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Lubbock, Texas and NJCAA Division One tournament welcome Highland Lady Cougars

By Tony Carton and Chris Johnson
Scoop/Shopper staff

DIXON — The Highland Lady Cougars defeated the Sauk Valley Lady Skyhawks, in the Region IV Title game, at Dixon, 56-49, on Monday, Feb. 29.

With the win, the Cougars qualified, for only the second time in school history, for a trip to compete for the NJCAA Division 1 Title, in Lubbock, Texas, beginning March 14.

"We got a lot of heart," said Highland College Women's

Life is tough then they make you change your clocks

STATELINE — Here's what you need to know about the time change this weekend

Remember: Spring forward and fall back for daylight saving time.

1. When do I need to change my clocks?

On the second Sunday in March, (March 13, this year,) move your clocks ahead one hour; you should reset your clocks before going to bed, so you won't arrive at appointments an hour late

2. What effect does the time change have on my body?

The effect depends on a person's age and work, eating and



Sunday, March 13

Basketball Head Coach Erin Butler. "These girls put in a lot of time and effort and they show how much heart they have every time they step on the floor."

Butler said the team now has an automatic bid into the national tournament.

"Saturday, when we play in North Dakota it is more for seeding purposes, but we are going there to win. We are going to make sure we stay focused and we're going in to take a win."

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sleep schedules, according to David Earnest, a professor of neuroscience and experimental therapeutics at Texas A&M University.

"Our internal clocks have to shift, be it only an hour, and the ability to do that varies from individual to individual," Earnest said.

Sleep-wake cycles change as people age, so adults 65 and older may struggle with the time change more than others.

"(They) tend to go to bed earlier, wake up in the middle of the night and have sleep interrupted in the middle of the night by frequent waking and difficulty getting back to sleep," he said. "A typical person should be able to adjust to the new time change within a day or two."

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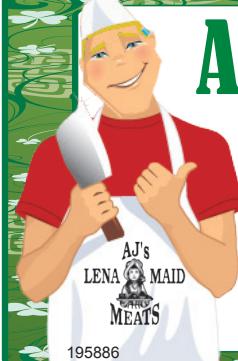
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The Highland Community College Lady Cougars are on the bus and ready for a trip to compete for the NJCAA Division 1 Title, in Lubbock, Texas.

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3. When was daylight saving time signed into law?

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Uniform Time Act into law. The U.S. Department of Transportation is the keeper of daylight saving time.

4. Why does it exist?

One argument for daylight saving time is that fewer accidents happen during daylight hours, so extending morning daylight in winter and evening daylight in summer results in a slight reduction in automobile accidents.

The idea behind daylight saving time is to take advantage of daylight hours and save energy. According to a 2008 federal Department of Energy study, U.S. electricity use decreased by 0.5% for each day of extended daylight saving time, resulting in a savings of 0.03% for the year as a whole, KING-TV, Seattle, reported.

The savings are small in percentage terms, but in absolute terms, they added up to 1.3 billion kilowatt-hours — enough to power about 122,000 average U.S. homes for a year. These savings come in the summer months of daylight saving time, not the Standard Time months we are about to enter.

The time change actually is rooted in an agricultural society, Earnest said. The idea of "extending" daylight was meant to provide more time to work in the fields.

"General consensus is that really most of those things that were used as arguments for having daylight saving time in the past are really not applicable nowadays," he said. "Every year, the question is: 'Why are we continuing with this, particularly when in some cases, it is more of a nuisance than benefit?'"

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She said it's all about being disciplined and working hard.

"We're going for the win and we're going to win all the way through," Butler said. "Our girls know what is expected of them and we're just making

sure to keep the energy high and everyone is good to go."

In the Region IV Title Match, the Highland was led by Marissa Mandeldove, who scored 25 points on the night. Alysha Justice chipped in elev-



Tracy Siegner photo

Remember the Daylight Savings Time adage: "Spring ahead and Fall back" as a cue to move your clocks ahead one hour this Sunday, March 13.

en points and added 14 boards.

The Cougars, at 21-10, will play as part of a seeded tournament bracket, with game play getting underway in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament on Monday, March 14.

By winning the Region IV Title over the sub-500 Skyhawks, the Cougars earned their chance to play for a grander title, the National Championship.

Heading into the seven-point win over Sauk Valley, the Cougars seemed to make a decision to put more focus on their defensive approach, especially in late-game scenarios.

It seemed successful, as the Cougars were able to take control of the flow of the latter moments of play.

The Skyhawks were getting clipped at each corner, as Highland kept applying pres-

sure.

As time was winding down, Highland had full control.

The discipline shown throughout their 20-win season was indicated, as they held the Skyhawks away from the glass.

In order to qualify for the Region IV Title game at Dixon, the Cougars had to get past another NJCAA perennial powerhouse, Kennedy-King.

Following the 79-57, Saturday shellacking, Highland set its sites on the home team, Sauk Valley.

To get to the Region IV Title game, Sauk Valley had to stave off Malcolm X.

They did so late, winning by three points, 52-49.

The NJCAA Division I Championship begins on March 14 in Texas.

HCC Coordinator of Women's Athletics Beth Groshans

said the Lady Cougars have had a tough season, but over the last few weeks, things have turned around.

"We've had some ups and downs," Groshans said. "A few stretches in early January right after break with a few injuries, but the girls really turned it up. They were down at half-time against Sauk in the regional and had a great second half and outscored Sauk, I think 20-9 in the third quarter to push ahead and secure the trip to nationals."

2016 is only the second time for HCC at the nationals.

"We won the region quite a few times and in many other years we've had a district game where we had to advance and this year we are one of the automatic bids from the district game," she said. "It's wonderful that the women get to represent Highland at the national tournament this year."

Groshans said the team has a huge heart and like any knowledgeable athletic director or coach she recognizes the importance of a strong defensive game.

"I wouldn't put anybody above them right now," she said. "They are looking for each other and sharing the ball, hitting some shots, and playing some great defense and to me, defense wins championships."



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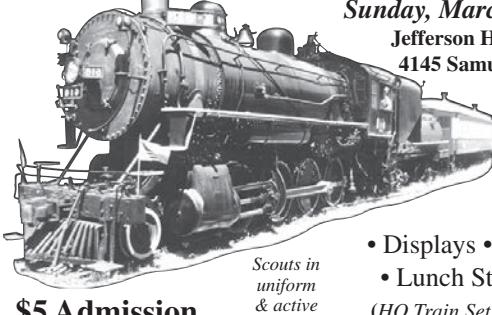


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EXXon Mobile Grant increases technology offerings for students at Le-Win Elementary School

LENA — Lena-Winslow Elementary School has received a \$500 grant from the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance program to support the school's Math and Science programs. Since 2000, the Educational Alliance Program has awarded more than \$18 million to local schools through Exxon Mobil retailers. The Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the

future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools. The Lena-Winslow Elementary School is very appreciative of this support which will be used to purchase materials to enhance the Math and Science programs at the school. In response to the more rigorous standards expected of students with today's Illinois Learning Standards, students are excited about the opportunities to collaborate on learning projects with advances in technology.

Lena-Winslow High School to present Damn Yankees musical

LENA — Lena-Winslow High School will present the musical Damn Yankees on March 11 and 12 at 7:30 in the Lena-Winslow Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The musical is a comedy centered around the lovable loser baseball team, the Washington Senators. The team's dream is to beat the formidable New York Yankees.

The hero of our story is an average Joe played by Colton Brinker. Joe makes a pact with the charming Devil named Applegate played by John Jurkovic. Joe's loving and faithful wife, Meg, is played by senior, Rachael Wybourn. Mr. Applegate's assistant, Lola, is played by senior Allison Stockton. Sophomore Kenny Broge plays Van Buren, the Senators manager.

A cast of baseball play-

ers and singers will perform the signature song, "Heart," as well as the well-known "Shoeless Joe from Hannibal, MO," and "The Game." The audience will be cheering the "wait until next year" Senators as they try to win the pennant against the New York Yankees, a perennial powerhouse team.

Accompanied by a pit orchestra, the cast and crew of Damn Yankees will showcase the emotional struggle between good and evil.

Tickets will be available at the door the nights of the performance. The price is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Please contact Lisa Stich at the high school, stichl@le-win.net or by calling Lena-Winslow High School at 815-369-2525 ext. 8 if you need further information.



Tracy Siegner photo

And the winners are...

Olivia Charles of West Carroll school district spelled "segue" in round 17 correctly and then went on to spell "adagio" correctly in round 18 to become the winner the Regional Spelling Bee. Since only Olivia spelled a word correctly in round 17, the remaining 3 spellers after Olivia won in round 18 had to have a spell off to decide the 2nd place winner. Brennon Cavanagh of West Carroll school district went on to spell correctly "blitzkrieg" to win second place. Home-schooled sixth grader Maggie Otto of the Northern Illinois Christian Home Educators finished third. Olivia Charles wins a Merriam Webster dictionary and will go on to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC in May.

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of Brian W Stewart: *Unwillingness to Compromise*

STATELINE — This past week was the last scheduled day of session for an entire month. Yes, I said an entire month. The next session day scheduled is for Monday, April 4th. You are probably thinking with that long of a break we must have solved all the states problems; not exactly. Did we solve the budget crisis? No. Did we vote on meaningful reforms to help alleviate some of the mounting financial pressures? No. Did we do anything that is going to make things better today than yesterday? No, we did none of the above.

As the Speaker of the House was ready to call for adjournment on Thursday evening, neighboring State Representative Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) stood to make a motion to not adjourn so that we could continue to work on the budget. After deliberating behind the podium for around five minutes, the Speaker replied that Rep. Demmer's motion was "out of order" and thus proceeded to rapidly adjourn, denying the opportunity to debate the motion.

SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

February 22-26

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Bruce Rauner is touring the state with lawmakers to talk about his proposal to fully fund the state school-aid formula for elementary and secondary education, for the first



Brian Stewart

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REPRESENTATIVE

The Speaker and staff behind the podium literally ran out the door.

How can we solve the budget crisis if we are not scheduled to be in Springfield and the Democrats refuse to stay? I have been getting hundreds upon hundreds of emails, phone calls and visits to my office pleading for me and all of the other legislators to find a compromise to solve the budget crisis. My Republican colleagues and my attempt to do just that were flat out denied by one person's rules. If the rhetoric all the House Democrats are constantly spewing about the Governor delaying this process were true, don't you think they would want to be in Springfield trying to find a compromise instead of going on

vacation for an entire month? Not one Democrat legislator stood up in support of Rep. Demmer's motion. They all brushed off his statement with their usual Super Majority smug smiles, happily strutting back to their districts believing the political partisan appropriation bills that they voted yes on were going to solve all the problems of the state. We are not the federal government and we cannot print more money whenever we have to deal with a tough financial problem. Saying you voted for MAP grants, funding higher education and critical state services without a funding mechanism or a way to pay for it is taking the easy way out.

We have to come together, discuss our options, give and take and then present a bill that has ideas from both Democrats and Republicans. Instead of following that process, the Democrats have continued to introduce and sponsor legislation under their own name and then call it the "Governor's Budget" or the "Republicans legislative

ideas." It's absolutely condescending and unprofessional. The political games must end.

I was proud to welcome both the Pecatonica and Scales Mound High School students to the Springfield Capitol Building for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Legislative Day. Each year these students and many others come down and meet with legislators to share what they do and why it is important. I appreciate each one of you for coming by my office and look forward to working with you in the future on Illinois' agriculture issues. Also visiting was a local group from the district in support of A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Illinois during their Legislative Day in Springfield. Thank you for stopping by the office!

The word being thrown around this budget crisis is compromise. It seems like such a simple concept. Two parties who cannot agree on an issue both give a little to find common ground in agreement. This term has been falsely defined multiple times

during this budget impasse. I want to make sure people understand what compromise is and what it takes to get the job done. As mentioned earlier, my fellow colleague and neighboring State Representative, Tom Demmer, gave a meaningful definition of compromise on the House floor this week that I want to share. "A compromise is not a product; it is not a piece of paper that we point to. A compromise is a process. A compromise requires conversation, negotiation, give and take. A compromise requires the willingness to actually work together." I am tired of the Speaker's unwillingness to do anything that remotely resembles compromise. Adjourning for an entire month while the state's most vulnerable people are hurting speaks for itself.

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ban schools from paying for Chicago Public Schools (CPS) system financial failures.

Legislation would ban drones over prisons

I am working to help prevent drugs and cell phones from being smuggled into state prisons by prohibiting the use of unmanned aerial vehicles, or "drones," over prisons. I introduced Senate Bill 2344 in response to several incidents across the country where drones have been used to drop drugs, cell phones, pornography, and even escape tools into prison yards.

Senate Bill 2344 adds one year of imprisonment to the sentence of a person convicted of bringing contraband into a prison by drone, in addition to any other penalty handed down by law.

Proponents of the ban note there are inmates willing to go to great lengths to smuggle drugs, cell phones or other banned items into Illinois' correctional facilities. With the use of drones continuing to increase, the legislation is a proactive measure intended

to send a strong message that those who use these tools to send contraband into state prisons will face serious consequences.

Rauner continues education push

Gov. Rauner is visiting schools across the state—including stops in Lombard, Chicago, Peoria, Springfield and Belleville—to talk about his proposal to increase state K-12 general state-aid funding to record levels.

During his annual Budget Address Feb. 17, Rauner proposed fully funding general state aid to schools for the first time in seven years. The Governor wants to increase foundation formula funding by \$55 million, in addition to increasing funding for early childhood education programs by \$75 million.

Mandate relief for school districts is also part of the Governor's plan to help Illinois schools, and legislation has already been introduced by Republican lawmakers that would allow districts to decide whether to release

students from P.E. requirements and would ease current restrictions on using outside contractors.

The Governor noted that many of his proposals to help schools control costs simply extend the same freedom of choice to downstate and suburban schools that Chicago schools have benefitted from for years. Estimates show his mandate relief bill could save schools \$200 million per year statewide.

Rauner also recently used an executive order to create the "Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth," commonly referred to as the "Children's Cabinet." The newly formed entity will help streamline and reorganize state services to more effectively work with kids, while strengthening partnerships with non-profit and private organizations.

Rauner said that, "It will ensure Illinois children are getting the resources they need and deserve, while expediting true reforms that will transform our education system to ensure a bright future for our students."

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Carol Clark

PEARL CITY — Carol Clark, 66, of Pearl City passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. She was born on September 19, 1949 in Woodstock, IL to Leonard and Louise (Zenz) Grimes. Carol Married Ronald Clark on January 11, 1986 in Harvard, IL. She attended college in Minneapolis, MN where she received her certificate as an x-ray technician. She worked at Woodstock Hospital for fifteen years. And then became a homemaker in 1987. In 1993 they moved out to Pearl City to enjoy quietness of the countryside.

Carol was a member of the Lutheran Church denomination and enjoyed gardening, baking, horse riding and especially enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters.

She is survived by her husband, daughter Melinda (Daniel) Merboth of Mt. Carroll, IL and two grandchildren McKenzie and Katherine of Mt. Carroll.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation rites will be accorded to her wishes.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until the time of service.

Pastor Randy Nicholas will officiate.

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

George H. Siedenburg

SAVANNA — George H. Siedenburg, age 88, of Savanna, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Big Meadows Nursing Home in Savanna. A funeral service was held March 5, at the United Community Church of Christ in Savanna, with Pastor Niel Shoffner officiating. Burial took place in Savanna Township Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Savanna VFW. Visitation was March 4, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Savanna. Memorials may be given to the United Community Church of Christ in George's memory. Friends and family are invited to share in George's life at www.law-jones.com.

jonesfuneralhome.com.

George was born May 3, 1927, the son of William and Ida (Douglas) Siedenburg. He attended Excelsior Country School, and later graduated from Savanna Township High School in 1945.

After high school he enlisted in the Army and spent 18 months in Japan. Upon discharge he joined the Illinois National Guard and was employed at the Savanna Armory, earning the rank of Warrant Officer.

In June of 1951, George married Marion Faust in Zwingle, Iowa. That fall, his National Guard unit was mobilized, and he left in February 1952 for Camp Cooke in Lompoc, California. In October 1952, George received orders for Korea. He returned to the states in late 1953 and was discharged from active duty.

George took a job in Bloomington, Illinois as a claims adjustor for Country Companies. In the spring of 1959 he returned to Savanna with his young family, and was employed at the Savanna Savings, Building and Loan, where he became the managing officer in April 1965 until his retirement in 1992.

As an active member of The Community United Church of Christ, he taught Sunday School, served on various church boards, and assisted with the Youth Fellowship program for a number of years.

George is survived by his wife, Marion; son, William of Thomson, Illinois; daughter, Sharon (Laurence) Wynne

of Naperville, Illinois; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law; 16 nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, four sisters-in-law, and two brothers-in-law.

Kenneth A. Wand

WARREN — Kenneth A. Wand, 69, passed away on Thursday March 3, 2016 at the Waverly Place Nursing Home in Stockton, IL.

Kenneth was born on Nov. 4, 1946 in Apple River, IL the son of Elmer Andrew and Janice Hazel (Doubler) Wand.

He farmed all of his life on the family farm and for 10 years he also worked for High Plains Pork Farm's near Lena. Ken loved to work on Jigsaw and crossword puzzles and go hunting and fishing with family.

He is survived by two sisters; Ruth (Eugene) Martin of Warren, IL and Mary (Duane) Ruef of Janesville, WI, three brothers; Stanley (Kathy) Wand, Gary Wand and Ronnie Wand all of Warren, IL. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers Paul, Robert, and Elmer Jr. and one sister Rose.

Cremation Rites have been accorded to his wishes.

A graveside service was held on Monday March 7 at Elmwood Cemetery, Warren, IL.

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Liz was preceded in death by her loving partner of 32 years Robert H. Bauer.

Liz is the loving mother of four children Shannon, Kelli, Bradley, and Jeff, 5 grandchildren and her beloved dog Abbey. Liz held a special relationship with her sister Roberta, son-in-law Stephen Schaible, Robin Jo Bauer, and Janet Amling.

Liz had such a strong faith in God and walked closely with Jesus. Liz's greatest pleasures were time spent with her grandchildren, advocating for the welfare of animals, donating to the Samaritan's purse and



MARIAN ELIZABETH BOLAND

continuous support for the veterans who served our country with such valor. All who knew Liz loved her for her genuine kindness and beautiful, loving, caring eyes. Liz will be greatly missed by all. Here's to a life well lived Momma, a loyal servant to God who taught us well.

Friends may send condolences to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

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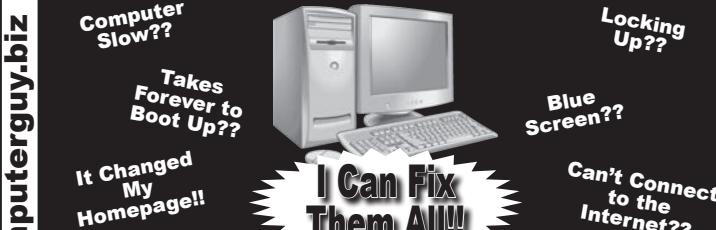
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BIRTHS

Angelina Birchen

PEARL CITY — Adam and Dulce Birchen of Pearl City, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Angelina Evelyn Birchen born Monday February 29, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Angelina has two brothers William Birchen, 8 and Alan Birchen, 5. Grandparents are Rodney and Mary Birchen and Martina Sanchez. Great grandmother is Doris IIs.

Bram Spidahl

LENA — Dusty and Allison Spidahl of Lena, Ill. are the parents of a son Bram Robert

Spidahl born Sunday Feb. 28, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Bram joins a sister Bria, 22 months. Grandparents are Dick and Lynette Ellsworth of Melbourne, Fla., Greg and LaDea Spidahl of Zumbrota, MN and Tina Spidahl of Red Wing, MN. Great grandparents are Jim Ellsworth of Kenosha, Wis. and Dean and Wanda Phillips of Glenham, SD

Connor Kurth

LENA — Bob and Angie Kurth of Lena, Ill. are the parents of a son Connor Elliot

Kurth born Thursday March 3, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Janis and Wayne Kurth of Lena and Barb and John Statfield of Freeport. Great grandparents are Jill Rongere of Rockford, Ill. and Donna Statfield of Freeport.

Tanner Solace

WINSLOW — Drew and Kayla Solace of Winslow, Ill. are the parents of a son Tanner Robert Solace born Sunday Jan. 17, 2016 at the Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe, Wis. grandparents are Scott and Holly Gobeli of Winslow and Kevin and Lorene Solace of Lena. Great grandparents are Jack and Pat Workinger of Lena, JerryAnn Gobeli of Winslow and Dolores Solace of Lena.

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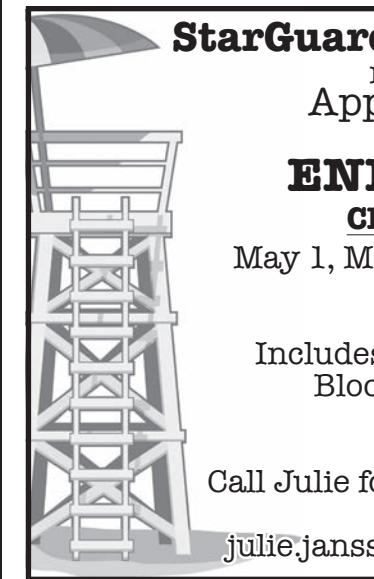
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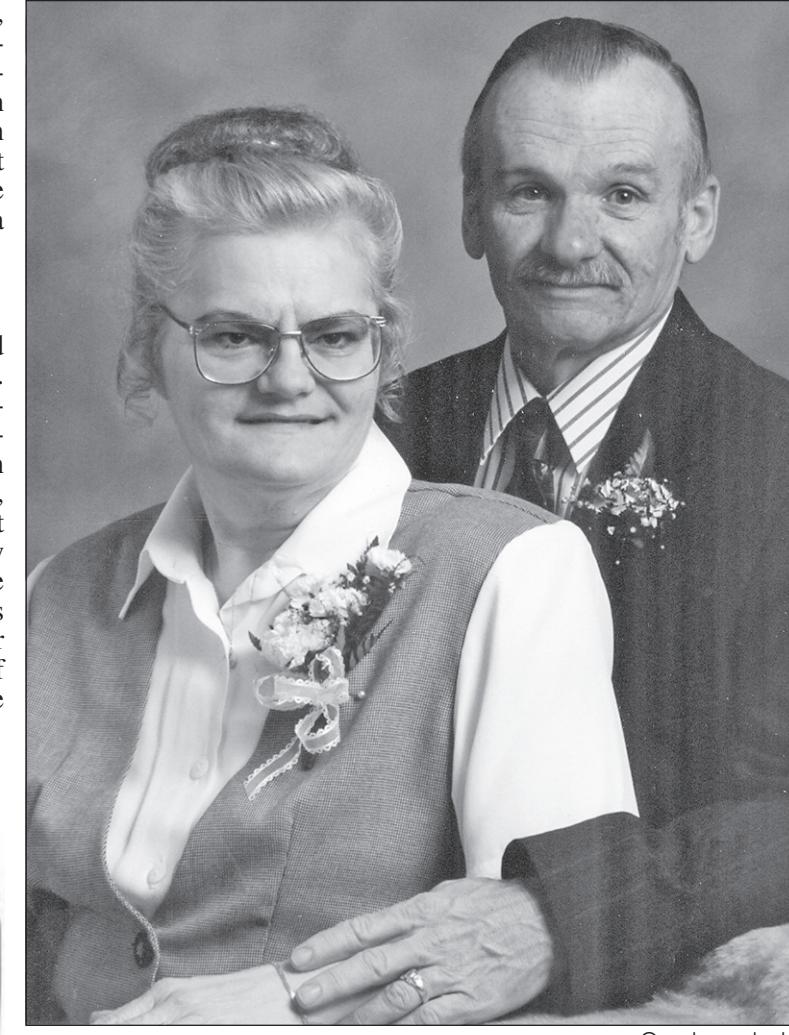
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Glen and Rita Hille of Stockton will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, March 19.

Glen and Rita Hille to celebrate golden anniversary

STOCKTON — Glen and Rita Hille of Stockton will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday March 19, 2016. They were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena, Ill.

Glen and Rita have six children, three sons Edward (Annette) Hille of Monroe, Wis., Stephen Hille of Warren, Ill. and Christopher Hille of Stockton and three daughters Susan (Don) Rawley of Kenosha, Wis., Nancy Hille of Stockton and Mary (Corey) Fulton of Stockton. They have 14 grandchildren Robert, Edward Jr., Jerry and William Hille, Jacob and Hunter Hille, Carrie and Sam Hille, Gage Baumgartner, Kayla Hille, Grace White, Kathryn and James Hille and Payton Fulton. They also have one great grandson Benjamin.

Family and friends are invited to join the couple for a luncheon and fun conversation Saturday March 19 at Rt. 20 Bar and Grill on Highway 20 west of Freeport. Lunch will be served from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. They request no gifts.

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Jo Daviess County League of Women Voters promotes Ballot Ready as source of information for upcoming election

STATELINE — The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County encourages citizens voting in the 2016 Illinois Primary to use Ballot Ready as a source of information about the upcoming election. Go to www.ballotready.org and input both your zip code and street address. Since voters must declare a political party in a primary elec-

tion, you will then be prompted to declare your political party preference. The information on the candidates in that party on the primary ballot will then appear. Ballot Ready provides free, non-partisan information on the candidates. The data on the candidates is collected from the candidates' websites, Facebook pages, and Linked

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about the candidates, Ballot Ready also provides information about your polling place and early voting in Illinois. It also provides a link to the Illinois State Board of Election site so that you can check to see if you are registered to vote.

The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County is a local chapter of the LWV Illinois and

LWV US. The League is a non-partisan political organization of women and men that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Visit us on Facebook or www.lwvjo-daviess.org.

Voices for Illinois Children releases update to September report

STATELINE — The Fiscal Policy Center at Voices for Illinois Children has released an update to its September report outlining the devastating human impact the budget impasse continues to have on children, families and communities. The updated report provides a useful look at some of the pain the ongoing budget stand-off is causing in 60 service areas across the state, particularly for seniors, children and underserved families.

Illinois is now in its ninth month without a budget, leaving no funding for critical programs serving people in every corner of the state.

The result is the continued dismantling of the foundations of Illinois' health and human service system, resulting in long-term damage that will take years to repair.

To prevent further damage to children, families, and communities, lawmakers and the governor need to take responsibility for funding our state's priorities by restoring the revenue we need so that we can begin to repair the damage and put the people of Illinois first.

Below are just a few examples of the foreseeable and preventable results of not having a fully-funded budget.

HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Services: The Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative, a program that works with medical providers statewide to ensure that pregnant women who are HIV-positive deliver HIV-negative babies, will close its doors in October of 2016 unless funding is restored. The program saves the state about \$35 million each year, and without it, there will be babies who could have been born HIV-negative that will be born HIV-positive.

The Autism Project of Illinois: Nearly 1,800 families across the state have either lost services or are at risk of losing critical autism services after TAP closed its doors on September 30, 2015. Previously, TAP was a national leader in providing

services and supports to children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). One in 68 children has been identified as having ASD by the Centers for Disease Control.

Home-delivered Meals for Seniors: Roughly 3,200 seniors have lost home-delivered meal services statewide. In DuPage County, the DuPage Senior Citizens Council has cut program staff by 55% and has closed its community dining program. In Rockford, 250 meal slots have been eliminated, bringing

the number of seniors on the wait list for meals to 400. The provider, Lifescape Community Services, reports serving 17,000 fewer meals in the first quarter of 2016 compared to the first quarter of 2015.

Sexual Assault Services and Prevention: All 29 agencies serving survivors of sexual assault have instituted furloughs and left staff vacancies unfilled. Agencies across the state have instituted waitlists for counseling services. One center reports 65 survivors are on a waiting list

Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District fish sale is underway

STATELINE — Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District spring fish sale is also underway. Fish that can be ordered include: channel catfish, albino catfish, largemouth bass, hybrid sunfish, redear sunfish, bluegill, black crappies, fat head minnows, and grass carp. The various species can be ordered for stocking new and existing

ponds.

Grass carp orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 5. All other species by Friday, April 15 and delivery will be at the USDA/SWCD office parking lot at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 25.

Order forms can be picked up at the District office or printed from the SWCD website www.stephensonswcd.org

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for critical trauma-centered sexual assault counseling services in Chicago alone.

Substance Abuse and Prevention Programs: Approximately 47,000 individuals across the state have been denied services or have had reduced service delivery, and most providers have a waiting list of 3 months or longer. That leaves many adults with substance abuse disorders

at risk of entering the criminal justice system—a much more costly outcome for the state.

Centers for Independent Living: In FY14, Centers for Independent Living (CIL) served 95 of Illinois' 102 counties, equipping people with disabilities with resources, supports, and skills to live independently. CILs across the state, including Chi-

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Four Orangeville students head to WAHA state tournament

ORANGEVILLE — Four students from the Orangeville Jr. High have earned a berth at the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) state tournament this March. The Bantam A and PeeWee A Monroe Avalanche hockey teams began their quests back in October and will wrap up their seasons with a chance to play for a state championship.

Seventh graders, Cade Janecke and Hayden Roth, along with sixth grader, Tessa Janecke will head to Sheboygan, WI, on March 5 and 6 for the Bantam A tournament play. All three Broncos are offensive players, playing both center and forward posi-



Courtesy photos

Orangeville seventh graders, Cade Janecke and Hayden Roth, along with sixth grader, Tessa Janecke will head to Sheboygan, WI, on March 5 and 6 for the Bantam A state tournament play

tions. The Avalanche will open up pool play Saturday, March 5, against the Amery Warriors.

The following weekend

of March 12 and 13, Roth, T. Janecke, and fellow sixth grader, Anna Malone, will travel to the opposite side of the state and



Orangeville skaters Hayden Roth, T. Janecke, and fellow sixth grader, Anna Malone, will compete in the PeeWee A state tournament in Baldwin, WI.

compete in the PeeWee A state tournament in Baldwin, WI. The trio plays a variety of positions for the Avalanche on offense and

defense. They will take on the Spartans of Somerset in their

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CHURCH NOTES

PASTOR'S CORNER

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean

By Sid Kemmis

Lay Minister, St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA—"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." (Psalm 51:3-4; 7; 10-12)

Lent is a penitential season. In other words, it is a time for reflection on our sins and our need for a Savior. The beautiful words in these Psalm verses is David's confession to God after his friend Nathan confronted him about his unfaithfulness with Bathsheba. Picture this mighty king down on his knees, crying out to God through tears over his sin. He was truly sorry and knew that God, and only God, could restore his soul. David begs, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean."

Have you ever wondered what that means? Do you even know what hyssop is?

Hyssop is an herb, a member of the mint family and a species of marjoram. This aromatic plant grew freely in the Middle East and northern Africa, often in rocky crevices and stone walls. The hyssop plant has clusters of colored flowers and grows just under three feet tall.

When the Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, Moses gave instructions for God's people in preparation for the Passover. "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood [of the Passover lamb] that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning." (Ex. 12:22)

God promised his people that the angel of death would pass over the houses marked with the blood of the sacrificial lamb. It contained the saving, life-giving power that only He,

the almighty, Triune God, possessed. That sacrificial lamb of Passover symbolized the future sacrifice of the Son of God, who would be the sacrificial Lamb of God. "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' (John 1:29) The shed blood of the Passover lamb foreshadowed the blood to be shed by the coming Messiah.

It was faith in God's promise that prompted the Israelites to paint their houses with the blood of the lamb. Faith in that promise of God saved their children. It was faith in God's promise of a future Messiah that saved their souls. Faith in that same Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God, saves you and me from our sins and assures us of eternal life.

During this Lenten season, we should examine ourselves and realize how helpless and hopeless we are in our own sinfulness. Kneel at the foot of the cross and say along with King David, "Purge me with the hyssop of your blood shed for me, clean my heart, renew my spirit, and assure me of the salvation you won for me as you emerged victorious from the grave!"

The Farewell Discourse

By Gary Rich

Lay Servant, Lena United Methodist Church

LENA—Last time in our study of Adam Hamilton's new book John The Gospel of Light and Life, we talked about the breath of God. This week's lesson continues in the lesson entitled "The Farewell Discourse." From John 15:1-5 comes, "I am the true wine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper."

I don't know much about vineyards or raising grapes, but I did grow up on a farm and learned that anything growing needs tending and care. Jesus tells us he is the true vine and we are the branches. A branch cannot produce by itself, but only produces when firmly attached to the vine. How are we attached to Christ?

I will be leading a class next weekend at Faith United Methodist Church in Freeport on Spiritual Development. Fancy

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on March 13, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this fifth Sunday in Lent with Holy Communion. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Tena Rackow who will lead on the Piano. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. In addition, the Good Shepherd Choir will practice at 11am, and the Good Shepherd Chime Choir will rehearse at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday March 16 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! At 12 p.m. Good Shepherd will gather at Lena Methodist Church hosted by Beloved Church with churches throughout the Lena, Winslow, and McConnell area for an Ecumenical Soup Lunch and Lenten Message.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for a Lenten Supper on March 16 at 5:30 p.m. and to Lenten Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. for a Lenten devotion series of God's Love Breaks Through with worship leaders Pastor Stees and Denny Luke and members of the confirmation class.

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.

Wesley United Methodist Church

STOCKTON — Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will host family connections on March 9 and 16 at 5:30. A great meal will be prepared and served by volunteers from Wesley, Willow and Kent UMC's. Activities will follow for all ages. Great food, fellowship and learning, please join us. For information please call 815-601-6742.

March 17 at 6 p.m.: Church Council will meet in Fellowship Hall.

March 20 Palm Sunday Service during regular worship time.

Regular worship times are Spark 9:30 and Church Service at 10:45

Our doors are open to all who would enter in; we welcome you to join us at any event.

The church is located at the corner of Benton and Hudson Streets and is handicap accessible. Hope to see you there.

Check us out on Facebook or at our website stocktonwumc.org.

Come, enjoy men making pancakes

ELIZABETH — St. Paul Lutheran Church Men's Club in Elizabeth is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 15, at the church from 4:30-7:30 p.m. The menu includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and beverage. Tickets are \$6 donation for adults and \$3 donation for children 6-12. Tickets are available at the door. The church is located at 411 W. Catlin St. in Elizabeth. Carry outs are available.

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words for staying attached to Christ. As I prepare for the class, I see that staying attached to Christ is continuing to build your relationship with him: through prayer, worship, scripture, study and doing his work. The message of Jesus is simple; "love one another." We humans seem to think it should be more complicated. Sometimes we just need to stop for second and have a conversation with Jesus. If we stay connected to Jesus, we will continue to bear fruit. That fruit happens when we remain in his love. Do you ever wonder how Jesus would define a mature Christian in today's world? Would it be how much of the Bible you have memorized, or how often you attend services? I think Jesus wants us to serve. When we are not sure what that means, maybe we should ask ourselves, "What is the most loving thing to do?" That's the fruit Jesus wants from our branches, to do the most loving thing. Allow the Holy Spirit to enter your life and answer his call to serve others.

Join us at Lena United Methodist Church on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for the service and fellowship time after. Sunday school is at 10:30.

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cago, Swansea, Joliet, and Alton, have instituted furloughs and layoffs, jeopardizing the roughly 63,430 direct services and information and referrals that were provided in FY14.

Support Services for Seniors: Home Care and Adult Day Care have been especially hard hit. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois closed 7 home care and adult day care centers, eliminating services for 2,355 seniors in Canton, Chicago, DeKalb, Freeport, Moline, Peoria and Rockford. LSSI also cut case management and adult protective services programs for 2,713 seniors in Sterling, IL. The lack of state investment in home care services leaves more than 25,000 seniors at risk of losing services across Cook and Lake.

Both the September report and the update are available at: <http://bit.ly/1W0ZJIE>

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA—We have had a little of everything this week—I am in musical mode, so "March came in like a lion!" is certainly an appropriate observation. We are to start the warm up this week. I will be glad to see the snow go and the piles of ice in the back yard begin to melt. I am looking forward to a lighter coat, because I hate wearing my winter coat. This week we are gearing up for St. Patrick's Day with a few recipes—there are meatless recipes also.

The first recipe is for a tasty main dish which used the corned beef that comes from the deli. They have beautiful corned beef deli meat at Sullivan's. You can have it sliced to whatever thickness you like. The rye/pumpernickel bread makes for great bread crumbs to roll this delicious entrée in. You can serve this main course with the Irish potato pancakes in the next recipe. The first recipe pairs the corned beef with chicken. Many people don't like the taste of corned beef, so this gives another dimension to a traditional St. Patrick's Day meat. Enjoy the next two recipes.

Chicken Reuben Roll-Ups

2 slices swirled rye and pumpernickel bread, torn into 2-inch pieces

2 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (4 oz. each)

1/4 t. garlic salt
1/4 t. pepper
2 slices Swiss cheese
2 slices deli corned beef
2 T. Thousand Island dressing

Preheat the oven to 425. Place the bread in a blender. Cover and pulse to form coarse crumbs; place in a shallow bowl. Pound the chicken to 1/4 inch thickness;; sprinkle with garlic salt and pepper. Top with cheese and corned beef. Roll up the chicken from a short side and secure with toothpicks. Brush outsides with dressing and roll in the bread crumbs.

Place the roll-ups on a greased baking sheet, seam side down. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the chicken is no longer pink. Discard the toothpicks and place on a serving plate.

Irish Potato Pancakes

3 T. unsalted butter
1 large onion, finely chopped
Salt
2 lbs. russet potatoes, peeled and chopped
1/4 C. milk
1 large egg yolk
1/3 C. flour, plus more for dusting
1/2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
3 T. finely chopped fresh parsley
Freshly ground pepper
Finely chopped fresh chives for topping

Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, season with salt and cook, stirring occasionally until golden brown and very soft, 25 minutes. Let cool.

Place the potatoes in a saucepan and cover with water by 1 inch and season with salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer until ten-

der, 10-12 minutes. Drain, then transfer to a large bowl. Add the milk and mash until smooth. Let cool at least 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 250 and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Add the cooked onion, egg yolk, flour, cheese, parsley, 1 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of pepper to the potatoes; stir until combined. Scoop 1/3 cupfuls of the potato mixture onto a lightly floured surface and form into twelve 3-inch pancakes.

Melt the remaining tablespoon of butter in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Working in batches, cook the pancakes until golden brown on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Gently flip, adding more butter to the pan if necessary, and continue cooking until browned on the other side, about 3-4 minutes more. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet and keep warm in the oven until ready to serve. Top with chives.

The slow cooker corned beef recipe that follows is a traditional one. It tells you to buy the beef with the flavor packet, but you aren't going to use it because you make one of your own. I think that a homemade flavor packet is much better than the ones that are made ahead of time. You control the freshness of your own packet. You can use either beef broth or a stout beer for the liquid. If you don't want the cabbage in the slow cooker, you can cook it separately on the stove before serving. The horseradish gives it a special "kick."

Corned Beef and Cabbage

2 lbs. red potatoes, quartered
1 lb. carrots, cut into 3-inch pieces

2 celery ribs, cut into 3-inch pieces

1 small onion, quartered
1 corned beef brisket with spice packet (3 to 3 1/2 lbs.)

8 whole cloves
6 whole peppercorns
2 bay leaves
12 oz. beef broth or 1 bottle (12 oz) beer (stout beer is the best)

1/2 small head of cabbage, thinly sliced

Horseradish for garnish

In a 6-qt. slow cooker, combine the potatoes, carrots, celery, and onion. Add the corned beef, discarding the spice packet. Place the cloves, peppercorns and bay leaf on a double thickness of cheesecloth. Gather the corners of cloth to enclose the seasonings; tie securely with string. Place in slow cooker and pour beef broth over the top.

Cook, covered, on Low 8-10 hours or until the meat and vegetables are tender, add cabbage during the last hour of cooking. Discard the spice bag.

Cut the beef diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Serve beef with the vegetables and horseradish as a garnish.

In case you didn't want to have anything to do with corned beef, this next recipe is for an easy main dish meatless meal. It isn't a traditional spaghetti meal because there are no tomatoes involved. It is an easy way to serve tuna that is different than a traditional tuna and noodle casserole. The parmesan cheese makes the dish delicious. This meal can be made in about one-half hour. Serve with a salad and bread, and you have an easy Friday night meal or a weekday meal too.

Spaghetti with Tuna

3 T. olive oil
1 small diced onion

2 garlic cloves, minced

1/4 C. dry white wine
2 cans (5 oz. each) solid albacore tuna in water, drained
1/4 C. chopped fresh flat leaf parsley

1 pinch crushed red pepper
1/4 t. salt
8 oz. cooked spaghetti
1/4 C. Reserve pasta water.
1/2 C. toasted panko bread crumbs

Garnish with grated Parmesan cheese

Heat the olive oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Add the diced onion and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring for one minute. Add the wine and reduce the heat and cook until liquid is reduced by half. Stir in tuna, parsley, crushed red pepper and salt. Add the cooked spaghetti and toss. Add a little pasta cooking water if it seems too dry. Remove from heat and add the bread crumbs and toss. Serve warm and garnish with Parmesan.

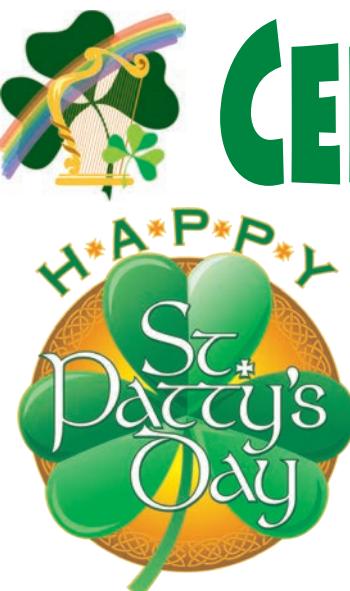
If you want to go strictly meatless, this next recipe has spaghetti (no red sauce for this one either), asparagus, mushrooms and cheese. It is a great way to get kids to eat asparagus because there are so many other flavors. I think you could substitute broccoli for the asparagus if it works better for your family. Again, this recipe is a quick one for a week-day meal.

Swiss Angel Hair n'Asparagus

12 oz. uncooked angel hair pasta

1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
1/2 lb. sliced fresh mushrooms
1 t. minced chives
3 T. flour
2 1/4 t. seasoning blend

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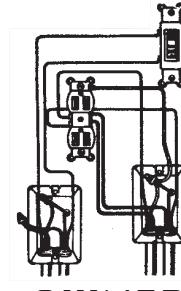


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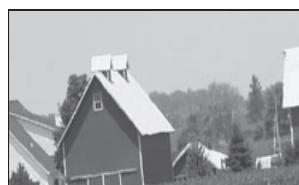


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RECIPES

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½ t. salt
1¼ C. milk
1½ C. shredded Swiss cheese
Grated Parmesan cheese
 Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, place asparagus in steamer basket and place in a large saucepan over 1 inch of water. Bring to a boil; cover and steam for 3-5 minutes or until crisp tender.

In a large saucepan, sauté mushrooms and chives in butter until tender. Stir in flour, seasoning blend and salt; gradually add the milk. Bring to a boil, cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Add the Swiss cheese and cook and stir until melted.

Drain the pasta and place in a large bowl. Add the asparagus and cheese sauce; toss to coat. Garnish with parmesan cheese.

Do you want to spice up your coffee? This recipe is an easy one that gives coffee a great little kick. Serve it with one of the cookies below, and you have a great treat.

Irish Coffee

1 t. brown sugar

1 jigger (1.5 oz.) of Irish whiskey
Strong black coffee
Whipped cream
 Put a small metal spoon in a heatproof glass and fill with boiling water. Let set for 5 seconds and empty glass.

Place the brown sugar and whiskey in warmed glass, then fill to about ½ inch from the brim with very hot, strong black coffee. Stir well to melt sugar.

Carefully pour lightly whipped cream over the back of the warmed spoon so that it floats on top of the coffee. Do not stir—sip the coffee through the cream.

My church friend, Sharon, made these easy and delicious cookies for fellowship after church. She laughed when I asked for the recipe because they are so easy. There are only a few ingredients. She made them with white cake mix; I think the chocolate would be great too! For St. Patrick's Day, they have a lime cake mix. Easter could be a strawberry one—there are so many possibilities.

Cool Whip Cookies

1 cake mix (any flavor)
2 eggs
1 Cool Whip, 18 oz container, thawed

Preheat the oven to 350. Stir together by hand all the ingredients until combined. By teaspoonfuls, roll the balls in powdered sugar. Bake at 350 for 12 minutes. Recipe makes about 30 cookies

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team on their fine season. It was truly neat to see how much they improved throughout the season. Now spring sports have started and the final quarter of school will be starting. Doesn't it seem as if summer was winding down and things were just beginning again with a new school year? We have the spring musical, Damn Yankees this coming weekend. The shows are Friday and Saturday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the doors. We all hope you will come to see how having "heart" is very important in most of life. We will continue to look for recipes for Lent and for Easter, which is just three weeks away.

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@rvpub.com

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation schedule March meeting in Lena

LENA — The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena. 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 an Illinois Not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving all 58 miles of your Pecatonica River experience.

This includes access, education, wildlife habitat, log jam extrication and river cleanup for the human communities in Stephenson County. Please join us for our fourth annual Spring Thaw - Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 12, at The Rafter's Restaurant. \$20 brings a great eve-

ning of food and fun to help the Pecatonica River. Please call 815-238-7888

Agenda items include: Future landings, Eagle Scout garbage enclosure construction and tree work at McConnell's "Bobtown" Landing and much more. The all new Second Edition of the Pecatonica River post card book from the talents of Joe Ginger is available for \$12 and will be at our meeting.

The fun, the fishing and occasional Bald Eagle sighting 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 meeting and consider becoming an active part of our organization. Everyone is welcome.

Take a workshop at the Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair

and knit a few of the patterns. See website for materials list.

A Chart Reading Basics instruction session will be held at the Jane Addams Community Center, 430 W. Washington Street Cedarville, Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to Noon: \$20

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Register online at www.scafwebs.com to view the brochure and mail in your workshop registration.

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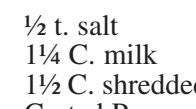
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Children's History and Science summer workshops scheduled

ELIZABETH — The Planetary Studies Foundation would like to announce the dates for the children's summer workshops. This year the sessions will have various topics including Living in the 1800's, Space Week Astronaut Training, Cemetery and Genealogy Studies, Oceanography, Freshwater and Climate Change, and Planet Earth and It's Neighbors. The workshops will be Mondays through

Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Planetary Studies Foundation Earth and Space Science Museum is located at 115 N. Main Street, Elizabeth. These workshops are limited to 10 children per class for children ages 7-12.

For more information about the 2016 children's summer workshop and set dates, please email dsipiera@planets.org or call 815-858-2014 or stop by the museum.

Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing announces February winners

STATELINE — Eight organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson County operate a co-op fundraiser, the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing (NWILDD). Cash prizes are awarded daily for 366 days from Oct. 1, 2015 through Sept. 30, 2016 to ticket owners. A ticket can win multiple times throughout the year.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Athletic Boosters, Galena ARC, Galena Music Boosters, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association and Stockton Strong.

1st. Monday . \$25 – Alaina Klippert, Apple River

2nd. Tuesday . \$25 – Gary Magee, Stockton

3rd. Wednesday . \$25 – Jane Brown, Elizabeth

4th. Thursday . \$25 – Greg Herbst, East Dubuque

5th. Friday . \$25 – Joe Finn Memorial Tournament, Stockton

6th. Saturday . \$50 – Dena Boehm, Elizabeth

7th. Sunday . \$50 – Dena Boehm, Elizabeth

8th. Monday . \$25 – Mike & Pat Jordan, Stockton

9th. Tuesday . \$25 – Dennis Middendorf, East Dubuque

10th. Wednesday . \$25 – Stephanie Wurster, Elizabeth

11th. Thursday . \$25 – Kelly Kent, Galena

12th. Friday . \$25 – Mark Manns, Bakersfield, CA

13th. Saturday . \$50 – Bret Johnson, Galena

14th. Sunday . \$150 – Zoe Pearce, Elizabeth

15th. Monday . \$25 – Galena ARC

16th. Tuesday . \$25 – Dena Boehm, Elizabeth

17th. Wednesday . \$25 – Alma Schreiner, Hanover

18th. Thursday . \$25 – Mel Ehrler, East Dubuque

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**13003 N. HULBERT RD.
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**COUNTRY - NICE
COUNTRY LOCATION**
on 7 acres M/L.

Surrounded by timber on 2 sides, fenced-in pasture, garden and garden shed. Located on hard surface road and asphalt driveway. Several black walnut trees and an abundant of wildlife (turkey, deer, etc.). 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch home, main floor laundry and 2 stall attached garage with a nice amount of storage. Updates include newer hidden fastener steel roof, mudded drywall throughout most of the home, kitchen backsplash, oak window sills, oak beams, oak crown molding and water softener. Property heats very efficiently. This home is in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) call for details. A MUST SEE!! Priced at \$157,000

NEW LISTINGS



**WARREN - VERY
WELL MAINTAINED**
smaller cozy little home. Smaller eat-in kitchen, living room with laminate flooring (2005), updated bathroom-shower and vanity in 2000. Addition of large master bedroom in approximately 1978. 2007 basement drain and new sewer line to street, 2006 new roof on house and garage. 2 stall garage has a finished family room with gas heater for family gatherings, two nice storage sheds - one with gas heater for nice workshop. MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE! Priced at \$49,900



**LENA - GREAT
LOCATION CLOSE
TO schools, park and
pool!** Home features
3 bedrooms, 1 1/2
baths, spacious eat in kitchen with an abundance of cabinets, living room, an enormous family room, additional room in lower level perfect for toy/game room, craft room, home gym, etc. The lower level also has plenty of storage space. If the storage space inside is not enough there is plenty of outdoor storage with a shed in the backyard and 216 sq. ft. of storage space or use as a workshop behind the garage. The space behind the garage has a service door to the back yard, doggie door and gas line hook up to add a heater. There is a screened-in deck off of the kitchen for your outdoor enjoyment. A gas hook up out there makes it easier for your grilling! The driveway has extra parking area for all of your guests or family. Many updates have been done some of which include roof, furnace, floor coverings, appliances (all but the stove). There are too many more to mention! Call the office to set up an appointment to see this move in ready home. Priced at \$104,900

OTHER PROPERTIES



**LENA - SPACIOUS
HOME WITH OVER
2,000 SQ. FT. of living
area.** 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath home - 4th bedroom now used as family room. Eat-in kitchen plus formal dining room area and formal living area. (This home was once used as a duplex in upper level - call for details). Enclosed back porch and large open front covered porch. 2 stall detached garage with workshop area. Located on corner lot. Priced at \$85,500



**WINSLOW - WELL
CARED FOR COUNTRY
HOME** in Le-Win School district. Main floor features large entry, open living room and dining room, kitchen, summer kitchen, main floor bedroom being used as office/home gym, laundry and half bath. Upstairs is a sitting area, three bedrooms and a full bath. Beautiful wood floors add to the character of this home. Walk up attic perfect for storage or make more living space. Barn with 2 stalls for parking, storage space and a lean too. Newer include new roof in 2014, exterior doors and 8 windows. Priced at \$82,500



**WINSLOW - COUNTRY VIEWS,
LE-WIN SCHOOLS!**

This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home has a spacious

living room with wood burning fireplace, den/family room/office and a large dining room with double set of French doors leading to the deck. Kitchen and master bedroom have vaulted ceilings. Built ins in the hallway and den. Master bedroom has double closet. New roof in 2010. Priced at \$74,500

**WINSLOW - LARGE
YARD** with access to back yard from basement. Home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, spacious eat-in kitchen, dining room, living room, office/toy room, breezeway and main floor laundry. Roof has been replaced and the exterior of the home stained and trim painted, upstairs bedrooms new carpet and paint 2014, kitchen and bath/laundry room remodeled 7/8 years ago. Call today to see this home in the Le-Win School District. Priced at \$67,500



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Dated February 18, 2016

VICI R. OTTE

Stephenson County Clerk

by **DEBORAH A. SMITH**

Deputy

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Please vote for Jerome (Jerry) Pardus County Board Dist. H

I retired from the Stephenson Co. Sheriff's Dept. where I patrolled the County for over 24 years. During that time, I met with many of the county's residents and learned of their concerns. Their concerns were public safety, lower taxes and economic development in the county. I will work for the residents of District H and all of Stephenson Co. by making sure public safety funds are no longer being used as Intra fund loans. I will keep taxes in check by a balanced budget and work to continue drawing business to the Mill Race Crossing. I will vote for and secure any and all funding for projects that will improve or benefit District H. I am also the coordinator for the McConnell area neighborhood watch program which I helped start in 2012.

I would appreciate your vote March 15th.
Your vote can make a difference!

Having known Jerry Pardus for over 25 years I can say with certainty that he is a man of integrity and commitment. Jerry served Stephenson County for 25 years as a deputy sheriff and rose to the rank of sergeant before retiring in 2009. He was a dedicated public servant who was, and still is, genuinely concerned about the future of Stephenson County. Jerry treated those he served, as well as those he arrested, with dignity and respect. Having spent most of his life in Stephenson County, Jerry knows firsthand the issues we face. I can attest to his strong work ethic and can assure the citizens who live in District H that he will work hard for you. He will represent his constituents and will vote based on the wishes of them, rather than voting for his own self-serving interests.

Sheriff David Snyders

It is my professional and personal opinion that Mr. Jerry Pardus would be a valuable asset to the County Board if he were to be elected into this position. Jerry is not only a man of integrity, he is hard working, dedicated and professional in how he conducts himself. Jerry is thought of very highly in his community and has a strong sense of betterment for the county in which he hopes to become an active board member. It is evident when considering Jerry's history that he is knowledgeable in appropriations of funds, conservative in his spending ethics and has proven to be responsible in his decision making. Jerry is someone who I consider to be approachable, willing to listen to others, and strives for resolutions. Our communities face difficult decisions and I believe Jerry to be a man of honor who would serve his community well.

Respectfully,
Steve Schaible
Lena Chief of Police

Vote Jerry Pardus
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Undefeated Le-Win fifth grade boys' basketball team brings home championship

The Lena Sports Association fifth grade Le-Win boys' basketball team capped off an undefeated season by bringing home the Northwest Illinois Youth Basketball League fifth grade championship. Pecatonica hosted eight area teams during the March 27 tournament. After winning against Dakota and River Ridge, Le-Win claimed victory over Pecatonica in the championship game, concluding a 10-0 season. Pictured (L-R) Row 1: Owen Gilbertson, Jake Zeal, Wesley Offermann, Ayden Packard, Braden Jacobs and Levi Gable. Row 2: Assistant Coach Jeff Zeal, Hudson Nevel, James Hernandez, Drew Streckwald, Rowen Schulz, Henry Engel, Jace Flynn and Coach Tony Gilbertson. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Dave Offermann.

Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District tree sale is underway

STATELINE — Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District annual tree sale is underway for 2016. Each year the District sells bare root tree, evergreen and shrub seedlings to increase efforts to provide energy conservation and/or habitat cover for wildlife. These plants are for conservation purposes only and shall not be used as ornamentals or for landscaping. Deadline to order is March 14. The deadline

allows us to adjust pre-ordered quantities with the nurseries. We are hoping this eliminates the "extras" at the end of the sale.

Again this year you will find larger trees on the order form. Trees are sold in bundle sizes of 10, 25 and 100 with prices ranging from \$12 to \$450 for the different species and sizes.

Evergreens available include Concolor Fir, Balsam Fir, Red Pine, White Pine, Colorado

Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Spruce and American Arborvitae. Frasier Fir is back again this year!

Deciduous Trees include Black Cherry, Black Walnut, Burr Oak, Northern Red Oak, Pin Oak, White Oak, Swamp White Oak, Red Maple, Sugar Maple and Bitternut Hickory; new this year!

Shrubs available include Hazelnut, Red osier Dogwood, Silky Dogwood, American Plum and Highbush Cranberry.

Additional items for sale include marking flags, Plantskydd Animal Repellent, Tree Mats, Tree Tubes and stakes along with Bat houses, Blue Bird houses and Wood Duck houses.

Tree Order pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Freeport. A reminder postcard will be sent to confirm the pick-up date, time and location.

Order forms can be picked up at the District office or printed from the SWCD website www.stephensonswcd.org

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