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Mrs. Bruhard's Pearl City fifth grade reading class proudly sports their T-shirts to help advertise their books through an infomercial project.

Lena-Winslow High School student undertakes a project of the heart

By Tony Carton
Editor

LENA — Colton Brinker, a junior at Lena-Winslow High School has embarked on a sustainable gardening project designed to provide nutritious food for residents of the Oglala-Lakota Reservation in South Dakota.

"I will be traveling to Pine Ridge, South Dakota where culture is rich on the Oglala-Lakota Reservation, but its people are as poor as the soil they are forced to live on," said Brinker in an earlier statement to area businesses. Brinker is seeking financial assistance for his project.

He said reservation residents have a life expectancy of around 40 years largely because they lack the most basic of necessities: running water, electricity, adequate shelter and nutritious food.

"Sadly, the people who lived in America first are the people living lives no human should have to live," said Brinker, who will travel to the reservation for a two week visit, May 21 through June 5, with a team of four.

"I love working in Pine Ridge and as I rode home from my previous visits I felt a pulling at my soul and a longing to go back," he said. "I still feel

that 'pull' every second I'm not there."

The team's focus during their May/June visit will be a horticulture project they've named Fruit for the Spirit Community Garden. Its goal is to improve the health of the community and to empower the residents to grow their own food.

The garden will consist of six 4x12-foot raised beds which will be filled with nutrient rich soil and will grow everything

from potatoes to melons and at the garden gate there will be a bulletin board listing nutrition facts and the project's mission statement.

"Hopefully, I will be able to have a composting station too," Brinker said. "I am asking the Lena area community for gardening tools and other pieces of equipment that will help our project see success."

He said when the team is not working in the garden they will

engage in a youth ministry and cultural presentations to help enhance the wellbeing of the community.

"Last year we managed to make a difference in the lives of 34 children who now have bikes to ride," said Brinker. "Hopefully, this year, families will have tables covered with healthy produce and the knowledge to sustainably grow it themselves."

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Freeport Community Foundation awards grants totaling \$32,227

FREEPORT — The Freeport Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded nine grants totaling \$32,227.31 to area non-profit organizations that provide a variety of programs and services benefiting northwestern Illinois at a Grant Reception on April 28. Spring 2016 grants were awarded from the Freeport Community Needs Fund and the Matthew A. Marvin Fund.

Grantees were awarded a total of \$25,206.31 from the Matthew A. Marvin Fund. These

grants were awarded to:

- Family YMCA of NW IL \$2,500.00
- FHN Family Counseling Center \$3,484.00
- Freeport Art Museum \$640.00
- Highland Community College \$6,978.31
- Housing Authority of Freeport \$5,548.00
- Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater \$6,056.00

From the Community Needs Fund, the Foundation's unrestricted fund, the Board of Directors awarded three grants

totaling \$7,021.00. The grants were awarded to:

- Children's Hands On Museum of NW IL \$1,000.00
- Freeport Area Church Cooperative \$3,000.00
- Girl Scouts of Northern IL \$3,021.00

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 2; awards will be announced by November 1.

For information or to apply for a Freeport Community Foundation (FCF) grant, visit the web-site: www.freeport-communityfoundation.org, or call (815) 801-3035. The foundation is located at 524 West Stephenson Street, Suite 102, in Freeport, IL.

AJ's Lena Maid Meats receives honors at packers and processors joint convention

Information compiled by **Tony Carton** Editor

LENA — AJ's Lena Maid Meats from Lena was among the attendees at the Joint Convention with the Illinois Association of Meat Processors and the Indiana Meat Packers and Processors Association's Convention and Trade Show held at the French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick, Indiana on March 10-12. The convention was hosted by the Indiana Meat Packers and Processors Association.

Laverne and Marcia Pax attended the three-day convention and participated in the pre-convention tours, educational seminars and an annual meeting. They also had the opportunity to meet suppliers with the latest equipment and services to the meat industry at the Trade Show.

AJ's Lena Maid Meats was

awarded second place – Bone in Ham, fourth place – Dried Beef, and fourth place Smoked Turkey when competing at the IMPPA-IAMP Cured Meat Show on March 11-12. This year's competition was comprised of over 300 entries in twenty-one different classes.

The Illinois Association of

Meat processors represent small and mid-sized independent meat industry businesses throughout Illinois, as well as local and nationally known industry suppliers. The 2017 Convention and Trade Show will be held on February 23-25, 2017 at the Bloomington Marriott, Bloomington, IL.

Pearl Valley Rangers

By **Abigail Hass** Club Reporter

PEARL CITY — The Pearl Valley Rangers met on Sunday, May 1, at the Pearl City Library. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. Roll call question was: What do you plan to do this summer? The pledges were led by Kegan Dezell and Abigail Hass.

The club worked the 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Dinner on April 10. This event counted as their April meeting. The raffle basket brought in \$78 and the club received half of that amount. There is still room for any boys who want to attend 4-H camp this summer. Four girls from the club attended Science Siesta at the Burpee Museum and Discovery Center in Rockford on April 15-16. Addie Bremmer, Abigail Hass, Jordan Johnson, and Ava Bremmer all gave a review of the event.

The Stephenson County Ag breakfast is Saturday, June 25. If anyone wants to work, please see the group leader, Pennie Miller. The club decided to participate in Garbology at the

fair. General Projects Day is June 29. Our booth set up date is June 23 from 2-9 p.m.

June is Dairy month. The club will scoop and serve ice cream with the Pearl City brat stand on Saturday, June 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Members were asked to work a one hour shift.

Pennie told the club to not expect premium checks from the 2015 fair season due to the state's budget failure. Next year's project registration will probably be all online.

Talks were given by Cody Pitts on his robotics car and Ethan Bremmer on cow grooming. Demos were given by Jorja Johnson on making washer necklaces, Addie Bremmer with her mouse trap car, and Ava Bremmer with her simple machine project.

With nothing further, meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Snacks and drinks were provided by Addie and Ava Bremmer and Sydni Lower.

Pearl Valley Rangers hold their regular meetings on the second Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Pearl City Fire Station.



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A fresh new look

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 577, Lena purchased and installed new window treatments for the American Legion Home in Lena. Pictured left to right: William Dameier, John Costello and Scott Olberding



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Thousands of taxpayers affected by W-2 Phishing attacks this year

Information compiled
by Tony Carton
Editor

STATELINE — Thousands of taxpayers have been impacted by a wave of Phishing attacks targeting W-2 records, with more than sixty organizations reporting such incidents in the first half of the year.

By taking advantage of the trust relationships that exist within a given company; these attacks have resulted in at least \$2.3 billion in losses over the last three years.

Business Email Compromise / Correspondence attacks (BEC attacks) aren't overly clever, but they're effective. A person with authority is impersonated, and a lower-level staffer is asked to share W-2 records or related payroll information. That's all there is to it and taxpayer records are stolen.

Because the request looks and feels legitimate, the employee usually complies, but there have been a few cases where the scam was flagged before any damage could be done.

Jonathan Sander, vice president at Lieberman Software, remarked that the common theme in each successful

attack is also the reason why the success rate should be zero. "The employee shouldn't have been able to access that much data without some sort of oversight kicking in. The fact that a single employee, for any reason, could grab so much data and simply send it to anyone, regardless of who they think that person is, is a scary prospect when you stop to think about it. Of course, you can also ask why an employee would be fooled into thinking that an executive would be making such a sweeping request," Sander said.

In the first quarter of 2016, at least 41 organizations were victimized by BEC attacks, but that number is closer to 70 when additional disclosures are counted. Some organizations were successfully hit earlier in the year, but only just recently discovered the problem, delaying notification.

On April 25, GoldKey | PHR, a hotel management company that controls a large part of the rooms on Virginia Beach, disclosed that W-2 information was compromised on February 29, but this fact wasn't discovered until April 3. The cause

of the breach was listed as a "Criminal Phishing Email" and impacted at least 3,000 people. Also on April 25, NetBrain Technologies Inc., a network visualization firm based in Burlington, Massachusetts, said someone posed as a company executive and requested 2015 W-2 data on March 3. The documents were delivered as asked, impacting all employees.

On April 12, the Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast, Florida disclosed that on March 17, someone impersonated the author of the notice itself, Betsy Laughlin, the Director of Finance, and requested 2015 W-2 records. Because the request was spoofed to appear as if she sent it, the employee who received it didn't hesitate.

On April 26, Michels Corporation, a contractor based in Brownsville, Wisconsin, disclosed that a company executive was impersonated by a scammer, requesting 2015 W-2 records. The incident occurred on April 16, and impacted more than 5,000 current and former employees.

With a low barrier of entry to launch such a campaign, and

an even lower overhead, criminals show no signs of slowing when it comes to targeting W-2 information. Even if the stolen data isn't used immediately, it can be compiled and sold for a number of different uses.

"If your CEO appears to be emailing you for a list of company employees, check it out before you respond. Everyone has a responsibility to remain diligent about confirming the identity of people requesting personal information about

employees," IRS Commissioner John Koskinen said in a statement issued earlier this year with a memo warning about the rise in BEC attacks.

Many of the firms that have disclosed these incidents report that employees have detected tax fraud, which seems to be the ultimate goal in these attacks. Since 2015, the FBI says there has been a 270-percent increase in the number of identified victims and exposed losses.

Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office makes multiple count drug arrest

STOCKTON — On May 7, at approximately 22:26 hours the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on U.S. Route 20 East, rural Stockton for an expired registration violation.

After observing open alcohol in the vehicle, deputies conducted a search resulting in the vehicle's passenger Kenneth L. Sanders, 36, of Freeport Illinois to take off running into a field. Sanders' was apprehended after a short time later.

The vehicle's driver Karina

L. LaFrancois, 28, of rural East Dubuque was released at the scene. Sanders was charged with unlawful transportation of alcohol, unlawful possession of a controlled substance (suspected cocaine) more than 15 grams, but less than 100 grams, a small amount of cannabis, and resisting a peace officer.

The Sheriff would like to remind the public that all subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. This incident remains under investigation.

Jo Daviess County Critical Incident Response Team apprehends wanted suspects

GALENA — On May 4, the Jo Daviess County Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), was attempting to apprehend two wanted suspects, Cummings and McLaughlin, at the Grant Hills Motel, Galena, IL. While attempting to apprehend the suspects, a weapon was displayed to the Jo Daviess County CIRT Team.

The suspects forced their way into the vehicle they had been using, a Dodge truck, which later was discovered to have been reported as stolen, in an attempt to flee. The suspects' vehicle struck a police vehicle and also struck an officer. Another officer was attempting to apprehend the female suspect from the vehicle when the vehicle accelerated at a fast rate, dragging the officer for a short distance. At this time, two shots were fired at the fleeing vehicle. The first shot disabled the front passenger side tire. The second shot struck the driver's side door. The suspects then fled in their vehicle westbound on Hwy 20 at a high rate of speed. The vehicle then became disabled and was located 1/10 of a mile east of Hwy 20/Gear Street at the old Ron's Amoco BP Station. The two

suspects then fled on foot into a wooded area.

After an extensive search of the area, the suspects were apprehended in the wooded area without any further incident. The officers injured by the suspect vehicle were treated and released from Midwest Medical Center.

In regards to the officer involved shooting, it is being

handled by the Northern Illinois Major Case Squad. The Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services are processing the scene at Grant Hills Motel and the abandoned vehicle.

In conclusion, the suspects are in custody at the Jo Daviess County Jail awaiting a bond hearing and pending additional charges.

The following agencies

assisted in the investigation and apprehension of the two suspects:

- Galena Police Department, IL
- Galena Ambulance Service, IL
- Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, IL
- Warren Police Department, IL
- Jo Daviess County CIRT, IL

- Northwest Illinois Major Case Squad, IL
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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

April 25-29

SPRINGFIELD — Progress continued during the week when Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law a bipartisan compromise funding bill that helps provide resources for higher education and MAP grants for college students until fall.

In other news, the Illinois Labor Relations Board began a hearing on whether contract negotiations between Gov. Rauner and one of the state's largest labor unions have truly reached an impasse.

Also during the week, a report from data provider CoreLogic ranks Illinois number one in the nation for having the highest median property tax rates. Not surprisingly, the new report coincides with this year's "Tax Freedom Day," which falls on April 29.

A step in the right direction

On April 25, Gov. Bruce Rauner signed an appropriations bill for higher education and MAP grants. The bipartisan solution ensures that universities, colleges, and community colleges remain open through September, at which point they'll start collecting their fall tuition money.

Gov. Rauner said this legislation doesn't solve the budget crisis, but is a good step toward compromise. He noted it's "time to build on the bipartisan momentum" and focus on passing a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal

Year 2017.

Senate Bill 2059 contains funding from the Education Assistance Fund: more than \$350 million for state universities; more than \$74 million for community colleges; more than \$169 million for Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants; and \$6 million for the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. Comptroller Leslie Munger said her office would immediately start processing payments.

As the 11th month without a full budget approaches, many social service programs are still waiting for funding. The Senate passed bipartisan legislation on April 22 that appropriates \$441 million from the Commitment to Human Services Fund to help pay for critical human service programs. Senate Bill 2047 is currently pending in the House of Representatives.

Lawmakers return to the Capitol on May 3 to resume legislative action.

Rauner/AFSCME go to Labor Board over union contract negotiations

Having failed to negotiate a compromise agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the Governor referred the dispute to the state labor board in January in accordance with law. Now the Illinois Labor Relations Board will decide whether the parties have truly reached an "impasse."

If the Labor Board determines the parties are unable to reach an agreement, Gov. Rauner could move forward with his last and best offer. Union members could either accept the Governor's terms or go on strike. However, if the Board decides that the two parties have not yet reached an impasse, negotiations will continue.

Gov. Rauner and AFSCME had been negotiating for more than a year before the Governor went to the Labor Board in January. During negotiations, AFSCME, which represents roughly 38,000 state workers, refused several contract offers presented by the Governor. These contracts were similar to ones approved by more than a dozen other union locals.

At the heart of the dispute are changes to worker raises, overtime hours, and health insurance costs. Gov. Rauner has said that AFSCME's contract demands would cost more than \$3 billion at a time when the state faces serious fiscal challenges.

The hearing began on April 25 and is expected to last through May before an administrative law judge issues a decision. Additionally, either party can appeal the decision, beginning a process that could add weeks or months to the impasse.

Illinois has highest median property tax rate

Illinois has the highest median property tax rate in the nation, according to CoreLogic, a data provider to financial services and real estate companies. While the national median property tax rate is 1.31 percent, Illinois weighs in at 2.67 percent.



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These figures hit home for the people of Illinois. According to CoreLogic, the owner of a home valued at \$200,000 will, on average, pay annual total property taxes of \$2,620. However, in Illinois, that homeowner would pay \$5,340.

The state's high property taxes pose a tremendous financial burden for Illinois families and job creators, and play a significant role in the state's high out-migration of both residents and businesses. Senate GOP lawmakers introduced legislation to provide property tax relief for hardworking Illinois families and businesses, while giving local governments the tools to reduce their costs. That measure has not been allowed to advance for consideration by the Senate.

CoreLogic's calculations include all taxing entities, which can include property taxes paid to a number of different entities, including counties, villages and school districts. New York has the second highest median property tax rate at 2.53 percent. Hawaii has the lowest median property tax rate at .31 percent.

PROJECT

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His personal expenses and those of the team combined with miscellaneous project costs will run close to \$3000.

"If private individuals and area businesses are moved to pledge financial support I would be very appreciative," he said. "Any remaining funds will be saved to make improvements and expansions to the garden next year.

Brinker and team ask first and foremost for the thoughts and prayers of the Lena area community.

"If you feel led to support us and the Fruit for the Spirit Community Garden your financial help will be a great service to me as well as the Pine Ridge community that so desperately needs our help," he said. "My

One hundred nineteen days to 'Tax Freedom Day'

The Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation adds up all federal, state and local taxes and then divides the number by the national income. The date when people earn enough collectively to pay off their yearly tax burdens has become known as "Tax Freedom Day."

"Tax Freedom Day" in Illinois falls on April 29 this year, meaning Illinois residents worked 119 days to pay off their total tax bill in 2016. The longer it takes the pay their taxes means the less money taxpayers are taking home for food, clothing, housing and other necessities.

Tax Freedom Day underscores the need for change – spending cuts coupled with systemic, structural reforms to reduce rampant abuse, fraud and waste. The longer it takes to implement these changes in Illinois, the more businesses will continue to leave the state and the less money Illinoisans will have in their pockets. Our Tax Freedom Day will keep getting later and later.

team and I hope to be instruments of altruism and goodness in the lives of the people we meet. Please pray that our garden thrives and yields an abundance of produce for those who are hungry."

They recognize creating the garden will not necessarily make the world a better place, but they feel it to be a start that will improve the lives of many people.

"Mother Teresa once said, 'I cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.' Please help us make Pine Ridge our first ripple," Brinker said.

The Lena-Winslow Student Council has donated \$600 for soil for the raised beds. Will you help? Monetary donations are accepted at Community Bank in Lena and should designate the Spirit Community Garden account. For pickup of new or used tools and/or garden equipment please contact Colton Brinker at (815) 821-2540 or drop off your items at Brinker's Pit Stop, 520 East Lena Street, Lena.

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Dorothy M. Pedersen

LENA — Dorothy M. Pedersen, 74, of Lena, passed on Monday, May 2, 2016 at her home after an extended illness. She was born on February 14, 1942 in Warren, IL to William H. and Vera (Koehn) Geilenfeldt. Dorothy married James Pedersen in December of 1970. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She had various jobs including working at Corn Belt Insurance, Motorola Phone Company and Swiss Colony in Monroe. She delighted in making handmade items for family and friends, going fishing, going on road trips. She also loved spending time with family and close friends.

Dorothy is survived by her brother, Glenn (Janeen) Geilenfeldt; nephew, Brent (Annette) Geilenfeldt; niece, Kristine (Chris) Robinson; three great nieces; one great nephew and two great-great nephews all of Lena, IL. She is also survived by her very best friend, Sandy and family of Ottawa, IL.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A graveside service was held May 7, at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL.

Rev. Rick Bader officiated. Condolences may be sent to the family at leamonfh.com

Dwight Luther Bennett

ORANGEVILLE — Reverend Dwight Luther Bennett passed away in his home near Orangeville, IL on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at the age of 89. Dwight was born in



Pioneer, OH on May 20, 1926. Dwight spent his early years in northern Ohio, where his father was a pastor in the Evangelical United Brethren Conference. He graduated from Hopewell-Loudon High school in Bascom, OH. In 1944, he entered the Navy and served as one of the many occupational forces in Japan. Upon return in 1946, he studied for the ministry at Bob Jones University, where he met Kathryn Busjahn. Dwight married Kay in Monroe, WI on August 25, 1948. In his junior year, Dwight and two other students started the Boulevard Baptist church in Greenville, SC. Dwight served as the pas-

tor until his graduation in 1950. Following graduation the couple was commissioned as missionaries to Japan under The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) from 1950 until 1961. Dwight served in tent evangelism and later in a church-planting role. After their return home, Dwight served as the director of the Greater Freeport Area Youth for Christ from 1962-1967. During the summer of 1972, he and his son David returned to Japan for two months to serve at Matsubarako Bible Camp. Dwight also served as pastor to the Orangeville Bible Church, Monroe Bible Church, Faith Evangelical Free Church of Monroe and Senior's Pastor at the Evangelical Free Church of Lena. Dwight was a great man of prayer, a student of God's word and a powerful evangelist. He served the Lord in ministry for 65 years. He was a WWII veteran a Navy Boxer, a basketball player, a pilot, a world traveler, a student of Japanese, a friend to missionaries, a loving husband, an example to his children, a friend to the lost and a man that loved the rolling hills of northern Illinois. Friends recall he was loved by everyone that knew him. He walked with God!

Dwight is survived by his children: Carolyn Hatch (Larry) of Bowling Green, OH, David Bennett (Myrna) of Colorado Springs, CO, Duane Bennett (Kay) of Monroe, WI, and Daryl Bennett (Vicki) of Winslow, IL, and grandchildren Nicole Gross (Randy), Josh Bennett (Rachel), Jens Hatch (Melissa), Melissa Andres (Dan), Jason Bennett, Jared Hatch (Emily), Katie Hatch, Justin Hatch and twelve great grandchildren; sister-in-law Marcene Eshelman (Frank) and brother-in-law Bill Hills.

Dwight is preceded in death by his wife Kathryn Bennett (married 67 years), infant

brother Duane Seeley Bennett, brother Waldo Bennett, sister Winona Bennett, father Townsend Wesley Bennett and Mother Elsie May (Taylor) Bennett.

The family wants to thank Tina Straws and Hospice Care of America for the loving care given to our parents.

The visitation was held at the Evangelical Free Church, 720 N. Freedom St. Lena, IL May 6. A celebration-of-life service was held at the Evangelical Free Church, Saturday, May 7. Internment was at Rock Lily Cemetery, Winslow, IL followed by a luncheon at the Evangelical Free Church.

A fund has been established with TEAM mission in Dwight's memory.

Gerald L. Harnish

FREEPORT — Gerald L. Harnish, 92, passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at his home surrounded by his loving family.



He was born on May 18, 1923 to Raymond and Carrie (Phillips) Harnish. He married Fern Marie Ferguson on November 11, 1944 in Freeport, IL. He farmed most of his life in the Rock City and Pearl City area. He also worked at Bennett & Hoefer for 11 years. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena and a former member of the Moose Lodge. Gerald enjoyed fishing and gardening. He was an avid Chicago Cub Fan and a member of the Friendship Club.

He is survived by his wife; two children; Richard Harnish (Bobbie Eanes) and Debra (Larry) Martin-Bettcher of Freeport, IL, one grandchild; Donnie Martin of Denver, CO, sister-in law; Elaine Ferguson.

He was preceded in death by

his parents, two brothers; Ivan and Lyle Harnish.

Funeral services were held May 5, 2016 at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Visitation was May 4, 2016 at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Rev. Art Stees officiated. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery in Cedarville, IL.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Gerald's family would like to thank the caring staff at FHN Hospice.

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

Hope Louise Fowler

ST. CHARLES, MO — Hope Louise Fowler, nee Brown/Gibbs, age 94, of St. Charles, Mo., formerly of Winslow, Ill., died in her home on May 7, 2016. She was on Hospice for some time after falling several times and being in the hospital with pneumonia.

She was born Hope Louise Brown on Oct. 12, 1921 in Hamilton, Ill., the fourth child of Franklin B. Brown and Millie (Ensign) Brown. During the depression she and her siblings were placed in The Iowa Soldiers and Sailors Home in Davenport and from there, she and her sister Mary Lou were adopted by Daniel C. and Clara (Burrows) Gibbs. On June 23, 1946 she was united in marriage with Harold Stanton Fowler in the chapel of the University of Dubuque.

Hope graduated Valedictorian of her class in 1941 from Earlville High School and went on to the University of Dubuque where she earned her Bachelor's of Science Degree, majoring in Home Economics and Business. She taught in the Winslow, Ill. High School until it was consolidated, and then took classes and became a grade school teacher there in Winslow until her retirement in 1985, ending 35 years in the same building.

She was renting a room in Winslow from a widow, Enid Debell, and when her son came home from the war they fell in love. She married Harold S. Fowler and made their life in Winslow until he retired. Then they traveled and also bought a winter home in Zephyrhills, FL. They were "snowbirds" for many years until Harold's failing health made them decide to move closer to family in Missouri.

Many interests kept her busy through the years. She was a dedicated teacher, always taking classes and reading up on things she could use to keep it interesting for her students. It was also not unusual for her to give extra help to those in need. To her, they were more than just her students, they were people. She loved to read on many subjects and was always doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles. For many years she was an avid quilter and also did

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needlepoint and crochet. She and her husband also built and decorated 2 large doll houses. After retiring she took a writing class and decided to write her autobiography. She finished and self-published "A Story of Hope" The Autobiography of an Adopted Kid in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter Pamela H. Koehler (D. John) of St. Charles, MO and a son Stanley H. Fowler (Eleanor) of Fort Collins, CO., a sister Mary Lou Schmitz of Manchester, IA, a brother Frank Brown of Oroville, CA, four grandchildren; Adam J. Koehler (Kris) of Merriam, KS, Janell M. Krill (Danny) of St. Charles, MO, Sarah R. Carr (Brian) of Eaton, CO and Kenneth H. Fowler of

Fort Collins, CO, also six great-grandchildren; Joshua, Brenna & Ian Koehler and Bryson, Owen and Olivia Carr.

Preceding her in death were her parents, one sister, Ruth (Ann) and 4 brothers, Robert, Walter, Homer and Otto Brown.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on May 11, and the funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on May 12 at Leamon Funeral Home in Winslow, IL. Burial will be at Rock Lily Cemetery in Winslow.

Memorial's can be sent to the McConnell United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Mary "Mae" G. Robbe
SAVANNA — Mary "Mae"

G. Robbe age 101, of Savanna, Illinois, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Big Meadows Nursing Home in Savanna. A graveside service will be held at a later date at the Savanna Township Cemetery. Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial fund has been established in Mae's memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Mae's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com

Mae was born May 28, 1914 in Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada, the daughter of Walter and Mary (Blue) Forrest. She became a proud American citizen in 1941 after taking her U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights test in Freeport, Illinois, her port of entry. Mae attended Issac Brock

Grade School in Winnepeg, Canada, William Penn Nixon Grade School in Chicago, Kelvyn Park Junior High School in Chicago, and Carl Schurz High School, Chicago. On February 12, 1938 she married Thomas Max Robbe in Mt. Carroll, Illinois, where Rev. Fetterhoff officiated. Thomas died June 13, 1998.

Mae worked 18 years at the Savanna Garment Factory and six years for Eaton Values Corporation making Coca-Cola machines. Mae was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Savanna for 78 years where she taught Sunday School. She was also a Woman of the Moose for over 50 years and a member of NARFE. In retirement she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, and making rag rugs with the wonderful Women's Group of the First Presbyterian Church. She loved her beloved Chicago Cubs, attending their games along with baseball games in Clinton, Iowa, with her husband who was a Pittsburg Pirates fan. Her biggest joy in life was her grandchildren.

Mae is survived by her son, Thomas (Letha) Robbe of Savanna; two grandchildren, Susan (Scott) Curley of Savanna, Brian (Tara) Robbe of Bentonville, Arkansas; four great-grandchild-

dren, Dalton (Amanda Petersen) Swiech, Taylor Lee (Bailey) Morris, Riley Catherine Robbe, and Jackson Alton Robbe; and three nephews, Terry, Tim and Randy Forrest of Chicago. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas; brothers, Tom and Gordon Forrest; daughter-in-law, Ruth; sisters-in-law, Janette (Jay) Forrest and Pauline Forrest.

BIRTHS

Kainin Mcilvanie

LENA — Miranda Schmelzle and Kyle Mcilvanie of Lena are the parents of a son Kainin Myron-Allen Mcilvanie born Thursday May 5, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Kainin has two sisters Kalea, 3 and Adisyn, 3. Grandparents are Lisa and Lenny VanBrocklin of St. Augustine, Fla. and Randy Schmelzle and Steve and Marilee Mcilvanie all Freeport. Great grandmother is Sally Schmelzle of Freeport.

Emily Myers

STOCKTON — Jessica Becker and Justin Myers of Stockton are the parents of a daughter Emily Lynn Myers born Tuesday May 3, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Emily has a sister Emma, 2 and two brothers Bentley, 5 and Beau, 2. Grandparents are Marcy Myers of Stockton, Randy Becker of Dubuque, IA and Deborah Becker of St. Paul, MN.

Benjamin Servatius

FREEPORT — Peter and Bridget (Trainor) Servatius of Freeport are the parents of a son Benjamin Leo Servatius born Thursday May 5, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Grandparents are Neal Trainor of Freeport, Tom and Suzanne Renner of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dave and Julie Servatius of Winnebago, Ill. Great grandparents are James and Sheila Siegel of Cedar Rapids and John Montgomery of Kewanee, Ill.

National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees to hold May meeting

SAVANNA — The Palisades Chapter 604 of the National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet on Thursday May 19, at noon at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL.

The monthly luncheon will

be followed by a report from the State Federal Employee Convention which was held in Rockford. Members, spouses and spousal survivors are cordially invited to attend.

Those persons not on the permanent list are requested to make a reservation by May 17, by calling (815) 273-2184.

Stephenson County Sheriff's Office investigates fatal single-car accident

PEARL CITY — On May 07, at about 5:06 p.m., the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the area of Illinois Route 73 and Hershey Road, for a single vehicle rollover accident with injuries. It was determined by Emergency Personnel that the driver of the vehicle had died as a result of his injuries from the crash. The passenger was then airlifted to

St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford for his injuries. The names of the victims are being withheld pending family notification. The investigation into the accident is ongoing. Assisting the Sheriff's Office at the scene was the Pearl City Fire Department, Pearl City Ambulance, Leamon's Ambulance, Lifeline Helicopter and the Stephenson County Coroner's Office.

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National Women's Health Week starts each year on Mother's Day

STATELINE — National Women's Health Week starts each year on Mother's Day to encourage women to make their health a priority. Take these steps to live a safer and healthier life!

Get Recommended Screenings and Preventive Care

Protect your health by getting the care you need to prevent disease, disability, and injuries. Regular check-ups are important. Preventive care can keep disease away or detect problems early, when treatment is more effective. Talk to your health care provider to learn more about what screenings and exams you need and when.

Many health insurance plans now offer preventive services for women available at no cost.

Learn what you can do before your next appointment, like review your family health history and write down any ques-

tions or issues you may have, and take it with you.

Get Moving

Get out and about and enjoy the spring and summer weather. Physical activity is one of the most important things you can do for your health and has many benefits including lowering your risk for heart disease—the leading cause of death for women.

Adults should do at least 2 hours and 30 minutes each week of aerobic physical activity that requires moderate effort. You don't have to do it all at once, but get at least 10 minutes of exercise at a time.

Adults should do strengthening activities at least 2 days a week that include all major muscle groups.

One out of three older people falls each year and women fall more often than men. Strength and balance training can help reduce the chances for falls.

Enjoy Healthy Foods

Nutrition is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. Learn the basics and move toward a lifestyle of healthier eating habits.

A healthy eating plan includes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fat free and low-fat milk and other dairy products, lean meats, and is low in salt, saturated and trans fats, and added sugars.

Women need folic acid every day for the healthy new cells the body makes daily – like skin, hair, and nails. It's also important to help prevent major birth defects when pregnant. Women need 400 micrograms (400 mcg) of folic acid each day. Two easy ways a woman can be sure she is getting enough folic acid is to take a vitamin that has folic acid in it every day or eat a bowl of breakfast cereal that has 100% of the daily value of folic acid every day. Folic acid

pills and most multivitamins sold in the United States have 100% of the daily value (DV) of folic acid; check the label to be sure.

Avoid drinking too much alcohol. Binge drinking for women is four or more drinks in a single occasion.

Prioritize Mental Health

Keep your mind and body healthy. There is emerging evidence that positive mental health is associated with improved health.

Getting enough sleep is important for overall health, including mental health. It impacts how you feel and perform during the day. Adults need 7-8 hours of sleep each night.

Everyone experiences stress at times. Find healthy ways to cope with stress.

Practice Healthy Behaviors

Daily decisions influence overall health. Small actions

can help keep you safe and healthy and set a good example for others.

Wear sunscreen and take steps to keep your skin beautiful. Ultraviolet rays can damage your skin, increasing your risk for skin cancer and premature skin aging.

Use prescription drugs only as directed by a health care provider. About 18 women in the U.S. die every day of a prescription painkiller overdose.

Be smoke free.

More than 170,000 American women die of diseases caused by smoking each year. If you are ready to quit, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) or 1-855-DEJELOYA (1-855-335-3569 for Spanish speakers) or visit Smoke-free Women for free resources, including quit coaching, a quit plan, educational materials, and referrals to other resources where you live.

Highland Community College to host RiverWatch citizen scientist session

STATELINE — Are you interested in keeping our waters clean, but not sure how you can help? Do you like to be near water and invite the excuse to get outside? Becoming a RiverWatch volunteer might be a good fit for you!

Being a RiverWatch volunteer doesn't mean dedicating your already busy life to yet another chore. It is just a one-time-a-year service that helps collect data on streams, fish and insects, and only takes a couple hours. If this sounds appealing to you, read on.

To become an official RiverWatch Citizen Scientist you have to attend one day training. The next, and closest training opportunity is on May 21 at Highland Community College in Freeport. Once you become a volunteer you are able to adopt a stream or help monitor some of the already adopted streams in your area. There are already twenty sites around Jo Daviess County that are monitored, or have been monitored in the past. Each year in early June volunteers visit their stream or streams and record information about their stream. They note the width, depth, speed the water is flowing, and temperature. Then some samples are taken with a net and all the little bugs and wiggly critters in the stream are identified. Most things can be identified with the naked eye, but sometimes a magnifying glass is needed.

Once these measurements are taken, everything is submitted to the RiverWatch coor-



Courtesy photo

RiverWatch volunteers are able to adopt a stream or help monitor some of the already adopted streams in your area.

ordinator for quality control. And that's it! You are done until next year!

In 2015 a RiverWatch training course was held at Apple Canyon Lake. Ten citizen scientists were trained and they adopted a stream they care about around the area. Some of the volunteers helped sample the streams at Apple Canyon Lake; the more people that come, the more fun there is to

be had, and the faster the sampling process goes.

RiverWatch was initiated in 1995 as part of the Critical Trends Assessment Project (CTAP), an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) project designed to conduct a long-term, comprehensive assessment of the environment in Illinois. In February of 2006, responsibility for RiverWatch was officially trans-

ferred to the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center (NGRREC). The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District hosts a monitoring kit that is

loaned out to trained RiverWatch Volunteers.

Apple Canyon Lake has been working in collaboration with the Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District to develop a watershed plan for the waters affecting Apple Canyon Lake, and this is the third year of using RiverWatch as a way to help get residents involved while simultaneously collecting data on the health of our waters. By monitoring the same sites year after year managers will be able to better understand trends and stream conditions, as well as track progress as the final watershed plan is implemented.

To learn more about the RiverWatch program, visit <http://www.ngrrec.org/News-Stories/RiverWatch-Workshops2016/>, and visit www.applecanyonlake.org to learn more about the watershed planning process.

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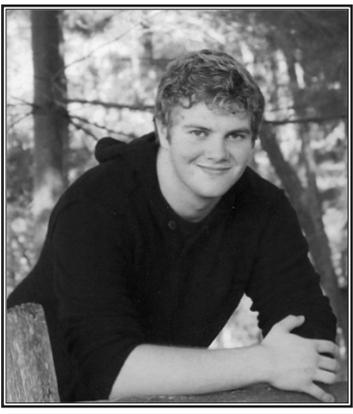
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Joseph and Linda Chlapaty Summer Research Fellowship scholars announced

DUBUQUE, IA — Korissa Blasing, of Pearl City, IL, is among a small contingent of University of Dubuque students selected for a Joseph and Linda Chlapaty Summer Research Fellowship.

Fifteen students were selected by a faculty committee as a Chlapaty Fellow for 2016. Awardees will commit 40 hours a week for 10 weeks this summer to complete their projects. Each student will receive a stipend of \$4,500 and an additional \$500 for research supplies or travel costs for the project.

“To me, being a Chlapaty Fellow means that I have an opportunity to further my education. I hope to accomplish the exposure rates of Lyme disease in the rodents of Dubuque, Iowa,” Blasing said. The Chlapaty Summer Fellowship is a competitive program designed to aid in the preparation of talented undergraduate students for graduate or professional school study.

“The Chlapaty Summer Fellowship Program creates a significant opportunity for talented undergraduate students from across the disci-

plines to do scholarly research with a senior faculty scholar-mentor, to do preparation for graduate entrance examinations, and to build a network of professional contacts,” said University of Dubuque President Jeffrey F. Bullock. “We are grateful to Joe and Linda Chlapaty for their investment in the scholarly work of these undergraduate students.”

This summer, awardees will work on projects ranging from Lyme disease in rodents to monitoring the source and quality of Dubuque’s storm water outflow.

HCC Foundation to host 2016 Leadership Golf Outing

FREEPORT — The 20th Annual Highland Leadership Golf outing will be hosted by the Highland Community College Foundation on Monday, June 6 at the Freeport Club (former Freeport Country Club).

The annual golf outing, which supports Highland’s Leadership programs in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties as well as the High School Servant Leadership program, will begin with check-in at 11:00 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. Three Headed Monster of Shan-non will provide a lunch buffet featuring pork loin sandwiches, shredded BBQ chicken sandwiches, homemade coleslaw, monster beans and chips. Shotgun start is at 12:30 p.m.

There will be beverages and special treats on the course. Lessman Catering of Shan-

non will provide heavy hors d’oeuvres beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by great fellowship, an auction and give away of quality golf equipment and other prizes. Fee for golf, cart and all the above is \$150 per person.

To register for golf, or to inquire about major sponsorships and tee and green sponsorships, contact Jim Berberet, Executive Director, at the Foundation office at 815-599-3406 or jim.berberet@highland.edu. Register online at highland.thankyou4caring.org.

Major sponsors to date include Diamond Brothers Insurance, Bocker Auto, Big Radio, The Journal-Standard, Savant Capital, Beggin Tipp & Lamm, Fifth Third, Foresight Financial, Seaga Manufacturing, Illinois

Bank and Trust, Helm Group, FHN, and Berner Food and Beverage.

COLLEGE NEWS

Area students present research at Carthage College’s Celebration of Scholars

KENOSHA, WI — Carthage held the sixth annual Celebration of Scholars event April 29. Celebration of Scholars is a poster exhibition that features original research, scholarship, and creative work completed by Carthage students.

These area students presented at the event:

Elisabeth Rutter of Lena presented “Network Science: SI Dynamics of Disease Spread”.

Nicholas Bussian of Lena presented “Building Geo Apps for a Smarter Campus Community”.

Carthage College combines an environment of reflection and self-discovery with a culture of high expectation so our students uncover and ignite their true potential.

Tanner Magee awarded Bachelor of Science from National University of Health Sciences

LOMBARD — In a commencement ceremony held on April 22, Tanner Magee of Lena received the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree from National University of Health Sciences.

“We are very proud of Tanner, as National University’s Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences program is one of the most demanding of its kind in the country,” said President Joseph Stiefel of National University.

National University offers a wide range of degrees in health sciences, including degrees in chiropractic and naturopathic medicine, acupuncture, oriental medicine, massage therapy,

SCAHCE to accept scholarship applications

STATELINE — Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education (SCAHCE) will be accepting applications for their 2016 Scholarship (\$300). The scholarship recipient must be a current resident of Illinois regardless of whether they attend a school in Illinois. The student must be considered a full time student and major in a family related program, such as: food management, textiles, diet, nutrition, child care, marketing, agriculture communications, business management, nursing or social services. The recipient must also be an HCE member or an immediate family member, child or grandchild of an HCE member.

For further information on the scholarship rules and/or an application, contact the Extension Office, Building R, Highland Community College, Freeport, IL 61032 (PH: (815) 235-4125) or find it on the following website: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/downloads/64072.pdf>.

The application deadline is July 15.

and biomedical sciences.

Kelsey Finn named Student Sensation by Iowa State University College of Human Sciences

AMES, IA — Kelsey Finn a junior studying nutritional science, from Elizabeth has been named a 2016 Student Sensation by the College of Human Sciences of Iowa State University. The honorees represent the college at events such as Family Weekend, Human Sciences Week, and alumni gatherings.

Finn, a junior in nutritional science, affects change at all levels. Since starting her Iowa State adventure, she has served on the Human Sciences Student Council as an at-large member and secretary, and also contributed input about student life on the Student Affairs Advisory Board. She loves the wonderful staff and her work study position in the human development and family studies department. This active traveler volunteers in the Alternative Spring Break program and spent a semester in Spain. She impacts her major through the Food Science and Human Nutrition learning community and the Body Image and Eating Disorder Awareness Club, all while job shadowing at health-care facilities. Finn is among 15 students selected for the honor in 2016. Sensations are selected by Iowa State’s Human Sciences Student Council through a competitive process and are recognized by the dean’s office. Those selected are held up as role models for others to emulate.

Pearl City School District to honor George Visel

PEARL CITY — The Pearl City School District will have a dedication ceremony on Tuesday, May 17, at 12:30 in the courtyard. The courtyard will be dedicated to Mr. George

Visel, who is a long time resident and educator of our youth at Pearl City School. Mr. Visel has a lifetime love and interest in the environment and life sciences.

Stephenson County Farm Bureau donates \$10,000 in support of HCC’S Agriculture Program

FREEPORT — The Stephenson County Farm Bureau (SCFB) recently made a generous donation of \$10,000 to the Highland Community College Foundation, to be used as needed in the College’s Agriculture program. For the past two academic years, the program has been in a period of expansion and enhancement under the direction of instructor, Justin

Ebert.

According to SCFB Manager Bruce Johnson, “Justin came and spoke to our board last fall and we were quite impressed with all that is happening with HCC Ag right now. We are pleased to show our support with a donation to help keep the positive momentum going.”

To ensure that the agriculture program continues to

provide a quality education to HCC students, Ebert has identified several areas of need that include equipment, technology, supplies, curricular improvements, and co-curricular activities. Donations such as the one received from the Stephenson County Farm Bureau will go a long way toward continuing the high level of excellence in agriculture education at Highland.



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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church schedules Pentecost events

By Reverend Arthur Stees

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on May 15, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Day of Pentecost with Holy Communion and a Thanksgiving Dedication to all Sunday School Volunteers on this Teacher Appreciation Day. 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 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 18 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.

Lena United Methodist Church to host annual Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend luncheon

LENA — The Lena United Methodist Church will be having their annual Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend luncheon on May 14 at 12:30. This is a pass-a-dish luncheon. Last names beginning with letters A thru J bring salads, K thru T please bring casseroles and U thru Z please bring

desserts. If you plan to attend please call one of these numbers for reservations: (815) 369-5291 church office, (815) 238-7482 Sally Buchenau, (815) 275-2752 Tracey Williams. Grab the wonderful women in your life and join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship.

Register now for Cave Quest Vacation Bible School

PEARL CITY — Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated at the St. John's worship service on May 15 led by Pastor Ekstrand. The service will include the installation of new members and a baptism. 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, Filled with the Holy Spirit.

The May Grace Meal will be held on May 15 and served at Noon in Luther Hall. The menu will be grilled pork chops, baked potato, peas and carrots, applesauce, rhubarb dessert and beverages. You're welcome to join us!

The Fifth Quarter youth group (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on May 15 followed by Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m. All interested youth are welcome to participate.

It's time to register your son or daughter for VBS! This year's VBS is "Cave Quest: Follow-

ing the Light of Jesus." You may complete the registration at the church during the day or online anytime at www.StJohnsPearlCity.org. Please register by May 15.

The Strategic Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11. The Worship & Music Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 12.

The Joy Choir will travel to Liberty Village on Thursday, May 12 to sing for their residents. After their performance, they will celebrate with a picnic at Krape Park.

The Women's Gathering will meet at the Route 26 Restaurant in Freeport on May 17. The morning will begin at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship, followed by a bible study and then conclude with lunch off the menu. Those interested in carpooling should meet at the church at 9:15 a.m.

St. John's will be hosting the Cubs Foods' Brat Stand on May 20 and 21. Please come out to

Cub Foods, 1512 S. West Ave., Freeport, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on May 20 and 21 to have a brat, hot dog, hamburger, pork chop sandwich or steak sandwich.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in 2 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". The Thursday morning bible study is held at 9:30 a.m. and has begun a new series on "Peter and Paul." 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.

Millie Carton's quote of the week

"If you want to make enemies, try to change something."
Woodrow Wilson



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Saturday, May 21

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Lena-Winslow hosts 'Ag Day' for the elementary students

LENA — On Friday, April 29, members of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter once again hosted their "Ag Day" activities for the preschool through fifth grade classes of mem-

bers and agriculture class students brought in a variety of animals for the petting zoo portion including dwarf goats, miniature horses, lambs, a dairy calf, rabbits, chickens, a

pony, and low-line beef heifer. One student brought in catfish and trout that he caught at a friend's pond so that kids could have a close-up look at them. We also had the chicks that were hatched in the Introduction to Agriculture class. Students participated in a scavenger hunt where they had to find out information about the animals and then get a stamp if they guessed the right animal. In addition to the scavenger hunt students could participate in stick horse races and pedal tractor races and spin the agriculture question wheel for the chance to win a prize.

New for this year was the Department of Natural Resources Education Trailer. Officer Jones staffed the trailer all day which is equipped with many different taxidermy animals from Illinois wildlife. She also had students guess what kind of pelts they had on display which ranged from grey and red fox to otter and minks. The student got to hold the pelt if they guessed the species correctly. This was one of the favorite activities the students were able to do that day! The FFA Chapter holds this event every year in order to help promote agriculture awareness and teach elementary level students about the broad scope of the industry.



Courtesy photos
Lena Winslow high school senior Morghan Scace explains the finer points of calf care to area students during the 2016 FFA Agriculture Day.



Lena Winslow elementary students were treated to a presentation made by DNR Officer Jones and up close and personal contact with a red fox pelt during the 2016 FFA Agriculture Day.

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STOCKTON - CHARM GALORE! BEAUTIFUL woodwork, floors and pocket doors. Updated kitchen with tile backsplash, countertop, sink and faucet and snack bar, 2016. Bathroom also updated with tub surround, vanity, mirror and light bar, 2016. Newers also include microwave 2015, gutters and downspouts and washer 2012, furnace, central air, dishwasher and stove 2010, light fixtures 7+/- years ago and 4 basement windows. Priced at \$87,500

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Alternative methods for treating temporal-mandibular joint pain

By Dr Mike Wampfler D.C.
STATELINE — For over 20-years, Jan had suffered with TMJ (temporal-mandibular joint) pain. So severe was the pain, Jan had seen specialized doctors, including Endontics, D.D.S., ear, nose, and throat doctors, and even neurologists for her jaw pain. She went through numerous tests including M.R.I.'s, a dental splint, root canal therapy, and even underwent electric shock treatment. She was told there was nothing more that could be done and she would need to learn to live with the pain so she settled for 1200 grams of

an epileptic prevention drug and still lived with pain. Nothing helped.
 Over a year ago, Jan fell. After several visits with her medical doctor, Jan could tell her condition was worsening and knew her future looked bleak. Since the fall, a once very active woman could no longer walk freely up or down stairs because of leg pain. Jan could no longer experience the joy of walking in her yard and was "grounded" to her recliner feeling despair and depression. She could see her next step would be a wheel chair. She

had lost the strength and ability in her legs and her body was failing her as she was now encumbered with chronic pain in now her legs and her face.
 The leg pain is what brought Jan into Premier Chiropractic. After a year of not being able to walk freely without leg pain, Jan decided it was time to see if chiropractic could help. Jan had two friends recommend Premier Chiropractic. Jan's spine and posture were examined and her X-rays were analyzed. There were several areas of spinal misalignment, called subluxations, and Jan

began a corrective care plan to work to realign and restore her spine towards normal.
 Jan cannot put into words the joy of relief that she has since experienced since beginning her care. She has been lifted from despair and depression and now has confidence in the strength of her legs. Unbelievably, Jan has much less TMJ pain in fact she said it is 90 percent better! She is feeling so much better mentally and physically. Her sleep is much improved and she is more agile during the day and amazingly, takes care of her 18-month old

grandson with more energy and enjoyment!
 Jan, now understands, like K. R. von Roques, M.D., who wrote an article in *Neuralmed-izin*, back in June of 1954, stated that, "many ailments or diseases are enormously accelerated their improvement by spinal therapy; indeed many a cure thereby becomes possible for the first time." Chiropractic is a growing healthcare profession and more and more people are experiencing the benefits daily, and are not making chiropractic their last option, but rather, their first option.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois welcome new board of directors

STATELINE — At the recent Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) Annual Meeting, the following individuals were selected to serve on GSNI's Board of Directors. These individuals demonstrate leadership and expertise in providing continued guidance to the GSNI mission—to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Directors-at-Large
Kellyn Lawrence, DeKalb
Elected to a three-year term to expire in 2019
 As a third generation Girl Scout Troop Leader, Kellyn led both her daughters' troops

for a combined thirteen years. She is a past Board of Director member for a GSNI Legacy Council and served as the Board Chair. Her experience includes service on a variety of committees including merger committee, fund development, and property committee. She is also a First Aid and CPR Trainer for Girl Scouts.

Lois Wollney, Barrington
Elected to a three-year term to expire in 2019
 Lois will continue her service as a Director-at-Large for the GSNI Board of Directors. She is currently Chair of the development committee and will continue this role for an

additional three-year term. She is employed as a certified financial planner for Morgan Stanley and is also active in the Financial Planning Association and Barrington Chamber of Commerce.

Board-Appointed Associate Directors
Gretchen Guimarin, Lake Zurich
Elected to a one-year term to expire in 2017
 Gretchen, an 8-year Girl Scout, is currently a freshman at Lake Zurich High School. She is an active member of the "Leos" volunteer program. Her scholastic and extracurricular achievements include Scholastic Bowl, math team,

ultimate team, science team, student council, and treble choir. She also sings with a private voice school.

Lauren Platt, Rockford
Elected to a one-year term to expire in 2017
 Lauren is a sophomore at Rockford Lutheran High School and an 8-year Girl Scout. She currently serves as an Associate Director on the GSNI Board of Directors and is an active member of the marketing committee. Lauren's Girl Scout accomplishments include receipt of her Silver Award; she is a Girl Scout emissary, and was a first alternate national delegate in 2014. Lauren is a member of Mariner Ship 361 and enjoys mentoring young Girl Scouts in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) events. Her academic and extracurricular interests include Rockford Lutheran

math team, service on her church's board of education, violin in her school's orchestra and at church, and Boy Scout's Venture Crew program.

Jacqueline Wright, Roscoe
Elected to a one-year term to expire in 2017
 Jacqueline is a 7-year Girl Scout and currently a sophomore at Harlem High School. She is active in Mariner Ship 361 and is the current Recording Yeoman for the Mariner Ship. She has also volunteered as the Troop Cookie Chair for the past two years. Jacqueline volunteers at elementary schools in her area, vacation bible school, and Girl Scout and Cub Scout day camps. She has begun work to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award—Girl Scouts' highest award. She is an honor student and a member of the Harlem Swim Team.

Home Gardeners workshop slated for May 23

STATELINE — Have you been thinking about building a greenhouse in your back yard to extend your growing season, start seedlings and over winter plants? Do you have questions about what greenhouse might be right for your yard? Join the University of Illinois Extension for a Workshop titled Greenhouses for Home Gardeners. This two hour program will give participants the opportunity to tour three greenhouses, and hear from greenhouse growers about the successes and trials they have had with their greenhouse. Participants will also learn the types of materials a greenhouse can be made out of and the necessary components that need to go into a greenhouse.

take place before a tour of the Highland Community College Greenhouse. Participants will then carpool to two other locations in Freeport to tour greenhouses. The workshop will be led by Candice Miller, Extension Horticulture Edu-

cator.
 To register for Greenhouses for Home Gardeners call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or online at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>. Registration cost is \$5.

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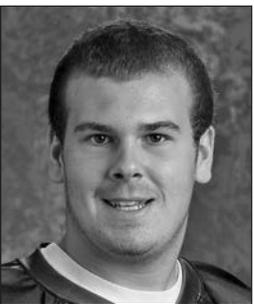
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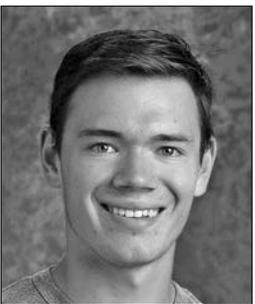
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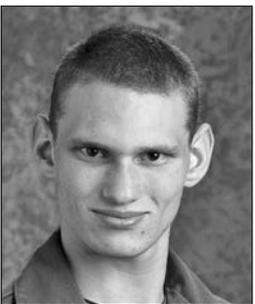
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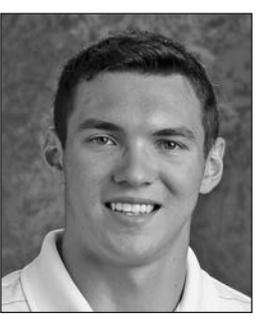
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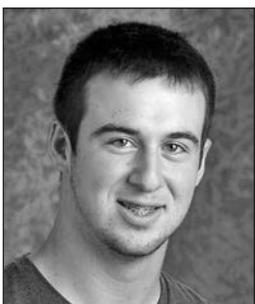
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Orangeville eyeing long run in State Tournament

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

ORANGEVILLE — A well-deserved recognition was bestowed upon the Orangeville Lady Broncos, as they prepare to face first-pitch, in the State of Illinois' Class 1A Girls' Softball State Championship. With an undefeated mark, within the NUIC, the Confer-

ence's Season Championship Trophy may not be the only one the team could find itself in possession of, as the post-season progresses.

Orangeville is the overall number one seed in the Pecatonica Sectional-Regional Complex.

The IHSA Selection Committee met and determined that Orangeville, representing

the south Sub-Section of the Pecatonica Regional-Sectional Complex, is the team to beat.

With a win total working through 30, a designation farther south may be the destination.

The Class 1A Girls' Softball State Championship will be played in East Peoria, at the EastSide Centre, Friday, June 3.

The State Champion will be crowned on Saturday, June 4.

Obstacles are many, as the path reveals itself for Orangeville.

The number one seed faces nine-seed Freeport Aquin, on Aquin's home field, Tuesday, May 17.

The first pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. weather permitting.

The Milledgeville Lady Missiles were given the four seed. They will face five-seed Lena-Winslow in the nightcap on Tuesday.

If the seeds play through, with Lena-Winslow playing a possible spoiler, Orangeville and Milledgeville could meet up, at Freeport Aquin, at 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 20.

The winner from the Aquin Regional will move on to Pecatonica for the Sectional Semi-Final against the winner from the Elgin-Westminster Christian Class 1A Regional.

The top seed in Elgin is number two-seed Alden-Hebron.

The Lady Giants face host Westminster Christian in the opener.

Ashton-Franklin Center was issued the three-seed by the

IHSA Selection Committee. They will face six-seed Kirkland-Hiawatha on Wednesday, May 18, with a 4:30 p.m. first pitch.

The other two Class 1A Regional Sites, which feed their representative to Pecatonica, include Dakota and Pearl City.

The Lady Indians were issued the number one seed in their own Regional. They will play on Wednesday, May 18, against the eight-seed South Beloit Lady Sobos.

Pearl City was granted the two-seed designation and they will play at home.

The two-seed faces the winner from the Monday, May 16 opener, featuring the seven-seed, Eastland Lady Cougars and the eight-seed, Galena Lady Pirates.

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State Assembly Representative Brian Stewart visits Pearl City High School

PEARL CITY — State Assembly Representative Brian Stewart visited Pearl City High School on Wed. April 27. Senior FFA member Hayden Keltner had asked Mr. Stewart to visit the school to talk about some of the bills that have been put before the assembly regarding aspects related to farming in North-

western Illinois.

Mr. Stewart opened with a brief biography and statement of his views on the gridlock that has hampered the legislative process here in Illinois. He then took questions from the students; questions were very poignant and informed, ranging from his thoughts on the WOTUS bill and farm subsi-

dies to the current Presidential race.

Mr. Stewart spent about 20 minutes after school was let out to talk to teachers and staff about pension reform and school funding.

The students and faculty at Pearl City High School thank Mr. Stewart for his time and candidness.

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STATELINE — On Saturday, May 14, the United States Postal Service, National Association of Letter Carriers, and the Campbell Soup Company ask you to help Stamp Out Hunger in the local community. The annual food drive has grown into a national effort that provides assistance to the millions of Americans struggling to put food on the table.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation's largest single-day food drive. In 2015, generous Americans donated 70.6 million pounds of food, feeding millions of people. This was the twelfth consecutive year of at least 70 million pounds collected by letter carriers, bringing the grand total to 1.4 billion pounds of food collected, since the Food Drive began in 1993.

"We're proud to support this food drive," said Postmaster Nicholas S. Brosamer. "We're asking residents for their support to make this another successful year. It's so easy to make a donation: simply leave a bag of non-perishable food items by your mailbox or drop off at your post office, to help neighbors in need"

Area pecuniary representative honored by COUNTRY Financial

LENA — COUNTRY Financial Representative Steven Rothschadl of Lena has earned a position on the insurance group's distinguished All American team.

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The need for food assistance exists in every community in America. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 50 million Americans are food insecure, meaning they live at risk of hunger. Perhaps most alarming is the fact that nearly 16 million children in America are struggling with hunger. Additionally, close to 5 million seniors face choices between paying rent, utilities, and having nutritious food.

To participate in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive

residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing nonperishable food items such as canned soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 14th. Letter carriers will collect these food donations as they deliver the mail and take them to local food banks. Additionally, in an effort to assist consumers we have provided a collection bin at the post offices, for you to drop off your donations.

For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, visit www.feedingamerica.org and www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive.

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St. John's Lutheran Church to host Cub Foods' Brat Stand

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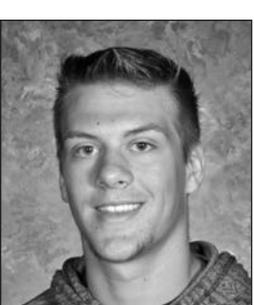
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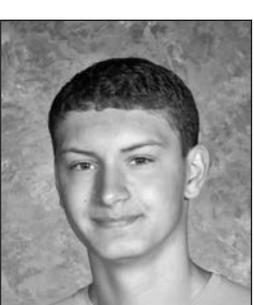
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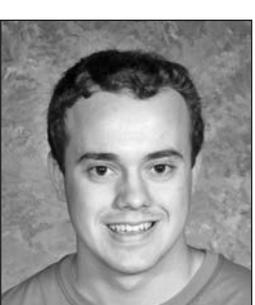
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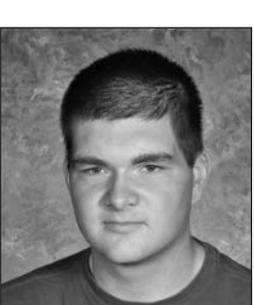
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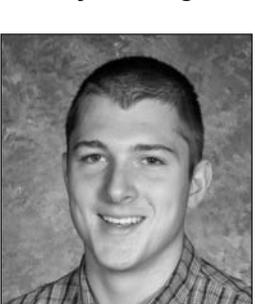
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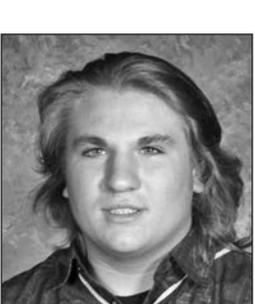
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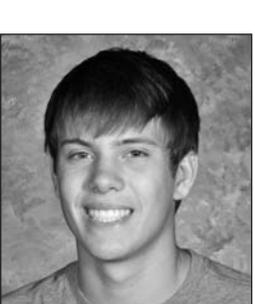
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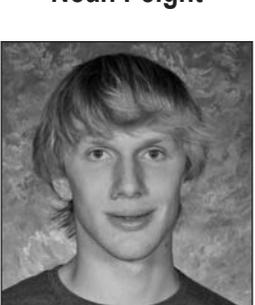
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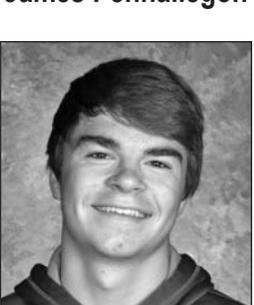
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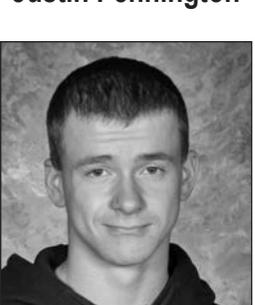
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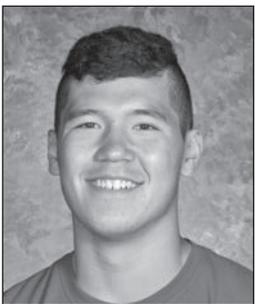
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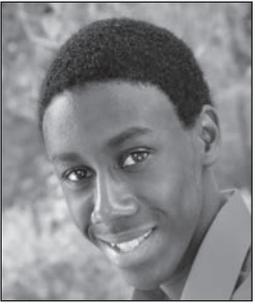
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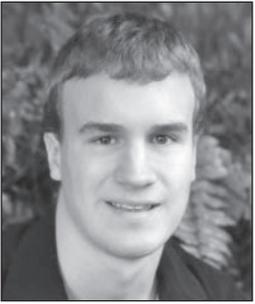
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — We are finally getting some warmer weather. My deck has been cleaned thanks to Brett and Adam and a power washer, so it is ready for summer furniture. The lilacs next to my neighbor's house have begun to bloom, and they are beautiful. Things are looking up. This week the column will feature some easy salad that can be used for a side or a whole meal, a tasty vegetable, a great sandwich entrée, and some rhubarb recipes.

The first recipe this week is for a great green salad with a little fruit, a little crunch, and a whole lot of flavor. You could use the salad as a side without the chicken, or serve it as a main meal. The buttery toasted pecans add just the right amount of crunch. You can omit the croutons, and the salad will be just great without them.

Strawberry Chicken Salad

2 T. butter
1 C. pecan halves
¼ t. salt
1/8 t. ground black pepper

Dressing:

2 T. balsamic vinegar
2 T. olive oil
2 T. sugar
1 T. orange juice
1/8 t. pepper

Salad

1 pkg. spring mix salad greens
¾ lb. sliced rotisserie chicken breast
1 C. sliced fresh strawberries
1 C. shredded Swiss cheese

Salad croutons

In a large skillet, melt the butter. Add the pecans and cook over medium heat until nuts are toasted, about 4 minutes. Stir in salt and pepper. Remove from the skillet and set aside to cool.

In a small bowl, whisk dressing ingredients until blended. In a large bowl, combine the salad greens, chicken, strawberries and cheese. Drizzle with dressing and toss to coat. Serve with buttered pecans and croutons.

This next vegetable side is a good one to combine the taste of the carrots, asparagus and kale. The cheese sauce makes for a creamy taste, and the topping of buttered crackers is just the right finish for this good vegetable casserole.

Cheesy Vegetables au Gratin

1 lb. carrots, peeled, diagonally cut into ¼-inch-thick slices
1 lb. fresh asparagus spears, trimmed, cut into 3-inch lengths
3 T. butter, divided
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 T. flour
1½ C. milk
1 C. shredded pepper Jack cheese
1 pkg. (5 oz.) baby kale (about 6 cups)
6 round butter crackers (like Ritz), coarsely crushed
2 T. shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 375. Cook the carrots in a large pan of boiling water for at least 2 minutes; drain. Rinse vegetables under cold water; drain well.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large deep skillet over medium heat. Add garlic, cook and stir for 1 minute. Add the flour and cook and stir 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Continue to cook and stir until thickened. Add the pepper Jack cheese and cook for 1-2 minutes or until melted, stir-

ring constantly. Remove from heat. Add kale and cooked vegetables; stir until evenly coated with sauce.

Spoon into 1½ quart casserole sprayed with cooking spray. Melt remaining butter and toss with combined cracker crumbs and Parmesan. Sprinkle over the vegetable mixture. Bake for 20 minutes or until heated through.

I like beef stroganoff, and I hadn't really thought about its origins. It is a Russian dish that makes for an elegant entrée. If you just want a nice sandwich, this recipe takes the basic stroganoff recipe and makes it into a tasty sandwich treat. It is way cheaper than the regular beef stroganoff because it uses ground beef. Enjoy these easy and tasty sandwiches at any time.

Beef Stroganoff Sandwiches

1 lb. ground beef
1 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
1 small green pepper, finely chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 envelope ranch dip mix
¾ C. sour cream
1 loaf French bread
2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat the broiler. In a large skillet, cook beef, mushrooms, pepper and onion over medium-high heat for 8-10 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking up beef into crumbles; drain. Stir in dip mix and sour cream.

Cut the French bread horizontally in half. Place halves on a baking sheet cut side up. Broil 3-4 inches from heat 1-2 minutes or until lightly toasted. Remove from broiler.

Spoon the beef mixture over the bread. Sprinkle with the cheese. Broil the sandwiches 1-2 minutes longer or until cheese is lightly browned. To serve, cut each into three pieces.

A big thank you to the reader who sent this unique and tasty rhubarb recipe. It has the great taste of orange in an easy way to use rhubarb. Usually rhubarb

is paired with strawberries, but this orange recipe gives a great alternative to taste. Thank you reader, for your recipe that we will all enjoy.

Rhubarb Mandarin Crisp

6 C. cut up rhubarb
1½ C. sugar
4 T. minute tapioca
1 large can mandarin oranges, drained
1 C. brown sugar
1 C. oatmeal
½ C. flour
½ t. salt
½ C. cold butter, cubed

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. In a large bowl, mix together the rhubarb, sugar, and tapioca; let stand 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In a separate bowl, mix the brown sugar, oatmeal, flour and salt together. Cut in the cubed butter until a crumb mixture forms. Pour the rhubarb mixture into the pan and top with mandarin oranges. Add the crumb mixture over the top. Bake for 40 minutes until golden brown. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

This next recipe is for a unique rhubarb pie. Chess pie is prominent in the South. I think a better description would be a rhubarb cream pie. Try this different way to eat rhubarb in a pie.

Rhubarb Chess Pie

1 single pie crust (make your own or use a prepared one)
2 C. sliced rhubarb (about 1 inch in thickness)
1¼ C. sugar
4 eggs, lightly beaten
½ C. heavy cream
¼ C. butter, melted
¼ C. lemon juice
1 T. cornstarch
1 T. cornmeal
1 t. vanilla
¼ t. salt

Preheat the oven to 375. Place the pastry in the pan and line the pastry with a double thickness of foil. Bake 8 minutes. Remove the foil and bake 6 minutes more. On a baking sheet, arrange rhubarb. Bake

alongside the pastry for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cool. Sprinkle with ¼ cup of the sugar and toss to coat. Transfer the rhubarb to the baked pastry crust and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, remaining sugar, cream, butter, lemon juice, cornstarch, cornmeal, vanilla and salt. Pour over the rhubarb in the pastry. Bake 40 minutes or until center is set, covering loosely with foil the last 10 minutes of baking. Cool on a wire rack for 2 hours. Cover and chill for at least 3 hours and up to 24 hours.

The Kentucky Derby is a memory—the memory will last longer than the race itself. I know of people in our area who have derby parties. Women have to wear outrageous hats and men have to wear suits. I think they drink a lot of mint juleps and eat a lot of appetizers. Not a bad way to have a party where the main event lasts only several minutes! I hope all the mothers and grandmothers had a great day on Sunday. The weather was nice and sunny. School is racing to a close and graduation is only a week away in many schools. Rhubarb continues to produce, and we will soon hear about strawberries.

If you have any spring or early summer recipes 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.

Lydia Bendorf wins award in juried student art exhibition

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Pairings set as Lena-Winslow preps for post-season

By **Chris Johnson**
Reporter

DAKOTA — Wrapping up the 2016 spring sports season, the Lena-Winslow Panthers' boys' baseball team now sets its focus on the Class 1A State Tournament, which begins Monday, May 16.

Six-seed Rockford Christian Life faces seven-seed Alden-Hebron in the opener.

The Panthers first steps onto the field, however, will not occur until Thursday, May 19, as they were issued the number-three seed and thus, a bye into the second round of the Freeport Aquin Regional.

The Panthers will face five-seed River Ridge.

Closing out the regular season, the Panthers have discovered where some of the challenges will appear.

Dakota could be waiting.

The Indians are a team that has had its way with Lena-Winslow this season, highlighted by last week's double-header sweep.

On Saturday, April 23, the Indians took down the Panthers 11-1 and followed that up with an 10-0 victory.

In the opener, the Indians opened the day with a run plated in the bottom of the first.

In the bottom of the second, they added five runs. An inning later, they added five more.

Heading into the top of the

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fourth inning, Dakota held the 11-1 edge.

Lena-Winslow scored its sole run in the top of the third.

The Panthers were held to just four hits in the loss.

Dakota connected eight times, but took advantage of miscues to hold onto the edge and come away with the win.

Following a brief break, game play continued.

The delay between games did not slow the Indians' offense, as they opened the top of the first with a two-run lead.

An inning later, Dakota scored five additional runs and followed that up, in the third, with three runs plated.

Heading into the bottom of the fourth, Lena-Winslow was looking at a 10-0 deficit.

The hits were not finding holes for the Panthers once again, as they made contact four times in the match, which ended after five innings played.

Dakota had 13 hits and played errorless ball as they claimed the two game sweep.

With regular season action continuing into Tuesday, April 26, the Panthers played on the road as they traveled to Galena for an NUIC clash.

The Panthers scored first, as they found a way to get two runs home and claimed the early edge.

Galena responded in the bottom of the first with three runs of its own.

Into the second and over the next four innings, the Pirates maintained the one-point lead.

In the top of the sixth, the bats woke up once more for Lena-Winslow as they scored three times and grabbed the 5-3 advantage.



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Galena came back in the bottom of the sixth and scored three runs to reclaim the one-run margin.

The difference would come in the top of the seventh as the Panthers scored three times and held the lead, through the bottom of the seventh and left Jo Daviess County with the 8-6 win.

Brett Sisler and Ian Kuehl had two hits each for Lena-Winslow. Sisler also drove three runs home.

On Friday, April 29, the Eastland Cougars paid a visit and left with a 7-1 win.

The Panthers scored once run in the bottom of the first inning, but would be shut out for the remainder of the game.

Eastland would not score until the fifth inning, as solid pitching kept the Cougars at bay.

In the fifth, the visitors took a two run lead, 3-1.

In the top of the sixth, Eastland added four runs to its total and held on for the six-run victory.

Trey Chenong had two hits in the game and walked once. Chris Stockton contributed with a hit of his own, in the Lena-Winslow loss.

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thers came on Saturday, April 30, as they fought throughout the night, but couldn't come through in the end, as they fell 13-12 to the Oregon Hawks.

Stockton led Lena-Winslow with three hits. Sisler had four runs batted in. Tanner Lawfer had three runs batted in, in the game.

With 25 runs to be scored, before the day was over, the Hawks drew first blood as they scored the lead run in the bottom of the first inning.

In the top of the second, Lena-Winslow came back with two runs scored and grabbed the one-run advantage into the third.

As the Panthers batted in the third inning, they found a way to manufacture insurance runs, as they jumped out to a three-run lead, 4-1.

Oregon's offense was just getting going.

In the bottom of the third,

the Hawks scored seven times, doubling up on the visitors, 8-4.

Lena-Winslow would be quiet in the top of the fourth and put a zero on the board.

Oregon scored a run in the bottom of the fourth and began looking at a 9-4 edge.

Each team exchanged runs over the next two innings, starting with Lena-Winslow's single-run fifth and two-run sixth.

Oregon matched each attempt and maintained the 12-7 advantage into the top of the seventh.

A comeback was in the making for Lena-Winslow as they scored five runs in the top of the seventh, tying the game at twelve.

The shutdown seventh would not be in order for the Panthers in the bottom of the inning, as Oregon scored the winning run, in its final at bat and claimed the day, 13-12.

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Pearl City scores with a perfect week of play

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

PEARL CITY — Already eclipsing the 20-win mark this season, the Pearl City Lady Wolves ran through a week of play, dominating all would-be challengers, starting with Dakota on Monday, May 2. The Lady Wolves, however, weren't rewarded, as perhaps,

many felt they should have. With an overall mark, currently, of 21-3, the argument could have been made, determining Pearl City to be the number-one over all seed, feeding into the Pecatonica Sectional, next week. As the selection committee met, Dakota, a team which suffered a May 2, three-run loss

to Pearl City, was issued the number one seed. Dakota will also remain home for the opening round games, starting with a Wednesday, May 18 semi-final against South Beloit. Pearl City also gets to stay home to open the tournament, as they will wait for a Tuesday, May 17 match against the survivor from the seven-seed Eastland Lady Cougars and eight-seed Galena Lady Pirates, who open the tournament at Eastland on Monday, May 16.

In the May 2 win over Dakota, Pearl City rode the arm of pitching ace Tori Clark, as she struck out ten batters and walked none. Pearl City scored first, plating a single run in the top of the first inning and carried that edge into the top of the third, where they added two runs more.

Heading into the bottom of the third inning, Pearl City had the 3-0 lead.

Dakota scored a run in the bottom of the third, to cut into the deficit, 3-1.

The Indians' played well over the next three innings, as they kept the Lady Wolves from

expanding their advantage. Dakota scored its second run in the bottom of the sixth and pulled to within just one run, 3-2, with the seventh inning to go. Pearl City hit through the seventh, combining opportunities into a two-run cushion. With only a final at-bat to work with, Dakota was shut down as they watched the visitors walk away with the conference win, 5-2.

Kendra Melville had three hits for Pearl City and she also drove three runs home. For the game, Pearl City collected ten hits and committed no errors, as they played like a conference champion. Dakota ended the day with six hits total.

The Lady Indians, however, committed three errors in the loss. On Wednesday, May 4, East Dubuque played host to Pearl City.

Following the 12-0 loss, the Lady Warriors may have wanted to reconsider the invitation they extended, as they could only muster one hit in the game.

Pearl City jumped out to a 3-0 edge in the top of the first and carried that lead into the top of the third, where they added an additional score.

Heading into the fourth, East Dubuque was still looking for baserunners. Pearl City scored three runs in the top of the fourth and added five more in the top of the fifth.

Looking at a deficit of 12-0, heading into the bottom of the fifth, East Dubuque needed to find answers, quickly, or they would see their day draw to a rules-shortened, end.

Nothing could be done, as East Dubuque fell, as many other NUIC foes have. The Lady Wolves had ten hits in the game.

Tori Clark was 1-3 with a homerun, Tyra Clark was 2-3 with two runs scored and Tia Clark ended with a 2-3 day.

Melville pitched four strong and allowed no free passes. She had six strike outs in the contest.

With the win, Pearl City moved to 20-3 on the season and 10-1 in the NUIC.



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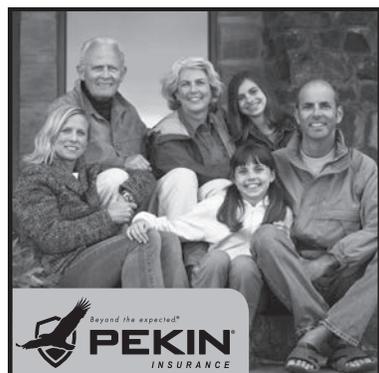
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Unitarian Universalist Church to host Italian Cuisine Dinner

STOCKTON — An "Italian Cuisine Dinner" will be held Saturday, May 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 219 N. Pearl St. in Stockton. The festive Italian dinner will feature lasagna with or without

meat, spaghetti with or without meat, meatball sandwiches, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Adults: \$10, Children under 12: \$5. Carry-out will be available. BuonAppetito!

Nature Conservancy to host Nachusa Grasslands forestry tour

FRANKLIN GROVE — At the request of the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) has agreed to lead a tour of their Nachusa Grasslands preserve on Saturday, May 14, starting at 10 a.m. While the Nachusa Grasslands is composed primarily of prairie land, it also contains some forested areas. This tour will concentrate on the management practices used by TNC to maintain native species and provide high-quality wildlife habitat within these forested areas. TNC will have just completed their spring burn season and attendees will be able to see the effects of fire on these habitats.

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Nachusa Grasslands is located at 2075 S. Lowden Road, Franklin Grove. From Eliz-

TNC staff has requested a count of attendees for logistical planning. Please register at <http://www.nifa.wildapricot.org/events> by Friday, May 13.

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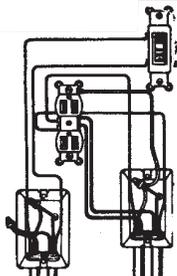


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Notice of Public Hearing on Township Budget

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Township of Loran in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017. It will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 215 E. South Street, Pearl City. It is available from and after May 10, 2016. Please call ahead at 815-443-2880.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on

said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 14, 2016 at 215 E. South Street, Pearl City and final action will be taken by the Board of Trustees at this meeting.

Deb Foust
Loran Township Clerk
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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **April 29, 2016**, a certificate was filed in the Office of

the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as **Studio 218 Salon & Spa** located at **218 West Main Street, Freeport, IL 61032**.
Dated April 29, 2016

VICIR. OTTE
Stephenson County Clerk
by *NICOLE L. SHERE*
Deputy

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May 11, 18 & 25, 2016)

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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish

limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

LENA IL1770300

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2015

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by LENA is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name: Jim Blair
Phone: 815-369-4016

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The Village Board meets the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Source of Drinking Water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source drinking water include:

Source Water Information:

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 2 (11872)	GW	ACTIVE	201 VERNON ST
WELL 3 (11873)	GW	ACTIVE	122 E. MAIN
WELL 4 (01904)	GW	ACTIVE	401 E. MAIN

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall, or call our water operator at 815-369-4016. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: LENA To determine Lena's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, the following documents were reviewed: a Well Site Survey, published in 1989 by the Illinois EPA, and a report entitled "Phase 2 and Phase 5 Waiver Application/Vulnerability Assessment" prepared for the Village of Lena by Fehr-Graham & Associates Engineering and Science Consultants in 1994. During the survey of Lena's source water protection area, Illinois EPA staff recorded two potential secondary sources within the minimum setback zone of well #2 and two possible problem sites within the minimum setback zone of well #3. Several other possible problem sites are located outside of the minimum setback zone, but within the survey area of both wells. Based on information provided by Lena's water supply officials, the following facilities has changed their status: Lana Farmers' Exchange has been razed and the tanks removed, Stamm Farm Systems Inc. has had the tanks removed, Lena Winslow School District 312 has been changed to Dietz Apartment Building, Stewarts Motor Service has been removed, and Green Country Express is now Werhane Enterprise. The Illinois EPA does not consider the source water susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells, monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system, and the available hydrogeologic data on the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that this water supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydrogeologic barrier exists that should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and a sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, that could minimize the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply.

2015 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminations
Copper	08/14/2014	1.3	1.3	0.99	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	08/14/2014	0	15	2.4	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Water Quality Test Results:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no know or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion- or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

na: Not applicable.

Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCL's are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million- or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water .

Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — Congratulations Drew and Jordan! Jo Daviess County has a lot to be proud of. Two of our local 4-H'ers were selected to participate in the 2016 Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliates Premier 20 Leadership Conference. Jordan and Drew were a part of a group of 20 4-H and FFA members from across the state that partici-

pated in various leadership and personal development sessions provided by Illinois Farm Bureau & Affiliated companies. Courses included leadership management, college to career success, working with the media, understanding and dealing with diversity, as well as knowing one's values and discovering passion. Congrats again to both 4-H'ers as they

are well deserved in earning this award!

The area Farm Bureaus and Tri-State Travel are hosting a fabulous Panama Canal Cruise on January 27 - February 12, 2017, and we will have a preview program on Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at the Farm Bureau. If you plan on attending, we would appreciate a RSVP. Call us at 858-2235.

You can also get detailed information on our website at www.jodaviesscfb.com and go to member benefits and trips.

Farm bureau sponsors pop tab recycling program for Ronald McDonald House. As more and more people are becoming greener, the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is asking families, school groups, churches, and other organizations to col-

lect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City. In turn, the farm bureau will deliver the collected tabs to the Iowa City facility for its fundraising campaign. The Ronald McDonald House Charities provide a home-away-from-home for families whose children are hospitalized and seriously ill. Please drop off collected tabs in any kind of container to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office Monday - Friday, 8 - 4:30. This recycling program is beneficial for everyone involved. It does not interfere with other can recycling programs and recycles a resource that might otherwise go to waste. More importantly, children and their families are being helped during their time of need.

The Young Leaders have their "June is Dairy Month" coloring contest sheets available at our office. If you know of a child up to the second grade or younger feel free to stop in and pick up a copy or two. Prizes will be awarded to the top three children in each age group.

Farm Fun Fact: Farming employs more than 24 million American workers (17% of the total workforce).



ANNETTE MCLANE

Monroe Clinic Announces Family Medicine Expansion

MONROE, WI — Plans are underway to expand the Family Medicine services at Monroe Clinic, 525 22nd Avenue, Monroe, WI. The expansion is designed to meet requirements of the Family Medicine Residency Program while providing additional room for new providers joining the Monroe Clinic team.

"Access to primary care physicians is challenging. This expansion will make it easier for customers to schedule an appointment with a primary care provider more quickly and easily," said Monroe Clinic's Director of Primary Care & Emergency Services, Patrick Loney. "In addition, it allows us to accommodate the needs of increasing numbers of residency physicians."

Family Medicine services will expand to occupy the northern portion of the lower level clinic building. Other services moving to enable this expansion include Employee

Wellness (Occupational Health Services), Pediatrics Medicine, and General Surgery. The relocations begin on May 16 with Employee Wellness moving into the clinic building lower level and will be complete mid-June when Pediatrics Medicine moves to the clinic building first floor.

Monroe Clinic Volunteers will lead in helping customers find their way about the Monroe Clinic campus during the renovation and relocation. Patients and visitors are encouraged to seek out volunteers in red shirts or any Monroe Clinic employee to help address their way-finding needs.

Monroe Clinic valet service is available Monday through Friday for convenient access into the clinic building.

For details on the Family Medicine expansion and other services being relocated go to monroeclinic.org/campusupdate



Courtesy photo

Volunteers Anne M Carter, Betty Chessel, and Russell Standiford are ready to help visitors with any way-finding challenges they may experience during Monroe Clinic's Family Medicine expansion. Anne M Carter, Betty Chessel, Russell Standiford

LEGALS

Continued from previous page

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2015	0.6	0.4 - 0.73	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2015	6	6 - 6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	07/09/2014	0.43	0.41 - 0.43	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	07/09/2014	1.62	1.42 - 1.62	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	07/09/2014	0.63	0.54 - 0.63		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	07/09/2014	6.9	5.1 - 6.9	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	07/09/2014	4.1	4.1 - 4.1			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	2015	2	1.9 - 3.72	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2015	4	3.54 - 5.63	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

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From the Desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE — Last week was a busy one in Springfield. Things are moving again. Rank-and-file members of both parties negotiated a deal at the lunch table to send emergency funds to colleges, universities and students across Illinois. It was a temporary fix, but I'm optimistic that both sides are beginning to agree on things. The Governor signed the appropriation measure Senate Bill 2059 into law this week which released \$600 million from the State's Education Assistance Fund. The Comptroller has stated that although there is only \$345 million in the Education Assistance Fund, it is enough to immediately pay student MAP grants and she will work closely with colleges and universities to avoid further cuts and closings. The Education Assistance fund should have the \$600 million on hand by June 30.

It's amazing how we solve problems when we work together. For too long, it has been a battle between the Speaker and the Governor. The most vulnerable people in this state rely on us to get the job done. It saddens me that these people have become collateral damage in this ten month long fight. This week I saw a glimpse of light at the end of the tunnel,

From the offices of United States Senator Durbin

STATELINE — In 1994, at the age of 24 years old, Alton Mills was sentenced to life in prison for a nonviolent drug offense. At his sentencing, the federal judge assigned to Alton's case said "if I were free to sentence [Mr. Mills] ... it would be something other than life." Prior to receiving the life sentence, Alton had never spent a day in prison. Alton needed to pay for his mistakes, but not spend the rest of his life behind bars for a low-level nonviolent offense.

Despite his circumstances,

U of I Extension to offer Successful Solanaceous Crops session

STATELINE — Tomatoes, eggplant and peppers are some of the most popular crops grown by gardener. All of these crops are part of the Solanaceous family.

During the program "Successful Solanaceous Crops", Extension Educator, Grant Mc Carty, will provide an overview of peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes. He will talk about the different varieties of each



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

but there are still a lot of things to discuss.

Earlier last week, the House voted on a massive tax hike on small businesses. If you are a business owner or simply a citizen who's against taxes, rest assured our Republican opposition guaranteed that the bill failed to pass, but it is an example of the challenges we face. State government can do more with taxpayer dollars. We need to ask ourselves if we're spending wisely before saying that we need to take more from the citizens of Illinois.

Illinois has some of the highest sales and property taxes in the United States. The state's sales tax is the tenth highest in the country. When you combine those two tax levies, the outcome is a crushing burden on small businesses. Some small businesses may be able to afford an additional ten percent tax, but the majority struggle to break-even.

Thankfully, Illinois has a low income tax rate as its saving

Alton never lost hope. He found an incredible, dedicated lawyer, a public defender, named MiAngel Cody. She fought for a second chance for Alton. A week before this past Christmas, President Obama commuted Alton's sentence. After 22 years in federal prison, he was able to go home to his family.

Too often, the overlooked casualties in our "war on drugs" are the men and women who have received disproportionately harsh mandatory minimum sentencing laws. These people,

and what these varieties have to offer the grower.

"Successful Solanaceous Crops" will be held at the Jo Daviess County U of I Extension office at 204 N. Vine, Elizabeth, IL on Wednesday, May 18. The program will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude by 8 p.m. To attend call the University of Illinois Extension to register at (815) 858-2273 Registration cost is \$5.

grace. Experts have said that the proposal would bring Illinois up to the third most taxed state in the country, behind New York and New Jersey. I am afraid that if we were to raise income taxes on the seventy percent of small businesses, it would eliminate our last competitive advantage and there would be no reason for an entrepreneur to set up shop in Illinois.

This is no time for knee-jerk Constitutional Amendments. We haven't researched the effects of this legislation. In other states, similar taxes have failed miserably. The General Assembly should consider the unintended consequences experienced by states which enacted similar legislation. In New Jersey for instance, the State Treasury found that the taxes drove out approximately 20,000 taxpayers and the state lost \$2.5 billion in tax revenue. Flat out, it's a bad policy that doesn't work.

Senate President John Cullerton floated an idea to install a tracking device in your vehicle and charge you for every mile that you drive. I was opposed to this legislation from the get-go. His argument was that the roads are in terrible condition and there isn't enough money to fix them. The

like Alton, are victims of some of the most egregious inequities in our criminal justice system.

Today I unveiled a revised version of the bipartisan landmark sentencing reform bill that I co-authored. This compromise legislation will pass with strong bipartisan support if brought to the Senate floor. This bipartisan legislation would make meaningful, common sense changes to our nation's criminal justice system that make sense in both fiscal terms and in human terms. My bill would give judges more discretion to sentence below mandatory minimum sentences on an individual case-by-case basis, making certain our focus is on the most serious drug offenders and violent criminals, not low-level nonviolent offenders like Alton.

Given tight budgets and rising prison costs, Congress should pass this bipartisan legislation to relieve our overcrowded prisons, help keep our communities safe, and ensure the integrity of our justice system. I hope the Senate will take up and pass this bill without delay.

Motor Fuel tax, that we already collect, is intended to pay for road repairs. The problem is that past administrations have swept the road fund and spent that money on things other than roads and bridges. I have said it before; we can do more with what we have. We just need to spend wisely. I am very happy that the taxpayers spoke out against this attempted overreach. Because of the public outcry, Senate President John Cullerton announced he will not move forward with his plan to track everyone's mileage.

Even with these outlandish ideas like a tracking device in your car or a massive tax hike, I still think our compromise last week was a small win for everyone in this state. For ten months, this tug-of-war match has kept us from moving forward. Last week however, I

saw signs that the rank-and-file members of the General Assembly are able to work together. I have a little more faith that we can have a civil debate and constructive conversation about the issues facing Illinois.

Last week's session reminds me of a quote by Colin Powell who stated, "But just as they did in Philadelphia when they were writing the constitution, sooner or later, you've got to compromise. You've got to start making the compromises that arrive at a consensus to move the country forward." Just maybe last week was a start to move Illinois forward.

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