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STOCKTON BLACKHAWKS VOLLEYBALL FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

The Stockton Blackhawks volleyball team earned a first-place finish in sectionals on Thursday, Nov. 7 against the Galena Pirates.

Stockton Blackhawks capture first ever volleyball sectional championship with victory over Galena

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks' football team was unable to avenge a regular season loss in the postseason, but the volleyball team faced a similar opportunity in sectional play.

The Stockton volleyball team lost just two matches in the regular season, both to the Galena Pirates. The Black-

hawks did beat Galena in one out of their three regular season matchups. Expectations couldn't have been higher when these teams faced off in sectional play on Nov. 7.

It was senior Madalyn Mammoser who refused to lose to the Pirates again. Mammoser hit the court ready for action as she helped the Blackhawks run away with the

opening set. Stockton made a statement when they went up 1-0 with a 25-19 victory.

For every bit of energy that Mammoser provided on offense, Taylor Haas matched it defensively. Haas finished the day with five total blocks, including three solo blocks. Haas also had five kills, which tied Katelyn Winters for second on the team.

Galena had no answer for Mammoser's relentless attacks. Kacy and Kaydra Wright continued to set her and the Blackhawk offense up for opportunities as they combined for 19 assists on the night. Kaydra led the team with 10.

Mammoser wound up finishing the day with 13 kills in just two sets played. The senior helped the Blackhawks secure a 2-0 victory as they beat Galena 25-20 in the second set. It was the 36th victory of 2024 for the Blackhawks. The victory propelled Stock-

ton into the Super Sectional round, where they took on Harvest Christian Academy on Nov. 11. HCA had 27 wins on the year and were fresh off a 2-1 victory over St. Edward before taking on Stockton. Aurora Christian High School played host to the event.

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Little Blackhawks

Pictured are Stockton Elementary's Little Blackhawks for the week. These students are recognized for following the Blackhawk Way. Keep up the good work!

Obituaries

GERALD PETERSON

Gerald Peterson, age 89, formerly of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, passed away at home with family by his side. He was born in Dekalb, Illinois on March 16, 1935, to Hank and Lois (Elliott) Peterson. He graduated from Dekalb High School. Gerald married his beloved wife, Patti Momenteller, in 1954 and they enjoyed 68 years of marital bliss, until her passing on Nov. 5, 2022. Gerald was a butcher for much of his life, he owned and operated Peterson Market Basket in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Gerald is survived by his two daughters- Tanya Peterson and Sherri Griffin; grandchildren- Cassandra (Scott) Maier, Trisha (Andrew) Week; great-granddaughter Olivia Sholar; sister Janet



Peterson, brother Bob (Juanita) Peterson. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Patti, sister Marjorie Heffner, and nephew Jimmy Bender. A visitation was held on Monday, November 11, 2024, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Stockton, Illinois. Funeral service followed at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, Illinois. Father Michael Morrissey officiated the services. Interment took place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton, Illinois. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

DONNA DOMBERGER

Donna Jean (Nowak) Domberger, 83, of Kent, IL, passed away Nov. 2, 2024, after a short illness. She was born on Oct. 29, 1941 to Lawrence and Hazel (Schmidekamp) Nowak. She attended school in Stockton, IL and was employed at Kent Cheese & Culvers of Freeport.

On March 29, 1958, she married the love of her life Fred (Manfred) Domberger Sr. They were married for 62 years before Fred's passing in 2021. Donna loved to sit on her porch to watch the birds, play scrabble, and visit with her neighbor Sara. Family was most important to Donna, and she was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Vicki (Roger) Kloepping Kent, son Manfred, Jr. (Earlene) Domberger, grandchildren: Amy (Jeremy) Roling, Katie (Doug Hastings) Stager, and Jennifer Duarte; great-grandchildren:



Justin, Jaydon, Brianna, Danica, Lukas; brother in law: Sigurd (Tracy) Finks, niece Kelsey (Brandon) Stenglein, nephew Brian Finks, Sister Ruth Reken-thaler, Sister in law Shirley Nowak, close cousins in Germany, and special dog Amber.

Preceded in death by her husband, infant son, parents, father-in-law (Arnold) & mother-in-law (Maria) Finks, brother-in-law (Arnie Jr), three sisters, and six brothers. Arrangements have been made with Offenheiser-Schwarz funeral home. Funeral service was held on Wednesday Nov. 6, 2024, at 11 a.m., with visitation preceding service at 10 a.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent, IL, with Gary Groezinger officiating. Burial in Loran.

DONNA KEMPEL

Donna L. Kempel, age 87 passed away on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024, at the Manor Court in Freeport, IL. She was born on Dec. 5, 1936, in Kent, IL to Paul Boyer and Orlena (Thompson) Boyer. She was a graduate of Pearl City High School in the class of 1955.

Donna married Ronald Kempel on July 23, 1955, at Donna's parent's farm home, Kent, IL. She farmed with Ronald until 1977. In the mid 1980's Donna started her own business "Weight-to-Life" in Lena, IL. She was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church in Lena until joining the First United Methodist Church in Freeport, IL in 2017. She was a member of the Laureate Gamma Omicron Sorority in Lena, IL. She enjoyed sewing, shopping, flowers and butterflies. Her greatest joy was her family, she enjoyed going to her children's and grandchildren's events and spending time with her great grandchildren.

She is survived by her 3 sons; Gregory (Heather) Kempel of Freeport, IL, Bradley (Diane) Kempel of Lena, IL, and Douglas (Con-



nie) Kempel, Bethany (Teag) Haughan, Jake Kempel, Rachel (Roger) Bedeker, Danielle (Ryan) Thomas; Step-grandson; Erik Eise-man, step-granddaughter Kelsey (Eric Ramirez) Eise-man. 11 great-grandchildren; Owen, Emma, Lucas, Liam, Ava, Mason, Logan, Laine, Cayla, Max, Sabrina. 1 sister- Deborah Hughes. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ronald in 2016, and 2 brothers, Boyd and Richard Boyer.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at the Leamon Funeral Home. Pastor Natarsha Gardener officiated the services. Burial was held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport, IL.

A memorial has been established in her name. Friends and family may send condolences to the family at www.leamonfh.com.



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Jo Daviess County's Socks for a Cause campaign

Support agricultural literacy with the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau's Socks for a Cause Campaign. Ag themed socks are available for purchase now through Dec. 10. Socks are \$12.95 per pair, one

size fits most, and highlight farming or youth ag organizations.

Orders can be placed on at <https://bloominsocks.com/.../jo-daviess-county-farm-bureau>. A discount is offered

when purchasing more than one pair. Proceeds benefit the farm bureau's ag-in-the-classroom program.

These socks are fun and make great stocking stuffers, Farm Bureau Manager Eggers

notes, "We encourage everyone to purchase a pair of socks and join us in supporting ag education." For more information call 815-858-2235 or email jdcfboffice@gmail.com.

News briefs

Blackhawk Unit of SCHCE

The November monthly meeting of Blackhawk Unit of SCHCE will be held Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library. Roll call will be "Family Favorite Food or Snack". The major lesson on "Fixins and Nibbles for the Holidays" will be given by Colleen Brown and Kim Planz. Anita Costello and Ruth Keltner will furnish items for the raffle. All are welcome to attend.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary meeting

The November meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Lena American Legion Home at 6 p.m. We will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans. We are also collecting clean in good repair

coats, gloves, hats that you would like to donate to the veterans. Please bring them to this meeting or call 815-369-4684. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Karen Sirgany will be in charge of the social hour.

Current needs for the Stephenson County VA Pantry

Body wash (mens and womens)
Laundry soap
Shampoo and conditioner (mens and womens)
Long underwear (tops, bottoms, unisex)
Cans of fruit
Donations can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 316 W. Main St., Lena. Donations are greatly appreciated. This list is immediate needs, however other items will always be accepted. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

Lena Historical Society

The Lena Historical Society is selling gift boxes of three types of cheese (muenster, Colby jack, and Swiss) and a beef sausage from AJ's Lena Maid Meats. The cost of the gift box is \$30 and will be available by Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Lena Museum, 427 W. Grove Street in Lena.

The deadline for ordering is Friday, Nov 22. Place an order by calling Cindy Drye at 815-369-4030 or Eleanor Holmes at 815-238-2372. This the perfect gift for the person that has everything, and it supports the Lena Historical Society. Cheese boxes can be delivered in town.

Salvation Army of Freeport

The Freeport FOP Lodge #959 is gathering food dona-

tions to benefit the Salvation Army of Freeport this holiday season. Stop by the Cub Foods parking lot on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with donation to help those in need.

The Red Kettle Bell Ringing Season is about to begin, and Bell Ringers can sign up by going to register.toring.com. If in need of assistance signing up, please contact Sue Gronner, the Red Kettle Coordinator at sgronner@gmail.com or call 815-541-1949.

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary Meeting will be held at the McConnell Legion on Nov. 20, 2024. Social time will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6 p.m. We welcome anyone who is interested in the Auxiliary.

Scales Mound Community Churches United present third annual Chili / Soup Dinner to benefit area food pantries

The Scales Mound Community Churches United including Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Scales Mound United Methodist Church, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, are pleased to announce their third annual Chili and Soup Dinner to benefit all food pantries in Jo Daviess County. The Chili and Soup Dinner will be held on Nov. 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Scales Mound Town Hall. There will be a bake sale as well.

There is no charge for this event, but there will be a free will donation for the soup and chili, as well as the baked goods. In addition, paper, cleaning, and personal care donations are appreciated for the food pantries. Money and product donations will be distributed to the food pantries in December. Please contact Pastor Libby Rutherford at rutherford.libby@gmail.com or 815-990-1428 with any questions.

Village of Lena happenings

Leaves will continue to be picked up through Thanksgiving depending on weather. Please line the curb with leaves without letting them fall into the street. If other yard waste is mixed in with the leaves, they will not be picked up. Any yard waste can be disposed of at the Village Streets Department anytime.

Small Business Saturday is Nov. 30. Take the opportunity to explore our wide range of businesses in Lena and support local.

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Fri-

day, Nov. 29. Any documents or payments can be placed in the dropbox. Garbage pickup will be delayed to Saturday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

The Village Board meets at Village Hall on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend to see what is happening within the Village of Lena. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss, call Village Hall at 815-369-4016 to be put on the agenda for Public Participation.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Nov. 17 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Mark 13:1-8. On Wednesday, Nov. 20 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

any questions.

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate Reformation Sunday on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. We will be blessing the items brought in for the Harvest Home collection and the Chancel Choir will be signing as well. Join on Facebook if you can't make it in person.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 9 a.m. and on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. (there is no November date due to Thanksgiving).

The November Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Nov. 17. It will include turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn

casserole, cranberries, and a pumpkin dessert. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Nov. 17. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Nov. 14. The meal is funded through the generosity of a grant from the Pearl City Lions Club and donations. If you are interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 a.m. at the Beltline Restaurant in Freeport.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 3:15 p.m. If you are interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

St. John's Lutheran Church

of Pearl City is an ELCA parish and is located at 229 First St. in Pearl City. We are handicapped accessible. If you need to contact the pastor or church, you may call 815-443-2215 for information.

Calvary Church of Stockton

Calvary is holding its first ever Turkey Sandwich Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Please buy your tickets from Calvary people. The cost is \$10 for a one sandwich dinner, \$12 for a two-sandwich dinner. The proceeds will go toward the cost of tuckpointing the church brickwork.

Calvary holds Sunday School every Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. followed by Worship Service led by Pastor Scott Hess at 10 a.m.



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Early results show Democrats likely to maintain supermajorities in Illinois General Assembly

Sorensen holds on to 17th congressional seat as Trump outperforms past 2 elections

CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Preliminary, unofficial election results show no seats in the state House or Senate have changed party hands, although a few races remained too close to call according to the Associated Press.

That means Democrats will maintain supermajorities in each chamber of the General Assembly even as President Donald Trump appears to have vastly outperformed his previous two showings in the state in 2016 and 2020.

The AP called the presidential race for Trump early on Nov. 6, and with an estimated 93 percent of votes counted, he trailed Vice President Kamala Harris in Illinois by about eight percentage points. If the total holds, it's about half of the margin of victory enjoyed by Democrats in the state in each of the past four presidential cycles.

Illinois' representation in Congress also appears unlikely to change. Democratic U.S. Rep. Eric Sorensen withstood

a challenge in the 17th Congressional District of northwest Illinois, beating Republican challenger Joe McGraw, 54 percent to 46 percent, meaning Democrats will keep their 14-3 advantage in the state's congressional delegation.

"Now, it's about coming together to do what's best for all of us and I am proud to be the good neighbor to represent you," Sorensen said in a statement. "We have a lot of challenges and hard work ahead of us, but I can tell you the sun

will rise tomorrow morning and our forecast is bright."

And in Cook County, early returns showed Democrats poised to sweep all county-level offices that were up for election, including state's attorney, while voters in Chicago cast ballots in their first-ever elections for local school board seats.

General Assembly

As of early Nov. 6, unofficial results showed Democrats were poised to likely keep

their 78-40 supermajority in the Illinois House and their 40-19 control of the Senate, although a few races proved to be highly competitive.

That was true in the 52nd House district, where incumbent Republican Rep. Martin McLaughlin, of Barrington Hills, was leading Democratic challenger Maria Peterson, 51 percent to 49 percent, a margin of fewer than 1,000 votes.

And in the 47th House District, incumbent Republican Rep. Amy Grant, of Wheaton, was leading Democrat Jackie Williamson, 50.4 percent to 49.6 percent, a margin of just 500 votes.

Another uncalled race is in the 76th District that includes parts of DeKalb, LaSalle and Bureau counties. Democrat Amy Briel led Republican Liz Bishop by less than 700 votes in the race to succeed retiring Democrat Lance Yednock.

The race was also too close to call for a pair of incumbents—91st District Rep. Sharon Chung, D-Bloomington, and 104th District Rep. Brandon Schweizer, R-Danville, in two central Illinois races. As of Nov. 6, the AP hadn't tallied all the votes in Champaign or McLean counties. A Capitol News Illinois analysis 91st District data showed Chung handily winning that race by about 3,500 votes, while Schweizer had a lead of 771 votes in the 104th District with some mail votes outstanding.

In the 112th District in the Metro East area outside St. Louis, Democratic Rep. Katie Stuart, of Edwardsville, was leading Republican challenger Jay Keaven, also of Edwardsville, 54 percent to 46 percent.

That district was at the center of a debate during the spring legislative session when Democrats pushed through a bill to ban the practice of political parties "slating" candidates for a race after a primary election if no candidate from that party ran for the nomination.

That bill passed the General Assembly in May, even though candidates from both

parties, including Keaven, were already actively gathering petition signatures to fill vacant ballot positions.

The Illinois Supreme Court eventually ruled the law couldn't go into effect in 2024, allowing Keaven to remain on the ballot.

And in the neighboring 114th District, former Democratic Rep. LaToya Greenwood, of East St. Louis, appeared far behind in her attempt to retake the seat she lost following redistricting in 2022 to Republican Rep. Kevin Schmidt. Unofficial returns from that rematch showed Schmidt holding onto lead of less than 2,000 votes with 78 percent of votes counted. Although the AP had not called the race as of Wednesday, Schmidt issued a news release claiming victory.

Statewide referendums

Three statewide "advisory questions" all passed, although they don't carry any legal weight.

The first question concerned whether candidates should be subject to civil penalties if they interfere with election workers' official duties. That passed with 88.9 percent of respondents voting 'yes' with an estimated 89 percent of votes counted.

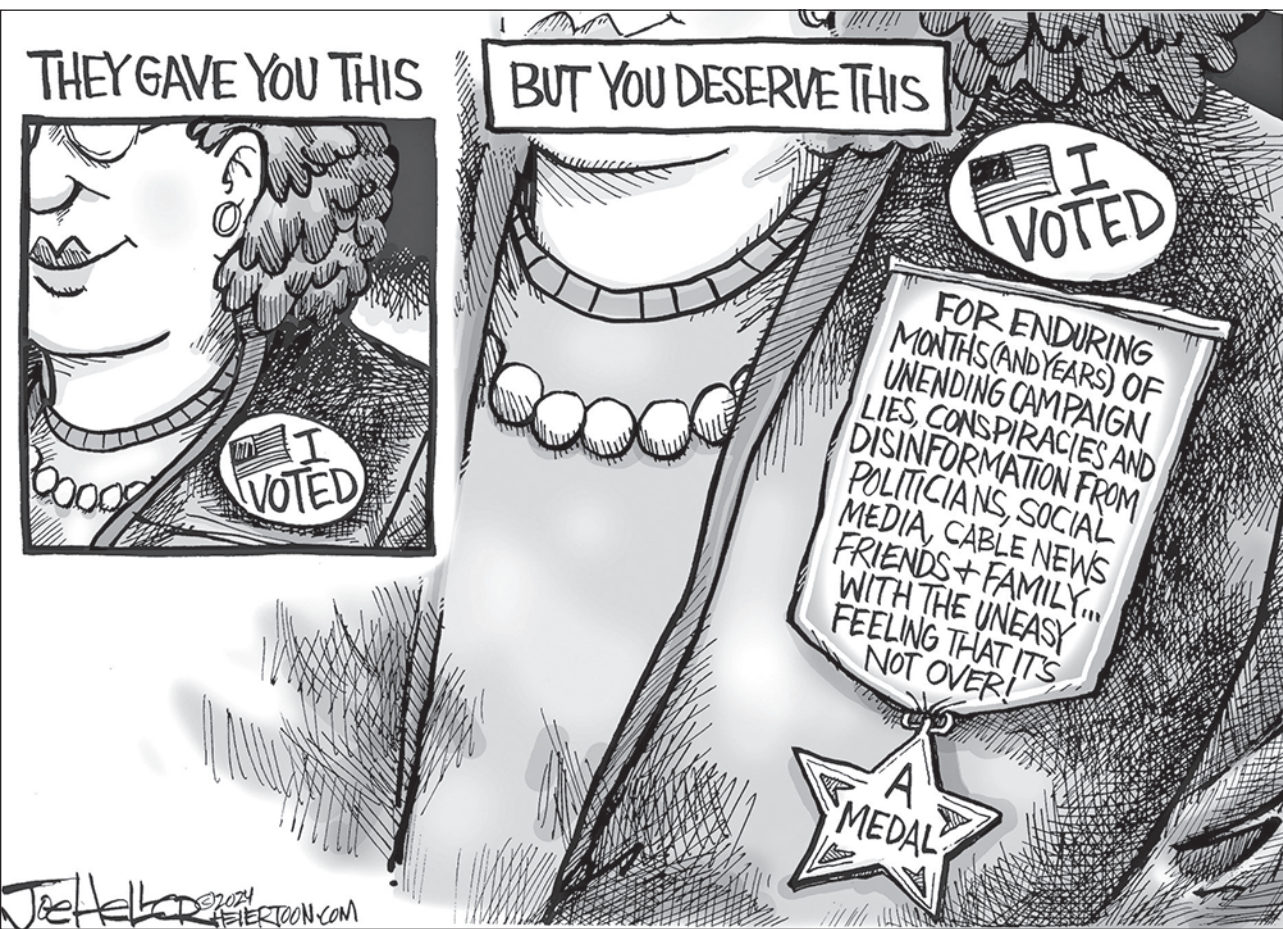
The second asked voters whether Illinois should modify its constitution to allow for higher taxes on those with incomes over \$1 million to pay for property tax relief programs. With an estimated 89 percent of votes counted, 'yes' had carried about 60.3 percent of the vote.

The third asked whether the state should require insurers that cover pregnancy benefits to also cover assisted reproductive treatments like in vitro fertilization. 'Yes' received 72.4 percent of the vote with 89 percent of votes counted.

Downstate, seven counties asked voters to consider whether they should explore separating from Cook County to form a new state, with all seven voting in favor of similarly phrased referendums.

This result means that 33 counties so far have voted in favor of exploring separation, just under one-third of Illinois' 102 counties. In total, about 10.9 percent of Illinois' population has voted on this issue, with every county where the question appeared on the ballot voting in favor of separation.

Madison County, which



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Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

I am notorious for ruining almost every surprise I plan. I often get too excited and want to tell the gift or plan for an event or a special activity. The past month or so we have been working diligently on planning and organizing trips for 2025. We are excited to share the trips we have planned so far. Additionally, multiday trips will be added closer to the new year.

Fair Oaks Dairy Farm: Friday, June 20
Farm Progress Show:

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Warrens Cranberry Festival: Friday, Sept. 26

For prices and additional details visit www.stephenson-cfb.org or www.carrollcfb.org. If you have questions please reach out to your county Farm Bureau: Carroll, 815-244-3001 or Stephenson, 815-232-3186.

Ogle Carroll Ag in the Classroom Fundraiser

Support the Ag in the Classroom program for Ogle and Carroll counties by pur-

chasing freezer meals. These meals are great gifts for those on your list who are hard to shop for. Get two sets of five meals, each individual serving. Meal sets are \$90 when paying by check/cash \$95 if paying with credit card/debit card. The menu includes lasagna, chicken and biscuits, chicken bacon ranch pasta, pulled pork and pork tenderloin with bourbon pineapple and potatoes.

The order deadline is Nov. 27 at 1 p.m., with order pickup being Dec. 16. Carroll

County pickup is from 1 to 4 p.m. and Ogle County pickup is from 3 to 5 p.m. Meals can be ordered online at <https://checkout.square.site/buy/SUYA4IJAM252ZGM-6LIG6VW4D>.

McNess truck sale continued

Did you miss the McNess Truck sale the first weekend in November? Well don't worry because McNess left some of their inventory with us to keep the sale going. Be sure to stop by our office 210 W. Spring Street, Freeport, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to pick up your favorite McNess items just in time for the holidays. If you have questions, please contact our office at 815-232-3186.

Carroll County Farm Bureau office hours

The Carroll County Farm Bureau is excited to announce that our office will now be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. For ques-

tions, please call our office at 815-244-3001.

Collegiate Discussion Meet

On Friday, Nov. 1 Illinois Farm Bureau welcomed 20 outstanding students from 10 Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters for the 2024 Collegiate Discussion Meet. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all those that participat-

ed. Our final four did an outstanding job.

Congratulations Adam Loker (Wayne County), Derek Sample (Franklin County), Gracie Murphy (McDonough County), and Benjamin Bremmer (Stephenson County)! Adam Loker was named State winner with Derek Sample as the Runner Up. Honorable mentions Gracie Murphy and Benjamin Bremmer.

Freeport Police Felony possession of a firearm

On Nov. 7, 2024, at 1:26 p.m., Officers with the Freeport Police Department conducted a search warrant at a residence in the 100 block of S. Cherry Avenue. During a search of the residence, a loaded semi-automatic pistol was seized.

The resident, 19-year-old Zyaire Erving, was arrested and transported to the Police Department where he was processed. Felony charges of Possession of a Weapon by a Felon

and Possession of a Firearm Without Requisite FOID were approved by the Stephenson County State's Attorney. Erving is being held at the Stephenson County Jail pending the outcome of a detention hearing.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

• Results (Continued from page 4)

Madison County, which held a referendum on Nov. 5, was the closest referendum yet—passing with 56.5 percent of the vote. The other six counties that voted ranged from about 71 percent to 77 percent voting in favor.

Chicago-area races

Chicagoans voted for the first time for elected school board members. Ten seats were up for grabs this election and the fiercely fought races brought out millions of dollars in spending from candidates and political committees.

As of Nov. 6, three races were still too close to call. Of the seven where a winner is clear, three went to candidates backed by the Chicago Teach-

ers Union. Three seats were won by candidates endorsed by either the charter school group INCS Action, a political action committee associated with the conservative Illinois Policy Institute or both. The final candidate wasn't endorsed by any of those groups.

Recent decisions from leaders in Chicago Public Schools have raised questions about what actions the state might have to take in response. Some state Democrats began publicly considering looking at the level of state oversight at CPS following the resignation of its entire board last month amid tensions with Mayor Brandon Johnson and the CTU.

The election itself follows a fight among state-level Demo-

crats earlier this year that saw competing proposals and a monthslong debate surrounding ethics rules for the reformed board and a timeline on when to hold the board's first elections.

Other Cook County offices that were up for election were swept by Democrats, including county clerk, circuit court clerk and state's attorney. Retired judge Eileen O'Neill Burke defeated Republican Bob Fioretti, a former Chicago alderperson, in a closely watched race to replace outgoing State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

The outgoing prosecutor drew national attention for her progressive policies and her office's handling of the 2019 Jussie Smollett case.

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Blackhawks fall to Panthers in round two

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks were already facing an uphill battle when they played host to the two seed in the Lena-Winslow Panthers on Saturday, Nov. 9. Having already lost to the Panthers once this year, the Blackhawks knew they would have to play nearly perfect in order to beat their undefeated opponent. The one thing

the Blackhawks couldn't afford was allowing Le-Win to get off to a hot start.

Unfortunately for Stockton, that is exactly what the Panthers did. Le-Win's leading rusher, Alec Schlichting, had more than one hundred rushing yards and a pair of touchdowns less than two minutes into the game. Toppling Goliath was always going to be a challenge, but spotting the Panthers a quick

two-score advantage was nearly impossible to overcome.

Early in the second quarter, Schlichting tallied his third score of the game. This time, Schlichting took it 46 yards to put the Panthers up 22-0. A three-score advantage essentially put the game out of reach with Le-Win finding so much success in the run game.

Stockton allowed al-

most 400 rushing yards in the game. Offensively, the Blackhawks didn't crack the scoreboard until the middle of the third quarter when they were already down 36-0. It came by way of a one-yard plunge from sophomore quarterback, Walker Olson. Olson then hit Carter Blair for the two-point conversion.

The Blackhawks would score just one other touchdown in the game. Jack Mensendike found some

space as he broke free on a 55-yard rushing touchdown. Those were the final points of the season as the Blackhawks went on to fall to Le-Win 44-14.

Stockton found success in the run game as they rushed for over 220 yards as a team. Mensendike led the way in total rushing with 100 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries. Mark Detwiler carried it 28 times for 98 yards. Jeremiah Luke and Reece Detemer led the way defensively

as they each finished with seven total tackles.

Stockton finished the season with an overall record of 7-4. They lost just two seniors in Bryce Grube and Jacob Harbach. They will return a majority of their squad along with Head Coach, Sean Downey, who enters his third season next year. The round two loss may have been a disappointing outcome, but Stockton's future is as bright as anyone's in the NUIC.



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Stockton Blackhawks football

After a tough loss to an undefeated Le-Win team, the Stockton Blackhawks wrapped up their football season with an overall record of 7-4. The Blackhawks had a great season and playoff run, and will be a team to look out for next year as they return a majority of their players and head coach, Sean Downey.

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Annual Stephenson County 4-H Awards and Volunteer Recognition event

On Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, over 150 volunteers, members, and families gathered at Highland Community College for the annual Stephenson County 4-H Award and Volunteer Recognition Event. Together they enjoyed an awards ceremony, program updates, and a sweet treat from Megan Marie's Bakery. The 4-H Awards event is an annual occasion where 4-H members are awarded for their outstanding accomplishments, 4-H Fair Choice Awards are handed out, and our 4-H volunteers are recognized for their valuable contributions to the Stephenson County 4-H Program.

Twelve 4-H Ambassadors helped Brenda Heimann, Stephenson County's 4-H Program Coordinator, emcee the awards ceremony and help with desserts: Aaliyah Whitney, Cara Brinkmeier, and Sarah McPeek of Pearl City, Chloe Jean Schmidt, Connor Bausman & Carson Williams of Freeport, Abby and Matthew Busker & Kinzy DeHaven of Ridott, Mya Mitchell of Dakota, Jordan Heimann of Warren, and Ava Atwater, German Valley.

Highlighted award winners include:

- 4-H Club of the Year: Country Cuzins 4-H Club
- 4-H Youth Volunteer of the Year: Jordan Heimann of Lena Lucky Clovers
- 4-H Adult Volunteer of the Year: Jeremy Longamore of Snappy Snazzers
- 4-H Alumni Award: Dorothy Wire of Lena Lucky Clovers

4-H Family of the Year: Schmidt Family: Mike, Lisa, and Chloe Jean of the Pearl Valley Rangers

Top 1st Year 4-H'ers (8): Serenity Hunt and Reese Nicholas of Country Cuzins, Colette Brinkmeier of Pearl Valley Rangers, and Annabelle Birr, Rowan Baker, Hannah Lerdahl, Joseph Manning, and Cora Schultz of Snappy Snazzers

Program Book Cover: Elizabeth Lamm of Freeport Fantastics

Scrapbook of the Year: Country Cuzins

EEC Electricity Award – Elmer Heid of the Pearl Valley Rangers

Photographer – Jeremy Longamore, Snappy Snazzers

Illinois Holstein-Friesian Association Award: Sarah McPeek of Pearl Valley Rangers, Abby & Rachel Busker of Country Cuzins

10 Year 4-H Members: Jasmine Brinkmeier, Natalie Mora, and Cole Weber of Country Cuzins, Ella Gunderson, Alyssa Kempel, and Brynn Lamm of Florence Crickets, Adam Gillingham

of German Valley Golden Eagles, Odin Stabenow of Lena Lucky Clovers, Jorja Johnson, Pearl City Hornets, Hannah Pecoraro, Pearl Valley Rangers, and Makayla Mock, Gavin Roth, and Whitney Sullivan of Snappy Snazzers.

11 Year 4-H Members: Sarah Kempel of Florence Crickets, Logan Miller of German Valley Golden Eagles, Brea Musser of Pearl City Hornets, Jordan Johnson and Levi Sheffey of Pearl Valley Rangers.

Besides the county awards, Illinois 4-H has an Experience Level Recognition program for 4-H members that youth ages 8-18 can achieve. Members need to complete different experiences at the individual, club, county, multi-county, state, national, or international levels within one of the four dimensions: Participation, Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning. The medals that can be earned at the county level are bronze, silver, and gold. Medals that proceed to state recognition are emeralds and diamonds. This year Stephenson County had five bronze medal winners: Addy Ackerson, Elizabeth Lamm, Elowen Lamm, Makayla Mock, and Gunner Winning. To win a bronze medal, youth must complete at least one experience in the four dimensions listed above.

The silver medal winners were: Alyse Cahoon, Kinzy DeHaven, Amery Dinderman, Ava Fellows, Mason Fellows, Natalie Fellows, Macall Heath-Ils, Piper Heath, Grace



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Top first year 4-Hers are Cora Schultz, Serenity Hunt, Colette Brinkmeier, Joseph Manning, and Reese Nicholas.

Maskell, Paige McPeek, Mya Mitchell, Reese Nicholas, Gavin Roth, Chloe Jean Schmidt, Ian Smith, Lily Smith, Whitney Sullivan, and Carson Williams. These youth had to complete two experiences in each of the four dimensions, with at least two of those experiences being beyond the individual and club level.

The gold medal winners had to complete four experiences in each dimension, and two of those experiences must be outside of their club and county. The youth who win this award are very active not just in their 4-H clubs in Stephenson County, but they also attend and get involved with 4-H on a state and multi-county level. We had eight youths who won gold medals this year: Abby Busker, Rachel Busker, Aidan



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10 and 11 year 4H members include Alyssa Kempel, Sarah Kempel, and Brea Musser.



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4-H Club of the Year Country Cuzins

Dinderman, Kylie Manning, Sarah McPeek, Blair Schultz, Shelby Stone, and Lauren Witte.

This past year, Stephenson County had two youths ex-

ceed the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award levels, so their Experience Awards were sent on to the Illinois State 4-H Office to be judged for either a Diamond or Emerald Award.

In order to earn one of these top State Awards, youth must have more than 4 experiences in 4-H beyond their club

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Stockton-Lena-Winslow Cross Country wraps up 2024 season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton-Lena-Winslow PantherHawks had one of the best cross-country seasons in program history in 2024. As a team, they qualified for sectionals for the first time. Senior Ryan Pieper qualified for state for the second time. A number of personal records were set and broken in a year that the PantherHawks hope brings exposure to the program and its sport.

Pieper went out on top as a senior. In the 1A State Championship Cross-Country race, Pieper ran a 15:32, setting a new personal record in his final race. His time was good enough for a 38th place finish out of 285 runners. He ran almost a full minute faster than last year's time, where he finished in 99th place. Pieper took second place and earned an All-Conference Medalist spot in this year's NUIC race as well.

Fellow senior Jackson Barrett also went out with a bang. Barrett had multiple top 10 finishes this year, including multiple course and distance personal records. Stockton-Le-Win Head Coach, Heather Larson, said Barrett was, "constantly dropping his times by one to three minutes." Before adding

that he had a "very impressive senior season." Barrett also earned All-Conference Honors with an 11th place finish in the NUIC competition.

A pair of juniors in Hayden McNutt and Brady White were in their first seasons competing in cross-country. White had, "an impressive first season" according to Heather as he set a handful of personal records and was a conference medalist.

On McNutt, Heather said he "had a strong start to the season, but missed a few meets due to injury." McNutt eventually worked his way back into competition and finished the season with a personal record in Sectionals.

Zayden Schoonhoven-Hussain was the team's lone freshman. Schoonhoven-Hussain had a couple of top 10 finishes at this year's Eastland meets and set multiple personal records. Heather noted that Schoonhoven-Hussain "had a very impressive freshman season." Before adding that she "can't wait to see what he does the next three years."

With the PantherHawks having five boys on the roster, they were able to compete for team points. "We placed multiple times as a team and advanced as a team to sectionals. Every spot mattered in

the regional race and the boys showed up to run to earn that spot at the sectional," Heather said, prior to the team competing at sectionals.

The PantherHawks had two successful girls on the roster this year as well. Senior Maggie Carter and sophomore Quinn Larson both had excellent cross-country seasons. Carter and Larson were both conference medalists, and they both had multiple top ten finishes this year.

All around, the PantherHawks found success that they hope can continue the program's upward trajectory. On what it meant for the program to qualify for sectionals, Heather said, "Qualifying for sectionals was a huge boost to the program in terms of exposure within our communities. More people are aware of and interested in the program than ever before. I hope it helps grow interest in the program."

Heather also shared that it's nice to see their hard work paying off. "It also was a way to gauge that we are doing the right things with our training," Heather shared.

Cross-Country isn't the most popular sport amongst high school athletes, and the PantherHawks know that. The few athletes that have



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The Stockton LeWin cross country team of Zayden Schoonhoven-Hussain (freshman), Jackson Barrett (senior), Quinn Larson (sophomore), Ryan Pieper (senior), Maggie Carter (senior), Brady White (junior), and Hayden McNutt (junior) wrapped up a record season. In addition to many top 10 finishes and personal records from the team, Pieper recently finished 38th out of 258 runners in the state competition.

competed in the Stockton Le-Win program have found success in recent years, however. Heather gave her pitch for why Cross-Country can

be underrated. "One of my favorite parts about 'CC', is everyone participates in each meet. There is no sitting on the bench or standing on the sidelines. Because of the individual piece of the sport, kids are able to see all their practice miles pay off all season long in their results. I think there is a

lot of gratification in knowing that it was only you who made that 'PR' happen. The team also becomes a tightknit group from those miles, too. They become each other's biggest supporters. You can see all the things I mentioned in every Cross-Country team," Heather concluded.

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Stockton LeWin cross country runner Ryan Pieper earned a 38th place finish in the IHSA 1A Cross Country State Finals. Congratulations to Pieper and the entire Pantherhawk cross country team on a terrific season.

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We are still lucky to have mild weather for November. The 10-day forecast shows us still having weather in the upper 50's; the nights are cooler, but we still haven't had that killer freeze. I do remember some Thanksgiving dinners where people grilled out. I also remember Thanksgiving snowstorms, so it is why they always say that Midwest weather is never boring! This week we are featuring some holiday recipes as well as some great weekday recipes. Have a great week cooking.

Fluffy Cranberry Mousse

If you are looking for an easy salad for your holiday dinners, this cranberry salad is light and airy. Cranberries are making their way into the stores and going on sale. This is a pretty salad in a glass bowl for any holiday table.

- 1 pkg (6 oz.) strawberry Jell-O
- 1 C. boiling water
- 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple
- 1 can (14 oz.) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 1 t. grated lemon zest
- ½ t. ground nutmeg
- 2 C. sour cream
- ½ C. chopped pecans

In a large bowl, dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Drain pineapple, setting the pineapple aside and adding juice to Jell-O. Stir in cranberry sauce, lemon juice, zest and nutmeg. Chill until mixture thickens. Fold in sour cream, pineapple and pecans. Pour into a glass serving bowl. Chill until set, at least 2 hours.

Roasted Carrots with Honey-Herb Butter

I had a request for a Thanksgiving side that wasn't the traditional green bean casserole. The great thing about this one is that you don't have to go to a lot of work to make a yummy side dish. You can substitute ¼ t. dried herbs for fresh ones, but the fresh ones are readily available in grocery stores.

- 4 lbs. medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 T. olive oil
- 1 T. fresh thyme, chopped
- ½ t. salt
- Black pepper to taste
- 4 T. butter
- 2 T. honey
- 1 T. apple cider vinegar
- 2 t. Dijon mustard
- ½ C. chopped fresh parsley

¼ C. chopped fresh chives
Preheat oven to 400. Put the carrots in a large bowl and drizzle with olive oil. Sprinkle with thyme, salt and a few grinds of pepper and toss well to coat. Divide between 2 rimmed baking sheets, spreading the carrots in an even layer (reserve the bowl). Roast, switching the position of the pans halfway through until the carrots are browned and tender, about 30 minutes. While carrots are baking, melt the butter in a small skillet over medium heat. Whisk in the honey, vinegar and a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and cook until just slightly thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and whisk in the mustard, then whisk in the parsley and chives, reserving a tablespoon of each for garnish. Transfer the roasted carrots to the reserved bowl. Drizzle with the honey-herb butter and toss well. Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with the reserved parsley and chives.

Bacon Stuffed Beef Tenderloin

If you aren't feeding a crowd for Thanksgiving and want something different than turkey, this beef dish is delicious and less time consuming than doing any kind of turkey. Sullivan's have had some great buys on beef tenderloins too.

- 2 T. salt
- ½ C. plus 2 T. sugar, divided
- 1 T. instant espresso powder
- 8 slices bacon
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 T. fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 beef tenderloin (5 lbs.)
- 2 t. cornstarch
- 2 C. fresh cranberries

Preheat oven to 425. In a small bowl, whisk together the salt, a tablespoon sugar and espresso powder. Set aside. In a large frying pan over medium-high heat, cook bacon until crispy, about 10 minutes. Transfer bacon to a paper towel and blot dry. Once cool, crumble into bits and place in a medium bowl. To the bowl with the bacon bits, add the cream cheese and rosemary. Stir until completely combined. Make a long slice down the middle of the tenderloin, lengthwise, stopping within a ½ inch of the bottom. Fill the center with the cream cheese mixture. Seal back together by tying 6 to 8 pieces of kitchen twine around the tenderloin, each about 2 inches apart. Using your hands, coat the outside of the tenderloin with the set aside rub. Place tenderloin in a roasting pan and roast for 45 to 55 minutes or until the meat reaches desired doneness (medium rare, 135, medium, 140, well done, 145).

In a medium saucepan, combine the remaining ½ C. sugar and cornstarch. Stir in cranberries and ¼ C. water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and continue cooking until cranberries pop, about 5 minutes. Set aside to cool. Transfer tenderloin to a serving platter. Tent with foil and let stand about 15 minutes before slicing. Remove string, slice and serve warm with the cranberry glaze on top.

Slow Cooker Chicken Stuffing

Since seasoned stuffing cubes are plentiful this time of year because of their use in stuffing or dressing, this slow cooker dinner is great for a weeknight dinner or a weekend dinner when you want to get other things done rather than cook.

- 2 cans (10 ¾ oz.) cream of chicken soup
- ½ C. sour cream
- ½ t. garlic powder
- ½ t. pepper
- 2 lbs. boneless skinless

chicken breasts, halved
3 C. seasoned stuffing cubes
2 T. minced fresh parsley
In a 5-qt. slow cooker sprayed with cooking spray, combine the soup, sour cream, onion, garlic powder, and pepper; add chicken and toss to coat. Sprinkle stuffing cubes on top. Cover and cook on Low until chicken is tender, 4 to 5 hours. Remove chicken to platter. Add parsley to slow cooker; mix stuffing until well coated. Serve chicken over stuffing. Sprinkle with parsley for garnish.

Kayla's White Chocolate Cranberry Cookies

This recipe appeared several years ago after it was served at my church. A reader requested a cranberry cookie, and I remembered this one as a good one. It is great for this time of year, and it also makes a great addition to a Christmas cookie plate.

- ¾ C. butter, softened
- ¾ C. packed brown sugar

½ C. sugar
2 t. vanilla
1 t. almond extract
1 egg
1¾ C. flour
½ t. baking soda
¼ t. salt
1 C. white chocolate chips
1 C. dried cranberries
Preheat the oven to 350. In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter, brown sugar, white sugar, vanilla, almond extract and egg until well mixed. In a separate small bowl, mix the flour, baking soda, and salt. Stir in the dry mixture to the sugar and butter mixture. Gently stir in the white chocolate and cranberries.

On an ungreased baking sheet, drop dough by tablespoonfuls two inches apart. Bake 10-15 minutes or until light brown. Cool 2-3 minutes; remove from cookie sheet to cooling rack

Final Thoughts

Veteran's Day celebrations were all around the area. There were breakfasts and programs

honoring veterans. My father was a WWII veteran, and I had five uncles who also served, so Veteran's Day in our family was always a big deal. It is nice to see that schools honor these people each year with programs full of stories, music, and applause. Sullivan's even offered a chicken dinner to Veterans; way to go Sullivan's Grocery.

A successful high school play was produced in the midst of football playoffs. Hats off to those kids who manage to do so many things at once in all our area schools. Soon we will be hearing bouncing balls as junior high boys' basketball has already started. That signals the end of fall and the beginning of winter.

Many people have put up their Christmas lights because of the warm weather. Mine are up, but they won't be put on until December. It is time to think about the Thanksgiving dinner; turkeys are in the

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'Tis the season

The holiday season offers us a break from work and school and a chance to gather together with friends and family. Unfortunately, hectic holiday schedules and family obligations can also add a lot of stress to our lives and make it hard to stick with normal routines. The following tips are my gift to help you, and your family maintain your oral health as you enjoy all your favorite holiday activities.

Find ways to reduce stress. As dentists, we often see holiday stress manifested in grinding or clenching your teeth. Consequences of this include sore jaw muscles and/or sensitive, chipped, and loose teeth. While your dentist can make a custom nightguard to help you prevent damage, give yourself permission to delegate, prioritize, cut back or just say, "no!"

When you do start to feel stressed, take a deep breath and smile. Smiling is good for you. When your smile muscles are activated, it releases stress, lowers blood pressure and makes you feel better.

When someone sees you smile, they tend to smile. Thoseendorphins make them feel good and they tend to associate feeling good with you.



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

Holiday parties tend to be all about overindulging, in food, sweets and beverages. Keep in mind that anything that can stain your tablecloth or tongue is going to be staining your teeth. This includes wine, hard, bright colored and sticky candies, dark sauces (tomato, teriyaki, curry, and cranberry) dark fruits and fruit pies. Late nights getting ready for visitors and events often lead to an increase in consumption of caffeinated sodas, energy drinks, coffee and tea (which can stain your teeth even more than black coffee).

Many people think red wine is better than white wine for teeth, but both wreak havoc on your smile. Enjoy your holiday wine in moderation and do not let either sit on your teeth. When eating dark sauces, make sure to include raw carrots, celery, nuts, cheese, pears, and/or apples in your meal to help reduce the staining.

School, work, and church

holiday events often include treats. Busy schedules and holiday treats tend to lead to constant snacking. Limit holiday treats to mealtime. Drink plenty of tap water throughout the day to help remove debris from your teeth, increase your saliva flow and keep your mouth fresh. While it does not take the place of brushing, chewing on sugarless cinnamon gum will help to neutralize acids and freshen your breath. The cinnamon aldehyde will not only stimulate your salivary glands but will also help decrease cavity-forming bacteria and help freshen your breath until you can get to your toothbrush. Keep in mind that too much cinnamon can irritate the oral tissues.

Holiday gathering can find excited children running around in crowded houses. Discourage running inside as this can lead to collisions with counter edges, elbows, tripping, sliding, falls and emergency dental visits.

Instead of a stocking full of candy, pack a stocking full of fun. Books, puzzles, art supplies, small cars, and trucks, playing cards, stuffed animals and a favorite cartoon character toothbrush are just some of the many choices.



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Head2Toe pays it forward

Tamie Bardell of Head2Toe Custom Apparel & Design in Lena recently posted a special project on social media.

Tamie stated, "At Head2Toe, we feel that all children should have proper apparel to wear to school whether it is school spirit wear or a winter coat. Last year we started donating gift certificates to two school districts for students in need. The students were able to use these gift certificates to purchase apparel. This year we were able to expand to six school districts! We were happy to donate \$500 to Stockton, \$500 to Orangeville, \$1000 to Eastland, \$1000 to Warren, \$500 to Pearl City and \$1000 to Le-Win."

Tamie indicated the project wouldn't have been possible without the support of all of Head2Toe's customers.

"Thank you for supporting us so that we can give back," said Tamie.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Anthony V. Coon
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10 N. Galena Ave.,
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Date: November 7, 2024.

Joseph E. Bastian
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4-H leaders and volunteers of Stephenson County.

• Awards (Continued from page 7)

or county. Jordan Heiman of Lena Lucky Clovers earned her Diamond Clover Award in Leadership and Alaina Dinderman earned her Emerald Award in Project Learning (Dairy).

Volunteers were also recognized at the event. The 4-H volunteers are what help make the program the huge success that it is today. In Stephenson County, there are 73 4-H volunteers who give of their time

to be 4-H leaders, and superintendents for our 4-H shows, lead a special interest club, or help lead workshops. These volunteers give willingly of their time to help youth find their spark in 4-H!

• Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

grocery store already. It will be interesting to see if the price of turkey will be reasonable or not this year.

We continue to look for some good squash and apple recipes, so send some favorites our way. We also will be looking for some holiday recipes as well as

some soup recipes. If you find some recipes to share, you can contact us by email at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com or by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at Rock Valley Publishing, 1102 Ann St., Delavan, WI 53115. Have a great week.



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Students, parents, and interested community members can meet face-to-face with dozens

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