Act in the middle of the night during a "lame duck" session of the Legislature. The Act severely limits police officers' ability to use force when apprehending a suspect, yet grants the accused expanded rights once they are in custody.

The law also includes an appearance requirement that could place a victim and an assailant in the same courtroom within hours of a crime, and a provision that allows anonymous complaints and civil lawsuits to be filed against police officers. Is it any wonder there is a critical-level vacancy rate at police departments and sheriffs' offices across the state?

Additionally, the (un)SAFE-T Act essentially "defunds police" through an expansive list of costly unfunded mandates. This has caused many departments to decrease the number of sworn officers they are able to put on the streets, and at least three downstate police departments (Godfrey, East Galesburg, Washburn) to disband, leaving public safety only to their county sheriffs' departments.

At the same time many of the (un)SAFE-T Act's provisions were taking

hold, Governor Pritzker's Prisoner Review Board (PRB) was also releasing violent criminals back onto the streets. The PRB is a 15-person body that includes individuals appointed by the Governor. They decide whether inmates should be released early from prison. The Illinois Constitution requires these appointees be confirmed by the Senate within 60 session days of their appointment; however, at one point last year, several members had served for years without facing a confirmation hearing. Governor Pritzker repeatedly circumvented the confirmation process by pulling appointments just prior to the 60th day and then reappointing them to restart the confirmation clock. In fact, at one point last year, 10 members of the panel had not been confirmed. These PRB members make \$92,305 per year for a six-year term. They hold a great deal of power and are making serious public safety decisions. Shouldn't they be fully vetted and approved as required by law?

Perhaps the most contentious element of the (un)SAFE-T Act, the elimination of cash bail was set to take effect on January 1 of this year. A successful legal challenge that resulted in confusion and chaos with implementation ultimately led the Illinois Supreme Court to suspend the elimination of cash bail statewide pending their judicial review. But other provisions, like making Class B and Class C criminal misdemeanors non-arrestable offenses, did take effect on January 1.

Now, the Democrat supermajority wants to remove more than 100 different kinds of firearms from lawful citizens who went through the state's FOID Card and background check process and legally purchased these guns but do not want to submit to a bureaucratic registration and fee system.

These and other new laws slowly chip away at public safety and the integrity of the law enforcement profession in our state. Police have less power, and lawful citizens are facing new infringements on their constitutional gun rights, all while criminals enjoy all the benefits of a turnstile criminal justice system that does not hold them truly accountable for their crimes. We can do better.

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# News briefs

## Le-Win Post Prom fundraiser

A Family Bingo fundraiser to benefit the Lena-Winslow Post Prom event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be held at the Rafters Restaurant Catering and Events. Each card costs \$2 and all ages are welcome to play. There will be all cash prizes, live auction items, light appetizers, and a cash bar available with drink special. Thank you to the Lena Lions Club for donating the use of their bingo equipment.

## McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

McConnell American Legion Auxiliary's February meeting will be held on Feb. 22, 2023, at 6 p.m. with social time beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Terri Thyberg's home. The Auxiliary welcomes new members to join. Please call

Pat at 815-266-1165 with any questions.

## Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop

The Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop will close out their 50<sup>th</sup> year of serving Carroll County with a "Get Bundled Up" sale Fridays and Saturdays in February. All coats will be 50% off and shoppers can fill a bag with sweatshirts and sweaters for only \$2.00. The Thrift Shop, located at 126 S. 4th Street in Savanna, is open Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Carroll County Help Center will offer three \$500 scholarships (one to each school district) to Carroll County graduating seniors interested in pursuing training at a community college or a vocational-technical school. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop and by con-

tacting guidance counselors. The application deadline is March 20, 2023.

## Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension

The February meeting of the Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, at the Pearl City Library at 1 p.m. Becky Thomas will give the lesson

on "Sheet Pan Meals". Many members have received their lesson packet and can share their experiences. Karen Pohl and Janet Ferguson will bring a raffle item. All are welcome to join.

## Female veterans' brunch

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will honor female veterans with a brunch

on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, 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 join for fellowship and entertainment. Call 815-369-4684 or email jamcps54@yahoo.com to make reservations or with any questions. Reservations are requested by Feb. 20.

## Regional Spelling Bee

The Regional Spelling Bee will be held Feb. 14 at Highland College in Freeport IL at 7 p.m. It will be held in the Student/Conference center on the second floor. The winner of this event will qualify for the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

# Scholarships available through Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education

Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education (SCAHCE) is offering a scholarship of \$300 to a student seeking higher education. This scholarship is open to a student of any age, sex, or race, who has a high school diploma or GED certificate. The recipient of an SCAHCE Scholarship must be a current resident of Illinois, regardless of whether they attend a school in Illinois. The applicant must attend a vocational institution or institution of higher learning working toward a vocational certification, undergraduate degree or graduate degree.

or a person returning to the work force or needs to be retrained in another field. If not a full-time student, scholarship will be pro-rated and shared with another part time student.

The scholarship recipient must be an HCE member or related to an HCE member. Applications must be post-marked by April 15, 2023. For more information and an application, contact the University of Illinois Extension Office at 815-235-4125. They will email the rules and application or pick up a copy at the office located on the Highland Community College campus at 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Bldg. R, Freeport, IL.

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*Discovery Town* is a friendly little town with a focus on fun. Each stop on the trip through this mini city provides

opportunities for children to try out adult roles through role play. This cityscape created just for kids offers a collection of storefronts where our youngest citizens are the shopkeepers and customers. Children have the freedom to safely explore, discover, and learn through creative and imaginative play in a pint-sized community.

While in *Discovery Town*, children can explore a variety of settings including a vet clinic, theater, post office, airport, pizza shop, fire station, classroom, town park, and zoo.

# Hornets earn win number 23

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Scales Mound Hornets had a busy week with three games scheduled last week. After picking up a 65-44 win over Warren, the Scales Mound Hornets held a record of 21-4 on the 2022-2023 boys basketball season. It was their second consecutive win as the Hornets were looking to establish another winning streak.

They had the opportunity to earn their third consecutive win on Tuesday, Jan. 31 when they played host to the Galena Pirates. At 17-7, the Pirates looked to pull off the season sweep over the Hornets. Galena won their first matchup, which was in Galena, by a score of 64-60. This time around, the Hornets looked for revenge with the opportunity to play in Scales Mound territory.

It was a high scoring opening quarter as both teams combined for 31 points in the first. The Hornets were led by a strong offensive performance from senior guard, Jacob Deurr. As a team the Hornets were lethal from the three-point range as they hit at a fifty percent clip. Deurr was especially impressive from deep, hitting three of his four attempts.

After an evenly matched second quarter, the Hornets took a 31-26 lead into the halftime break. Another area the Hornets were able to gain an advantage was at the free throw line. While the Hornets hit all six of their attempts, the Pirates hit just two of their six shots at the line. Deurr was

also a perfect three for three at the line. Thomas Hereau, a junior guard-forward, was also impressive from three-point range. Hereau sunk a pair of threes on his way to a 12-point performance. The Hornets had plenty of offense to go around in this one as four Hornets finished in double figures. Deurr led the way with a season high 22 points. Charlie Wiegel, a senior point guard, was next up with 13 points. Junior power forward, Jonah Driscoll, was the fourth in double figures with 11. The offensive performance was enough to get the Hornets the 71-45 victory.

Two days later, Scales Mound was back on the floor as the Hornets played host to the West Carroll Thunder. This time around, the Hornets were the clear favorites as West Carroll came in with a record of 1-24. Scales Mound won their first matchup by a score of 76-30, and they went for similar results in the second meeting.

The Hornets wasted little time taking control of this one, as well. Scales Mound jumped out to a whopping 20-point lead in the opening quarter as they went into the second up 22-2. The Scales Mound offense was efficient throughout. They had an even more impressive second quarter, as the Hornets combined for 32 points. The Hornets had this one locked up by halftime as they went into the break with a 54-11 lead. Scales Mound would go on to win the game by a score of 75-34.

The Hornets success

throughout the 2022-2023 season is largely because of their complimentary defense. Not many 1A schools can play their style of defense and still have a multitude of weapons on offense. While averaging nearly 63 points per game on offense, the defense allows just under 46 points per game, giving the Hornets an average point differential of 17.

Offensively, the Hornets are deep with options. Hereau leads the team in scoring at just under 18 points per game. Wiegel is next up with 12 points per game, and Deurr averages just over nine points per game. The trio's offensive abilities make things a lot easier for the Hornets, but it doesn't end there. Driscoll is plenty capable on offense and has been known to put up double figures when his team needs it. With a season high of 14 points, Driscoll has reached double figures in six games, this season.

The Scales Mound roster is deep, and the results are evident. After dropping a non-conference matchup to Glenbard West, the Hornets' record fell to 23-5. Despite the loss, it was a good test for the Hornets as Glenbard holds an enrollment that is more than 33 times the size of Scales Mound's. Glenbard has 2,352 students, while Scales Mound has just 70. Although the Hornets didn't get the results they wanted, it was still a good opportunity for the hoops program.

The Hornets will be back in action on Friday, Feb. 10 when they play host to the Stockton Blackhawks.

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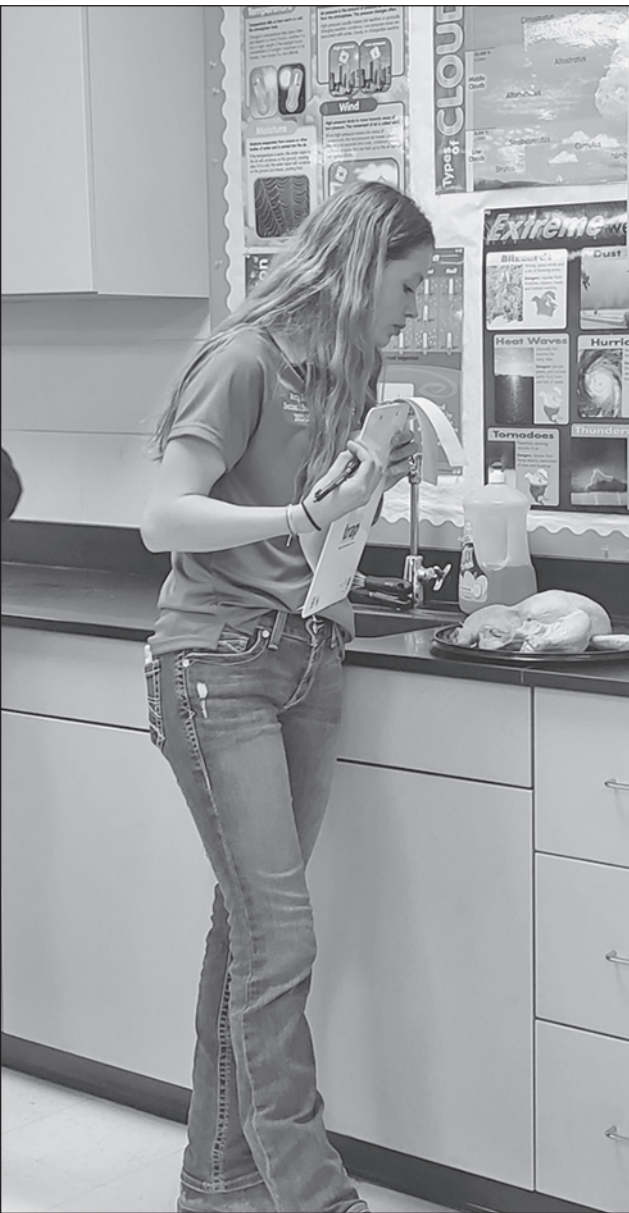
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# River Ridge FFA wins Poultry Career Development Event



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**Avery Engle judges a poultry carcass at the Jan. 31 Career Development Event. Engle placed fourth as an individual overall.**



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**Ten members of the River Ridge FFA High School Chapter competed on Jan. 31 in the Poultry Career Development Event (CDE). Here, Allie Karberg is judging the further processed section.**

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FFA members from across the section learned all about egg and poultry carcass quality grading as they prepared for the Poultry Career Development Event (CDE). Ten members of the River Ridge FFA High School Chapter competed on Jan. 31 in the CDE. This contest has many parts including the following: Egg quality grading (interior and exterior), carcass part identification, a written exam, grading of further processed poultry products, and judging live birds. The River Ridge team worked hard and came out with a win, as they placed first out of 14 teams. Stockton was close behind in second and the Forreston team was third. The Wildcats were especially proud of our Chapter Historian, Arthur Horn, who placed first as an individual overall. Izzy Haring was third, Avery Engle was fourth, Brynn Fry was ninth and Greenhand Bindi Boop rounded out the top ten individuals.

The Jr. High team also had a solid performance. They completed all of the same sections of the CDE as the high schoolers, but their scores are only compared to the other Jr. High teams. The Jr. High team, which included Nick Cobine, Gracie Allen, Allie Karberg, and Natalie Keleher, placed second. Nick Cobine was second as an individual, Natalie Keleher was fourth and Allie Karberg placed seventh overall.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT FOR THE 15TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY  
- FREEPORT, ILLINOIS  
PHH Mortgage  
Corporation  
PLAINTIFF**

**Vs.**

Nichole L. Falconer; et. al.  
**DEFENDANTS**

No. 2022FC39

**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 09/27/2022, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on March 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:

**THE WEST ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (173) FEET OF LOT SEVEN (7) IN BLOCK TWO (2) IN COATES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT. SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

PIN 89-18-19-06-202-008

Improved with Single Family Home  
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Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount

paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-03292. I3213061

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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION**

Plaintiff,

-v.-

**TERRY DIANE  
FEINBERG,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS**

Defendant

2022 FC 23

**NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS  
HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 9, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 14, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

**THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO-WIT:**

**LOT NUMBER FIFTEEN (15) IN BLOCK NUMBER THREE (3) IN BAILEY'S PARK SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF SILVER CREEK, NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.**

Commonly known as 16 E WAYNE ST, FREEPORT, IL 61032

Property Index No. 18-19-06-278-012

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$77,320.10.

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.

For information, contact **CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC** Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-020057.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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Attorney File No.  
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# Panthers bounce back with wins over Warren, Orangeville

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers boys basketball team has been red hot as of late. Prior to their recent Orangeville matchup, the Panthers were 10-2 over their last 12 games played. After suffering a 33-28 loss to Easton Valley on Saturday, Jan. 28 the Panthers got back in the win column with a pair of wins over the Warren Warriors and the Orangeville Broncos.

On Monday, Jan. 30 the Panthers were set to defend their home court against the Warren Warriors for a crossover Northwest Upstate Illini Conference matchup. The Warriors brought a 16-6 record into the game,

while the Panthers were 15-7. Le-Win was simply dominant in the opening quarter. The defense gave the Warriors fits as Warren was held to zero points in the first. Meanwhile, Le-Win was bolstered by a quick start on offense from Rowen Schulz. Going three for three at the line and hitting an early three-pointer, Schulz helped the Panthers jump out to a 15-0 lead at the end of one.

Warren would fight back in the second quarter. Things got physical as the Panthers went to the line a couple of times. Gage Dunker and Gunar Lobdell were perfect from the charity stripe in the second as they both went two for two. The Warriors out-

scored the Panthers 12-8 in the quarter, but Le-Win still held a 23-12 lead at the halftime break.

Le-Win swung the momentum back into their grasp in the third quarter. Specifically, it was Lobdell who had the hot hand as he exploded for 12 points in the quarter. Lobdell hit a pair of three-pointers that energized the team. Schulz added a three-pointer of his own, giving the Panthers three in the quarter. The duo helped the Panthers take a 38-21 lead into the final quarter.

With the big lead, the Panthers were able to focus on the basics as they coasted towards a victory. Alex Packard and Mason Spidahl each put up four

points in the quarter. Lobdell went two for two at the line as the Panthers held on for a 48-34 win. Lobdell led the way in scoring with 18 points. Schulz was next up for the Panthers with 11, and Spidahl finished with six.

On Thursday, Feb. 2 the Panthers had their first game of the new month as they traveled to face off with the Orangeville Broncos. It was the second time these teams would face off this season, with the Panthers winning the first game by a score of 51-32. The second matchup would have eerily similar results.

The Panthers had another impressive opening quarter

that was sparked by Schulz. The senior point guard hit a three-pointer on his way to eight first quarter points. The Broncos relied on the three-point ball to keep pace. Kyle Kloeping and Cody Wirth each hit three-pointers in the first quarter. Eventually, Le-Win took a 15-8 lead into the second quarter.

Orangeville got busy at the free throw line in the second quarter. All nine of their second quarter points came from the charity stripe as Wirth went a perfect five for five and Mitch Soddy was four for four. If it weren't for a missed pair of free throws by Ben Briggs, the Broncos would have been perfect in

the quarter. Le-Win found production from multiple angles in the second. Lobdell and Owen Gilbertson each hit three-pointers. Packard added a basket that ended with a failed and-one opportunity, and Spidahl sunk a free throw. By halftime, Le-Win held a 27-17 lead.

The third quarter would only see that lead grow. The Panthers would outscore the Broncos 13-10 in the quarter. Jake Zeal posted seven points after going scoreless in the first half. Lobdell added another four points, including going two for two at the line.

**See PANTHERS, Page 11**

## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- CORNERSTONE CREDIT UNION, LAURA RABEY, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE, N.A., KEENA BOOLMAN, CHRISTOPHER BOOLMAN Defendant

2022 FC 9

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THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 1 AND THE NORTH QUARTER OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 31 IN KNOWLTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF FREEPORT.

Commonly known as 1020 S OAK AVENUE, FREEPORT, IL 61032

Property Index No. 18-14-31-451-026

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount

was \$51,246.87.

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.

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21-121354

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County of Jo Daviess

Date Premises Sold: October 19, 2020

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This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 5, 2023.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County in 330 N. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036, Court Room 1, on July 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

You may be present at this hearing, but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

**YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY**

Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 5, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Jo Daviess, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Galena, Illinois.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK

330 North Bench Street Room 104 Galena, IL 61036 (815) 777-0161

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Jessica Cannon as Independent Executor of the Edward W. Coppernoll

Jessica Cannon Unknown Heirs & Devises for the Estate of Edward W. Coppernoll

Terry Batchelder Terry Batchelder Occupant

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**Wednesday, Feb. 15 to:**

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Attn: Anita Mau  
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# College news

## Local students

### named to Dean's List Central College

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Jason Hermann

### University of Dubuque (graduate)

Thomas Gorgosz

### University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

Jean Medenblik  
Lila Rudisill

## Highland

### Community College fall graduates 2022

Highland Community College announces the 2022 fall graduates. Fifty-Eight graduates were awarded associate degrees, an associate of applied science degrees, or certificates.

**Elizabeth:** Dalton Wachter, Welding & Fabrication Certificate, Basic Welding Certificate

**Freeport:** Tyler Chambers, Automotive Service - Level I, Automotive Service - Level II; Jaylynn Coppernoll, Welding & Fabrication Certificate; Miranda Farshtchi, Associate of Arts; Noah Field, Associate of Science; Rhys Love, Associate of Science; Morgan Penticoff, Associate of Arts; Katie Riegler, Cosmetology Certificate; Brady Schoch, Associate of Arts; Michelle Simler, Agricultural Production Certificate; Matthew Tran, Associate of Arts

**Hanover:** Carter Flack, Associate of Science

Lena: Danielle Doyle, Associate of Science; Alivea Peight, Associate of Arts; Madison Scafe, Associate of Science

**Orangeville:** Emily Tilbrook, Associate of Arts

**Pearl City:** Laura Diddens, Associate of Applied Science Accounting, Accounting Certificate, Professional Tax Preparer Certificate.

## •Panthers

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Brock Tyrrell helped keep the Broncos in the game with six third quarter points, including a three-pointer. Soddy added another four points in the quarter, but the Broncos would go into the final quarter trailing 40-27.

Orangeville didn't have the offense to pull off the comeback in the fourth. Le-Win would hold on for a 52-34 victory, proving the first matchup was no fluke. The win improved Le-Win's record to 17-7, while the Broncos fell to 1-22.

Orangeville's next game is Wednesday, Feb. 8 as they travel to face off with the Pearl City Wolves. The Panthers are also in action tonight as they play host to the Stockton Blackhawks.

# REAL ESTATE NOTICES

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STEPHENSON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

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UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
Defendant

2022 FC 23

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Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property

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

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

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

For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-020057.

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Case Number: 2022 FC 23  
TJSC#: 43-61

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

Case # 2022 FC 23  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

CORNERSTONE CREDIT  
UNION, LAURA RABEY,  
MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS  
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO  
CAPITAL ONE, N.A., KEENA  
BOOLMAN, CHRISTOPHER  
BOOLMAN  
Defendant

2022 FC 9

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 14, 2022, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on March 14, 2023, at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Ave. (West Door), FREEPORT, IL, 61032, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1020 S OAK AVENUE, FREEPORT, IL 61032

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$51,246.87.

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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For information, contact CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601 (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 21-121354.

OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Property Index No. 18-14-31-451-026

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$51,246.87.

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY -  
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS  
PHH Mortgage Corporation  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Nichole L. Falconer; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS

No. 2022FC39

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 09/27/2022, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on March 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:

PIN 89-18-19-06-202-008  
Improved with Single Family Home  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
1415 Walnut Avenue  
Freeport, IL 61032  
Sale terms: 10% down of the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-22-03292. I3213061

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

CORNERSTONE CREDIT  
UNION, LAURA RABEY,  
MIDLAND FUNDING LLC AS  
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO  
CAPITAL ONE, N.A., KEENA  
BOOLMAN, CHRISTOPHER  
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Defendant

2022 FC 9

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## This week's Little Blackhawks

Congratulations to these Stockton Elementary and Middle School students who were recognized for following the Blackhawk Way.

## IN\*CI\*DENTAL\*LY

# National Children's Dental Health Month

During the month of February, the American Dental Association celebrates National Children's Dental Health Month. This month-long national health event focuses on teaching children the importance of oral health, as well as providing parents with tips to keep their child's smile healthy. When children are taught how and when to floss and brush their teeth, why they should visit the dentist, and how to eat healthily, the more likely they will be to carry those habits into adulthood. The more parents learn about how to promote their child's oral health, the more likely they will develop and retain a healthy smile throughout their lifetime.

The American Dental Association strongly recommends that your child's first dental visit take place by the age of one or within six months after their first tooth comes in. The first dental visit is usually kept short. The goal is to achieve a thorough exam to evaluate any potential problems, such as a tongue or lip tie, and to make sure that the jaw and oral tissues are developing properly. You will be seated in the dental chair, with your infant placed in your lap. After the exam, your dentist will discuss his/her findings, answer any of your questions and discuss preventative care.

Many parents are not aware of this recommendation, so if you have not yet taken your child



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**  
Illinois Licensed General Dentist

to the dentist, here are some helpful tips for their first visit.

As you will need to complete a medical and health history for your child, it is helpful to request these forms prior to the appointment. It will be quicker and easier to do these at home. It is also a good idea to write out any questions or concerns you may have. Your dental team understands that this is a new experience for your child, and we want to make it as quick, easy, and positive as we can.

Children react and respond to new experiences in their own way, but they take their cues from their parents. If you are afraid to go to the dentist, your child will pick up on that. Don't let your anxiety show. To prepare your child for their first dental visit, present it as a fun and happy experience. Practice a pretend visit. Just take a toothbrush, have your child open wide, and count their teeth. Let him/her hold a mirror to show how a mirror helps the dentist look at their back teeth. Let them practice on a stuffed animal. You can also read a book about going to the dentist.

First visits should be

easy, with the dentist just "counting their teeth" Don't say words like "hurt" or "shots" or, "If you don't floss or cry, you'll get a treat." That is just going to make them think, "What is a dentist and what are they going to do to make me cry?" Use clear and simple language such as, "The dentist helps you clean your teeth and stay healthy." Talk about dental cleanings and checkups as a routine thing that everyone does. Don't schedule this appointment during nap time. Make sure they have a light meal beforehand, so they are not hungry, then brush their teeth. Some children are more nervous than others and may benefit from holding on to their favorite toy or blanket.

Never use dental treatment as a threat to encourage a child to brush and floss. This will make them fear the dentist. Use positive reinforcement such as praise for how well they are trying. In next week's column, I will discuss specific steps and helpful tips for both infant's and children's daily preventative oral care.

Negatively or positively, oral health contributes to overall health throughout your child's lifetime. Being proactive about your child's dental health helps them to develop and keep their smile healthy. Easy and fun preventative care every six months builds up your child's comfort and confidence in visiting the dentist.

## • Battle (Continued from front page)

of clutch three-pointers that helped Warren tie the game 44-44 at the end of regulation.

The overtime period featured a free throw battle with both teams coming in clutch.

Following regulation, Warren went four for four at the line, while River Ridge went four for five. That left the game to be decided by whoever could get their shots to fall.

It was Mahoney who hit a pair of big baskets for the Warriors that helped give them momentum. Mahoney finished the game with ten points, four of which were just enough to give Warren the 54-53 victory. Stietz led the team in scoring with 16 points, and VenHuizen finished with 13.

Walters led the Wildcats in the loss with 15 points. Geoge Winter was next up with 14 points, and Diehl had 11. The loss dropped River Ridge's record to 12-12 on the year. On Friday, Feb. 10 the Wildcats will be on their home court to play host to the Orangeville Broncos.

It was the eighteenth victory of the season for the Warriors as they improved to 18-6. They also have a game the night of Feb. 10 as Warren will play host to the East Dubuque Warriors.



## February is National Children's Dental Health Month

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