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Another Lena business experiences resurgence as the downtown's renovation project nears completion

Tony Carton

Scoop/ Shopper's Guide Editor

LENA — While there is no shortage of salons in the Lena area, there is definitely a clear distinction between high quality professional salons, and average salons. The folks at Bella 360 pride themselves in being one of the leaders among this area's salons. It is their goal to provide their clientele with a professional and memorable salon experience every time they visit.

"Bella 360 Salon is a full service salon," said owner/stylist Dina Lindquist. "We offer a number of different services from beauty to health and wellness, hair styling and color, nail care, massage and we feature an on-staff barber."

She also listed tanning, mineral makeup and facials as a part of the salon's focus on skin care.

"We will be celebrating our first anniversary on September second," she said. "I had decided to open my business here in Lena because I moved here years ago, raised my family and love it here. I was in management and commuted to Rockford and realized I was losing a lot of time with that process, so when I had the opportunity to open Bella 360 I jumped at the chance to stay here in Lena and be close to my kids."

She said the salon has recently added



Tracy Siegner photo

Stylist Dina Lindquist works her magic on client Alicia Huber at the Bella 360 Salon in downtown Lena

full hair care and skin care retail lines.

"We've added a barber too, so we have an on-staff barber here three days a week," Lindquist said. "We did that because the community did not have a

barber and we saw a need. We've also added massage therapy."

Lindquist coupled those additions with extended hours to be more accommodating.

"We've made a commitment to stand by those hours, so we're here and working during our posted hours," she said.

Bella 360 Salon is open Monday 8-5, Tues through Thursday 9-7, Friday 8-5 p.m. and Saturday 8-3 p.m.

Expansion is in the future for the salon.

"Within a couple years I would like us to be larger and offering more services like aesthetics and spray tanning with a larger staff," said Lindquist. "I would like to see this become an apprenticeship program at some point."

"I think we have a very friendly staff and we greet every person that comes in," Lindquist said. "We thank them when they are leaving and try to make our services fit into their schedule. We offer a lot of flexibility and accommodation."

Customer service is not just about being cordial and providing the minimum service requirements. Salons are in an extremely competitive market. Therefore, truly great stylists go above and beyond to create a great experience. Doing all the little things well are what makes Bella 360 Salon special and Lindquist sees customer service as her salon's key to success.

Learn more about the services offered at Bella 360 Salon. Stop by at 220 W Main St, Lena or call (815) 369-1054.

Lena Lions Club sixty-fifth annual Fall Festival slated for September 11 and 12

LENA — With autumn just around the corner, the Lena Lions sixty-fifth annual Fall Festival, known as "The Cadillac of Small Town Festivals", will be held in downtown Lena on September 11 and 12.

The featured free entertainment at 7 on Friday evening is MADDMEN - seasoned veterans of the Northwest Illinois music scene who have been rockin' out since the '60s and if you want '50s and '60s country

or down and funky blues? They take you there! Travel down memory lane with their smooth harmonies and interpretive covers of artists like The Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, and Johnny Cash. Bring it up with The Beatles, The Searchers, Chuck Berry, Jimmy Reed and other artists of that great time in our musical history. They do it all. The current MADDMEN are an advanced incarnation of the NOMADDS, a wildly

popular local garage band from the '60s whose music continues to thrive today. Members of the group are: Lee Garner, Dean Kuehl, Deny Kuhl, Jim Martin, Kevin Trost and Chris Robinson.

Saturday at 7:00 & 9:00

pm— Canary Blue is one of the hottest, high-energy bands in the Midwest. The band offers a unique variety of popular music - all the songs people know and love - so there's truly something for everyone. The band is comprised of tal-

ented, experienced musicians. Lynn Lupo's strong, versatile voice captures the spirit of all your favorite songs, while Bob Roberts' charismatic style can fire up any crowd. Backed

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Citizens State Bank Helps Highland Community College's Ag Program Get Airborne

STATELINE — Citizens State Bank recently pledged a three-year donation to Highland Community College's Agriculture Department for the funding of an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) project. The funds will be used to purchase a UAV – more commonly known as a "drone" – along with a set of iPads for navigation of the UAV and for data collection and field research. HCC Agriculture instructor Justin Ebert notes, "The students and I are excited about learning to work with the latest technol-

ogy, and we're very grateful to Citizens State Bank for making an investment in our program." In May, Ebert and then-HCC president Joe Kanosky made a compelling presentation to Citizens State Bank's board of directors regarding the growing use of UAVs in agriculture. Ebert described his vision of teaching students how to utilize the technology to survey crop conditions, monitor livestock and more. As a result of Citizens State Bank's gift, plans are underway for the HCC Ag Program to

begin including UAV technology in its field-based instruction this fall. "We're looking forward to this new collaboration with HCC," stated Citizens State Bank President and CEO Fritz Kuhlmeier. "It's an exciting opportunity for the next generation of farm students to work hand-in-hand with the latest of agriculture innovations. It will be a great learning experience for everyone involved. It is also my hope that many ag businesses and farmers will take the opportunity to meet with Justin and

his students to witness firsthand how this new 'eye in the sky' technology can be utilized for agricultural applications." For more information on HCC's agriculture programs, contact Justin Ebert at 815-599-3507. To reach HCC Foundation about giving to Highland Community College, call 815-599-3413. Citizens State Bank first opened its doors in Lena in 1880, and opened its Stockton branch in 1998 and Freeport branch in 2008. Today Citizens State Bank maintains over \$225 mil-

lion in assets and over \$150 million in loans, and employs more than 50 full-time and part-time employees. Their full-service Trust Department offers a number of products and services in addition to the bank's checking and savings accounts, loans and other amenities. For more information, please contact Carrie Hass at Citizens State Bank: (815) 801-4524. Citizens State Bank: Confident, Courteous, Close By. Member FDIC, Equal Opportunity Lender.

Equine event trips scheduled for HCC's Lifelong Learning

FREEPORT — The Highland Community College Equine Science program is offering a new series of courses developed for the Lifelong Learning program. "The Horse in Sport" is a course designed to give horse enthusiasts unprecedented spectator access to some of the premier equine competitions in the Midwest.

The first stop in the series is the Villa Louis Carriage Classic, held at the historic Villa Louis Mansion in Prairie du

Chien, WI on September 12. Watch competitors from across the nation bring their best turnouts to vie for divisional championships on the elegant mansion grounds. Pony and horse singles, pairs, tandems and four-in-hands are expertly driven by competitors six years-of-age and over. Included in this event is admission to tour the Downton Abbey era mansion. This will make a great day out for the family.

The "Mane Event" is the second sec-

tion in the Fall 2015 Lifelong Learning series. Join in the excitement of horses, southern society style! Three- and five-gaited Saddlebreds, Hackneys, and Road Horses compete for stake money and regional championship glory in the grand Coliseum located at the Illinois State Fairgrounds on October 24.

While en route to the events, course facilitator Aby Breed will educate the group on the history of the event, the

significance of the discipline exhibited, and lead the group behind the scenes to meet some of the competitors.

Registration is open now. Transportation is included, leaving from the HCC parking lot C. Please visit highland.edu/lifelong Highland College or call 815.599.3414 to register. For more information, or contact the facilitator directly at abybreed@yahoo.com.

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by award-winning musicians, Canary Blue delivers the sound you want to hear – from current, top 40 songs to classic hits.

The Lena Lions will sell raffle tickets (5200 available) for the 2015 Silver Ice Metallic Malibu LS (4 door sedan) to be given away on Saturday after the festival at approximately 11 p.m. The tickets will cost \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20. A \$400 Lena Money Gift Certificate will be

second prize and a \$200 Lena Money gift Certificate will be third prize. This year a 2015 Polaris Ranger 570 LE, EPS Bronze Mist Missile (3700 tickets available) will also be raffled. A \$200 Lena Money Gift Certificate will be second prize and a \$100 Lena Money gift Certificate will be third prize. Tickets are again \$10 per chance or 3 for \$20. Drawing will be at the same time as the

car drawing.

Skidders Amusements will return for the fifty-sixth year with carnival rides for all ages in the downtown parking lot. Merchandise Bingo and Ham Stand, Lion's operated long time favorites of festival attendees, will be in their usual places on Main Street. Please Note: No pets will be allowed on the midway except for service dogs for people with disabilities.

There will be food galore with the Le-Win Sports Association Food Stand & the Knights of Columbus filling their usual spots. All time favorites like cotton candy, elephant ears, Boy Scout lemonade shake-ups, ice cream and soft drinks will be here also.

Something new!!! Butterfly pork chop sandwiches and pork chops on a stick

Serving Friday evening

begins at 6:00 p.m. and following the parade on Saturday in downtown Lena on Center Street – next to FHN Clinic.

Cost is \$4 for pork chop sandwich or pork chop on a stick.

The theme of this year's parade is "Lena, Together We Serve". The 100+ unit parade will be stepping off from the Dietz Old School Apartments (old Grade School) at noon on Saturday Sept.12. A flyover by the Freeport Pilot's Association will again start off our parade – taking the same route through town as previous years. Several high school bands and colorful church floats, Scout and 4-H groups, antique and classic cars and antique tractors, along with area fire trucks will be featured. We are encouraging the kids decorating their bikes and participate in the parade this year! (Prizes will be awarded).

Parade entry registration starts at 9 a.m. (No 4-wheel drive tractors, duals, or semis. Need valid driver's license to drive tractor.) "Look for the 'pork chops on a stick' during the parade.

Horse judging at 9:30 a.m., prior to the parade, by Lena Cemetery.

Parade registration and information: Jeff Stamm (815) 369-5572 or Bill Crichton (815) 369-4946.

To keep in shape, the Lena Community Park District is sponsoring the Fall Festival 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, September 12, starting from Lions Park at 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Pre-register by August 29 for \$15 and receive a t-shirt at the run. After August 29, the cost is \$20. Call park office at 369-5351 with questions.

For a full weekend of great food, hometown fun and entertainment, come to the Lena Lions Fall Festival on September 11 and 12 in downtown Lena.

For more information please contact: Festival Chairman: Susan Gordon

(815) 291-9639, Street/Vendor Chairman: Don Brown (815) 369-4832 or Adv/Pr: Chairman: Marcia Meyers (815) 821-2300



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MOVIES at MAME'S

looks at Juno Mak horror film *Rigor Mortis (Geung si)* – 2013

HONG KONG — Juno Mak's visually stunning representation of a classic Chinese 'vampire' tale is beautifully told. When Westerners hear "vampire", we think of Dracula, Nosferatu. This movie tells the story of "vampire" as a leech for emotions, a conduit for evil.



Chin is still a young man. Once a famous actor, he has recently lost his wife and son in a tragic accident. Since then, Chin has given up all fame and trappings thereof. He moves into a run-down tenement with it's own dark past. The tenants of the building run the gamut from the living to the undead, ghosts, vampires and zombies. He is immediately affected by the building when, in his despair over losing his fam-

ily, he attempts to kill himself, drawing out the ghosts of two twin girls who were brutalized in his apartment. He is saved by his new neighbor, Yau, a former holy man, who recognizes that evil has attached itself to Chin through his pain. Chin and Yau join together to fight the supernatural forces that threaten everyone in the building. But when Auntie Mui's husband is killed in what looks to be an accidental fall down the stairs, Auntie Mui attempts to reanimate him using ancient spells and terrible sacrifices. She succeeds but at the cost

of her sanity and gentle disposition. And what she brings back is not her husband. It is a golem, gobbling up the energy around it in order to remain in the land of the living. Auntie Mui lives in remorse over the monster she has created that is terrorizing the tenants one by one, but is bound by love to the husband she is sworn to honor.

Foreign films can open new doors to us as Americans, to fairy tales and legends we seldom have the chance to learn about. This movie represents that opportunity in a very small

way. The Chinese believe that the ghosts of our relatives are always with us, and we should honor them in their deaths. But Rigor Mortis asks the questions "Would we always want our loved ones' ghosts around if we had the choice to banish them?" "Is what we think of as the ghost of someone we miss *actually* them? Or something awful that wears it's guise?" This movie tells a fascinating tale and does it by using beautifully choreographed fight sequences, artful lighting choices and subtle special effects.

Lena Business and Professional Association Meeting August 4

LENA — Present were Ruth Maedge, Shari Staton, Duane Devoe, Ryan Buss, Julie Montgomery, Lisa Lobdell, Jean Engel, Desiree Ozburn, Cindy Martin, Tyson Terhune and Maxine Dittmar.

Minutes were presented from last month's meeting. Ruth made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Desiree seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Ruth made a motion to accept the report as read. Lisa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership — (Jodi, Chairperson) no report.

Promotions — (Paris, Chairperson) Working on Christmas Walk Prep. Fall Festival, Discover Lena Wheel, Shari will be chairing that up. Customer Appreciation Day is in the planning stages. They are kicking around the idea of a float in the Fall Festival Parade this year.

Tourism — (Tyson Terhune will be the interim chairperson.) see Village Report

Village Report — (Tyson Terhune, Chairperson)

Downtown — Parking lot on south side will be finished.

New light poles will be going in by end of August.

1st weekend in September, all will be done at the latest.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for downtown with an open house for water tower and public works.

Ben approached LBPA @ brackets for light poles. Lions have donated enough money to pay for this. So, the lights are paid for. They may need money for decorations for the light poles.

Application for IL Main Street Program — if this all goes through, we will have a Main Street Group just as an advisory group only to create a downtown master plan.

The village is looking at adapting a maintenance code to enforce for the downtown. This would only affect run-down of abandoned buildings, burned buildings, lawn maintenance, junk sitting around, etc.

There was a zoning change on East Lena Street of 3 homes.

A potential business may be coming.

3 businesses making changes — Mulligans would like an awning, Don Brown/Bella 360 would like an awning and Fluegels removed the awning as well as opened up a new clothing store which includes embroidery.

New fence going up downtown by train tracks. Contact Tyson with ideas of types of fencing.

Beautification — (Jean, Chairperson) July yard has been chosen. Planters will move back up town once they are done.

Social — (Wendy, Chairperson) we will be starting to do round-table discussions at any business that would like to get involved. We would like to keep them @ an hour long ~ 30 minute presentation and 30 minutes Q&A/social time. Our first one will be Doug @ Citizens State Bank on September 24th from 5:30pm-6:30pm talking about retirement options and life insurance on business owners. January will be our Christmas Party. February will be Jessica @ Citi-

zens State Bank talking about Human Resources.

Health & Wellness — (Lisa, Chairperson) Lena Living Center Breakfast, this Wednesday @ 7:30am. They will be showing off the 'D' wing. 1st week in September will be the ribbon cutting ceremony. As always, watch the Shopper's Guide for all events.

Website — (Julie & Shari, Co-Chairpersons) we will be updating the whole look and layout first part of next year as our hosting fee is paid up until the end of this year. We will be organizing the look of it before hand so we can hit the ground running. Please check out our Facebook page. We will be posting upcoming round-table discussions, meetings, etc.

Events — (Ruby, Chairpersons) Rhonda has stepped down as co-chairperson.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Lena Lions — no fish boil this year.

The information booth.

Christmas lights were in the cabinets.

Roger had the key to the visitor's booth cabinets. Maxine got in to the cabinets. Roger will make copies of keys and hand out.

Jim Leamy might hook up the motion light for us.

Welcome to Lena baskets — Maxine has been collecting times from the Post Office, Churches, Businesses, Library, etc.

A questionnaire was handed out as to what you, as a business owner, would like more information on — Human Resources, Marketing, Retirement, Life Insurance, Remote Deposit, etc. We would like to gather ideas for the round-table discussions as to what would peak your interest. Please let Shari know what your thoughts are.

Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa seconded it. Motion carried.

Submitted by Shari Staton

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I would like to thank my friends and relatives for the cards on my 90th birthday. 65 cards and a pizza supper and lots of other goodies! Thank you so much — Ms. Violet M. Altenbern

Annual Church Garage & Bake Sale

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VIEWPOINT

SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

Aug. 24-28

SPRINGFIELD — As Illinois' budget impasse continues eight weeks into the 2016 fiscal year, the latest unemployment figures and economic assessment supports the Rauner Administration's push for a better business climate as part of a budget deal with the legislative majority.

The budget impasse between the administration and Democrat majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives leaves Illinois government running mostly by court-imposed orders and agreements. Only state education spending and federal funding for programs have received legislative approval and were signed into law by Gov. Bruce Rauner. The root of the budget impasse is years of fiscal mismanagement that left Illinois with few resources.

Illinois job growth lags nation

The latest report from the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) shows the state ended July with an unemployment rate of 5.8 percent, down from 5.9 percent in June. Illinois also gained about 1,900 nonfarm

payroll jobs, but job growth continues to trail behind other states. IDES Director Jeff Mays said if Illinois employment growth had matched the rest of the nation this year, "Illinois would have added 40,000 more jobs by now."

That trend was confirmed by a corresponding report from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). According to the DOL, Illinois' rate of job growth in the past year was both slower than surrounding states and last among neighboring states in per-capita job growth. So, while the report shows that Illinois gained 50,000 jobs over the past year, our neighboring state Indiana gained 64,000 – almost 30% more – despite having only half the population.

"F" doesn't mean "friendly" for small businesses

According to an annual survey released this month, Illinois gets an "F" on its small-business report card. The fourth annual Small Business Friendliness Survey by Thumbtack.com, which polls nearly 18,000 small business owners across the country, gave Illinois its worst possible

grade, tied with three other states: California, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Each of our neighboring states made out much better, ranging from a "C+" (Iowa and Kentucky) to a high of "B+" (Indiana).

Opportunity elsewhere?

Another report on Illinois' economy indicates that thousands of Illinoisans found job opportunities, in other states. The Illinois Policy Institute (IPI), a public policy think tank, cites figures from the Internal Revenue Service. IPI reports, "...in 2012, Illinois lost more taxpayers and taxpayer wealth to a greater number of states than ever before." The Institute's analysis indicates that nearly 67,000 taxpayers and their dependents left Illinois taking with them \$3.7 billion in annual income.

The reports are among many revealed in recent years and months that bolster the claim that Illinois must do more to improve its business/jobs climate. Numerous reforms to ease state regulations and lower the cost of hiring were proposed by Republican lawmakers in recent years and in 2015. The year began with hope that a new governor, elected on an argument that change was needed, would usher in a revitalized Illinois economy; however, most of the proposed changes ran into partisan opposition.

Regulation reform = economic growth

Gov. Rauner signed legislation during the week that supporters said is an example of what can be accomplished when political parties and opposing interests work together for the benefit of the entire state.

Senate Bill 1672 creates a state process for Illinois companies seeking an air permit for a new or expanded facility. Currently, companies must go through the federal govern-

ment to obtain the permits. It's a process that can take years to complete, which can lead to delays in construction and hiring or decisions not to build. Under the new state permit process, companies will receive their regulatory decision within one year. The legislation is the result of an agreement between the Attorney General's Office, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Sierra Club/Illinois Environmental Council, and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Illinois joins 41 other states with a similar process.

Other legislative action

Gov. Rauner took action on a number of bills during the week. A complete list is available on the Senate Action page of the Senate Republican Caucus Web site.

Disaster recovery assistance

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture granted the state's request for official disaster designation covering 101 of Illinois' 102 counties, resulting from the damage caused by heavy rainfall and flooding earlier this summer. Now, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is making federal economic injury disaster loans available.

The disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and private non-profit organizations. The SBA can be contacted for applications and more information at 1-800-659-2955. Information about the Agriculture Disaster Declaration can still be obtained through county Farm Service Agency offices.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

By Jim Sacia

I've written about it before but some analysis needs to be mentioned.

After winning my first state representative election in November 2002, many congratulatory comments included "whatever you do Jim don't become one of them".

In eleven years, I never identified "one of them". My analysis is simple, we like and respect our area elected persons, it's the rest of them, especially those from Chicago, we need to be wary of. Is that unfair? Of course it is. I developed a deep and sincere appreciation for most of my colleagues with only few exceptions. Most work very hard to get elected and had one objective – Do the best they could for the folks back home.

Here is the real conundrum. Many of these colleagues had such differing views from you and I that it made my head spin. Many sincerely believe

it's the government's job to care for everyone. Handouts should be simply for the asking. My favorite – All guns should be outlawed and confiscated – HUH!! How crazy can you get was my thought. Still, though strongly disagreeing, I came to respect their opinion as that is what the majority of their district wanted.

Here is where we often error. It's easy to take those opposing opinions as those folks are corrupt and not to be trusted. Without question, the most common suggestion that I heard from the folks back home, or in many cases demand, was "segregate Chicago from the rest of Illinois". "Get rid of Chicago and Illinois will be great again". The comment always received chuckles from those nearby, but the comments were sincere.

Chicago and the collar counties make up about fifty percent of the 13 million Illinois citizens. For the most part downstate (yes even East Dubuque is downstate for political understanding) can work in concert with the Chicago area.

One must never lose sight that Chicago is the horsepower center of the state and the rest of us are the "red headed stepchildren" in many of their eyes. Finding total common ground will never happen. Strong leadership throughout Illinois is imperative to maintain a check and balance.



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OBITUARIES

James Gassman

LENA — James Gassman, 88, Lena, IL, passed away Sunday August 16, 2015 at Lena Living Center. He was born September 20, 1926 at home in Waddams Grove, IL to Paul August and Ella Mae (Lobdell) Gassman. James married Ruth Esther Solt on January 11, 1946 at the Pearl City Methodist Church. They spent the next 69 years together, until she passed away in May of this year.



James farmed in the Pearl City and Lena areas and dehorned cattle in the area for many years. He and Ruth spent many winters in Florida, where they both enjoyed golfing and playing cards.

James is loved by those surviving him: his sisters, Mrs. Ardith (Dale) Kitner and Paula (Joe) Gerke; his daughter, Kalynn (John) Carlson of Oswego, IL; his son, Calvin Joe Gassman of Lena; his grandchildren: Krista (Wade Lawson) Carlson of San Pedro, CA, Amber Gassman of Monroe, WI, Timothy (Michelle) Carlson of Portland, Oregon; and five great-grandchildren, Ethan and Keegan Carlson of Portland, Oregon, Cole and Devon Bornemeier and Mariah Siegenthaler all of Monroe, WI. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death

by his parents; his wife, Ruth Gassman; his sisters, Elaine (Omer) Neebel and Patty (Carl) Smith; a brother, Paul August Jr. at birth; a son, Stanley Gassman at birth; and a granddaughter, Angela Carlson.

Visitation was held on Saturday, August 22 at the Salem United Methodist Church of Christ in Lena until the time of service.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m.

Pastor Randy Nicholas officiated.

Burial will be at the Salem Cemetery.

A memorial has been established for the Salem United Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com

Jeffrey "Jeff" L. Holcomb

SAVANNA — Jeffrey "Jeff" L. Holcomb, age 50, of Savanna, Illinois, died August 15, 2015, at Mercy Medical Center, Clinton, Iowa. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, August 22, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Savanna. Cremation rites will follow with burial in Savanna Township Cemetery at a later date. A visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, August 21, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Savanna. A memorial fund has been established in Jeff's memory.

Family and friends are invited to share in Jeff's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com. Jeff was born November 18, 1964, in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Herbert "Mick" and Geraldine (McGinnis) Holcomb. He attended school in Elizabeth, Illinois, and graduated from Elizabeth High School with the Class of 1982. Jeff later went on to Highland Community

College where he received his Associates Degree in Business Management.

Jeff loved Allis-Chalmers tractors, hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles, boating, gardening, and any other activities where he could enjoy being outdoors. He was a member of ABATE of Illinois. Jeff will be dearly missed by his mother, Geraldine; a sister, Roxanne Holcomb of Denver, Colorado; a brother, Daniel (Carmen) Holcomb of Galena, Illinois; nephews, Patrick, Owen, and Luke; and two step-brothers, Marlo Kane of Elizabeth, Illinois, and Terry Kane of Savanna, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his father; two infant brothers; and two step-sisters.

Kathryn Elaine Bennett

Kathryn Elaine Bennett (nee Busjahn) passed away in her home near Orangeville, IL on Thursday, August 20th, 2015 at the age of 91.

Kathryn was born in Monroe, Wisconsin on January 6th, 1924. She graduated from Orangeville High School and studied at Northern Illinois University and went on to earn a Bachelor degree from Bob Jones University in 1947. Kay married the Reverend Dwight Bennett in Monroe, Wisconsin on August 25th, 1948. She worked alongside her husband as a missionary in Japan under TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) from 1950 until 1961. She was a partner with Dwight in his ministry with Greater Freeport Area Youth for Christ, Orangeville Bible Church, Monroe Bible Church, Faith Evangelical Free Church of Monroe



and Senior's Pastor at the Lena Evangelical Free Church. Kay taught Sunday School, organized church events, and was always praying and supporting missionaries. She was a woman of prayer, a giving and loyal partner to her husband, a beloved mother and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, watching over the animals, and keeping a steady eye on the rhythm of planting and harvest cycles of the fields. Her family, Lena Evangelical Free Church, the missions committee and Christian Women's Club were highlights in her life.

Kathryn is survived by her loving husband Dwight of 67 years. Kathryn is lovingly remembered by her children: Carolyn Hatch (Larry) of Bowling Green, OH, David Bennett (Myrna) of Colorado Springs, CO, Duane Bennett (Kay) of Monroe, WI, and Daryl Bennett (Vicki) of Winslow, IL; and grandchildren Nicole Gross (Randy) Josh (Rachel) Bennett, Jens Hatch (Melissa), Melissa Andres (Dan), Jared Hatch (Emily), Jason Bennett, Katie Hatch, Justin Hatch and twelve great grandchildren; sister Marcene Eshelman (Frank) and brother-in-law Bill Hills.

She is preceded in death by her parents Frank and Selma (nee Krueger) Busjahn and her sisters Grace Hills and Marion McLeRoy and brother-in-law Tom McLeRoy.

The visitation was held at the Lena Free Church, Lena IL, 720 N. Freedom St. Lena, IL on Sunday, August 30. A celebration of life service was

at the Lena Evangelical Free Church on Monday, August 31. Interment followed at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow, IL. A fund has been established with TEAM mission in Kay's memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com

Lois Haithcock

STOCKTON — Lois Heidenreich Haithcock, formerly of Stockton, IL, age 73, passed away May 17 in Kenosha WI. She is survived by her sons Rich & Bill, granddaughter Jessica Haithcock, brother Max Heidenreich, sisters Virginia Hughes and Juanita Willis and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Friday September 5 at 3 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church, Stockton with fellowship time to follow at the church.

Margaret R. Busjahn

Margaret R. Busjahn, age 83 of Monroe, WI, passed away August 29, 2015 at the Monroe Manor. She was born February 19, 1932 in St. Louis County, Missouri, the daughter of Thomas and Maude (O'Laughlin) Hanlon. Margaret married Leonard Busjahn on November 14, 1953 in Missouri. She volunteered at the Monroe food pantry for many years. Margaret loved serving the Lord and spending time with her family.

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REUNION

Bonjour family schedules reunion at Meridian Park, Warren

WARREN — Bonjour family schedules reunion will be held on Sunday, September 6, at Meridian Park, Warren in the shelter house behind St Paul's Lutheran Church. A potluck will be served at noon.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We finally got some rain. It was wonderful not to have to water this weekend. The weather is supposed to get really warm; perhaps it is the last hurrah of summer. The heat and rain should help some of those vegetables grow. I love eating fruits and vegetables of the season, and this week's recipes will feature some of our summer's bounty.

The first recipe is for roasted tomatoes. You can use these roasted tomatoes in many main dishes. You can also use it in many appetizers. The tomatoes will keep in the refrigerator for five days or frozen for two months. If you have any extra tomatoes, this recipe is a great way to preserve them without a lot of work.

Roasted Tomatoes

3 lbs. large tomatoes, cored, bottom 1/8 inch trimmed and sliced 3/4 inch thick

2 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed

1/4 t. dried oregano
Salt and pepper

3/4 C. extra virgin olive oil

Adjust oven rack to middle position and preheat oven to 425. Line rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil. Arrange tomatoes in even layer on prepared sheet, with larger slices around the edge and smaller slices in the center. Place the garlic cloves on the tomatoes. Sprinkle with oregano and 1/4 t. salt and season with pepper to taste. Drizzle oil evenly over the tomatoes.

Bake for 30 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Remove the sheet from the oven. Reduce the oven temperature to 300 degrees and prop oven door to cool oven to the 300 degrees. Using thin spatula, flip tomatoes.

Return tomatoes to oven with door closed and continue to cook until spotty brown, skins are blistered, and tomatoes have collapsed to 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick, about 1-2 hours. Remove from oven and let cool completely, about 30 minutes. Discard garlic and transfer tomatoes and oil to an airtight container. Tomatoes can be refrigerated for up to 5 days or frozen for up to 2 months.

This week the recipes are

featuring some peaches. The peaches are really good this year, and there are many ways to use them. This salad is a great one using fruit, bacon, and spinach. I have a salad that uses strawberries and spinach, so the substitution of peaches for strawberries is an easy one. Enjoy this great flavor combination.

Spinach and Bacon Salad with Peaches

1 C. olive oil
1/3 C. cider vinegar
1/4 C. sugar
1 t. celery seed
1 t. ground mustard
1/2 t. salt

Salad

6 C. fresh baby spinach
2 medium peaches, sliced
1 3/4 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
3 hard-cooked eggs, halved and sliced

1/2 lb. bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

1 small red onion, halved and thinly sliced

1/4 C. sliced almonds, toasted
Grated Parmesan cheese

Place the dressing ingredients in a blender and cover and process until blended. In a large bowl, combine the spinach, peaches, mushrooms, eggs, bacon, onion and almonds. Serve with dressing and cheese. To toast the nuts: Spread the almonds in a jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 for 5-10 minutes or until lightly

browned, stirring occasionally.

There was beautiful cabbage at the Farmer's Market. This coleslaw recipe is a creamy one because of the buttermilk. I think the buttermilk cuts the taste of the may to make it extra tasty. Have a great coleslaw side with this easy recipe.

Chopped Coleslaw

1/2 medium head of cabbage
1/2 C. finely chopped celery
1/2 C. finely chopped red pepper

1/3 C. finely chopped sweet onion

Dressing:

1/2 C. mayonnaise
1/4 C. sugar
1/4 C. milk
1/4 C. buttermilk
2 t. white vinegar
1/4 t. hot sauce

Cut the cabbage into slices and place in food processor one half of the cabbage at a time; pulse until chopped. Transfer to a large bowl until all the cabbage has been processed.

Add the remaining vegetables to the cabbage. In a small bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients until blended. Pour over the coleslaw and toss to coat. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

If you have a lot of zucchini (and those of you who raise zucchini always have tons of it), this soup is a great one for summer and fall. It uses a lot of zucchini and some other vegetables. The sausage gives the zucchini a little zip. The soup can be made the night before and plugged in when you leave for work. Serve it with some crusty bread and a spinach salad, and you will

have a feast. You can have a heartier meal if you serve it over noodles or rice. This soup is even better the next day.

Slow Cooker Zucchini Soup

1 T. olive oil
1 lb. sausage
2 C. chopped celery
8 C. zucchini, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch slices
2 cans (28 oz. each) diced tomatoes, undrained
2 green peppers, cut into 1/2-inch wide strips

1 C. chopped onion
1 t. salt
1 t. sugar
1 t. dried oregano
1 t. Italian season
1 t. dried basil
1/4 t. garlic powder
1/2 C. grated parmesan cheese

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add the sausage and cook, stirring and breaking up lumps, until browned and crumbly, 8-10 minutes. Pour off the grease. Add the celery to the sausage in the skillet and cook, stirring occasionally, until the celery is softened (about 10 minutes.)

Transfer sausage mixture to a 5 or 6 quart slow cooker. Stir in the zucchini, tomatoes (with juice), bell peppers, onion, salt, sugar, oregano, Italian seasoning, basil and garlic powder.

Cook, covered on LOW until the zucchini is tender (at least 6 hours). Serve the soup in bowls and sprinkle with teaspoons of parmesan cheese. You can serve this over rice or noodles.

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Still want another zucchini recipe? This recipe pairs zucchini and fresh blueberries. It also makes a large pan, so it is a great recipe to take to a reunion or potluck. Be sure to use the two extra tablespoons of flour to toss the blueberries. They won't sink to the bottom if they are tossed in the flour. Enjoy these unique bars at any time.

Blueberry Zucchini Squares

- 2 C. shredded zucchini
- ½ C. buttermilk
- 1T. grated lemon peel
- 3 T. lemon juice
- 1 C. butter, softened
- 2½ C. sugar
- 2 eggs
- ¾ C. plus 2 T. flour, divided

- 1 t. baking soda
- ½ t. salt
- 2 C. fresh blueberries

Glaze:

- 2 C. powdered sugar
- ¼ C. buttermilk
- 1 T. grated lemon peel
- 2 t. lemon juice
- 1/8 t. salt

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 15 x 10 x 1 inch

baking pan. In a small bowl, combine the zucchini, buttermilk, lemon peel, and lemon juice. Toss to combine. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time. In another bowl, whisk ¾ C. flour, baking soda, and salt. Gradually add to creamed mixture, alternately with the zucchini mixture, mixing well after each addition. Toss the blueberries with remaining flour and fold into the batter.

Transfer batter to the prepared pan, spreading evenly. Bake 30-35 minutes or until light golden brown and a tooth pick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool completely in the pan.

In a small bowl, mix the glaze ingredients until smooth; spread over the top and stand until set.

The hardest part of this next recipe is crushing the gingersnaps. This great pie is easy to make and delicious also. You do need to plan ahead because you need to freeze

the crust and refrigerate the pie. If you don't have fresh peaches, you can drain a can (15oz.) of slices peaches and use them in place of the fresh peaches. If you happen to run into Anna's Ginger Cookies, they are the best. This pie is a really cool way to end summer.

No-Bake Peach Melba Pie

- 1¼ C. finely crushed gingersnaps
- 3 oz. white chocolate, melted
- 1 T. butter, melted
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 C. powdered sugar
- 2 T. milk
- 1 ½ C. whipped topping, thawed
- 2 peaches, peeled
- 2 T. raspberry jam
- 1 C. fresh raspberries

Combine the gingersnap crumbs, chocolate, and butter; press onto the bottom and up the side of a 9-inch pie plate sprayed with cooking spray. Freeze for 20 minutes.

In a mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and milk

until blended. Gently stir in the whipped topping. Cut the peaches into ½-inch thick slices. Reserve 3 peach slices for garnish; wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Finely chop remaining peach slices; stir into cream cheese mixture. Spoon on to the crust. Refrigerate pie and reserved peach slices 2 hours or until pie is firm.

Before serving, microwave jam in a small bowl on HIGH for 30 seconds or just until warmed; stir and then drizzle over the pie. Garnish with raspberries and reserved peach slices.

I have to do something with the wonderful Farm Bureau peaches. I think I will make a traditional peach pie and put it in the freezer for a Labor Day picnic. I love to slice them and eat them on

ice cream. There is no better taste than fresh and juicy peaches. The peach delivery sends the signal that Fall is arriving. Volleyball and football games started this week. The Friday night game was a wet one. Isn't it just like the weather—we cry and pray for rain for weeks, and then when we start football, the monsoon comes. I guess we better not complain because we needed to have it. This weekend there will be a Farmer's Market, so stock up on the vegetables you need. We are still looking for summer recipes, but also are on the hunt for fall recipes. If you have some recipes to share, 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.

Cooking with tomatoes from your garden

STATELINE — Do you love seeing those beautiful red, yellow and green tomatoes growing in your garden? Well you're in luck – we are in the middle of tomato season! Whether you are enjoying fried green tomatoes or if you prefer that beautiful deep red tomato, if you enjoy tomatoes check out the University of Illinois Extension's upcoming program, Cooking with Tomatoes from Your Garden.

According to Diane Reinhold, University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, "Tomatoes have many health benefits because they are rich in antioxidants." Tomatoes are well known for containing the antioxidant Lycopene, but contain other antioxidants as well.

If you are looking for new ways to use tomatoes join Diane as she shares fun recipes and ideas to incorporate

tomatoes into your summer meals while sharing the many health benefits that tomatoes provide. There will be taste testing of selected recipes.

Cooking with Tomatoes from Your Garden will be held at the Freeport Public Library on Saturday, Septem-

ber 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. The cost for this program is \$5 and pre-registration is required. Registration can be completed on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/> or by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125.



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CHURCH NOTES

PASTOR'S CORNER

"GPS Failure!"

By Pastor Rick Bader
St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA — Last week I took my wife to the Madison airport so she could fly to Texas to see our grandson. I've only been to the Madison airport a couple of times and each time, the GPS on my phone has taken me a different way. I have no trouble getting to Madison and I can find every hospital in Madison with no wrong turns.

Back to my story. This time the GPS takes me from the Beltline to John Nolen Drive. Okay, I don't know which way is better, but we got there. I'm leaving the airport, make a turn on Packer Avenue—(couldn't be Chiefs Boulevard)—and I realize that my GPS is not working. It froze up! I didn't particularly like the way I had come, so I was trying to remember the way I had traveled to and from in a previous visit. I made two correct turns, but then one wrong turn. I knew it didn't look familiar.

I pulled into a parking lot to get my bearings. Of course, who carries a map in their car these days? I messed with the GPS, but it wouldn't take my home address, my church address, and denied that Lena existed. "No such destination!" I've only lived there for 35 years! I felt like I was in the movie, "Back To The Future" where Marty goes back to the past and the subdivision he lives in for the present, hasn't even been built yet. What do you mean there's no Aspen Court.

I shut my phone off, waited

Calvary UMC to host annual community garage and bake sale

STOCKTON — Calvary United Methodist Church will host its annual fall fundraiser Garage and Bake Sale, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Sept. 3 and 4; final sale day-Saturday, Sept. 5, from 7 a.m. to Noon. The indoor community garage sale will be held at the air-conditioned church fellowship hall, 315 West Maple Ave., Stockton. Come early for the best selection of bargains in women's and men's clothing, toys, games, infant and children's items, electronics, tools, kitchen & bath items, collectibles, home décor, picture frames, yard & garden

a few moments, and turned it back on. Mission accomplished! Well, kind of. It still wouldn't take Aspen Court, but it took Country Lane Drive, with the exception that the church's address is 625, while the GPS said it was 601-699! Close enough. I just needed to get to a part of Madison that I was familiar with. I hadn't strayed far from the route and it all started to come back to me. That's good, because I've got to do it again this week, when I pick my wife up from the airport.

Our spiritual life is kind of like that, more from neglect than anything. God's GPS, His Word and Spirit are always there and always on target. The problem is ours--we tend to ignore God's GPS, and trust our own sense of direction. Our destination is our home in heaven, an unfamiliar journey—except that Jesus says, "I Am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) We don't need to worry about directions when we know Jesus as our Lord and Savior. He is our built in GPS through this life to heaven, and He will never fail us.

The Psalmist reminds us: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Ps 119:105) Sounds like a pretty good GPS system to me! Without that light, all we could do is grope around in the darkness, lost and not able to see our way home. God's Word lights the path before us and shows us the way home. Hope to see you there!

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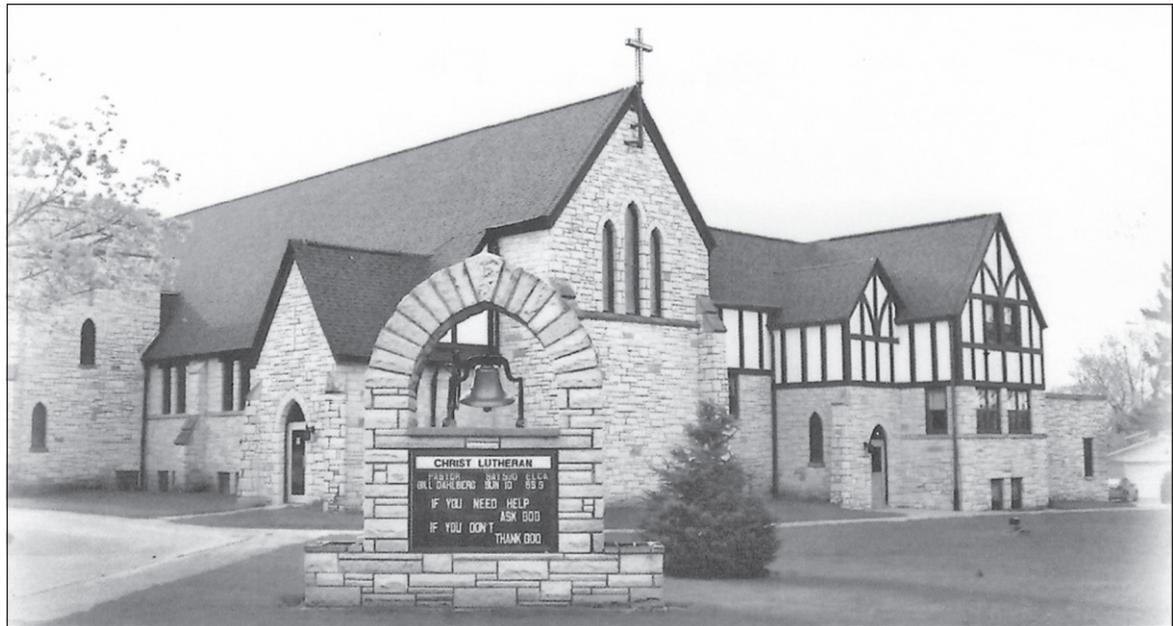


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Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-fifth anniversary with a series of events over the first weekend of October

Christ Lutheran Church celebrates 125 years

STOCKTON — Activities and events in Stockton, October 3, 4 will celebrate the one-hundred-twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton. Events during these two days highlight the history and legacy of the congregation and the Stockton Community.

Events on Saturday October 3 will be held in the Stockton Park for members of the congregation and the Stockton Community. A lunch of hot dogs, brats, chips and drinks will be served by the ladies of the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Stockton Park House with proceeds to benefit the Church Anniversary Fund.

Church historical displays and photos will be on display in the Park House.

At 1:30 p.m. the "Peace Seekers" will present a concert at the stage in the park. This will be followed by a presentation by Rep Brian Stewart of an Illinois General Assembly resolution honoring the history and legacy of Christ Lutheran Church in the Stockton community .Others invited to this ceremony are Stockton Village President Rodney Brandt, Melody Heiden-

reich of the Stockton Heritage Museum, and State Senator Tim Bivins.

At 2:30 a three act historical pageant will be held on the park stage. This presentation, under the direction of Nicole Haas and Ann Coppnoll will include historic events of the church and the Stockton Community.

Sunday October 4 events will start at 9 a.m at the church. Sunday School students will be able to view historic pictures and displays in the church. At 9:30 events will be held outside of the church starting with a flag raising ceremony under the direction of Kevin Schubert, Stockton VFW. This American flag was flown over the Capitol in Washington D.C. on July 4, 2015 in

observance of the one-hundred-twenty-fifth anniversary of Christ Lutheran Church. After the flag has been raised members of the choir and congregation will sing "God Bless America."

Church services start at 10 a.m. under the direction of Pastor Susan Davenport. The address of the day will be given by former pastor Lee Luebke.

A church lunch, by reservation, will be held at noon in the church basement. Following the lunch will be an afternoon service starting at 1:30 featuring choral selections and remarks from former pastors. Reverend Christopher Heller, former member of the congregation, will have the afternoon message.

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Saint Joseph Catholic Church to host annual Labor Day weekend fish boil

APPLE RIVER — St. Joseph Catholic Church will be holding its sixth annual fish boil over the Labor Day weekend on September 4, at the Apple River Event Center.

Everyone is invited to attend the event as it is a great way to relax in an air-conditioned location to start off their big holiday weekend. Dinner is served between 4:30 and 7 p.m. which is really the perfect time to eat before heading off to go camping or to watch the home town football game.

Dinner is a delicious cod meal served with a hearty portion of potatoes, onions, coleslaw, a bun and homemade desserts. The Gratiot Fire Department always does an excellent job of cooking the food and there will be a raffle of a beautiful quilt. The St. Joseph Altar and Rosary Society is very supportive of many families throughout the year and this is a great way to support their efforts.

Tickets are available in advance at a discounted price



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St. Joseph Catholic Church will host its sixth annual fish boil on September 4, at the Apple River Event Center.

at the Apple River State Bank facilities in Apple River, Warren Galena and Scales Mound; also at the First Community Bank of Galena and Hartzell's IGA in Warren. Advance tickets are \$10. Tickets are avail-

able at the door for \$11. Children's meals are \$5.

St. Joseph Church really appreciates everyone who is able to help us and can come and support us. Without their support we would not be able to make this event possible. This fundraiser helps the parish maintain its beautiful church in Apple River and is a great opportunity for the parishioners to meet the folks from their neighboring communities. For more information please call the Warren parish office at 815.745.2312.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

KENT — Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday, Aug 30 at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are invited and welcome; also to stay for the fellowship following. Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the lessons in the devotional "The Upper Room"; very interesting lessons from the Holy Bible; all are invited and welcome to this time too.

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL; for more info call 815-601-6742.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on August 30, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, at 9:30a.m. Deb Leinenger will share her gift as she 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 fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship and a Bible Study. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Tuesday September 1 The Faith Circle will meet at 1 p.m. for Bible Study at the Lena Living Center. On Thursday September 3 the Hannah Circle will meet at 9 a.m. at the home of Ethel Lobdell's for Bible Study.

On Wednesday September 2 at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to 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!

The After School Program for fourth through eighth graders will meet at the Hangout downtown on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play.

On Saturday the Men's Group will meet for breakfast at Good Shepherd at 8:30 a.m. to work on several projects, including some preparations for "God's Work, Our Hands" projects.

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St. John's to host 'Carnival Rally Day' September 9

PEARL CITY — The September 6 worship service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand beginning at 9 a.m. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet following worship. Fifth quarter (7-8 grades) will meet on Sunday, September 6 at 6 p.m. In addition, the Genesis Youth Group (high school) will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the same day.

The Worship and Music Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m.

on Wednesday, September 9 and the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on the same day at 7:30 p.m.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies starting this fall. The Monday evening bible study will start on September 14 at 7 p.m. and is titled, "Give Us a King" and is based on first and second Samuel. The Thursday morning bible

study is held at 9:30 and it will begin on September 17. The discussion will be on "Genesis:" A Narrative from the Mouths of the Hebrew People of God.

The Sunday School Rally Day will feature games, fun, popcorn, prizes, animals, cotton candy, photo booth and prizes. The Carnival Rally Day will be held after worship on September 13. The youth will lead the worship service and Vacation Bible School youth will sing two songs during worship. Plan to start the Sunday School year with St. John's on September 13. The first day of Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation will be on September 20 following worship.

Upcoming Activities: The Women's Gathering will meet at Lake Carroll on September 15 starting with coffee at 9:45 a.m. followed by a bible study. Lunch will be off the menu following the bible study. The Chancel Choir will begin meeting on Wednesday evenings on September 16.

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Bible Study opportunities at St. John Lutheran Church Pearl City

PEARL CITY — The August 30 Worship Service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand beginning at 9 a.m. The seventh and eighth grade Confirmation Students with their parents will meet at 10:15 a.m. on August 30 following the worship service. Fifth

Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will meet on Sunday, August 30 at 6 p.m. In addition, the Genesis Youth Group (high school) will meet at 7:30 p.m. on August 30.

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sion will be on "Genesis:" A Narrative from the Mouths of the Hebrew People of God.

The Sunday School Rally Day will feature a "carnival of activities" and will be held after worship on September 13. The youth will lead the worship service and Vacation Bible School youth will sing two songs during worship. Plan to start the Sunday School year with St. John's on September 13. The first day of Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation will be on September 20 following worship.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: We have some tickets available for "The Talented Templetons" at White Pines in Oregon on Thursday, October 15. The tickets are \$29 which includes a buffet lunch with

beverage, dessert, tax, gratuity and the performance. We will carpool from the church at 10:45 a.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m. "The Talented Templetons" are a family of Mom, Dad and their nine children harmonizing and playing a variety of instruments. The family showcase their abilities through country favorites, bluegrass, gospel, classics, old time tunes, Celtic reels and jigs. The deadline has been moved up to September 13 or when all 40 tickets have been paid for. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board. Please make checks to St. John's Women's Gathering and give to Lynda Palmer, Kris Eden or Karen Bremmer. Members and guests are welcome to join us.



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Elizabeth Camp Discovery

Children, young people and adults from local congregations gathered together during the week of July 27 for the first annual Elizabeth Community Vacation Bible School. More than 50 children attended "Camp Discovery - Jesus At Work Through Us" which was organized by St. Paul Lutheran Church, Church of St. Mary, and First United Methodist Church. Each night began with a meal for the whole family, followed by music, Bible stories, crafts and games. Capping off the week was a special closing program followed by a camp fire, s'mores and overnight camping on the church grounds. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers and donors who helped to make Camp Discovery an amazing week for us all.

Summers over so it's back to school time with the folks at Lena UMC Gary Rich

LENA — Fall is my favorite time of the year. Kids are back to school and soon the leaves will turn and Friday nights will be busy with Football. At Lena United Methodist Church pre-K through adult Sunday school will be starting on August 30th. Our adult class will be studying "The Call" by Adam Hamilton. It is a six lesson study of the life and message of The Apostle Paul. Another activity that starts in the fall is our Food and Fun nights on every Thursday evening starting the September 17. Every Thursday our cooks prepare a home cooked meal that is served at 6. At 6:45 there are activities for anyone that

wants to participate. A group does knitting and tying pillows. If that is not your thing another group plays euchre. Some just set and share fellowship or play dominos. If you are not able to attend Sunday school on Sunday morning "The Call" study on the Apostle Paul will also be offered.

Starting on Sunday September 20 a 24 week class on Discipleship will be offered. The first 12 weeks will study the Old Testament and the next 12 weeks will study the New Testament. Jesus wants us all to be his disciples and spread the word of God's love. Sometimes we are not sure if we

are prepared or know how to do that. Disciple class will help. Participants will receive a thorough introduction to the Bible. It does not matter if you have taken Disciple before or if you have read very little of the Bible or if you have never taken a Bible study before, we will all help each other find the ministry that Jesus has for us. So, come join us once a week on Sunday night from 6:30 to 8 at the Lena UMC and strengthen your relationship with Christ. If you don't have a Bible, that's Ok, God will have one here for you. (Questions? Call the office - 815-369-5291)

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MCCONNELL — We have the privilege of celebrating fifty years with many past pastors and families on Friday August 28 through Sunday August 30.

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Starting on Saturday night from 4-6 p.m. we will be hosting a scavenger hunt around McConnell with teams of 4-6 participants. There will be great prizes so you won't want to miss out on the fun.

Following is a great concert at 7 p.m. with Joel Brovant.

Food is provided, but bring a blanket or lawn chair.

There will be a great Sunday service at 10 a.m. with many past pastors participating, followed by a pot luck and great fellowship. Child care is provided.

McConnell Grace Free Methodist Church is located next to the Post Office. Call 815.868.9213 or visit us on the web at www.gracefmc.org

Christ Lutheran Church to host Sunday School Rally Day

STOCKTON — Christ Lutheran Church Stockton Sunday School Rally Day will be Sunday, Sept 13 at 9 a.m. for children, parents, grandparents; everyone is welcome. Entertainment will be Kim (Stout) Pool, Bible stories and songs.

Rally Day will be held in the Fellowship Hall, refreshments will be served. Let's pack our hall and church at 10 a.m.

Kim will be part of the church service. Remember who comes first in our lives; God is good, all the time.



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Pearl City schools celebrate their alpha and omega students

As we begin a new school year in the Pearl City School District, there comes to the realization that for students they are ending their secondary educational journey. At the same time, we have a set of students that are beginning their educational journey. The senior class is the class of 2016. The kindergarten class will be the class of 2028. For parents these two grades seem to be the most emotional time within the journey. We wish both classes along with all our students a wonderful and successful year.

Pearl City fifth graders receive special musical treat

PEARL CITY — Students Pearl City School received a special musical treat on Tuesday, August 25. Brouhard's and Mrs. Visel's fifth grade classes at

the Lisbon Sympho- nical talents.

Residents of Lisbon, Portugal, Ken and Maria Best are visiting family in Freeport. Ken plays the French horn with the Lisbon Symphony Orches-

tra. Maria plays the flute and teaches music lessons. They came and gave a demonstration of their instruments, talked about the symphony, taught about conductors, and played some rhythm games with the students.

The students were also impressed with their ability to play the theme songs from movies like Star Wars and Indiana Jones. It was perfect timing for the fifth graders, as they have the opportunity to join band this year!

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Community Supper

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Senior Bingo Lunch

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Photos submitted Above: Move over Toscanini; there's a new Maestro in Pearl City because somebody has to take the lead, Pearl City music student Shana Youtzy stepped up when given a chance to practice being a conductor.



Left: Mrs. Brouhard's and Mrs. Visel's Pearl City fifth grade classes received a special musical treat when Brouhard's aunt and uncle visited and shared their instrumental talents.



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HCC announces addition of part-time nursing program

FREEPORT — Highland Community College is pleased to announce the addition of a Part-Time Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) program, beginning in the spring of 2016. It is the first program of its kind in northwest Illinois designed to allow busy health care professionals who have completed the prerequisite and support courses to complete their nursing degree at a more manageable, part-time pace.

For the past several years, Highland has had potential students express an interest in pursuing nursing, but could not commit the time to a traditional,

full-time program. This new option allows students to take one or two nursing courses per semester while remaining employed in the health care field.

“We are excited to provide an avenue for individuals to reach their goal of becoming a registered nurse, and to offer working professionals an option to complete their nursing education,” said Donna Kauke, MSN, RN and Dean of Health, Natural Science and Mathematics.

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Applicants are required to attend an information session in order to receive an application for admission to the program. Students must call the Nursing

Program Coordinator at 815.599.3679 to register for an information session. All sessions are held in the HCC Natural Science and Math center, room N-166. The application deadline for spring 2016 is October 15, 2015.

Part-time nursing program information sessions:

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For more information on the new program call Donna Kauke at 815.599.3688 or e-mail her at donna.kauke@highland.edu.

Part III-The Stephenson-Blackhawk Trail, a collection of local historic sites

By Larry Nelson

LENA — This is the third part of a series on the Stephenson-Blackhawk Trail, a collection of local historic sites. Most of the sites are marked by red and white arrowhead trail markers.

At the western end of Main Street is the site of AJ's Lena Maid Meats. It is located on the site of an early business, The Lena Casket Factory. It flourished here but moved to Freeport in 1926. The old building was destroyed by fire in 1951, but Wieland Kayser opened a meat processing plant there soon after. Several photos of the casket factory appear on Lena's Facebook page.

On the way to Louisa, the trail goes west on Main Street, crossing the railroad tracks at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. Here, many early settlers are buried. The Lena area was orig-

inally part of St. Mary's of the Mound Roman Catholic parish at New Dublin, several miles south.

The Lena parish was started with St. Joseph's Church in 1869. Westward on the trail (Stagecoach Trail), it is about a mile and a quarter to the site of Louisa at Five Corners. The pioneer cemetery there is about all left of the settlement, which had been founded in 1837, and whose Brethren Church building, across the road and north of the cemetery, was used until it burned in the 1920s. In May, 1856, the first annual meeting of the while Brethren denomination to be held west of Pennsylvania took place on the Michael Reber farm north of Louisa.

Information for this series taken from a narrative written by the late Dr. Eugene Vickery, Lena.



Larry Nelson photo

Wieland Kayser opened a meat processing plant at the western end of Main Street. Today, it is the site of AJ's Lena Maid Meats.

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4-H shooting sports program underway

STATELINE — University of Illinois Extension and Stephenson County 4-H is proud to announce the continuation of the Archery Shooting Sports program. The 4-H Shooting Sports Club is an active participation program designed to introduce young people to the sport of archery. The program is built around natural resources, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and safety. The program goals include experiential learning and positive interaction with other members under the instruction of state certified instructors. The core concepts will stress safety, ethics, personal responsibility, and the development of lifetime recreational skills.

Lori Tessendorf, 4-H Program Coordinator, said, “The 4-H staff, in conjunction with the shooting sports instructors at Indian Trail, want this to be an exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding experience taught within a safe environment. We are excited to be in our third year of offering the archery program to area youth. It's a wonderful opportunity for youth to gain life skills through a structured shooting sports program.”

The Archery Shooting Sports program is open to all youth 8 - 18 years of age. Safety is first and foremost - participants are expected to follow the directions of the instructors at all times. All equipment will

be supplied by the club from beginners to advanced archers.

The archery club will start on Wednesday, October 7 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Indian Trail Archers facility located at 107 E. Spring St., Freeport. The club will then meet every Wednesday for eight weeks with November 25 being the last class. The fee for participating in the archery club is \$50 per youth. If interested, please contact Lori Tessendorf at (815) 235-4125 or register online by visiting: <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=12907>. Registration is currently open until October 5 for all youth interested in the archery club.



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Elizabeth Nursing Home celebrates the last bash of summer

Tony Carton

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ELIZABETH — The folks at the Elizabeth Nursing Home celebrated the final days of summer 2015 on Saturday with their first annual Summer's Last Bash family potluck picnic.

"This is a community picnic, also the families were invited; it's just a way of giving back

to the community and the public for supporting us," said staff member Lisa Bonvillian.

The fare included hot dogs, bratwurst, chips and beverages. There was a raffle of a quilt that was donated by the family of a loved one who was a former resident of the home.

"We have door prizes from a number of our downtown Elizabeth businesses and Gary Horton with his traveling

petting zoo and the Terrapin Ridge Ramblers are playing music for us," she said. "We also have face painting and a fun face cutout board for silly photos."

She said the board is handicap accessible and was made by Jane Johnson who works in Assisted Living at the facility.

"Of course, no picnic would be complete without an appearance by JoJo the Clown who is

Jane's sister, Jeannie Ohms," Bonvillian said.

She said future activities for the residents include a vintage car show and field trips to area restaurants and places of interest.

"At some point in October we are trying to arrange for a cruise with the Dubuque boat," said Bonvillian. "That's still in the works and we're hoping it will work out."

Gary Horton of Friendly Lakeside Critters is a regular at events at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. He said he's been coming three or four times a year for about six years and loves doing it.

"We enjoy visiting the nursing homes in the area and the residents always seem to have a great time," Horton said. "We will keep coming as long as they will let us."



The fare for the Last Bash of Summer at the Elizabeth Nursing Home included bratwurst, chips, hot dogs and beverages.



Above: The Terrapin Ridge Ramblers provide the perfect musical backdrop for the Last Bash of Summer community picnic at the Elizabeth Nursing Home.



Left: The door prizes donated by area merchants and the quilt donated by the family of a former Elizabeth Nursing Home resident drew a lot of attention at the Last Bash of Summer community picnic.



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Gary Horton of Friendly Lakeside Critters slips a snack to Nautica the pot belly pig during the Last Bash of Summer at the Elizabeth Nursing Home.

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Good Shepherd Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church sent a Mission Trip Team to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota August 7-15. While in Pine Ridge, the team spent time with the Lakota people, listening, learning, serving, and sharing. The team is very thankful for the prayers and support from the congregation and from the wider Lena community.

The team helped with the kids time called Sanctuary, which is an afternoon ministry offered six days a week where children are given a safe place to play, receive a meal, and worship together with a Christian message. It was a great to get to know the children and play with them. The Good Shepherd team also helped fill and distribute new backpacks with needed school supplies

for the children of Pine Ridge.

Colton Brinker, a Le-Win Junior organized having bicycles donated to be taken to Pine Ridge for the children there. The response from the Lena community was wonderful, and over 30 bicycles were cleaned, polished, fixed (if needed), and loaded onto a trailer to be taken to Pine Ridge. Colton and the team are so thankful for the generous response! The team also collected Diapers, Pillar Candles, Quilts, Tools, and gift cards to bring. The children were filled with smiles and were so thankful to receive the bicycles. It was a heart-warming site to see the children riding home with smiles and hope.

Members of the Mission Trip also worked alongside two Lakota young men to build a wheelchair ramp for a home. The grandmother living there had been in the hospital since February and would be coming home soon and would need a ramp for her wheelchair. The team problem-solved and built together, while also enjoying good conversation with the Lakota family whose home we were working on.

It was a life-impacting trip for the intergenerational team, as they served, learned, worshipped together, and were welcomed by brothers and sister in Pine Ridge. The Lakota People have such beauty and strength, in the midst of the extreme poverty. The life expectancy on Pine Ridge is the second lowest in the entire Western Hemisphere, second only to Haiti. The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation was the poorest county in the United States from 1980 to 2000 (It

is now third, due to things getting worse on two other South Dakota Indian Reservations). The homes are overcrowded. One often sees single-wide trailer homes with 15 people living there. Many homes do not have electricity or indoor plumbing. The unemployment rate is 80%, the rate of alcoholism is very high, the teen suicide rate is 4 times the national rate (two young women committed suicide the week the team was in Pine Ridge), and the infant mortality is 3 times the national rate. The Lakota people have faced enormous atrocities at the hands of the United States government including the massacre of women and children (Wounded Knee is in Pine Ridge) and the taking of lands through the breaking of treaties that were established between nation and nation.

Even in the face of such a hard history and such a difficult present, the leaders we spoke with shared such strength and hope. The team learned about forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation from them. The people of Pine Ridge were generous in hospitality and in sharing about the hope and beauty of their culture. There are many courageous, bright Lakota people working for healing and sustainable community development. The team spent time learning from Lakota elders and Artists who shared about the hope they have for the Lakota people. For many, their hope is connected to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Reverend Two Bulls, an Episcopal priest and Lakota elder in Pine Ridge, shared his

life story with team with the beautiful back drop of the Badlands behind him. He led the team in the prayerful hymn, "Jesus, Remember Me".

The team met with two Lakota school teachers who were passionate about the youth of Pine Ridge. Will Peters engages in music ministry outside of the classroom, writing songs of hope for teens and adults. He is also working hard for suicide prevention and helps in times of crisis. Another teacher spends time raising buffalo and meets with groups and shares stories of hope from the Lakota tradition.

Basil Brave Heart, a Lakota elder who attends daily mass at the Catholic Church and has degrees in counseling, welcomed the team onto his peaceful land. He leads healing circles, offers retreat space, teaches, and helps those facing addiction. He spoke of the power of forgiveness, his hope for the Lakota people, and helped members of the team to listen to the voice of God's calling on their own lives.

Kevin Poor Bear, a double amputee and living a sober life after struggling with alcoholism, created beautiful pieces of artwork while telling his life story. He talked of his heart for the men of the reservation and his desire to start a Bible Study with them. He is living hope that addiction does not have to be the end of one's story.

The team met with other inspiring leaders as well including Valerie Brown Eyes whose quillwork is beautiful. The team met young articulate college students with plans to bring their expertise back to Pine Ridge. We saw the hope in the Oglala Lakota College in Pine Ridge, the Red Cloud School, and the Thunder Valley community development program.

The Good Shepherd Mission Trip Team would like to thank the Lena Community for their prayer support and generous donations. The Lakota people taught about the unity we have together as people, many speaking the words, "Mitakuye Oyasin" meaning "We are all related." when welcoming us and telling their life stories and their culture. May we all continue to learn and grow as we listen for God's call to unity, peace, and reconciliation and may we continue to bear with and pray for our brothers and sisters in Pine Ridge. "Mitakuye Oyasin": We are all related. Thank you!

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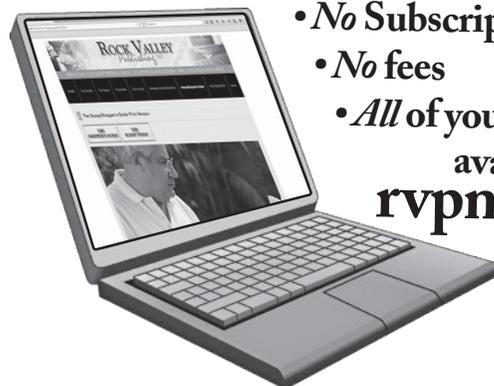
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Don and Pat Brown celebrate fiftieth anniversary

LENA — Don and Pat Brown of Lena will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Friday, September 4, 2015. Donald and the former Patricia Dempsey were united in marriage at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Dixon, Ill. The couple has two daughters Brenda (Bob) Werhane of Lena, and Kathy (Alan) Carda of St. Pauls Min. They have four grandchildren Fritz Werhane of DeForest, Wis., Adam Werhane of Lena and Aleks and George Carda of St. Paul. Cards and well wishes may be sent to the couple at 513 Rantoul St. Lena, Ill. 61048



PAT AND DON BROWN



ENGAGEMENT

Kody Shipley and Haley Finkenbinder will marry at Christ Church of Plano, TX in September.

PEARL CITY — Kody Shipley and Haley Finkenbinder are pleased to announce their engagement. They were engaged February 14, 2014 and will be married at Christ Church in Plano, Texas in September.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. Kurt and Mrs. Andrea Finkenbinder of Pearl City, Illinois. A 2010 graduate of Pearl City High School, she attended Southern Methodist University, where she earned a B.B.A. in Financial Consulting. At SMU, Haley was a Hilltop Scholar and a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She now works for

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HALEY FINKENBINDER AND KODY SHIPLEY



LEE AND DONNA FREEDLUND

Lee and Donna Freedlund of Stockton to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary

STOCKTON — Lee and Donna Freedlund of Stockton will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday September 12, 2015. The couple was married in Dixon, Ill. They are the parents of three sons Steve (Lavonne), Eric and Jay (Brienne) and four grandchildren Julie, Justyn, Myles and Porter. They celebrated with a family trip to Louisville, Kentucky in July.

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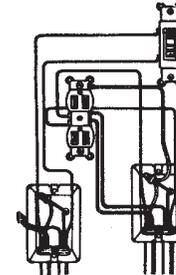
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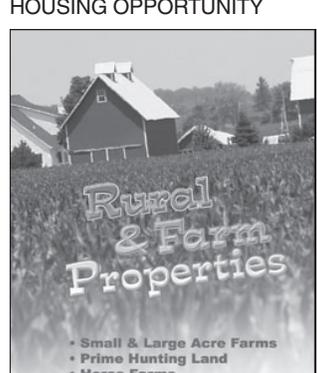
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Margaret is survived by 6 daughters and 3 sons – Mary Busjahn of Sparta, WI, Susan (Ron) Weiss of Walnut Creek, CA, Lea Ann Mattox of Beloit, WI, Mark Busjahn of Lena, IL, Annette (William) Farrell of Sparta, WI, Greg Busjahn of Monroe, WI, Melanie Segner of Monroe, WI, Dwight Busjahn of Omaha, NE, and Jessie Johnson of Monroe, WI; 28

grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a special friend Lisa Moore of Monroe, WI.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leonard, parents, 6 brothers and 4 sisters.

Visitation will take place from 10 – 11 a.m. Saturday September 5 at the Potter's House Church in Monroe.

Funeral service will follow the visitation and begin at 11 a.m.

Officiating will be Pastor Chris Schmidt.

Interment will take place at the Lena Burial Park.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com

• ENGAGEMENT

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American Airlines in Revenue Management at their Corporate Headquarters in Fort Worth.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. Rick and Mrs. Kristi Shipley of Heath, Texas and Mrs. Renee and Mr. Justin Press of Arlington, Texas. A 2007 graduate of Dallas Christian High School, he attended the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a B.A. in Economics and Political Science. At OU, Kody was a President's Community Scholar, University of Oklahoma Student Association Representative and Committee Chairperson, and State of Oklahoma Student Government Association Regional Director. He now works for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Dallas.

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