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Eastland Pearl City Theatre Department presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

By Tony Carton
Editor

LANARK — “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” a lighthearted and fun production with music by Jeanine Tesori, lyrics by Dick Scanlan, and a book by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan was jubilantly revisited by The Eastland/Pearl City Theatre Department over the weekend at the Eastland High School Fine Arts Gym.

In the opening scene, we find Millie Dillmont, (Played delightfully by Bronte Wright) fresh off the bus from Salina, Kansas, having traded in her long, unfortunate dress for above-the-knee flapper chic, and setting off to be a thoroughly modern young woman.

It is the early 1920s, after all, and Millie’s distortion of feminism involves finding a job with a well to do, unattached boss whom she can marry and live with wealthily ever after. The play allows for none of that old-fashioned love stuff for Millie, our determined New Woman.

“Thoroughly Modern Millie” began as a 1967 film written by Richard Morris that was eventually revised by Mr. Morris and Dick Scanlan. Millie opened on Broadway in 2002, and won six Tony Awards, including best musical. It does not really need a plot, but none the less, has one.

Millie checks into the Priscilla Hotel for Women in Manhattan and lands a job at Secure Trust Insurance, run by the stylish, unmarried Trevor Graydon (as performed enthusiastically by Jacob Pacheco.) Graydon prizes Millie’s job skills, but quickly delegates her to the proverbial “friend zone,” which was not her intention.

Once in a while, Millie does step out with Jimmy Smith (which Gavin Carter presents with smooth style), the clean-cut youngster who will acquire a job until the fun plays out, then quits and drifts on.

Back at the hotel, the cheongsam-adorned owner, Mrs. Meers (as played by Gentry Lessman with convincing technique), seems increasingly suspect. Why do the hotel’s pretty young residents keep vanishing? Why does Mrs. Meers invite any new arrival who admits to having no family into her back room for “green tea,” right after she understandingly announces, “So sad to be all alone in the world!”

These goings-on do not bode well for Millie’s new BFF, Miss Dorothy Brown (as perfectly presented by Juli Waugh), a seeming Southern debutante who mentions early on that she is an orphan.

Notably, Mrs. Meers (Lessman) and her Chinese henchmen, Bun Foo (Jed Smith) and Ching Ho (Josh Dickman) have a delightfully loopy number that puts to clever use the inspired gimmick of employing supertitles above the stage for the boys’ “Chinese” dialogue.

So, there is the intrigue of a crime cartel, hopes, dreams and romantic complications, family secrets and, as it turns out, big money at stake.

The frivolous joys of “Thoroughly Modern Millie” are the music, especially the stimulating title number, and the refreshingly upshot-free atmosphere it creates. In the show’s pre-World Wars, pre-Black Tuesday timeframe even the “white slave” trade seems naive and the EPC theatre department presents it flawlessly.

After all, the worst that hap-



Tracy Siegner photo

The Eastland/ Pearl City Theater Department presented “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” a much-loved and totally fun production with music by Jeanine Tesori, lyrics by Dick Scanlan, and a book by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan.

pens to this crowd of sweet young things who get silly-tipsy at speakeasies is that they begin to dance amusingly, but in the most delicious ways, thanks to exciting dance routines painstakingly crafted

by the production’s choreographer, Ms. Ashley Spears. Even when the bar is predictably raided, the results are just police photos that any PR firm would proudly feature, and a charming night in the hoose-

gow. Speaking of picturesque, there are times when looking at the show’s deceptively simplistic scenic design seems like

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Illini summer academies let high school youth give college a spin

STATELINE — Deciding whether and where to go to college is a big decision. Illinois 4-H offers a 4-day college experience to help youth begin to make those decisions. Illini Summer Academies runs June 26-29 on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus.

The conference is open to all youth who will be at least 14 years old by Sept. 1 and have completed at least 8th grade. One may register online at go.illinois.edu/illini4H. Youth select one of 16 different fields of study, including aerospace engineering, ag business, ag mechanization,

animal science, anthropology, astrobiology, chemistry, computer science, creative writing, digital fabrication, electrical and computer engineering, entomology, human development and family studies, molecular and cellular biology, plant science, and vet medicine.

Delegates spend 17 hours of academy instruction with university staff. The rest of the time will be spent in chaperoned exploration of U of I's campus, including popular eating places, the student union, the quad, and campus recreation facilities. Workshops and tours will

also be held for parents and guardians both before and after the conference. Workshops will help families navigate the registration and financial aid maze. Tours will include the engineering campus and the ag campus, as well as the sports complexes, campus libraries and on-campus housing options.

Cost for the conference is different for each academy and ranges from \$200 to \$420. Financial assistance through the Illinois 4-H Foundation helps offset the cost of the conference. Donors include DuPont/Pioneer, Farm Credit Illinois, NASA, the Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, and the Roy J. Carver Biotechnology Center.

Registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis, and space may reach capacity before the May 15 deadline. Delegates are encouraged to apply early.

"Illinois 4-H is committed to preparing and empowering youth for success," said Lisa Diaz, assistant dean and director of Illinois 4-H. "Illini Summer Academies provides youth a chance to dig a little deeper into careers they may be considering for their future."

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. Associate Dean and Director George Czapar said the summer conference showcases the state's land grant university. "We know that many youth who attend Illini Summer Academies often return here as college students," Czapar said. "We want U of I to be their top educational choice and work hard during the conference to highlight all the unique attributes of this great university."

LENA LIBRARY NEWS

By Dixie Althoff
Director

LENA — It has been a busy couple weeks. Ms. Kathy was very busy last week hiding eggs. For all three classes she hid over 600 eggs filled with goodies!

The after school group started off with a "scavenger" egg hunt. Each child had to find a certain number of eggs plus a pencil and bubble gum. When the egg hunt was finished an Easter egg craft was done. The egg was made of foam and decorated with stick-on flowers and very

colorful buttons. Some very pretty eggs! Bingo was played and the hour was finished off with yummy Easter cupcakes.

The preschoolers also enjoyed an egg hunt. Lots of goodies. They still had time to do some of their regular things such as putting an egg on the room tree and doing the monthly weather chart. An Easter egg craft was also done. The foam eggs decorated with stick-on bunnies, ducks, small eggs, flowers and jewels were a big hit. This week there were no classes due to Spring break. We look forward to

seeing everyone again beginning April 4th. Hope everyone had a nice Easter and a relaxing break!

Book discussion was held March 24 and was well attended. Some of the books

Discussed were: *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelly Estes, *Cometh the Hour* by Jeffrey Archer, *Host* by Robin Cook, *After You* by Jo Jo Moyes, *The Revenant* by Michael Punke, and *Wedding Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke. Our next discussion will be held April 27 at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to meet with us!

We had three winners for the Easter Baskets. Girls: Ella Korte, Boys: Connor Zimmerman, Adults: Amos & Merissa Langlois. Congratulations to each of you and we

hope you are enjoying all the goodies.

New spring fiction: *Fool Me Once* by Harlan Coben, and *Things We Keep* by

Sally Hepworth. New Non-fiction: *Dark Money* by Jane Mayer. New Juvenile:

Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick

New Large Print: *All Dressed in White* by

Mary Higgins Clark, and *Ashley Bell* by Dean Koontz. One new Western: *Carlisle*:

Journey to the White Clouds by Wallace J. Swenson

New DVDS: *Sisters*, *Carol*, *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Road Chip*, *The Big Short*,

My All-American, *Secret in Their Eyes*, *Brooklyn and Room*.

Lots of new material coming in every week. As soon as it goes on the shelf, it goes out! If you come in looking for one of these new items and it's not in, get your name on the waiting list or you could be waiting for a very long time!

Enjoy the beginning of spring. Looks like we have started the April showers a day early! Remember when you're out and about at night walking, stop by the library and browse a bit. I'm sure you will be able to find something!

There are many things to choose from.

Watch the Shopper's Guide for future events!

LENA-WINSLOW CUSD 202

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Pearl City Cub Scouts host spaghetti supper

PEARL CITY — The Pearl City Cub Scouts are hosting their annual Spaghetti Supper

What: Pearl City Cub Scout Pack 27 Spaghetti Supper
When: Thursday, April 14th from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Price: Adults (12 and up): \$6, Children (3-11): \$4

*Children under 3 are free

Carry outs are available.

Proceeds go toward purchasing supplies and providing activities throughout the year.

Thank You Thank You Thank You

THANK YOU to everyone who made my 90th birthday special by sending cards, flowers, gifts and visiting me!

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Courtesy photo

Nicole Pavino and Taylor Winter and their advisor Mrs. Karen Koester from the Health Occupations Program at the Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy in Elizabeth, IL traveled to the State HOSA Conference in Decatur, IL.

HOSA students go to State

ELIZABETH — Two young ladies and their advisor Mrs. Karen Koester from the Health Occupations Program at the Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy in Elizabeth, IL traveled to the State HOSA Conference in Decatur, IL on March 9-11. The young ladies included Taylor Winter-daughter of John and Laura Winter of Elizabeth and Nicole Pavino-granddaughter of Kelly and Chris Koester of Scales Mound. The students competed in Medical Reading, Medical Terminology, Nursing Assisting, Personal Care, Interviewing Skills, Health Care Issues, and Healthy Lifestyles.

Nicole earned second place honors in the Personal Care and Interviewing Skills competition. Taylor placed in the top ten in the Healthy Lifestyle competition. The ladies

are planning to represent Illinois HOSA at the International Competition in Nashville, TN on June 22-25.

While at the national conference, Taylor and Nicole will be interacting with approximately 8,000 Health Occupation Students from around the world as they compete in their selected contests. They will also have the opportunity to obtain valuable information through educational symposiums. Taylor and Nicole will be working on raising funds to pay for their trip. They will be glad to accept any donations. Please contact Karen Koester at the Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy with any donations for Taylor and Nicole or any questions about the health occupations program or HOSA.

COLLEGE NEWS

Area students named to Augustana College winter term Dean's List

ROCK ISLAND — Augustana College announced 1008 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2015-2016 winter term. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Amie Badgett, a junior majoring in Business Administration-Management and Accounting of Orangeville

Claire Kepner, a senior majoring in English and Biology of Lena

Jonah Puls, a sophomore majoring in Accounting and Business Administration of East Dubuque

Founded in 1860, Augustana College is a selective four-year residential college of the liberal arts and sciences.

Senior Resource Center to host area senior spelling bees

STATELINE — Senior spelling bees will be held Friday, April 22, in Hanover and on Monday, April 25, in Freeport. Aaron Wilson from WIFR will be the moderator

For more information please visit www.seniorresourcecenter.net or stop by their offices at 206 E. Stephenson St., Freeport or 500 Fillmore St., Hanover.

Highland ranks number three in ten best community colleges in Illinois

FREEPORT — Highland Community College has been ranked number three in "The 10 best community colleges in Illinois," which was recently published by USA Today College. The ranking was conducted by schools.com and was based on "total attendance cost, student-faculty ratio, distance education focus and transfer rate to four-year institutions, among other factors."

According to the study, Highland was considered among the 48 schools within the Illinois Community College System and each institution was scored on a scale using a seven data point system that looked at the following:

- Percentage of students enrolled in distance education
- Cost of attendance
- Student-to-faculty ratio

Average retention rate for full-and-part-time students

Graduation rate

Transfer rate to a senior institutions

Flexibility score (based on three data points from the National Center for Education Statistics)

Data points were taken from reports published by the National Center for Education Statistics, The Department of Education's College Scorecard, and Illinois Community College Board.

Placing third behind Olney Central College and Lincoln Trail College, Highland is considered a standout academic institution for being one of the top schools to take online courses. Highland prides itself on keeping the costs of books and supplies low, which attri-

butes to students averaging an expense of less than \$1,000 in this category. Based on total cost of attendance, Highland was ranked among the 10 most affordable community colleges in the state.

It was also pointed out that Highland provides students with a wealth of support services that assist students in transitioning to the college experience through the Success Center, "where faculty and staff provide peer-tutoring services, study groups, review sessions, communications skills courses, a first-year experience seminar and other resources for guidance and support that can help contend with academics and social challenges that most students face."

For more information about Highland Community College, visit highland.edu.

Highland Community College student wins first place in Reel Illinois film competition

FREEPORT — Alex Jansen, a student in the Mass Communication program at Highland Community College, was awarded first place in the Reel Illinois Community College film competition at an Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) luncheon held Friday, March 11 in Lombard.

Jansen received a \$1,000 scholarship award for his film "The Voices of Highland Community College." The three-minute video was part of a state-wide competition sponsored by the ICCTA. With 65 percent of Illinois students in higher education attending Community Colleges, the films submitted to the competition were to focus on enhancing school engagement and pride. Jansen's film explores what Highland means to the community, where it's been and where it is going.

Jansen's film embodies the mission and vision of Highland Community College. He captured three voices that spoke of the past and future of the College. Those featured in the

film are Delbert Scheider, one of the founding trustees of the HCC; Alan Wenzel, a retired instructor and current leadership program director; and Samantha Petsche, a graduate of Highland.

Jansen shot the video with the goal of telling the story of how Highland Community College is seen through the eyes of the three individuals who share how HCC affected their community and their lives. With hours of content captured, Jansen had the task of editing the video down to the three-minute length required by the Reel Illinois competition. In the end, Jansen said he knew that he had a video worthy to stand up to the competition.

"When I heard I had won, I was relieved," Jansen said. "It means that I am doing things right, and it's hard to gauge what someone else gets from a video, but this award reinforces what I see in myself as a filmmaker."

Jansen plans to further his education in broadcasting at

Western Illinois University (WIU) in the fall of 2017. Highland Community College recently signed a 2+2 transfer agreement with WIU to offer a direct pathway to a bachelor's degree in broadcasting.

Jim Yeager, speech and mass communication instructor, said Jansen's prize is great for HCC and the newly developed program at the College. "This is fantastic for our program at Highland," Yeager said. "Alex is a great kid, a student worker, and has an insane work ethic, striving to be better. Now we can say we are an award-winning Mass Communications program. It's great for recruiting future students, and students like Alex lead by example. This sets the pace for us and encourages more people to come to Highland Community College."

For more information on the Mass Communication program at Highland Community College, contact Jim Yeager at jim.yeager@highland.edu or (815) 599-3482.



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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

March 28 – April 1

SPRINGFIELD — As Illinois begins the tenth month of its budget stalemate, legislators return to Springfield April 4 to begin the final two months of the 2016 spring legislative session.

Senate Republicans have continued to put forward proposals that would reform and fund critical state programs, such as K-12 education. They are calling on Democrat leaders to stop with the political partisan games and work on the compromises needed that will move Illinois forward.

Illinois is now the only state in the nation without a state budget. Pennsylvania ended a nine-month state budget stand-off on March 23.

'DoIT' moving ahead with transformation

Efforts to modernize Illinois' information technology (IT) services received a much-needed boost during the week with Gov. Bruce Rauner's new "DoIT" group to provide greater value for taxpayers.

Illinois is the third leading state in terms of spending on IT infrastructure, but comes in the bottom third of states when it comes to return on IT investments.

The Rauner Administration is advancing the state's information technology system into the 21st Century amid a major push to modernize a technology infrastructure that has components predating Microsoft's

Windows Operating Systems. Currently, customers that work with the state wait months to receive proper permits and licenses to business in the state. By overhauling the state's IT systems, wait times will go from months to weeks, or even days in some cases.

The state's Chief Information Officer Hardik Bhatt was joined by the agency heads of the Department of Corrections (IDOC) and Department Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) to talk about the efforts that have been achieved since Executive Order 16-01 was signed on Jan. 25.

A four-tiered transformational approach is being used:

- Cultural Transformation – moving out of "silos" to make state agencies work and talk with each other easier.

- Operational Transformation – more than 400 outdated systems run the state's core functions. As an example, it takes four different systems for an agency to order paperclips.

- Customer Service Transformation – making Illinois more customer-based in order to allow more functions to be done on-line and via mobile device platforms.

- Organizational Transformation – moving the state's 1,700 IT professionals under one organizational umbrella for a more functional "command and control" structure and to ensure better communication.



STATE SENATOR
TIM BIVINS

More than 1.1 million Illinoisans are subject to professional licensure under hundreds of activities regulated by IDFPR. In response, the Department has moved to an online-basis for licensing. The modern approach will allow business professionals to achieve faster results by tracking their licensing applications via IDFPR's new Web site and in coming months, the Department will have a mobile device platform available.

IDOC has successfully launched the "Offender 360" program, which allows IDOC staff to track and maintain more current records on more

than 45,000 inmates currently in custody. The oldest mainframes in the IDOC inventory date back to the administration of the late Gov. Dan Walker. Offender 360 also allows for a more holistic approach to inmate management, which will lead to better outcomes and help reduce recidivism.

The newest IDOC IT upgrades replace an outdated 1970s mainframe technology to more modern "cloud-based" systems. The Offender 360's new rollout comes after two previously-failed attempts under former Gov. Pat Quinn's administration.

Ethics proposal introduced

Legislation has been introduced to crack down on potential ethical lapses by constitutional officers and legislators.

Senate Bill 2764 would enhance the state's grant-making process by preventing elected officials from abusing their power when awarding grants. The legislation would impose a blackout period on constitutional officers and legislators from announcing grants close to an election; require a merit-based review of how grant recipients are selected, which will require documentation of award decisions including evaluation and scoring of applicants; and authorize a state agency to stop

payments to any grant recipient that is not in compliance with the agreement.

The bill is in response to the months-long audit review of former Gov. Quinn's controversial Neighborhood Recovery Initiative (NRI). Many questioned Quinn's political motives when he awarded more than \$50 million in NRI grants in the weeks leading up to the 2010 general election.

'High marks' by Site Selection

Site Selection Magazine recently ranked Illinois near the top of its ratings categories, which could spell good news for the state's somewhat sluggish economy.

A published report in Site Selection notes Illinois' potential for economic opportunity and recovery. Illinois ranked in the Top 5 in Site Selection's annual assessment of the states' ability to attract new facilities. For 2015, the magazine ranked Illinois in third place behind Texas and Ohio for its ability to attract new facilities during the previous year.

Illinois is poised for prosperity, but also threatened by the dysfunction of state government. It is important that lawmakers and the Governor make progress on passing a complete and constitutional state budget.

Durbin statement on nomination of Chief Judge Merrick Garland to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), a member of the Judiciary Committee, released the following statement on the President's nomination of Chief Judge Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court:

I applaud President Obama's decision to nominate Chief Judge Merrick Garland.

Judge Garland is an outstanding attorney and jurist with an admirable list of accomplishments. Born in Chicago and raised in Lincolnwood, Illinois, he received undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard and clerked for Judge Henry J. Friendly on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and for Justice Wil-

liam Brennan on the Supreme Court. He served with distinction as a federal prosecutor and in several supervisory roles in the U.S. Department of Justice, and he also worked in private practice before he was confirmed in 1997 in a bipartisan Senate vote to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He became Chief Judge of the D.C. Circuit in 2013.

The President has fulfilled his constitutional responsibility and now the U.S. Senate must do the same. No Senate has ever denied a hearing to a Presidential nominee to fill a Supreme Court vacancy. In the name of fairness and our Constitution, the Senate Republican majority must do its job and give Judge Garland a public hearing and a timely vote.

Jo Daviess County Democratic Central Committee to hold annual convention

GALENA — The Jo Daviess County Democratic Central Committee will hold its annual convention at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the West Galena Township Hall, 607 Gear St., Galena. This is the party's evening to orga-

nize efforts for the election season, so all county Democrats are welcome and urged to attend.

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/groups/JoDems/, or phone 815-777-0533.



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OBITUARIES

Harold "Harry" F. Law
 HANOVER — Harold "Harry" F. Law age 66, of Hanover, Illinois passed away Thursday, March 31, 2016 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home in Elizabeth, Illinois. A graveside service was held April 5, at the Rock Island National Cemetery in Rock Island, Illinois. We will meet at the Radisson Hotel Parking Lot at 1:30 p.m. 1415 River Drive, Moline, Illinois. Friends and family are invited to share in Harry's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com

Helen Marlee Sodt
 STOCKTON — Helen Marlee Sodt, age 76 of Stockton, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2016 at U.W. Hospital in Madison, WI. She was born December 7, 1939 in Knoxville, IL; the daughter of the late Leslie and Helen (Schwartz) Steck. She graduated from Galesburg High School in 1958. She then attended Western Illinois University and graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with a minor in Library Science.

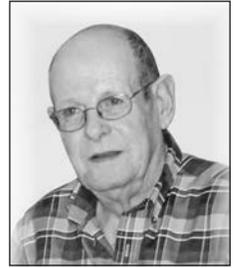


On May 30, 1964, Marlee married Ted Sodt in Havana, IL. She taught History at Havana High School for two years. She was also the librarian at Hanover High School and for the Stockton Township Library. Marlee was also a homemaker and raised two children. She loved to read and watch vintage movies. She also enjoyed taking day trips, antiques, going to flea markets, and the outdoors, especially bicycling and hiking. Marlee loved spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Ted Sodt of Stockton; daughter, Karen (Dennis) Barch of Rockton, IL; son, Jeffrey (Jill) Sodt of Grand Blanc, MI; grandchildren, Alex & Meghan Barch; and sister, Carolyn (Clarence) Clark of Galesburg, IL. She is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Janet Martin.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the ser-

vice beginning at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with her family at www.hermannfuneralhome.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.

FIRST BIRTHDAY



Graham Russell turned one!

LAFAYETTE, IN — Graham David Russell, son of BJ and Jen Russell of Lafayette, Ind. turned one year old on Friday April 1, 2016. Graham has a big brother Everett, 2. Grandparents are Kay and Roger Russell of Lena, Ill. and ward and Becky Dawson of Davis, Ill.

BIRTHS

Whitney Meeker

LENA — Alaina and Wes Meeker of Lena, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Whitney Jane Meeker born Thursday March 31, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Whitney has a sister Alison Meeker, 5. Grandparents are Mike and Lynn Marini of Freeport, Mike and Lori Johnson of Hampshire, Ill., Mike and Annette Meeker of Epworth, Iowa. Great grandparents are Marianne Von-Hamme of Carlyle, Ill., Colleen Rakowska and Harold and Betty Meeker of Lena.

Rylee Rauch

PEARL CITY — Kevin and Kristin Rauch of Pearl City, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Rylee Ann Rauch born Thursday March 24, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Rylee joins

a sister Blair, 2. Grandparents are Mary and LeRoy Rauch of Pearl City and Steven and Monica Sandahl of Lena, Ill. Great grandparents are Lyle and Rosemary Allen of Pectonica, Ill., Lawrence and Nora Sandahl of Davis Junction, Ill. and Jan LaTour of Mt. Morris, Ill.

Josie Row

STOCKTON — Mike and Kelsey Row of Stockton are the parents of a daughter Josie Jean Row born Friday March 25, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Josie has two sisters Makaila, 14 and Paisley, 1. Grandparents are Brian and Sue Crull of Monroe, Wis. and Day and Carol Row of Hampshire, Ill. Great grandparents are Bill and Kathy Lenshow of Sycamore, Ill. and Fran Row of Gilberts, Ill.

Quote of the week

"The recipe for perpetual ignorance is: Be satisfied with your opinions and content with your knowledge."

Elbert Hubbard

Applications available for Pearl City Area Upperclassman Scholarships

PEARL CITY — It's time again for second, third, and fourth-year College or Trade School Students to apply for scholarships being offered as of this year through the Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF). These scholarships were previously offered through the Pearl Area Upperclassman Foundation which is now part of the Pearl City Education Foundation. PCEF has a 501(c) (3) tax status.

Applications are available at the Pearl City School office or the School website www.pcwolves.net, and also at the Pearl City Public Library and the State Bank of Pearl City.

The deadline for returning completed applications to the Pearl City School is July 1, 2016.

Since its 2010 inception the Upperclassman Scholarship program has awarded 50+ scholarships with over \$18,000 being distributed. The Upperclassman Scholarship program is designed to be perpetual.

The Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) welcomes additional donations that will help increase the number, size, and scope of scholarships as

well as helping to provide funds for learning experiences for our students beyond regular academic programs. All donations are tax deductible.



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Hypnotik - an exploration into psychedelic visuals

ELIZABETH —The Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy National Art Honor Society is excited to announce their second annual print exhibit. The CTE Academy NAHS is an academic and service based club dedicated to spreading artistic awareness in self, in school, and in community. The exhibit theme, Hypnotik, was chosen by NAHS members. Student artists created their 2D designs focusing either on black & white or multi-color in the medium of their choice.

Work will be on display at the following locations: Elizabeth Public Library, Galena Public Library, Hanover Public Library, Mt. Carroll Public Library, Savanna Public Library, Scales Mound Library, Stockton Public Library, Warren Public Library, York (Thomson) Public Library, Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena Center for the Arts, Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy, and the Regional Office of

Education office. Work will be installed during the week of April 11, and taken down the week of May 9. Please contact the specific location to find out its hours of operation.

The 2015-2016 CTE Academy NAHS is part of the national chapter and currently has 18 active members. Members have completed extensive art related community service this year under the leadership of chapter president Alli Barr (WC senior) and Irene Thraen-Borowski (CTE Academy graphics teacher/chapter sponsor) All prints are on sale for \$10, proceeds go directly to the CTE Academy NAHS chapter. For additional information on the CTE Academy NAHS or to purchase a print, contact Irene Thraen-Borowski at irene@cteacademy.net or 815-858-2203 ext. 17. The CTE Academy NAHS greatly appreciates your ongoing support of this club and of art in our community.



Courtesy photo

River Ridge received a \$2500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. Pictured: Don McLane, FFA Pres. Jordan McLane, FFA advisor Edwin Curry

Don McLane, Jo Daviess County Farmer directs donation to River Ridge

HANOVER — River Ridge has received a \$2500 donation from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund and directed by local farmer Don McLane of Elizabeth. The donation will help the organization develop the Greenhouse at River Ridge.

Don selected River Ridge for the donation because of their

recently addition to their education program with the building of a greenhouse. He wanted to help develop the greenhouse into a positive learning tool for River Ridge students.

America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$22 million to more than 8,000 community organizations

across rural America.

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.

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at Lena Mercantile Eatery

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Thursday, April 7

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'Mental Health First Aid' training brought to you by Monroe Clinic and FHN

STATELINE — Similar to 'First Aid' and CPR, 'Mental Health First Aid' teaches individuals how to help those experiencing mental health challenges or crises

WHO: Teachers, School Staff, Pastors, Youth Group Leaders, Agency Staff, local citizens or anyone working with children of all ages

WHAT: Training on Mental Health First Aid in Freeport, IL

WHEN: May 12, Registration 8 a.m. Training 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

COST \$20 Continental breakfast and lunch included

WHERE: Freeport Public Library, 100 W. Douglas, Freeport, IL 60132

WHY: Mental health challenges - such as depression, anxiety, psychosis and substance use - are shockingly common in the United States. In fact, more than one in five

American adults will have a mental health problem in any given year. The National Council for Behavioral Health certifies individuals throughout the nation, including CONTACT of Northern Illinois, presenting the Mental Health First Aid course to prepare our communities with the knowledge and skills to help individuals who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The training helps the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses. For more information on Mental Health First Aid, visit www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org. For information on the training on May 12 or to receive a registration form please contact Tammie Evenstad at 608-324-2639 or email her at tammie.evenstad@monroeclinic.org.

STOCKTON CUSD #206 BOARD OF EDUCATION MARCH 21 MINUTES

STOCKTON — The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 Board of Education was called to order on Monday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the high school library. Members present included Robert VenHuizen, Cory Cassens, Julie Lawfer, Roger Groezinger, Kim Mapes, Deb Gille, and Kirk Schubert. The regular and closed session minutes of February 15, were approved 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Gille. Bills totaling \$90,677.06 were approved for payment 7-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Schubert. The financial report was approved 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Mapes. During Public petitions and hearings several people spoke to the board about concerns with the Le-Win/Stockton Wrestling Coop. Dan Stevens addressed the board about the accomplishments of the Speech Team in its first season.

In his good news report, Dr. Gilliland reported that the

Transportation Committee will meet at 5:15 on April 18, followed at 6 with a Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Mrs. Downey congratulated students on the successful production of Fiddler on the Roof on March 11 and 12, recognized that eight students were inducted into National Honor Society, congratulated Drew Groezinger and Hannah Brudi for winning at District 1 Proficiency Interviews for FFA and advancing to compete at State Proficiency at the University of Illinois, and congratulating Kara Wright for being named to Special Mention All-State Team for basketball. Mr. Fox thanked JoAnn and Jeff Eden and Sue McKee for purchasing a new electronic buzzer system for the middle school academic team in memory of Brian McKee, recognized the seventh grade girls' basketball team for winning the conference tournament and finishing first in their conference, recognized eighth grade girls' basketball team for finishing tied for first in the conference, con-

gratulating Jason Hermann who won first place in his wrestling weight class in the IKWF State Finals, and Case Harmston for finishing in fifth place. Mrs. Fox congratulated students for reading 988 books during the celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America day on March 2, thanked Mr. Walters for organizing the Smile Across America Program, and thanked Servant Leadership and the Stockton Food Pantry for partnering to begin the SNOW for students at Stockton elementary.

The AVC minutes were distributed as part of the board packet and discussed by member Groezinger. Technology Director Gary Baglin outlined goals and updated the board on cost analysis for future projects and purchases. The board continued discussions on building projects and possible steps to be taken in the future.

The board voted 7-0 following a motion by Gille and second by VenHuizen to go into closed session at 9:30 p.m. under the Open

Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, dismissal, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students. The board returned to open session on a 7-0 vote following a motion by Groezinger and second by Gille at 10:45 p.m.

Under new business, the board took the following action:

Approved tenured status for the following certified staff: Casey Downey, Gena Gray, Jeni Pearce, and Amy Steiert 7-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Schubert.

Approved the employment of the following non-tenured certified staff for the 2016-2017 school year: Paul Logan, Tanya Vincent, Kelsey Pierce, Renee Busch, Jacob Snook, Dorothy Ramey, Katie Libberton, Kaitlyn Polhill, and Cory Walters 7-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Cassens.

Approved 2016-2017 school calendar 7-0 following a motion

by Groezinger and second by Schubert.

Approved with regret the resignation of head girls' basketball coach Dennis Young 7-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Gille.

Approved the 2nd reading of board policies listed on the agenda 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Cassens.

Approved the employment of Principals Brad Fox and Colleen Fox for the 2016-2017 school year with a wage increase of 2.5% and language change to Colleen Fox's contract pertaining to tuition reimbursement 7-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by VenHuizen.

Approved the band and chorus trip to Washington D.C. for the spring of 2017 7-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by VenHuizen.

The board adjourned at 10:54 p.m. following a motion by VenHuizen. Motion carried 7-0.

Pearl City wins Section One Livestock Judging Contest

PEARL CITY — The Section one FFA Livestock Judging Contest was held at Mt. Carroll on Saturday March 19. There were 10 schools with over 100 individuals participating in the contest.

The contest consisted of judging classes which included: three rings of sheep, three rings of swine, three rings of beef, and a questions class. Pearl City came in first with a score of 1296 beating out Pecatonica which had a score of 1238.

Four Pearl City members placed in the top 10 including Jazmin Wingert who took high individual honors with a score of 444. Other top 10 finishers from Pearl City were: Hayden Keltner third with a score of 429, Skyler Fischer fourth with a score of 423, and Nathan Lott eighth with a score of 418. Other team members from Pearl City included Paige Fuchs, Meg Tessendorf, and Nicole Simler.

The Pearl City Livestock Judging team will be back in



Courtesy photo

The Pearl City Livestock Judging Team posted a win at the Section One Livestock Judging contest. Team members are: Skyler Fischer, Hayden Keltner, Jazmin Wingert, Nathan Lott, Meg Tessendorf, Nicole Simler and Paige Fuchs.

action on March 31 at the Platville invitational. They will also judge at the Joliet Junior College invitational on April 9, and the Illinois Central College invitational on April 16. They will finish out the season at the State FFA contest on April 22.

Pearl City Dairy Team takes third place at dairy contest

The Pearl City FFA Dairy Cattle Judging Team took third place out of nine schools at the Section One Dairy Contest held at Mt. Carroll on March 19. Nathan Lott was the eighth place individual. Other team members were Nicole Simler, Jazmin Wingert, Hayden Keltner and Brian Brenner.

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 • *Sunday School 10:15 a.m.*



CHURCH NOTES

PASTOR'S CORNER

Good News- God loves us so much He sent His only Son

By Sid Kemmis

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

LENA — What do you hear and see when you turn on the TV news? What do the newspaper and magazine headlines say? They blare out the bad news of bombings and shootings in San Bernadino, Paris,

Brussels, Baghdad, Yemen, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Somalia, Cameroon, Nigeria.

A quick check on the Internet for terrorist activity in early 2016 reveals 254 incidents of bombings or shootings in January and March; that's an average of nearly three per day occurring somewhere in the world. These resulted in death to hundreds and injury to thousands of people. And that doesn't even count the shoot-

ings on the streets of Chicago and other major cities. Some happened in the U.S., others in Europe, Asia and Africa. Since our news coverage is somewhat limited in world events, we may not have heard about many of these incidents, even when 60-70 people died.

It feels like we are living in a period of unparalleled violence and sinfulness. As one author in Europe put it (paraphrased), "It almost seems as though God is at opposition with the world. Present conditions are so shameful all around the world; it's as if God is allowing murderous mobs and terrorists. So much violence and so much misfortune prevails, we might think God is only Lord and God of the angels and that He has forgotten about mankind." Martin Luther expressed those thoughts in 1532!

He was preaching on the angel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother

of Jesus. He continued, "But here in our text we see that He befriends us humans like no other creatures, in the very closest relationship, and, in turn, we humans have a closer relationship with God than with any creature. Sun and moon are not as close to us as is God, for He comes to us in our own flesh and blood. God not only rules over us, not only lives in us, but personally became a human being. This is the grace which we celebrate today, thanking God that He has cleansed our sinful conception and birth through His holy conception and birth, and removed the curse from us and blessed us."

Luther concluded his sermon, "May we always thank Him for His grace and never become weary or surfeited in hearing and learning this. Unfortunately, most people in the world think they know it all, after they have heard it once."

Want some Good News? God loves us so much He sent His only Son to take on human flesh and live among us, feel our anxieties, fears, pains, even our temptations—yet He lived a perfect life, free of sin. Because He lived as one of us, He understands what we are going through in this life. He not only cares about our condition, He did something about it. He took our sins on his back to that cross where He sacrificed himself in our place. Much more, He rose from the grave, conquering sin, death and the devil. All who have faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior will have eternal life as well.

Quote of the week

"It's only by saying "NO" that you can concentrate on the things that are really important."

Steve Jobs

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

On April 11 the Parkinson Support Group will meet at Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. with Guest Speaker Kristin Rabideau, Physical Therapist from FHN, topic will be "Gait & Balance Issues With Parkinson's."

On Tuesday April 12, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will host the Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center at 9:45 a.m. It will be a wonderful time of singing favorite hymns. Volunteers are welcome to come and sing along and to help residents with their hymn books.

On Wednesday April 13, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

The After School Program for fourth through eighth graders will meet at the Hangout downtown on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Confirmation students in seventh and eighth grades will meet for learning, fun, prayer, and fellowship.

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church schedules April events

STOCKTON — Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will host Family Connections on April 13 and 20 at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. You will enjoy a great meal prepared and served by volunteers from Wesley, Kent and Willow UMC's followed by activities for all ages. Everyone is welcome so please join us and

enjoy good fellowship along with everything else.

April 7-14-21-28 --Ladies Study at the parsonage -10 a.m.

April 7-14-21-28-Bible study at Church --6:30 p.m.

Regular worship times are Spark -9:30 and Worship -10:45

We welcome you to join us at any or all of these events

The church is handicap accessible and is on the corner of Hudson and Benton Sts.

April 21 - Church Council will meet at 6:30

For information please call 815-601-6742

Check us out on Facebook for current postings and more.

Also visit our website: stocktonwumc.org

Apple River churches offer seven week Christianity Explored series

APPLE RIVER — Are you searching for deeper purpose in life? Do you ever wonder if there's more to life than this? Have you wondered who Jesus really is? Do you want to brush up on the basics of Christianity?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes", then join us for a seven week Christianity Explored series each Wednesday at the Apple River Park House from 6 - 8 p.m., start-

ing April 13 through May 25. Each week, we'll have dinner (it's free!), a short video, and an engaging discussion about these and other important questions as we explore the Gospel of Mark together.

This event is sponsored by all three churches in Apple River. Bring a friend!!! Questions? Contact Libby Ruth-erford at libbyandjay@gmail.com or call 815-990-1428 for details.



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Night of Renewal to be held at Rutherford's Barn in Apple River

APPLE RIVER — April 9 is a significant date, both globally and locally. In 1906, an earthquake almost leveled San Francisco. That same month, a Pentecostal revival shook Los Angeles, and the rumblings from Azusa Street are still being felt today. This move of God in 1906, which began in a warehouse on Azusa Street, has affected many denominations from the Assemblies of God to Roman Catholics. Approximately 430 million people have experienced the 'Baptism of the Holy Spirit' since that great outpouring in 1906. The gifts of the Holy Spirit became evident as physical healings took place, some instantaneous-

ly. Many were taken aback because people were 'speaking in tongues' and 'resting in the spirit' gifts that were misunderstood then and even are still today. But regardless of what some members thought, the Holy Spirit blew His wind through churches that had become stagnant and ritualistic. What happened next is the astounding part. Churches began to take on the characteristics of the early Christian Church. People prayed for one another. The poor were taken care of, alcoholics and drug addicts became sober and returned to their families, faith grew and many new members came to know Christ as their Savior.

People in our community have been coming together to pray for local spiritual renewal. Hence, we will be hosting a 'Night of Renewal' to not only remember the great events of the past that happened on this very date, but also to anticipate and expect the Holy Spirit to move among us again in a powerful way. There will be contemporary worship music, live testimonies from people who have been changed and healed by God, teaching to help us grow in our faith and personal ministry time for prayer by our teams.

It will be held on April 9, at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the "Rutherford's Barn" - 4131 E. Mt. Sumner Road, Apple River, Illinois (just off Scout Camp Road). Come join us and be blessed. There is no charge for the event. For more information or directions contact: Pastor Kathy Linn 815-858-5410.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Christianity and World Religions

By Gary Rich
Lay Servant, Lena United Methodist Church

LENA — We recently celebrated the anniversary of the suffering, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We celebrate other anniversaries during the year for people who have suffered and died for what they believe in. We honor those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor, or at Gettysburg, or at the Alamo, or the Twin Towers. Jesus is the only one who promises our resurrection. If we are to be disciples, we need to be sharing the good news of Jesus and his resurrection. This is not always as easy as it sounds. To share the good news of Christ, you need to have someone listen. I recently attended a meeting at church to talk about finding new and more exciting ways to share God's word in church. It is really a simple message, but you have to have people to listen. I think of the large groups that gathered to listen to Jesus. Of course,

Jesus did not compete with all the things that distract us today from listening to the message.

Our Sunday school class is starting a new study. We are going to look at Christianity and other world religions. You might wonder why we would see a need to study other world religions, but "we baby boomers" live in a world much different than the world we grew up in. There are ethnic, cultural, and religious differences we never had to face before. Jesus told us two thousand years ago "to love our neighbor." I think that message is as relevant today as it was then. Our neighbor has maybe changed a little, but the message doesn't change. So, why study world religions? Maybe so we can understand our neighbor a little better. Understanding world religions and knowing what their beliefs are will help us find ways to continue to share the message of Christ. As you study different religions, you find they have some things in common. Many believe in one God. Many of us today are Christians because our parents were Christians. We did not necessarily choose it. Some might say to study other religions might threaten our faith. If we are to succeed with sharing the message of Jesus, our faith needs to be strong enough to withstand the questions of other religions. In fact, by studying other religions, we find the strengths of Christianity. The strength that comes with the hope and promises of Christ, that if we believe in him, we will have peace and life eternal. As we start this study of world religions, I think the challenge for us as Christians is to remember that everyone on earth is a child of God. Some might not know or believe in Christ yet, but as Luke 19:10 tells us, "He came to seek out and save the lost." So, who is your neighbor and have you shared the message of Christ with him today? Next week we will start by looking at Hinduism.

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

Le-Win CUSD #202 to host open house

LENA — Lena-Winslow CUSD 202 invites you to an open house on Wednesday, April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m.

You will be able to tour the new addition, the renovations at the high school, and the renovated panther den.

St. John's Lutheran Church Joy Choir to Sing April 10

PEARL CITY — The St. John's worship service on April 10, will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will include the Joy Choir. Following worship, the Property Committee will meet in Luther Hall. Members of the St. John's Council will be available during fellowship hour for Coffee with Council. The fellowship hour is a great time to ask questions or express your concerns. The Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation will meet at 10:15. The Whirl Sunday School will focus on the lesson, Saul Meets Jesus. Scrip orders are also due on Sunday, April 10.

The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. upstairs in the Youth and Family Center on April 10. The Fifth Quarter youth (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on the same day followed by Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m. All interested youth are welcome to participate.

The Men's Breakfast will meet at 7:30 a.m. on April 6 at Little John's in Pearl City. The Christian Education Committee will meet on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. also. The Worship and Music Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on

Wednesday, April 13.

The Women's Gathering will meet on Tuesday, April 19, to clean the kitchen in Luther Hall. They will then meet for a bible study at 11 a.m. followed by lunch. Please bring a salad or dessert as the sandwiches will be provided.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The Monday evening bible study is at 7 p.m. and features a discussion titled "The Book of Job". This spring, our Monday night group will study the tragedy and restoration of Job, and perhaps even test our own sense of faith, piety and devotion to our Lord. The Thursday morning bible study is held at 9:30 a.m. and has begun a new series 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.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has grant funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist the residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the LIHEAP and Weatherization Programs.

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- Social Security Cards for all members of the household
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and **proof of zero income.**
- Current heat and electric bills issued.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- A signed copy of current lease for renters.
- A mobile home title or property tax bill proving ownership if interested in Weatherization.

Lady Broncos on roll as season rolls on

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

ORANGEVILLE — The Orangeville Broncos have started the 2016 spring sports season doing what they need to do, dominate their opposition and as a result, place themselves in a position to battle for the top spot in the NUIC.

In a conference match against the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers on Friday, March 25, the Lady Broncos used pinpoint pitching as they contained the visitor's offense into the fourth inning.

On the other side of the field, the Lady Panthers found that they had some things to worry about, starting with how regu-

larly their hosts made their way to base.

Orangeville collected 13 hits to go along with the eleven runs they plated, during the Friday afternoon match.

All the scoring was done in the middle innings, with the contest called after five, due to the ten-run rule.

Orangeville scored six times in the second and followed that up with innings of two and three runs scored.

Lena's only run came in the fourth, as they found a way to move their baserunner along, eventually scoring.

The Lady Panthers had two hits in the game.

Jamie Watson was credited with the win for Orangeville, as

she struck out five and walked none, in four innings pitched.

Hannah Holland pitched one inning in relief and was perfect in her outing.

Offensively, the Lady Broncos were led by Watson who was 3-3 for the game.

Morgan Robb was 2-3 and Morgan Stamm batted at a 50-percent clip, as she went 2-4.

In non-conference action, in a game played on Friday, April 1, the Lady Broncos matched their totals output from their previous win over Lena-Winslow, as they played host to the Rockford East E-Rabs and came away with the 11-1 win.

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Pearl City Lady Wolves stay perfect on season

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

SAVANNA — The Pearl City Lady Wolves have to be considered, "a team to beat", as they play through the early portion of the spring sports season.

There has been notice given and on Wednesday, March 30, the West Carroll Thunder understood that it would take a lot of effort and a lot of great plays, if they wanted to compete with the conference leader.

By a final score of 9-6, the Lady Wolves moved to 5-0 on the season as ace hurler Tori Clark went the distance, striking out eight batters and only walking two.

It appeared the game had the potential to be a runaway as the visitors scored three times in the top of the first inning and carried that advantage over the next inning and a half of play.

In the bottom of the second, West Carroll found its offense and took control of the game, as they scored five runs and held the two run advantage into the Pearl City fourth.

The Lady Wolves added a run to their total in the top of the midway point inning, but still found themselves in unfamiliar territory, down a run, late.

Following an uneventful fifth inning, the Lady Wolves settled in, found their marks, took their extra bases and scored three times.

Into the bottom of the sixth inning, the lead had switched. Pearl City was in control, up 7-5.

West Carroll could not score in the bottom of the sixth inning, as the lead remained two.

In the top of the seventh,

Pearl City padded their lead as they scored their final two runs.

West Carroll would score once in the bottom of the seventh.

It wouldn't be enough as the Lady Wolves saw their record improve to 5-0 on the season and 3-0 in the NUIC.

Kylie Fransen scored three runs, on 1-4 hitting and drove one home.

Bronte Wright was 2-4 and scored twice. Tori Clark was 2-5 with two runs scored and three driven in.

Taylor Brudi was credited with a two-hit day. She picked up a run batted in, in the decision.

In a match against the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers, Pearl City found a lot of offense, often, as they scored seven times in the third inning and followed that up with ten more in the fourth.

Pearl City moved to 6-0, following the 17-5 victory.

In the win, Tyra Clark cleared the bases as she sent one sailing, picking up three runs batted in for the game.

Kendra Melville was 2-3, with two runs scored and another driven home.

Taylor Brudi, Kylie Fransen and Bronte Wright all collected hits, helping Pearl City stay perfect.



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LENA - BEAUTIFUL BUTTERNUT WOOD - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, beautiful spacious finished walkout basement. Lots of updating in the last 10 years including a new roof with complete tear off in 2014. Located on a cul-de-sac. A MUST SEE! Priced at\$147,500

OTHER PROPERTIES



WINSLOW COUNTRY - NICE COUNTRY LOCATION on 7 acres M/L. Surrounded by timber on 2 sides, fenced-in pasture, garden and garden shed. Located on hard surface road and asphalt driveway. Several black walnut trees and an abundant of wildlife (turkey, deer, etc.). 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home, main floor laundry and 2 stall attached garage with a nice amount of storage. Updates include newer hidden fastener steel roof, mudded drywall throughout most of the home, kitchen backsplash, oak window sills, oak beams, oak crown molding and water softener. Property heats very efficiently. This home is in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) call for details. A MUST SEE! Priced at\$157,000



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



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



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

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Flippin' burgers for the fire department

Checo and crew spent a long hot day in the Checo's Family Restaurant and Pizzeria kitchens last Monday in support of their plan to donate 100% of the day's receipts to the Stockton Fire Department which suffered dramatic losses due to a fire station fire in February.

Warren Library to host program on identity protection and more

WARREN — As part of Money Smart Week the Warren Township Public Library is hosting a special presentation with Jason Leviskas, Public Affairs Manager with the State of Illinois Comptroller, on Tuesday, April 19 beginning at 6 p.m. In this program covering identity theft, fraud, and scams, participants will learn how to identify potential scams and frauds and how to protect themselves against identity theft. There will also

be opportunities to address concerns from those who have been a victim of identity theft.

This program is offered free to the public. Light refreshments will be available. The Warren Township Public Library is located at 210 Burnett Ave. in Warren, Illinois. Please call the library during business hours at (815) 745-2076 or message us any time on Facebook to reserve a seat or with any questions.

Morseville Church to host spring service with Trinity Quartet

MORSEVILLE — Mark your calendar!! Morseville Church will hold their spring service on April 24, at 2 p.m. at the church. Gospel music will be provided by the "Trinity Quartet" from Fulton, Il. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the music. Fingerfood and fellowship in the basement following the

music. Morseville Church is located at 12231 E. Morseville Rd., Stockton, Il.

Trinity Men's Quartet of Fulton, Il. has been singing together for well over 30 years. It started out of Trinity Reformed Church in Fulton and ever since way back then, the guys enjoy sharing the gospel through four part harmony and Southern Gospel music. Arlene Schaver is our piano player and keeps us all together. We don't use any sound tracks. Her husband Ken is our tenor. Larry St. Ores sings lead. Ken Renkes is our bass and Randy Venema does the baritone.

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Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

KENT/WILLOW — Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday April 10, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are invited and welcome also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible, all are welcome and invited to this time too.

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

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Tracy Siegner photos

The worst that happens to this crowd of sweet young things after a few speakeasy drinks is that they begin to dance amusingly thanks to dance routines crafted by the production's choreographer, Ms. Ashley Spears.



The dancing was crisp and the tunes were performed with enthusiasm throughout last weekend's Eastland/Pearl City Theatre Department performances of Thoroughly Modern Millie.



Director Jamie Graf said teaching the actors and actresses to tap dance was one of the real challenges of the production, but when the lights came up the dancing was right on the money.

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a tour of some theatric paradise. Just when you think the construction crew has outdone itself with elegance, we visit Muzzy Von Hossmere's penthouse living room with its virtual view of a starry Manhattan sky.

Directed beautifully by Mrs. Jamie Graf and Mr. Brandon Bull, with the musical direction of Mr. Ben Randecker, the story is well played, well sung and well danced by a young and talented cast, leads and supporting players alike.

Both Alexis Smith as a remarkably convincing Muzzy and Ms. Lessman as a very believable Mrs. Meers have some fabulous moments. Mr. Pacheco is disarmingly comical as Graydon. And, Kayla Niehaus brings remarkable tap dance skills as Miss Flannery, the senior, forceful stenographic supervisor surrounded by skinny young typists with enviable love lives. "Forget About the Boy," the

second act's dazzling opener, wouldn't have been half as much fun without her.

What made the EPC production of Millie worth a visit (okay, two visits - maybe even three visits) was the obvious hard work and dedication of everyone involved, from the sound crew to the lighting

team, from the construction gang to the costume designers, and from the performers to the flawlessly designed playbills. Kudos to the communities that continue to support the arts in secondary education, congratulations EPC and thank you for a fun night at the theatre.



The team running the sound boards was totally focused during last weekend's Eastland/Pearl City Theatre Department production of Thoroughly Modern Millie



Assistant Director Brandon Bull sits with the performers and runs down a list of last minute do's and don'ts before the curtain rose on the Eastland/Pearl City Theatre Department's production of Thoroughly Modern Millie.

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Lena-Winslow splits week with offense looking for answers

By **Chris Johnson**
Reporter

LENA — Following a ten point loss to non-conference foe Stilman Valley, 15-5, as the 2016 spring sports season got underway, the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers began settling down and connected on the goal at hand, getting on base and scoring.

Some of the answers were found as the Lady Panthers played one of their best games of the season as they took out the Eastland Lady Cougars, 6-3.

Shut down pitching was featured for the Lady Panthers as they kept the Lady Cougars at bay, not allowing a runner to cross the plate until the seventh inning, when Eastland plated three.

By the seventh inning, the Lady Panthers had already scored six.

The late push would come up short, as Lena-Winslow improved their season mark with the win.

Some questions resurfaced during a March 29 clash with Pearl City, as the Lady Panthers suffered the conference loss, 10-2.

Pitching was consistent into the fourth inning, as Lena-Winslow entered the frame tied at one.

Pearl City would add two runs in the top of the fourth, however, then began connecting on relief pitching, as they added seven runs over the next two innings to come away with the rivalry win.

Kendra Melville pitched seven innings strong for the Lady Wolves, giving up five hits and a walk, to go with six strikeouts on the night.

Pearl City moved to 4-0 on the season and 2-0 in NUIC play.

On Wednesday, March 30, the Lady Panthers remained in NUIC play as they faced Eastland, this time on even friendlier ground.

The home field advantage proved crucial, as Lena-Winslow came away with the 9-8 win.

Eastland scored earlier, during their second meeting of the week, as they put two runs up in the top of the third.

In the top of the fourth, the Lady Cougars added another.

Lena-Winslow began to find the openings, getting into the swing and putting the ball into play.

After scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, the lady Cougars saw their three run advantage dissipate.

Eastland added two additional runs in to the top of the fifth, to reclaim their three run advantage.

That would change in the bottom of the fifth as Lena-Winslow tied it up, scoring there and entering the sixth with the game all square at five.

In the sixth inning, Eastland plated a run. In the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Panthers took the edge, heading into the seventh with a one-run lead after they scored twice.

In the top of the seventh, Eastland looked like it was in control as they scored twice.

Lena-Winslow had one shot left.

As part of the elven-hit effort, the Lady Panthers came through and scored twice to take the game 9-8.

With a match played on Thursday, March 31, the Lady Panthers discovered they haven't figured out Pearl City yet.

The Lady Wolves have been rolling through the NUIC in the early going and lived up to those expectations as they came away with a five-inning, rules shortened 12-point win over Lena-Winslow, 17-5.

In the match, the Lady Wolves collected eight hits, but were the recipient of seven Lena-Winslow errors.

They made the most of their chances as they came away with the double-digit win.

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East would score first, as they opened the game and made the most of their four hits on the day, as they plated their single tally.

Orangeville responded in the bottom of the first as they scored one of their own, tying the game at one.

After the first, it would be all Orangeville, as they scored five runs in the second, then added an additional five runs over the final two frames, scoring their eleventh run of the game and ending the contest, after crossing the ten-run barrier.

Orangeville remained perfect on the season as they improved to 6-0.

Upcoming contests for the Lady Broncos include home games against conference rivals Aquin Catholic and Eastland.



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Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation sponsors bluebirds and you – a free workshop

STATELINE — Everyone is invited to enjoy Bluebirds and You - a morning workshop filled with interesting and colorful information about our beautiful bluebirds and how to participate in one of our trails, and even attract them to your property. You are

encouraged to come whether you are new to bluebirds or an experienced Bluebirder.

This program, sponsored by the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, will be presented on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m.,

at the Elizabeth Community Building located just north of Route 20 in Elizabeth, IL at 402 West Street. No reservations are necessary, and admission is free.

The workshop will start with registration at 8:30 a.m. while you enjoy coffee or tea and

delicious baked goods, and receive free tickets for door prizes. The program begins at 9 a.m. with a keynote presentation by Steve Barg, the Executive Director of the Foundation, on the diversity of cavity nesting birds in Jo Daviess County, including bluebirds and many others.

Our experts from the Bluebird Recovery Program will demonstrate their years of experience in setting up and monitoring bluebird nest boxes, and how the success of the bluebird trails in Jo Daviess County has brought Bluebirds back from the brink of extinction. Discover the best ways to select the location for a nest box, the fea-

tures of the nest box, and what to expect when you monitor the bluebirds who use it. Find out how to join a team on a bluebird trail, or attract these gems of blue to raise families in your own yard.

The morning will conclude with a drawing for door prizes, and the opportunity to pick up helpful literature, purchase professional bird photos, books and nest boxes, and get free advice on setting up your own nest box.

For questions about this program, please contact Lindsay Foy at the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation in Elizabeth at 815-858-9100 or by email at educator@jdcf.org.

4-H livestock and dairy judging contest to be held

STATELINE — Have you ever attended a County Fair? As you were walking through the barns looking at the kid's animal projects, did you wonder how the kids chose their animals? Or why the judge placed the animals in a certain order during the show? Livestock and dairy judging can be a fun way for youth to gain a better understanding of market and breeding animals, they can practice their decision making skills, and learn to communicate their reasons for their selection.

The University of Illinois Extension and Willow Valley Dairy Farm will be hosting a Livestock and Dairy Judging Contest on Saturday, April 2. Beginners are welcome and no experience is needed to participate! This will be a free, hands-on event that will give participants the chance to judge dairy, beef, swine, and sheep.

Participants will work closely with professionals in this field to gain a better understanding of the judging process. These qualified individu-

als will be there to explain their placing, educate youth, and answer any questions they may have about the animals, the classes, and the selection process. The dairy judging portion will meet at the Willow Valley Dairy Farm located at 4389 S. Willow Rd., Kent, IL. During the livestock judging portion, the participants will travel as a group to local farms.

The activities for the day will be as follows: (times may vary)

9:00 a.m. Check in @ Willow Valley Dairy Farm (breakfast provided)

9:30 a.m. Dairy Judging begins

12:00 p.m. Lunch (provided)

12:30 p.m. Livestock Judging begins— Beef (Travel to local farm as a group)

1:30 p.m. Judge Swine (Travel to local farm as a group)

2:30 p.m. Judge Sheep (Travel to local farm as a group)

3:30 p.m. Judge Beef (Travel to local farm as a group)

To register for this event or to find more information, please visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsweb> or call the Extension Office at 815-858-2273. All youth are invited to attend, ages 8 and up. 4-H membership not required.

Apple River man held on three felony sexual assault counts

APPLE RIVER — Jo Daviess County Sheriff Kevin Turner reports that on Friday, April 1, Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Detectives and the Jo Daviess County Critical Incident Tactical Response Team (TRT) executed an arrest warrant at 303 South Pine Street, Apple River, Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

Steven T. Havens, 47 years of age, was arrested on a felony arrest warrant issued in Jo Daviess County. The arrest warrant was generated during an investigation of Havens by Jo Daviess County Detectives regarding allegations against Havens of child sexual abuse. Havens was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail where he is being held on a \$250,000.00 bond.

Havens has been charged with the following:

COUNT I
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault

(Super Class X Felony, not eligible for probation, 6 to 60 years DOC, minimum of 3 years to maximum natural life MSR, maximum \$25,000.00 fine, mandatory consecutive sentence, no more than 4.5 days of sentence credit for each month of sentence)

COUNT II
Predatory Criminal Sexual

Assault
(Super Class X Felony, not eligible for probation, 6 to 60 years DOC, minimum of 3 years to maximum natural life MSR, maximum \$25,000.00 fine, mandatory consecutive sentence, no more than 4.5 days of sentence credit for each month of sentence)

COUNT III
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse

(Class 2 Felony, 3 to 7 years DOC, 2 years MSR, Maximum \$25,000.00 Fine)

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services Division, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Tyler's Justice Center for Children.

Members of the TRT team included officers from the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, the Warren Police Department, the Stockton Police Department, the East Dubuque Police Department, the Elizabeth Police Department, the Galena Police Department and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Turner reminds the public that persons charged with criminal offenses are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — Were you able to keep everything in your yard and your feet on the ground on Saturday? It was a terrific gale out there. My neighbor rescued my grill cover that had blown in the next yard. We decided to put it in the garage until next week. April came in like the same lion that March did. I don't know if my tulips will make it. They had snow around them this morning! As the saying goes, this too shall pass. This week's recipes are full of good things. There is an appetizer, salad, main dish, and dessert.

The first recipe is for a creamy artichoke dip that has the great surprise of crab. You make it in a small crock pot, and it will be a hit no matter what the season. I like it on the cocktail rye bread (it is already sliced, and I am basically lazy). It is a great addition to any appetizer table.

Artichoke-Crab Spread

1 C. imitation crabmeat
 ½ C. grated Parmesan cheese
 4 t. lemon juice
 ¼ C. sliced green onions
 1 can (14 oz.) artichoke hearts, drained, coarsely chopped
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, cut into cubes

48 slices of French bread baguette or cocktail rye bread
 Spray a 1 to 1½ qt. slow cooker with cooking spray. In the slow cooker, mix all ingredients except the bread.

Cover and cook on LOW heat setting 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Stir until cheese is smooth. Scrape down the side of the slow cooker with a rubber spatula to help prevent the edge of the spread from scorching. Serve with bread. Spread can be held on LOW heat setting up to 3 hours—stir it occasionally because the cheese will separate.

This crunchy ramen noodle slaw is a great salad dish for

either of the main entrees below. You can grate your own cabbage if you want, but the packaged slaw is often on sale. Many of the recipes that use the ramen noodles don't make use of the flavor packet, but this one does. What do you do with that leftover flavor packet? If you are like me, you usually forget you have it until it is hard and unable to be used. So I am glad to have a recipe that uses it.

Crunch Ramen Salad

1 T. plus ½ C. olive oil, divided
 ½ C. slivered almonds
 ½ C. sunflower kernels
 2 pkg. (14 oz. each) coleslaw mix
 1½ C. chopped green onions
 1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped
 1/3 C. cider vinegar
 ¼ C. sugar
 ½ t. pepper
 2 pkg. (3 oz. each) chicken ramen noodles

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over the medium heat. Add almonds and sunflower kernels and cook until toasted, about 4 minutes. Cool.

In a large bowl, combine the coleslaw mix, onions, and red pepper. In a small bowl, whisk the vinegar, sugar, pepper, contents of the ramen seasonings and ½ cup of oil. Pour over the salad; toss to coat. Refrigerate until serving. Break the ramen noodles into small pieces. Just before serving, stir in noodles, almonds and sunflower kernels.

I like to order beef with broccoli at a Chinese restaurant. This recipe is an easy one so that you can make your own. I always use low sodium beef broth and low sodium soy sauce. In fact if you use the low sodium, the others taste way too salty. I find you can always add salt, but it is really hard to take away.

Beef with Broccoli Quick Stir Fry

1 T. cornstarch
 ¾ C. beef broth
 2 T. soy sauce
 1 T. brown sugar
 1 garlic clove, minced
 1 t. minced fresh gingerroot
 2 t. canola oil, divided
 ½ lb. beef top sirloin steak, cut into ¼ inch strips
 2 C. fresh broccoli florets
 8 green onions, cut into

1-inch pieces

In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch, beef broth, soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic, and ginger. In a large non-stick skillet, heat 1 t. oil over medium high heat. Add the beef to the skillet, and stir fry the beef 1-2 minutes or until it is no longer pink. Remove from pan and place on a large plate or serving dish.

Stir fry the broccoli in the remaining oil for 4-5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Add the green onions and cook 1-2 minutes longer.

Stir in the cornstarch mixture and add to the pan. Bring to a boil and cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until thickened. Return the beef to the pan and heat through. Serve over brown rice or noodles.

This Tex-Mex Casserole is an easy one to put together. Using the rotisserie chicken makes the chicken prep time minimal. The layering of the tortillas makes this dish sort of like Mexican lasagna. Enjoy this easy casserole that will make for a great week-night dinner.

Chicken Tortilla Casserole

4 C. shredded rotisserie chicken
 2 t. chili powder
 ¼ t. garlic powder
 ¼ t. cayenne pepper
 2 T. butter
 ½ C. chopped onions
 ½ C. chopped green or red peppers
 1 t. salt
 1 can (10 oz.) tomatoes with green chiles
 2 T. flour
 2 C. chicken broth
 8 oz. cream cheese
 ½ C. whipping cream
 12 (6 oz.) tortillas
 8 C. shredded Mexican blend cheese

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 baking pan with cooking spray. Toss the chicken with chili powder. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the peppers, onions, salt, and tomatoes. Cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with flour and stir to coat well. Slowly pour in the chicken broth, scraping the bottom of the pan well. Bring to a simmer and cook until slightly thickened. Stir in the cream cheese, about 2 tablespoons at a time, until melted. Stir in the cream and chicken. Remove from the heat.

Place 6 tortillas in the bottom of the prepared baking pan, overlapping in the center. Spread half the chicken mixture over the tortillas. Top with 1 cup of the Mexican blend cheese. Place remaining tortillas on top and add remaining chicken mixture. Top with remaining Mexican cheese. Bake 30 minutes, until lightly browned and bubbling. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Another spring favorite of mine is lime. I really love the key lime flavor. I strongly suggest that you use the key lime juice rather than regular lime juice because it has a better and richer flavor. These cupcakes take a little work, but they are really pretty and pretty darn good!

Key Lime Cupcakes

Cupcakes
 1 box of lemon cake mix
 1 small box of lime-flavored Jell-O
 ¾ C. water
 1/3 C. Key lime juice
 1/3 C. oil
 3 eggs
 2-3 drops of green food color

Glaze
 1 C. powdered sugar
 2-2 ½ T. Key lime juice
Frosting
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese softened
 ¼ C. unsalted butter
 1 t. vanilla
 3½ C. powdered sugar
 Lime slices for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350. Place paper baking cup in each of 24 regular-size muffin cups. In a large bowl, beat all the cupcake ingredients with an electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium speed for 2 minutes. Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cups filling

each about two-thirds full.

Bake 19-24 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan to cooling rack. With a toothpick or wooden skewer, pierce the tops of the cupcakes in several places.

In a small bowl, mix 1 cup of the powdered sugar and enough of the tablespoons of lime juice until glaze is smooth and thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle and spread glaze over the cupcakes. Cool completely about 30 minutes.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and butter on medium speed until light and fluffy. On low speed, beat in the vanilla and the powdered sugar until mixed; beat on medium speed until fluffy. Frost the cupcakes. Add ¼ piece of fresh lime as garnish if desired.

I am counting on some spring weather this week; the weather forecast is for warmer temperatures. I have friends who have to sit at track meets, baseball and softball games and soccer matches. They are wearing winter coats! Income tax due date is fast approaching. I finished mine and packed away all the receipts for last year. Isn't it ironic that it takes several months to really put 2015 to rest? Just a reminder--rhubarb will soon be making an appearance, so we are looking for some rhubarb recipes. Mother's Day brunch is fast approaching also.

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Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois celebrate Arbor Day by planting over 2,000 trees

STATELINE — The Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois will celebrate Arbor Day by planting over 2,000 trees at Camp McCormick, 9995 N. Girl Scout Road, in Stillman Valley, on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Camp McCormick is a beautiful 400 acre woodland property situated in northern Ogle County. The rolling terrain of Camp McCormick contains scenic trails, camp sites, meeting facilities and more. The free

Arbor Day event also serves as a camp open house. Visitors will be able to tour camp facilities with the summer staff, participate in a variety of nature based activities, celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree, and have an opportunity to meet the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) CEO, Fiona Cummings. Not a Girl Scout? Not a problem. All girls and their families are welcome at the free open house, and all girls can register

and attend summer camp. The National Arbor Day Foundation and the State of Illinois both celebrate Arbor Day as the last Friday in April. This year, GSNI is celebrating by putting hands and hearts to work at their own beloved camp property, Camp McCormick. Through a generous donation, a forestry plan was conducted at both Camp McCormick and Camp Dean, located at Big Rock, Illinois. The plan included a tree inven-

tory that identified both native and invasive species on the properties. It also provided a comprehensive look at the overall health of the forest systems, and recommendations on how to improve forest viability and biodiversity. With donor funds, GSNI was able to purchase 2,200 native tree species to be planted on Camp McCormick grounds in accordance with the forestry plan. Why is planting trees important? Trees provide solutions to air and water pollution by acting as natural filters. They also play an important role in reducing storm water runoff and soil erosion.

Girl Scouts has a long history of fostering environmental stewardship by getting girls outdoors to experience nature first-hand. According to the Girl Scout Research Institute, girls who attend camp make lasting memories, form friendships, and build important leadership skills. Girls who attend camp report they are twice as likely to take future actions to protect the environment.

Girl Scouts founder, Juliette Gordon Low, was a famous lover of nature. Today, Girl Scouts continues to honor her legacy by promoting respect and love of the great outdoors. This includes developing girls to be stewards of our natural environment across the globe.

Girl Scouts who re-register to be Girl Scouts while at the event and participate in the festivities will have the opportunity to earn an Arbor Day fun patch as well as a re-registration fun patch.

For more information on resident and summer camp opportunities offered by the GSNI visit, www.girlscoutsnri.org or call 815-962-5591 to request The Little Book of summer events and camp guide.

Local University of Dubuque student Jerrid Gift inspires younger generation

DUBUQUE, IA — Jerrid Gift, of Lena, shared a passion for STEM - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics - with young students during an event dedicated to inspiring elementary school students. More than 80 University of Dubuque students and 20 faculty hosted Family STEM Night at Kennedy Elementary School on Tuesday, March 22. Univer-

sity students guided elementary school students through a variety of STEM activities. The interactive stations included a UD flight simulator, handmade mini-boats, soda straw rockets, and a pocket solar system. Last year, Kennedy Principal T.J. Potts asked Debra Stork, chair of the teacher education department at UD and a professor of education, if the

university, one of the school's "partners in education," would host a STEM event. Numerous departments across campus collaborated to make the event a success. Roughly 400 Kennedy students and families participated.

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 further 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.

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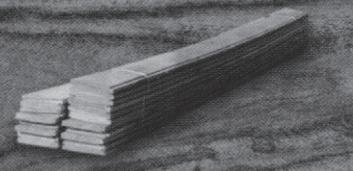
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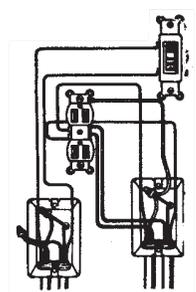
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