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## Stockton Strong preps for first annual Family Fun Run

By Tony Carton  
Editor

STOCKTON — Members of the Stockton Strong Events Committee met twice last week and will meet several times more over the next few days as the organization moves closer to staging its Family Fun Run scheduled for Friday, April 29. Fun Run registration opens at 5:15 p.m. at the park shelter with the run/walk beginning at 6 p.m. The two mile course will start and finish on the West side of Stockton Park. Please park in the Stockton High School parking lot.

“Back almost two years ago our events committee was brainstorming events and someone threw the idea of a fun run on the table,” said Stockton Strong President Erin Jordan. “Then, a small group of us met last spring and put it on the books for this year.”

Jordan explained that most of the committee members had previously participated in fun runs and had every reason to believe Stockton Strong would do well hosting one of its own.

“We decided to make it a more family oriented fun event by including obstacles and offering discounts for participants that signed up as families,” she said.

Committee member Katie McPeck said the idea for adding a super hero theme took the fun run concept to a new level.

“It struck us as a fun idea for families to dress up together as super heroes and we thought it would bring more participants out in family groups and that’s what we were always aiming to do,” said McPeck.

She said they’ve already reg-

istered at least one family as the animated feature family, “The Incredibles,” and there are a number of other families creating original super heroes for the event.

“We are expecting some heroes you’ve never heard of before and there will be families in adapted Halloween costumes,” committee member Bonni Decker said. “Our fun runners will only be limited by their own imaginations, so it should be quite an entertaining event.”

The course will be in the two mile range with obstacles about every half mile.

“We will be employing a “hop, skip and jump” zone, an army crawl, a balancing area, ball catching, box jumping and leaping over tall buildings by participants more powerful than a locomotive,” said committee member Nicole Haas. “It’s not so much about being competitive as it is about getting families together for some exercise and fun.”

The response has already exceeded the committee’s original expectations.

“With more than a week to go before the big day we have 150 registrants,” said Jordan. “We are so impressed with the support for our idea. We have registrants from Elizabeth and Warren and Lena and Mount Carroll. The word is spreading and we are excited about this opportunity.”

Event planner Jill Pepin stressed the fun aspect of the event saying they would not be keeping times or finish placements.

“We are also teaming up with

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Tracy Siegner photo

### Dogs win, dogs win

Elizabeth Sales organized her Middle School Science Fair to be a competition between her dog, Scooby and Snowflake her hamster to see which of the pets exhibited higher intelligence. Spoiler alert: dogs rule, hamsters drool. See page 3 for more photos.



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# U of I Extension schedules up close and personal invasive plant species session

STATELINE — Sudden bursts of green and other colors in the landscape signals spring has finally arrived. So are those native plants, desirable plants, or invasive weeds? Come “get up close and personal” with invasive

plant species in our area during a walking program at Schurmeier Teaching Forest on Wednesday, May 4. University of Illinois Extension will team up with Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, Northwest Illinois Forestry Asso-

ciation (NIFA), and Northwest Illinois Cooperative Weed Management Area to bring you an evening field program on invasive weed identification and management.

Everyone is invited to gather at the Schurmeier Forest pavilion at 5:30 p.m. After some introductory discussion, we will take a short hike around the forest to take a closer look at various invasive weed infestations on the property. Extension educators and JDCF restoration specialist will lead the discussion. Common invasive plant species to be discussed include: Garlic

Mustard, Buckthorn, Japanese Barberry, Honeysuckle, and Japanese Knotweed.

Spring is a good time to identify these plants and develop a management plan. Their early emergence and growth make it easier to identify some of these plants in early spring. Spring is also a good time to control some of these plants. Some can easily be pulled up in early stages. Many annuals can be mowed, cut, or sprayed to prevent the development of seed heads, thus reducing the proliferation of seed. Others, such as most woody invasive species,

can easily be identified during the spring, are better controlled by fall treatments. For these, spring is a good time to locate and develop a management strategy to implement in the fall.

This program is offered at no charge but pre-registration is requested by Tuesday, May 3. You can register on line at [web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw) or by calling (815) 858-2273. Participants are asked to meet at the Pavilion on the south side of the road across from Schurmeier Teaching Forest, 147 E. Reusch Rd., Elizabeth, IL at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 4. To get to Schurmeier Forest, take Highway 20 to Elizabeth, turn south onto Myrtle street which will turn into Pleasant Hill Road as you leave the village limits, follow this to Reusch Road (approx. 3 miles), turn left onto Reusch Road, Schurmeier Forest will be approximately 1/2 mile on the left side of road, parking lot and pavilion will be on the right.

Many of the invasive species infestations will be treated during this session by the Northern Illinois Invasive Species Strike Team. This will allow program participants and Schurmeier Forest visitors the opportunities to see how the various control plans are working over the next year.

## Senior Resource Center and NWILV Hospice to host class

HANOVER — The Senior Resource Center and NWILV Hospice will be holding A Powerful Tools for the Caregiver class beginning on Wed. May 11 and will run through June 15. This class will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 1-3:30 p.m. at the SRC in Hanover, 500 Fillmore St.

In the six weekly classes, caregivers develop a wealth of self-care tools to: reduce personal stress; change negative self-talk; communicate their needs to family mem-

bers and healthcare or service providers; communicate more effectively in challenging situations; recognize the messages in their emotions deal with difficult feelings; and make tough care giving decisions. Class participants also receive a copy of The Caregiver help book, developed specifically for the class. If you cannot attend all classes, come to the ones you can. There is no charge for this class. Please call 815-777-1316 to register.

## U of I Extension to host Superfoods to the Rescue session

ELIZABETH — Today, many people are looking to find healthier ways to live. They are being more intentional about getting the recommended 150 minutes of physical activity a week and choosing healthier foods.

Have you heard the term “superfoods” lately? Depending upon where you live, this may be a term you have not yet heard much about. Perhaps you have heard the term, but are not quite sure what it means? The term superfood is basically a marketing term used to describe foods with supposed health benefits. And although marketers like to use this buzzword, there is a lot to be said for these colorful and healthful foods. Join University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for this 90-minute workshop – Superfoods to the Rescue. During this workshop learn what are examples of superfoods, what’s so super about them, and if you should include them in your daily diet?

This program will be held Wednesday, May 11 from

1-2:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension office, 204 Vine, Elizabeth, IL. To register, call the Extension office at (815) 858-2273 or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>. There is a \$5 fee which will cover the educational session.

Diane Reinhold is a University of Illinois Extension, Nutrition and Wellness Educator and registered dietitian. For more about upcoming programming on nutrition and wellness, visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call 815-235-4125.

## Mighty Richland Players to hold auditions for ‘Girls’ Night Out’

ORANGEVILLE — The Mighty Richland Players in Orangeville will be holding auditions for their murder mystery, “Girl’s Night Out.” The synopsis of the show is four women, on their way to an evening at the theatre, stop for dinner at the establishment owned by the ex-husband of one of them. Between the salad and entree, he ends up dead. Each has a reason to wish him dead: perhaps one did more than wish. Perhaps it was one of the other guests. Only unwinding the plot will tell which one is

the murderer.

The theater is looking to cast four women, and this is an ensemble cast. The audition date is Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at the theater, 203 W. High Street, Orangeville, IL. Please come prepared to read a monologue from the show which will be provided. Performance dates are June 24-26.

If unable to make the audition date but still interested in auditioning for the show, please call the director, Paula Fulton at 618-978-7085 or the theater phone 815-819-1310.

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the high school Servant Leadership group to promote their nutritional outreach project SNOW," she said. "Those participants that bring nonperishable food items to donate will

receive a lighted neck ornament and a ticket to put in a drawing for gift certificates donated by area merchants. And, there will be other prizes donated by local businesses and organizations.

There will also be prizes for the best dressed family."

The Servant Leaders have posted a wish list for items needed for their SNOW outreach project. It includes, but is not limited to macaroni and cheese dinners, spaghetti sauce and noodles, tuna casserole fixings, boxed stuffing, canned chicken or tuna, fruit snacks, fruit cups, canned veggies and fruits, popcorn, snack cracker

packs (with cheese or peanut butter), cake and brownie mixes, boxes of cereal, peanut butter and jelly, and juice boxes.

The SNOW project was implemented this year by the Stockton Servant Leadership chapter and recognizes a direct link between nutrition and academic performance. It is designed by the organization to supply fellow students with supplementary meals and snacks and has proven very successful in this, its first year in operation.

The project was originally

intended to coordinate with the Stockton Food Pantry, but quickly outpaced the pantry's resources and with the help of a number of civic organizations including the Lions Club and the Stockton Police Union has grown to provide supplementary nutrition for more than twenty Stockton children and their parents.

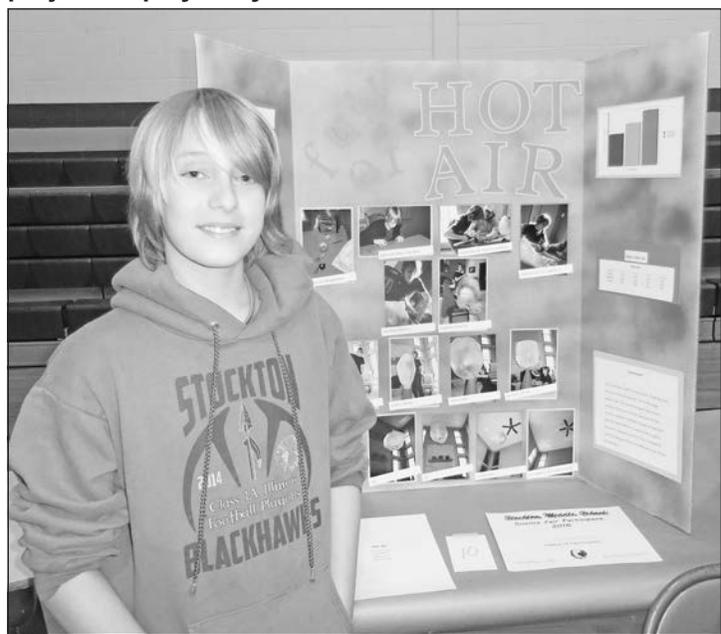
"We chose to tie in with the Servant Leadership SNOW project because it is a good fit with our goal of providing a fun family activity that promotes a healthy lifestyle," said planner Becky Cahill.



Tracy Siegner photos

**Science Fair**

Inquiring minds wanted to know; would Alka Seltzer dissolve faster in hot or cold water and the Science Fair project displayed by Austin Westover had the answer.



How fast a balloon filled with hot air was the answer sought by Stockton Middle School scientist Ethan Kehl with his Science Fair exhibit.



Various popular methods for dealing with stinky sneakers were tested by eighth grader Kaige Brown for her middle school Science Fair project.

**13 WREX wins two Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards**

ROCKFORD — 13 WREX has been awarded two Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards, including the top honor of Overall Excellence in Region 7. The other award was for News Documentary.

The awards were announced Tuesday morning by the Radio Television Digital News Association. The Edward R. Murrow Awards recognize outstanding achievement in electronic journalism. 13 WREX was the only station in the Rockford area to receive recognition.

The Overall Excellence (link to submission) category recognizes a station for the totality of its journalistic efforts, including breaking news, continuing coverage, weather, sports, community service and digital media, among others. 13 WREX's submission included work from its coverage of the devastating April 9 tornadoes, its reporting on the ongoing affordable housing issue in Rockford, as well as the three major community service events the station hosted in 2015.

The News Documentary (link to submission) category recognizes a program or segment that addresses a need or needs of the community. 13 WREX was recognized in this category for its 30-minute news special, "Digging Deeper: Understanding Extremism." This program aired in February 2015 after a Rockford woman was indicted and arrested on charges of supporting terrorism. The special included exclusive, original reporting on the case as well as multiple sit-down conversations with religious leaders and terrorism experts.

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Menominee Township will be accepting bids for a road project on West Valley Road. Plans are available at the Jo Daviess County Highway Department in Hanover IL. Items include Earth Exc., Aggregate Surface, and Stabilization fabric. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 P.M. on May 9, 2016, at the office of the Jo Daviess County Engineer, 1 Commercial Drive, Suite # 3, Hanover, IL 61041. This bid requires that the successful contractor comply with all statutes, both Federal and State, governing payment of wages to employees. The Road Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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# VIEWPOINT

## Better Funding for Better Schools SB 231 reaches Executive approval

STATELINE — Illinois Leadership for Educational Equity (ILEE) applauds the Senate Executive Committee members for courageously demanding Better Funding for Better Schools. We salute Senators James Clayborn, John Cullerton, Don Harmon, Mattie Hunter, Kimberly Lightford, Andy Manar, Kwame Raoul, Heather Steans, Antonio Munoz, Donne Trotter, and those in both parties who voted present, for taking historic steps to fix Illinois' broken funding system and successfully passing SB 231 at the Senate Executive Committee

hearing on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Every Illinois child, regardless of income or zip code, deserves the opportunity to obtain an excellent public school education. Yet Illinois ranks second to last in education spending. Even worse, we have the most inequitably funded schools in the country, with district spending ranging from less than \$6,000 to \$30,000 per pupil.

Better Funding for Better Schools provides a tremendous, long-awaited solution for eradicating the egregious racial

and class divide resulting from Illinois' broken funding system. Research overwhelmingly indicates that greater equity results in increased achievement. For every \$0.81 spent in low-income districts, wealthy districts are spending \$1.25 per student. Illinois has a limited number of education dollars. We cannot sacrifice the education of students in our poorest districts while continuing to pump money into our wealthiest districts. It is time for Illinois politicians to put aside partisan politics and their own self interest to ensure that state funding

is fairly distributed to support the districts with the greatest financial and student needs.

Illinois Leadership for Educational Equity (ILEE) is a diverse and rapidly expanding, state-wide coalition of over 2,200 educators, parents, and community members representing all sectors. ILEE is dedicated to advancing educational equity through a variety of issues facing Illinois students and schools. Our current advocacy efforts include Early Childhood, School to Prison Pipeline and Funding Equity.

ILEE appreciates the Senate

Executive Committee's leadership and commitment to championing SB 321. We cannot afford to perpetuate our state's growing achievement gap by ignoring the needs of students in our poorest districts. Please contact your legislators in both houses and urge them to follow the Senate Executive Committee's lead in working across partisan lines to ensure every Illinois child receives an equitable education.

Kris Reichmann & Allison Jack

ILEE Funding Equity Team Co-Chairs

## Illinois Senate approves bill to remove criminal penalties for marijuana possession

SB 2228, which includes provisions agreed upon by Gov. Bruce Rauner and the General Assembly, would replace potential jail time with a civil fine for possession of a personal amount of marijuana

CHICAGO — The Illinois Senate approved a bill 40-14 on Tuesday that would replace criminal penalties with a civil fine for possession of a personal

amount of marijuana. It will now go to the House for further consideration.

SB 2228, introduced by Sen. Heather Steans (D-Chicago), would make possession of up to 10 grams of marijuana a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$100-\$200. Adults would no longer face time in jail, and the civil offense would be automatically expunged in order to

prevent a permanent criminal record. The proposal largely mirrors legislation introduced in the House by Rep. Kelly Cassidy and reflects amendments Gov. Bruce Rauner proposed when he vetoed a similar bill last year.

Under current Illinois law, possession of up to 2.5 grams of marijuana is a class C misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,500; possession of 2.5-10 grams is a class B misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,500; and possession of more than 10 grams up to 30 grams is

a class 4 felony punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$1,500 fine. More than 100 Illinois communities have already removed criminal penalties for simple marijuana possession.

"We need to replace Illinois' current patchwork of marijuana possession laws with a consistent standard that will be applied fairly across the state," Sen. Steans said. "People should not be sent to jail for an offense that would have been punishable by a small fine if it had occurred a few miles down the road. It's irrational, it's unpredictable, and it's unjust."

Twenty states and the District

of Columbia have removed the threat of jail time for simple marijuana possession.

"Illinois spends way too much money imposing costly criminal penalties on people who are found in possession of a personal amount of marijuana," said Chris Lindsey, a senior legislative analyst for the Marijuana Policy Project. "Serious penalties should be reserved for people who commit serious crimes, not used to punish marijuana consumers. Nobody should face a lifelong criminal record simply for possessing a substance that is less harmful than alcohol."

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## Illinois Senate passes bill providing access to critical services for immigrant survivors

SPRINGFIELD — On Thursday afternoon, by a vote of 49-1, the Illinois Senate passed SB 3007. The bill provides access to critical services for immigrant survivors of human trafficking, torture and other serious crimes while they await a decision on their visa applications. SB 3007 is sponsored by Senator Jacqueline Collins (Chicago).

Victims of trafficking, torture, and other serious crimes

desperately need a safe place to live, adequate food, immediate attention to their physical and mental health needs, and an opportunity to stabilize their lives as they cooperate with law enforcement, adjust their immigration status, and obtain work authorization.

Heartland Alliance, in partnership with the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, advocated for passage of this important legislation.

"SB 3007 will provide a lifeline to survivors in need during the time before they adjust their immigration status and receive work authorization," said Kim Drew, Policy Associate with Heartland Alliance.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and over 40 other human services providers, faith-based, and community advocacy organizations that serve foreign-born victims of human trafficking and other serious crimes also support the bill. "The strong bipartisan support for this legislation reflects growing public recognition of the plight of these survivors and their need for support at the critical time when they are escaping trafficking, seeking safety, and are highly vulnerable to further exploitation and harm," said Dan Lesser, Director of Economic Justice at the Shriver Center.

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# ON THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

### Ada Mae Welker

LENA — Ada Mae Welker, 90, passed to her eternal reward on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Freeport Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Illinois after a short illness.



Ada Mae Welker was born in Lena, Illinois on September 14, 1925 the daughter of Floyd and Laurene (Blackbourn) Wingert. She was raised in West Point Township, attended elementary school at Albee School and graduated from Lena High School in 1943. She was a Registered Nurse graduating from Rockford Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1946. She worked at St Francis Hospital, Freeport, Illinois and Ortiz Nursing Home, Lena, Illinois.

On February 14, 1947 she married Kenneth R. Welker in Freeport, IL. They were engaged in dairy farming for fifty years in Kent Township.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Gary Price, grandson and wife Adam and Dena Price, great grandson Lukas Price and great granddaughters, Penelope and Kenlee Price, brother and sister-in-law, Boyd and Johanne Wingert, sister-in-law Ruth Wingert, all of Lena, Illinois, nieces Marcia Connor, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, Anne Schultz, Lanark, Illinois, Barbara Sargent, Blaine, Minnesota, nephew, Charles Wingert, Freeport, Illinois, cousins, Charlene Williamson, Apple River, Illinois, Robert Blackbourn and Harry Blackbourn, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. She was predeceased by husband Kenneth on June 23, 1999, son Fred C. Welker on December 13, 1970 while serving in the US Army, brother Arnold

Wingert, niece Vicki Campbell, nephew, Lyle Wingert, Grandniece Deidra Campbell.

Ada Mae was a member of the Pearl City United Methodist Church, Northwest Illinois Nursing Association, Rockford Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Alumni, 71 year member of the Isabel Chapter #322, Eastern Star, Lena, Illinois. She enjoyed traveling and visited the Holy Land, Hawaii, and Europe. She enjoyed Sunday afternoon drives in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin and spending time with her family.

Visitation and funeral services were held April 21, at the Lena United Methodist Church with Pastor Brian LeBaron officiating.

Burial was at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport.

A memorial has been established in her name.

Friends may send condolences to the family at [www.letonmfh.com](http://www.letonmfh.com).

### Carol Ann Thome Schamberger

PUYALLUP, WA —Carol Ann Thome Schamberger, age 75, of Puyallup, Washington, passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in her home. She was born October 8, 1940 in Rock Falls, Illinois. She touched the lives of many, and her friendships were a great blessing to her. She will be profoundly missed.



Carol was the daughter of the late Frank and Marjorie (May) Thome, of Woodbine and a graduate of Stockton High

School (1958) and Swedish-American School of Nursing, Rockford (1961). She is survived by her daughter Beth (Eric) Kahn of Graham, WA and son Erik (Rose) Schamberger of Libertyville; seven grandchildren: Joshua, Jared and Tori Kahn, Grace and Caleb Schamberger, Alexandre Hecksher Gomes and Hannah Kahn Fraley; and four sisters: Nancy Dittmar (Woodbine), Merri Hughes (Lena), Sherry Bodenhammer (Naples, ID) and Marla Thome (Aurora), and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a Celebration of Life in Olympia, WA on Saturday, April 30, from 1-4 p.m. at South Sound Manor 455 North Street. Another gathering will be held in Woodbine, IL this summer.

Memorials can be made to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America at [AAFA.org](http://AAFA.org) or the World Wildlife Fund at [WorldWildlifeFund.org](http://WorldWildlifeFund.org).

### Leveta M, Bussian

LENA — Leveta M, Bussian, 81, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2016 in Rochester, MN. She was born October 24, 1934 in Freeport, IL to Gilbert F. and Dolores M. (Yeakle) Miller.



Leveta married Robert G. Bussian December 27, 1952 at the parsonage of St. John's United Church of Christ in Freeport, IL.

Leveta was employed by the Lena Farmer's Exchange and the United States Postal Service at the Rockford and Lena offices. Leveta was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church and a fifty-

two year charter member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She enjoyed playing in her Bridge Club and spending time with her family. Leveta was a twenty-eight year cancer survivor.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, of Lena, 2 sons: Dennis R. Bussian and Dr. Todd G. (Susan) Bussian all of Lena, two grandsons: Tyler J. Bussian and Nicholas T. Bussian.

Leveta was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation was April 24, at

the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Funeral Service was April 25, at the Lena United Methodist Church.

Rev. Brian LeBaron and Ernie Stabenow Jr. officiated.

Burial was in Lena Burial Park

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Mayo Clinic.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.letonmfh.com](http://www.letonmfh.com)

## ANNIVERSARY



LYNN AND GARY RICHARDSON

### Gary and Lynn Richardson celebrate twenty-fifth wedding anniversary

FLOWER MOUND, TX — Gary and Lynn (Kaufman) Richardson will celebrate 25 years of marriage on April 27, 2016. They were married April 27, 1991 in Stockton, Ill. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

They currently reside in Flower Mound, Texas.

Gary and Lynn have a son, Nicholas, who attends North Central Community College in Flower Mound, Texas and a daughter, Kristin, who attends the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Parents of the couple are Jon and Diane Kaufman of Stockton and Ward and the late Eunice Richardson.

The couple is heading to Jamaica in July to celebrate. Cards and well wishes may be sent to 3500 Crescent Ct., Flower Mound, Texas, 75028.

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## BIRTH

### Levi Baker

SAVANNA — Jillian Green and Desmond Baker of Savanna, Ill. are the parents of a Levi James Baker born Monday April 18, 2016. Levi has a brother Hayden. Grandparents are Tamy Storm, Pensacola, Fla., Todd and Arnie Baker, Thomason, Ill. and Ramona and Enoch Green, Elizabeth, Ill.

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STATELINE — The R. C. Miller Agriculture Scholarship Fund is seeking individuals interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year. Funds are given to help college and university students who are, or will be, studying agriculture, natural resources or related programs with an emphasis in conservation. Those chosen to receive the award will be awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be residents of Stephenson County and be enrolled

in an agriculture or related degree program with an emphasis in conservation. Applicants must be accepted at their chosen college or university and be a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

The R.C. Miller Scholarship was established by Miller, a life time Stephenson County resident and ardent supporter of agriculture, natural resources and conservation. Miller, who died in 2007, left a legacy in the community for his support of a variety of programs and efforts, especially youth and conserva-

tion causes.

To receive an application, please call the U of I Extension-Stephenson County at 815-235-4125. Completed applications are due by June 24, to the U of I Extension Office-Stephenson County, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport. If requested, the application can be emailed to applicants for completion.

The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation Board is responsible for selection the scholarship winners. Past recipients may re-apply for consideration each year.

# Friends of Lena Lions Club scholarship nominations now accepted

LENA — Do you know of a Lena-Winslow High School senior that may not have had an easy time in school for one reason or other, but has persevered and now is ready to begin the next step in their life by graduating and continuing their education? If so, we would like you to consider nominating that student for the Friends of Lena Lions Club Scholarship. Tell us their story and why they are being nominated. There will be one scholarship awarded to a graduating boy, and one scholarship to a graduating girl. Application is in the form of a nomination letter, and may be sent to:

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Please designate the letter as a Friends of Lena Lions Scholarship Nomination.

Application must be postmarked by Friday, May 6. The Scholarships will be announced at the Lena-Winslow High School Honors Night on Wednesday, May 11. The Scholarships will be awarded after successful completion of the first semester to any accredited college with proof of second semester registration.

# Highland Community College presents Spring Band and Youth Choir Concert

FREEPORT — On Thursday, May 5, the Concert Band and Highland Youth Choir will perform their spring instrumental and vocal music concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center located on the Highland campus.

Directed by Scott Stich, the Highland Concert Band will be playing the music of John Williams, Samuel Hazo, Percy Grainger, Paul Hindemith and

Robert Sheldon.

The Stars Wars medley by John Williams will lead off the concert. This will be followed by a light and enjoyable Gaelic tune by Sam Hazo. There will also be the "Children's March" by Percy Grainger, based on an English folk song that celebrates the exuberance of child-like play and the excitement of youth. "March," taken from Paul Hindemith's "Symphonic Metamorphosis" is the

final movement of that four movement work. Hindemith's march is not like the Sousa march. The concert will close with a Robert Sheldon piece entitled "Danzas Cubana." Danzas celebrates the joy and energy of a Cuban dance. Stich said, "It's exciting, it's salsa, it's a mambo."

The Highland Youth Choir is under the direction of Dagny Brandt and accompanied by Heidi Spotts-Manthey. The choir will present "Broadway Beat," musical highlights from over a century of song and dance.

The concert is free and open to the public.



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Lena-Winslow senior FFA members Kendra Snyder and Jordon Oellerich will advance to state competition in June at the Illinois State FFA Convention

# Le-Win FFA members advance to state competition

LENA — Two students from the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter will advance to state competition in June at the Illinois State FFA Convention. Senior member Kendra Snyder placed first at the recent District Public Speaking contest held in Geneseo in the Extemporaneous category. In this category of competition she had 30 minutes to research her topic and write a four to six minute speech on an agricultural topic that she drew out of a hat. She placed first out of ten participants. Kendra competed at the state level in this category as last year but did not place. The FFA Chapter has high hopes

that she will place in the top three this year!

Senior Jordon Oellerich placed second in the Job Interview CDE at the district contest which was also held in Geneseo. In this contest Jordon had to submit a resume, write a cover letter, fill out a job application, write a follow-up thank you letter and participate in a phone interview as well as a personal interview. This is a great CDE for students to participate in as it relates to real-life skills that will be needed as they enter the workforce. Jordon will be competing against nine others from across the state in this competitive CDE.

# Tayte Hunter inducted into honor society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA — Tayte Hunter of Savanna, Ill., was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Hunter was initiated at University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Hunter is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a

chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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# JDC Farm Bureau receives nutrient stewardship grant

BLOOMINGTON — The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is one of 32 Illinois county Farm Bureaus to receive grants under the first-ever Nutrient Stewardship Grant program. Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) awarded the grants – totaling more than \$100,000 – to help promote local nutrient stewardship, soil health and water quality projects.

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is already partnering with the Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, as well as the local Natural Resources Conservation Service and Stephenson County FS, to plant and monitor several different kinds of cover crops to see how soil type, cover crop mixtures and other factors impact nitrate utilization.

“This is actually an on-going project that was started in 2015 with the goal of providing producers with resources and information on how we can recover nitrogen, improve soil health, decrease erosion and improve water with cover crops,” said Annette McLane, manager, Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau. “We hope to continue the project for the next five years so farmers can really see progress being made.”

The project has led to strong partnerships across several agriculture organizations in the area, in addition to promoting the importance of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs).

“The project partners have been active in leading, participating and educating about nutrient management and watershed issues for several years,” McLane said. “But most importantly, the project will provide valuable information for farmers in Northwestern Illinois, where

local topography makes the land more susceptible to nutrient loss.”

IFB’s grant program was developed with the ultimate goal of achieving nutrient loss reduction goals under the Illinois NLRs, which was announced by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in July 2015.

The plan tasks wastewater treatment plants, urban areas and agricultural areas with reducing the state’s phosphorous load by 25 percent and its nitrate-nitrogen load by 15 percent by 2025. These actions will assist in addressing water quality problems in Illinois rivers, lakes and streams. The eventual target is a 45 percent reduction in the loss of these nutrients to the Mississippi River.

The Jo Daviess County cover crops project will run through harvest in 2016, and will include educational meetings, field days and demonstrations. For more information, contact Annette McLane, manager, Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau, at 815-858-2235 or [jdcfbmgr@blkhawk.net](mailto:jdcfbmgr@blkhawk.net).

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 400,000 and a voting membership of more than 82,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

For more information please contact Annette McLane, Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager at (815) 858-2235 or by email at [jdcfbmgr@blkhawk.net](mailto:jdcfbmgr@blkhawk.net)

## Lena Live Wires discuss summer plans at April meeting

Krista Keene  
Correspondent

LENA— The April 11, Lena Live Wires 4-H meeting was held at St. John’s Lutheran Church. The business meeting was called to order; pledges were then recited. After roll call and reports the Cloverbuds left the room to go their group time. We talked about the Pork Chop Dinner, thanks to those who donated or helped. 4-H camp is June 13-17 for the ages 8-14. On June 11 Community Bank wants us to serve ice cream at their Lena location.

Make sure to write your thank you note for participating in the archery night. The June meeting will be the fifth at Lion’s Park. Krista Keene gave a report on what the roles of the secretary and the reporter are. Garrett Sutter gave a talk on the anatomy of a fish. Hannah Pecoraro gave a demonstration on how to make clay figures. Sam Pecoraro gave a demo on his football and baseball cards. We enjoyed the treat that the Robinson’s brought. The next meeting is Sunday, May 1 at 6 p.m. at St. John’s to celebrate the graduates.



Courtesy photos

## Recognized as Outstanding

The Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy recognizes five Morning Block students for their outstanding work during the Fourth Quarter. Pictured left to right DeShawn Smith, Kathryn Hille, Tim Streight, Chloe Karberg, Jacob Hesselbacher



The Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy recognizes Chase Gasglow, Michael Kinder, Landon Kent, April Oldenburg, Chandler Blevins, Cheyenne Behrens, Erik Rucobo, Cody Taplin, Logan Luke as Outstanding Students for their the Fourth Quarter.

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# Lena-Winslow lets a few slip in a shut-out win

By **Chris Johnson**  
Reporter

SAVANNA — The Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers battled through multiple errors and found a way to hold back the West Carroll Lady Thunder, 4-0, in a Thursday, April 14 NUIC showdown, near the shores of the Mississippi. Lena-Winslow spaced out

their scoring, adding, gradually through the game.

The three errors committed, outpaced the hosts, by a three-to-one margin.

On Thursday, the errors didn't hurt the Lady Panthers.

They found ways to get out of trouble, time and again.

In their first at bats, the visitors plated one runner, to take

the slim advantage of 1-0, in to the bottom of the first.

The Thunder were silenced in the first and for consecutive innings to come.

The threats appeared, but were calmly knocked down, as West Carroll failed to find a way to score.

Lena-Winslow scored two additional runs in the fourth

and carried the 3-0 edge into the top of the sixth.

After scoring their fourth run in the top of the inning, the Lady Panthers' defense and pitching staff, found a groove and silenced West Carroll over the remaining two innings.

Bailey Baldauf was credited with the complete game, shut

out and ended her day with seven strike-outs.

21 outs were recorded by Baldauf in the game.

16 times her first pitch was in the crease, forcing a defensive swing for the remainder of the count.

For the game, West Carroll had three hits and committed one error.

There are about three weeks left in the 2016 spring sports season or the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers.

Following the completion of recent home-and-away series with the River Ridge/Scales Mound Hornets, the Lady Panthers continued preparing for the final few opponents remaining.

On May 3, the Lady Panthers take the long trip up Route 20 and face the East Dubuque Lady Warriors in an NUIC "positioner."

On May 7, the Pecatonica Indians pay a visit.

The Class 1A Girls' Softball State Tournament begins on Monday, May 16.

At this time, it is known a seeding meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 3, to determine how teams will be penciled in, as the opening round matches prepare to get underway.

Pecatonica High School will host the 2016 Class 1A Sectional which will feature the winners from the four "feed-in" Regionals.

Pearl City and Freeport Aquin will host the opening round tournament, as part of Sub-Sectional (B), which includes teams from East Dubuque, Galena, Eastland, Milledgeville, Orangeville, River Ridge/Scales Mound as well as Lena-Winslow and the two host schools-Pearl City and Freeport Aquin.

Sub-Sectional (A) will have host sites of Dakota and Elgin-Westminster Christian.

Participants include Ashton-Franklin Center, Durand, Alden-Hebron, Kirkland-Hiawatha, Pecatonica, South Beloit and the two host schools.

## Illinois State Police Troopers strive to reduce traffic fatalities

PECATONICA — State-wide, there have been 289 traffic fatalities in 2016. During the same period in 2015, there were 231. With an increase of 58 deaths already this year, police are focused on putting a stop to it.

"Our community is seeing an increase, as well", said Lieutenant Carl Heintz of the

Illinois State Police - District 16. "Year to date in 2015, our four-county district had eight fatal crashes resulting in nine deaths. This year we have had 17 fatal crashes resulting in 21 deaths. That's an increase of 133%."

"Speed, impairment and failure to use safety restraints are all too common in these

events. We're using every available resource to address this issue, but we cannot do it alone. We need everyone who shares the road to commit themselves to safe driving behaviors."

In June of 2014, the Illinois Department of Transportation conducted a survey and found safety belt usage among front seat occupants at 94.1%. Of the 21 traffic deaths this year in Jo Daviess and Winnebago Counties, 15 were occupants of passenger vehicles and seven of those 15 (nearly half) were reported to be unre-

strained. Of the remaining six killed, four were pedestrians and two were motorcyclists.

"The Troopers and staff at District Sixteen want to remind everyone that safe driving is a daily commitment that must not be taken lightly. Drive sober and insist that those who operate the car you're riding in do the same. Buckle up everyone, in every seat, on every trip. Adhere to speed limits and eliminate distractions. Together, we can work to stop the senseless loss of life and spare our community from further unimaginable grief."

## Illinois State Police announce roadside safety check

PECATONICA — The Illinois State Police (ISP), District 16, will conduct Roadside Safety Checks (RSC) in Winnebago County during the Memorial Day period in the month of May, according to Captain Mark Karczewski.

The ISP has zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois. Officers working this detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driv-

er's license, transporting open alcoholic beverages, or Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

Alcohol and drug impairment is a significant factor in nearly 40 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. RSCs are designed to keep our roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the road. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Safety.

## Littering traffic stop results in drug bust near Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — On April 23, at approximately 0132 hours, the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop for a littering violation on U.S. Route 20 East, near Galena Oaks, rural Elizabeth. Upon investigation, the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office Canine conducted a free air sniff which resulted in a positive alert. After a search of the vehicle, Danielle L. Crooks, 44, of Dubuque Iowa,

was placed under arrest for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (suspected cocaine) and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Crooks was transported to the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office to await bond. This incident remains under investigation. The Sheriff would like to remind the public that all subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Scales Mound woman injured in automobile rollover

GALENA — On 04/19 at approximately 2:59 p.m., Jo Daviess County 911 received a report of an accident with injuries on West Stagecoach Trail, just east of Heller Lane. Upon arrival, deputies found a vehicle driven by Karen S. Dobson had

lost control while negotiating a curve causing it to overturn. Dobson had to be extricated from the vehicle by the Galena Fire Department. She was transported by ambulance to Midwest Medical for treatment. This incident remains under investigation.

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# CHURCH NOTES

## Pope Francis: let yourself be transformed by the Eucharist

By Elise Harris  
Catholic News Agency

VATICAN CITY — On Sunday Pope Francis said that the Eucharist is no mere symbol, but is in fact the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, which has the ability to transform our hearts and minds to be more like him.

"The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us. To nourish ourselves with him and abide in him through Holy Communion, if we do it with faith, transforms our life into a gift to God and to our brothers," the Pope said Aug. 16.

To let ourselves be nourished by the "Bread of Life," he said, "Means to be in tune with the heart of Christ, to assimilate his choices, thoughts, and behaviors."

It also means that we enter into "a dynamism of sacrificial love and become persons of peace, forgiveness, reconciliation and sharing in solidarity," he added.

Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims who gathered in a rainy St. Peter's Square for his Aug. 16 Sunday Angelus address.

In his speech the Pope turned to the day's Gospel reading from John Chapter 6, which recounted the last part of the "Bread of Life" discourse, and in which Jesus tells his disci-

ples that "whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

Francis noted the shock and astonishment of the crowd when they heard Jesus say this, and explained that such a reaction is understandable given the provocative nature of the Lord's statement.

With a style mirroring that used by many of the prophets, Jesus gives the people a strong image in order to stir up questions, and ultimately a decision, within them and us, he said.

Above all arise the questions "what does to 'eat the flesh and drink the blood' of Jesus mean? Is it only an image, a symbol, or does he mean something real?" the Pope said.

In order to respond, Francis continued, we have to look at what happened in Jesus' own heart when he broke the loaves to feed the five thousand.

"Knowing that he will die on the cross for us, Jesus identifies himself with that bread, broken and shared, and it becomes for him the sign of the sacrifice that awaits him."

This process culminates in the Last Supper, when the bread and wine actually become Jesus' Body and Blood, the Pope said, explaining that when he gives us the Eucharist, Jesus

does it with a purpose: "that we may become one with him."

Communion, he said, "is assimilation: eating him, we become like him. But this requires our 'yes,' our adhesion of faith."

Pope Francis then noted how some might question the purpose of attending Mass, going only when they feel like it with the excuse that they pray better alone.

In response, Francis stressed that the Eucharist "is not a private prayer or a beautiful spiri-

tual experience, it's not simply a commemoration of what Jesus did in the Last Supper."

Rather, it is a "memorial, namely, a gesture that actualizes and makes present the event of the death and resurrection of Jesus: the bread is truly his Body given, the wine is truly is Blood poured out."

To live in concrete communion with Jesus through the Eucharist while on earth is already the beginning of our passing from death to life, he said.

## St. John's Lutheran Church to host VBS

PEARL CITY — The St. John's worship service on May 1 will be led by Pastor Ekstrand. The service will include a baptism and the Chancel Choir. 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, Promise of the Holy Spirit. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:15 a.m. in Luther Hall.

The Women's Gathering will be hosting a Mother-Daughter-Friend Dessert and musical program titled "Hats off to Mothers" on Sunday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Luther Hall. Sign-up is on the bulletin board.

The Fifth Quarter youth

group (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on May 1 followed by Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m. All interested youth are welcome to participate.

Activities this week include: Mexican Train Dominoes at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 3 and the Men's Breakfast at Little John's Tap on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 a.m. All those volunteering for any duties for VBS are encouraged to attend a work night at 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on May 4 also.

It's time to register your son or daughter for VBS! This year's VBS is "Cave Quest: Following the Light of Jesus." You may complete the registration at the church during the day or online anytime at [www.StJohnsPearlCity.org](http://www.StJohnsPearlCity.org). Please register by May 15.

Please join us for a time to sing Holden's Evening Prayer, accompanied by the extinguishing of the Paschal Candle, on Thursday, May 5 for the Eve of the Ascension Vespers worship service. This service is about a half hour long and allows us to celebrate the time when our

By doing this "we close our eyes to this world in the certainty that on the last day we will hear the voice of Jesus Risen who will call us, and we will awaken to always be with him and with the great family of saints," the Pope concluded.

He prayed for Mary's intercession in helping us to always be faithful to Jesus before leading attendees in the Angelus. Afterward, he greeted pilgrims present from around the world, and asked to be remembered in their prayers.

resurrected Lord Jesus returned to his Father and promised the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Please plan to attend!

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.

### Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

WILLOW/KENT — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday May 1, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and also offering Holy Communion to all; no one is turned away. All are invited and welcome Also welcome to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m.; studying from the Holy Bible. All are invited and welcome to this time of sharing.

Willow MC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, on Willow Rd. For more information please call 815-601-6742.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on May 1, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Sixth Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message, sermon and music along with Karen Niemeier who will lead on the Organ. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. In addition, the Good Shepherd Choir will practice at 11 am, and the Good Shepherd Chime Choir will rehearse at 5 p.m.

On Tuesday May 3, at 6 the Faith and Hannah Circles invite all women to the Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper. The meal of tasty main dishes and desserts will be served at 6 p.m. and then Bingo will be played for prizes after the meal.

On Wednesday May 4 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.

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### A family affair

Stockton senior Kara Wright signs her letter of intent to play at Maryville University with Mom Lorie Wright, surrounded by sisters Katie, Kacy, Kaydra Wright and Grandmother Nancy Rice

## Waverly Place announces Resident of the Month

STOCKTON — Waverly Place of Stockton is proud to announce Mr. William (Bill) Klemme as Resident of the Month. Bill has been residing with us since May of 2015.

Bill will be turning 63 on May 19, and we couldn't be happier to be able to celebrate his birthday here at the home.

Bill enjoys putting together puzzles, being outside during nice weather and also shows interest in wrist watches, car shows and corvettes.

Bill is a wonderful person to be around all the time. He's always smiling and so full of joy he could make anyone's gloomy day shine bright. Bill is very outgoing and loves to be the reason to have a smile on your face. His loving personality and outgoing spirit is contagious.

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## Invitation to Bid

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 is accepting bids for replacement of two (2) heat/cool rooftop units located at Stockton Middle School, 500 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois. Sealed bids will be opened at 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at the Stockton CUSD #206 District Office, 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois. Bids may be delivered before that time or brought to the District Office at the date and time of the bid opening. Bids should be marked Rooftop Units attention Dr. David D Gilliland, Superintendent. Questions on the project should be directed to Maintenance Director Deanna Smith. She can be reached by phone at 815-541-5498. In addition, potential bidders may inspect the project area ahead of the bid opening by contacting Deanna. Scope of work includes the following:

- \*Two (2) 10 ton Trane packaged heat/cool rooftop units or similar quality unit
- \*DX cooling/gas heat
- \*460/60/3 phase
- \*Includes high gas heat stainless steel heat exchanger
- \*Includes economizer with barometric relief
- \*Includes standard condenser coil with hail guards to prevent condenser from damage
- \*Includes lontalk communication card for interface into the District's building automation system
- \*Includes curb adapter
- \*Includes crane/rigging
- \*Includes removal and proper disposal of old rooftop units
- \*Includes disconnect and reconnect of the existing gas and electric
- \*Electrical upgrade to each unit if needed for the AC portion of the equipment

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 reserved the right to reject any and all bids  
Appropriate insurance must accompany bid.

## Invitation to Bid

Stockton Community Unit School District #206, 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois, is accepting bids to prepare and electrostatic paint hallway lockers in the District's three buildings. Approximate locker total is 800. In addition, the District is accepting bids to electrostatic paint 13 bathroom stalls at the Elementary School. Bids should be submitted at a cost per locker and cost per bathroom stall. Questions should be directed to Maintenance Director Deanna Smith at 815-541-5498. Inspection of the sites can be arranged. Sealed bids will be opened at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 12th, at the District Office.

Bids may be delivered ahead of time or brought to the bid opening.

### • AWARDS

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tion pay off with recognition by our peers in this respected competition," 13 WREX News Director Josh Morgan said. "To be named the winner of Overall Excellence is both humbling and exciting. We couldn't be more proud."

This marks the second straight year that 13 WREX has been honored with two Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards. Both regional awards will now advance to the national competition and will be judged against winners from other regions across the country. Winners of the national competition will be announced sometime in June.



Tracy Siegner photos

### Cleanup/fixup time

Lena-Winslow Student Council advisor Ryan Hahne brought 12 council members out along Highway 73 on Sunday afternoon for spring cleanup.



## Monroe Clinic supporters attend WHA Advocacy Day

MONROE, Wis. — Over 1,000 hospital leaders, employees, trustees and volunteers, including from Monroe Clinic, descended on Madison on March 30 to participate in the Wisconsin Hospital Association's (WHA) Advocacy Day event. Advocacy Day is an annual event that connects hospital supporters from across the state with their legislators in Madison so lawmakers can learn how issues impact local hospitals and communities.

"Every year the Wisconsin Hospital Association's Advocacy Day seems to grow. This year's event had over 1,000 hospital and health system supporters in Madison. We are proud to have been a part of this professional gathering," said Mike Sanders, Monroe Clinic President and CEO. "We continue to provide information to our legislators on key health care issues like Medicaid funding so they can better understand how their decisions impact our communities."

The crowd of over 1,000 heard from the bipartisan state legislative panel of State Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Brookfield), State Senator Jon Erpenbach (D-Middleton), State Representative Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) and State Representative Peter Barca (D-Kenosha). Advocacy Day attendees also heard from morning keynote speaker Rick Pollack, President & CEO of the American Hospital Association.

Governor Walker provided luncheon keynote remarks and signed important WHA legis-

lation – the Wisconsin Health Care Data Modernization Act – into law in front of the crowd of 1,000.

This year 550 attendees spent time in the afternoon meeting with elected officials in the State Capitol. Advocates made sure their legislators were aware of the role hospitals play in communities across the state in providing high quality, high

value health care and how the legislature can support those efforts through the policies it enacts.

"We are proud of Wisconsin's reputation for high quality, high value care," said Sanders. "Advocacy Day allows us to help legislators understand how their policy decisions can help to protect our local hospital, patients and communities."

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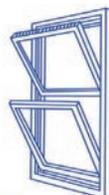
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### Batter up

The Warren/Stockton Lady Warhawks faced the Lady Broncos Wednesday afternoon at home in Stockton.



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### Little Blackhawk winners

The "Little Blackhawk" winners from the Stockton Elementary School received recognition for their behavior as well as their work in the classroom for the week ending April 12.

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# Stockton Heritage Museum opening for the 2016 Season

STOCKTON — The Stockton Heritage Museum will open April 30 for the 2016 season.

The Museum is open from 10-2 every Saturday, and by appointment. Community groups, from 4-H clubs, service and church groups are welcome to hold meetings at the Museum.

The first program of the season will be on Saturday, May 7, at 1:30. The class of 1951 is celebrating their sixty-fifth class reunion and will gather at the Museum to share stories and reminisce on their times in school (there are some great stories to share!) and the adventures they have had since their school days. The public is invited to join the class members for this celebration of life adventures.

On May 17 at 7 p.m., Donna Kupersmith will present her program, "Hats, Hats, Hats". Donna has a vast collection of hats, some from family members. She will share stories of the hats, styles and occasions for their use. Come join us for this very entertaining program.

Please do visit your Stockton Heritage Museum, check on the progress of the new train display, and join us on June 25 for the ribbon cutting for this new display.

The Museum Board of Directors is also planning for the expansion of the Museum into 103 and 105 West Front Avenue, thanks to a generous donation from Jake and Cathie Rausch, in honor of the Rausch Family.

July will bring the annual Pilot's Reunion with a program by Larry Coppennoll, son of the late John Coppennoll, area pioneer pilot. The Museum will join in the "Fall into Stockton" on August 20, in September Daryl Watson will present a program on the Driftless area, and October a program on Pitcherville will be presented.

All programs are free, donations are welcome and appreciated.

Visit us at our Facebook page at StocktonMuseum, email us at stocktonmuseum@yahoo.com or leave us a message at 815-947-2220.



River Ridge Middle School seventh graders were recognized by Francis Fennell representing the Warren Lions' Club for their generous efforts and donations.

Row 1: Liam Ortmeier, Libbey Shellenberger, Emma Kloss  
 Row 2: Greta Dittmar, Bryton Engle, Ayla Jones  
 Row 3: Ethan Koch, Mr. Francis Fennell, Livia Haas, Julia Finazzo, Mary Scott  
 Row 4: Xavier Bryan, Andrew Pratt, Hunter Coker, Jake Veltkamp, Trevor Grube, Adam Holcomb

## Warren Lions' Club acknowledges efforts of River Ridge Middle School seventh graders

HANOVER — Mr. Francis Fennell of the Warren Lions' Club visited with seventh graders of River Ridge Middle School to thank them for their generous efforts and donations. Students collected a variety of items: old keys, used cell phones, empty ink cartridges, hearing aids, pop tabs, and eye glasses. Eye glasses will be calibrated, cleaned and donated to those with vision problems. Cell phones will be programmed to dial 911 and given to women in abuse shelters. Students were treated by Lions' Club to pizza and congratulated by Mr. Fennell on a job well done! Over 500 items were donated.

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**A little levity to lighten your day**

What do elderly zombies eat for breakfast? Brain muffins!



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Francis Fennell of the Warren Lions' Club visited with seventh graders of River Ridge Middle School to thank them for their generous efforts and donations.

Row 1: Macey Brown, Conner Tippet, Danae Kloss, Riley Finn  
 Row 2: Dillon Taplin, Kylie Hiher  
 Row 3: Sarah Pratt, Mr. Francis Fennell, Anna Mceowen, Abbi Johnson, Charlie Schnitzler  
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### ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION

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SUNDAY, May 1, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

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### LAWN MOWER, TOOLS & OUTDOOR ITEMS AUCTION

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THURSDAY Evening, April 28, 2016 - 4:30 P.M.

**NOTE:** Many of the items in this auction came from a retired carpenter and other items from a couple moving out of state. **LAWNMOWER & OUTDOOR ITEMS:** Yard Machines 13.5Hp/38" riding mower-NICE; Craftsman push mower; older Bolens front tine rototiller; MTD 22" snow blower w/elec. start; TCII power drill w/sm & lg augers; water pump w/B&S engine on cart; dump lawn cart; wheelbarrow; McCulloch chain saw; lawn/garden tools; Werner 30' fiberglass ext ladder; sm fiberglass stepladder; **TOOLS & MISC. ITEMS:** Chicago Electric Power Mig 130T welder-NICE; contractor's & port. air compressors; Ryobi band saw; Enco M4005 bench drill press on stand; Craftsman 8" bench drill press; Craftsman 10" table saws; 10" radial arm saws; steel work table on wheels; air impact; Paslode air nailers; Porter Cable jig saw & sander; Hitachi cordless drill; Bosch planer; saw-alls; circular saws; Milwaukee elec. drill; Craftsman drill & belt sander; door knob jig; bench grinder; NEW tool sets & cordless set; power & hand tools; parts bins on wheels; parts bins w/hardware; **LARGE** selection of nails; (2) NEW 4'x14", (2) NEW 35"x71" & (1) 23"x59" replacement windows; NEW 8' 1x6 boards.

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# Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — Both buses are now full for the trips to go watch the Cubs and Brewers play. Thanks to everyone who signed up.

Last call for the ReUse a Shoe Collection. The ReUse a Shoe program allows people to recycle their old athletic shoes. Nike takes the old shoes and turns them into Nike Grind, a product used to make athletic surfaces such as basketball courts, soccer fields, running tracks, and tennis courts. Any athletic shoe can be used for this program. The only athletic shoes that cannot be recycled are shoes with metal spikes or cleats. Our last day

for the collection is Friday, April 29.

The next Young Leaders meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 starting at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the group that is under the age of 35 is welcome to attend. This group is working on some exciting new projects, so I would welcome you to become involved!

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**Farm Fun Fact:** Spring Fever is a real physical condition which commonly occurs when a sudden warm spell follows a long cold period. When the temperature rises, the body has to get rid of heat; thus there's a dilation or expansion

of the blood vessels so that blood can be carried to the body surface where heat can be lost quickly. Some people experience an energetic feeling when this change happens due to the body's reaction to the great amount of internal work going on. Seems that I may have a case of Spring Fever myself!

## Registered nurses to meet at Lake Carroll

LAKE CARROLL — The registered nurses of Northwest Illinois will meet on Tuesday May 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Lake Carroll club house for their spring luncheon. All RN's and their spouses are invited. For reservations please call Ilene Rees at 815-369-2641 or Ilene Lamm at 815-947-3797.

## Freeport Community Foundation to host grant award reception

STATELINE — The Freeport Community Foundation invites you to attend a Grant Award Reception on Thursday, April 28, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Freeport Community Foundation office at 524 W. Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL. The following agencies will receive grant awards from the Foundation's Community Needs and Matthew Marvin Funds:

- Children's Hands on Museum of NW Illinois
- Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois
- FHN Family Counseling Center
- Freeport Area Church Cooperative
- Freeport Art Museum
- Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
- Highland Community College
- Housing Authority of the City of Freeport
- Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater

## Millie Carton's quote of the week

"In the end, we only regret the chances we didn't take."

Lewis Carroll

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FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2016

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**REVENUES:** Property Tax 49,071.36; Replacement Tax 460.33; Bank Account Interest 34.30; Funds Transfer 3,801.00; TOIRMA Dividend 529.00; CD Interest 51.40.

**TOTAL REVENUES: \$53,947.39**

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**REVENUES:** Property Tax 1,502.88; Bank Account Interest 1.16; CD Interest 76.21.

**TOTAL REVENUES: \$1,580.25**

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Special Hire: mowing/maintenance: Randecker Enterprises 3,570.00; Professional Service: Fritz's Nursery 607.00

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**REVENUES:** Property Tax 1,002.38; Bank Account Interest 1.37; CD Interest 39.06; Inter. Fund Loan Repayment 5,000.00.

**TOTAL REVENUES: \$6,042.81**

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Vendors: Allied Benefit (MACI insurance) 650.00; Emergency Home Relief 1,050.76.

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$1,700.76**

#### ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS (Road & Bridge, Audit, Soc.Sec./Med., Insurance)

**REVENUES:** Property Tax 67,151.63; Replacement Tax 713.94; Bank Account Interest 41.72; Funds Transfers 3,110.00; CD Interest 321.15; TOIRMA Dividend 500.00.

**TOTAL REVENUES \$71,838.44**

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Salaries: J. Breuning, Total Salaries \$2,474.41. Taxes: IDES 15.31; ILDR 172.21; (SS/Med.) 425.67. Funds Transfers: 3,110.00 RD. Ins. to R&B for TOIRMA prem. payout 3,110.00; Vendors: Illinois Bank & Trust (debt svc/road grader loan) 11,694.48; R & R (Mower) 3,250.00; Heavy Equipment 9,710.86; Oppold Backhoe 11,124.10; HDI Quarry 5,190.85; West Side Tractor 7,948.91; Barry's Coil. 4,348.00; Rod Grove 3,500.00. All others (less than 2,500 each) 14,036.55.

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$80,111.35**

#### BRIDGE FUND

**REVENUES:** Property Tax 5,764.06; Bank Account Interest 5.37.

**TOTAL REVENUES: \$5,769.43**

**DISBURSEMENTS:** Metal Culverts 2,997.33; Oppold Backhoe 1,507.50. All others (less than 1,000 each) 1,930.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$6,434.83**

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

|                          | TOWN FUNDS  | CEMETERY    | GEN'L ASSISTANCE | ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS | BRIDGE      |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b> | \$34,875.10 | \$15,737.99 | \$28,395.76      | \$61,353.91         | \$94,945.43 |
| <b>Revenues</b>          | 53,947.39   | 1,580.25    | 6,042.81         | 71,838.44           | 5,769.43    |
| <b>Expenses</b>          | 50,024.19   | 4,177.00    | 1,700.76         | 80,111.35           | 6,434.83    |
| <b>Ending Balance</b>    | \$38,798.32 | \$13,141.24 | \$32,737.81      | \$53,081.00         | \$94,280.03 |

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of April, 2016. Phyllis A. Miccolis, Pleasant Valley Township Supervisor and Treasurer of Pleasant Valley Township Road District.

I, Rena Eden, Clerk of the Township of Pleasant Valley, Jo Daviess County, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016.

(Published in The Scoop Today April 27, 2016)

### ASSUMED NAME

#### PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on **April 5, 2016**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Deb's Daily Grind** located at **3028 S. Golf Rd., Stockton, IL 61085**.

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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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Notice of Letting

The Jo Daviess County Highway Department will accept proposals for furnishing bituminous material, for 2016 highway maintenance use in the county. Proposals will be accepted until 10:00 A.M. on May 10, 2016 at the office of the Jo Daviess County Engineer, 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 3, Hanover, IL 61041. This bid requires that the successful contractor comply with all statutes, both Federal and State, governing payment of wages to employees. The Jo Daviess County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — There was a little problem with last week's column in the Shopper's Guide. My column appeared in The Scoop Today, so some of the recipes will be duplicated for our Scoop readers. I did have a call to ask if I had been fired. My reply was that not that I knew, and I had a phone call from my editor that confirmed that I was still needed as a correspondent.

Editor's Note: I personally depend on The Lena Kitchen for cooking at least one meal a week for my family. If Geri leaves the Scoop and Shopper's Guide my wife will make me sleep in the garage. Nobody wants that!—Tony Carton, Scoop/Shopper Editor

This week we will have some Derby recipes and last week's rhubarb recipe because the first is timely and the second is just plain good.

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.

Continuing with the Derby theme, this cucumber salad is super refreshing and a take on the traditional Derby Mint Juleps. Enjoy this side with just a hint of mint.

## Mint Julep Cucumber Salad

1 C. white wine vinegar  
1 C. sugar  
½ C. honey  
3 T. bourbon (whisky) (optional)  
Salt  
4 cucumbers thinly sliced into half moons  
1 medium sweet onion, halved and thinly sliced  
3 springs of mint, leaves chopped

Combine the vinegar, sugar, honey, bourbon and 1 teaspoon

of salt in a saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, stirring to dissolve the sugar and salt. Set aside to cool. Combine the cucumbers and onion in a large bowl. Pour the vinegar mixture over the top and let marinate in the refrigerator until icy cold, 3-4 hours. When ready to serve, add the mint and toss to combine.

This next recipe is for an easy meat and potato casserole. The tomatoes and the cheese help an ordinary casserole become special enough for company or for a dinner meal during the week.

## Meat and Potato Casserole with Cheese Sauce

9 oz. ground beef  
1 T. olive oil  
3 C. russet potatoes, peeled and diced  
½ C. diced onion  
1 T. minced fresh garlic  
1 t. dried oregano  
1 t. chili powder  
1 t. black pepper  
¼ t. cinnamon  
1 C. crushed tomatoes  
Sauce  
1 T. unsalted butter  
1 T. flour

1 C. milk  
½ C. shredded Cheddar  
¼ C. diced Roma tomato  
Preheat the oven to 350. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

Brown the ground beef in oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, breaking up chunks, about 5 minutes.

Add the potatoes, onion, garlic, oregano, chili powder, pepper, and cinnamon. Cover the skillet and reduce the heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until the potatoes are fork tender, 15 minutes. Stir in crushed tomatoes and simmer to reduce juices, 3 minutes.

In a saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat; whisk in flour and cook for 1 minute. Whisk in the milk; bring to a boil and cook until thick. Off the heat, stir in the cheddar cheese. Transfer the ground beef mixture to the prepared dish; top with cheese sauce. Bake casserole until golden and bubbly, 30 minutes; let rest 5-10 minutes. Garnish with the diced tomato.

This Derby Day cheesecake has an interesting crust.

Instead of the traditional graham cracker crust, this crust is made of pecans—the nut of the South. It is easy to make and good to eat.

## Run for the Roses Cheesecake

1½ C. pecans  
1¼ C. superfine sugar  
3 T. unsalted butter, melted  
3 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, at room temperature  
2 large eggs  
1 T. plus 3 t. vanilla  
1 t. almond extract  
1 lb. strawberries, sliced  
2 T. honey  
1 T. fresh lemon juice  
Preheat the oven to 350.

Spread the pecans on a baking sheet and bake until toasted, about 6-8 minutes. Let cool, then transfer to a food processor. Add ¼ C. sugar and pulse until coarsely ground. Drizzle the butter into the food processor and pulse until the mixture looks like wet sand. Press into the bottom of a 10-inch springform pan and bake until just beginning to brown, 10-12 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside.

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# Carroll Jo Daviess Chapter NSDAR announces Vietnam Veteran events

STOCKTON — Carroll Jo Daviess Chapter NSDAR, Apple River American Legion, Stockton American Legion and Warren American Legion will hold an event on Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. honoring Vietnam Veterans from these areas. All Veterans and families for all areas are invited to this special event. Just come and be part of this special recognition.

Carroll Jo Daviess Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a Commemorative Partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

President Barack Obama on Ma25, 2012 signed a proclamation commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War. The federal government will partner with local governments,

private organizations and communities across America to participate in the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Vietnam War—a 13 year program to honor and give thanks to a generation of proud Americans who saw our country through one of the most challenging missions we have ever faced. Let us remember that it is never too late to pay tribute to the men and

women who answered the call of duty with courage and valor. Let us renew our commitment to the fullest possible accounting for those who have not returned.

During the period 2015-2017, Commemorative Partners will plan an conduct events and activities each year that will thank and honor our Vietnam Veterans and their families in a memorable, dignified and special manner. This Commemorative Partner Program is designed to assist a grateful nation in thanking an honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families to include those who lost loved ones during the war and those families

still awaiting the fullest possible accounting of their loved one. The Vietnam War commemoration wants this program to be as hometown-centric as possible. We want to thank and honor the Vietnam Veterans and their families where they live.

Carroll Jo Daviess Chapter NSDAR will be holding events in towns in Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties throughout the next several years. IF there are any questions please feel free to contact Connie Foster at (815) 441-1211 or foster06@hotmail.com or Gwen Smith at (815) 275-7362 or gwensmith@hotmail.com

## • KITCHEN

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Put 1 cup of water in a baking dish and place in the lower third of the oven. This will create a sauna effect for your cheesecake to bake in.

Beat the cream cheese in a mixer until smooth. Add the remaining cup of sugar and mix until just combined, 2-3 minutes (don't over mix). Using a rubber spatula, scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the eggs, one at a time, scraping the bowl after each addition.

Add the tablespoon of vanilla plus 2 teaspoons and almond extract and mix until smooth, about 1 minute. Pour onto the crust. Place on the middle oven rack (above the water bath) and bake until the center is just set but still jiggles, about 35 minutes. Turn off the oven; let the cheesecake cool with the oven door cracked, about 1 hour. Remove from the oven and cover and refrigerate until cool, about 4 hours.

Combine the strawberries, honey, lemon juice and the remaining teaspoon of vanilla in a bowl. Cover and set aside while the cheesecake cools. Slice the cheesecake and top with the strawberries.

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 t 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 mix-

ture 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.

In spite of the rain this week (which my farmer friends say we needed), it was a great week for doing some spring cleaning. My daffodils are blooming, and I love their beautiful yellow color. I also have some tulips—they are equally as pretty. 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.

## Notice of Pearl City schools' public meeting for providing special education services

PEARL CITY — On May 12, at 9 a.m., a meeting conducted by Pearl City Schools will take place at Pearl City Schools in the HS Library. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2016-17

school year. If you are parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Pearl City Schools, you are urged to attend.

If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Tim Thill, Superintendent of Pearl City schools at 815-443-2715.

## McConnell United Methodist host Mother's Day luncheon

McCONNELL — There will be a Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 7 at Noon at McConnell United Methodist Church, 211 N. Hulbert Rd., in McConnell. Any ladies are invited to attend. We will have lunch; enjoy a short program on mother's, and entertainment

by Dave Ruter. Please bring a dish to pass and table service. Drinks will be provided.

This event is open to the public and is free admission. If you have questions, please contact Judy Rampenthal at 815-369-4824 or Susan Coomber at 815-985-3778.

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### A NOTE FOR MOM

To send your inspirational message for Mother's Day, go to [www.fhn.org](http://www.fhn.org) — just click on the link at the top of the home page. We'll accept entries through end of the day Monday, May 8. **Happy Mother's Day!**



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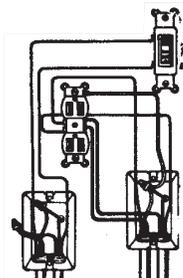
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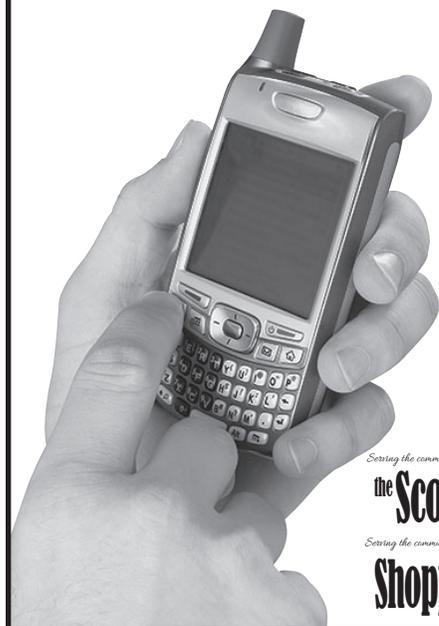
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# Saundra Santiago of 'The Sopranos', 'Miami Vice' to star in TLP's Gypsy

MOUNT CARROLL — Timber Lake Playhouse, the professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, has announced casting for the opening production of its 55th summer season. Television and New York theatre star, Saundra Santiago, will play legendary stage mother Mama Rose in Gypsy, which opens a season that also includes Having Our Say, Rock of Ages, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, Titanic and Gaslight.

Ms. Santiago's career includes the long-running television series 'Miami Vice,' 'The Sopranos,' 'Guiding Light,' 'One Life To Live,' 'Damages,' and more. She began her career as a resident company member at TLP playing Anita in West Side Story, before moving on to Broadway roles in A View From The Bridge, Chronicle Of A Death Foretold and Nine.

"I am thrilled and delighted to perform at Timber Lake again—particularly to perform a role I've dreamt about doing and have been studying for my entire life, Mama Rose. I will never forget performing Anita in West Side Story back in 1980, and meeting such wonderful talented people, many I am still in contact with today," she said. After starring on 'Miami

Vice,' Ms. Santiago headlined a national tour of Evita. She has also starred Off Broadway in productions including Spike Heels opposite Kevin Bacon, Hello Again, Bernarda Alba and The Glass Menagerie.

Directed by Artistic Director James Beaudry, Gypsy will also star John B. Boss as Herbie and Olivia Kaufmann as Gypsy Rose Lee. Caroline Kasay will play Dainty June, and Liam Johnson is Tulsa. A resident company of 15 rounds out the cast. Choreography is by Zachary L. Gray (last summer's Peter Pan and Hairspray).

Mr. Boss is a Chicago based actor who recently completed a stint in the national tour of The Producers. He has appeared in numerous independent films, commercials and TV shows. Ms. Kaufmann and Ms. Kasay are students at Baldwin Wallace University's music theatre conservatory in Cleveland, and Mr. Johnson is currently enrolled at Webster

University in St. Louis.

"Mama Rose is one of the greatest roles ever written for the stage, and it's been played by legends like Ethel Merman, Angela Lansbury, Better Midler, Bernadette Peters and Patti LuPone. Saundra brings incredible acting chops to the role, and while most people know her for her more serious television work, her musical theatre comedy skills made my jaw drop at a recent rehearsal in New York," Beaudry said.

"This production is going to be something very special for our audiences, and I'm

grateful that Saundra has been so enthusiastic to take on the part."

Gypsy runs from June 2 – 12, at the playhouse in rural Mount Carroll. Subscriptions to see all six main stage summer shows at TLP are only \$119 and may be purchased now. Timber Lake donors and

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