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Sign up now for Fourth of July 3-on-3, 5/10 K

By Todd Nielsen
Editor

STOCKTON — Sign up now for the 11th Annual Stockton 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament that will be held on July 4 and for the 7th Annual Stockton 5K/10K Run/Walk that will be held Sunday, July 5. The events, sponsored by J3 Events, have become staples of Stockton's annual Fourth of July celebration.

The 3-on-3 tournament will be held in the elementary, middle school and high school gyms. The tournament attracts talent from throughout the tri-states.

"It's become a who's who of area talent. You can look at the names of the best players in the area for the last ten years, whether it be Willie Veasley or Sophie Brunner or whoever and they're here," said Steve Jordan, who along with his brothers

Tom and Andy plan the 3-on-3 and 5K/10K.

Jordan says the tournament, which has had around 80 teams for the past few years, is only possible because of the volunteers and their relationship with school.

"We're lucky to have the relationships that we do to get volunteers to do the work. The tournaments (for different ages) end at different times, so we can stagger the clean-up work."

"The first year we did the tournament, we planned to have it outside. Then, that morning, it rained. We called up the Superintendent and he said we could use the gym and we've been there ever since. Without the cooperation of the school, there's no way we could get this done."

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Renovations coming for LLC

By Todd Nielsen
Editor

LENA — In late Fall 2014, the Lena Living Center began prepping for construction that would give the site some new great additions. Construction work began in the Spring, marking the first major renovations at the site since it was built in 1971.

The renovations include a new front entrance to the building, as well as the front lobby. Major renovations are also being done on one of the four wings on the site, as well as building a new nurses' station, a new dining room and a new therapy gym.

"We've got great care and now we can have the building around it," said Lisa Lobdell,

Marketing and Admissions Coordinator.

"The foundation is already in place, now the building will be aesthetically pleasing," added Bart Becker, Administrator.

The wing that is being renovated will soon have 20 Medicare rooms, private rooms complete with a bathroom. The rooms will be for what is called post-acute care, such as patients post-surgery who can receive 24-hour care while they rehab.

The therapy gym will also be a great new addition.

"It will be a 17,000 square foot gym with an Activities of Daily Living (ADL) kitchen and a place to do laundry.

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Larry Nelson photo

Wolf Hollow Golf Course has new addition

Golfers putting on the 15th green of Wolf Hollow Golf Course in Lena might want to look over their shoulders. A bigger-than-life size wolf may be watching. The wolf, created from a dead Burr Oak trunk, was finished last week by chainsaw artist Zoli Akacos of Monroe, Wisconsin. Akacos said he has been creating art from tree stumps for 11 years. He used nine chainsaws to complete the Wolf Hollow project in about five hours. The addition to the golf course's wolf motif resulted from a donation to Lena Golf Club.

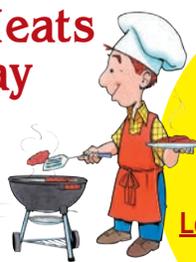
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Spring Creek Farm and Holistic Center holds an open house

By **John Pokornik**
Reporter

LENA — Just five minutes north of Lena on McConnell Road is a very peaceful place out in the country that is now the Spring Creek Farm and Holistic Center. Dr. Rev. Wanona Wellspring was there to greet those who took the time to investigate what health

benefits could be achieved at the center. Wellspring is a licensed doctor of Naprapathy, a licensed massage therapist and an ordained minister and both teaches and practices the skills at the Center and in the Western suburbs of Chicago.

The conversion of an 1890's farmhouse into a wellness center is progressing and the Ham-

sah Yoga Studio is ready and includes five stations with Yoga Trapezes to assist with the learning of the different poses in a safer, gentler and more controlled way. In addition to the yoga, Dr. Wellspring also uses reflexology and naprapathy to help reduce tension and promote better health.

"Pain is our first indicator of

illness and we should listen to our body's signals. I have high regard for the body's ability to heal and my goal is to help you heal naturally and live a life full and vibrant" says Doc Wah as she is sometimes known as. "I believe in the body's ability to heal itself given the proper ingredients and removing the stressors."

Instruction is also available in a raw foods diet and many of the foods are grown organically at the site. Doc Wah shares how these foods provide the basic building blocks that allow the body to operate properly.

Dr. Wellspring will be holding free classes on June 20th

on "An Introduction to Aromatherapy" at 10:30 AM at Your Core Being, 107 W. Main in Freeport and at the Spring Creek Farm and Holistic Center, 8539 W. McConnell, Winslow starting at 2 p.m. and both will also include proper use of essential oils.

For additional information you can contact Dr. Rev. Wanona Wellspring Ceisel 8539 W McConnell Rd Winslow, IL 61089, call 847-312-6143, email: doc2wah@gmail.com or go to her website <http://www.springcreekholistic.com> or visit her on Facebook at Spring Creek Farm and Holistic Center.

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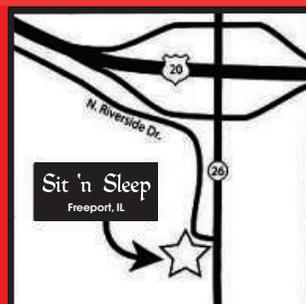
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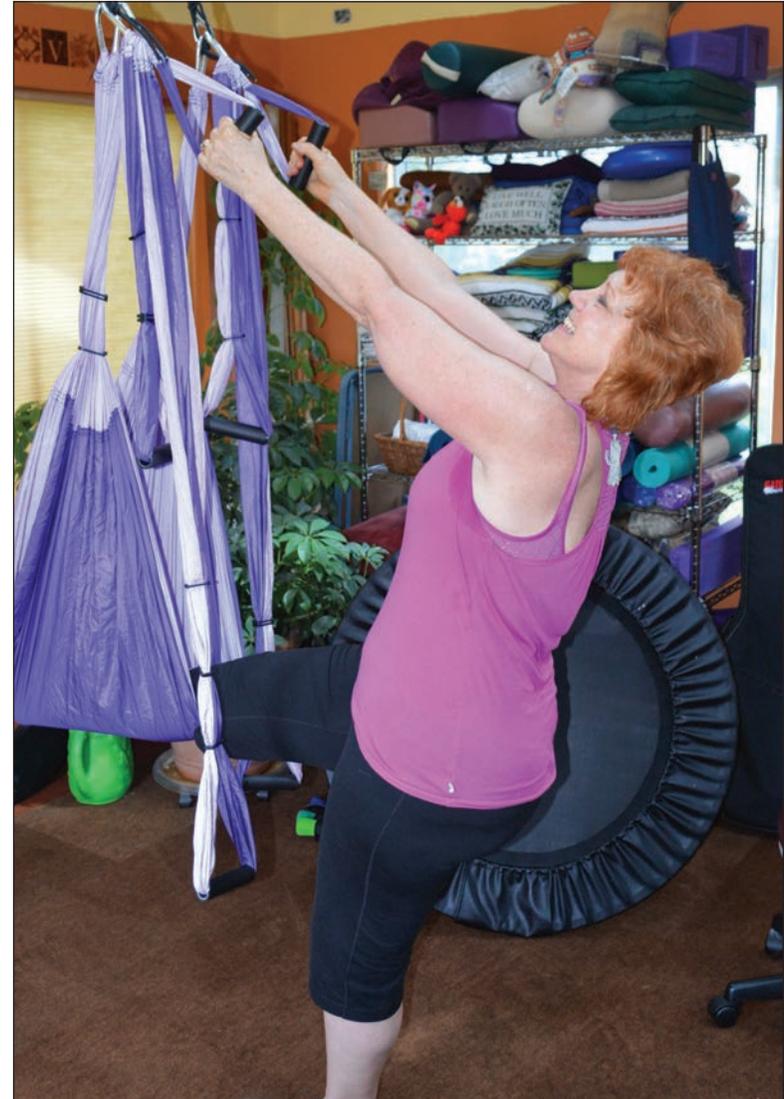
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The Peanuts Gang is coming to the Orangeville Community Theater

ORANGEVILLE — The Mighty Richland Players (MRP) are singing and dancing their way through rehearsals for their early summer show, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The 1967 Broadway show received a revamping in 1999 and burst back on the Broadway scene with such stars as Anthony Rapp (Rent) and Kristin Chenoweth (Wicked). "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" was originally directed

by Michael Mayer and originally produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson. The play is produced by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

Mighty Richland Players are lucky to have a talented group of local actors for this production. They include: Sandy Sweitzer as Sally (Pearl City), Amy Jo Beightol as Snoopy (Orangeville), Craig Downing as Linus (Freeport), Nick

Krogull as Charlie Brown (Lena), Mary Backus as Lucy (Freeport), Sam Wool as Schroeder (Freeport), and Glenda Adams as Woodstock (Orangeville). The show has a wonderful crew including pianist Sheri Novak (Monroe), drummer Matt Ostergard (Orangeville), and choreographer Carolyn Mysliwiec (Stockton).

Kim McIver is the show's director. She has been seen in local area productions both on and off the stage, and has written and/or directed several shows for The Mighty Richland Players.

"The audience will love this high-energy show," she says. "We are having a lot of fun bringing Lucy, Charlie Brown, Linus, Schroeder, Snoopy, Sally, and Woodstock to life.

Children and adults will really enjoy the production. A wonderful mesh of song and dance, the audience is in for a treat as Snoopy dances and sings for his supper, Charlie Brown laments on how his life is going, and Lucy speaks her mind. A day in the life of Charlie Brown, the show moves effortlessly from scene to scene, bringing the Peanuts Gang to life on the stage."

Performances will be held on Friday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Sunday, June 28 matinee will begin at 2:00 p.m. Dessert will be offered during intermission, except for the 1 p.m. theater-style seating on June 27. Tickets are now on sale. They are \$20 and include dessert and

coffee, and Mighty Richland Players famous hot cider. The June 27 1 p.m. performance ticket price is \$12 for both children and adults. For all desert theater performances, the children 12 and under ticket price is \$15. Group prices are available.

For more information on the show or for ticket information please call 815-819-1310 or log onto www.mightyrichlandplayers.com. Also, check out our Mighty Richland Players Facebook page.

The Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater is located at the historic Masonic Lodge at 203 West High Street in Orangeville. Doors will open a half hour before performance begins. Reservations preferred.

Public invited to view Illinois Fallen Heroes Traveling Memorial Wall June 20th in Lena

LENA — The Illinois Patriot Guard Fallen Heroes Traveling Memorial Wall will be on display from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Coach's Golf and Grillon Stagecoach Trail in Lena, Illinois in conjunction with the Lena Sons of The American Legions 9th Annual Benefit Ride. The wall features over

300 Illinois residents who have died during or as a result of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operating Enduring Freedom and Operation New Dawn. On the wall are the names, portraits, hometown, rank and date of death of these military heroes. Local heroes included are Neil Petsche of Lena, Andrew Lancaster and Devin Michael of Stockton, Brian Patton of Freeport, Justus Bartlet of Polo, and Timothy Bowman of Forreston.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the wall. There is no charge; donations will be accepted. Shirts, caps and other memorial items are available for purchase.

The Fallen Heroes Traveling Memorial Wall is the result of a volunteer project by Illinois Gold Star military families and members of the Illinois Patriot Guard Riders. Several presentations will be made during the day by local Veterans organizations.

The only requirement to be on the wall is that the soldier served one tour overseas and died as a result of that service. Families must request that the information be added to the wall. The now-32-foot wall has grown in size since its incep-

Summerset Theater 42 tickets for 'Mary Poppins' on sale June 8

FREEPORT — Tickets will go on sale at 1 p.m. June 8 for the Summerset Theater 42 production of "Mary Poppins," which will be presented July 9-19 at the Fine Arts Theatre in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

The musical is based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film, with original music by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, and book by Julian Fellowes. New songs and additional music and lyrics are by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. The story introduces the audience to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Mary Poppins arrives as the new nanny and teaches the family how to value each other again.

The cast is made up of 45 local students and community members. Choreography is by Sarah Long, owner of Studio 121. Sarah Long has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater, with an emphasis in Dance Performance from Northern Illinois University.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students. There is a \$2 service charge per ticket. Tickets are sold at the Box Office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. Reservations made by highland.edu/boxoffice, or by calling 815.599.3718.

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Klaas honored for work as Sexton at Lena Cemetery

Lena Village President Dennis Bergman and Lena Cemetery Board Chairman Fritz Werhane present a plaque to Erv Klaas of Lena for his 21 years of dedicated service to the Lena community as Sexton at the Lena Cemetery. Erv began his work in 1994.

Happy Birthday, Mom, Grandma and Great-grandma
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 formerly of Winslow and Stockton, and now residing at Monroe Manor.
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VIEWPOINT

Rauner administration announces more than \$400M in cuts

Illinois News Network

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Bruce Rauner on Tuesday afternoon announced more than \$400 million in cuts his administration will begin making July 1.

The cuts are in response to the imbalanced fiscal year 2016 budget just passed by the Democrat-controlled General Assembly.

While the cuts are significant and involve layoffs, facility closures and other reductions they only close the anticipated deficit by about 10 percent.

"It's fair to say that more cuts are coming," a senior Rauner administration official told Illinois News Network. "While these are significant, they don't begin to cover the entire deficit."

The Legislature on Sunday finished work on a roughly \$36.3 billion spending plan which was, by Democrats' estimate, about \$3 billion over projected revenues. Democrats say they plan to work with the governor later on additional revenue. Republicans say the plan

is about \$4 billion short, and Rauner has said he won't sign an imbalanced budget. Nor does Rauner plan to seek new state revenue without what he calls fundamental reforms to the way the state functions.

Rauner's demands include significant changes in workers compensation and lawsuit regulation, a property-tax freeze and ballot amendments on constitutional changes regarding term limits and legislative redistricting.

The Rauner administration on Tuesday blamed Democratic legislative leaders for the current predicament.

"Speaker (Michael) Madigan, President (John) Cullerton and the politicians they control refuse to act responsibly and reform state government," Rauner Spokesman Lance Trover said in news release. "It is time they come to the table with Governor Rauner."

Messages to the speaker's spokesman, Steve Brown, weren't immediately returned Tuesday afternoon. Rikeesha Phelon, spokeswoman for Cullerton, issued this state-

ment:

"The plan passed by the General Assembly is a statement of our priorities to provide vital services and invest in the middle class. If the governor shares that goal, then he is invited to work with us to develop a full plan to fund our shared priorities in education, public safety and community services. Unfortunately, today's actions signal that the governor would rather slash child care, services for troubled youth and senior care rather than work on a bipartisan budget solution."

State Rep. Ron Sandack, R-Downers Grove, said he is hopeful a spirit of compromise will prevail in Springfield.

"I'm hopeful that these two powerful gentlemen, Speaker Madigan and President Cullerton, will come to realize that at least some of these reforms are in the best interest of the state," he said.

Rep. Mike Smiddy, D-Hillsdale, said he was disappointed by news of the cuts.

"It seems like a knee-jerk reaction to me," Smiddy said. "I wish he'd be a little more agreeable to sitting down at the table. Instead, it looks like if he doesn't get his way, he's going to make cuts to state programs that ordinary Illinoisans need and then sit and pout."

The governor's office announced changes that affect departments including corrections, commerce, transportation, juvenile justice, human services, state police, natural resources and aging.

Effective immediately, all future incentive offers to companies for business attraction and retention, includ-

ing EDGE tax credits, are stopped. Application approvals for film tax credits and other programs are deferred. Any commitment previously made in these programs, however, will continue, according to the governor's office.

Funding for the Illiana Expressway project also been stopped and removed from the Department of Transportation's multi-year plan. The administration said costs exceed available resources. Contracts and procurements for that project are suspended.

More cuts and shutdowns are coming, the administration said.

A July 1 date has been set for suspension of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, although a federal portion of the program funded at roughly \$170 million will continue.

Also starting July 1, all state-owned passenger planes will be grounded and the state fleet will be maintained for emergency services only.

State Rep. Bill Mitchell, R-Forsyth, said the fleet grounding is long overdue and added he's had legislation pending for eight years to sell off most of the state's planes. He said Madigan has never allowed the issue to be voted on.

State planes are used by Madigan, Cullerton and other ranking legislators and bureaucrats to commute between Chicago and Springfield.

"I think the governor has bent over backwards to compromise these last few weeks and the Speaker won't," Mitchell said. "I don't agree with Gov. Rauner on everything. He's not going to get

everything he wants. And neither are Speaker Madigan and President Cullerton. There needs to be compromise."

Citing a surplus capacity of 500 beds, the administration says it has begun identifying juvenile correctional facilities for closure. The state will also begin closing the Hardin County Work Camp, with approximately 180 inmates moved and 60 staff affected.

An audit review of nursing home reimbursements will take place to ensure they comply with recently implemented rate structures, and state staff will recover any overpayments to nursing homes, as well as implement fines for improper billings.

Illinois State Police will freeze all vehicle purchases, and the Department of Natural Resources will not award Open Space grants in fiscal year 2016.

The Department of Natural Resources will also begin the process of suspending operations and closing the five state museums to visitors while maintaining the museums to protect artifacts. This will result in 68 people being laid off, Chris Young a spokesman for the agency said.

The Department of Human Services will increase co-pays for parents using the Child-care Program, freeze intake and create waiting lists. DHS will also begin background checks for relatives providing childcare, rather than limiting checks to licensed centers, group homes and non-relatives who provide child care.

Trover said no legislative action is needed for the governor to move forward with these cuts.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It was an embarrassing day for rational and enlightened debate when, on the final day of the legislative session lawmakers passed a bill to open a trophy hunting and trapping season on the state's still-recovering bobcat population. Although H.B. 352 was initially voted down, political arm-twisting by downstate legislators prompted a dozen lawmakers to flip-flop and secure enough votes to pass this ill-conceived bill. They are trying to conduct random, commercial killing of these shy and elusive creatures for the first

time in more than 40 years.

And to what end? Who is benefitting from this slaughter? Nobody eats these beautiful cats, and they're not posing any risk to public safety or livestock. In fact, they're typically considered beneficial to farmers as their diet mainly consists of rodents.

It's a shame that despite the myriad problems facing Illinois, some lawmakers chose to make passing this inhumane bill a priority — placing the interests of those who enjoy killing for killing's sake and want to profit off of bobcat

pelts above the vast majority of people in the state who want to maintain the policy of protecting animals just slightly larger than a common house cat. Most of these animals will languish in steel-jawed leghold traps before being bludgeoned to death.

Gov. Rauner needs to know that his constituents are opposed to this bill. Please call the Governor at 312-814-2121, and ask him to veto H.B. 352.

Wayne Pacelle

President and CEO

The Humane Society of the United States

ON THE RECORD

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Feltmeyer 50th anniversary

Jerry and Mary Feltmeyer will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19th with a trip to the eastern states along with a stopover visit with their son and family in Waterford, Penn. The couple have been blessed with two children and five grandchildren: Timothy (Diane) Feltmeyer and children Nathan and Genevieve Feltmeyer of Waterford, Penn. and Tina (Timothy) Buske and children Nolan and Garrett Buske and Karli (Josh) Weltzin of Stockton, Ill. The couple were united in marriage on June 19, 1965 at Wesley UM Church in Stockton with the Reverend James Fritzugh. A celebration with area family and friends will be at a later date following their return. The Feltmeyers live in rural Stockton.



MARY & JERRY FELTMEYER

BIRTHS

Bryson Greene

Krista and Raymond Greene of Hanover, Ill. are the parents of a son, Bryson Nicholas Robert Greene, born Friday, June 5, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Bryson has a sister, Gwendalynn Greene, 8, and three brothers, Jordan Havens, 10, Dayan Havens, 7, and Kyler Havens, 5. Grandparents are Larry and Teresa Bell of Hanover, Diana Harms of Des Moines, Iowa and Richard Greene of Rockford, Ill. Great-grandparents are Janet Stuhldryer of Maquoketa, Iowa and Bob and Betty Patterson of Elizabeth, Ill.

a son, Nathan William Perry, born Saturday, June 6, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Nathan joins two sisters, Madalynn, 5, and Brooklyn, 4, and a brother, Nicholas,

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Nathan Perry

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Howard Stiefel

Howard A. Stiefel, 89, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Waverly Place Home, in Stockton, Ill. He was born August 17, 1925 in Lafayette County, Wis. to August and Eva (Haffe) Stiefel. He farmed for 25 years in the Stockton area and worked at Northwest Farm Equipment in Stockton. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

Howard is survived by his wife, Erma of Warren; four children, Sherry Cancelose (Gary Auman) of Freeport, Ill., Tom (Paula) Stiefel of Rockford, Ill., Steve Stiefel of Stockton and Lynette (Dick) Ellsworth of Melbourne, Fla.; grandchildren, Jon, Bill, Chris and Nichole Sperry, Christopher Stiefel, Brooke Haas, Brittany Robinson, Alesia Jacobsen, Aric Ellsworth and Allison Spidahl; step-granddaughter, Michelle Glowacki; and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his

children, Norma (Mammoser) Stiefel; his second wife, Berniece (Jones) Stiefel; and his parents.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Warren United Methodist Church. Burial was at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton, Ill. with Rev. Roger Bronkema officiating. A memorial has been established for the Shriners Hospital for Children. The family would like to thank FHN Hospice, Dr. Cleary and Staff, Stockton EMT's and the Waverly Place staff for their wonderful care. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

James Shick

James G. Shick, 85, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2015 at Presence St. Joseph Center in Freeport, Ill. Jim was born on March 15, 1930 in Lena, Ill. He was the son of George and Lucille (Simmers) Shick. On

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RUSTY & JANE JOHNSON

Johnson 40th Anniversary

Rusty Johnson and Jane Furlong married June 28, 1975 at St. Michael Church in Galena, Ill. by Reverend J. Daryl Furlong. Jane is the daughter of Carl and Dolly Furlong. Rusty is the son of the late Emmogene Johnson and Bill Johnson. The couple has two children, Doug (Jennifer) Johnson and Angie Johnson. They are blessed with three grandchildren, Hayley and twins Sadie and Jarrett. The couple resides in Stockton and is celebrating with a family vacation in Wisconsin.

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May 7, 1949 he was married to Betty J. Kent in Freeport.

Jim worked for Civil Construction Heavy Equipment operator for 30 years and retired in 1992. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #687 in Orangeville, Ill. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, and greyhound field trials. He was also an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan.

He is survived by five children, George "Skip" (Connie) Shick of Westby, Wis., Tom (Mary) Shick of Lena, Kathy (Mike) Munz and Charles (Marilyn) Shick, both of Cedarville, Ill., and Terrie Fogel of Lena; fourteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty, who passed June 25, 2007; two brothers, Robert and Floyd; and one sister, Pauline Ditmeier.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at Cramer-Leamon Funeral Home in Orangeville with Pastor Skip Shick officiating. Interment was at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his name. A luncheon will follow the services at the Eagles Club in Freeport.

Robert Nickel

Robert E. Nickel, 81, of Elizabeth, Ill. died Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at F.H.N. Memorial Hospital. Robert was born on August 16, 1933 in Waddams Grove, Illinois, the son of Frederick and Freida (Levin) Nickel. Robert served in the United



States Army in Germany from 1953-1955. He owned and operated Nickel's Farm, Drainage & Excavating. He was the Wards Grove Township Road Commissioner for 12 years, and also farmed and worked for Atwood Manufacturing. Robert married Viola Schuldt on November 22, 1952 in Stockton, Ill. Robert enjoyed visiting with family and friends, playing cards, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Viola Nickel of Elizabeth; three sons, Ronald (Kay) Nickel of Fayetteville, N.C., Richard (Debbie) Nickel of Freeport, and Dale Nickel of Monroe; two daughters, Kay (Brent) Offenheiser of Elizabeth and Connie (Lee) Rees of Freeport; brother, Roscoe Nickel of Freeport; sister, Eleanor Mussler of Freeport; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother and sister; five brothers, Alfred, Wayne, Harold, Roger, and Ted; two sisters, Irene Stiefel and Marian Gray; and granddaughter, Melissa Nickel.

Funeral services were held Saturday June 13, 2015 at Burke Tubbs Funeral Home with Pastor David Vidler officiating. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Robert's memory. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Please sign the guestbook and share a memory at www.burketubbs.com.

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Illinois Forage Expo to be held in Kent

KENT — The 2015 Illinois Forage Expo will be held Tuesday, June 23 and hosted by Lawfer's Willow Valley Dairy Farm in Jo Daviess County. Located at 4389 South Willow Road, Kent, the event will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

The Forage Expo will consist of field demonstrations including mowing, raking, and harvesting plus commercial displays of forage related products and equipment. Also

featured will be a tour of Lawfer's robotic milking system. In addition, educational sessions will be presented that focus on forage management.

Also, a Quality Hay & Haylage Contest will be available for producers to enter 2015 harvested hay and haylage bales. Entries in the Quality Hay & Haylage Contest must be delivered on site from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There is no entry fee and NIRS analysis will be

provided free of charge. Bales weighing over 100 pounds need an official scale weigh ticket. Four hay classes and one haylage class will be available and class winners will receive a certificate. Producers are limited to one entry per class.

Specifically the Forage Expo site can be reached by taking US Route 20 west of Freeport, continuing west through the intersection of Route 20 and Illinois Route 73 for 6 miles,

then turn south on South Willow Road and continue about 4 miles to the site. Watch for signs. There is no admission charge and food will be available for purchase on site.

Additional information concerning the Illinois Forage Expo is available at <http://www.illinoisforage.org/>, or by calling Dave Gentry 309-846-8320, or the University of Illinois Extension 815-235-4125,

web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Those interested in having a commercial exhibit should contact Don Brown 815-238-8372.

The Illinois Forage Expo is sponsored by the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council. Forage Expo supporters include University of Illinois Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

Cover Crops program to be held in Freeport

FREEPORT — Paths to successful cover crops in Northwestern Illinois will be the focus of a summer workshop. Offered at two locations, the workshops will feature discussions lead by University of Illinois Extension, IL Council of Best Management Practices, and local practitioners.

"Successful Cover Crop Strategies for Northwest Illinois" will be presented June 30, 6 - 9 p.m. in Freeport and July 1, 9 a.m. - noon in Shabbona. Topics will include:

- Reasons for Considering Cover crops
- Northern Illinois Cover Crop Research
- Working Cover Crops, Opportunities for livestock feeding
- Putting Cover Crops in the Crop Plan: Herbicide, timing and management concerns
- Local Practitioner Panel (farmers / applicators)

The June 30 workshop will be held 6-9 p.m. at Highland Community College Student Conference Center, H210 (use parking lot A), 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, Ill. The July 1 workshop will be 9 a.m. to noon at the Northern Illinois Agronomy Research Center, 14509 University Road, Shabbona, Ill.

Pre-registration for the free workshop is encouraged to insure seating and materials. Register for the Freeport work-

shop at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/ or by calling (815) 235-4125. Register for the Shabbona workshop at web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/ or calling (815) 732-2191.

The varied benefits of cover crops have been widely touted. None of the benefits can be realized without first getting a crop to grow. Ideas for overcoming the unique challenges of Northern Illinois will be the common thread to all the presentations.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on June 21st, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, Ill., at 9:30 a.m. Randy Kintwill share his gift as he offers special music for worship. Pastor Miranda Klosterboer will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Karen Niemeier who will lead on the organ. All are invited to worship on this fourth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship with treats and coffee, and the Summer Bible Study on the book "The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in love with the God Jesus knows" will be held at church at 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, June 24th at 8:00 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to

St. Paul's salutes Men of Faith

KENT — On Sunday, June 21, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will celebrate the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. During our 10 a.m. worship, the congregation will honor our men of faith with "A Litany of Thanksgiving For Men of Faith," composed by Pastor Carole Andres. Jeanne Hill will be the liturgist. Deb Winning is our organist.

This is also Food Pantry Sunday, and we encourage attendees to bring food items. Food Pantry representative Sherri Brown will deliver to the Food Pantry.

We welcome all at the little church with the big heart. St. Paul's is located in the suburbs of Kent on Sunnyside Road. For more information, call 232-4010.

craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

On Wednesday evening, July 1st at 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd will host an informal summer worship service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to this Summer Wednesday Worship service! It is for youth and adults of all ages. It is a chance to gather together, to sing praises to God, to pray, to hear the Word of God, and to connect that Word to your everyday lives.

Begin your Father's Day at St. John's on June 21st

PEARL CITY — Please join us on for worship on Sunday, June 21st at 9 a.m. on Father's Day as we continue with the season of Pentecost. The service will include special music and will be led by Pastor Tom Ekstrand. The SPLAT Youth group will meet at 11 a.m. to deliver Grace Meals. The grace will be served at 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 pm. The menu will be fried chicken, home-baked beans, applesauce, Mrs. Mike's chips, ice cream bars for in house and cookies for carry-outs.

The Helping Hands Ministry will meet on June 23, 2015.

The next Brat Stand will be held on June 20th adjacent to the Pearl City Post Office. The brat stand will include a bratwurst or hot dog sandwich, chips and drinks. During the Brat Stand, the Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club will host a

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

KENT — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday, June 20th (Father's Day) at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC.

Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are invited and welcome and to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the lessons in the Upper Room, which makes for studying from the Holy Bible. All are welcome and invited to this time, too.

Willow UMC is located about seven miles southeast of Stockton on Willow Road. For any more info, call 815-601-6742.

June is Dairy Month promotion.

The Women's Gathering has organized a trip to the White Pines Dinner Theatre on July 8th to see "Steel Magnolias." On October 15th they will be traveling back to the White Pines Dinner Theatre to see "The Templeton's." The Women's Gathering has also organized a bus trip to Drury Lane on December 10th to see "White Christmas." See the bulletin board for cost information, times and the sign-up sheets. Payment is needed when you sign-up to guarantee a ticket.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Energy Drinks

By Fawn Nolan
Parish Assistant

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

I've been seeing and hearing a lot about energy drinks. They are loaded with ingredients that keep you alert and going for longer periods of time. At first it sounded like an increased way to load up your system with caffeine. People were walking around with a caffeine buzz for hours. Then all these healthy choices came to light. Powders that are filled with vitamins that replenish your system and you feel younger, more alert, healthier, and happier. Just mix with 8 ounces of water and you are good to go. WOW! Sign me up. Life is so full of commitments that I need all the extra energy I can get. Time is of the essence. There are so many time commitments in life that it is hard to keep up with it all. There is time to get up, lunch hour, time at work, free time (hard one to find), and bedtime. Deadlines, cleaning, cooking, volunteering, helping our children, helping our parents. Is there enough time to get it all done? And do you find the joy in all those time commitments or does it just bring drudgery?

I just found this mirror at the Thrift Store that I brought to the office that I want to get hung up for everyone to see. It is circular and at the bottom is etched "This is the face of someone that Jesus loves." "I have loved you with

an everlasting love" Jeremiah 3:31. That is where the joy grows from—remembering those we are, remembering who loves us unconditionally. All we do, we do for Him, even the mundane. Our busy lives are blessed by serving Him and those around us. I just read a devotion that states we should be begging for the privilege—the privilege to teach a Sunday School class, the privilege to work with the youth, the privilege to give to causes, visit the sick, lonely, and needy and the privilege to serve others. Philippians 3:7-8 "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord for whose sake I have lost all things, I consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ." All accomplishments have no meaning, no joy, and no lasting value if not centered in the loving God who created us to serve Him and those around us.

Is it still possible to be as busy as a bee and still have joy, still have peace? We need only ask! When you feel it is too hard to keep up with your time commitments, to remain strong, ask God for what you need. Through Him you'll find the joy. The energy comes from God's love and grace.

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Local students named to

Aurora University Dean's List
AURORA — Aurora University congratulates the more than 900 undergraduate students who earned Dean's List honors for the spring 2015 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors have earned a perfect 4.0.

The following students were named to the Dean's List:
 Cassandra Etheridge of Win-

slow, Ill. *

Amy Gerbode of Lena, Ill. *
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Loras College announces Spring 2015 Dean's List

DUBUQUE — Loras College Provost Cheryl Jacobsen, Ph.D. has announced the names of students who achieved Dean's List status for the 2015 spring semester. A student must earn a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be recognized.

Included on the Dean's List were:

Matthew T. Greene, Fr., Lena, Ill.

Joshua P. Arnold, Sr., Stockton, Ill.

Northern Illinois University announces spring 2015 Dean's List

DEKALB — Northern Illinois University announces students who have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester.

Josef Edler of Lena, Ill.

Jenny Marie Farmer of Lena, Ill.

Lauren Haas of Elizabeth, Ill.

Lisa Hackney of Lena, Ill.

Ty Harmston of Elizabeth, Ill.

Jessica Zink of Stockton, Ill.

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Parkland College Spring 2015 Dean's List

CHAMPAIGN — Parkland College has named approximately 1,125 students to its dean's list for spring semester 2015. Students make the list by earning a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 grade scale for the semester in which they are being honored or achieve a 3.5 cumulative GPA for 12 or more hours in the academic year. The list includes the following area students:

Brooke Biehl of Orangeville

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Upper Iowa University announces Spring 2014-15 Dean's List

FAYETTE — Upper Iowa University has released its 2014-15 Dean's List. To be honored, the undergraduate must have earned a minimum 3.50 GPA for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Amy Bonvillain of Elizabeth, Ill.

Whitney Kieffer of Scales Mound, Ill.

About Upper Iowa University Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, not-for-profit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 5,800 students--nationally and internationally--at its Fayette campus, 25 U.S. education centers, as well as centers in Malaysia and Hong Kong. Upper Iowa University is a recognized innovator in offering accredited, quality programs through flexible, multiple delivery systems, including online and self-paced degree programs. With a focus on developing leaders and lifelong learners, UIU provides dual enrollment programs for high school students as well as continuing education and professional development opportunities for learners of any age. For more information, visit www.uiu.edu.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



I think that June will be warmer than May. It also could be full of storms. I was glad it rained last night so I don't have to water. I don't like to water plants and pots, but I know it is a necessary evil, so I just do it. I am forever grateful when God decides to water; I also think things grow better. Whether it is hot weather or some thunderstorms, summer is definitely here. This week's recipes are perfect for summer cooking, and they will use some of the season's garden vegetables.

This salad is a refreshing one with a honey Dijon dressing. You can use fresh lettuce from the garden if you wish as well as those great green onions. Enjoy this salad as a beginning to any meal.

Spring Lettuce Salad

- 1 1/2 t. honey
- 1 t. Dijon Mustard
- 2 green onions, minced
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/4 C. extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 T. fresh lemon juice
- 2 T. rice vinegar
- 5 oz. lettuce leaves

Combine the honey, mustard, green onions, and salt in a jar with a lid. Add the oil, lemon juice, and vinegar; secure the lid and shake the jar until dressing is combined and lightly thickened. Put the lettuce in a large bowl, and drizzle with desired amount of dressing. Toss well to coat. Serve immediately.

The spring salad would be a great side with this bow tie pasta recipe. I think you could use the rotisserie chicken if you didn't want to cook your own chicken. I really like the flavor of the yellow squash, so this dish has both the meat, starch, and vegetable all rolled into one!

Bow Tie Parmesan Chicken

- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) bow tie pasta
- 5 T. butter, divided
- 1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 t. salt, divided
- 1 t. pepper, divided
- 2 medium yellow squash or

- zucchini, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3 T. flour
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 C. milk
- 3/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese

In a large stockpot, cook pasta according to package directions. In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon butter over medium heat. Add the chicken and cook and stir 7 -9 minutes or until no longer pink. Add 1/4 teaspoon each of salt and pepper; remove from pan. In the same pan, heat 1 tablespoon of butter over medium heat. Add the squash and cook and stir 3-5 minutes or until tender. Remove from the heat.

In a small saucepan, melt remaining 3 tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Stir in flour and garlic until blended; gradually whisk in the milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in cheese and remaining salt and pepper.

Drain the pasta and return to

pot. Add the chicken, squash and sauce, heating through and stirring to combine. Garnish with parsley and shaved parmesan when serving.

Are you looking for an easy Mexican dish to serve? This one is a time saver because many of the ingredients are already prepared. If you can't find the canned Spanish rice, you can use the Spanish rice in an envelope; you will have to prepare it before adding it to the recipe. The Mexican cheese blend is very easy to find. Enjoy this lasagna-like Mexican casserole.

Layered Mexican Casserole

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 jar (16 oz.) chunky salsa
- 8 corn tortillas (6 inch)
- 1 can (16 oz.) refried beans
- 1 1/2 C. shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 1 can (15 oz.) Spanish rice or an envelope of Spanish rice mix (1 3/4 cups of rice)
- 1 C. coarsely crushed tortilla chips

Preheat the oven to 350.

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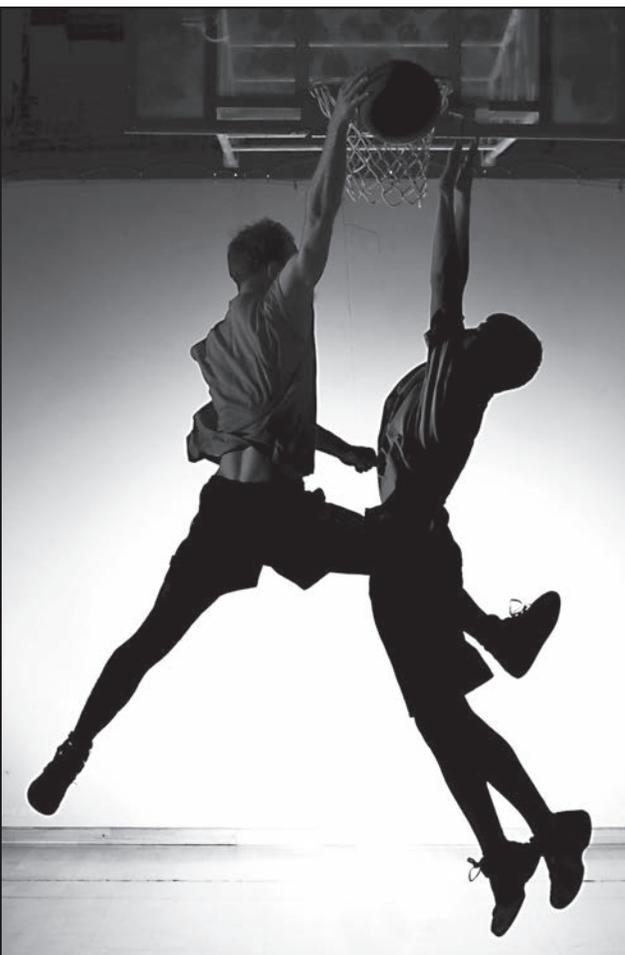
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SPORTS NEWS

NUIC-West releases Baseball All-Conference Teams

By Todd Nielsen
Editor

SAVANNA — Thirty-nine members from the eight programs of the NUIC-West were voted to the all-conference team. The all-conference team was voted on by the head coaches of the conference's programs. Warren/Stockton, which went undefeated in conference play for the second straight season, reaped the benefits of their great play, placing 11 players on the teams. East Dubuque, Pearl City and River Ridge/Scales Mound each placed five players on the teams. Lena-Winslow and Eastland each had four players. West Carroll had three players and Galena had two players on the teams.

First Team

Kendall Cox, P, Sr., Warren/Stockton...Cox, a unanimous choice, was the ace of the conference's best pitching staff. Cox wasn't a flamethrower, but knew how to pitch and kept

opponents from squaring up his pitches. He had an ERA of 0.92 and never allowed more than four hits in any outing. He had a record of 8-1, his sole loss coming as a result of poor defense in a one-hitter against eventual Class 2A state champion Rockford Christian. He struck out 65 hitters in 53.1 innings, while only walking 19 batters. He had four shutouts on the season.

Nic Pilson, P, Sr., Pearl City...Pilson was an arm that the Wolves could count on. He threw one of the better games in the area in a nine inning complete game win over West Carroll that saw him give up no earned runs. Pilson struck out 43 batters, while only walking 18. Pilson's ERA was 2.75. Pilson as also one of the better catchers in the conference.

Thomas Fox, C, Sr., Warren/Stockton...Fox, a unanimous choice, was the leading hitter, by average, in the conference, hitting .463. Fox had 32 RBI, had 13 doubles and one

home run. Fox was also the top defensive catcher in the conference, complete with a rocket arm that threw out nine runners trying to steal.

Noah Peight, C, Jr., Lena-Winslow...Peight, the number three hitter for the Panthers, hit .390. Peight drove in 28 runs and had six doubles. Peight stepped in after the graduation of all-state catcher Jon Stockton and provided the Panthers with stability behind the plate and a big bat for a team full on newcomers to the varsity stage.

Kyle Schultz, IF, Sr., East Dubuque...Schultz, a unanimous choice, played 3B for the Warriors. Schultz hit .410 with 19 RBI, 12 doubles and one home run. Schultz was a strong defender with a good arm on the hot corner.

Matt Basten, IF, Sr., River Ridge/Scales Mound...Basten, a unanimous choice, played 3B and hit .433 for the Wildcats with 34 RBI, 15 doubles and three home runs. Basten was easily the best bat on a team that advanced to the Sectional championship game. In addition, Basten was one of the better pitchers in the conference, earning ten of the team's 15 wins. He had an ERA of 2.19 with 97 strikeouts and only 28 walks.

Sam VenHuizen, IF, Sr., Warren/Stockton...VenHuizen, a unanimous choice, was the leadoff hitter for the Warhawks. He played 1B and shortstop and hit .396 while scoring 26 runs. VenHuizen in his first year at 1B took to the position

strongly, helping to solidify the Warhawks infield. VenHuizen also had success on the mound with a 5-0 record, three complete games and a 2.66 ERA.

Aaron Ritenour, IF, Sr., West Carroll...Ritenour, a unanimous choice, played 3B for the Thunder. Ritenour was a team leader of a very young team at the plate and on the mound. Ritenour had a conference-leading 39 RBI and hit .420 with 11 doubles and one home run. Ritenour was also one of the conference's best pitchers, throwing eight complete games with 70 strikeouts and posting a 2.48 ERA.

Brighton Haverland, IF, So., Eastland...Haverland was the team's top offensive threat, hitting .378 with five home runs and 34 RBI. Haverland also provided the Cougars with great defense at 3B, and, despite only being a sophomore, was a team leader on an extremely young team.

Dan Rogers, IF, Sr., Lena-Winslow...Rogers could play just about anywhere on the field for the Panthers, but mostly manned shortstop this season when not pitching. Rogers hit .438 with 18 RBI, 14 doubles and three triples. Rogers also scored 33 runs scored while hitting leadoff for the Panthers.

Alec Monahan, OF, Sr., East Dubuque...Monahan, a unanimous choice, hit .342 for the Warriors with nine doubles and one triple. Monahan also had 10 stolen bases and was a good defensive outfielder.

Chris Stockton OF, Jr., Lena-

Winslow...Stockton, a unanimous choice, was one of the breakout performers in the conference. He and catcher Peight provided a team short on varsity experience with key performances in helping the Panthers stay near the top of the conference. Stockton hit .400 with 14 doubles, one triple, one home run, 19 RBI and 29 runs scored.

Will Heidenreich, OF, Sr., Warren/Stockton...Heidenreich, a unanimous choice, is what scouts would call a five-tool player. Heidenreich hit .381 with three triples and three home runs. Heidenreich had 26 RBI and a terror on the bases with 31 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. Heidenreich also provided great defense, racking up highlight catches, and threw out three runners at home plate.

Peyton Brudi, OF, Sr., Pearl City...Brudi, a great defender, hit .310 for the Wolves with 14 runs scored. Brudi, the number two hitter for Pearl City, also had 15 stolen bases.

Brenden Dauphin, OF, Sr., River Ridge/Scales Mound...Dauphin hit .333 in his second year playing baseball. One of the faster players in the conference, Dauphin had 24 stolen bases and 33 runs scored.

Clayton Lieb, DH/Utility, Jr., Pearl City...Lieb hit .277 for the Wolves with a high on base percentage of .435. Lieb scored 19 runs, had 15 RBI and 16 stolen bases. Lieb provided the Wolves with versatility with the ability to play anywhere on the infield as well as pitch.

Second Team

Alec Schulting, P, Sr., East Dubuque...Schulting drew most of the Warriors' toughest matchups on the mound. Schulting had an ERA of 4.30 while striking out 48 batters in 44 innings pitched. Schulting had a record of 3-3.

Cameron Upmann, P, Sr., Warren/Stockton...Upmann, a second team pitcher a year ago, got a late start due to a shoulder injury. Upmann had an ERA of 1.83 and 3-0 record. Upmann pitched a one-hit shutout against Eastland.

Matt Klippert, C, Sr., River Ridge/Scales Mound...Klippert, a team leader for the Wildcats, hit .329 with 18 RBI. Klippert had a breakout year for RRSB, raising his game several levels behind the plate and offensively.

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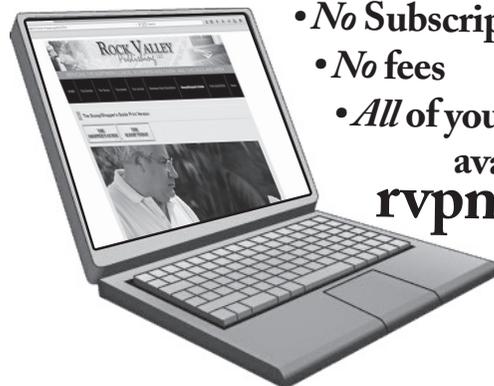
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NUIC-West's harmony key to win in conference all-star baseball game

By Todd Nielsen
Editor

FREEPORT — In a game that's usually a slugfest, the NUIC-West had to scrape across three runs in the seventh and add one in the eighth for a 4-3 win.

The key to it all may have been some harmonizing the West did, something you wouldn't usually see in a baseball game (unless that game was played by high school boys, in which case it probably wasn't all that strange).

In the bottom of the seventh, down 2-0, East Dubuque's Justin Schneider stepped to the plate. While in the batter's box, Schneider asked his team to harmonize. From the bench, they complied, all singing approximately the same note.

The act seemed to inflate the faltering West offense



Todd Nielsen photo

The NUIC-West all-star team with players from East Dubuque, Eastland, Lena-Winslow, Pearl City, River Ridge/Scales Mound, Warren/Stockton and West Carroll. Galena, also in the NUIC-West, had no representatives at the game.

as Schneider then crushed a seven hopper up the middle for an infield single. Schneider then stole second. After one groundout, Schneider

moved to third base on another groundout. Schneider's teammate, Alec Schulting, got the scoring started with a strikeout. Sure, Schulting whiffed at

the pitch in the dirt, but, luckily for the West, so too did the East catcher and the ball went to the backstop. Schulting reached first and Schneider

scored. Schulting promptly stole second base and moved to third on a wild pitch. Warren/Stockton's Thomas Fox hit a groundball to a very out of position Nathan Schneiderman at shortstop. The throw to first was wide, allowing Fox to be safe at second and another run to score. Fox then to third on a wild pitch and scored on another wild pitch.

The West added two walks in the bottom of the eighth, as well as three strikeouts, but managed to score a run. With runners on the corners, the West pulled off a double steal. Schneider ran to second and River Ridge/Scales Mound's Matt Basten ran home to score.

In the top of the ninth, the East threatened, scoring one before Warren/Stockton's Sam VenHuizen got his third strikeout of the inning to end it.

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Payton Clouse, C, So., Eastland...Clouse hit .319, the second highest average on the team. Clouse also had 15 RBI, being one of the players the Cougars could count on as they broke several freshmen into the starting lineup.

Brandon Brown, IF, Jr., River Ridge/Scales Mound...Brown was the shortstop for the Wildcats. A great defender, Brown also hit .433 with 22 RBI. Brown had a school record 45 hits.

Payton Calow, IF, So., Warren/Stockton...Calow played mostly 3B for the Warhawks when not pitching. Calow hit .414 with 17 RBI. Calow was a great defender at 3B, making only two errors. Calow was also the Warhawks' number two pitcher, posting a 5-0 record with two saves and a 1.15 ERA.

Alex Townsend, IF, Jr., Galena...Townsend hit .400 for the Pirates while hitting in the middle of the lineup and will be expected to be the team leader on the field next season.

Khyle Brubaker, IF, Sr., Pearl City...Brubaker hit .239 for the Wolves, breaking out after a slow start. Brubaker, a key piece in the Wolves' lineup the past three years, also scored ten runs and had five stolen bases.

Zach Randecker, OF, Jr., Eastland...Randecker, the team's top pitcher, was also the leader of the team's outfield. Randecker hit .312 with 13 RBI and 24 runs scored.

Dylan Lange, OF, Sr., East Dubuque...Lange, who also played some infield and pitched, hit .291 for the Warriors with two home runs and

22 runs scored.

Sam Eden, OF, Sr., Warren/Stockton...Eden, who played mostly left field, hit .327 for the Warhawks with 18 runs scored and 14 RBI.

Matt Dyson, OF, Sr., West Carroll...Dyson, the team's leadoff hitter, batted .284 with a high .430 OBP. The speedy senior had 26 runs scored and 20 stolen bases.

Jake Sigafus, DH/Utility, Jr., Warren/Stockton...Sigafus helped stabilize the Warhawks' lineup, hitting .385 with 20 RBI.

Honorable Mention

Nick Simpson, IF, Sr., Eastland...Simpson, a great defender at shortstop, hit .306 with 21 RBI and 25 runs scored.

Justin Schneider, IF, Sr., East Dubuque...Schneider played 1B and outfield in his first year

of baseball. Schneider hit .353 with 15 RBI.

Luke Schubert, IF, Sr., Lena-Winslow...Schubert moved from the outfield to 1B and hit cleanup for the Panthers. Schubert hit .383 with 17 RBI and 19 runs scored.

Zach Harwick, IF, Sr., Warren/Stockton...Harwick, the Warhawks' second baseman, hit .286 with 27 runs scored.

Hayden Fox, IF, So., Warren/Stockton...Fox battled back from an early injury to hit .311 with 13 RBI and provide highlight-worthy defense at shortstop.

Luke Lawson, OF, Jr., Pearl City...Lawson hit .328 with 15 RBI in the middle of the Wolves' lineup.

Nate Brown, OF, Jr., River Ridge/Scales Mound...Brown, who also pitched, played right field and batted cleanup for the

Wildcats. Brown hit .262.

Aric Jordan, OF, Sr., Warren/Stockton...Jordan, a great centerfielder, hit .293 for the Warhawks.

James McIntyre, DH/Utility, Sr., Galena...McIntyre, a staple of the middle of the lineup for the Pirates for the past four

years, hit .320.

Cory Simpson, DH/Utility, Fr., West Carroll...One of several freshmen that started for the Thunder, Simpson hit .343 with 15 RBI and 14 runs scored. Simpson also was forced into action on the mound, compiling a 3.72 ERA.



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By Pennie Miller

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Remember, to have the news of your event in the "PC News" column either drop off the information at the Pearl City Public Library or send an email to pearlcitypubliclibrary@yahoo.com (Please put "PC News" in subject line of the email).

Ebenezer-Salem UCC

Plan to attend the annual Ice Cream Social held by Ebenezer-Salem UCC on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 from 5 to 8 pm at the church located at 5421 Stone Church Rd, with entertainment, Gone Fishin' at 6 pm. The menu being served is: BBQ's, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, homemade pies and cakes and ice cream. Join us for an evening of good food and great fellowship!

Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension

The Blackhawk Unit of HCE will hold its June meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the home of Anita Costello with Joyce Bonnet as her co-hostess. Sharon Schlachter will give the lesson on "Saving Money on a Limited Budget". The food pantry items collected will to the Pearl City Food Pantry. Please, come and join us!

St. John's Lutheran Church - Summer Brat Stand

St. John's "Summer Brat Stand" is in full swing for the summer! Plan to stop by the stand in the lot next to the post office on the following Saturdays this summer: June 20th, July 4th

and 18th, and August 1st, 15th, and 29th with serving from 10 to 2. Join us for a quick and easy lunch on these Saturdays!

Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club

The Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club will be serving ice cream at the St. John's Brat Stand on Saturday, June 20th in celebration of "June is Dairy Month"! The 4-H'ers will be scooping ice cream for FREE, so purchase your brat and then see the kids for your ice cream.

Pearl City Upperclassmen Scholarship

2nd, 3rd, and 4th year college or trade school students remember to apply for one of the eight scholarships being offered by the Pearl City Area Upperclassmen Scholarship Foundation.

Friends of the Pec River Foundation to meet

LENA — The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena, Illinois 61048. The meeting will be held in the Cafe' Dining Room with our fearless leader, President Joe Ginger presiding. The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a 501[c]3 Not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to improving all 58 miles of your Pecatonica River experience. This includes access, education, wildlife, log jam extrication and river clean-up for the human communities in Stephenson County.

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation continues working on the driveway

and parking, "wetland" development, elephant bench and ADA fishing pier installation at Atten's Landing. We just received a generous donation of building materials for trash receptacle enclosures and an interest by a local Boy Scout to build these as an Eagle Scout project. We received a supply of structural steel to modify our semi trailer too. We will be discussing 2015 Summer Events, continued updating of McConnell's "Bobtown" Landing and other fun stuff. The Fishing is great on our 10,000 year old river and the Wildlife viewing is even better. Our organization is a fun "hands on" group that is making great things happen. We encourage you to attend our

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meeting and consider being an active part of our organization. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to everyone that donated concrete picnic tables to the Atten's Landing project. Six tables were donated for Atten's Landing and four at McConnell. We are now hoping to replace the broken wood/steel tables at McConnell's "Bobtown" Landing with the new flood proof concrete tables. We only need two to finish. Please consider donating. Please call if you are interested.

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tion, from 240 military heroes featured initially to over 300 today.

Also during the day, the Lena Sons of The American Legion 9th Annual Benefit Ride will be held. The ride will travel 148 miles the Southwest Wisconsin and Northwest Illinois and is open to all modes of transportation. Bring your Bike, Trike, Jeep, Convertible, Hot Rod, or your Beater. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and all riders are requested to return by 6:00. There is a \$20.00 entry fee and numerous prizes will be awarded at the end of the run along with a pulled pork meal.

Other events are being planned and will be announced as they become available.

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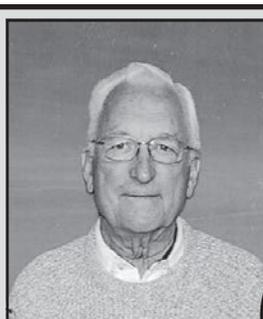
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Stephenson County Ag Breakfast will be held June 20

FREEPORT — A summer event you will not want to miss is the Stephenson County Ag Breakfast! It will be held Saturday, June 20 from 6-10 a.m. at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds in Freeport. You are encouraged to share your time, hear agricultural stories and join friends and neighbors for a great time.

There will be innovative and educational displays in the east commercial building, which focus on the commodities, people and businesses of the agricultural community of Stephenson County. We offer this unique experience to provide our consumers a better understanding of the origins of their 'Local Food'. This Saturday morning family activity is meant to be enjoyed by all ages, and we welcome everyone and hope they see this as an opportunity to learn more about our agriculture industry in our county.

A big event for the children there will be kids' games, barrel train, and much more! Besides seeing the animals in the petting

zoo, they will see all kinds of farm equipment used on the farm.

Then, to top off the morning a hearty farm-style breakfast will be served complete with whole hog sausage, beef bacon, scrambled eggs, cheese, coffee cake, milk and ice cream. A donation of \$5 per person includes breakfast and all activities. Children 5 and under are free. Handicap parking is available. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau

Office to avoid waiting in line at the breakfast.

The Stephenson County Fairgrounds are located on the south side of Freeport at 2250 S. Walnut Road. For more information on the breakfast, call Ardath DeWall, 815-864-2561; Diana Ethridge, 815-232-8323. Contact Barb Curry to volunteer at 815-235-4125 and Margaret Larson for agricultural related businesses and organizations who would like a table display at 815-235-4125.

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Registration fee is \$80 per team (3 or 4 players). The tournament will be limited to the first 100 teams, so sign up early.

The 5K/10K, which will be

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Those are the types of things you don't think with short-term stays," said Chris Anderson, Therapy Coordinator.

"We will have all kinds of new gym equipment, including a Nautilus. We'll have equipment that can increase activity tolerance, work muscle groups daily and work on strength and standing balance.

Another feature that will be new to the Lena Living Center is a physiatrist, an MD that is specially trained for physical medicine and rehabilitation. Physiatrists are nerve, muscle and bone experts who treat injuries or illnesses that affect how a person moves. Dr. Roseman, the center's new physiatrist, will start coming in July.

The Lena Living Center will also have a new dining room with everything brought up to date.

There will also be a separate entrance in back, as well as a larger parking lot for the staff and community.

"We want to be a part of the Lena community. We were built by the community. Now, we're under private ownership, but we still want to foster community involvement," said Lobdell.

held on July 5th, has gotten bigger each year and had about 400 individuals last year.

"We've had a pretty consistent rise in participants of about 30-40 per year, with one year adding 80-90."

The current route of the run hit three specific criteria the Jordans were hoping to meet.

"It doesn't cross Highway 20 or Highway 78 and there's a great parking area. That satisfied the three things we wanted. The course goes through town, so runners get to see a lot of Stockton and it hits the new subdivision and when runners get up there, you can see off to the west for miles with a great view."

Jordan says runners should bring any feedback or suggestions to his attention. As a result of some past feedback, the Stockton Pool will be open after

the run to participants for free. Also, the Stockton Band will be playing in a few spots on the course.

Like last year, race bibs and t-shirts will be available at a table by the entertainment stage on July 4, allowing runners to forego standing in line early on the fifth. New this year, participants will be able to sign up to have their time automatically uploaded to their Facebook page upon finishing the race.

Cost of the 5K for pre-registered participants is \$18 and \$25 on the day of the event and cost of the 10K is \$25 (\$30 on the day of the event).

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Spray an 11 x 7 inch (2 quart) baking dish with cooking spray. In a 10-inch skillet, cook the beef over medium-high heat 5-7 minutes, stirring frequently, until thoroughly cooked; drain and stir in 1 cup of the salsa; heat about 2 minutes or until hot.

Line the baking dish with 4 tortillas, overlapping to fit. In a medium bowl, stir together refried beans and remaining salsa; spoon over the tortillas and spread evenly. Top with half of the meat mixture and 3/4 cup of the cheese. Layer 4 more tortillas over the cheese. Spoon and spread Spanish rice over the tortillas. Top with remaining meat mixture and cheese and top with tortilla chips. Bake 30-40 minutes or until hot in the center and bubbling along the sides.

This rhubarb dessert is a rustic one; you make it as a tart. I love making tarts because the crusts don't have to be as perfect as one you would make for a pie. You really do need a deep-dish pie pan (I use the word pie pan loosely,) because the filling will run out of a regular pie pan. Those rhubarb recipes just keep

coming!

Rhubarb Tart with Almond Streusel

1 1/2 lb. rhubarb, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

1 C. sugar, divided

2 T. cornstarch

1/2 t. salt, divided

1/4 t. almond extract

1/4 C. flour

1 refrigerated piecrust

2 T. brown sugar

1/2 t. cinnamon

2 T. cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2 inch pieces

1/4 C. chopped almonds

Combine the rhubarb, 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch and 1/4 t. salt in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook until sugar dissolves and rhubarb begins to release its juices, stirring frequently. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook until the rhubarb softens but some chunks remain, stirring occasionally. Stir in almond extract and remove from the heat. Let cool to room temperature.

Preheat the oven to 350. Let the piecrust stand at room temperature for 15 minutes. Line the

tart pan with the dough. In a food processor, place the flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, 2 T. white sugar and remaining 1/4 t. salt in the bowl of the processor. Pulse to combine. Add the butter and pulse until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Transfer to a bowl and mix in almonds.

Lightly sprinkle the tart shell with white sugar. Spoon the rhubarb mixture into the tart shell. Sprinkle the streusel over the filling. Place on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until crusts and streusel are golden brown and the filling is bubbling, about 25 minutes. Serve slightly warm or at room temperature.

This recipe was sent to me by a reader last year. It was labeled "Best Ever Strawberry Pie." I didn't put the best ever on the title because I have had some darn good strawberry pies in my life, and I can honestly say that a lot of them were "Best Ever."

Fresh Strawberry Pie

2 C. flour

2 t. sugar

1/2 t. salt

2/3 C. shortening

1 T. white vinegar

4-5 T. milk

Filling:

1 pkg. cream cheese (8 oz.) softened

3/4 C. powdered sugar

2 t. grated lemon

1/2 t. lemon extract

Topping

6 C. fresh strawberries, hulled

3/4 C. sugar

1 T. cornstarch

1/4 t. salt

1 C. water

1 pkg. (3 oz.) strawberry gelatin
1 t. butter

In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar, and salt. Cut in the shortening until crumbly. Gradually add the vinegar and milk, tossing with a fork until the dough holds together when pressed. Shape into a disk and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 1 hour or overnight.

On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough to a 1/8-inch thick circle; transfer to a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate. Trim pastry to 1/2 inches beyond the rim of the plate. Flute the edges and refrigerate 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 425.

Line the pastry with a double thickness of foil. Fill the pie with dried beans. Bake on a lower oven rack 20-25 minutes or until the edges are golden brown. Remove the foil and beans; bake 3-6 minutes longer or until the bottom is golden brown. Cool completely on a wire rack.

In a bowl, beat the cream cheese, powdered sugar, lemon peel and extract. Spread carefully into the crust and refrigerate while preparing the topping.

Place the strawberries in a large bowl. In a small saucepan, mix sugar, cornstarch, salt and water until blended. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir 1-2 minutes longer or until thickened and clear. Remove from the heat and stir in the gelatin until it dissolves. Stir in butter. Pour over the strawberries, tossing gently to coat. Arrange over the filling. Refrigerate at least 4 hours to set.

I got my first taste of fresh strawberries from the Farmer's Market on Saturday. They were

so sweet and tender, and I remember why this time of the year is one of my favorites. If you are in the mood for strawberries, don't forget the St. Joseph Catholic Church's Strawberry Festival on Wednesday, June 10. They have great homemade food and even better strawberry pie. It is a great treat for the summer to enjoy the food from the church's strawberry festival.

I am not a follower of horse racing, but I was glad to see that American Pharaoh won the Triple Crown. It had been way too long for a horse not to have won that. I heard on the television that some owners hold their horses back just so they can try to stop a Triple Crown winner. I am glad this rather unsuspecting horse beat everybody at its own game!

I mentioned that I had great luck at the Farmer's Market on Saturday. I got everything I wanted yesterday morning. The construction crew started at 6:30 on Saturday and worked until noon. They certainly have a lot of curb and gutter finished. I think it already looks nicer. Can't wait to see the finished product! Don't forget to stop at the market on Saturday mornings to get good fresh produce. Remember if you have some good strawberry, a favorite rhubarb or asparagus recipe, or just something that reminds you of summer cooking, send these our way. You can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Pearl City Park District, Pearl City, Illinois and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at this time.

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2015 Farm Progress Show to feature Craig Morgan

DECATUR — The Farm Progress Show, along with Richland Community College and sponsored by Syngenta, featuring Golden Harvest and NK seed brands, once again hosts a concert featuring country music recording artist Craig Morgan on Wednesday, September 2.

Known as the nation's greatest ag showcase, the 62nd annual Farm Progress Show runs September 1, 2 and 3, at its Progress City location in Decatur, Ill.

"The Farm Progress Show is delighted to offer a concert again in Decatur," says Don Tourte, Penton Agriculture, vice president and market leader. "The concert is a great addition to the jam-packed schedule of the Farm Progress Show. It's a perfect way to share an enjoyable evening with Farm Progress Show exhibitors, visitors and members of the Decatur and surrounding communities."

Craig Morgan isn't your typical country music star. His music ties to his varied life experiences as a soldier, sheriff's deputy, EMT, adventurer, TV host, motocross racer, outdoorsman, farmer and family man. Morgan's hit songs include "Almost Home," "Redneck Yacht Club," "International Harvester," and "That's What I Love About Sunday." "I'm an American country boy who loves his country, his family and his God," says Morgan, "and all of those things collectively dictate who I am."

"We are pleased to showcase Syngenta and, for the second year, our Golden Harvest and NK seed brands during this year's 2015 Farm Progress Show," said Melissa Lord, customer event & trade-show lead, Syngenta. "We are thrilled to welcome Craig Morgan as the featured artist. Customers and fans alike are looking forward to a special evening of entertainment, which Syngenta is happy to provide alongside its mission to deliver top-performing hybrids and varieties that will help them grow more corn and soybeans."

Concert location and timing

The concert will be held near Richland Community College, just south of the Farm Progress Show exhibit field. Concert goers will park in the same lots used for show visitors. The concert gates will open at 4:00 p.m. with the opening act beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Craig Morgan taking the stage at 6:30 p.m. The opening act will be named closer to show time.

Concert ticket information

Advance tickets are \$25. Order tickets online at etix.com, richland.edu, and farmprogressshow.com. All tickets are general admission and lawn seating. There will be no ticket refunds or exchanges.

Show information

The Farm Progress Show is the nation's leading outdoor farm show and features the most extensive state-of-the-art information and technology available for today's agricultural producers.

The country's top agribusinesses, plus many regional and local manufacturers and suppliers, are regular exhibitors. Farmers and ranchers from across North America and around the world visit the Farm Progress Show to see agriculture's latest product introductions, meet face-to-face with agribusiness professionals and gain hands-on knowledge.

The 2015 Farm Progress Show is located in northeast Decatur, south of I-72 and west of Richland Community College. The show is open to visitors September 1, 2 and 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Admission at the gate is \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 13 to 17. Adult ticket discounts are available online. The concert is a separate event and a separate admission ticket is needed. The public is welcome at the show and concert. For additional information, visit farmprogressshow.com.

About the Farm Progress Show

Farm Progress Show, www.farmprogressshow.com, the nation's largest outdoor farm event, annually hosts more than 600 exhibitors displaying new farm equipment, tractors, combines and farm implements; seed and crop protection products; and many additional farm supplies and services. The 62nd annual event will be held in northeast Decatur, Ill., Sept. 1-3, 2015.

Producers from the U.S. and around the world attend this industry-leading annual agricultural event. Ag manufacturers and suppliers from across the country and around the world are exhibitors. Field demonstrations are a show mainstay. Field demos include side-by-side tillage techniques, GPS and precision equipment, and tractor and combine performance comparisons, when weather allows. Live cattle-handling demonstra-

tions include the newest cattle chutes, equipment, animal health products and work techniques. Additionally, the show features restored antique machinery and entertainment.

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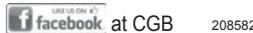


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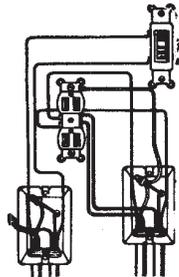
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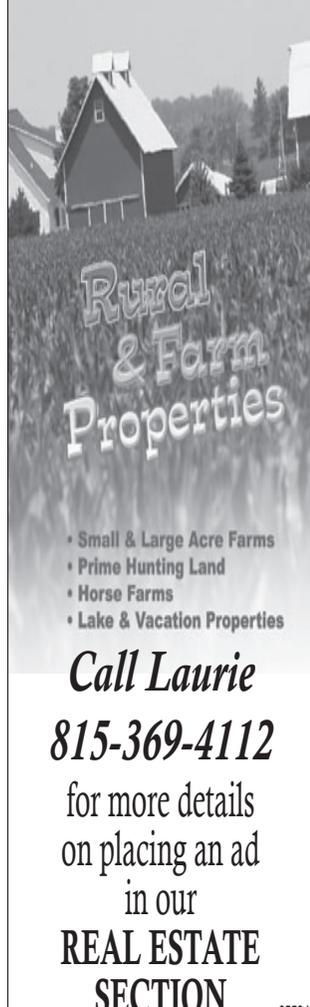
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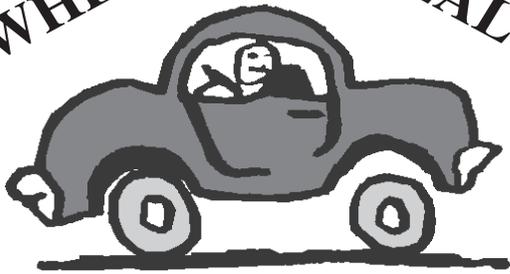
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ment to academic achievement, community service and extra-curricular activities throughout their high school career. Each of the 12 area winners was awarded a \$500 scholarship that can be used at any two- or four-year college or university. Winners were also invited to

attend a banquet held in their honor on June 5th.

This year's scholarship winners are Marissa Rothschadl, Kayla Heun, Elizabeth Walker and Heather Gahm of Lena-Winslow High School; Samuel Venhuizen, Autumn Ockerman, Kayla Hille and Alex Frank of

Stockton High School; Emily Colberg and Rebecca Ensor of Freeport High School; and Samantha Klemm and Rachel Harn of Aquin High School.

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How to find the right Father's Day gifts

It doesn't matter how you celebrate Father's Day, what matters is reminding Dads that they're appreciated, even admired.

Families spend \$12 billion a year in honor of Father's Day. That's an abundance of love pouring out to some 70 million Dads in the U.S. But the flood of appreciation doesn't have to consist solely of ties or gift cards. Whether the men in question like to grill out, watch sports or play with new tech gadgets, they deserve to be recognized in a way that's as unique as they are -- same as Mom.

"Shopping for Dads can be a challenge, which is why gift cards are enticing," says Kevin Rooney, resident gift expert and vice president of merchandising at RedEnvelope (www.redenvelope.com). "Your best bet is to find something special

that he can truly use."

Give your brain a push with the following Dad-friendly ideas:

When it hits, you feel no pain.

On the off chance Dad doesn't enjoy live music, he probably has a soft spot for a few nostalgic bands. Give him a reason to pull out his vinyls with a portable turntable. Fashioned as a classic suitcase, the turntable has an audio system that plays mp3s and converts vinyls to digital files. If Dad got rid of his vinyls with his long hair, a high-quality portable Bluetooth speaker from House of Marley might suit him better. The wireless speaker can connect to any Bluetooth-enabled device.

May the tech be with you.

Some Dads provide in-house

tech support for the whole family, from changing the ink cartridges to offering advice about hard drives. Make him and his wardrobe smile with USB flash drive cufflinks sporting his initials. Not only are they stylish, the cufflinks double as a functional 2GB flash drive. If your Dad truly swims with the nerds, Star Wars cufflinks may be more appropriate -- R2D2 is also a USB stick while the Yoda, Darth Vader and Millennium Falcon cufflinks are purely decorative.

From the grandstands.

Be it love for golf, baseball or football, turn that devotion into something practical for him or the house. For instance, a California-based company takes old, authentic materials and creates unique gifts, like bar stools made from bases used in actual MLB games. For something smaller, Dad can charge his iPhone 5 on a sleek, dock shaped like a golf club.

Dapper Dads unite.

Some men believe in flannel while others look like they walked straight off the set of "Mad Men" with Don Draper. If you know someone from the latter group, think vintage bowties, a homemade gin kit or a Men's Soap Shop Grooming set from RedEnvelope -- it includes a double-blade razor and a humidifier for cigars. Or, bring the barbershop experience home with a classic straight razor.

Eclectic Father's Day gift ideas for Dad

What is it about Father's Day that can hang up the savviest gift giver? For Mother's Day, the presents are easy and unfailing: perfume, Godiva chocolate, dinner, flowers or a gift certificate for a massage. Dads, however, seem to always end up with the short end of the stick.

"This is the time you can indulge Dad and get him those things he's ogled, but hasn't gone to buy on his own," says Byon Penn, a manager at Jerry's Home Improvement Center in Eugene, Ore. "But the ole, traditional necktie doesn't quite cut it these days."

Eric Garland, a father of two, agrees.

"There's less of an emotional hoopla around Father's Day traditionally, because men were considered more self-reliant," Garland told USA Today in an interview. "We don't expect a lot, frankly. We don't ask for it? that goes to the image of men as the strong, silent provider who don't need the open emotional support and affirmation of even those who are closest to them, which are their families. But I think that's changing."

To help you find the perfect gift for the perfect man, the following tips might help:

* The Stylish Dad. A bottle of his favorite Scotch, some cufflinks made from the wood of

his favorite baseball park, or if you must get a tie, perhaps a silk tie from Brioni or Turnbull & Asser will be sure to please.

* The Tobacco-Loving Dad. Cigars or pipes, will do for the gentleman who appreciates a good smoke now and again.

And for those dads who would rather indulge in smokeless tobacco, consider accoutrements like a portable spittoon. FLASR (www.flasr.com), an Atlanta-based tobacco accessory producer, has created a one-of-a-kind, pocket-sized spittoon that allows dads to take snuff, dip or chew anywhere they are. It's perfect for everyday use or while hunting, fishing or any other outdoor sporting or leisure event. FLASR reusable spittoons feature the exclusive Thumb-Lok Twist Cap for one-handed ease of use. This innovative closing mechanism ensures that it stays securely closed when not in use, eliminating the risk of spill and leaks often seen with cups and bottles.

* The Outdoor Dad. Barbecues are a classic gift for those who fashion themselves Master of the Grill. Anything hobby- and leisure-related, such as a tackle box or digital fishing scale for the fisherman, or a 10-in-one tool that will saw tree limbs or open a bottle of wine for the rugged outdoorsman are also great ideas.



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