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Stockton community rises in support of its volunteer fire department

By **Tony Carton**
Editor

STOCKTON — As many as six area fire departments, two ambulance services, the Warren and Stockton municipal police forces and the Jo Daviess County Police responded to a call around 11 a.m. Thursday when black smoke was discovered pouring from the building that houses the Stockton Fire Department.

There were no injuries, but the blaze likely caused hundreds of thousands of dollars to the building and the equipment stored there.

Stockton Fire Chief Randy Baysinger said the Fire Marshall and the department's insurance company are continuing to investigate the exact cause of the fire.

"We are fairly certain it was some type of electrical short in the trailer housing our ATV, but the investigation is not complete yet," said Baysinger, adding that the building is under inspection by structural engineers and the trucks have been evaluated by the insurance company, but the department has not received notification of what is going to happen there.

"We've got three [trucks] that are severely damaged, three that are fairly damaged and of course the trailer and the ATV are completely lost," he said.

Baysinger said his number one priority once the fire was extinguished was to return the department to the status of being able to respond to a call.

"We had a call Thursday night, and we had already received gear within two hours of the fire from five different departments," he said. "We had a truck that day from Scales Mound Fire. We had another truck arrive on loan Friday morning from Rosenbauer America, a fire apparatus company in South Dakota."

He said they also received a tanker on loan from the German Valley Fire Department and a command vehicle was loaned to the Stockton Department by the Shannon Fire Department.

"It is a brotherhood that no one would understand unless they are in the service," said Baysinger. "Our morale is actually

unbelievably high right now. The guys have come together like we always do in a situation when the cards are down a little bit. We want the public to know we are alive and well and responding to calls just as we always have."

He said the outpouring of support from neighboring departments and from departments hundreds of miles away has been overwhelming.

"I'm constantly getting phone calls, texts and Facebook messages with offers of equipment, gear or trucks," said Baysinger. "I think every fire department in a 500 mile radius stopped what they were doing, walked into their station and said, 'What can we do without for a while.'"

He said the community has been amazing as well.

"It seems like we're getting notices of fund raisers every day," Baysinger said. "The Warren Fire Department had their steak fry and they put out the word they were going to donate the proceeds to the Stockton department and they had the biggest turnout they've ever had."

As the fire was brought under control, members of the community gathered across the street from the building in Holy Cross Church Hall and served food and water to the exhausted firefighters.

Holy Cross' Parochial Administrator Reverend Michael Morrissey said everyone's heart went out to the Stockton department.

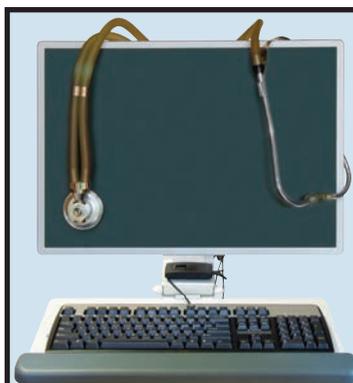
"To have their own home catch fire is very personal and I think the very least we can do is be neighborly and invite them into our home and share what we can with them in a tough time," said Morrissey. "We are glad to help in any way we can."

A prayer service is scheduled for Thursday evening at the Wesley UMC on Hudson in Stockton and there is a Go Fund Me crowdfunding page online at <https://www.gofundme.com/pyrb87cs>, T-shirts and other clothing items benefiting the department are available by contacting Wendy Reusch at 327 Ward St in Stockton or by email at wendy_reusch@yahoo.com



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The outpouring of support from the Village of Stockton and the surrounding area has been amazing and heartwarming as the town's fire department rebuilds following last week's station house fire.



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STOCKTON FIRE



Tracy Siegner photos
Members of Wesley United Methodist Church gathered Sunday evening for a pray circle at the doors of the devastated Stockton Fire Station.



Thick black smoke hampered the efforts of dozens of firefighters who worked to control the fire in the Stockton Fire House.



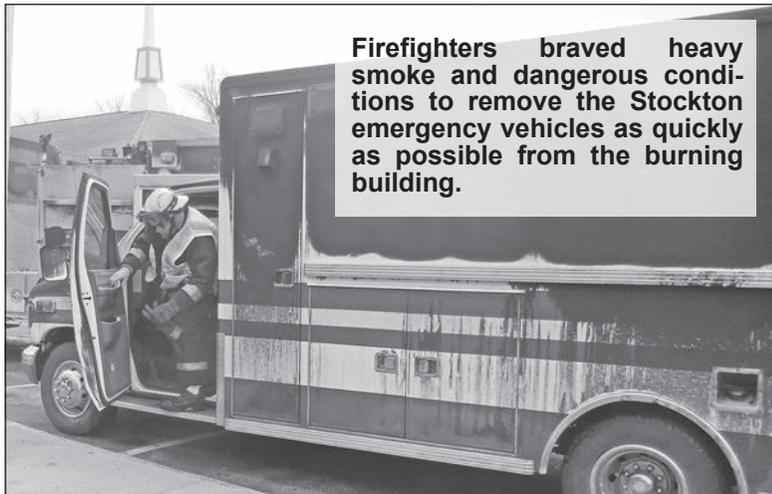
Once the fire was brought under control firefighters dragged as much of the equipment from the building as possible.

Ladies of Lena Fire to host benefit bake sale for Stockton Fire Department

LENA — The Ladies of Lena Fire will be hosting a bake sale with all proceeds to benefit the Stockton, IL Volunteer Fire Department who suffered a devastating fire at their station on 2/25/16.

Cafe 217 will also be on site for all of your coffee desires! Please spread the word and stop by on Saturday to purchase some baked goods for a good cause!

Are you interesting in donating baked goods? We will have someone at the station on Friday evening from 4 to 8pm or Saturday after 6am to accept donations.



Firefighters braved heavy smoke and dangerous conditions to remove the Stockton emergency vehicles as quickly as possible from the burning building.

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE — Feb. 29 is known as leap day in America and occurs every four years. Despite three out of four calendars sporting 365 days, it takes the Earth slightly longer than that to revolve around the Sun. An additional 24 hours accumulates every four years, and the Gregorian calendar stacks that on for the sixtieth day of the year, Feb. 29. The Presidential Primary process happens to be decided within leap years, and anyone with a pulse knows we're approaching nearly two years of campaigning for some of the presidential hopefuls. In Illinois, our primary season concludes on March 15 this year. Have you early voted yet?

Early voting is going on now; the State of Illinois allows in-person early voting before the official Election Day. The law change was precipitated by the desire to increase voter participation by allowing a greater amount of time for people to cast their ballot, thereby, mitigating factors like weather, daily scheduling, schooling, and transportation compared to the Election Day-or-Absentee Ballot model previously. So, have you early voted yet? Is



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

voting even on your to-do list?

Voting is one of the most fundamental concepts within our democracy; one in which many of you miss the point, and I know because voter turnout is atrocious. Voter turnout in Illinois statewide during the 2014 elections was only 40.9 %, and according to a Pew Research Center report on voter turnout in developed countries the United States ranks a dismal 31 out of the 34 listed. The entire point of our government is that we pick people from our community – based on whatever criteria each individual places value on – to select a few leaders from the populous to assist in planning, governing, and safeguarding our institutions and values for the future generation.

You may be asking yourself, “Self, why is Brian on a diatribe about voting today?”

The answer is because we have several very important local elections occurring, and I want you to vote. It's true, elected officials want to hear what their constituency desires, and I know none of you have a problem expressing your opinion. So, why don't you take 15 minutes to go to your County Clerk's office and vote your opinions onto a ballot?

Being an informed voter is important, and I take seriously the role I have in my weekly column in dispersing useful information to the entire readership. While you may not agree with my stance or position, many times my weekly column has been the conversation starter for a deeper understanding of the issues for all parties. That's a part of good government as we make suggestions and changes to move forward. These suggestions come from friends, neighbors, and constituents – never do I personally label them “Republican or Democrat” suggestions or ideas because that pigeon holes the process from the start.

Recently, I have noticed other newspaper contributors are reckless with their pens.

I've noticed the change from parroting robotic party propaganda to spouting elementary blathering resembling a very talented three-year-old's discussion at tea time with Barbie and Ken. Although all perspectives have a place, not all of them have a place at the table of reason. I have my convictions and principles, and I approach each issue with those in my heart, but never do I blindly push my button on the willful ignorance and insipid notions spouted by a few extremists.

If my memory serves me, I voted against SB1 which sought to change the entire pension system. Now, it's not that I don't think the pensions systems in Illinois need to change, I believed the bill was unconstitutional of which the Supreme Court agreed. Ironically the esteemed couple from Mount Carroll actually benefited from the “awful job” that I was doing as they are both drawing pensions from the bankrupt retirement system. Benefits promised to them by politicians they now decry as doing nothing to remedy the situation. However, because a select few of us refuse to raise

everybody else's taxes we're now doing an “awful job.” In reality, I just heard the call for service. Let me tell you, I blame you for not paying attention when your teachers tried to educate you on how finances or your calculator actually works.

Rather than end with a single quote, this week's column brings to mind several. The first being from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, “Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.” Secondly, I am reminded by a quote from Lyn Nofziger who said “The reason this country continues to drift toward socialism and big nanny government is because too many people vote in the expectation of getting something for nothing, not because they have a concern for what is good for the country.”

As always, you can reach me or Sally at 815/232-0774 or email us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbianstewart.com or follow me on Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus.

SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

Feb. 15-19

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Bruce Rauner used his annual Budget Address to extend an olive branch to legislative leaders, offering two paths to

achieve a balanced state budget.

Though he underscored his preference would be to work across party lines on a budget compromise, Gov. Rauner

said he is ready to unilaterally make the deeper cuts needed to balance the budget if Democrat legislators are unwilling to work with him on a more moderate budget.

However, the Governor was emphatic he would not cut education, announcing his intent to fully fund general state aid for K-12 education in Illinois for the first time in seven years. Gov. Rauner stressed his commitment to early childhood education, proposing record levels of funding for that program as well. Republican leaders in the House and Senate have introduced legislation to

fully fund the General State Aid foundation level.

In the days immediately following the Budget Address, the Governor continued to focus on education, signing an Executive Order Feb. 18 creating a Children's Cabinet on Children and Youth to promote education and youth efforts in Illinois. That same day the Illinois State Board of Education initiated an investigation into the “financial stability” of the Chicago Public Schools. Gov. Rauner also joined lawmakers Feb. 19 at a suburban high school to announce legislation providing mandate relief to local schools.

Governor offers two paths to a balanced budget

With a strong emphasis on the need for bipartisan compromise, Gov. Rauner used his second Annual Budget address to offer two paths for fixing the state's unprecedented and crippling budget gridlock.

Stressing his preference to work with lawmakers from both parties and both chambers on a moderate budget option, the Governor repeatedly underscored the need for transformational savings and structural reforms as a way to grow Illinois' economy and benefit Illinois citizens.

However, Gov. Rauner also said that if Democrat leadership remains committed to partisanship and political self-preservation, he is willing to reduce spending on his own. Though he underscored his desired path would be to work on a compromise budget with lawmakers, the Governor said that if given the authority he is

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OBITUARIES

Cathryn "Peggy" Louise Hawkinson

LENA — Cathryn "Peggy" Louise Hawkinson, 81, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Monroe, WI. She was born Aug. 20, 1934 in Wadams Grove, Illinois to George and Bernice (Evans) Yeager. Cathryn married Allen Hawkinson on April 30, 1960 in Apple River, IL. She was employed at Crum & Foresters /St. Paul Insurance Company.



Cathryn was member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Lena. She enjoyed traveling, reading and spending time with her family especially with her grandchildren.

Cathryn is survived by her husband, Allen of Lena; Children: Scott (Christine) of Dodgeville, WI Marsha (Mark) Bosch of Plainfield, IL, Steve (Connie) of Monroe, WI and Lori (Kevin) Upmann of Warren, IL and Rhonda of Antioch, TN; one brother, George Yeager Jr. of Sarasota, FL; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents, brother William "Bill", Sister Carol Thiltgen; brothers-in-law Gary Hawkinson, Ralph Mau and sister-in-law Judy Hawkinson.

A funeral service was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on March 1.

Visitation was held, Feb. 29 at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Officiating was Fr. Andrew Skrobutt

Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

A memorial has been established in her memory

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

Dale K. Hand

STOCKTON — Dale K. Hand, age 61, passed away at his home after a short illness on Friday Feb. 26, 2016.



He was born on Sept. 12, 1954 in Fort Sill, OK to

Cecil and Carol (Jensen) Hand. He went to high school in Sabula, IA. He was formerly married to Debra Birchen. He worked for Solace trucking for 15 plus years. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and snowmobiling when he was able. He also enjoyed rebuilding cars and trucks and doing bodywork in his Winslow shop. He loved family and his grandkids.

He is survived by his daughter; Jennifer (Andrew) Busser and his son Jeffrey Hand both of Lena. Parents Cecil and Carol Hand of Stockton, IL, three grandchildren; Jenna, Dayne and Liam all of Lena, One sister; Cheryl Bourland of Stockton, IL, six nieces and nephews, five great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Visitation and funeral services were held Feb. 29, at the Leamon Funeral Home.

Burial was in Lena Burial Park.

Officiating will be Paul Fritz. A memorial has been established in his name.

Edgar J. Simpson

WINSLOW — Edgar J. Simpson, 53, passed away Feb. 23, 2016 on the family farm. He was born Nov. 7, 1962 in Chicago, IL to Edgar V. and Gloria (Fabish) Simpson / Wright. He served our country in the United States Air Force. He married Deborah Feltych on Nov. 12, 1988 in Schaumburg, IL.



Edgar was a member of the Moon Spinners and Evangelical Free Church Bible study group. He especially loved spending time with his family and being on the farm. He also enjoyed taking care of the cats and sheep.

He is survived by his wife, children: Nathaniel Simpson (Whitney Kriz) of Chicago, IL, Benjamin Simpson and Elainna Simpson both of Winslow, IL; father, Edgar V. Simpson of Freeport, IL; two brothers: Geoff (Nancy) Williams of Rockford, IL and Mike Williams of Shawano, WI, one sister: Patricia (Steve) Friedland of Scottsdale, AZ; mother-in-law, Dolores Feltych of White-water, WI; brother-in-law, Bryan Feltych, sister-in-law, Christine (James) Caley; and nieces and nephews: Kevin (Jade) Williams, Sarah (Matt) Fortman, Brianna Feltych, Zach Caley, Avery Caley and Jamison Caley.

Edgar was preceded in death by his mother, Gloria, sister Frances and father-in-law, Chester Feltych.

Funeral Service and visitation were held Feb. 27, at the Lena Evangelical Free Church.

Officiating was Pastor Jim Erb.

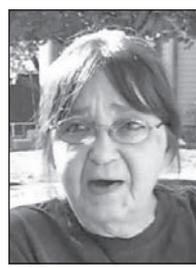
Burial followed the service at Christian Hollow Cemetery.

A luncheon following the services was provided by the Sweeney/ Sisler family and the Evangelical Free Church.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

passed away at home Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016. She was born May 14, 1952; the daughter of Dragoslav and Barbara (Filips) Jankovic. She married Al Coglianesse on Sept. 13, 1969.



Laurie helped her husband Al operate Rt. 78 Auto Parts and worked at Atwood Automotive. She had also delivered papers for the Elgin Daily Courier. She enjoyed going to the Boat, working crossword puzzles, crocheting, and traveling. She especially loved being with her family.

She is survived by her mother, Barbara Jankovic of Freeport, IL; daughter, Jennifer (Scott) Kurth of Warren; sons, Al "Hippie" (Stephanie) Coglianesse and Joe (Tam) Coglianesse of Janesville, WI; seven grandchildren; and sisters, Erna Buchwald of IL, Rose (Bruce Drane) Fritz of Stockton, and Marianne Smith of St. Charles, IL. She is preceded in death by her father; husband, Al; son, Tony; and brother, Steve.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Upon her wishes, no services are being held. Condolences may be shared with her family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

WARREN — Laurie Coglianesse, age 63 of Warren, IL,

Marian Elizabeth Boland,

WINSLOW — This is written in loving memory of our beautiful mother Marian Elizabeth Boland, known by all as "Liz." Liz passed peacefully into eternity while cradled in the loving arms of her daughter Shannon while her daughter Kelli sang "Amazing Grace." Liz was born on Nov. 30, 1940 to LeRoy and Catherine Hahn, one of 7 children.



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 continuous support for the vet-

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Movie Day for March celebration of SOS+ eleventh year

STOCKTON — It's popcorn and movie time in celebration of its eleventh anniversary of the Senior Outreach of Stockton and Surrounding Areas (SOS+). All seniors are invited to join us as we watch the powerful and beautifully told movie, "War Room". It's all about a young couple who seemed to have it all, great jobs, a beautiful daughter and a dream house. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives

take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer. Released in August, 2015, War Room topped 72.8 million dollars. Mark your calendars and be sure to join us on Thursday, March 10 at 2 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for the movie "War Room".

SOS+ was founded on one pastor's vision and lots of prayer so it only seems fitting to have this powerful movie, "War Room" viewed in celebration of the 11 years that

the seniors have been meeting faithfully once a month all year long. Please join us in fellowship with our area seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas (SOS+). All are invited. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in Stockton's Calvary's UM Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments made by the seniors will conclude the day's activities.

SOS+(Senior Outreach of Stockton & Surrounding Areas) is an active outreach ministry with its main purpose to provide interesting programs, entertainment and fellowship to our area seniors. SOS+ is made up of area volunteers

from all denominations who work diligently to bring fun and educational programs each month. An array of fun and exciting programs for 2016 are being planned, all in celebration of SOS+ 11th year of ministry. All seniors are invited. A freewill offering is taken to offset program costs.

For more information on SOS+, please feel free to call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If you are in need of a ride to the church, we would be more than happy to accommodate you; please call.

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erans 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.

BIRTHS

Braxton Bigger

WARREN — Kayli Harwick and Austin Bigger of Warren, Ill. are the parents of a son Braxton Allen Bigger born Monday Feb. 22, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Deb and Tim Harwick of Warren and Phillip Bigger and Cindy Fedler of Oquawka, IL. Great grandparents are Jeff and Sue Bigger of Gladstone, IL. and Sandy Huff of Oquawka, and Gene and Sue Harwick and Bonnie Vondra all of Warren.

Bryce Larson

STOCKTON — Justin and Josie Larson of Stockton, IL are the parents of a son Bryce Elliot Larson born Thursday Feb. 18, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, IL. Bryce has three brothers Gavin Kraemer 16, Zachary 5, and Mason, 2. Grandparents are Eugene and Ruth Skutt, Paul and Deborah Fritz and Gary and Marsha Larson all of Stockton. Great grandparents are Glenda Young of Freeport, Dorothy Harris of Platteville, Wis. and Jan and Fran Fritz of Cookeville, TN.

Jasmine Rauch

PEARL CITY — Eric and Janet Rauch of Pearl City, IL are the parents of a daughter Jasmine Mae Rauch born Monday Feb. 22, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Jasmine joins a sister Penelope, 2. Grandparents are LeRoy and Mary Rauch of Pearl City and Lois and the late Kevin Geiseman of Davis, IL.

County Health Department Immunization Clinic schedule for March

STATELINE — Jo Daviess County Health Department will hold its March Immunization Clinic on Tuesday, March 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

There is a charge of \$13 per clinic visit per client that covers RN review of immunization records, assessment of client's health prior to vaccination,

education on individual vaccinations, answering of questions and official documentation of vaccines received. In addition a \$7 fee per vaccine is charged.

The clinic provides vaccines for children and adults who meet the eligibility requirements through the Vaccines for

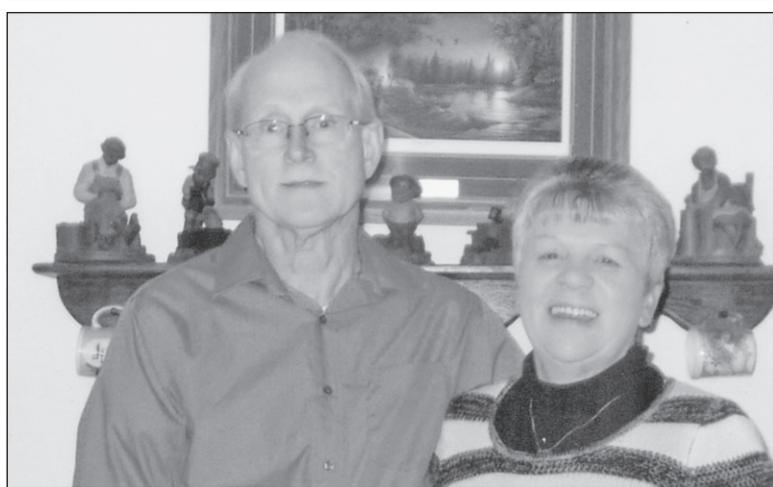
Children (VFC) or Vaccine for Adults (VFA) Programs. These immunizations are given at scheduled monthly clinics or by appointment.

If a parent is unable to accompany a child, the parent must complete a parental consent form for immunizations. The form can be found at the website: www.jodaviess.org. Print and complete the form and

bring the form with the child. Parents may also stop at the Health Department in advance of the appointment and fill out the necessary forms. Previous immunization records must be presented to clinic personnel for verification or child will be rescheduled for a later date.

Please call for an appointment. 815-777-0263 or toll free 1-877-777-0263

ANNIVERSARY



BOB AND PENNY WILLIAMS

Penny and Bob Williams to celebrate fortieth anniversary

STOCKTON — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams of Dyersville, IA will be celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary March 6, 2016. Penny Pohl, daughter of Clyde and Janice Pohl of Stockton, Ill. and Bob Williams, son of Dr. Delbert and Jeanie Williams of Dubuque, Iowa were married in the Calvary UM Church in Stockton. They are the parents of a daughter, Bobbi Rowe of Dyersville. They have two grandchildren Addysen and McKynlee Rowe. A celebration will be held at a later date.

Afternoon Coffee Break
Wed., March 2nd ~ 2 p.m.
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Highland Agriculture Club has success at state competition

FREEPORT — On Friday Feb. 19, eight Highland Community College agriculture students participated in the Illinois Post-Secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Annual Conference at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL. During the conference, participants competed in a number of agriculture specific content areas that included general knowledge exams, real-world problem solving scenarios, goal setting activities, and personal interviews.

Post-Secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) is a national student organization that provides opportunities for college agriculture students to experience individual growth, leadership, and career preparation through competition and cooperative activities.

The following Highland agriculture students competed at the annual conference:

Heidi Smith (Sycamore), 1st place in Career Planning-Agricultural Education

Michaela White (Pecatonica), 2nd place in Agriculture Education Career Program

Justin Lott (Pearl City), 2nd place in Career Progress-Ruminant Animal Systems

Danielle Hinshaw (Byron), participated in Career Planning-Agricultural Education Dairy Specialist Team, 3rd place

Ellie Lenkaitis (Winnebago), Anna Folgate (Pearl City), Hannah Hunziker (Ridott), and Jalen Holman (Freeport)

The Highland agriculture department would like to thank State Bank in Freeport for sponsoring the Highland AG Club and our participation in PAS activities. The funds contributed by State Bank were used to purchase materials in preparation for competition as



Courtesy photo
Highland Community College students Ellie Lenkaitis, Hannah Hunziker, Justin Lott, Danielle Hinshaw, Jalen Holman, Heidi Smith, Michaela White, Anna Folgate competed at the annual PAS conference in Springfield IL.

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 • *Sunday School 10:15 a.m.*



CHURCH NOTES

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Farewell Discourse

By Gary Rich - Lay Servant
Lena United Methodist Church

LENA — I am currently helping a student in geometry so I have been attending the geometry class to brush up on my similar triangles. Even though I had taught geometry before, it had been almost 40 years since I had been in a geometry class. Thank heavens not much has changed since Euclid and Pythagoras. Even the scarecrow from the Wizard of Oz knows the Pythagoras Theorem. I think the Bible is kind of like geometry. The information has not changed, but we need to constantly study and use the information to get its full value. Reading the Bible on a regular basis and attending a Bible study keeps the message of Jesus in front of us.

The adult Sunday school class continues our study of Adam Hamilton's new book, John The Gospel of Light and Life. This week's lesson is entitled "The Farewell Discourse." Almost twenty-five percent of the Gospel of John is devoted to the Last Supper. Jesus knows this would be the last meeting with the Disciples before he would be arrested. He knew he needed to leave them with the life lessons that they would need in the future. By washing the feet of the disciples, he taught them to serve others. He also taught them not to worry about who among them is the greatest, but focus on humbly serving others. Jesus promises the Disciples that he will send them another companion or comforter. Jesus promises the Disciples that he will send them the Holy Spirit after his death. In Greek, the word for spirit literally means "breath" or "wind". God breathed life into Adam and Eve. The words used by John for "The Holy Spirit" could be translated as

our comforter, counselor, and encourager and means someone who comes alongside you. Through the Holy Spirit, we feel God's presence and it is this Spirit that draws us to Christ. It comforts us and reminds us of the message of Jesus. Anytime God does something in your life, it's the work of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Struggling to make good choices

Fawn Nolan, Parish Assistant
St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA — Have you made any bad choices lately? Just today I:

Ate a piece of cake, 2 cookies, and had 3 cups of coffee.

Skipped going to do my work-out because I was short on time. Not good for all the calories I ate.

Double booked my schedule for tomorrow morning and will have to face the consequences of the pile up.

Didn't let the Choir Director know that another Choir is performing the same Sunday that they are scheduled for and she practices tonight. Might still be time to catch her.

Spent a considerable amount of time trying to remember where the 3 keys left in my car came from and what they belonged to because I have such a poor memory at times.

There are probably more that I could add to the list, but I typically try not to dwell on my short comings too much.

Knowing how to make good choices determines a lot in life. When to go, when to stay... when to say yes, when to say no...what to believe, what to doubt...what to say, what not to say...how much to save, how much to spend...what to eat,

what not to eat. When God gave us the ability to choose, He gave us a wonderful thing even though at times I am more than content to let others make the choices for me. Choices are a gift when used wisely, a curse when not. With our free will, when we choose to love Jesus, it makes an eternal significance. It is a true and genuine sign of faith. Likewise, it is such a tragedy when we choose wrongly, when we choose to sin because sin causes a separation from God. Only the death of His Son, Jesus can repair and restore us. Thank God that has been chosen and done for us. Romans 3:23-24 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus". Clearly the Bible shows us that we have all made bad choices, we have all fallen short. Praise the perfect and sin free choice that Jesus made to redeem and save us.

Typically we can do fairly well with the rules-of-life choices. We follow rules by nature well enough. We don't reuse postage stamps, we return our carts to a designated place. If we ever found a bundle of cash, we would seek to give it back to its rightful owner. But the choices we struggle with more are spiritual, allowing God to have first place in our lives, turning over every aspect to Him. We have to

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St. John's Lutheran Church to host Family Fun Night

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The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 in the Youth and Family Center followed by the Genesis (high school) group at 7:30 p.m.

St. John's will host a Family Fun Night. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner. The barbecue sandwiches and drink will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Those with last names starting with A-H are to bring salads, I-P vegetable and Q-Z dessert. All are welcome to join in for euchre, dominoes, bag toss, washers or a movie.

The Mid-week Lenten services will continue on March 2, 9 and 16 at 7 p.m. The worship service lasts about 30 minutes and includes readings, hymns and a continuing drama, "Follow Me." All are encouraged to attend. Pastor Ekstrand will hold Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at Noon in

the Nave.

The Pearl City United Methodist Church will begin hosting Lenten Lunches on Wednesdays on February 24-March 23. The lunches usually include soup and sandwiches and are served at Noon each Wednesday. The lunch is followed by a Lenten devotion by an area church. St. John's will host the March 2 Lenten Lunch at the Pearl City United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.

The men of congregation and community are encouraged to join Pastor Ekstrand for a Men's Breakfast at Little John's in Pearl City at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2. The Book Nook group will meet at 5:15 p.m. on March 2 also. The Worship and Music Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 3.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The Monday evening bible study is at 7 p.m. and features a discussion titled "The Book of Job". This spring, our Monday night group will study the tragedy and restoration of Job, and perhaps even test our own sense of faith, piety and devotion to our Lord. The Thursday morning bible study is held at

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SHARON K. ORTH, et al
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 10, 2015, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on March 28, 2016, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 122 1/2 N Main St, Galena, IL 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
QUICKEN LOANS INC.,
PLAINTIFF

vs.
RANDI L. WEILAND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
DEFENDANTS

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LOTS 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 OF LOT 16A OF COYLE PLACE, IN THE CITY OF EAST DUBUQUE, (FORMERLY DUNLEITH), JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION THEREOF RECORDED ON OCTOBER 24, 1949 IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 75.

ALSO LOT 16 AND THE WEST 20 FEET OF LOT 15 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 OF SUBLOT 2 OF OUTLOT 12, NOW KNOWN AS COYLE PLACE IN THE CITY OF EAST DUBUQUE (FORMERLY DUNLEITH), JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION THEREOF RECORDED SEPTEMBER 26, 1949 IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 71. SITUAT-

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and which said mortgage was signed by RANDI L. WEILAND, mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County as Document No. 379704; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

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Plan to attend Jo Daviess County Health Summit

ELIZABETH — Volunteer of the Stephenson County Hospice of Northwest Illinois along with First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth and the Jo Daviess County Office

Senior Resource Center, are sponsoring the sixteenth annual Jo Daviess County Health Summit. The theme for the

event is "March Madness for Health." The event will be held on Saturday, March 19 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building (formerly HCC West) in Elizabeth. This event is open to the public with no admission charge and the building is handicap accessible.

The purpose of the Health Summit is to educate the public on a variety of health issues, learn about healthy lifestyles, where to go to find help or

information, and what is available in the area. Free blood pressure checks and demonstrations help to provide "something for everyone" in a fun and friendly atmosphere. All those who attend have the chance to win one of many door prizes that are donated by vendors and sponsors.

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copy to your doctor for your records. There will be a complete Cholesterol Screening by the Midwest Medical Center Lab Department. Orange juice and muffins are provided for the participants.

Come and join our sponsors at this fun and healthy event. For more information, please call the Stockton Volunteer Hospice office at 815-947-3260.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on March 6, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fourth Sunday in Lent with Holy Communion. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Karen Niemeier who will lead on the Organ. 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 11 a.m., and the Good Shepherd Chime Choir will rehearse at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday March 9 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 Noon, Good Shepherd will gather at St Joseph 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 9 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.

On Thursday March 10 The Friendship Club will meet at Noon at Good Shepherd for Potluck and entertainment from "Take Two."

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

KENT/WILLOW — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday, March 6 at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC.

Pastor Brenda Morris will be bringing the message "To Be Formed in the Likeness of Jesus"; in her series "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus."

All are welcome and invited to hear this message and stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m., using the lessons in the devotional "The Upper Room" using the Holy Bible for all references. You are invited and welcome to these sessions too.

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. for more info, call 815-601-6742.

• CORNER

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consciously turn our lives over to Him daily. In the big and the little things choosing to stay in daily prayer, daily study of His Word, monitoring every word that comes out of our mouth is a choice for Jesus. We strive to maintain a gentle, quiet spirit, even though we know what a struggle that can be at times. Choosing Christ first, allowing Him full reign of your life will be a choice toward eternity. God will fill us with more joy and hope than any other choice we can make.

Lena UMC to hold rummage and bake sale

LENA — The Lena United Methodist Church will be having their annual rummage and bake sale on March 10, 11 and 12. If you have items you would like to donate please bring them to the church fellowship hall on March 7, 8 and 9. Mark your calendar now, so you don't miss some great bargains.

Pearl City churches to provide Lenten lunches

PEARL CITY — Lenten Lunches will be served at Pearl City First United Methodist Church on Wednesdays at noon. We will enjoy a brief message, music and a free will offering taken. On March 2, St. John's Lutheran Church will serve the meal. On March 9, Pearl City UMC will be serving the meal, followed

by Yellow Creek Brethren on March 16. The last lunch will be served by Zion Church on March 23. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating this Lenten season.

Also during our Lenten season, Pastor DooSoo Lee will be doing a sermon series titled "When Trouble Finds You." Please join us for an inspiring message at the Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the service, there will be Sunday School held in our lower level. We are located at 411 S. Main Street in Pearl City.

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9:30. The discussion continues to focus on "Genesis: A Narrative from the Mouths of the Hebrew People of God. You are welcome to join in on any or all of the bible studies! Both bible studies are held in the Conference Room of the Lower Level. The door on the east side of the building will be open for the bible studies.

Upcoming Dates: The Women's Gathering will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15 at Rte 73 Brew n' Chew. The Palm Sunday Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 20.

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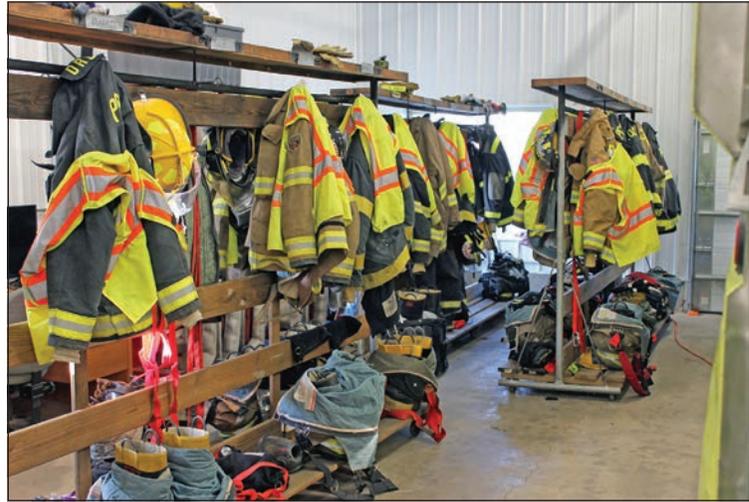
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STOCKTON FIRE



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(Above) Shannon Fire Department sent over a command vehicle to keep the Stockton department up and running while the equipment damaged in Thursday's fire is replaced.

(Left) Equipment is arriving almost hourly from across the country to restock the shelves and racks at the Stockton Fire House after Thursday's devastating fire.



Stockton fire officials suspect Thursday's station house fire began in this trailer which housed the department's All Terrain Vehicle.



Tracy Siegner photo

High winds topple steeple

High winds ripped the steeple from the Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton last week. Efforts are underway to restore the historic building.



Courtesy photo

A community rallies in support

Dozens of Stockton residents gathered Thursday afternoon in the Holy Cross church hall to provide respite for firefighters exhausted from extinguishing a blaze in the Stockton Fire Station. Food and beverage items were provided by JJ and Freddy's eatery, Casey's General Store, Subway and a number of private individuals.

Master Gardener workshop to be held in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess Master Gardeners are excited to help you prepare for spring by hosting "Spring Break Gardening" on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. – noon at the CTE 950 Hwy 20 W in Elizabeth, IL. For just \$5, attendees can hear a keynote presentation on "Fresh Cutting Color in your Gardens from May to November" and choose from various break-out sessions that will follow.

Master Gardener taught break-out sessions will include:

10 a.m. sessions: Planting Annuals in the Fall for Early Spring Blooms - Many of our earliest cutting flowers come with peonies and spring bulbs. Wouldn't it be nice to enhance the early spring cutting garden with blue Bachelor Buttons, lime green Bells of Ireland, or some fragrant Sweet William?

OR What Trees Will Work at My House – Maple and Ash trees have been the standard tree for the home landscape. With the

conformation of Emerald Ash Borer in the area, homeowners need alternative for landscaping. Jo Daviess County Master Gardener, Madelynn Wilharm, will suggest several native tree species and how they should be used.

11 a.m. sessions: Grow Your Own Vegetable and Herb Garden – Saving and Growing Your Own Seeds– The idea of saving your own seeds and starting seeds at home can be a little intimidating, but it can easily be achieved at home. OR Identifying Tree Problems – Jo Daviess County Master Gardener, Don Klinger, will cover what to look for when plants and trees are looking sickly or just unusual.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and morning refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 11 and can be done by calling 815-858-2273 or online: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees to hold March meeting

STATELINE — The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 604 will resume its monthly luncheon and meeting on March 17, at noon at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL. The program will be presented by a representative from the State Comp-

troller's office. All active and retired federal employees, spouses and spousal survivors are cordially invited to attend. Those NOT on the permanent list please call 815-259-5845 (please note phone number change) for a reservation by Tuesday March 15.

Route No. 73 Brew & Chew in Pearl City to donate to Stockton Fire Department

PEARL CITY — For the month of March, Route No. 73 Brew & Chew in downtown Pearl City will be donating \$1 to the Stockton Fire Department for each P.C.F.D. Burger sold.



Tony Carton photo

I'm watching you

Dr. Stephen Petras checks and cleans Samuel Sikora's teeth during last month's free dental day at the Stockton Dental Center.

Celebrate Austin Nack's birthday with a toy and a card

GALENA — Austin Nack will turn one on March 11, and to celebrate his first birthday, his parents, Stephanie and Ted, are organizing a special toy drive that will spread the joy among other youngsters fighting for their health.

Toys can be dropped off at Subway in Stockton, Hoskins showroom in Elizabeth, the village hall in Hanover, Renew Salon in Galena and Teasdale Veterinary Clinic in East Dubuque now through March 14.

Toys will be donated to American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, WI, where Austin is a patient.

For the hospital's wish list and gift guides, visit www.uwhealthkids.org.

During his first year of life Austin underwent surgery and numerous hospitalizations as

doctors search for a diagnosis. His parents will find out the results of genetic testing on Feb. 29.

Austin is the grandson of Chuck and Rogene Beyer of Elizabeth, Jim and Pat Nack of Galena and great grandson of Joan Beyer of Elizabeth and Joe and Mag Ferrell of Hanover.

Please send Austin a birthday card. The big day is March 11!

Those who would like to send Austin a card so when he gets older he can see how many people were thinking of him on his first birthday can do so to:

Austin Nack P.O. Box 6241 Galena, IL 61036



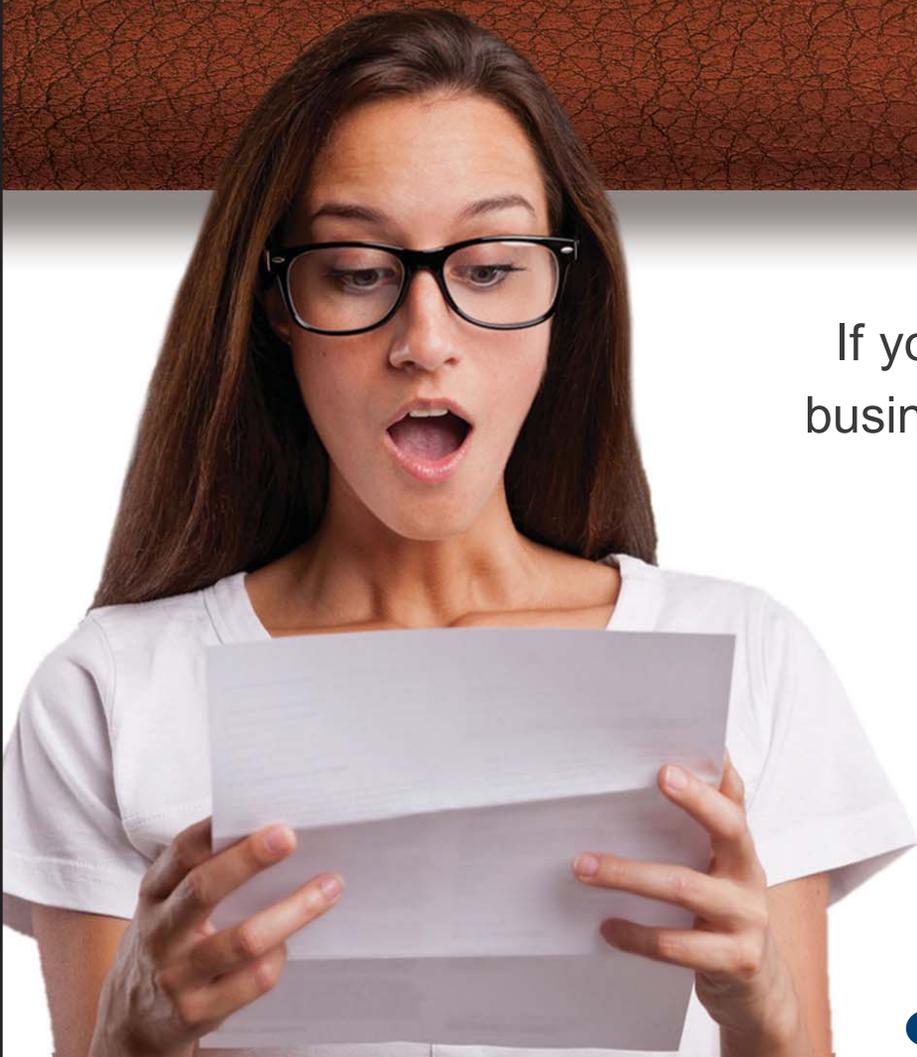
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In honor of Austin Nack's first birthday, a toy drive is underway for youngsters at American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, WI.

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Aquin anchored in as East Dubuque Regional Champ

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

EAST DUBUQUE — In a game played through about three quarters, as the final score would indicate, the Freeport Aquin Bulldogs defeated the East Dubuque Warriors in the East Dubuque Regional Championship Game, 64-44.

With solid free throw shooting and excessive defensive pressure, Aquin, the three-seed, found a way to work around the two-seed Warriors' plans.

With the lead growing late, ending with a margin of 20

points, Aquin moved to Hanover for a showdown with the top overall seed in the upper bracket in the Class 1A Sectional, Brimfield.

With the Sectional Semi-Final played on Tuesday, Marcy 1, details on that contest are unavailable at this time.

As higher seeds, neither East Dubuque, nor Aquin had to play in the opening round of the Class 1A Tournament.

The Warriors' first game was on Tuesday, as they faced the number-nine seed Stockton Blackhawks.

The IHSA Selection Committee set-up the opening round game with a slight edge favored towards seven-seed Scales Mound.

However, in the Monday opener, Stockton came through late and won, 36-34, pushing them into the path of the two-seed Warriors, and the Regional Semi-Final.

Aquin didn't see action until Wednesday, Feb. 24, as they faced ten-seed Warren in the Regional Semi-Final.

• **CLUB**
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well as expenses to register and travel to the conference.

The next PAS activity is the National PAS Convention held March 15-19 in Kansas City, MO. For more information about the HCC PAS organization, please contact Justin Ebert, agriculture instructor at justin.ebert@highland.edu

Pearl City was issued the six-seed and was favored to win in their Monday opener against Warren, but could not live up to expectations and slipped away following a 40-34 upset loss.

Warren moved to the Wednesday match and a faceoff with Aquin.

The Bulldogs had too much fire power as they rolled out a 56-43 victory and moved into the Friday night Regional Final against the host Warriors.

In the three-point showdown, Kyle Wiene of Scales Mound moved on, after he connected on 9-of-15 attempts.

Also moving on were Isaiah Yeager of Freeport Aquin, who hit 10-of-15 and Logan White of Pearl City and Brendan Duttler of East Dubuque who connected on 11-of-15 tries.

With the Hanover Sectional Semi-Final already underway, with top-seed Brimfield facing the East Dubuque survivor, Freeport Aquin on Tuesday night, March 1, it isn't known if the Regional winner has moved on in the State Tournament.

If Aquin defeats Brimfield, they will play the winner from the second River Ridge Sectional Semi-Final, either Lena-Winslow or Annawan, on Friday night, March 4.

The Winner from the River Ridge Sectional Championship Game will move on to DeKalb for the Northern Illinois University Super Sectional on Tuesday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

The Class 1A State Champion will be crowned at Peoria's Carver Arena on Saturday, March 12.

Lena-Winslow High School to present Damn Yankees musical

LENA — Lena-Winslow High School will present the musical Damn Yankees on March 12 and 13 at 7:30 in the Lena-Winslow Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

The musical is a comedy centered on the lovable losers baseball team, the Washington Senators. The team's dream is to beat the formidable New York Yankees. The play which takes place in the 1950's will have you cheering for an impossible victory and pennant as the team and its players find a place in your heart.

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.

Illinois Governor Rauner vetoes MAP Grant funding

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Governor Rauner, on Friday, vetoed MAP Grant funding for local community colleges and universities.

"The Governor hurt the working poor and local taxpayers today," said Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs. "Last year, we made a promise to

130,000 students and their families that we would help pay for college so they could achieve a better life. I don't know when it became fashionable to not honor a promise." Frerichs said community colleges are funded with local tax dollars.

"This veto ignores our responsibility to local governments, needlessly shifts this burden to local taxpayers and flies in the face of support for local control," Frerichs said. "Yes, our state faces financial challenges. I agree difficult decisions are necessary. But the decision to ignore people who have demonstrated a willingness and ability to help themselves does not reflect my priorities or the values of our great state."

COLLEGE NEWS

Schoenhard named to Northeast Iowa Community College's dean's list

STOCKTON — Mallory Nicole Schoenhard, an Early Childhood student at Northeast Iowa Community College's Peosta campus, was named to the fall 2015 dean's list. Schoenhard lives in Stockton.

Area students named to Dean's List at Rockford University

ROCKFORD — The following students attending Rockford University were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester, earning at least a 3.5 GPA with no grades below "C" and having completed all requirements for the semester.

Anne Westerman of Pecatonica, Amanda Kriebs of Stockton, Ashley Gasparini of Pecatonica, Dana Spoerl of Elizabeth, Andrea Townsend of Ridott, John Miles of Pecatonica, IL

848 graduate from UW-Whitewater

WHITEWATER, WI — The following students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement on Dec. 19, 2015.

German Valley, Ill., -- Whitney Pingel graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in biology

Davis, Ill., -- Rianne Lund graduated magna cum laude with a BBA in marketing

Winter commencement was held in Kachel Fieldhouse where 848 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees from the colleges of Arts and Communication, Business and Economics, Education and Professional Studies, and Letters and Sciences, and the School of Graduate Studies.

The graduating class included 17 international students, 34 military veterans, 169 nontraditional students and 49 self-identified students with disabilities.

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Bustos Meets with White House to promote agricultural trade with Cuba

WASHINGTON — Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) was invited to the White House to discuss the United States' policy towards Cuba. In the meeting with one of President Obama's top national security advisers, Congresswoman Bustos voiced her strong support for increasing agricultural trade to benefit Illinois' agricultural economy.

"It was an honor to be invited to the White House for this discussion, but particularly, I took this as an opportunity to advocate for Illinois' agricultural economy," Congresswoman Bustos said. "It's far past time to change our approach towards Cuba, and I'm fighting to make sure that our region and our farmers are in a position to benefit from mutually beneficial, bilateral trade."

In addition to agricultural trade, the discussion focused on improving the Cuban private sector and increasing opportunities for American businesses; improving human rights; merging Cuban currency; and giving Cubans access to credit to further increase trade.

In October, Congresswoman Bustos participated in a Bipartisan Agricultural Trade Mission to Havana, Cuba, with the Illinois Cuba Working Group and

Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13). To establish new economic opportunities for Illinois farmers, they met with Cuban officials to discuss opportunities to increase our exports to the island nation and strengthen bilateral trade relations.

After the trip, Congresswoman Bustos announced her strong support for the Cuba Agricultural Exports Act. This legislation would repeal restrictions

on export financing for agricultural products, allowing U.S. businesses to provide payment or financing terms for sales of agricultural commodities to Cuba.

According to the Illinois Cuba Working Group, Illinois corn and soy exports to Cuba reached approximately \$66 million in 2008. However, in 2014, it was just \$24 million, a 63% decrease.

• **SENATE**
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willing to unilaterally make the cuts needed to fulfill the constitutional mandate of a balanced budget.

These cuts would extend to all areas of Illinois' budget—except funding for early childhood education and General State Aid to Illinois schools, which the Governor said is his top priority. He stressed during his remarks that fully funding general state aid for education is non-negotiable. Meanwhile, Democrat leadership maintains that Chicago Public Schools should get more money before downstate and suburban schools receive funding.

On Feb. 17, the Governor advocated for historic increases in funding for K-12 Education and Early Childhood Education. If the Governor's proposal for education moves forward, it would be the first time in seven years that General State Aid has been fully funded. Senate Republicans have repeatedly called for full funding of the state's foundation level for schools.

A number of additional reforms comprised what Gov. Rauner said is a part of his comprehensive approach to balancing the state budget. The Governor advocated for savings through changes to the state's procurement system, streamlining government, and criminal justice reforms. The Governor's proposed changes to how the state buys goods and services is expected to save half a billion dollars in the next fiscal year alone.

Gov. Rauner also reinforced his support for a pension reform plan first proposed by Senate President John Cullerton. It's estimated that Illinois taxpayers could see savings in the billions as early as 2017, if this proposal moves forward.

As the state enters its eighth month without a state budget, Rauner underscored during his speech that the unbalanced budgets of the past have cost

taxpayers billions. Billions in revenue have gone to pay the interest on unbalanced bills and borrowing, and many more billions have been lost due to missed opportunities for economic growth and due to businesses and citizens fleeing Illinois.

Lawmakers, Governor advocate for school mandate relief

Noting that every dollar the state can save Illinois schools is one more dollar that can be spent on educating students in the classroom, lawmakers joined the Governor and local school officials in Lombard Feb. 19 to outline proposed legislation that would provide mandate relief for Illinois schools.

House Bill 6164 takes a three pronged approach to reducing costly state mandates on schools—which could save schools \$200 million statewide.

Districts would be able to adopt a policy to allow certain students to be released from mandatory P.E. classes, if the students are taking part in equivalent activities, such as sports. Schools would be required to hold a public hearing before adopting the policy.

Schools would be able to save money on expensive

driver's education training by contracting with private companies that offer driver training curriculum for high school students.

The legislation also makes it easier for school districts to utilize private contractors for services such as cleaning and food preparation, by eliminating current requirements that make it more costly to use outside vendors.

State to review Chicago Public Schools finances

An investigation of Chicago Public Schools' "financial stability" was initiated by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) on Feb. 18, giving CPS until March 4 to provide a number of financial records. ISBE officials expressed hope that the "investigation will identify opportunities for actions to be taken that will improve the financial condition of Chicago Public Schools...and, most importantly, result in fiscal stability."

Chicago schools have asked for a nearly \$500 million state bail-out to cover their current budget shortfall. Senate Republicans have stressed suburban and downstate schools shouldn't be on the hook for the beleaguered Chicago school system, noting

that Chicago schools already benefit from nearly \$600 million in sweetheart deals that no other school district receives.

However, in a recent interview, Senate President Cullerton told WBEZ he doesn't, "think any school should be funded until Chicago schools are funded fairly." Republicans fear legislative Democrats plan to hold hostage funding for downstate and suburban schools in an attempt to bail-out Chicago Public Schools with nearly \$500 million in additional funding.

'Children's Cabinet' to focus on youth education, well-being

Illinois will soon join 17 other states that have established a cabinet to create a strategic vision to help children across the state. An Executive Order was signed Feb. 18 creating the Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth, or the "Children's Cabinet," that will be charged

with streamlining education and youth-related efforts in Illinois.

By bringing together experts in areas of state government with a focus on children, the Children's Cabinet will seek to better consolidate services and programs helping Illinois' youth and families. The Children's Cabinet will work with health and human service providers, early childhood programs, elementary schools, high schools and post-secondary institutions, and seek to facilitate strategic partnerships not only within the public sector, but also with private organizations, to increase efficiency and effectiveness.

The Children's Cabinet is one way the Rauner Administration is working to streamline state government in order to improve the quality of education for Illinois' children, in addition to fully funding state schools and reducing burdensome and costly mandates on Illinois school districts.

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Stockton Police Department report for week ending Feb. 27

STOCKTON — On Feb. 16, at approximately 2:40 a.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the area of the 400 Block of North Main Street in reference to a traffic accident. A milk truck owned by Edwards Trucking had traveled into the parking lane on the east side of the roadway and struck a parked 2008 Pontiac. The 2008 Pontiac was then forced into the yard at 403 North Main Street. The passenger side of the milk truck then struck a tree at 403 North Main Street. The milk truck continued through the yard at 403 North Main Street onto the yard onto 407 North Main Street strik-

ing another tree, a power line, a front porch and shrubbery at 413 North Main Street. The Driver of the milk truck, William E. Edwards, age 25, of 3648 East Woodbine Street, Stockton was issued a citation for Improper Lane Usage. The investigation of the accident and subsequent removal of vehicles and debris took over five hours.

On Feb. 19, at approximately 7:20 p.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department was patrolling within the 100 block of North Main Street when he observed Tyler M. Magee, age 28 of 117 South Main Street, in possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage. Tyler

Magee was issued a citation pursuant to Village Ordinance for being in possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage.

On Feb. 21, at approximately 1 p.m., a female citizen of Stockton came to the Stockton Police Department with a complaint of Electronic Harassment. The text messages indicated the female had been threatened with bodily harm by a male person. The case is under investigation by the Stockton Police Department.

On Feb. 22, at approximately 8:50 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was patrolling south bound on South Main Street near the intersection of South Main and Queen Street when he observed a black 2007 Pontiac four door with expired Illinois registration. During the traffic stop a Jo Daviess County Deputy along with his k-9 part-

ner arrived. Because of suspicious behavior, the Stockton officer requested the assistance of the Deputies k-9 by walking the K-9 around the vehicle. The K-9 alerted on the front driver's side of the vehicle. Found inside the vehicle was marijuana along with paraphernalia used for the inhalation of marijuana. Whitnee A. Jackson, age 29, of 503 North Stockton Street was arrested by the Stockton officer for No Valid Registration, Possession of Cannabis, and Possession of Drug Equipment. Jackson was issued a Notice to Appear and released from custody.

Public Notice From Chief Trost — Because of the new expanded business's within the downtown area, it has come to the attention of the Police Department and the Stockton Village Board of Directors that parking problems exist.

Our Village Ordinance requires that all vehicles parked in the downtown area extends to a two (2) hour parking limit. Starting in March, after this notice has been published the police department will begin periodic chalking of tires to determine if the two hour parking limit is being followed. If you are a business owner or have a downtown apartment, we are asking that you park in one of the village parking lots or move your vehicle every two hours. Citations will be issued for violations of the two hour parking limit. Your cooperation regarding this notice is very much appreciated.

Stockton Chief of Police LaDon Trost would like to remind readers that those persons arrested by the Stockton police department are presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court or courts of law.

Elizabeth police report school bus accident with injuries

ELIZABETH — Chief Scott Toot reports that on Thursday, Feb. 25, the Elizabeth Police Department responded to a traffic accident with injuries.

A westbound West Carroll School District School bus was turning into the Jo Daviess Carroll Vocational Center Parking Lot, 950 US RT 20 West from US Route 20 at approximately 8:12 a.m. The westbound school bus was struck from behind by a westbound 2001 Jeep driven by Kathryn F. Vincent of Freeport.

The school bus was carrying ten students a teacher's aide and the driver. Seven occupants of the school bus were

transported to Midwest Medical Center by the Elizabeth Ambulance for non-life threatening injuries. At this time, all of the persons transported to the hospital have been released.

The driver of the Jeep, Kathryn Vincent was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and Driving after License Revocation. She was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail and lodged in lieu of bail.

Assisting Agencies were the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, Elizabeth Fire Department and Elizabeth Ambulance.

Tomorrow is a new day-Thoughts on community spirit and moving forward

By Randy Baysinger
Stockton Fire Chief

STOCKTON — Where to begin. I have seen a lot in my over 20 years with the Fire Department. I've seen many deaths, I've seen many properties damaged or lost, I've seen people pushed to their limits with their emotions boiling over like toxic oil...I've seen cars become ugly pieces of twisted metal, I've seen small, calm creeks become raging rivers and sweep cars off roads, I've seen parents

cry out their sorrows over their children....I've seen huge lines of cars stranded on snow filled roads, I've seen people beaten by loved ones, I've seen farmer's crops destroyed by weather and fire.....it can get you down after awhile.

Today, I saw something different. I saw a group of men that are used to dropping everything to go help others fighting for their home. I saw firefighters from other towns putting their lives on hold to come to our

house. I saw vendors that are fighting to stay in business in a dog eat dog world come together to offer help. I saw wives, and friends, and churches open their doors with food and shelter. I saw tears from hardened men, I saw hugs, I saw eyes looking at me like I had answers. I saw over 30 voicemails from fire departments, some from over 100 miles away offering help. I saw Facebook messages, I saw texts, I saw community members milling about just wanting to do something. Then I saw something even different... I saw determination. I saw brotherhood. I saw 29 of the best men I ever hope to meet putting together gear donated from 6 other departments. I saw men stocking trucks, one not even ours, determined if the pager went off we would respond. I saw firefighters saying to each other, "we will rebuild, we will be back, this won't get us down". I saw the whole department sit together, not wanting to leave. I heard the pagers go off; I saw this department respond like we always do... I saw the Stockton Fire Department. God bless each and every one of you for your response, your help, your offers of gear, trucks, manpower, food, water, money and shelter. We are still here for you; we will always be here for you. We love what we do, and we do what we love. Good night. Tomorrow is a new day.

This piece originally appeared as a post on Chief Baysinger's Facebook page following Thursday's fire at the Stockton Fire Station.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — I can start the same way this week that I started last week--What a beautiful Saturday we had. The sun is warm; I even opened up the bedroom window to blow some winter out. Sometime this afternoon I am hoping to wash the window on the storm door. I know they predict some snow this next week, but I am counting on it once more going around us. I think we are on the downside of winter. Lent, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter are all on their way. This week's column continues with some last winter recipes and some meatless options for those Friday dinners.

The first recipe is for a really good appetizer. This tasty treat can be used for a St. Patrick's Day dinner or an Easter dinner where you want an easy prelude to the main meal. Enjoy these really good shrimp appetizers at any time.

Shrimp Stuffed Mushrooms

24 large mushrooms
2 T. butter
¼ C. chopped red pepper
2 T. finely chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1 t. Italian seasoning
½ t. salt
3 T. cream cheese
1 C. chopped cooked shrimp
½ C. seasoned bread crumbs
¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
Minced parsley for garnish
Preheat the oven to 350. Remove the stems from mushrooms; chop enough of the stems to measure ¾ cup. Discard remaining stems. Place the mushroom caps in a foil-lined 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking pan, stem side up. Bake 10

minutes.

In a large skillet, heat the butter over medium high heat. Add the pepper, onion, garlic, Italian seasoning, salt, and chopped stems; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until tender. Add the cream cheese and cook and stir until melted. Stir in shrimp and bread crumbs.

Drain the liquid from the caps and fill with the shrimp mixture. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake 15-20 minutes longer or until mushrooms are tender and the filling is heated through. Sprinkle with parsley.

To get us ready for St. Patrick's Day, this next recipe is for a delicious red cabbage side dish. The red wine with the red wine vinegar helps give a special taste to an otherwise boring vegetable. I often put caraway seed in my sauerkraut, so it makes perfect sense to use it in this recipe. Save this for St. Patrick's Day or use it as a side for your favorite pork recipe.

Braised Red Cabbage

2 T. butter
1 small (1 2/3 lbs.) head of red cabbage, cored and thinly sliced

½ t. salt
¼ t. pepper
13 C. water
¼ C. red wine
¼ C. red wine vinegar
2 T. sugar
1 pinch caraway seeds

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook the cabbage with the salt and pepper until it begins to soften, 1-2 minutes. Add the water, wine, and vinegar, stirring to combine. Stir in the sugar and caraway seeds. Continue to cook, stirring until the liquid has evaporated, about 5 minutes. Add up to ¼ cup of water and continue cooking until cabbage is tender but still has texture, about 13 minutes.

The next two recipes feature tuna. The first recipe is for a crunchy tuna salad sandwich. The apple helps make for a great addition to a plain old

tuna sandwich. This sandwich is good enough for a Friday dinner served with tomato soup. The second recipe takes an old standby recipe—tuna and noodles, and it gives it new life. The cheese and the panko bread crumbs give the topping a great crunch topping with just the hint of cheese. Enjoy this old favorite not just during Lent, but for an economical meal any time.

Apple Tuna Sandwiches

1/3 C. mayonnaise
¼ C. finely chopped celery
¼ C. finely chopped walnuts or pecans
2 T. finely chopped onion
1 T. sweet pickle relish
1 t. sugar
¼ t. salt
1 can (6 oz.) water packed tuna, drained
½ C. chopped red apple
6 slices whole wheat or oatmeal bread
6 lettuce leaves

In a large bowl, combine mayo, celery, nuts, onion, relish, sugar, and salt. Stir in the tuna and apple gently. Spread ½ cup of tuna mixture on three slices of bread. Top with lettuce and remaining bread.

Tuna Noodle Casserole

6 oz. wide egg noodles
2 T. unsalted butter
6 green onions, finely chopped
3 stalks of celery, thinly sliced
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
1 C. frozen peas and carrots
1 T. Dijon mustard
½ C. sour cream
¾ C. shredded low-fat Monterey jack cheese
1 can (5 oz.) water-packed tuna, drained and flaked
½ C. panko breadcrumbs

½ t. parsley

Preheat the oven to 400. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the noodles and cook as the label directs. Reserve ½ cup cooking water and drain the rest of the noodles and return to the pot.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onions and sliced celery. Cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 2 minutes. Add the evaporated milk, ½ teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon of pepper. Stir in peas and carrots and mustard. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium low. Cook stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, 2-3 minutes. Pour the sauce over the noodles; stir in sour cream, ½ cup cheese, tuna, and reserved cooking water. Transfer to a 1½ quart baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Melt the remaining tablespoon of butter. Toss with the panko, 2 tablespoons of parsley and remaining ¼ cup of cheese; season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle over the casserole. Bake until golden 15-20 minutes.

For those meat lovers, this next recipe is a good one for a baked skillet dinner. If you don't want the spice in the recipe, just use regular diced tomatoes. If you have a cast iron skillet fry pan, this pan would be great for this recipe. If you aren't a cilantro lover, use chopped Italian parsley instead.

Fiesta Beef and Cheese Skillet Cobbler

1 lb. ground beef
1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can(14 ½ oz.) diced tomatoes with mild green chilies

1 can (10 oz.) enchilada sauce

1 t. ground cumin
4 T. chopped fresh cilantro, divided
1½ C. Bisquick
1½ C. shredded Colby-Monterrey Jack cheese, divided
4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

2/3 C. milk
1 large egg, lightly beaten
Preheat the oven to 400. In a large oven-proof skillet, cook the beef over medium heat 5 minutes or until no longer pink, breaking into crumbles; drain the liquid from the meat. Stir in beans, tomatoes, enchilada sauce and cumin; bring mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in 2 tablespoons of cilantro.

In a bowl, mix the Bisquick, ½ cup cheese, crumbled bacon and remaining cilantro. Add milk and beaten egg; stir to make soft dough. Spoon over the beef mixture.

Bake, uncovered, 13-15 minutes or until golden brown. Sprinkle with remaining cheese; bake 2-3 minutes or until cheese is melted.

This next recipe is an easy way to make tiramisu, that great Italian dessert. If you remember, tiramisu has a cof-

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Lena-Winslow stands alone! Claims Regional Crown

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

DAKOTA — The teams are falling, as the 2016 Class 1A Boys' Basketball State Championship Tournament begins doing what it does, eliminates the weak.

Lena-Winslow has been doing a lot of the eliminating, recently.

From the NUIC, teams battled at two locations, as the Boys' Class 2A State Basketball Tournament tipped off with Regional play.

In Dakota, eleven-seed Pecatonica knocked off the eight-seed and host, Dakota Indians, 56-47, in the opener on Monday, Feb. 22.

On Tuesday night, four-seed Galena eliminated Durand, 67-50 and five-seed Lena-Winslow defeated twelve-seed Orangeville, 66-45.

For Galena, in their Semi-Final win, Nic Bingham scored 18 points with Dalton Bauer adding 16.

Durand was led by Adam Lake who scored 13 points. Reece Palmer scored eleven in the season finale for Durand.

In their Regional Semi-Final win, Lena-Winslow was led by Tony Knoup who scored 20 points. Joe Robinson added 14.

Orangeville was topped by Austin Guy who scored 18 points with Caden Getz contributing nine.

Galena and Lena-Winslow moved onto the Dakota Regional Semi-Final for a face-off on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

In the end, the five-seed pulled off the upset and sent the Pirates packing, with a 68-32 win.

The Panthers moved on to the Dakota Class 1A Regional Championship game where they faced the number one seed, River Ridge.

When the IHSA Selection Committee met, a little over two weeks ago, Hanover-River Ridge was issued the top spot.

They were chosen to have the best chance to win out of the Regional.

That meant, River Ridge would get a chance to play for the Sectional Crown on their home floor, since the tournament moved on to Hanover on Monday, Feb. 29.

However, someone seems to

have misinformed Lena-Winslow of their expectations.

Outside of winning their opening round match against the twelve-seed Orangeville Broncos, the IHSA Selection Committee felt Galena would be better.

They were wrong.

In the Regional Championship, River Ridge was waiting.

They had defeated Pecatonica two nights earlier in their own Semi-Final match, 46-39.

The finals featured number-one seed River Ridge and five-seed Lena-Winslow

With a stand-full of fans, the stage opened as the Panthers began pressing and pushing the ball up the court.

Lena-Winslow confounded the River Ridge offense as they shut down chance-after-chance and nailed their defensive plan to the result of a 66-45 Dakota Regional Championship Title.

Tony Knoup scored 28 points for Lena-Winslow with Joe Robinson adding 13 and Michael Packard hitting twelve.

River Ridge was piloted by Timmy Streight, Trey Thomas and Konnor Kiley, who scored nine each.

With the win Lena-Winslow moved on to River Ridge High School for the Hanover Sectional Semi-Final for a match with the Annawan Braves.

Annawan advanced to River Ridge following their Forreton Regional Championship win over Kewanee Wethersfield, 55-41.

If Lena-Winslow defeats Annawan in their Wednesday night match, they will play for the River Ridge Sectional Title against either top-seed Brim-

field or three-seed Freeport Aquin.

The River Ridge upper bracket contest was played on Tuesday, March 1.

In the Three-Point Shot Competition, Ben Robins from Durand advanced, following his 11-15 performance.

Lucas Albrecht of River Ridge shot ten of 15, with Peyton Elliot and Nolan Blassingham of Pecatonica moving on, after they connected on nine of 15 tries.

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fee flavor to it. Instead of the traditional lady fingers, this recipe uses vanilla wafers. The cream cheese and the sour cream with the eggs make for a creamy tiramisu dessert. Just remember it isn't something you can make in the afternoon and serve at night. It does need a significant amount of time for refrigeration.

Tiramisu Cheesecake Dessert

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) vanilla wafers
- 5 t. instant coffee granules, divided
- 2 T. hot water, divided
- 4 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. sour cream
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 C. whipped topping
- 1 T. baking cocoa

Preheat the oven to 325. Layer half of the wafers in a greased 9 x 13 pan. In a bowl, dissolve 2 teaspoons of the coffee granules in 2 tablespoons of hot water; brush 1 tablespoon of this mixture over the wafers. Set the other coffee mixture to the side.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Beat in sour cream. Add the eggs; beat on low speed just until blended. Remove half of the filling to another bowl. Dissolve remaining coffee granules in remaining hot water; stir into one portion of the filling. Spread over the wafers.

Layer remaining wafers

over the top and brush with the remaining dissolved coffee granules that has been set aside. Top with remaining filling.

Bake 40-45 minutes or until the center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack 10 minutes. Loosen the sides from the dish with a knife. Cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight, covering when completely cooled. Serve by spreading the whipped topping over the tiramisu; Dust with the cocoa.

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team on winning the first regional in fifteen years—it has been a long time coming. When we started the season, I scored a really bad game for the Panthers—now that team that beat them so badly isn't playing any more. Our team kept improving, and they were fun to watch as they all grew together. Here is hoping that they do well in the River Ridge Sectional next week. Musical practice is going into the last stressful two weeks. I am hot and cold at this time—it is exciting but scary. I guess you know what I will be doing the next two weeks. Time flies when you are on a deadline! Next week we will start with some St. Patrick's Day recipes. We will continue to look for recipes for Lent and for Easter, which is less than a month 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@rvpublishing.com.

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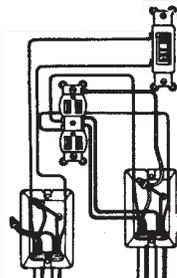
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Phone scammers posing as IRS officials attempt to con residents

STATELINE — In response to a recent increase in consumer complaints, Attorney General Lisa Madigan today alerted Illinois residents to a renewed phone scam in which callers pose as Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials in an attempt to scare people into sending money to pay for allegedly unpaid taxes.

Madigan's office is seeing an increase in these complaints to her office from residents throughout the state, in particular from older people. Consumers report being contacted by scammers pretending to be IRS officials who leave threatening messages that include a number for consumers to call in order to avoid lawsuits or prosecution.

Scammers also "spoof" phone numbers, causing caller ID devices to display what appears to be a legitimate call from the IRS, with identifiers such as "IRS" or the (202) area code for Washington, D.C. The scam artists claim they are representatives of the federal government collecting on unpaid taxes and leave threatening messages or instruct their targets to make a payment to them through a prepaid debit card.

"It is critical to know that the IRS does not call and tell people they are under investigation or that they owe money," Madigan said. "If you receive a call like this, even if your caller ID shows what appears to be a legitimate name or number, hang up immediately."

Madigan also encouraged consumers to report the call by contacting the IRS or the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) website (www.irs.gov/uac) Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft) or by calling 1-800-366-4484. She also urged Illinois residents to report the scam to her Consumer Fraud Bureau at 1-800-386-5438 (Chicago), 1-800-243-0618 (Springfield), 1-800-243-0607 (Carbondale) or 1-866-310-8398 (Spanish), or by visiting her website. The Attorney General also provides a Senior Citizens Consumer Fraud Hotline: 1-800-243-5377.

With tax season underway, Madigan said consumers should also be aware of an increasing number of reports of tax-related identity theft. Since 2013, tax identity theft complaints to Madigan's office have

risen dramatically by over 320 percent – from 138 complaints in 2013 to 582 complaints in 2015. Consumers reported that when they attempted to file their tax return, a return was already filed in their names using their social security number, and a tax refund was issued. Other consumers reported that their dependents had already been claimed on another return.

Madigan said the number one step consumers can take to combat tax related identity theft is to file their returns as soon as possible. Madigan offered additional tips for consumers to avoid becoming the victim of tax-related identity theft:

The IRS does NOT initiate contact with taxpayers to request personal or financial information through any form of electronic communication, including email, text messages and social media channels;

Do not open or reply to any emails claiming to be from the IRS that contain a request for personal information;

Request a call back number and employee badge number from anyone claiming to be an IRS agent so that you may independently confirm the phone

number and agent;

Report any suspicious IRS electronic correspondence to phishing@irs.gov;

Report any IRS telephone impersonation scams or suspicious IRS paper mail or fax correspondence to the TIGTA Hotline at 1-800-366-4484; and

Contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at 1 (800) 908-4490 or visit the IRS' website to report tax-related identity theft: www.irs.gov/uac/Taxpayer-Guide-to-Identity-Theft.

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GALENA, ILLINOIS

CIT BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,

-v.-

SHARON K. ORTH, et al

Defendant

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visions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-15-13058. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-15-13058 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 15 CH 00043 TJSC#: 35-18377 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1684194

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4-H Camp changes lives for the better!

STATELINE — Still looking for a fun and safe activity for your child this summer? Sign up today for 4-H Camp '16 at Camp Benson located in Mt. Carroll, IL. Camp will begin on Monday, June 13 and will end Friday, June 17. Register before March 1 to lock in your week at the cost of \$245. After March 1 the price goes up to \$260. Camp is open to all youth who are 8-14 years old by June 13, 2016. 4-H membership is not required.

4-H Camp is a five-day, four-night residential camping experience that is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Dekalb, Winnebago, Boone, Stephenson, Ogle, and Jo Daviess Counties and the professional staff at Camp Benson. Campers will engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate, and entertain.

These fun and exciting activities are offered daily and will include options such as: swimming, hiking, nature study, rock climbing, arts and crafts, archery, canoeing, field games, crate stacking, teambuilding challenges, camping skills, scavenger hunts, tubing, and kayaking along the Waukarusa River. Evening activities will be provided by the teen 4-H camp counselors from the co-sponsoring counties and include



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4-H Camp Benson Counselors Kurt Rodriguez of Freeport and Jared Lee of Davis make friendship bracelets.

campfires, a dance, and one night of friendly competition.

4-H Camp offers youth the perfect blend of social, recreational, and leadership activities in an environment where the bar is set high when it comes to safety, caring, fun, and experiences for campers. "4-H Camp changes a child's life," said Jodi Baumgartner, Program Coordinator for 4-H Youth and Development in Ogle County. "Five days and four nights without their parents is a true growth experience. Youth learn to do things for themselves that mom

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To learn more about 4-H Camp '16 or secure an application, call University of Illinois Extension – Jo Daviess County at 815.858.2273, Ogle County at 815.732.2191, Stephenson County at 815.235.4125, or Winnebago County at 815.986.4357. You can also register and pay by visiting <http://go.illinois.edu/4HCamp>.

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