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Walmart mystery shopper scam resurfaces

Information compiled
by **Tony Carton**
Editor

STATELINE — A mystery shopper scam targeting a Walmart customer, which has been around since at least 2011, has resurfaced. Reports of the scam have started circulating on Facebook and other parts of the Web, from people who have gotten checks of up to \$2,000 in the mail.

The scam starts with a legitimate-looking check, usually for an amount of up to \$2,000, which is mailed to a consumer. The check is supposed to be used at Walmart to purchase items as part of their mystery shopper program, a program that pays random people to shop at their local store and rate their experience through a survey.

A letter that comes with the check directs the reader to a registration website, which requires several items of personal information including name, address, phone number, Social Security Number, and in some cases a driver's license number.

The program is a scam, and the personal information collected will provide the scammer either everything they need to commit a number of crimes including identity theft or financial fraud, and if you're curious, the checks themselves are worthless.

"Fraudsters are sending fraudulent solicitations via mail, print, text, and e-mail to entice consumers to evaluate the retail experience, products and services at stores, including Walmart," the retail giant said in a warning on their corporate website. "This mystery

shopper scam uses fraudulent offers, fake checks and wire transfers to persuade unsuspecting consumers into sending money to fraudsters who are often located outside the U.S."

Bottom line: "Walmart does NOT utilize these services."

The scam itself has existed for several years. In 2014, the scam reached a point that required a wider public notice, so Walmart implemented a fraud alert on its own. In 2011, the consumer watchdog website Consumerist warned readers about the scam after a jobless victim in Los Angeles had \$4,000 stolen from him. The website issued a follow-up reminder in 2015 when the scam once again started to circulate.

If you or someone you know finds one of these letters in the mailbox, or similar offer in your email or through a job-hunting website, ignore it.

The victim in Los Angeles is just one example of someone who was taken by the scam. Odds are, many others have had similar horrible experiences. These cruel scams play on the base fear that comes from having either no job, or the pressure of finding a second job.

It's hard to resist the pull of a way out when you're struggling, but you have to. Remember, when something sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

Update: In addition to posing as Walmart, scammers have also started posing as a legitimate mystery shopping company. Victims are losing thousands of dollars due to this new variation to an old scam.

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Jazzin' it up

The Stockton Jazz Choir under the direction of Lana Crandall brought an air of excitement to the recent concert for the SOS+ organization at the Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.



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Boom! Clap!

The Stockton High School Show Choir under the direction of Lana Crandall made everything picture perfect blue while performing Boom Boom Clap for members of SOS+.

Certified Crop Specialist credentials earned by one area agribusiness professional

STOCKTON — One employee of Stephenson Service Company, Freeport, has successfully completed the requirements necessary to hold credentials as a Certified Crop Specialist (CCS) in the FS System of Member Cooperatives.

Matt Bonnet of Stockton recently earned accreditation as Certified Crop Specialist, advising growers in all aspects of crop management and production.

To earn the original title of Certified Crop Specialist, each was required to successfully complete a series of comprehensive written and verbal exams designed to establish base standards of knowledge on the topics of nutrient management practices, integrated pest management, soil erosion and water quality. Among the skill sets assessed were technical knowledge; the ability to discover, identify and analyze yield-limiting factors from a grower's field records; identify common pest problems and recommended economic treatment measures; discuss and



Courtesy photo

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analyze the economic aspects of crop production; and understand the need-identification process.

The Certified Crop Specialist accreditation recognizes crop advisors for their production expertise, says Jay Kempel, General Manager. "These credentials prove a CCS's ability to put his or her training to work in finding solutions that help producers optimize agronomic results, economic return and environmental stewardship," explained Kempel.

A farmer-owned supply cooperative, Stephenson Service Company has offered complete crop services to growers in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties for over 85 years, and currently employs six Certified Crop Specialists.

Derinda Lutheran Church Relay for Life team to host tea party on Sunday, May 1

ELIZABETH — The Derinda Lutheran church Relay for Life team is hosting a fund raiser tea party Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m. at the Derinda Trinity Lutheran Church 8393 South Derinda Road, Elizabeth in memory of Dorothy Ellinor, a long time team member.

The party will feature a program by Dorothy's daughter Diane Dietmeier and friends.

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Serving up community spirit

Apple River Fire Chief Rick Huizinga works the serving line during Saturday's Apple River Fire Department ham and swiss steak supper benefitting the Stockton fire dept.

Hornets strengthening for playoff position

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

SCALES MOUND — Already, the Scales Mound-River Ridge Hornets have a chance to look back at what they've accomplished so far this season, as they prepare to enter the post-season, a little over two weeks away.

Since early season play, the contests have seen a lot of runs scored.

In wins over Oregon, Fulton and Stockton, nine runs was the norm.

In a loss to Stockton, in Blackhawks Country, they gave up eight.

As the season rolled along, the competition got closer.

In late march, a three-point loss to Forreston, slowed the optimistic start.

Cross-border wars with Benton and Shullsburg, were followed by head-to-head clashes with the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers.

Through this past week, matches against Galena and Eastland, both on the road, were completed.

After the jaunt to Lanark for the Monday, April 18 match, the Lady Cougars returned the visit the next day.

With matches at Pecatonica to take place this Thursday, April 21 and late-season showcases with powerhouses Galena and Milledgeville, as April comes to a close, the Hornets will have time to refine,

as they prepare to open the post-season in the Class 1A Regional at Freeport Aquin or Pearl City.

It will not be known, until Tuesday, May 3, exactly where the Hornets will be placed.

A seeding meeting will take place, prior to the State Tournament opening the week of May 16.

Other teams, in the Freeport Aquin and Pearl City Regional, include Milledgeville, Eastland, Lena-Winslow, Orangeville and Galena, along with the two host schools, Aquin

and Pearl City.

The winner from the Sub-Sectional (A) will move on to face the survivor from the Sub-Sectional (B).

Some of the top contenders in the Dakota and Elgin-Westminster Christian Regional include the two host schools, along with Ashton-Franklin Center, Durand and Pecatonica.

South Beloit and Kirkland-Hiawatha will also compete for the right to move on to the Pecatonica Sectional, the following week.

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Freeport Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council awards grants and CARE Award

FREEPORT — The Freeport Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council awarded three grants and the CARE Award totaling \$1,000 to area non-profit organizations that provide a variety of programs and services benefiting northwestern Illinois at a Grant Reception on April 9.

These grants were awarded to:

Children's Hands On Museum-Connect 4 Game

K Cancer Baseball-Pediatric Cancer Family Assistance

Northern Illinois Food Bank-Backpack Program

Each year the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) presents a CARE (Community Awareness Reflected in Education) Award. This award is to honor an adult in the field of education who contributes to their community by nurturing charitable giving and volunteerism in their students and in their community. A donation in honor of the recipient's award is given to a not-for-profit of their choice. The 2016 CARE Award winner is Diane Regan

— Freeport High School. A donation in honor of Ms. Regan has been given to the Freeport High School College and Career Center.

The Freeport Community Foundation has a 41-year history as a community-based charitable organization guided by community leaders that are dedicated to providing financial solutions for current and future community needs.

501(c) (3) not-for-profit organizations from Freeport and the surrounding communities are eligible to receive funding. Freeport Community Foundation grant cycles are awarded two times annually. The next cycle of grant proposals will be due on September 1, 2016; awards will be announced by November 1, 2016.

For information or to apply for a Freeport Community Foundation (FCF) grant, visit the web-site: www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org or call 815.801.3035. The foundation is located at 524 West Stephenson Street, Suite 102, in Freeport, IL.

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE — Well, it was an interesting week in Springfield. We worked on several important issues. The Democrats pushed through a \$3.9 Billion spending plan (Senate Bill 2046) which was essentially the same one they proposed before, except with a slightly larger price tag. Just like before, this one has no funding mechanism, no way to pay for it. What it amounts to is a false promise to Illinois families and only adds to the stack of unpaid bills on the Comptroller's desk. I'll tell you about our Comptroller, Leslie Munger.

Comptroller Munger, the state's chief financial officer and the one responsible for cutting the checks to pay state bills, likens this situation to a family budget. According to Comptroller Munger, it's like a family sitting down at the kitchen table with \$100 and trying to pay down a \$7,000 stack of bills. A family can't afford to spend or budget this way. The State shouldn't either. The Democrats \$3.9 Billion spending bill that was passed this week just adds to the mountain of unpaid bills. It is an IOU with no way to ever pay it back; an empty promise to the people of Illinois.

Let's take some time to talk about real solutions. Republicans have a proposal that funds Illinois colleges and universities with an actual funding source. It would give



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Governor Rauner the ability to reallocate existing funds to meet our commitments to Higher Education. Democrats gave Governor Quinn this same flexibility during a budget crunch a few years ago, but are unwilling to do so now. It's yet another example of politics at its worst.

Last week, we introduced a bill to fund essential human services. The proposal uses savings achieved from common sense pension reforms to fund vital programs that serve children and families in need, seniors on fixed incomes and the disabled, among others. The reforms we're talking about are completely con-

stitutional and could net an immediate, significant amount of savings.

What we need to recognize is that real people and families rely on the state services that depend upon us having a budget. An IOU is not the answer. Actions like the \$3.9 Billion IOU the Democrats passed this week only gives desperate people false hope. We need a real solution to pay the state's commitments.

Another issue we talked about this week was school funding. This is a huge issue across the state. If we look back at the past ten years, past governors have fudged the formula and schools only received a portion of the funds that the State of Illinois had promised them. Experts say that if we fully funded our schools, the schools would receive an additional \$120 million. I believe we should give 100% of the money that the state promised for K-12

education. That's more money for every school district across the state, including our own here in northern Illinois.

Looking ahead, next week is going to be another interesting one in Springfield. I am hopeful that meaningful progress can be made toward a budget agreement. On my side of the aisle, we have been trying to reach a compromise for the past ten months. My colleagues and I have tried each and every day to bring about a resolution to this impasse and I will keep working to achieve a reasonable and responsible budget.

If we work together and in the spirit of bipartisanship, we can get rid of the waste and abuse and provide services to the children and families who rely on them. Illinois can once again be a place everyone can be proud of and afford to live, work, and raise a family.

I would like to end this week on a note of recognition and remembrance of a long time friend that passed earlier this week and who was laid to rest on Friday, Michael "Mike" "Ponch" Pontius. Mike was a Freeport Firefighter who while in the line of duty was exposed to a toxic substance while fighting a house fire that eventually took his life. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Dawn; his sons Josh, Jerek and Jordan; his daughter Kirsten and the entire Pontius Family. Mike comes from a family of Firefighters and every Firefighter's service to our communities reminds me of the Fireman's Prayer, "When I am called to duty, God whenever flames may rage, give me the strength to save some life whatever be its age. Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late, or some older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently put the fire out. I want to fill my calling and give the best in me, to guard my neighbor and protect his property. And if according to your will I have to lose my life, please bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife."

As always, you can reach me or Sally at 815/232-0774 or e-mail us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbristanstewart.com or on Facebook.

Durbin presses Abbott Labs on outsourcing 150 American jobs to Indian company

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) today announced that Chicago-based Abbott Laboratories has forced approximately 150 laid-off employees to sign a gag order preventing them from discussing the layoffs with federal agencies, as they are legally entitled to do. The employees

were required to sign sweeping non-disparagement agreements in order to receive any severance pay.

Last month, Durbin wrote to Miles White, the CEO of Abbott Labs, urging him to reconsider their plan to outsource the jobs of these U.S. workers, who have dedicated years of loyal service to the company. In a follow-up letter to White today, Durbin said it is wrong that we cannot hear firsthand from the American workers who are losing their jobs because of Abbott's outsourcing agreement.

"I am deeply disappointed that your response confirmed you are replacing these workers, who have dedicated years of loyal service to your company, with contractors from Wipro, an Indian company that specializes in outsourcing American jobs," Durbin wrote. "I know from recent conversations that this layoff has taken its toll on the morale of your remaining workforce."

"This non-disparagement provision also does not make clear that a current or former Abbott employee can communicate with government

agencies regarding workplace discrimination. This is especially troubling given the circumstances of these employees' termination. As I am sure you are aware, employees have a legal right to communicate with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and comparable federal, state, and local agencies," Durbin said.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month—wear blue to show your support!

GALENA — April is nationally known as Child Abuse Awareness Month, and blue is the representative color for the cause. To bring awareness at a local level, Jodi Zeal, the Jo Daviess County Victim Witness Coordinator, and the new Executive Director at Tyler's Justice Center for Children, Missy Lyons, tied a big blue bow around a tree in the front yard of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse. Please show your support to child victims by wearing blue this month.

Tyler's Justice Center for Children is a 501(c)3, non-

profit Children's Advocacy Center which provides services to child victims of sexual and/or severe physical abuse to children, aged 18 and under. The Center serves Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson Counties, and is centrally located in Stockton, IL.

Millie Carton's quote of the week

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ON THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

Alan Marks

SPRING HILL FL — Alan Dale Marks of Spring Hill, FL, passed away Thursday March 17, 2016.

Marks was born February 22, 1957 to Harlan and Ruth (Holland) Marks in Freeport, Ill.

He went to school in Elizabeth, Ill., joined the Army, where he was in Germany and then stationed in Ft. Riley, Kansas. He lived in Kansas after getting out of the service where he became a professional residential and commercial painter. He later moved to Florida where he continued his profession.

His favorite pastime was fishing off his boat.

He is survived by his mother Ruth Marks of Warren, Ill., sisters: Joan (Jim) Leitzen of Stockton, Ill., three brothers Dave (Veronica) Marks of Elgin, Ill., Tom (Holly) Marks of Elizabeth and Gerald Marks of Warren and many nieces and nephews. He also had special friends Steve and Lucy Scibek, Danial Scibek, Jennifer Vanfelt and Harley Quinn Vanfelt all of Spring Hill, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his father and his wife Sandy.

There will be a memorial at a later date.

Kim E. Lobdell

LENA — Kim E. Lobdell, 61, of Lena passed away on Friday, April 8, 2016 at his home with his family by his side.



He was born on December 14, 1954 in Freeport, IL. He was the son of Robert and Gayle (Borchardt) Lobdell. Kim was a graduate of Lena-Winslow High School in the class of 1973. He also attended Highland Community College in Freeport, IL.

Kim began working after high school as a carpenter for Bob Hendry Construction and then later at the Ralston Purina Plant near Lena until its closing in 1985. He purchased the Spare Time Lanes in Lena and was owner operator until he sold the business in 2005. Kim married Nancy Rice on June 3, 1989 at the Lena United Methodist Church in Lena. He worked for the Lena-Winslow Elementary School as a custodian for nine years retiring in 2015. Kim was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church. He enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears and flying kites.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy of Lena; children: Stacy Lobdell and Amy Lobdell (Troy Brainard) all of Freeport, IL, Kimberly (Brian) Daws of Forreton, IL and Angie (Carl) Meyer of Stillman Valley, IL; grandchildren: Hunter Daws and Carter Daws, Lucas Meyer and Matthew Meyer; brothers Jeff (Lisa) Lobdell of Lena, IL and Dan (Kathi Gemmell) Lobdell of Freeport, IL; Mother-in-

law, Anna Johnson of PawPaw, IL and sister-in-law, Sherrie (Dave) Flavin of DeKalb, IL and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert, on March 18, 1993 and mother, Gayle, on February 25, 2009, an infant brother, Michael, father-in-law, Warren Johnson and sister-in-law, Sandy Sondgeroth.

Services were held April 16, at Lena United Methodist Church Lena, IL.

Visitation was April 15, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Rev. Brian LeBaron officiated at the service and a luncheon followed immediately.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his memory.

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

LaVerne C. Schneider

LENA — LaVerne C. Schneider, 82, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL.

He was born on September 10, 1933 in Winslow, IL, the son of Alfred and Flossie (Luke) Schneider.



LaVerne was a graduate of Winslow High School. He married Ilene Zimmerman on November 7, 1953 in Monticello, WI.

LaVerne served our country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1953-1955. He worked as a carpenter with his brother, Len. He also worked for auto parts companies Sieg and General Auto for many years. On April 1, 1998, he began working for Leamon Funeral Homes until his retirement on September 30, 2013. LaVerne was a member and served as President for many years of the American Legion Post # 592 Stewart- Schneider Legion. He attended the Monroe Bible Church. LaVerne was a recipient of the "Shoot the Bull" Award now known as the North West Illinois Sports Hall of Fame. Prior to him joining the military, he played professional baseball for the St. Louis Browns in the American League. LaVerne also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Ilene, of Lena; 2 daughters-

SueAnn (George) McCarty and Cheryl Schneider; 2 granddaughters- Candace (Brett) Monson and Andria (Rhett) Cornelius; a great grandson Rhyder Cornelius and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings- Leonard, Pearl Minder, Viola Retzlaff, Cletus, Wilbur, Alma Johnson, John, Ralph, Lucille Gill and Delvin

Funeral Services were held April 18, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena with a visitation beginning at 10 a.m.

Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl will officiate

Cremation Rites will be accorded and interment will be held at a later date in Rock Lily Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his name.

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

BIRTHDAY

Elaine Johnson

PEARL CITY — 100th Birthday Celebration for Elaine Johnson on Sunday, May 1 from 3-5 p.m. at the Pearl City Fire Station. Birthday wishes can also be sent to her at Hawthorne Inn 2170 W. Navajo Dr. Room 128B Freeport, IL 61032. Her birthday is April 30.

Jo Daviess County Democratic Central Committee elects new officers

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — The Jo Daviess County Democratic Central Committee held its annual convention April 13 in Galena. Chairman Ron Leinen thanked outgoing officers for their hard work and announced that he will step down at the close of the meeting.

New officers elected for 2016-17 are: Chairman Shane Harbach, Warren; Vice Chairman Jerry Dittmar, Stockton; Treasurer John Freitag, Galena;

and Secretary Nancy McMennamin, Galena. New bylaws were adopted and plans for the coming year were discussed.

Beginning in May, meetings of Jo Daviess Democrats will be held at 6 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month at various locations throughout the county, and are open to everyone. For the location of the May 5 meeting, a schedule of events and more information, go to www.facebook.com/groups/JoDems/.

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Arbor Day Tree Walk hosted by Master Gardeners

STATELINE — Join the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners for an Arbor Day Tree Walk at the Don Opel Arboretum on the campus of

Highland Community College. The walk will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 starting and ending in Parking Lot D of Highland

Community College. An Arbor Day Tree Walk has been prepared by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners which features 68 trees and shrubs and includes a few of the trees original to the arboretum and many additional exotic, interesting and thought-provoking items. Trees and shrubs that are considered native, as well as trees from distant countries and distant times

are featured, including a tree once thought to be extinct, several trees in the threatened ash family and a few now considered invasive. Timed to coincide with the Arbor Day weekend at the end of April, the approximately half mile, comfortable stroll through the interior campus will be formally presented on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by several members of the Mas-

ter Gardener organization who will be on hand to guide and inform the visitors. Descriptive signs will be located at each of the 68 trees that are featured on the walk during this time frame. Family oriented activities will be conducted by the Master Gardeners throughout the walk. For more information call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit us on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

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



DAVIS - LAKE SUMMERSSET - 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH QUAD LEVEL located on a wooded lot. Located in Winnebago County and Durand School District. This home has 3 levels of finished living areas. #1-open area with kitchen, dining area, living room with fireplace and patio door to deck. #2-2 bedrooms, 1 full bath. #3-1 bedroom, 1 full bath, mud/office which goes to the 2 stall attached heated garage. Home has a newer furnace in March 2016, central air is older. Home does need lots of TLC. Call our office today to make an appointment to see this home. Priced below assessed value. Priced at \$59,900

NEW LISTINGS



LENA - MOVE IN READY, 2.15 ACRES, LE-WIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, what more could you want? Home features 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room, dining room with sitting area, main floor laundry and season's room. 3+ stall garage, 1 stall garage, hobby barn, pool, deck, 2 grills, gardens, asparagus patches, mulberry trees and red raspberries. Priced at \$155,900



FREEPORT - LARGE 2 STORY HOME WITH 4 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATHS AND OVER 3,000+ SQ. FT. ON 3 ACRES M/L. Large kitchen with breakfast bar, dining area with patio door to a large deck overlooking the backyard with deer, turkeys and other wildlife. Formal living room with fireplace. Step down into a beautiful family room with wood floors and patio door to backyard. Master bedroom on main floor has a 13'12" x 10'8" master bathroom with lots of closet space. 3 more bedrooms in upper level. Recently has had new gutters and downspouts added and several other repairs. Has a playhouse in backyard, detached garage, shed workshop with approx. 1,500 sq. ft. Priced at \$169,900

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Elizabeth Library to host identity theft/fraud/scams seminar

ELIZABETH — State of Illinois Comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger's Take Charge Illinois Program will be offering financial workshops around the state on everything from identity theft protection to the basics of budgeting as a part of Money Smart Week. As a kick-off to this program, the Elizabeth Township Public Library will be hosting a seminar on identity theft protection, fraud and scams.

at 210 E. Myrtle Street in Elizabeth on April 21, at 5 p.m. Identity theft is the nation's fastest growing crime. You can learn about phishing, vishing, smishing, pretexting, and spoofing. Please plan to attend to learn how to identify potential scams and frauds, how to protect yourself against identity theft, and to address concerns if you have been a victim.

This will be held at the library

Please call the library at 815-858-2212 if you have any questions.

Eagle Nature Foundation sets date for annual Big Bird Day

APPLE RIVER — On May 7, Terrence N. Ingram, President of the Eagle Nature Foundation, invites the public to join him for his Big Bird Day. On that day, from dawn to dusk, he will be counting how many different species of birds he can find, which are using the Apple Creek Arboretum and Apple Creek Prairie and Apple Creek Woods. He will be documenting how many different species of birds have adapted to the many natural habitats that are being restored on this property.

River, just 1/2 mile south of Stagecoach Trail, on May 7th, or send in a pledge to help ENF document, which species have come back after last summer's complete devastation of the birds living in these same areas.

In order to make this day a fund raiser for the Eagle Nature Foundation, he is asking members of the public to make a donation, or pledge for each different species that he is able to see, and/or hear on this one day. Join Mr. Ingram for at least part of the day at 8384 North Broadway, Apple

During his Big Bird Day on May 9 of last year, he was able to record 65 different bird species using these very same areas. Come, see and enjoy for yourself the many different birds living in these habitats. The many different warblers that stop in Apple Creek Woods on their migration north are truly a sight to behold.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Executive Director, Eagle Nature Foundation,
300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone 815-594-2306

COLLEGE NEWS

Curtiss holds a leadership role for The Fashion Show 2016 at Iowa State University

AMES, IA — Emily Curtiss a sophomore studying Apparel, Merchandising, and Design of Stockton II has been selected as a committee leader for the public relations crew of Iowa State University's The Fashion Show 2016. Over the course of thirty-four years, The Fashion Show has grown into one of the largest student-run fashion shows in the country. The show is held in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium and has an annual attendance of more than 2,000.

Elizabeth Township Public Library to expand hours

ELIZABETH — Beginning May 1, the Elizabeth Township Public Library will be expanding business hours to include Tuesday. Additionally, the library is no longer closed on Friday over the noon hour. The new hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1 to 7; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Elizabeth Township Public Library Board of Trustees wishes to thank the patrons that participated in the survey regarding more open library time.



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Help celebrate the 4-H volunteers in your life

STATELINE — April 10-16 was National Volunteer Week, and University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development program wants to thank the more than 14,500 4-H adult and youth volunteers who guide and support the nearly 200,000 4-H participants in Illinois.

National Volunteer Week is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating that by working together, communities have the ability to meet challenges and accomplish goals.

The Points of Light Foundation sponsors National Volunteer Week, and the 2016 theme, "Celebrate Service," aligns with the focus of Illinois 4-H volunteers who are empower-

ing and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and their community. 4-H volunteers are actively engaged in their communities by impacting the lives of Illinois youth by sharing time and talents with youth through 4-H clubs, SPIN clubs, metro 4-H clubs, after-school programs and camps. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in learning activities as they are practicing skills employers want; growing and distributing food to communities in need; stewarding the natural resources; making a difference in local, state, national, and global issues; and influencing positive choices for healthy living.

In Stephenson County, there are over 200 volunteers who are inspiring youth involved

in county and local 4-H club programs. 4-H Clubs and their organizational leaders include:

Baileyville Bandits - Jackie and Larry Sander

Country Cuzins - Linda Meier and Stephanie Mitchell

Davis Rockets - Bonnie Campell

Florence Crickets - Alicia Glendenning and Dean Kuper

Freeport Fantastics - Denise Hayunga

German Valley Golden Eagles - Josh and Stacey Bolen and Ann Johnson

Harlem Helpers - Bonnie Bawinkel and Rose DeVries

Lena Live Wires - Kathy Baumgartner

Lena Lucky Clovers - Kristi Krahrmer and Jamie Stabenow

Pearl City Hornets - Claire Brinkmeier, Barb Curry and

Janine Tessendorf

Pearl Valley Rangers - Curt and Pennie Miller and Becky Thomas

Rainbow Rangers - Gail Engelkens and Karen Wilhelms

Snappy Snazzers - Pat Yea-

gle

Whiz Kids - Jeannette Lincicum

To learn more about 4-H in the community, one may contact Stephenson County 4-H at 815-235-4125.

Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation schedule April meeting

LENA — The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena. The meeting will be held in the Cafe' Dining Room with our fearless leader, President, Joe Ginger presiding. The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a Not-for-Profit organization that is dedicated to improving all 58 miles of your Pecatonica River experience. This includes access, education, wildlife habitat, log jam extrication and river clean-up for the human communities in Stephenson County. Here is what The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is going to be up to: Discussing aggregate placement, electrical, canoe & kayak launch options, finishing the ADA fishing pier installation all

at Atten's Landing. Membership renewal, future landings, Eagle Scout garbage enclosure construction and work at McConnell's "Bobtown" Landing. The all new Second Edition of the Pecatonica River post card book is available at The Red Barn - Lena for \$12 and we will have them at our meeting. Another collector book from the talents of Joe Ginger.

The fun & fishing is great on your 10,000 year old river and the Wildlife viewing is even better. Our organization is a fun "hands on" group that is making great things happen. We encourage you to attend our meeting and consider becoming a member. The membership fee is reasonable and the rewards are many. Everyone is welcome. Come start the summer fun with us!

Revitalizing the Art of Home Food Preservation

STATELINE — The art of food preservation has been passed down throughout the years from generation to generation. In recent decades however, home food preservation has not been seen as a necessity given the easy access we have to inexpensive and convenience foods in our modern society.

However, with the growing cost of food, the local food movement and the desire to have more control over what goes into our food, there has been renewed interest in home-food preservation.

Canning is one of many methods used in home-food preservation. "In order to ensure that your canned goods are safe, it is important to realize what was once considered safe for grandma, may not be safe for you and your family" states University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold. A lot of things have changed over the

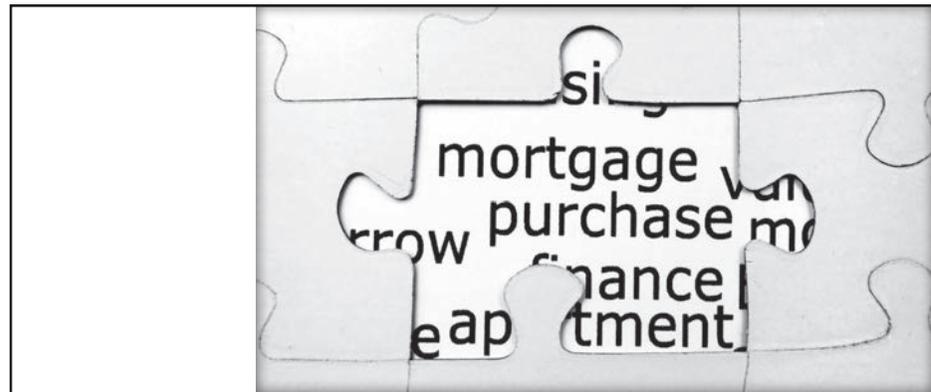
past 30 plus years, including the guidelines for canning. As new research is available, new recommendations are made helping to ensure your food is safely preserved.

If canning is something you have always thought about learning, or if you simply want to update your food preservation knowledge, this workshop is for you. Join University of Illinois Extension's Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely - Water Bath and Pressure Canning Basics. This workshop will cover safe food handling practices, the latest, most up-to-date food preservation information on canning, and you will be able to get your dial gauge pressure canner tested for accuracy. If you have a dial gauge pressure canner you need to have it tested once a year, to ensure gauge accuracy.

This workshop will be held on Thursday, April 21 from 6

- 8 p.m. at Highland Community College, Building R, in the south lobby.

This is a free event but space is limited, so enroll today by either calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visiting us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>.



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Hospice and Stockton Chamber team up for opening



Tracy Siegner photos

(Above) Members of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting marking the official opening of the new Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois facility in downtown Stockton.

(Left) Members of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce and Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the official opening of the new hospice facility in Stockton.

Jo Daviess County Retired Teachers schedules April meeting in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County Retired Teachers Association will hold their first meeting of 2016 on Wednesday, April 20, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 411 W. Catlin Street in Elizabeth. The speaker will be Fred Bonnet who is the owner of Fried Green Tomatoes Restaurant in Galena. The meeting will be led by President Bob Thorsness.

Dues for the year of \$10 will be collected by the Treasurer, Peg Tonne, for those who did not renew their membership in the fall. Additional meetings for the year will be held on the third Wednesday of June, August, and October.

Following the meeting a lunch will be held at 12 Noon. Cost of the lunch is \$10. The menu for the meal will be chicken and dressing casse-

roles, hot vegetables, salads, wafers and sherbet, and beverages. The meal is prepared by members of the church. This meeting is hosted by the retired teachers from Scales Mound, East Dubuque, Apple River, and Warren. Reservations for the meal need to be made by Tuesday, April 12 to area contact people or to Juanita Cox at (563) 556-6443.

Recently retired teach-

ers or retired teachers who have recently moved to the area are invited to join Active membership is open to any retired teacher or administrator formerly employed in the Nation's schools or in a federally sponsored school. Associate membership is open to the spouse of a retired teacher or anyone interested in the work of the Association. Associate membership dues

are \$4 per year. For additional information about the Association, contact President Bob Thorsness at (630) 673-8234. the group.

Elizabeth History Museum to host open house on May 7

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth History Museum will host an open house on Saturday, May 7, to mark the beginning of its 2016 season and to introduce visitors to the museum's new location at 110 E. Myrtle Street in downtown Elizabeth. The museum is open Saturdays through October from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or year-round by special appointment (phone 815-858-2343).

The Main Street building which had been the location of the museum for the past 10 years is slated for demolition. The new facility is directly across the street from the Chicago Great Western Railway Depot Museum, with both museums being operated by the Elizabeth Historical Society.

"We've spent the last 3 months moving the more than 4,000 artifacts in our collections, and we are looking forward to sharing our completely updated new space with the visiting public," said Curator Gerald Speer.

Admission to the Elizabeth History Museum is free. For more information visit our Facebook page at Elizabeth Historical Society or our website at www.elizabethhistorical-society.com.

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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church schedules events for fifth week of Easter

By Reverend Arthur Stees
Pastor, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship led by the Youth of Good Shepherd on April 24, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to

worship on this Fifth Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion. Good Shepherd Youth, and Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message, sermon and music along with Tena Rackow who will lead on the Piano. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather

for Sunday School Opening at 10:45am followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. In addition, the Good Shepherd Choir will practice at 11 a.m., and the Good Shepherd Chime Choir will rehearse at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday April 27, 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 down-

town 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.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

KENT/WILLOW — Kent/Willow UMC will worship together April 24 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 of sharing too.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

PEARL CITY — The St. John's worship service on April 24 will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will be Rogation Sunday. Attendees are encouraged to bring their seed packets to be included in the service and blessed. Following worship, the Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation class will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Whirl Sunday School will focus on the lesson, New Heaven and Earth. The Outreach and Stewardship Committees will meet at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 24.

The SPOTS youth group (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 24. The Fifth Quarter youth group (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on April 24 followed by Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m. All interested youth are welcome to participate.

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.

Wesley UMC to host Time Out for Grown Ups

STOCKTON — Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting Time Out for Grown Ups on Friday April 29, 7-9 p.m. at the Stockton Bowling Alley. Join us for fun and friendship chats. For

cost info and to RSVP contact Rob at (815) 947-3224 or (815) 238-8328. Next event will be Saturday, June 18 at 3 p.m. at the Stockton Park. It will be BBQ and Bags. Please call Rob for more information.

Morseville Church schedules spring service

STOCKTON — Morseville Church will hold its spring service on April 24 at 2 p.m. The gospel music will be provided by the "Trinity Men's Quartet" from Fulton, IL.

Everyone is welcome!! Come and enjoy the

music. Finger food is welcome for the lunch and fellowship in the basement following the music.

Morseville Church is located at 12232 E. Morseville Rd., Stockton, IL.

Stockton UUC to host barbershop quartet

STOCKTON — Stockton Unitarian Universalist Church will host the men's champion barbershop quartet, "Vocality," on Sunday, April 24; at 2 p.m. Featured among them is Stockton native Jay Althoff. There is no charge for admission, but there will be an offering gathered to benefit the Freeport Area Church Cooperative and the Stockton church.

Jay Althoff, along with his parents Carol and Allen, and siblings Jo Ellen, John and Jeff, were well known singers and musicians in the Stockton area and beyond. Jay is carrying on the family tradition.

This is the second in the "Coming Home" series of benefit concerts sponsored by

Stockton Unitarian Universalist Church featuring returning Stockton area talents. The first featured Stockton native Lisa Nadig in a concert for Doctors Without Borders.

The church is located at 219 N. Pearl Street, Stockton. There is handicap accessibility from the east parking lot. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

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Honk if you love Jesus. Drive while distracted if you want to meet him

Information compiled
by Tony Carton
Editor

STATELINE — Drawing the attention of teens to the negative relationship between drinking and/or texting and driving is the purpose of mock accidents staged last week in advance of spring break and prom in both Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties.

The scenario is simple, but shocking. After celebrating prom, some high school students have a bad traffic accident. One student is pinned in a vehicle and dies. Several are badly injured and require an airlift to immediate medical attention while others, less seriously injured are taken by ambulance. Meanwhile, a teen driver is arrested and faces charges of Driving Under the Influence and Manslaughter.

“The students see firsthand the results of people’s choices,” said Louise Lameyer, a paramedic with Leamon Ambulance Service. She participated in the mock accident staged Wednesday in the parking lot behind the Lena-Winslow junior high school.

She said the intent is to have students plan ahead and not make spur-of-the-moment decisions that could have deadly results.

“This is not just about alco-

hol,” Lameyer said. “It’s also about distracted driving, drinking, drugs, and all of the various activities that sidetrack a driver’s attention.”

Lameyer said a few of the kids get the message.

“The kids do pay attention and some do get it,” she said. “If we can reach that one kid that does not get behind the wheel after drinking or while using a cell phone and save a life, then it was all worth it.”

In addition, health officials are increasingly reaching out to parents with tips for conversations to have with their teens about safe driving, not drinking and driving and not getting in a vehicle with someone who has been drinking.

“The intent is to give young people choices if they find themselves in different situations by themselves or with the person they came with,” said pediatric trauma prevention coordinator Cary Cain. “We’re presenting the hazards of drunk and distracted driving.”

He said each of the injuries is completely preventable.

“Students can witness the hazards and discuss future plans,” Cain said. “They have so much life and hope for the future. They need to understand the consequences, so they can make safe choices.”



Tracy Siegner photos

Law enforcement and other first responders staged a mock accident in the parking lot behind the Lena-Winslow junior high school Wednesday morning.

Research shows that driving while using a cell phone can pose a serious cognitive distraction and degrade driver performance. The use of a cell phone while driving increases your chance of getting into a crash by 400%. Texting while driving makes you 23 times more likely to crash.

According to the Illinois State Police records, driver inattention is a factor in more than 1 million crashes in North America annually, resulting in serious injuries, deaths, and an economic impact that some experts say reaches \$40 billion per year. Every single time someone takes their eyes or their focus off the road - even for just a few seconds - they put their lives and the lives of others in danger. Distracted driving is unsafe, irresponsible



First responders removed this “victim” from one of the autos and moved her to a waiting OSF helicopter for transport.

and in a split second, its consequences can be devastating.

“What’s your plan? What are ways to get home safely? If you wait till you’re in a situation, it’s usually too late.



The driver of one of the vehicles involved in the Lena-Winslow mock accident had been drinking and was arrested and charged with manslaughter and Driving Under the Influence.



The most seriously injured in Wednesday’s mock accident at the Lena-Winslow junior high school were quickly prepped and moved to the evac copter.

'Discover Highland' community open house to be held April 27

FREEPORT — A major open house event entitled, "Discover Highland" will be hosted on Wednesday, April 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Student/Conference Center on the HCC campus.

Guests will be invited to visit freely with faculty, staff, and educational and corporate partners to learn more about new and expanded programs, student activities, co-curricular

organizations, and other educational opportunities at HCC. A brief program will be held at 5:30 p.m. to preview the year ahead and recognize key partners present at the event.

On-site admissions, financial aid assistance, and student advising will be available to serve new and returning students at the event.

An announcement will be made in the coming days about

a valuable grand prize giveaway that will be awarded during the event. A drawing will also be held for an Apple Watch Sport™ valued at \$300.

New programs to be introduced this academic year at Highland include Mechatronics (integrated mechanics, hydraulics, and electronics), Environmental Science, and Phlebotomy. Information about the new part-time Nursing ADN will be

available. Expanding programs and divisions to be showcased include Agriculture, Advanced Manufacturing, Auto Body Repair, Business and Technology, Cosmetology, Engineering, Health, Natural Science, and Mathematics, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts.

Highland's new Theater instructor will be on-hand to discuss theatrical and performing arts opportunities. Individu-

als interested in taking or teaching Lifelong Learning classes are invited to attend to get the latest news on personal enrichment and professional development course offerings.

For more information about "Discover Highland," visit highland.edu, or contact Pete Willging at (815) 599-3421 or pete.willging@highland.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts 31 new members into international honor society

FREEPORT — Highland Community College's chapter of the international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), inducted 31 new members during a recent ceremony held in the HCC Student/Conference Center.

PTK is the official honor society for two-year colleges and is the largest honor society in American higher education. To be eligible for membership, students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours toward their associate degree while having a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average.

In addition to academic achievement and scholarship, PTK members have conducted voter registration on campus, sponsored poetry reading and essay contests, and held movie and discussion nights throughout the year. In recent years, they have conducted blood drives, food drives and children's book drive, and sponsored families at Christmas.

Spring 2016 Inductees:

Apple River: Hiede Graves
Dakota: Shannon Fleming
Elizabeth: Sara Sleeman
Forreston: Shana Pritchard and Lindsey Wardlow

Freeport: Isaac Asche, Chloe Blum, Jaclyn Boomgarden, Rachel Carlson, Hope Cassell, Lorita Cassell, Jack Gaulrapp, Tiffani Hoops, Jacquelin Jazo, Zachary McDaniel, Erica Miller, Lauren Miller, Tatum Regez,

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Kick-Off Event for Money Smart Week® Slated for April 23

STATELINE — Thousands of free financial education classes and seminars for consumers will be held across the U.S. during Money Smart Week®, April 23-30, with nearly 50 seminars taking place locally in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties.

Money Smart Week will kick off at 9:30 a.m. at the Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas St., on Saturday, April 23, with a press conference with State Rep. Brian Stewart, 89th District; Karen Chan, Money Smart Week Coordinator for Illinois, from the Chicago Federal Reserve; Bonnie Jefferson, Marketing Specialist for Civil Engagement, from the Illinois State Treasurer's office; and Jason Leviskas, Public Affairs Manager, from the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office.

In addition to the press conference, eight workshops will be offered at the Freeport Public Library on April 23 as part of the Money Smart Week

Kick-Off Event. All of the events are free and open to the public.

10 a.m. "Couponing - Clip & Save"

Learn to save 25% to 50% on your weekly grocery bill with clipping coupons and downloading apps to save you money. Learn fun and easy tips to help you are on the road to savings.

10 a.m. "Social Security & Your Retirement"

Regardless of when someone plans to retire, Social Security will likely be an important part of the road ahead. But many don't understand the "rules of the road" when it comes to collecting Social Security Benefits. This seminar is ideal for those looking for more information about how to maximize their Social Security benefits.

11 a.m. "Save \$ - Eating in vs Eating Out"

Is it really cheaper to eat at home instead of eating out?

During this workshop we will discuss the health benefits of eating at home, benefits to the family when eating at home, and the peace of mind of knowing just what you are eating. Plus, find out just how much you can save.

11 a.m. "The Three Transitions to Retirement"

Transitioning into retirement goes well beyond a solid financial plan; this seminar discusses the financial aspects along with the lifestyle and emotional changes that accompany retirement, a truly life changing transition in all three areas.

12 p.m. "Managing Money on a Shoestring"

How do you wisely budget your money when dollars are short? You have bills, food, clothing, the list goes on and on, often making day to day living a challenge. Join us and learn how you can make the most of your monthly income to improve your family's financial wellbeing.

12 p.m. "Tips on Buying a Used Car"

Looking to purchase a used car? Attend this seminar and learn what to look for and what questions to ask the seller before you make the purchase. This presentation outlines the following topics in detail: the overall condition of the exterior, inspecting under the hood, trunk or box area, starting engine to listen for abnormal noises, look under the vehicle, test drive the vehicle, condition of the interior, warning indicators, and safety equipment.

1 p.m. "Basic Automobile Maintenance"

Did you know doing basic maintenance on your vehicle can increase its fuel economy

and longevity? Basic automobile maintenance introduces participants to what types of fluids are needed and the service intervals recommended for vehicle longevity.

1 p.m. "Homebuyer 411"

Ready to buy a home? Need information on home ownership or have some credit challenges? Homebuyer 411 helps beginners understand the home-buying process and will provide you with the "basics" of how you can prepare for home ownership.

Two youth programs are part of the Money Smart Week Kick-Off Event at the Freeport Public Library:

See EVENT, Page 24

HCC Adult Education hosts information sessions in several communities

FREEPORT — Do you enjoy reading, writing or math, or want to help a non-native English speaker improve their English? Do you need your GED®? Are you a non-native English speaker who needs to improve your English skills? Do you want to improve your reading, writing or math skills? Whether you are in need of adult education services, or interested in being a tutor, these information sessions are for you.

Highland Community College Adult Education is holding information sessions at the following locations and times:

Galena Public Library: Monday, April 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Pearl City Public Library: Tuesday, April 26 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Lena Community District Library: Thursday, April 28 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Lanark Public Library: Friday, April 29 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Call 815.599.3460 for more information or to schedule program placement testing.

This project was made possible by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library (ILS), a division of the Office of Secretary of State, using state funds designated for literacy. The Highland Community College Adult Education program is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

For the purpose of compliance with Section 511 of Public Law 101-166 (the Stevens Amendment), approximately 22% or \$87,883 of federal funding supports this program.

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Warren CUSD 205 Physical Education Department news

WARREN — Warren's 6-12 grades have been awarded the Blue Ribbon for curriculum excellence from the Illinois Association of Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Dance!

Point Leaders for Third Quarter:

- 6 PE
Evalyn Smola 283
Lane Raab 301
- 7 PE
Ashley Hintz 481
Matthew Riedl 598
- 8PE
Jessica Griffin 319
Jayden Gray 363
- HSPE
Makaila Stuckey 574
Tyler Wulfekuhle 636

Congratulations to our weight training – muscular fitness participants overload-principle of progression-principle of specificity!!!

Weight Training students completed a Muscular Fitness Unit. Muscular Fitness includes Muscular Strength, Muscular Endurance and Flexibility. Students learned about the benefits of muscular fitness, the Law of Use, rest and recovery, and goal setting. For the last quarter of the school year, these students will decide what their goals are and then

Elizabeth student earns perfect score at national agriculture conference

ELIZABETH — Kelley Koester of Elizabeth earned a perfect score (320 of a possible 320 points) and tied for first place overall at the 2016 National Postsecondary Agricultural Student (PAS) Organization Conference in Kansas City, MO.

After a tie-breaker, Koester was second overall in Speakers in Agriculture – Prepared.

Each state PAS association may enter its first place and second place state winners to compete at the National PAS conference. Koester finished second place at the Illinois PAS State Conference last fall.

For the prepared speaker's competition, students write and deliver a six- to eight-minute speech about a current agriculture-related topic. The topic of Koester's speech was farm safety.

Koester is an ag transfer student at the Black Hawk College East Campus. In the fall she will transfer to the University of Illinois at Urbana-



Courtesy photo

Students with the Warren Physical Education program which won the Blue Ribbon for curriculum excellence from the Illinois Association of Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Dance celebrate the award with a Conga line.

design their own fitness routine accordingly.

Outstanding badminton tournaments! Congrats to the following winners!

8th Grade Singles Champions: Dylan Hallerman & Jayden Gray

6th Grade Boys Doubles Champions: Brayden Bohnsack & Degan Euler, Cole Harris & Lane Raab

Girls Doubles Champions: Claire Riedl & Evalyn Smola

Mixed Doubles Champions: Claire Riedl & Alex Marsden

7th Grade Boys Doubles Champions: Ryan Molitor & Mitchel Coffey

HSPE Boys Singles Champion: Payton Calow

Boys Doubles Champi-

ons: Payton Calow & Lucas Doubler, Jake Sigafus & Alex McInturff, Andrew Kaiser & Ethan Wybourn

Mixed Doubles Champions: Amber Kuhse & Owen Bennett, Andrew Kaiser & Becca Raab, Tyler Wulfekuhle &

Makaila Stuckey
HSPE-personal fitness

HSPE students recently completed a Personal Fitness Unit. Students studied the Health Related Components which are Muscular Strength, Muscular Endurance, Cardiovascu-

Freeport Community Foundation accepts grant applications Drogosz Memorial Fund

FREEPORT — The Freeport Community Foundation is taking applications for the John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial Fund.

Grants made from this Fund will be directed to non-profit organizations with educational, prevention and/or treatment of substance abuse programs focused on helping

youth ages 21 or younger in Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and Carroll Counties.

Online applications must be submitted to the Freeport Community Foundation by 4 p.m. June 1.

Online registration and grant application is required of all FCF grant applicants. Please go to <http://freeportcommunityfoundation.org/grants/appli->

lar Endurance, Flexibility, and Body Composition. Students learned about different ways to estimate body fat and the difference between storage fat and essential fat. Students also discussed lifetime activities and why it is necessary to stay active.

Rollerskating!

Physical Education students participated in the Rollerskating Unit with skates provided by "Skatertime School Programs"! Students enjoyed a variety of games such as Roller Hockey, Roller Basketball, Capture the Flag, Pizza Box Relay and so many more!

What's next in PE Class? Speedball, Create-a-Game, WPFA Fitness Testing and Bowling!

ation-materials-required/ and follow the instructions for help completing the registration. The online grant application is found at <http://freeportcommunityfoundation.org/grants/grant-application>.

If you have any questions, please call the Foundation at 815-801-3035 or email fcfdirector@freeportcommunityfoundation.org.



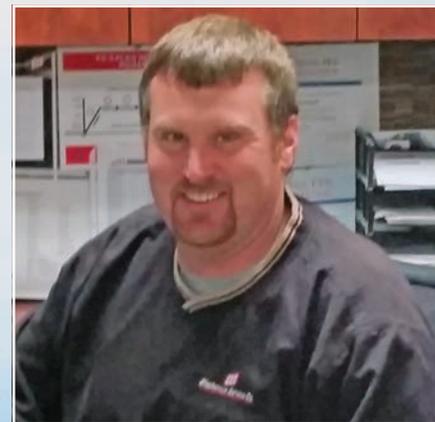
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Kelley Koester of Elizabeth earned a perfect score and tied for first place overall at the 2016 National Postsecondary Agricultural Student (PAS) Organization Conference.

na-Champaign majoring in Agriculture Education with a Minor in Beef Science/Management.

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Freeport, Illinois firefighter dies in the line of duty

Information compiled
by **Tony Carton**
Editor

FREEPORT — We regret to pass on the Line of Duty Death of Freeport (IL) FD Firefighter/EMT Michael D. Pontius (IAFF Local 441). Firefighter Pontius, 58, passed away Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from Line of Duty injuries sustained from exposure to toxic substance while operating at a house fire. It's important to note that the fire that killed him was in 2001.

Mike Pontius responded to a fire just like you and I have many times before, but everything changed in an instant when Mike operated at that multi-family dwelling fire on

June 16, 2001. It was during this fire that Mike went down in the attic from what seemed to be heat exhaustion. The other firefighters helped get him up, out and then cooled him down, and at first things seemed to be okay for Mike.

Doctors initially told him he suffered from heat exhaustion; he was cleared to go back to work two days later, but Mike never fully recovered from that day. His health continued to decline.

In the fall of 2003, Mike's body started showing symptoms. His behavior and decision-making changed. His cognitive functions were hampered. He experienced blurred

vision and slurred speech. His gait changed to a "propulsive gait" a stooped, rigid posture with the head and neck bent forward. Mike's family doctor ordered a MRI. He was sent to UW-Madison for further testing with a specialist. The MRI indicated that Mike's brain was approximately 25 years older than his actual age.

Radiologist reports stated exposure to a chemical "toluene" might have caused these changes. The doctors feel that over time, the chemicals that Mike was exposed to caused the premature demyelization of the white brain matter. Demyelization is a degenerative process that erodes away the myelin

sheath (insulating layer) that normally protects nerve fibers. Demyelization exposes these fibers and appears to cause problems in nerve impulse conduction that may affect many physical systems.

To sum it up, Mike's exposure to the toxin(s) from that fire affected the neurons of his brain. These neurons are what send signals to the body to function. Because of this, his brain tissues continued to die, causing brain damage. He began to suffer from seizures and could not walk without a walker or assistance and eventually ended up in a wheelchair.

He was doing his job in an apartment fire and after years of suffering Mike died in the line of duty.

Mike leaves behind his wife Dawn, and their four children: Josh, Jordan, Jerek and Kirsten.

Take time to remember Mike and what happened to him. Mike gave his life in what could be termed as a routine fire. Understand that in 2016, your/mine and our routine means operating in and around some of the nastiest toxic gases and smoke that have ever existed. Every-

day new "stuff" is invented and when it becomes involved in fire, we are exposed.

Take time to remember Mike and so many other firefighters that have suffered horrifically due to toxic exposure. While we know that no structural firefighting Personal Protection Equipment is able to protect us fully from the exposures, wearing all of our PPE and never breathing any of those toxins is proven to be helpful.

Breathing toxins is one factor — even though exterior command officers, pump operators and anyone on the fire-ground is exposed—the other major concern is absorption.

We are exposed no matter what and the response is to wipe it off, shower and clean up after every working fire. You don't want those toxins anywhere on or near you; it's some really nasty stuff and there is no reason to be exposed any more than we have to.

Keep Mike, his family and his department in your prayers and do whatever it takes to minimize exposure. Mike's 15 years of suffering is one more example of why.



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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — Spring arrived this weekend, and everyone I talked to couldn't be happier! It is great to see the grass greenening up, and I love the yellow daffodils who struggled to survive the cold weather and won. I even got a chair out of the garage and sat outside for a few minutes. Cooking will be fun because we all can start doing things we have put on the back burner since fall. This week's recipes will get you ready for the Kentucky Derby with a great appetizer; I have a good strawberry salad, a delicious and easy main course will be just what was ordered, and we will end with the beginning of the rhubarb season.

The first recipe is for an appetizer of Derby biscuits and a beer cheese spread. The beer used in the cheese spread calls for lager beer. You can use any beer except lite beer in the recipe. Spread the beer cheese on the biscuits and put a small slice of ham in them, and you have a great little appetizer sandwich. You don't have to watch the Kentucky Derby to enjoy this appetizer.

Derby Biscuits

2½ C. flour
1 T. sugar
2 t. baking powder
1 t. salt
8 T. unsalted butter, cut into ½-inch pieces and chilled
1 C. whole milk, chilled
Preheat the oven to 350. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Pulse flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in the food processor until combined, about 3 pulses. Add butter and pulse until reduced to pea-size pieces, 10-12 pulses.

Transfer the mixture to a large bowl. Add the milk and stir with a rubber spatula until shaggy dough forms. Turn out dough onto a heavily floured counter, and knead until dough comes together fully and feels smooth, with a few small butter flecks still visible, about 8-10 turns.

Roll the dough into an 11-inch circle about ½ inch thick. Using a 2-inch biscuit cutter dipped in flour, cut 22 to 23 rounds from the dough. Reroll scraps once to similar thickness and cut out 5-6 more rounds to yield 28 biscuits. Space the biscuits evenly on the prepared baking sheet—7 rows of 4. Prick each biscuit 3 times with a fork.

Bake until the tops are light golden brown, 27-30 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Let biscuits cool on sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack.

Beer Cheese Dip

½ C. mild lager beer
1 lb. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (4 cups)
¼ C. finely chopped onion, patted dry
2 T. ketchup
1 T. Dijon mustard
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
1½ t. hot sauce
1 garlic clove, minced

Bring the beer to boil in a small saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer for 1 minute. Transfer to a small bowl and let cool completely.

Process the cheddar, onion, ketchup, mustard, Worcestershire, hot sauce and garlic in a food processor until smooth, about 1½ minutes. With the processor running, slowly drizzle in the beer and continue to process until very smooth, about 1 minute longer. Serve immediately or transfer to bowl and cover with plastic wrap; refrigerate until firm about 2 hours.

This combo of mushrooms and asparagus is a great side dish. You cook everything in one pan! The dill adds a great flavor to the vegetable side dish. Enjoy this way to eat fresh asparagus.

Mushrooms and Asparagus

4 oz. mushrooms
2 t. olive oil
1 bunch asparagus (about a lb.), trimmed and cut into thirds
2 T. water
Salt and pepper
2 T. chopped dill
¾ t. lemon zest

Brown the mushrooms in the olive oil for about 5 minutes. Add the asparagus and the water. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring until crisp-tender, about 7 minutes. Toss with the chopped dill and sprinkle with the lemon zest.

This pasta salad has a little of everything in it. The cayenne pepper gives it just a little zip with the sweetness of the strawberries. The slivered almonds add to the crunchy flavor. You can purchase the crystallized ginger in most grocery stores. If you are really adventurous, add the toasted coconut. This dish is a great side, or it can be a main lunch dish.

Strawberry Pasta Salad

½ lb. uncooked bow tie pasta
½ C. (4 oz.) lemon yogurt
¼ C. canola oil
2 T. lemon juice
½ t. sea salt
1/8 t. cayenne pepper
1 green onion, thinly sliced
2 T. crystallized ginger, finely chopped
1 T. pickled jalapeno slices, finely chopped
1 lb. fresh strawberries, quartered
¼ C. slivered almonds, toasted
Toasted flaked coconut (optional)

Cook the pasta according to the package directions. Drain the pasta; rinse with cold water and drain well.

In a bowl, whisk the yogurt, oil, lemon juice, salt and cayenne; stir in onion, ginger and jalapeno. Add pasta and toss.

Refrigerate, covered, until serving. Stir in strawberries and almonds just before serving. If desired, top with coconut and mint.

To toast nuts and coconut: Bake in shallow pans at 350 for 5-10 minutes or until golden, stirring occasionally.

Looking for a quick and easy dinner when you get home from work? This easy beef skillet has a great taste with not a lot of work. You can use the mixed vegetables or the great combo frozen vegetables like the California blend, or the broccoli-cauliflower-snap pea mixture. Any frozen vegetable will work—if you only want to use one, that will work also. You can make the beef mixture ahead and then do the noodles and the frozen vegetable right before dinner.

Beef Skillet

3 C. uncooked noodles
1 lb. ground beef
1 medium green pepper, finely chopped
1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
1½ t. Italian seasoning
1 t. sugar

1 pkg. (15 oz.) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed and drained

¼ C. minced fresh parsley
Cook the noodles according to package directions; drain. Meanwhile, in a large non-stick skillet, cook the beef and pepper over medium heat 5-7 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking up the beef into crumbles; drain.

Add the tomato sauce, Worcestershire sauce, Italian seasoning and if desired the sugar to the beef mixture; bring to a boil. Stir in the vegetables and heat through. Serve with noodles and sprinkle with parsley.

We are starting to feature some rhubarb recipes. This one has a great filling and is a tasty treat for your first taste of rhubarb. Remember that as long as you cut the rhubarb before it goes to seed, you can use it for a very long time. Just be careful of a freeze. You cannot cut and use rhubarb whose tender shoots or leaves have been nipped by a frost. This information was given to me by a wise rhubarb grower. Enjoy this delicious rhubarb bar.

Rhubarb Custard Bars

2 C. flour
¼ C. sugar
1 C. cold unsalted butter
Filling:
2 C. sugar
7 T. flour
1 C. heavy whipping cream
3 large eggs, beaten
5 C. finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed and

drained

Topping
6 oz. cream cheese, softened
½ C. sugar
½ t. vanilla extract
1 C. heavy cream, whipped
Preheat the oven to 350. In a bowl, combine flour and sugar; cut in butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press into a greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 for 10 minutes.

For the filling: combine the sugar and flour in a bowl. Whisk in cream and eggs. Stir in rhubarb. Pour over the crust. Bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes or until custard is set. Cool.

Topping: Beat the cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth; fold in whipped cream. Spread over the top. Cover and chill. Cut into bars. Store in the refrigerator.

I got to enjoy a beautiful weekend of spring weather. My daffodils are blooming, and I love their beautiful yellow color. Some of my friends and I traveled to Wisconsin to eat and play some cards. It was a beautiful day for a drive. It was also great prom weather. The girls could wear those gorgeous dresses without a coat, and pictures will be perfect. We begin the recipes for rhubarb dishes, so we continue to search for some good ways to make this fruit. Mother's Day brunch is fast approaching also. If you have something to share, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Dated April 5, 2016

JEAN DIMKE

County Clerk

SANDRA BLOOM

Deputy

(Published in The Scoop Today April 13, 20 & 27, 2016)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of Apple River, in the County of Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 & ending March 31, 2017, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Township Building, at 303 Hickory St., Apple River, Illinois from and after April 11th, 2016 by appointment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN HEREBY that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:15 o'clock PM, on the 11th day of May, 2016, at the Township Building, 303 Hickory Street, Apple River and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at this time.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2016.

Valerie J. Stocks
Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

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Dated this 11th day of April 2016.

James C. Goken
Supervisor

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Advertisement for Bids PROJECT: JO DAVIESS COUNTY COURTHOUSE HVAC IMPROVEMENTS Jo Daviess County, 330 North Bench Street, Galena, IL 61036

BIDS DUE: May 6, 2016 at 3:00 pm Local Time TO: The Owner (hereinafter referred to as Owner): Jo Daviess County 330 North Bench Street Galena, IL 61036 Architect (hereinafter referred to as Architect): Shive-Hattery, Inc. MANDATORY PREBID MEETING: April 25, 2016, 2:00 pm (local time) Jo Daviess County, 330 North Bench Street, Galena, IL 61036. TO: POTENTIAL BIDDERS, Sealed bids will be received by the Owner at the County Administrator's Office, Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, not later than 3:00 pm Local Time, on May 6, 2016. Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read in the Jo Daviess County Board Room located on the 3rd floor of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, at 3:30 pm Local Time, on May 6, 2016 or at such later time and place as may then be fixed. Bids will be considered by the Owner at a Special Law & Courts public meeting to be held in the Jo Daviess County Board Room located on the 3rd floor of the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 330 North Bench Street, at 6:00 pm Local Time, on May 10, 2016 or at such later time and place as may then be fixed. The general nature of the work is as follows: This project includes the HVAC improvements at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse. The work must commence May 31, 2016 and must be substantially completed on July 15, 2016. Final

completion must be by August 1, 2016. Bidding documents may be examined at the Architect/Engineer's office and at the Owner's office. McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Network www.construction.com. Copies of the Bidding documents may be obtained by Bidders and Subbidders on Tuesday, April 19, 2015 at City Blue Technologies, 4657 44th Street, Rock Island, Illinois 309-277-3000, in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. Electronic plans and specifications may be emailed to the contractor. Arrangements for emailing plans and the cost for such will be through City Blue Technologies. If the contractor orders hard copies: they must order through citybluetechologies.com prior to pick up. The hard copy plan sets will require a deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50). Deposit checks for the hard copies must be made payable to Shive-hattery, Inc. The deposit will be refunded in full upon return of the documents in good condition within ten days after receipt of bids. Each Bidder shall accompany the Bid with a Bid security, in a separate envelope, as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of the contract corporate surety bond or bonds, acceptable to the Owner, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equivalent to one hundred percent of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in an amount equivalent to 10% of the bid amount, and shall be in the form of a cashier's or certified check drawn on a bank in Illinois or a bank chartered under the laws of the United States of America, or a certified bank share draft drawn on a credit union in Illinois or chartered under the laws of the United States of America or a bid bond with corporate surety satisfactory to the Owner. The bid security will be held by the Owner until a contract is fully executed and bonds are approved by the Owner. This project is a Public Works project: all contracts for the construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1-12). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after the date of the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids. It is the intent of the Owner to award a contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder provided the bid has

been submitted in accordance with the bidding requirements. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities or irregularities. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Published by order of Jo Daviess County By: Kevin W. Turner Title: Sheriff (Published in The Scoop Today April 20, 2016)

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

NORA-RUSH-WARREN MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2016

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Taxes - 17,437.81; Interest Income - 145.66. TOTAL REVENUES: \$17,583.47.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Compensation under \$15,000 - Carol Aurand, Ted Davenport, Donna Ernst, David Marcure, Diane Rogers, Renee VanRaalte, Janice Toay, Steve Wulfekuhle. TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$11,245.87 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: All Disbursements Less Than (\$2,500) - \$5,558.96. TOTAL VENDORS: \$5,558.96.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Beginning Fund Balance, Retained Earnings, April 1, 2015 \$20,025.29 Revenues 17,583.47 Expenditures 16,804.83 Ending Fund Balance, Retained Earnings, March 31, 2016 \$20,803.93 I, Diane Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer of the Nora-Rush-Warren Multi-Township Assessment District, Jo Daviess County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

Subscribed and sworn to this 5th day of April, 2016.

Diane Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer

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Late season push on for Warren/Stockton Softball

By **Chris Johnson**
Reporter

STOCKTON — Beginning with East Dubuque on Monday, April 18, the Stockton/Warren Lady Warhawks begin their push towards better seeding, as the 2016 State Softball Playoffs come closer still.

As the season moves into the first weeks of May, the Lady Warhawks are getting games in, as the schedule indicates and making others up, that weather required.

Against East Dubuque on Monday, April 18, the Lady Warhawks stayed home, as the Lady Warriors paid their regards.

The teams were scheduled to meet on Friday, April 8.

However, that contest was postponed.

The Lady Warhawks had a scheduled match at Lena-Winslow on Tuesday, April 19.

On Wednesday, April 20, the NUIC regular season schedule continued, as the Lady Warhawks played at Eastland.

Thursday, April 21, the Lady Panthers drop in for a 4:30 first pitch.

The schedule does not let up for Warren/Stockton, as they prepare to face West Carroll, on Tuesday, April 26.

The Lady Thunder have been strong, as they challenged conference leaders throughout the season, so far.

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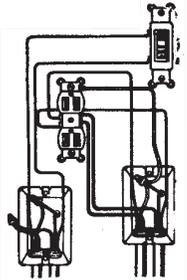
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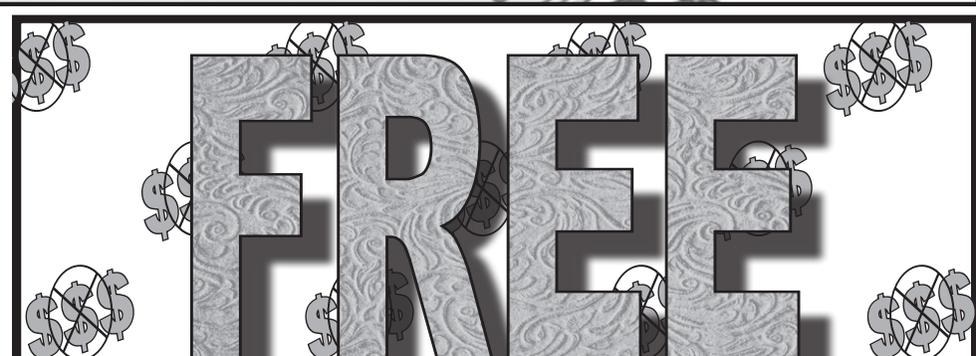
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Stockton youngsters are kickin' it on the practice field

By **Tony Carton**
Editor

STOCKTON — The Stockton Youth Soccer program is more than just a great athletic activity for kids. Its balanced and creative approach to coaching has a positive impact that goes far beyond the soccer field. The high-energy soccer practice sessions are carefully designed to enhance your child's overall growth and well-being. The result? Kids with strong physical skills, who are well-balanced and confident. And, Stockton Youth Soccer does all this while the

kids have the time of their life. "We currently have about 150 kids preschool through eighth grade enrolled in the program," said co-organizer Becky Cahill. "They love getting out here and running around. It's really the first activity of the summer season for the pre-schoolers and they just wear themselves out." She said the program is completely self-funded. "The program has always done the Lemonade Shake-Up stand in the park for the Fourth of July and that money has always gone towards soccer," Cahill said. "Now, the funds



Tracy Siegner photos

The Stockton Youth Soccer program has grown to accommodate nearly 150 young soccer enthusiasts this year and the future is looking bright.

raised through that effort go to a number of organizations and soccer is one of them." She said their wonderful group of volunteers is the lifeblood of the project. "Some of our groups have as many as four coaches and there are a dozen other activities that

require some level of supervision," said Cahill. "We could not do this were it not for our volunteers." She said a surprising number of folks volunteer to help, but there is always room for more. "This is the easiest year in memory," Cahill said. "We had

a number of volunteers before we even sat down to write up the schedule and that's great." Stockton Youth Soccer is all about having fun. "All the kids get a T-shirt with their name on it and they all have a blast; that's all that really matters," Cahill said.



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The elementary school age kids are pretty much running their legs off as they prepare to compete within the Stockton Youth Soccer program.



Tony Carton photo

This kindergartner is having the time of his life while learning the discipline and responsibilities that go hand-in-hand with any athletic endeavor.

Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette McLane

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — We all know that “April showers bring May flowers,” but did you know that April is recognized as National Garden Month? It’s the perfect time to start thinking about all of the farmers markets that will

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ANNETTE MCLANE

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Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension to hold April meeting

KENT — The April Meeting of Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held Thursday April 21, at 7 p.m. at the home of Colleen Brown, located at 14871 E. Airport Road, Kent, Illinois. Ruth Keltner is the co-

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