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Stockton High School Servant Leadership sets the table for student nutrition

By Tony Carton
Editor

STOCKTON — Upon recognizing a direct link between nutrition and academic performance, members of the Highland Community College Servant Leadership-Stockton Chapter devised and implemented a program that supplies fellow students with supplementary meals and snacks to carry them through the weekend, back to school and ready to learn on Monday morning.

The kids dubbed their project Stockton Nutritional Outreach Works or SNOW and it provides the elements of a healthy diet for any student in the Stockton School District, so that depending on availability, a participating student may receive anything from the ingredients necessary for the creation of wholesome casseroles to cans of soup to fresh produce to cereals to protein bars and more.

Stockton High School Servant Leadership co-mentor Laurie Zueger said they originally tried to begin the program a year ago, but met with resistance.

“It didn’t fly and there were just too many obstacles,” Zueger said. “We still don’t have all the wrinkles ironed out. It’s a learning process, but we’ve got a lot of people behind us now.”

Stockton Police Officer Don Powers was at a recent Servant Leadership meeting to present a check in support of SNOW.

“When the project first started my daughter had to run down to the food pantry and I helped her packing bags,” said Powers. “As soon as I found out how much that cost I started making calls to raise some



Tony Carton photo

Stockton police officer Don Powers presents the members of the Stockton Chapter of Highland Community College Servant Leadership with a check supporting SNOW, a nutritional outreach program created and operated by the chapter’s membership.

money because SNOW is a great program.”

The Stockton Police Department Union, Teamsters Local 722 is continuing to help and Powers is in the process of applying for a grant that will further fund the project.

“Our Servant Leaders originally intended to collaborate on the project with the Stockton food pantry, but when we realized our goals exceeded the food pantry’s capabilities we knew we’d have to undertake more food drives and fundraisers in addition to our other community service projects,” said Servant Leadership co-mentor Cindy Carton. “When

we approached other community organizations for help, they were happy to be a part of it and were willing to take some of the pressure off of the kids.”

That approach created a SNOWball effect.

“The Stockton Lions and the Stockton Police Union have already come forward with sizeable donations and an avalanche of support is just beginning,” said Carton.

Feedback from the school says the program is already showing positive results.

“SNOW has only been in place for about six weeks, but the teachers are already noticing a difference in the performance and energy levels of the students involved,” Zueger said. “We knew, but the feedback verifies a nutritionally correct weekend makes a difference.”

Zueger, a substitute at the Stockton Elementary School cafeteria, shared her observations of a need often hidden from public view.

“We’ve seen kids that are trying to make a sandwich and put it in their pocket to take home, and it shouldn’t happen,” she said. “It should never happen. You wouldn’t think it would happen in a small town and you wouldn’t think we have homeless people either, but we do and it’s heartbreaking. This is a country where you have millionaires and you have people living out of dumpsters.”

Rene Powers, a Stockton senior and a member of the Servant Leadership organization said after nearly a year of circumnavigating obstacles the SNOW project finally took off when they approached the school’s social worker Cory Walters.

“All the participants are anonymous,” she said. “We don’t know who they are, but from Mr. Walters we know the number of family members and if there are food allergies or if there are specific food favorites like a certain snack or meal. We want them to have things they like so they will eat.”

She said they are learning how important nutrition is to daily performance.

“We’re not even a full month into the program and teachers are coming to us saying the kids are doing better in school,” said Powers. “We just know the kids are happier and doing better and that’s all that matters.”

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First place tie at Elizabeth Historical Society's trivia challenge

ELIZABETH — On Saturday, March 12, the Elizabeth Historical Society's Trivia Challenge ended in a first-place tie for the first time in its fourteen year history. The tie was broken by a coin toss, as the two teams had equal scores both in the overall score and in the tie-break round. First-place prizes were awarded to Breanne Ertmer, Jack Fisher, Yung Moon and Bob Petersen, who correctly called "heads" in the coin toss, and second-place prizes were claimed by Chris Allendorf, Dianne Allendorf, Michael Dittmar and Jonna Dittmar.

All proceeds from the event will be used for the Elizabeth Historical Society's ongoing operation of the Elizabeth History Museum and the restoration and operation of the Chicago Great Western Depot Museum located in Elizabeth.

Historical Society member Kevin Ertmer emceed the event, while several other members and volunteers assisted with the fundraiser. The Derinda Lutheran Church Women and many members and friends of the Historical Society furnished homemade appetizers and desserts for the participants. Over seventy contestants received prizes totaling over \$900 donated by tri-state businesses.

The Trivia Challenge is an annual event and the Elizabeth Historical Society is happy to welcome new contestants in upcoming challenges. A list of categories and sample questions is provided for you to test your knowledge. If you missed out on the event, but think you could be a con-



Courtesy photo

The team of Breanne Ertmer, Bob Petersen, Jack Fisher and Yung Moon took first place in the 2016 Elizabeth trivia challenge.

tender, here is one question from each corresponding category—"Vo"cabulary, Most Populated City by State, On the Wheaties Box, What Does Your Garden Grow?, The Main Non-Alcoholic Ingredient, Airport Codes, Television "Pop" Quiz, State of the Book and Which Came First?:

The 2016 Trivia Challenge Top Ten:

First place: Breanne Ertmer, Jack Fisher, Yung Moon and Bob Petersen

Tie with Chris Allendorf, Dianne Allendorf, Michael Dittmar and Jonna Dittmar

Third place: Ron Babcock, Jim Durrant, Ed Ersfeldt, and Howard McCarty

Fourth place: Ann Coppernoll, Garrett Farni, Deb Huso

and Karen Sirgany

Fifth place: Dan Gunning, Lisa Gunning, Mike Hyland and Deb Hyland

Sixth place: Meggie Berning, Ben Jenkins, Ron and Tracy Jenkins

Seventh place: Phil Crome, Ken Tucker, Sally Tucker and Jeff Werner

Eighth place: Jim Curtis, Fran Peterson, Ken Rudd and Nancy Willet

Ninth place: Jacob Ambrosia, Todd Birkel, Ethan Lartz and Nic Ries

Tenth place: Tricia Schumacher, Derek Volling, Michelle Volling and Marvin Wurster

All prizes awarded to contestants are gift certificates donated by the following local businesses:

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Garage, E- Town Coffee & Cork, Hoskins Building Center, Illinois Bank & Trust-Elizabeth Banking Center, Jug's Main Street Tap, Palmer Automotive Specialties, Robert Dittmar- Country Financial, Small Town Saloon, Three Sisters Sweet Shoppe, Village Treasures and The Welcome Inn.

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Many thanks to the contestants, volunteers and sponsors who graciously support The Elizabeth Historical Society and the Trivia Challenge.



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HCC Lady Cougars end 2016 season at national tournament

By **Chris Johnson**
Reporter

LUBBOCK, TX — The mere fact that the Highland Lady Cougars advanced to the 2016 NJCAA Division One Tournament, shows how well things came together this season for the squad from Freeport.

With an invitation to play in the National Championship Tournament in Lubbock, Texas, Highland fell in the opening round 77-56, ending their season with a 22-11 mark.

Midland, with a record of 27-6, found a way to contain the potent Lady Cougars offense.

Only three players with Highland reached double-digit scoring.

Marissa Mandeldove led the way with 16 points. Adrianna Eaton added 13 and Alysha Justice chipped in ten for Highland.

Midland took control early, in their Division One contest, as they scored 24 points in the opening minutes.

Highland was held to 18, down six, heading into the second period.

As the tournament began, each team was issued a

seed, by the Placement Committee.

Midland was given the nine seed. Highland received the 24 seed, the lowest seed in the tournament.

The Committee didn't feel Highland could advance. This time, the statistics proved accurate.

After entering the second quarter down by six, the Lady Cougars struggled, as they tried to keep pace with Midland.

They were unable to, as they scored eleven points in the period.

Midland added 18 and at the half, held the 42-29 lead.

A consistent third period allowed Highland to keep pace with the nine-seed, as each squad scored 13 points.

Midland maintained their 13-point lead, heading into the final period.

With solid free throw shooting down the stretch and a staunch defense, Midland held Highland back, at a comfortable distance, as they allowed the Lady Cougars 14 points in the final frame.

Midland scored 22 and took the night, 77-56, pushing them on in the Division One Tournament.

Daranesha Smith scored eight points for Highland in the loss, with Gokce Aslan adding three.

The final scoring on the night, for Highland, was done by Courtney Walker and Miranda Grisham, who scored two points each. Rachel Streight was 1-2 from the free throw line.

With the win, Midland moved on in the National Championship Tournament, where they faced eight-seed Walters State in the second round.

The eight-seed defeated Midland and advanced to the Regional Semi-Final, where they lost to the 2016 NJCAA Division One Champion, Gulf Coast State.

Highland ended the season with a respectable 21-11 record and a trip to the NJCAA Division One Championship Tournament at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Athletes at Highland now prepare for the spring sports season and graduation to follow, as many of the students on this year's court consider life after Junior College.

Quote of the week

To the man who only has a hammer, everything he encounters begins to look like a nail.

-Abraham Maslow

Lena-Winslow Panthers fall to the Rockford Lutheran Crusaders

By **Chris Johnson**
Reporter

LENA — The baseball fields across northern Illinois are being prepped, as the calendar turns into the spring season.

For the Lena-Winslow Panthers, a delay to the season may have been preferred.

On Thursday, March 17, the Panthers fell to the Rockford Lutheran Crusaders 28-0.

The five-inning shortened contest kicked off 2016 for

Lena-Winslow.

The Panthers, during the regular season, are expected to have their hands full, as they work through the rigorous NUIC schedule.

With games against area powerhouses, Pearl City, Oregon, Byron and Dakota, the schedule will be difficult.

With the first game of the season out of the way, the Panthers look forward to a busy schedule, including back-to-back and probably weather-re-

lated, double-header series, throughout the season.

On Monday, March 21 the Panthers take on Byron, as part of their NUIC non-conference schedule.

Beginning this Tuesday, March 22, the NUIC schedule opens for the Panthers as they travel to Lanark to face Eastland.

Two days later, Eastland visits Lena-Winslow for a Thursday matinee, with game play beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Following the opening week, Lena-Winslow prepares for back-to-back games against Pearl City, a cross-conference showdown with the South

Beloit Sobos and then back into NUIC action with a home and away series with Scales Mound, beginning Monday, April 4.

Rising From the Ashes benefit spaghetti luncheon scheduled in Stockton

STOCKTON — Rising from the Ashes is a spaghetti luncheon scheduled for April 3, at the Stockton High School from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. benefiting the Stockton Fire Department.

There will be silent and live auctions and a gun raffle for a Henry Firefighter Tribute

Edition Golden Boy Rifle following the luncheon. Donation items are encouraged. Call Lisa at 815-990-4605 for donation drop off.

Tickets will be available at the door as well as at Coxy's, Red's Liquor, Bottle Shed, Corner Tap, Stockton Hardware and NAPA.

U of I Extension to host 4-H leadership retreat

STATELINE — What makes you Smart? Do you have skills that enable you to work well with others? Maybe you have skills that allow you to be a talented musical performer or an excellent athlete? Area youth are invited to learn about their smart personality strengths, preferred learning styles and develop their team work skills at the 4-H Leadership Retreat. University of Illinois Extension will be offering an overnight retreat for youth to learn about working in groups, understanding others, and upcoming opportunities to fur-

ther develop their skills. Sessions will include team building, hands-on activities and fun!

Junior and Senior High youth are invited to participate in the Leadership Retreat Friday, April 8 through Saturday, April 9. The event will be held at Camp McCormick in Stillman Valley. Sessions will start at 5 Friday and finish at 12 noon on Saturday. Cost for the retreat is \$30 and includes overnight lodging and meals. Register on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/clw or call 815-244-9444 by Friday, March 25.

Thank you Scales Mound community and friends

SCALES MOUND — On Saturday, Feb. 20, Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 held its annual FFA Auction to support the school's chapter of FFA. This auction is an important source of funding for the activities our students are involved in through our agricultural science programs, the local and state FFA program, and our students' participation in the National FFA Conference. Once again this year, Scales Mound families and community members came out to make this event an outstand-

ing time for all. Items from cookies and cupcakes to agricultural supplies were donated for the auction. The generosity of those who donated items was overwhelming and truly appreciated. I want to thank our FFA sponsor Mrs. Lisa Oellerich for hosting and being the master of ceremonies for the evening and for all of her hard work organizing the event. Thank you to the FFA Alumni Organization for the wonderful dinner they provided. I also want to thank all of the families, grandparents, relatives, and friends of FFA for

coming out to this event. Your support of our FFA students was truly spectacular and very much appreciated. Finally, I want to thank our FFA students for the time they spend participating, organizing, and enjoying the activities of this organization. This evening was a true example of the investment we make in our school community and our students' future.

Sincerely,
Dr. Bill Caron
Superintendent
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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE — The 2016 primary election is one for the record books. Across the 89th District, individual precincts, city wards, and entire counties reported record early voter turnout and record voter turnout for a primary election. I'm excited and reinvigorated by the enthusiasm expressed for our local and national elections. I hope the trend of increased voter participation and involvement in our local elections continues.

I'd also like to express my humble gratitude for receiving 17,396 votes across the 89th District. By comparison, in the 2014 primary, I garnered 11,834 votes of your trust. The political guys tell me by increasing your vote totals by 47% percent in 2 years means we're doing something right. This is a "we," because you and I talk weekly, and then I take your ideas to Springfield; and frankly, our common sense approach has been resonating down there. Your ideas are a reflection of the weekly column, and I appreciate the communication; however, this week



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I want to set the ground for a debate — one to further occur on social media this week - about convictions and compromise.

One aspect of politics that I loathe, and I'd like to expound upon today, is the ubiquitous notion we must agree with our leaders 100 percent of the time. In the current political climate, everyone has a sand box and the moment we don't agree on who gets the bucket, we run back to our sandboxes and pout. What happened to the time when we found out what we disagreed upon, and then started to build consensus for compromise? Too often, I hear wings of each respective party condemn their own for compromising. When people refuse to compromise, I can tell you, Dorothy, you're not in Kansas, anymore - you're in

Illinois.

Compromise, negotiation, and conviction are as fundamental to democracy as voting. Once we've selected our leaders - remember, these people represent our businesses, our farms, and our voice in government - they are supposed to work on our behalf. Since you've realized there is no yellow-brick road, I don't have to tell you that the compromise and the work part aren't being accomplished in Springfield this week or this past month for that matter. However, Illinois is clinging to this desperate impression that our convictions of yesteryear are fitting for today.

Government doesn't and shouldn't always run like a business. Business by nature is a for-profit venture in our capitalist society, and the government shouldn't be turning a profit on taxpayers. However, one aspect where it could take a lesson from business is in the field of innovation. I guess you can ask the first blimp makers if they thought airplanes were going to rival their transporta-

tion, or how Kodak feels about the rise of the digital camera. Innovate or stagnate.

This is where in Illinois things get asinine. This past week, Republican Senators called for fully funding the state schools, without proration. Illinois, around two decades ago, passed legislation that funds public schools largely on property taxes. The State collects the taxes and disburses the funds back to the schools. This process occurs every year, but for the at least the last 7 years they've pulled a bait-and-switch by "prorating," which is a legal jargon for cutting or reducing, the funding to each school district. The process is awful and a reflection of bad policy. Anyway, the Senate Democrats countered with the notion that we must reform the school funding formula before providing the cash. In other words, reform before a budget.

The art of compromise and negotiation is politically polarizing because some faction always feels like they have to compromise on their principles. Depending on the perspective,

it's either bipartisan cooperation or selling out your constituency, and each side comes up with their talking points. This week in Illinois politics we saw a complete flip-flop. Last year Republicans called for reforms before a budget. Each week, the Governor continually reduced the reforms left on the table. I believe we're left with nearly a half-dozen from 30+ reform ideas. This week the Senate Democrats want reform before school funding. Wowzers! Illinois politics would be fascinating to watch...if we were in Kansas, Dorothy.

Our problems are bigger than today. They stem from yesterday, and we passed the buck instead. To solve the issues going forward, I am reminded of a quote by Albert Einstein, "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them".

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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

March 7-11

SPRINGFIELD — Efforts to adequately fund universities, community colleges and student financial aid stalled during the week as Speaker Michael Madigan adjourned the House of Representatives for 30 days, forcing the higher education community to wait until April for further action.

The Senate remained in session, continuing its committee process where it reviewed dozens of pieces of legislation, heard a report by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) about its progress under the Rauner Administration, heard budget requests by state education agencies, and talked about budget alternatives offered by Gov. Bruce Rauner during his Budget Address in February.

Speaker Madigan takes a vacation

Senate Republicans voiced their concerns about the House's month-long break and called for the Speaker to call the House back to Springfield, emphasizing the importance for both chambers to be present, engaged and active in solving

Illinois' ongoing budget crisis.

Despite the opposition of House Republicans and the criticism of Senate Republicans, the House adjourned on March 3 and is not scheduled to reconvene until April 4.

DCFS making improvements under Rauner Administration

DCFS Director George Sheldon painted an encouraging picture during the Appropriations I Committee on March 8.

Appointed more than a year ago by Gov. Rauner, Director Sheldon said DCFS has been working on its biggest challenges, including a "revolving door" of directors, a breakdown in completion and accuracy of paperwork that resulted in the loss of millions in federal funding, reports of abuse at state residential centers, and the department's inability to properly account for a number of missing children.

Director Sheldon reported that DCFS has worked over the past six months to properly file and process paperwork, resulting in the Department receiving an additional \$21.5 million in federal funds for Fiscal Year 2016.

DCFS also submitted plans to improve residential centers across the state, including unannounced site visits and enhanced monitoring, reporting, and oversight of facilities, staff, and procedures to ensure more effective communication, safety, and transparency.

DCFS has also partnered with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to create a cross-agency unit of Sheriff's officers and child welfare specialists to work jointly on recovering missing children in Cook County.

Universities caution lawmakers, call for budget resolution

Education agencies like the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and a number of state universities came before the Appropriations II Committee March 10 to present their Fiscal Year 2017 budget requests.

The State Board appealed to lawmakers to fully fund Illinois' education Foundation Levels, which the state has intentionally underfunded for years, resulting in proration.

Gov. Rauner has made K-12

funding a top priority, pushing to fully fund the Foundation Levels for the first time in seven years. Senate Republicans continue to express concern that Democrat lawmakers will continue to hold education funding hostage in order to bail out CPS, as previously indicated by Senate President John Cullerton.

Eastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University and Western Illinois University cautioned lawmakers that the higher education system cannot withstand the ongoing budget impasse. Citing loss of students, employee layoffs, decrease in governmental trust, and additional financial burdens, representatives of the universities warned that schools are suffering from being forced to operate without state aid and support.

Republican lawmakers have worked to find a compromise to fund higher education and have stressed that there are a number of available alternatives on the table that would provide money to help fund Illinois' higher education system. However, efforts to move that legis-

lation have been rebuffed by the legislative majority who would rather push for empty promises that the state cannot afford.

Executive Committee debates Unbalanced Budget Response Act

On March 9, the Executive Committee held a hearing on the Unbalanced Budget Response Act (UBRA). Leader Christine Radogno made it clear in committee that UBRA was the less preferable of the two routes to a state budget laid out by Gov. Rauner in his budget address last month, emphasizing the need for compromise and bipartisan cooperation.

During his Feb. 17 Budget Address, Gov. Rauner laid out two paths to a balanced budget. "Path A" is the preferred option and requires legislators to come together in a bipartisan way to pass reforms and a balanced budget. If Senate President John Cullerton and Speaker Madigan continue to refuse to come to the table to negotiate reforms and a budget, then "Path B" would give Gov. Rauner the authority and tools to free up state funds to patch budget holes for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

ON THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

Betty Arlene (Jones) Blocher

LENA — Betty Arlene (Jones) Blocher, 92, was born on January 21, 1924 in Fayetteville, PA.

She passed into her heavenly reward on March 13, 2016. She was a resident of Lena Living Center for the past six years. Her parents were Fred and Fannie Mae (Stoner) Jones of Fayetteville. She was educated in Fayetteville schools. Betty married Grayson Vertis Blocher on September 29, 1942 in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Betty loved babysitting for her grandchildren and was unbelievably proficient at crocheting. She and Grayson were long-time members of Lena United Methodist Church. Her brothers nicknamed her "Oot" and she was a very robust person who was the cemetery caretaker at Salem United Church of Christ for many years. Out in the country, local varmints were in trouble around her as she was an excellent shot with small caliber rifles. Betty loved playing euchre and making peanut brittle at Christmas.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita WyVonne Wells; son-in-law Robert Bing Wells; grandchildren: Brooke Ellen (Wells) Brakebill of Peoria, Illinois, Robert Brent Wells (Kelly) of Sun Prairie, WI as well as great-grandchildren: Kira and Jenna Thomas of Peoria and Caleb and Abby Wells of Sun Prairie, WI and many nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania. Also, Special friends Floyd and Barb Baker of Freepport and Faye and Darryl Wybourn of Waddams Grove.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 12, 2008 as well as her parents, four brothers: George, Wilbur (Peachy), Merville and Charles Jones all of Pennsylvania and one sister, Esta (Frank) Barnard of Forreston.

Visitation and services were March 18, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Pastor Brian LeBaron officiated. Burial was in Lena Burial Park. A memorial has been established in her memory.



Brian Garwood Rex

STOCKTON — Brian Garwood Rex, 71, of Stockton, passed away Sunday March 6. Brian was born in Mansfield, Ohio to Martin and Bertha Rex on May 31, 1944. As a youngster he proudly achieved rank of Eagle Scout and continued to foster a lifetime of loyalty to the Boy Scouts of America. He went to high school in Winnetka, IL and graduated in 1962. He went on to earn a B.A. in Literature from Hanover College in Hanover, IN.

Brian had many talents and has held numerous job titles throughout his lifetime. His passion for antiques and his extensive knowledge of antiquities allowed him to accrue many friends around the country. He owned and operated Random Harvest Antiques of Richmond, IL for enough years to become the wild haired shop keep adorned in apron and specs, permeating the sweet scent of sawdust and cigar smoke, and willing to pull out the treasure you were looking for only if he liked the cut of your jib. The secret to his success was spending most of his time selling his wares and diligently acquiring more. As he closed in on retirement he made his way to Stockton to pursue leisurely activities.

He was able to spend time with his two first loves; play writing and poetry. He recently wrote a theatrical comedy that included the personalities of many of his Stockton friends and acquaintances, which he submitted for publication, so make sure to be watchful for your unconsenting likeness on a Broadway stage near you! He excelled at tinkering and mastered the ambivalent art of looking busy. He loved long

walks on sunny days and was a self-taught master chef who included arugula in most of his dishes. He often made his world famous goat milk fudge to share with any willing takers. He had a keen sense for fashion as well as a love for doughnuts of any variety, particularly creme filled long johns. He considered napping a privilege as well as a pastime. He was extremely well educated, he was blessed with metromania, verbomania, bibliomania, and graphomania tendencies, a genius bordering on madness, enabling him to use and abuse the English language, both to his advantage. He enchanted and frustrated his friends with his unique Brian style and charm. He had an extensive knowledge of the bible and biblical times. He enjoyed powerful prayers and prayed with passion. He loved and was loved.

Brian is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Bertha Rex. Brian is survived by his sister Brownyn Moore.

Memorial service will be held on April 2 at 1 p.m. at Wesley UMC in Stockton, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established.

Katherine A. Bramlett

ORANGEVILLE — Katherine A. Bramlett, 65 of Orangeville passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at her home. She was born on August 19, 1950 to Roy and Ethel (Reynolds) Babb in Grassy, MO. Katherine adored her grandchildren, and loved spending time with them. She had a great sense of humor,



loved going to movies, and was a hard worker.

Katherine is survived by her children Paul (Michelle) Fisher and Stacy (Sean Monestero) Fisher, all of Rockford, IL; grandchildren Kira Fisher, Kayle Monestero, Logan Fisher, Lindsey Fisher, and Sean Monestero Jr.; siblings Shirley (Jim) Jackson, Roy (Holly Goebel) Babb, and Connie Babb, all of Orangeville; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister in infancy.

Visitation and funeral services were March 18, at the Cramer-Leamon Funeral Home in Orangeville, IL.

Pastor JoAnn Krulatz officiated the services.

Burial will be at Sunset Acres in Orangeville, IL.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

Kathleen "Kathy" Hazen

SAVANNA — Kathleen "Kathy" Hazen, age 61, of Savanna, Illinois, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. A memorial visitation will be held from 4 - 7 p.m., Thursday, March 17, at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Savanna. In lieu of flowers the family would like to have plants that may be planted in Kathy's memory or donations. Friends and family are invited to share in Kathy's life at www.law-jonesfuneralhome.com.

jonesfuneralhome.com

Kathy was born on June 28, 1954, in Savanna, the daughter of Mary Jane Coverdill and adopted daughter of Chuck Hulsburg. She was raised by Mary Jane and Wesley Coverdill. Kathy attended Savanna High School and graduated with the Class of 1972. Following high school, Kathy enlisted in the United States Army and served as a medic, and later took a clerical position. While in the Army, Kathy met the love of her life, Steven Hazen. They were married on May 7, 1974, in Bonn, Switzerland. Kathy loved being a homemaker for her family.

Kathy enjoyed gardening, taking care of her cats. Most of all, Kathy treasured the time she spent taking care of her grandkids, that was her biggest pride in life.

Kathy will be dearly missed by her husband, Steve; son, Michael (Liz) Hazen of Clinton, Iowa; two daughters, Corinna Hazen and Cassi Jo Hazen of Savanna; seven grandchildren, Jacob Hazen, Taylor Hazen, Caitelynn Brashaw, Katrina Hazen, Zoe Hazen, Justice Hazen and Aady Hazen; three brothers, Dennis (Carol) Hulsburg of Wellman, Iowa, Wes (Naomi) Coverdill of Galesburg, Illinois, Jeff Coverdill of Hanover, Illinois, and a sister, Amy Kosier of Savanna and many nieces and nephews. Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Kari-anne and a sister, Laurie Miller.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — Spring officially started—we had that great warm weather, and then everything crashed and burned. Maybe by the time this column comes out, the weather will be warm again. Easter will be over before the cold weather is! This week's recipes feature some great things for an Easter brunch; there is also a ham and bean soup for the leftover ham. Enjoy these great recipes for some interesting brunch dishes. My friend, Karen, had a going away brunch where she featured these brunch enchiladas. It was delicious. You could serve it with a garden salad or with some other brunch dishes. She served it with salsa on the side, and it was a popular condiment for the egg dish.

Brunch Enchiladas

- 2 C. cooked ham
- ½ C. chopped green onions
- 10 (8 inch) flour tortillas
- 2 C. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 T. flour
- 2 C. half-and-half
- 6 eggs, beaten
- ¼ t. salt

Combine the ham and onions in a bowl and mix well. Spoon 1/3 cup of the ham mixture down the center of each tortilla. Top each with 2 tablespoons of cheese. Roll up, tucking in the ends, and place seam side down in a buttered 9 x 13 baking dish. Combine the flour, half-and-half, eggs and salt in a bowl, beating until smooth. Pour over the tortillas. Chill, covered, for 8-12 hours. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, covered, at 350 for 25 minutes. Bake uncovered, for 10 minutes longer. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake for 3 minutes longer. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

This next brunch recipe would be a great thing to make at any time, not just an Easter brunch. It is tasty with the eggs and sausage and again with a little salsa for a kick. The crust is the ever popular crescent rolls which you can now buy without the perforations.

Breakfast Pizza

- 1 lb. pork sausage
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- ¼ C. salsa
- ½ t. onion powder
- ½ t. ground cumin
- 2 tubes (8 oz. each) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 large eggs
- ¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ C. milk
- ¼ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onion over medium heat about 5-7 minutes or until the sausage is no longer pink, breaking up sausage into crumbles. Drain off excess fat and liquid. Stir in the salsa and onion powder and cumin. Remove from heat.

Unroll both tubes of crescent dough and press onto the bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking pan. Press the perforations to seal. Top with the sausage mixture and cheddar cheese. In a bowl, whisk the eggs, Parmesan cheese, milk, salt, and pepper until blended; pour over sausage and cheese. Bake on a lower oven rack 23-28 minutes or until the crust is lightly browned and egg mixture is set.

Need something sweet for

the brunch table. These next two recipes will fill the bill. One is a great combo that Karen served and the other is an easy breakfast cake. The lasagna uses frozen French toast—you could also use the sticks if you can't find the French toast. The apple pie filling makes for easy goodness. The breakfast cake uses a regular white cake mix—the basis for this recipe is a prepared cake mix. How easy is that? Enjoy these two unusual recipes for a sweet side to the brunch table.

Cheddar Apple Breakfast Lasagna

- 1 C. sour cream
- 1/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 2 (8 oz.) packages of frozen French toast
- 8 oz. of sliced cooked ham (about ½ cup)
- 2 ½ C. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 can (21 oz.) apple pie filling
- 1 C. granola with raisins

Blend the sour cream and brown sugar in a bowl. Prepare the French toast using the package direction. Place 6 slices in a buttered 9 x 13 pan. Layer the ham, 2 cups of the cheese and the remaining 6 slices of toast over the first layer. Spread the pie filling evenly over the top. Sprinkle with granola. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with the remaining ½ cup of cheese and bake until cheese is melted. Serve with sour cream that has been thinned with half-and-half.

Caramel Nut Breakfast Cake

- 1 pkg. white cake mix
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 C. water
- ½ C. flour
- ¼ C. canola oil
- Topping:
- 1 C. packed brown sugar
- ¾ C. chopped pecans
- ¼ C. butter, melted
- Drizzle
- 1 C. powdered sugar
- 1 T. light corn syrup
- 1 T. water

Preheat the oven to 350. Reserve 1 cup dry cake mix for topping. In a large bowl, combine eggs, water, flour, oil and remaining cake mix; beat on low for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 pan.

In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, pecans, and reserved dry cake mix. Stir in the melted butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over the cake batter. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. In a bowl, mix the powdered sugar, corn syrup and water until smooth. Drizzle over the warm cake and serve warm.

In preparation for leftover Easter Ham, this French version of ham and bean soup is thicker and more filling than regular bean soup. The spices can all be found in the spice section. In case you don't have a ham bone, A. J.'s Lena Maid Meats sells ham hocks very reasonably. The ham hocks or a ham bone give the soup a really great flavor.

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BIRTHS

Izzabella Camarillo

STOCKTON — Adrianna Rock and Steven Camarillo of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Izzabella Marie Camarillo born Wednesday March 16, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Izzabella has a sister Juliane Rock, 3. Grandparents are Rene Camarillo and Scott Ray of Stockton.



HARRISON HARLAN HUGHES

Harrison Harlan Hughes

WINSLOW — Marshall and Stephanie Hughes of Winslow, IL are the proud parents of a son, Harrison Harlan Hughes, born Saturday February 27, 2016 at The Monroe Clinic, Monroe, WI. Grandparents are Bob and Mary Hartzell of War-

ren and Dan and Paris Hughes of Lena. Great grandparents are Jean Hartzell of Benton, WI, Harry Hughes of Lena and Esther Fry of Lena.

Connor Kurth

LENA — Bob and Annie 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.

Braxton Schulz

FREEPORT — Britney and Tyler Schulz of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son Braxton X. Schulz born Wednesday March 9, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Braxton has two brothers Braylon Schulz, 4 and Benson Schulz, 2. Grandparents are Lisa and Gary Pope of Peshtigo, Wis., Dennis and Alicia Schulz of Lamellae Wis., Archella Mitchell of Richmond, Va. And Kashaan Muhammad of Annapolis, Md. Great grandparents are Tom and Darlene Schulz of Pearl City, Ill.

Jo Daviess County Animal Control Department reduce cost for rabies vaccine

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — In an effort to boost rabies vaccination and registration County Ordinance compliance, Jo Daviess County Animal Control would like to announce they have partnered with Veterinary Associates of Galena to bring the residents of Jo Daviess County a reduced cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. The Rabies Clinic will be held on April 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Veterinary Associates clinic, 1241 N. Franklin St. Galena, IL and will be offered to Jo Daviess County residents owning dogs four months of age or older. Rabies vaccines will be veterinarian administered at a fee of \$20 per one or three year vaccination, with no exam performed or office call applied. Proof of previous vaccination would be helpful. Animal Control will be on site to issue County Ordinance required rabies tags. Rabies tag fees are as follows:
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Anyone with questions should contact Animal Control by phone at 815-776-0326 or email at animalcontrol@jodaviess.org.
*Proof of residency is required and will be accepted in the form of a current Government issued i.d., driver's license, or utility bill.

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French Ham and Bean Soup

1 C. dried Great Northern beans, soaked according to package directions
1½ lb. smoked ham hocks
8 C. chicken broth
3 C. sliced green onions
1 T. minced fresh garlic
1 T. olive oil
½ C. chicken broth
1 lb. Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cubed
2 turnips, peeled, diced
1½ C. sliced carrots
4 sprigs fresh thyme
2 fresh bay leaves
1 t. herbes de Provence
¼ t. grated nutmeg
4 C. sliced Savoy cabbage
2 C. chopped ham
1 T. white wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste
CROUTONS
Gated Parmesan cheese
Simmer the beans and ham hocks in the broth in a pot, partially covered, over medium heat until beans are tender, about 2 hours. Discard ham hocks; reserve beans and broth for soup.

Soften the onions and garlic in 1 tablespoon oil in a separate pot over medium heat about 3-4 minutes. Add broth and reduce until nearly evaporated. Add the potatoes, turnips, carrots, and thyme sprigs, bay leaves, herbes de Provence, nutmeg, and reserved broth.

Bring soup to a boil, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, partially covered until potatoes and turnips are fork tender, about 20-25 minutes. Stir in cabbage, chopped ham, and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Serve the croutons and grated parmesan on the top.

This last recipe is a good brunch table recipe, but it can be served all year round. They are a bit of a different bar cookie. You can use walnuts or pecans in the bar. Remember that if you put the honey in after the canola oil, it will slide right out of the cup. The glaze has a surprise ingredient to keep everything moist.

Honey Cinnamon Bars

1 C. sugar
¾ C. canola oil
¼ C. honey
1 large egg
2 C. flour
1 t. baking soda
1 t. cinnamon
¼ t. salt
1 C. chopped nuts, toasted

Glaze

1 C. powdered sugar
2 T. mayonnaise
1 t. vanilla extract
1-2 T. water
Additional nuts for garnish
Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, honey and egg until well blended. In another bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt; gradually beat into the sugar mixture. Stir in 1 cup of nuts.

Spread into a greased 15 x 10 x 1 baking pan. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown—the edges will puff up. Cool completely on a wire

rack.
Glaze: in a small bowl, mix the powdered sugar, mayo, vanilla and water to reach desired consistency; spread over the top. Sprinkle with nuts. Let stand until set. Cut into bars.

Hard to believe that we are moving into late March, but baseball and softball games have started. There will be track meets and farmers itching to get into fields. I love spring, but most of the time we never really get to have a good spring. Maybe because of the mild winter, we will get to have some honest to goodness spring weather. We move from Easter cooking to some spring cooking. Rhubarb will soon be making an appearance, so we are looking for some rhubarb recipes. If you have something to share, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Lorraine M. Bailey

McHENRY — Lorraine M. Bailey, 87, passed away March 18, 2016 at Alden Terrace in McHenry, IL. She was born on September 21, 1928 in Amboy, IL to Leroy and Edna (Paschal) Flynn. Lorraine worked for Burgess Battery and Micro Switch for a number of years before retiring.

Lorraine is survived by her son, Danny (Fiancée Becky) of Dubuque, IA and daughter, Marcia (Lon) of Ingleside, IL; five grandchildren: Tammy, Melissa, Danny, Wendi and Zachary; one great grandson, Christopher; two brothers: Bill and Mike and five sisters: Arlene, Lucille, Carol, Bonnie, and Mary. Preceded in death by her; Parents, and two brothers; Frank and Joe.

Visitation and funeral services were held March 21, at the Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Pastor Brian LeBaron officiated the service

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park

A memorial has been established in her name

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

Merle E. Gothard

STOCKTON — Merle E. Gothard, age 77 of Stockton, IL, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. He was born July 29, 1938 in Mt. Carroll, IL; the son of the late Maynard and Ethel (Katzenberger) Gothard. He was a 1956 graduate of Stockton High School. Merle was a Veteran and had served in Germany for the United States Army.

On February 15, 1974, he married Sharon Atz in Elizabeth, IL. He retired from Dura

Automotive after 26 years of service. Merle enjoyed vacationing in Tennessee and watching sports, especially NASCAR. He also enjoyed showing livestock at fairs and his pride was his Black Angus. He was a member of the American Legion of Stockton and a lifetime member of the Freeport VFW.

Merle is survived by his wife, Sharon Gothard of Stockton; son, Michael (Karen) Gothard of Richmond, VA and grandchildren Emily & Christopher; son-in-law, Len Weiler of Sartell, MN and grandchildren, Zoe & Zach; and sisters, Marilyn (Sonny) Yenny of Mt. Carroll, IL and Julia Stewart of Plainfield, IL. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Michelle; and infant daughter, Angela.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 30, at 2 p.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at noon. Interment will take place at the Woodbine Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for the American Legion and Wesley United Church. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Virginia M. Berlage

GALENA — Virginia M. Berlage age 96, of Galena, Illinois, entered into eternal peace at home on Monday, March 14, 2016 with her daughter by her side. Her 96 year life began in rural Galena, the middle child of 11 siblings, the daughter of Wilmer and Minnie (Wolford) Winter. Her early life was marked by the Depression in addition to the hard working life on the farm. Strongly motivated to receive an education, she began school at a nearby one room school house, and completed High School in Galena, Illinois which required a 4 mile walk daily each way, sometimes alone or with other siblings or neighbors. Following high school graduation, Virginia and her sister, Helen (Winter) Bell borrowed and repaid money from her parents to attend the Scoville Business School in Clinton, Iowa. Upon graduation and returning to Galena she was employed at the Galena, Illinois Interstate Power Company.

In 1941 she married Edmund Berlage and began her married life on the Berlage farm, formerly the homestead of Elias Avery. Her son, Keith Berlage and daughter, Ruth (Berlage) Fina completed the family. She was committed to her husband and children as evidenced through her love and dedication as a housewife. She became known for her excellent comfort food including her home baked bread and delicious pies. Produce came from the "Olympic Pool" sized garden in the back yard which she diligently worked each year into her nineties. She was an excellent seamstress, making and designing her own wardrobe. These skills were greatly appreciated and passed to her daughter.

Following the passing of her husband in 2008, she remained on the family farm until her death, as were her and her daughter's wishes, until Monday March 14, 2016.

Virginia admitted in later

years that she wished she could have worked "outside the home" and pursue a career. This wish was partially completed through her long time employment as book keeper for the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth, Illinois. She was also a long time member of the Church of St. Mary Alta and Rosary Society. Virginia also served as a 60-year plus member of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmund, her son Keith, her parents and six of her siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth, daughter in law Catherine Berlage, grandchildren, Steve (Diane) Berlage, and Elizabeth (Mike) Brophy and five great children, Elijah and Micah Berlage, Treven Bruce, and Lilly and Emma Brophy. Siblings include her sisters Mona Bodell, Lucille Brown, Sarah Werner, and brother Clarence (Rita) Winter.

Virginia frequently stated that she received wonderful care as her health status deteriorated. Her attending physician, Greg Vandigo and Medical Associates staff was always available to meet her medical needs. Caregivers, Jackie and Amanda, treated her as family and were very comforting and comforting in addition to personal excellent care. In her final days, Hospice of Dubuque, completed her destiny and provided superb care to Virginia and family.

A Funeral Mass and visitation were held at Noon on Saturday, March 19, at the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth, Illinois, with Father Dennis Morrissy as celebrant. Burial will take place in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the church of St. Mary, Elizabeth, Illinois and, Hospice of Dubuque, Dubuque Iowa. Friends and family are invited to also share in Virginia's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.



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Sheriff Turner urges the public to exercise extreme caution if they receive telephone calls

in hotel rooms. Always verify with the front desk if there was a problem with their credit card and never give information over the phone unless you know the caller.

If anyone has experienced this, or a similar scam, please contact the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office (815-777-2141 or 800-373-7838), or your local police department.

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Stockton board solicits public comment on new burn ordinance

STOCKTON — Stockton Village President, Rod Brandt, would like the public to know that the Board of Trustees is considering an ordinance to prohibit open burning in the community. Not only does open burning present a fire hazard and safety concern depending on weather conditions, but the smoke from such activity impacts health concerns, par-

ticularly to those with respiratory issues such as asthma. If adopted, no one would be allowed to burn any refuse, rubbish, trash, leaves, yard waste or combustible material of any kind anywhere within the Village, whether inside or outside of an incinerator, burn barrel or any receptacle, and regardless of whether such burning is conducted on pri-

ivate property. Of course, there will be certain limited exceptions for the recreational use of commercially available fire "pits" (or rings) and outdoor fireplaces as well as barbeque grills for food preparation. The present ban against burning construction debris or

waste would, of course, continue. Village President Brandt noted that the fines for anyone violating the prospective prohibition will be considerable, ranging from \$100 - \$500, and vigilant and strict enforcement of the ordinance would be anticipated.

The Board will review this matter at a meeting on Tuesday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall. Should anyone have any questions or comments concerning open burning, they are invited to attend this meeting or contact Village President Rod Brandt or any Village Board member.

4-H to host Youth Fun Day in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County 4-H/ Youth Fun Day will be held on Friday, March 25, at the CTE Academy located in Elizabeth. Sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, this event will include hands-on, learning activities that will have kids doing, thinking, and creating! This is open to ALL ages and you do not need to be a 4-H member to attend. Everyone is welcome, so grab a friend.

This event will offer three sessions. Each session will include a wide range of topics for your child to choose from. Participants will have a chance to assemble and program robots during the "Robotics Rodeo" workshop. They will learn to create "cake lace" during the cake decorating workshop. If your child is really into science... they can participate in the "Chemistry: Small Explosions" workshop or they can let their creativity flow and register for the guided

painting workshop. U of I staff, local community leaders, and the Jo Daviess County 4-H Federation have come together to offer youth this fun-filled event.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 8:30-8:45 a.m. Check-in
- 8:45-8:55 a.m. Welcome
- 9:00-9:40 a.m. Session 1
- 9:45-10:25 a.m. Session 2
- 10:30-11:10 a.m. Session 3
- 11:15-11:30 a.m. Closing and Pick-up

This event is free and open to the general public. Registration is required and will be on a "first come, first serve basis." The deadline to register is March 21. You may register or find a complete list of workshops and descriptions, by visiting the University of Illinois Extension website <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/> or by calling the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois to hold April community education meeting

STOCKTON — Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is pleased to announce their April Community Education

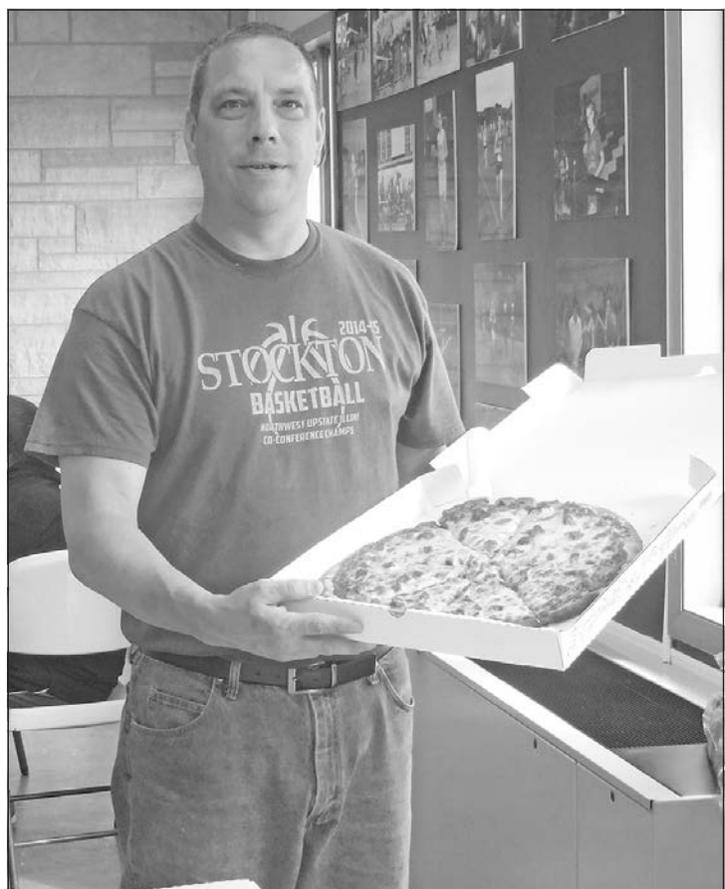
A little levity to lighten your day

A school superintendent is gravely ill in the hospital. He wakes up to find flowers and a card from his School Board. The card reads, "We hope for a full recovery. Vote 4-3."

Meeting. Our speaker for this meeting will be Ashlie Simonson, AAMS, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones. She will be speaking on Estate Planning which will include information on wills, trusts, life insurance, tax information, beneficiary designation and more. This informative program will be held at the Volunteer Hospice Office, 105 S. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois on Tuesday, April 5, at 10 a.m. Light

refreshments will be served. There is no cost for this program, and it is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Please register for the event as seating is limited. Reservations can be made by phoning Volunteer Hospice of NWIL at 815-947-3260. During the winter months, please be aware that if the Stockton Schools are closed due to weather concerns, our meetings are cancelled as well.



Tracy Siegner photo

Serving it up hot

Jay Upmann of JJ and Freddie's made several trips restocking the concession stand with fresh hot pizza during Saturday's Alumni basketball tournament. All proceeds from the concessions were donated to the Stockton Fire Department.

FHN HOSPICE



FHN Hospice Volunteer Training Starting April 4, 2016

FHN Hospice Volunteer Training provides information on all aspects of hospice care and hospice volunteering, and will equip volunteers to provide compassionate care and companionship to the terminally ill and their families. Volunteers provide important care for FHN Hospice patients and their families, including companionship, relief for caregivers, running errands and delivering supplies. Volunteers also have the opportunity to assist with clerical services at the FHN Hospice office.

Please contact the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 960 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.



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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Overcoming Fear!

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

LENA — The older I get the more I battle fear! I know it's because the older I get the more frightening things I see in the world.

The more marriages I've watched disintegrate, the more people I know who have lost children, the more awful diagnoses I've heard others fight through, the more friendships that are fractured, and the more conflict I've witnessed.

The older I get the more I see clearly around me this fight that we're in—the desperate fight for our souls, our children, our families, and our friendships. Whether we see it or not, this war is a spiritual one.

We can wake up some days and just lie in bed and watch the ceiling and feel like we're not sure we've got enough in us to keep fighting. The fear swells up inside of me, filling up all of my being—and I whisper—"Dear God don't let me miss out on my kids and my grandkids. Don't let me run out of energy. Don't let me give up on people around me, don't let me give up on the family and friends who have helped shape me, don't let me give up on the work You have given me. God, don't let this fear choke out all the life You promised when You said: "I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance." (John 10:10)

Satan creates these areas of fear and anxiety in our lives to

short-circuit our spiritual formation. Satan wants to destroy our vibrancy and render us defeated. To think that just as deliberately as Jesus is planning for my "welfare, not for disaster, but to give you a future and a hope" (Jer 29:11) the enemy is trying to "exploit every one of them." Satan is as deliberate as Jesus and when I forget that I walk right into Satan's tangled web and become easy prey.

There have been too many days I've accepted my doubts and my fears as if there was nothing that I could do about them. Too many days I've felt defeated before I even opened my mouth to try and pray. Too many days I've been too busy, too tired, too overwhelmed, and too afraid to pray.

Maybe you can relate? Maybe you've had times when you've given up hope? Maybe you don't believe that prayer is anything more than positive thinking? And all of this probably comes about as a direct result of an enemy who knows if he can rob us of our passion, he can rob us of our faith.

Prayer helps us reach upward to God so that His passion will come down as a shower upon us. This is the kind of passion we need. This is the kind of passion that flips the enemy on his head and his plans upside down as well.

This is what we need!
This is what we must have!
Because prayer drowns out the shouts of fear.

Prayer is the promise that

Jesus will hear us.

Prayer is the opportunity to witness change, to see promises fulfilled.

Prayer is not about my feelings, my mood, or my ability to change God's mind. Prayer is about me simply stepping up and asking Him to give me what He already has planned for me. Then standing with face raised expectantly to the sky, like someone waiting for rain and watch God keep His promise. It's like this: "If you're going to pray for rain, you should carry an umbrella expecting it to rain."

Whenever we're gone, our dog, Emma, sits in the bay window waiting for us to return home—never doubting for a moment that we're coming. And by the time we step out of the car in the garage, she's barking and scratching at the door—ready to welcome us home. God wants us to have this kind of passion and excitement for Him, just as He does for us.

The other scenario is that she sits in the bay window and if a car enters the cul-de-sac that she doesn't recognize, she growls and barks like a ferocious guard dog, clawing at the window. That should be our attitude towards Satan. Ready to strike, bite, snarl, bark, whatever it takes to keep Satan at bay.

I want prayers that are louder than fears. I'm practicing to pray with expectation. I want to pray like I believe it makes a difference. I want to pray until it does make a difference. The power that backs up that prayer—is a simple blood-stained cross on Calvary and a tomb that simply became an empty cave on that first Easter morning.

St. John's to host euchre and domino party

PEARL CITY — A Community Euchre and Domino Party will be at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City on Sunday, April 3 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. with prizes and door prizes. (Can choose to play either game) The cost is \$6 at the door. There will be sandwiches, chips and dessert served after playing. The church is handicap accessible. St. John's Lutheran Church, 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, IL 61062. Call with questions 815-443-2215 (mornings).



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The UUC of Stockton recognizes 2016 Service Partner recipients

Bill Schuldts of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Stockton presents Missy Lyons, Executive-Director of Tyler's Justice Center with a check in recognition of the center's continuing work with troubled youth.

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HHS awards \$5,731,606 to Illinois to help treat the prescription opioid abuse and heroin epidemic

STATELINE — Awards put health centers at forefront in fight against abuse

Today, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced \$5,731,606 in funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to support 16 health centers in Illinois to improve and expand the delivery of substance abuse services in health centers, with a specific focus on treatment of opioid use disorders in underserved populations.

“The opioid epidemic is one of the most pressing public health issues in the United States today,” said Secretary Burwell. “Expanding access to medication-assisted treatment and integrating these services in health centers bolsters nationwide efforts to curb opioid misuse and abuse, supports approximately 124,000 new

patients accessing substance use treatment for recovery and helps save lives.”

The abuse of and addiction to opioids, such as heroin and prescription pain medication, is a serious and increasing public health problem. Approximately 4.5 million people in the United States were non-medical prescription pain reliever users in 2013, and an estimated 289,000 were current heroin users. HHS also estimates the number of unintentional overdose deaths from prescription pain medications has nearly quadrupled from 1999 to 2013, and deaths related to heroin increased 39 percent between 2012 and 2013.

Administered by the HHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), with these awards Illinois will be able to increase the number of patients screened for substance

use disorders and connected to treatment, increase the number of patients with access to MAT for opioid use and other substance use disorder treatment, and provide training and educational resources to help health professionals make informed prescribing decisions. Nationally, this \$94 million investment is expected to help awardees hire approximately 800 providers to treat nearly 124,000 new patients.

“Health centers treat some of the most at risk patients in the country,” said HRSA Acting Administrator Jim Macrae. “These awards position health centers to be at the forefront of the fight against opioid abuse in underserved communities.”

Research demonstrates that a whole-patient approach to treatment through a combination of medication and counseling and behavioral therapies, is most successful in

treating opioid use disorders. In 2014, over 1.3 million people received behavioral health services at health centers, a 75 percent increase since 2008. This funding builds upon and leverages previous investments by providing support to health centers to improve and expand the delivery of MAT substance abuse services in an integrated primary care/behavioral health model with a specific focus on treatment of opioid use disorders in underserved populations.

“HRSA’s innovative investment in the delivery of medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders affirms the importance of behavioral health to overall health,” said Kana Enomoto, Acting Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Addressing the opioid crisis

is a top priority for the Administration and the Department. The Department is focused on three key areas: improving opioid prescribing practices, increasing the use of naloxone, and increasing access to MAT. In addition, the President has made addressing the prescription opioid abuse and heroin epidemic a top priority and issued a Presidential Memorandum last year on improving access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorders. Today’s awards are an example of HHS taking every available step to expand access to MAT. Building on these efforts, the President’s Budget includes a \$1.1 billion initiative to help ensure that all individuals with opioid use disorders who want treatment are able to access it.

To find a health center in your area, visit <http://finda-healthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

Area organizations to recognize Vietnam War fiftieth anniversary

STATELINE — In Accordance With Public Law 110-181 SEC.598; the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and “in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War.”

The Secretary of Defense shall determine the schedule of major events and priority of efforts for the commemorative program, in order to ensure achievement of the objectives specified in Law.

The commemorative program will include activities and ceremonies to achieve the following objectives:

To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), or listed as missing in action (MIA), for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that

served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans’ organizations and

other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families. Commemorative Partners are encouraged to participate in the Commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families’ service, valor, and sacrifice.

Commemorative Partners must commit to conducting two events each year for a three-year period. Events and activities should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for

the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many. Commemorative Partners should communicate how their events will achieve the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program. Events or activities should meet one or more of the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program, and as a minimum, with an emphasis on objective one.

To become an official Commemorative Partner, organizations must submit an application and a signed Statement of Understanding. Applications are available at [www.Vietnam-](http://www.VietnamWar50th.com)

War50th.com under the Commemorative Partner Program tab. The approval process is usually less than 30 days after submission of a complete application and Statement of Understanding. Partners are kept informed through electronic notifications. Once approved as a Partner, the Commemoration will provide organizations with a starter kit of materials for developing and implementing their programs. Questions regarding the Commemorative Partner Program application process can be directed to: whs.vnwar50th_cpp@mail.mil.

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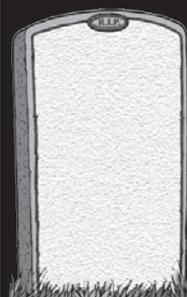


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WAVERLY PLACE OF STOCKTON GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Waverly Place of Stockton is hosting a bake sale on March 25, 2016 from 10:00am-3:00pm at 501 E. Front Street, in our nursing home parking lot. We are so happy to be able to give back to our community and help to rebuild the Stockton Fire Department, 100% of ALL proceeds will be donated to the Stockton Fire Department.

We are asking for donations of baked goods or money from any local businesses or friends of the community who are wanting to be a part of this amazing opportunity. If you are interested in donating to our bake sale please drop off your items prior to the bake sale, before 10:00am on March 25 or any day leading up to the sale. We appreciate all of the love and support that we have been given over the past year and this is our way of giving back to the community! Thank you again for your support!

Calvary Church

STOCKTON — The Stockton community is invited to join us during Holy Week.

Calvary Church will have its annual Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Following the message, the congregation will partake in the Living Lord's Supper in groups of 12 in the lounge. This is a very meaningful time as we encircle the table and partake of communion as the disciples did at the Last Supper.

On Good Friday March 25, Calvary Church will observe a Christ-centered Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. The Pastor will bring a Biblical message and the Choir will share selections from the Easter Cantata.

On Resurrection Sunday, Marcy 27, Calvary will start the day with a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. following by an Easter Breakfast. The Sunday School hour will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the Worship Service will be at 10 a.m. Again, all are welcome to join us!

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

KENT-WILLOW — Kent Willow UMC will worship together Easter Sunday March 27 for "Sunrise" service at 7 a.m. at Kent UMC. Pastor Brenda Morris will be bringing the message also with special music too. All are invited and we come; also to stay for the "Easter Breakfast" following the service. Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL.

NOTE: Thursday March 24 is Maundy Thursday, to be celebrated at Willow UMC at 7 pm. All are invited and welcome to this Holy night.

St. John's Lutheran Church

PEARL CITY — Join us at St. John's for Holy Week services beginning on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. for a Maundy Thursday worship. St. John's will host a Community Good Friday worship on Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. An Easter Vigil Worship will be held on March 26 at 7 p.m. The week will conclude with Easter Sunday worship at 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 27. The Easter Sunday worship service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will include the Joy Choir and Chancel Choir. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the Sunday School youth immediately following worship in the lower level.

St. John's will host a Community Euchre and Train Dominoes party on Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 and includes a light meat at the conclusion and prizes.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The bible studies will not be held the week of March 21 and 28. They will resume on Monday, April 4. 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 9:30 a.m. and has begun a new series on March 10 on "Peter and Paul." As the Old Testament had their Patriarchs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; so too do we have the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul in the New Testament. This bible study will follow their journeys of faith in the early days of Christianity and will be accompanied by video clips. 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.

HAPPY EASTER

Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena have a long-standing tradition of closing our offices at 12 noon on Good Friday. Again this year we will observe this tradition out of consideration for the special meaning this day has for many people.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lena announces Easter event schedule

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather to Celebrated Easter worship on March 27, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, with Holy Communion at 7 a.m. for Easter Sunrise Service and at 9:30 a.m. for Easter Festival Service. The Good Shepherd Choir and Chime Choir will provide special music for the congregation at the 9:30am Festival Service. All are invited to worship on this Easter Sunday to celebrate the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Tena Rackow who will lead on the Piano. Between services at 8 a.m. the Good Shepherd Lutheran Youth will serve an Easter Breakfast of Ham, Eggs, Cinnamon Rolls, and more!

On Wednesday March 30 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!

You can learn to grow your own Victory Garden

STATELINE — During WWII growing Victory Gardens gave Americans a feeling that they were doing something helpful to win the war and to help prevent a food shortage. In 2016, we are once again in our green spaces growing food wherever we can. Even this many years later, we are still fighting for food security and the health of our ecosystems in Illinois and beyond.

How does one become a Victory Gardener today? Plant vegetables anywhere you can! Learn from University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Candice Miller, the intriguing history of victory gardens and gain some tips on how to get creative in maximizing your vegetable gardening space. Whether your gardening space is abundant or you're limited to growing on a small

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DAMON R. FRIEDLEIN, 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 January 22, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 25, 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:

LOT NUMBER FOUR (4) IN BLOCK NUMBER SEVEN (7) IN LUCIUS D. BENTON'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, AS THE SAME IS NUMBERED ON THE PLAT RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, KNOWN AS 221 WEST BENTON STREET IN SAID VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 221 WEST BENTON AVENUE, STOCKTON, IL 61085 Property Index No. 17-001-168-00. The real estate is improved with a single family home with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate

and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions 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 foreclo-

sure sales. For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1500561. 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. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 E-Mail: pleadings@pierceservices.com Attorney File No. PA1500561 Case Number: 15 CH 6 TJSC#: 36-1007 1686184

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235630

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS-
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an
Illinois Banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PAULA K. FULTON; the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

15CH 48

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Decree for Foreclosure entered in said Court in the above-entitled cause on the 5th day of January, 2016, the Sheriff of Jo Daviess County shall sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder the following described lands and premises in said Decree mentioned or so much thereof as may be necessary to realize the amount due to satisfy said Decree with the terms and conditions as set forth herein:

The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:
Craig Willette
Yalden, Olsen & Willette
1318 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
815/965-8635

The common address of said property is 100 West Summit Avenue, Stockton, Illinois 61085.

The legal description of the property is:

LOT NUMBER SIX (6) IN BLOCK NUMBER THREE (3) IN LUCIUS D. BENTONS FIFTH ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED FEBRUARY 8, 1911 IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 46.

PIN: 43-17-001-468-00
Stockton

A description of the improvements on the real estate is:
residential home.

The time and place of sale are:
April 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board Room (2nd Floor) of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Galena, Illinois 61036.

The terms of the sale are:
To the highest and best bidder with cash or certified check in full at time of sale. Property is conveyed in "as is" condition. Sale subject to Court approval; buyer will be entitled to possession of property 30 days after confirmation of sale by Court.

Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE LAW FIRM OF YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Craig Willette
YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE
1318 E. State Street,
Rockford, Illinois 61104-2228

Telephone: (815) 965-8635
1687003
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236355

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JARED M. JUNK, et al
Defendant

15 CH 00045

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 12, 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:

LOT 05 IN BLOCK 09 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 2 OF LEIBOLD PLACE LOCATED IN FRACTIONAL SECTION 16 AND IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JANUARY 11, 1961 AS DOCUMENT NO. 97125 IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 98 AND 99 AND NOW LOCATED IN PLAN HOLD 10 OF PLATS, NO. 183.

Commonly known as 204 JULE AVENUE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL 61025 Property Index No. 05-003-970-00. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment

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Continued from previous page in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. 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 14-15-14710. 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. 14-15-14710 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 15 CH 00045 TJSC#: 36-3083 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collec-

tion 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.

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236908

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RUSH TOWNSHIP, JODAVIESS COUNTY

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and residents of the Township of Rush in the County of JoDaviess and the State of Illinois that the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 12th 2016, being the second Tuesday of the month, at the hour of 7:30 pm., at the Rush Town Hall, 2999 North Canyon Park Rd., Stockton IL., for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township. After a moderator having been elected will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may in the pursuance of the law come before the meeting, and especially to consider and decide the following;

Agenda

1. Elect a moderator
2. Set the moderator's salary
3. Approve the minutes from the 2015 Annual Town Meeting
4. Report of Officers- Financial reports & statements
5. Authorize transfer of funds
6. Set time for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting
7. Open forum

Ted Davenport,
Rush Township Clerk
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237269

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Apple River, in the county of JoDaviess and the State of Illinois, that the **Annual Town Meeting** of said Town will take place on

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12th,
2016**

Being the second Tuesday of said month
at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at
the Apple River Township
Building

for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said Town; and after a moderator having been elected, will pro-

ceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

Annual Financial Reports
Transfer of Funds
Open Forum
Dated March 15, 2016

Valerie J. Stocks
Town Clerk
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237414

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE

Qualifications:

- Must own and occupy home as a full time resident as of January 1, 2016
- Must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property
- Must be of the age of 65 or older in 2016

Apply at the Chief County Assessment Office, 330 N. Bench Street, Galena, IL prior to May 31, 2016 or phone 815-777-1016. First time applicants are required to submit a copy of their driver's license. Those currently receiving this exemption do not need to reapply.

Chief County Assessment
Officer
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237468

2016 OWNER OCCUPIED EXEMPTION DEADLINE

Qualifications:

- Must own and occupy home as a full time resident as of January 1, 2016
 - Must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property
- Apply at the Chief County Assessment Office, 330 N. Bench Street, Galena, IL prior to May 31, 2016 or phone 815-777-1016. Applicants are required to submit a copy of their driver's license and their deed or purchase contract. Those currently receiving this exemption do not need to reapply.

Chief County Assessment
Office
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237469

SENIOR CITIZENS ASSESSMENT FREEZE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Qualifications:

- Must be 65 years of age or older in 2016
- Have used the property as your principal place of resi-

dence since January 1, 2015

- Own the property or have leasehold interest in the single family residence on January 1, 2015

- Be liable for the payment of property taxes for 2015 and 2016

- Have a total household income of no more than \$55,000 for 2015

You must submit a copy of both your Federal and State income tax forms and a Statement of Social Security Benefits with your application. If you do not file income tax, then you must submit a copy of your Statement of Social Security Benefits, Statement of Pension Benefits, W-2's and 1099's. You must apply for this exemption every year.

This exemption freezes the assessed value of your property. It does not freeze your tax bill. The deadline for filing is July 1, 2016.

If this is the first time you are eligible, please contact the County Assessment Office at (815) 777-1016 for an application.

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237470

2016 Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

- You must be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, Illinois National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces and not dishonorably discharged.

- You must have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

- You must own and occupy the property as the primary residence on January 1, 2016 and be liable for the payment of the property taxes.

- You must have a total EAV of less than \$250,000 for the primary residence.

A certified DD Form 214 and a current disability certification letter from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs for the current assessment year must be provided.

If you have applied for this exemption in the previous year, you must reapply for the current year in order to continue the benefits. Failure to reapply, could result in the termination of the exemption.

Deadline for filing an application is July 1, 2016.

Please contact the Chief

County Assessment Office at 815-777-1016 for an application.

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237471

2016 Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

- You must be disabled or become disabled during the assessment year.

- You must own or have a legal or equitable interest in the property.

- You must occupy the property as your principal residence on January 1, 2016.

- You must be liable for the payment of the property taxes.

Proof of disability must be submitted in the form of a Class 2 Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card, Social Security Administration disability benefits, Veterans Administration disability benefits (100% disability), Railroad or Civil Service disability benefits (100% disability).

If you have applied for this exemption in the previous year, you must reapply for the current year in order to continue the benefits. Failure to reapply, could result in the termination of the exemption.

Deadline for filing is July 1, 2016.

Please contact the Chief County Assessment Office at 815-777-1016 for an application.

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237472

Returning Veterans Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

- You must be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Illinois National Guard or U.S. Reserve Forces.

- You must have recently returned from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S.

- You must have owned or had a legal or equitable interest in the property used as your principal place of residence on January 1, 2016.

- You must be liable for the payment of property taxes.

A certified DD Form 214 must be provided or if not discharged, then your military orders and travel voucher showing date of return must be provided.

Deadline for filing is December 31, 2016.

Please contact the Chief

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County Assessment Office at
815-777-1016 for an applica-
tion.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
*CORRECTED***

The Regular Monthly Busi-
ness Meetings for Woodbine
Township for the Fiscal Year
2016-2017 will be Held at **7:00
PM** at the Township Building
on the following Dates:

April 4, 2016
May 2, 2016
June 6, 2016
July 5, 2016
August 1, 2016
September 6, 2016
October 3, 2016
November 7, 2016
December 5, 2016
January 2, 2017
February 6, 2017
March 6, 2017

William J. Hayes -
Township Clerk

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237860

**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BID**

The Jo Daviess County Health
Department is accepting sealed
bids for the purchase and instal-
lation of approximately 3,000
square feet of ceramic tile and
carpeting. The flooring will be
installed on the main level of
the Jo Daviess County Health
Department Building, locat-
ed at 9483 US Route 20 West,
Galena, IL 61036. All tile
and carpet (samples should be
submitted with bid), adhesive,
grout and any other necessary
supplies should be included
in the bid. Work is to be com-
pleted by Tuesday, September
6, 2016. Sealed bids, appropri-
ately marked, will be accepted
through 12:00 Noon on Friday,
April 15, 2016

Opening of the bids is sched-

uled at 2:00 PM, the same
day, in the Jo Daviess County
Health Department Confer-
ence Room and is open to the
public. Bid information may
be viewed and accessed on the
Jo Daviess County website at
www.jodaviess.org/applica-tions. Bids will be opened by
the Jo Daviess County Health
Department Administrator,
Elizabeth Kane.

Further information may be
obtained from Elizabeth Kane,
Administrator, at 815-777-
0263. The Jo Daviess Coun-
ty Board of Health and the Jo
Daviess County Health Depart-
ment reserves the right to reject
any and all bids. This project is
a "Public Works Project"; All
contracts for the Construction
of Public Works are subject to
the Illinois Prevailing Wage
Act (820 ILCS 1/30/1-12). Jo
Daviess County is an Equal
Opportunity Employer.

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237996

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Letting**

The Jo Daviess County High-
way Department will accept
proposals for furnishing aggre-
gate, bituminous material, geo-
textile fabric, calcium chloride,
pipe culverts and pavement
marking paint for highway
maintenance use in the county
and various townships. Pro-
posals will be accepted until
10:00 A.M. on April 11, 2016,
at the office of the Jo Daviess
County Engineer, #1 Commer-
cial Drive, Suite # 3 Hanover,
IL 61041. This bid requires
that the successful Contractor
comply with all statutes, both
Federal and State, governing
payment of wages to employ-
ees. The Jo Daviess County
Board reserves the right to re-
ject any and all bids.

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PASTOR'S CORNER**Eternal Life**

By Gary Rich
*Lay Servant, Lena United
Methodist Church*

LENA — The book John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton has been our study guide for the last six weeks, and we finish the book this week with the last chapter entitled "Eternal Life". We have talked of Jesus' suffering and death. Today, we will look at his resurrection with the hope we have of our own resurrection, and the fact eternal life is available to us.

As we think about the resur-

rection of Jesus, it is interest-
ing who discovered Jesus was
no longer in the tomb. Scrip-
ture tells us Mary Magdalene
was the first one at the tomb.
Mary Magdalene was single
and her name tells us she was
from Magdala, a town on the
northwest coast of the Sea of
Galilee. Mary had been both-
ered by demons in her past
and had been afflicted with
these troubles until she met
Jesus. She was one of sev-
eral women who traveled with
Jesus and the Disciples. Luke
8:1-3 tells us that she must
have had some wealth since
she supplied financial support

for the ministry of Jesus and
his disciples. Mary Magdalene
was with Jesus at the Cross,
accompanied the body of Jesus
to the tomb, and was the first
to arrive at the tomb on Easter
morning only to find the empty
tomb. She represents each of
us as we come to understand
the sacrifice of Jesus.

God's answer to death is
Easter. The resurrection of
Jesus is God's way of say-
ing that death is not the end.
Easter is the transformation of
our sorrow and fear into hope
and peace. John 11:25-26 tells
us, "I am the resurrection and
the life. Whoever believes in
me will live, even though they
die. Everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."
In John's Gospel, the words
life or eternal life are men-
tioned 47 times, which is more
than the Synoptic Gospels
combined.

According to Jesus, eter-
nal life starts now. When we
believe in him and trust in his
resurrection, we experience
Jesus in our lives now. God
wants us to know him in the
present.

The Gospel of John tells us
the tomb where Jesus was laid
was in a garden. As we men-
tioned earlier in this study, The
Gospel of John starts with the
words "in the beginning", the
same as the Book of Genesis.
Genesis starts the story in a
garden and John's Gospel ends
in a garden. Remember, the
first time they see Jesus they
think he is the gardener. Maybe
they saw him as a gardener to
symbolize new life. New life
in Jesus that only comes when
we believe in him, in his suf-
fering, in his compassion for
the world, and (his greatest
gift) life everlasting.

• GARDEN

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balcony, there is always a way
to grow more food.

The Grow Your Own Victory
Garden program will be held on
Friday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at
the Freeport Art Museum, 121
N Harlem Ave., Freeport. This
program is free and open to
the public. Registration can be
made by calling the University
of Illinois Extension at (815)
235-4125 or on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.
This and other spring events
celebrating local women and
home arts are brought to you
by FHN, Freeport Art Museum,
U of I Extension, Freeport Pub-
lic Library, and the Stephenson
County Historical Society.

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& VINTAGE BOOKS AUCTION**

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA, IL

SATURDAY, March 26, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: quilt; walnut shelf w/towel bar; Coors beer clock; Howard Miller shelf clock; lead glass windows; pictures; Keen Kutter wood level; painted lamp base; glass carnival cane; wood lure w/box; pocket knives; Ben-Hur spice tins; ink wells; straight & safety razors; Roy Rogers cap gun; HO gauge train engine & cars; farm toys; Wizard of Oz dolls (NIB); Military clothing, patches, re-issue medals & buttons; Furia .32-cal semi-auto hand gun w/ holster (**PARTS ONLY**); tin type pictures; Wallace '68 necktie; Political pin backs & posters; furniture hardware; Waltham pocket watch w/ deer etching; 10K rings; buttons; Huber cone top beer can; Arcade wall coffee grinder w/original catch glass; Ironstone bowl/pitcher; Gaymer's Cyder crock dispenser; Haeger; Van Briggles S&P; Fostoria dresser set; candlewick & ruby glass; painted dishes; refrigerator dishes; milk glass hens-on-nests; Fire King coffee cups; Rockwell & bird plates; **BOOKS, STAMPS, POSTCARDS & PAPER ITEMS:** MANY older & newer Lincoln books; Civil War, WWII & other war books; Colt Firearms book; bird books; several vintage books; Chronicles of America; 1877 Masons book; Milestones of Aviation; Time Life 'Epic of Flight' set; LARGE stamp collection (loose & books); Bicentennial First Day Cover albums; several frameable prints; vintage magazines; 1927-28 Montgomery Ward catalog; sheet music; kid's books; vintage & modern novels; watercolor calendars by Roy M. Mason; **POSTCARDS:** (20+) NICE Halloween; real photo incl. blimp, bi plane, hot-air balloon, train wreck, Hindenburg & more.
TERMS: CASH or GOOD CHECK

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237856

'The Elephant Man' comes to the HCC stage

FREERPORT — Highland Community College Theatre Arts program presents "The Elephant Man," by Bernard Pomerance for the spring 2016 theatre production. Performance dates are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 in the Fine Arts Theatre located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

The play "The Elephant Man" is a moving portrait of human dignity, based on the life of John Merrick. Merrick lived with a rare skin and bone disease. He was seen as a freak and was put in the circus as a sideshow. After he meets Dr. Frederick Treves, Merrick's life changes for the better, but at a heavy price. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play

and the Drama Desk Award for Best Revival of Play, "The Elephant Man" has attracted well-known actors, such as the late David Bowie and Bradley Cooper in the challenging role of John Merrick.

"The play deals with difference and shared humanity," said Laura Early. "Merrick's desire to be seen as a human being rings true and is relevant to our current society, in which we are taught to fear those different from us and view human beings as commodities for sale. We see ourselves in Merrick and in the other characters' reactions to him."

According to Ben Brantley of The New York Times in his review of the 2015 revival of the play with Bradley Cooper as Merrick, he said, "...

the script's arc is shaped not so much by Merrick's transformation as by the reactions to it. In the show's elegant centerpiece scene, a succession of people...all speak of how much Merrick is 'like me.'"

The production of "The Elephant Man" is directed by Early, Highland Community College Theatre, Theatre

Instructor and director of the HCC Theatre Arts program, with a cast composed of Highland theatre majors and other students. The set is designed and constructed by Dave Vrtol, Highland Community College Technical Theatre Director, and Highland students. The lighting is designed by Highland student, Alex Jansen. Cos-

tumes are designed by Linda Adams-Foat of Camelot Costumes, LLC. This production is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students. There is a \$2 transaction fee for every ticket purchased. For reservations call 815.599.3718 or visit highland.edu.

Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District offers scholarship

STATELINE — The Stephenson Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year. The student must be a resident of Stephenson County and have a junior or senior standing in an accredited college or university with a career in agriculture, natural resources, or a related field.

For further details and an application form, please call 815-235-2161 Ext. 3. Applications must be received at the SWCD office by 3 p.m. June 3.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Grace Heimerdinger named to Marquette University's fall 2015 dean's List

MILWAUKEE — Grace Heimerdinger of Pearl City has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Heimerdinger is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and more than 75 different countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs,



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All preschool age children residing in the Stockton School District are eligible.

Screening is also available for children 0 - 3.

We are not screening for kindergarten students... school registration will happen at the beginning of August.

Freeport Downtown Development Foundation issues call for event vendors and sponsors

FREEMONT — Freeport Downtown Development Foundation, (FDDF), is inviting vendors and sponsors to participate in its 2016 events.

The Pretzel City Brewfest has openings for both sponsors and food vendors. The event takes place on September 24, this year and over 1,000 are expected to be in attendance. This is a craft beer tasting with over 100 flavors from local, regional and national breweries. The deadline is April 1.

Music on Chicago has openings for sponsors and food vendors as well. This event

is a live music outdoor concert that takes place the first Friday of the month in June, July and Aug.. The July event, which will feature the Funnies Band, has an opening for title sponsor at \$1,000. The deadline for each event is one month prior to the event. The Open Air Farmers Market has 30 openings for those that hand make items or sell home-grown food. Artists, farmers, and crafters are invited to apply. The cost is \$10 and the markets fall on the same nights as Music on Chicago events and Cruise Night. The deadline to apply is May 15.

Tour de Freeport is a new event, taking place the morning of the Pretzel City Brewfest on September 24. Participants ride their bicycles on a path around Freeport with interactive art installations.

Sponsors are being accepted until May 15.

The forms for the 2016 opportunities can be found on the downtown Freeport website at www.freeportdowntown.com under events.

There are also openings for fine artists in the region for the Slow Water Arts Festival which is a partnership between FDDF and the Freeport Art Museum. It is a two day event June 25 and 26 that will feature fine, culinary, and performing arts. More information for applying can be found at www.slowwaterarts.org.

Freeport's downtown is the core of the economic health of the city. With over 200 businesses, it is FDDF's goal that the downtown district be a vibrant place to live, work, shop and enjoy.

Warren Woman's Club March meeting a success

WARREN — Our first guest was Cathy Burmeister of Dusty's Closet Antiques. They sell antiques and refinish furniture. "Thank You" Cathy for the information about the house (built in 1856 by Thomas Hick) and how you refurbished it, the house is part of the town history. Please stop into the shop.

Our second guest was Tom Quinn from The Pecatonica Tap House. They have produced 3 annual beers and 2 seasonal beers for now. They are going to make Warren a permanent home. For now the beer is brewed Monroe, WI and they grow their own hops. "Thank You" Tom for the information and the samples you brought. To know more, call for hours and where to get the beer.

Vice President Rose Steuart brought the meeting to order and she proceeded to call for the committee reports. Chamber of Commerce was first; Rose reported that suggestions were made that the floor and chairs need to be done; also a fund

raiser could be an ice cream social or an art show with some local artist to help out.

Darlene Smith sent a Thank You note to Marcia Hume for her services she gave at the Community Building.

The Spring Trip will take place at the Timber Lake Playhouse, on June 12, to Gypsy. The members who were present voted in favor of Gypsy. More information will be forth coming at the next meeting.

The Spring Luncheon information will be forth coming.

"Thank You" to this month's Social Committee; Kay Hessebacher (chr.), Joan Holm, and Charlene Saunders for a great lunch.

For future reference about any correspondence please contact our current President Ruth Landfield at 815-745-2610.

There are some members who want to attend the meetings but need a ride please call Mary Determan at 815-745-2436 and/or Sandra Wolfram at 815-594-2200.



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Take a drive in the country

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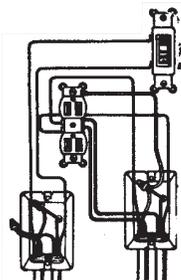
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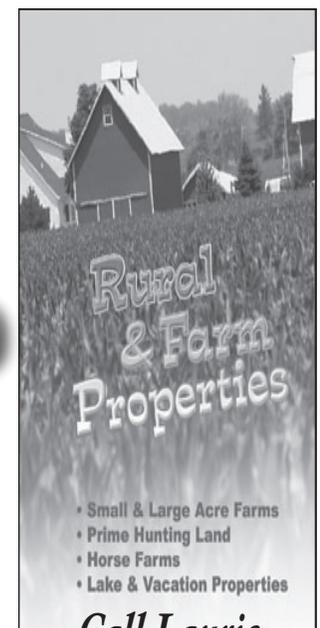
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15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
Plaintiff,
-v.-
DAMON R. FRIEDLEIN, et al
Defendant

15 CH 6

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 25, 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:

Commonly known as 221 WEST BENTON AVENUE, STOCKTON, IL 61085 Property Index No. 17-001-168-00. The real estate is improved with a single family home with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions 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 and the legal fees required by The Condominium

Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), 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: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1500561. 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. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 E-Mail: pleadings@pierceservices.com Attorney File No. PA1500561 Case Number: 15 CH 6 TJSC#: 36-1007 1686184

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS-
STATE OF ILLINOIS
CITIZENS STATE BANK, an Illinois
Banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PAULA K. FULTON; the UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL
REVENUE SERVICE; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIM-
ANTS,
Defendants.

15CH 48

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of the Decree for Foreclosure entered in said Court in the above-entitled cause on the 5th day of January, 2016, the Sheriff of Jo Daviess County shall sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder the following described lands and premises in said Decree mentioned or so much thereof as may be necessary to realize the amount due to satisfy said Decree with the terms and conditions as set forth herein:

The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Craig Willette
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1318 E. State Street
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815/965-8635

The common address of said property is 100 West Summit Avenue, Stockton, Illinois 61085.

The legal description of the property is: PIN: 43-17-001-468-00 Stockton

A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

residential home.
The time and place of sale are:
April 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Board Room (2nd Floor) of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, Galena, Illinois 61036.

The terms of the sale are:

To the highest and best bidder with cash or certified check in full at time of

sale. Property is conveyed in "as is" condition. Sale subject to Court approval; buyer will be entitled to possession of property 30 days after confirmation of sale by Court.

Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

NOTE: PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE LAW FIRM OF YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
-v.-
JARED M. JUNK, et al
Defendant

15 CH 00045

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 26, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 12, 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:

Commonly known as 204 JULE AVENUE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL 61025 Property Index No. 05-003-970-00. The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. 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 (HOME-OWNER), 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 14-15-14710. 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. 14-15-14710 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 15 CH 00045 TJSC#: 36-3083 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.

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St. Paul's Lutheran celebrates Christ's Resurrection

KENT — Sunday, March 27, at the 10 a.m. family worship, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, in Kent, will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. The worship will begin in silence as Mary's Lament is sung, asking where they have taken her Lord. The tomb is empty, and she does not know where they have laid him. The congregation responds by telling Mary that Christ has risen, and we sing "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today." Deb Winning is the organist. Jeanne Hill is the liturgist.

After the message, the congregation will sing "In the Garden," which tells of Mary's experiencing the risen Christ. Holy Communion will be celebrated, and all are welcome at the Lord's Table. We hope you will share in our joy of the resurrection and worship with us. We are located in the suburbs of Kent. For more information, call Pastor Andrea at (815) 232-4010.

Final Lenten lunch slated for Pearl City First UMC

PEARL CITY — The last Lenten Lunch will be served at Pearl City First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 23 at noon and will be served by Zion Church. We will enjoy a brief message, music and a free will offering will be taken. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, March 27, join us for a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with a message title of "Good Friday or Easter Sunday" from Phyllis Potter and music from our choir and praise team. After the service there will be an Easter Breakfast followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Our regular services are held at the Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. with the exception of this Easter Sunday. 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.

Apple River Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast



Members of the Apple River Lions Club got a short breather between waves of hungry supporters during the annual Apple River Lions Club Pancake Breakfast which this year included a Relay for Life bake sale.



Tracy Siegner photos

Folks came early and stayed late at the annual Apple River Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held Sunday at the Stage Coach Event Center in Apple River.

(Left) Apparently all except one of the Apple River Lions knew it was time to find something else to do when the dirty dishes started piling up during Sunday's annual Apple River Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast.



Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities grant applications available

STATELINE — Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities, Inc. will be accepting applications for grants from not-for-profit organizations till May 1, 2016. JDCCFC is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to serve as a fundraising organization to facilitate and assist charitable causes throughout Jo Daviess County. The goal of the organization is to provide financial assistance to those in need. This goal is accomplished through the awarding of grants to non-profit organizations who, in their goal to help other people in the county, express a need for financial assistance.

Since its inception, JDCCFC has awarded over \$783,000.00 in grant money to organizations in Jo Daviess County. The money for the grants comes from the proceeds of the annual Galena Country Fair. Country Fair is held each Columbus Day weekend at Grant Park in

Galena. Grant applications may be obtained by writing to Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 6394, Galena, IL 61036, or accessing

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(Left) Piping hot pizza was just one of the specialties served hot off the grill during last weekend's Get Your Smoke On Benefit for the Stockton Fire Department at Spahn & Rose in Stockton.



(Right) Folks were lined up most of Saturday afternoon to sample the wares at the Get Your Smoke On Benefit for the Stockton Fire Department at Spahn & Rose in downtown Stockton.

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Stockton Family Fun Run scheduled for April 29

STOCKTON — Kick the dust off of those running shoes and bring the whole family to celebrate spring with the first annual Stockton Family Fun Run on Friday evening, April 29 at 6 p.m. The two-mile course is designed to be fun for all ages and encourages everyone to get outside and be part of a family-

friendly event.

A registration form is available online at www.signmeup.com/stocktonfamilyfunrun or on the Facebook page for Stockton Family Fun Run. Individual registration is \$15/person or \$40 for a family registration. Registration and check-in will begin at 5:15 on the west side of the

Stockton Memorial Park (closest to the high school) and race will start at 6 p.m. The course will loop through the northwest section of Stockton and finish back at the park.

Participants are encouraged to dress as Super Heroes to support the theme of the run. Prizes will not be awarded based on finish and race time, but rather on theme and Best Dressed Super Hero. The course will also feature obstacles for those who are interested in mixing up the activity.

T-shirts will be given to all pre-registered participants, but registrations will also be available on the day of the run at 5:15 pm. To guarantee a t-shirt on race day, registrations must be submitted by April 21.

The Stockton Family Fun Run is hosted by Stockton Strong and being organized to offer family-friendly activities in the Stockton area.

For more information: Nicole Haas, 815-238-5141, nicolemhaas@outlook.com or Kate McPeck, 815-821-1322, dawskl@yahoo.com

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