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The Sugar Bowl brings vintage décor to downtown Lena

By Larry Nelson
Correspondent

LENA — Lena shoppers have a brand new business to help them with a variety of home decorating and remodeling needs. The Sugar Bowl boutique at 130 West Main opened Saturday, and owner Angie Bauer is ready and excited to offer a variety of vintage furniture, as well as home decorating services for

Bauer bills her store as home decor and gifts, re-loved furniture, and interior decorating services. She brings with her seven years of decorating, as well as re-purposing furniture experience.

Bauer, a 1994 Lena-Winslow High School graduate, began her professional life in nursing school, but then earned her teaching degree from Rockford University. She taught elementary education at a Blackhawk school in Freeport and pre-school at Ryan Jury Center through Swedish American Hospital in Rockford. She began her decorating ventures with chalk paints she created as she stayed at home with children beginning seven years ago.

In 2013, Bauer and her cousin began a venture called Salvage Sisters.

"We were sort of like American Pickers, girl style," Bauer said. "We went to auctions and other sales, and we spent a lot of time sifting through dumpsters."

Items they salvaged were refurbished and sold at area consignment sites.

"We re-purposed items primarily by doing minor repairs and painting," Bauer said.

The Salvage Girls business ended in 2015, and she went

solo with her new business, Salvage Girl.

"I sold items in Elizabeth and did lots of interior decorating," Bauer said.

About three years ago Bauer and her family decided to move back to Lena.

"I wanted to get closer to home," she said. "I had already decided I wanted to get more involved in repurposing," she said.

After the Bauers adopted one of their daughters, Marissa, the family needed more furniture. Angie traveled to Beloit, Wisconsin, and bought some repurposed furniture.

"I looked at what was available there and decided then that I could succeed at repurposing," she said. "Actually, I call it re-loving."

Bauer believes she has a given talent for creative home décor. She has helped several area residents with home décor ideas, and last year single handedly painted seven kitchens for clients. She also is proud of a display cabinet she made from a hutch, completing it with wall paper, chicken wire and chubby wooden legs. The piece was sold to a Chicago couple.

"I believe our store and I have something to offer local shoppers," said Bauer. "They don't have to leave town to find what they are looking for."

The Sugar Shack will offer a number of goods and services for area residents.

"I have a God-given gift for color and decorating," Bauer said. "I hope to use that gift to help my customers."

Once fully established The Sugar Shack will offer interior decorating, sign making, cus-

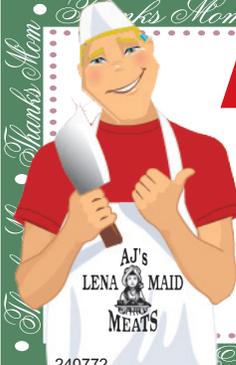
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Lena resident Angie Bauer chats with a customer Saturday during the opening of her store, The Sugar Bowl.

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Area seniors win honors at Spelling Bee



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Area adults, ages 50 and older participated in a local Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee competition hosted by the Senior Resource Center on April 25, in Freeport.

FREEPORT — Local adults age 50 and older participated in a local Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee competition hosted by the Senior Resource Center on April 25, in Freeport.

The Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee competition is an exciting statewide program that provides Illinois senior citizens the opportunity to showcase a lifetime of knowledge and to celebrate years of experience through their spelling abilities. This effort is coordinated by the Association of Illinois Senior Centers, the Illinois Department on Aging, and local senior organizations throughout Illinois.

Showing a talent for spelling,

the following contestants won the honors and will advance to the regional semi-finals:

Mary Stayner - From Stockton-First Place

Dorothy Schwartze - From Freeport-Second Place

Ron Mashaw - From Freeport-Alternate

Local spelling bees are being held throughout Illinois in 2016. Local winners and runners up will advance to regional semi-finals. The State Finals will be held at the Illinois Building at the 2016 Illinois State Fair on Senior Day, Monday, August 15.

For questions concerning the competition please contact the Senior Resource Center 815-235-9777 or 815-777-0414.

Highland Phi Theta Kappa students named to All-Illinois Academic Team

FREEPORT — Highland Community College's international honors society Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter has announced that Alexa Buss of Lena and Lucas Goncalves of Monte Siao, Brazil were named to the All-Illinois Academic team on April 19 at the President Abraham Lincoln hotel in Springfield.

Each year, two students from 32 community colleges in Illinois are nominated for superior academic standing, involvement on campus, and in their local communities.

Alexa Buss will graduate in May from Highland with an Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration. Alexa

is a former student trustee on the Highland Board of Trustees, is an active member of PTK, and has served as outreach chair on the Illinois Community College Board's Student Advisory Committee (ICCB-SAC). She plans to transfer to the University of Illinois to study Business Management. Her plans are to work in administration at a hospital, college, or university.

The All-Illinois Academic Team recognizes high-achieving two-year college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor, combined with leadership and service that extend their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.



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Little Blackhawk winners

The "Little Blackhawk" winners from the Stockton Elementary School received recognition for their behavior as well as their work in the classroom for the week ending April 8.

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tom re-purposing, and classes in furniture painting. At the outset, the store will rely primarily on retail sales, but Bauer looks forward to offering more of her re-loved items. She is proud to sell hand-painted items with mineral only based paints.

Bauer and husband Jason live in Lena with daughters Marissa, 9, and Madelyn, 7. She credits her husband and parents Byron and Pat Baker, Lena, with helping her establish the new business. A cousin constructed a welcoming business light from galvanized pipe and electrical wire. It greets shoppers behind the business counter at The Sugar Shack.

She is excited to begin a new business venture with a primary purpose of repurposing. She hopes shoppers will stop by to learn more about her creativity and re-purposing skills.

The Sugar Bowl is open Tuesday through Sunday at 130 West Main, Lena, and can be found soon at www.thesugarbowlboutique.com. It is also on Facebook by keying in "The Sugar Bowl."



Larry Nelson photo
Angie Bauer is the owner of one Lena's new businesses, The Sugar Bowl located at 130 West Main in Lena.

THANK YOU
for the cards and visits while I was in the hospital, Lena Living Center and returning home. Also thanks for the wonderful care from everyone. All is greatly appreciated by me and my family.
Norma Klaas



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The Lena Historical Society

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Thank you
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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

April 18-22

SPRINGFIELD — The Senate unanimously advanced on April 22 two bipartisan measures to bridge funding for higher education and critical human services. The proposals aren't perfect solutions, but the legislation does include the money necessary to finance the spending — a "reset" in budgeting that is much needed in Illinois.

The need for institutional reforms in Illinois was reinforced earlier in the week, when anti-violence programs administered by former Gov. Pat Quinn were once again the subject of a critical audit. Additionally, overpayments to local governments and schools that occurred under the Quinn Administration have some of my Senate Republican colleagues and me questioning whether the \$168 million in overpayments were the product of incompetence, or a deliberate effort by Quinn to funnel money to Chicago during an election year.

Even as these reports surfaced, several "good-government" reforms — any of which could be the important first step in changing the course of Illinois — were blocked during the week by partisan maneuvering. Instead, Senate Democrat lawmakers passed one constitutional amendment to change legislative and congressional districts, over Senate GOP objections that the proposal still allows politicians

to draw their own districts.

Senate advances stop-gap funding for higher education and human services

On April 22, the House of Representatives and the Senate approved a bipartisan, bicameral solution for funding higher education that was the result of cooperation and productive conversations between rank-and-file legislators, legislative leaders and the Governor's Administration.

Gov. Bruce Rauner has indicated he will sign the stop-gap funding bill for higher education, which will help universities, colleges and community colleges remain operational through September, at which point they'll start collecting their fall tuition money.

It is important to note that the budget measure is fully funded — not a false promise like other bills offered by Democrat leaders in the past. The funding will serve as a bridge while lawmakers continue working on a full budget for the fiscal year. The challenges aren't over, but legislators from both parties noted the agreement indicates an interest by Illinois' leaders to resolve the state's issues.

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 Mon-

etary Award Program (MAP) grants; and \$6 million for the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

The Senate also passed Senate Bill 2047, which appropriates \$600 million from the Education Assistance Fund to higher education and \$441 million from the Commitment to Human Services Fund to help pay for critical human service programs. This proposal is currently pending in the House of Representatives.

'Significant breakdowns' within Quinn's anti-violence initiatives

A recent audit revealed \$2.2 million in unrecovered grant dollars associated with several programs created during the Quinn Administration that were intended to help combat violence. This type of abuse, mismanagement and lack of oversight in state government underscore the need for reform and change in how Illinois operates.

The audit determined high-ranking Quinn officials made decisions on what communities and grantees would receive funding as part of the program, but provided no data to support how grantees or funding were selected. According to the Auditor General, it's difficult to determine whether the Quinn program "achieved the goals that it was supposed to do." The Auditor General noted there were "significant breakdowns" in the process of distributing and managing grant dollars during the third and fourth years of spending associated with the programs.

A review of the programs overseen by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) noted the Quinn Administration repeatedly parted with grant protocol when distributing grant funds through the program, and failed to adequately oversee how those monies were spent.

The audit also cited problems with how contracts were executed, noted that often the financial information provided didn't match up with supplementary documentation, and also stressed that millions of dollars in unspent funds associated with the programs have not been recovered.

Of note, 41 organizations were selected to receive part of the \$1.7 million for the

Department of Human Services' Summer Youth Jobs Program, but it is not clear how those agencies/organizations and funding levels were selected.

Additionally, the audit pointed out that a "misunderstanding" by ICJIA officials resulted in \$7.3 million in inter-governmental transfers being directed to ICJIA for Quinn's programs from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program and the Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services programs.

The current director of ICJIA has accepted the findings and issued a statement noting that the Authority is working to resolve those issues.

Criticism and confusion have surrounded Quinn's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative for years. A previous audit found similar instances of mismanagement, lack of oversight and serious abuse within the program, which prompted an investigation by the Legislative Audit Commission. Additionally, at least three grand jury subpoenas were filed on the program — two from US Attorney's offices in Chicago and Springfield, and one from the Cook County State's Attorney.

Overpayments by Quinn Administration raise questions

During Fiscal Year 2014, former Gov. Quinn's Administration overpaid at least \$168 million in Personal Property Replacement Tax payments to thousands of local governments and schools, according to data recently uncovered by the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR).

Questions have been raised about whether the overpayments reflect mere incompetence, or a deliberate effort by the Quinn Administration to funnel money to Chicago during an election year. A review of overpayments revealed more than \$23 million was directed to Chicago schools and almost \$20 million to the City of Chicago.

Regardless of why the overpayments occurred, communities and school districts across the state will be asked to repay that funding — an expense that has many concerned. As the Department works to recoup the misallocated funds, the

Rauner Administration is sensitive to the impact this will have on local governments and schools. According to Connie Beard, IDOR Director, "We will be working with the impacted taxing districts to establish a plan to recapture the funds over an extended period of time."

The overpayments appear to have been caused following a switch to new reporting forms. According to IDOR, the issue was discovered during the agency's implementation of a new general ledger system. Ten taxing districts received overpayments of more than \$1 million. Most were much smaller, including 5,291 taxing districts that received less than \$10,000 in overpayments.

Powerful tool of change being abused

The Senate this week advanced one amendment to the Illinois Constitution that would change the process of drawing the state's legislative and congressional district lines, though the measure, SJRCA 30, still gives politicians the power to draw their own political boundaries. The process of drawing legislative districts should be handed over to a non-partisan, independent body — a critical provision not included in SJRCA 30.

However, a Republican proposal that would strip the Legislature of the direct power to draw districts in Illinois, was one of a number of constitutional amendments sponsored by Republican Senators that were not allowed a hearing or vote by lawmakers this week. Additionally, constitutional amendments were stalled that would have established terms limits for state lawmakers; set term limits for constitutional officers; and increase votes needed to pass legislation during a "lame-duck session," which is the time period after an election and before a new General Assembly begins.

Two additional amendments to the constitution pending before the Senate failed to advance for consideration by voters on the November General Election Ballot. SJRCA 1 would have allowed the state to move from a "flat" tax rate to a "graduated" income tax and SJRCA 29 would have eliminated the Lt. Governor's office.

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OBITUARIES

Frankie A. Hale

FREEPORT — Frankie A. Hale, 67, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at Stephenson Nursing Center in Freeport, IL. He was born on July 9, 1948 in Monroe, W; he was the youngest child of Harold and Marie (Wicker) Hale. He lived a full life loving all the people in his life. Frankie served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War era. He worked at the Baker Manufacturing Foundry in Evansville, WI as a supervisor. On February 14, 1997, Frankie married Judy Lomas. He attended the Wiota Lutheran Church.



Frankie is survived by his wife, Judy; five children he loved: Jody (Darrell) DeBoer of Smithville, MO, James (Mea) Hale of Littleton, MA, Jason (Tara) Hale of Edgerton, WI, and Julie (Ruben) Salinas of Albuquerque, NM and Virginia (Gini) Buss of Rockford, IL. Frankie has one child of his heart by his second wife; Michael (Heather) Sosinski of Orfordville, WI. Frankie also had three more children of his heart by Judy Lomas; Mike (Stacy Meade) Leopold of Stockton, IL, Duane Leopold and friend Diane Gilbertson of Freeport, IL and Brian Douglas "BJ" Musser, Jr. (Brittany Ackert) of Freeport, IL; twenty grandchildren and six great grandchildren; two sisters, Marlene (Bill) Homb and Kathy Becky.

He was preceded by his parents, two brothers Donald Hale and Harold Hale, Jr. and one sister, Shelby Beyer.

Funeral services were May 2, at the Wiota Lutheran Church in Wiota, WI.

A visitation was held May 2, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren, IL.

Rev. Mae Jean Zelle officiated

Burial was in the West Wiota Cemetery

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

Mark S. Rillie

FREEPORT — Mark S. Rillie, 60, passed away Sunday, April 24, 2016. He was born January 10, 1956 in Freeport, IL to Robert and Doris (Klaas) Rillie. He was a graduate of Lena-Winslow High School – Class of 1974.

He is survived by his sister Cathy (Ernest) Stabenow, Jr. of McConnell, IL.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee on May 9, 1969, Mother, Doris Elaine on May 16, 2014 and brothers, Lee and Scott.

Cremation rites will be accorded and a private family service will be held at a later date.

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

Michael Edward Anderson

WARREN — Michael Edward Anderson was born October 16, 1947, son of Charles Norman Anderson and Melva (Johnson) Anderson. He passed away at home on April 26, 2016, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Bonnie (Heid) Anderson, one son Bradley Michael Anderson, daughter-in-law, Stacy (Doubler) Anderson, daughter Nicole Rene' (Anderson) Gerber, son-in-law Chad Gerber, and three grandchildren; Brianna Lyn Anderson, Hayden Bradley Anderson, and Ashton Joel Gerber, one sister, Mavis Shager, brother-in-law, Willard Shager, several in-laws; nieces and nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Mike enjoyed many good friends, family, telling stories,

for the Miles American Legion. Friends and family are invited to share in Raymond's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Ole & Lena jokes, and a good Brandy Old Fashioned. Some of his younger years were spent as a pilot flying hot air balloons, Ultralight airplanes and golfing. More recently, he enjoyed relaxing on his deck with his family & beloved dog. As a result of his many years driving over the road, he was always concerned for our safety. We never left without hearing "Be careful going back-and-forth." He will be sadly missed by his wife, kids and grandkids.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Warren, IL.

A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, May 7, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Warren, IL.

Cremation rights have been accorded.

Rev. Art Stees will officiate the services.

Burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

Raymond Edward Steines

PRESTON, IA — Raymond Edward Steines, loved family and the outdoor life. At the age of 85, Raymond died Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Iowa Veteran's Home, Marshalltown, Iowa. Visitation and a Funeral Mass were held April 30, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Preston with Father Don Hertges as Celebrant. Burial will be in Miles Cemetery Miles, Iowa, with full Military Rites. A memorial fund has been established in Raymond's memory

for the Miles American Legion. Friends and family are invited to share in Raymond's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Raymond was born October 3, 1930 in Springbrook, Iowa, the son of Edward and Mary (Weimershirch) Steines. He attended country school. In 1952, Raymond enlisted in the US Army. He served in Korea, and was honorably discharged in 1954. He was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Preston. And also previously St. Peter's Catholic Church, Sabula.

Raymond worked with his hands, as a farm-hand for many years. He enjoyed being outdoors and working with machinery to plant and harvest. He enjoyed hunting and fishing all of his life, Raymond especially like squirrel hunting. He also enjoyed playing cards with friends.

Raymond will be dearly missed by four nieces, and one nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Milton (Elberta) Steines; a sister, Marie (Walter) Jackson; a niece; and a nephew.

Stanley (Buck) Nelson

APPLE RIVER — We deeply mourn the loss of Buck Nelson, a most beautiful, generous and kind brother, uncle, and friend to all who knew him. Buck was born in Freeport, Illinois to Harry and Verda Nelson on April 29, 1949 and died after a long fight against cancer on

December 3, 2015 at his home in Arcata, California. As a new High School graduate with an adventurous spirit, Buck moved to California, experienced first-hand the social upheavals of the 60's, graduated with a Social Science degree from California State University, Chico. He soon thereafter moved to Florida to work alongside one of his professors to develop an innovative self-help program with people in situations of poverty.

Buck traveled to Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize, as well as criss-crossing the United States many times. He was seldom seen without his Alaskan canine, Missy. For some years he made his home in Apple River and, with partner Beverly Paige, his dream came true when they planted a tree farm which continues to thrive West of Apple River. When Hurricane Katrina hit Waveland, Mississippi, Buck grabbed his tools and headed for the storm center where his sister's house had been demolished to help with re-building after the devastation. A role model of passionate, generous living, his dear, life-long friends span the country from N.Y. City to California, Central America to Alaska, wherever he stayed long enough to visit for a while.

Buck is survived by his brother-



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er H. Ronald Nelson and wife Jackie, sisters Sandra Nelson, Marjorie Mapes and husband Ron, Julie Nelson and partner Tommy Lewis, and Kristine Mohrbacker and husband Warren; eight nieces and nephews and nine adoring great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great nephew.

A celebration of Buck's life will be held on May 14; at the Apple River Event Center in Apple River, IL beginning at 12 p.m. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with his family at www.her-mannfuneralhome.com.

Tracy A. Jacobs

PEARL CITY — Tracy A. Jacobs, of Pearl City, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, April 27, 2016 at the UW Hospital in Madison. He was born on April 3, 1957 in Freeport, IL, the son of August Jacobs and

Nancy (Fike) Jacobs.

Tracy was a lifelong dairy farmer in the Pearl City area. He enjoyed showing cattle at the county fairs. Tracy was also a lover of music, which he passed down to all his children. He enjoyed watching his children perform musically and supporting them in the various athletic events throughout the many years. He had a particular love of basketball.

Tracy is survived by his children- Matthew (Kelly) Jacobs of Freeport, IL, Nathan (Jennifer) Jacobs of Gilbert, AZ, Jessie (Danielle Rogers) Jacobs of Freeport, Casey (Miles) Anthony of Freeport, Silas Jacobs of Pearl City; Kurtis (Krista Kraft) Jacobs of Freeport; and Walter Ollie of Pearl City; grandchildren- James, William, Zander, Sophia, Hayes, Drew, Gabriella, Austin, Ethan, Remington, and Ruger; father

August Jacobs of Pearl City; sisters Terri Leniton, Dina Smith, and Doreen (Rick) Diddens; and his two dogs Maggie and Henrietta.

He was preceded in death by his mother Nancy and brother Dean.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service was held May 3 at the Zion Church of Freeport. Directly following the memorial service, a reception was held at Zion Church to celebrate his life.

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

Zane G. Gillogly

HANOVER — Zane G. Gillogly, age 84 of Hanover, Illinois, died on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at Mercy Medical Center, Dubuque, Iowa. A memorial service was held April 30, at the Hanover United Methodist Church. Inurnment will take place at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery, Hanover. In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to The Gillogly Family, Care of Law-Jones Funeral Home, P.O. Box 309, Savanna, Illinois 61074. Friends and family are invited

to share in Zane's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Zane was born on May 17, 1931, in Savanna, Illinois, the son of Glen and Margaret (O'Brien) Gillogly. Zane married the love of his life Bonnie Bearsley on January 11, 1958. He served his country in the Navy from 1951 to 1955 and was in the Korean Conflict and also played fullback for the Navy's Football team, during his time in the service, Zane was a boxer with a 22-0 record, most of which were knockouts. His career was at Micro Switch (Honeywell) in Freeport, Illinois for 35 years as a machinist. He also drove for Tri State Travel Tours for 13 years, and transported cars for Tri State Auto Auction and Harsted Wholesale for 13 years.

Zane loved his community and was an active member umpiring baseball, softball and played Santa for 20 years. He was also an active member of the Hanover United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School for 20 years and ushered for 50 years. He was well known for his warm smile, kind words, caring heart, and firm handshake.

Zane is survived by his wife, Bonnie; sons, Scott Gillogly of Clinton, Iowa, Brian (Joann) Gillogly of Madison, Wisconsin; daughter, Dottie (Greg) Olson of Bettendorf, Iowa; six grandchildren, Jennifer Gillo-

gly of Clinton, Danny Gillogly of Clinton, Hannah and Bridget Ralson of Madison, Lucas (Amanda) Olson of Misauc, Germany and Joshua (Jessica) Olson of Bloomington, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Gregg.

BIRTHS

Elise Bader

FREEPORT — Eric and Lindsay Bader of Freeport are the parents of a daughter Elise Miah Bader born Saturday May 23, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Grandparents are Rick and Alice Bader of Lena and Richard and Dawn Weber of Pearl City. Great grandmother is Betty Merboth of Lanark.

Trinity Elizabeth-Naveen Jacobs

MONROE, WI — Corey and Morgan Jacobs welcomed a baby girl, Trinity Elizabeth-Naveen Jacobs, Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. in Monroe, WI. Trinity weighed 9lbs 4oz and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Scott and Jenny Kurth of Warren, and Jon and Vicki Lutz of Stockton.



Message Therapist and Hospice Volunteer to talk to SOS+

STOCKTON —Mary Rubel, License Message Therapist and a Hospice volunteer/therapist since 1991, will speak to the seniors of SOS+ on May 12, 2016. Mary will share the benefits of message therapy and how she has used it in her volunteer work with Hospice. Mary will bring with her a portable message chair and those attending will be able to enjoy one of her soothing chair messages. "Because you deserve to feel your best!" is the philosophy that Mary strongly believes message therapy can do for you.

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through life's challenges more gracefully. It decreases muscle tension and pain and can restore your reserves of energy. In the end, receiving massage therapy improves your capacity to fulfill your responsibilities, take care of others and lead a more satisfying life.

Mary's reputation for excellence in Message Therapy since 1992 has attracted a loyal clientele to her full-time clinical practices in both Elizabeth and Stockton, IL. Mary's business cards tell it all: For Pain Relief, Deep Relaxation & Increased Energy, "Because you deserve to feel your best!"

Please join us for a relaxing day and learn more about the benefits of messages and Mary's work as a Hospice volunteer. All are invited. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm in Stockton's Calvary's UM Fellowship Hall. Light refresh-

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Highland Forensics team has another successful speech season

FREEPORT — There is no debate about it, this has been a successful season for Highland's Forensics team. Since October, five students have been part of a competitive debate team, bringing home their share of medals.

Four students and their forensics director traveled to Costa Mesa, California to participate in the national forensics tournament on April 4-8. Those who attended were Gertrude Heimerdinger, Samuel Kempel, Moriah Ortega and Kevyn-Ann Sutter. Sutter took a bronze medal in Speech to

Entertain and Kempel took a silver medal in Extemporaneous Speaking. Melissa Entzminger, director of the Forensics team at Highland, also traveled with the team.

On March 25-26, the Highland Forensics Team competed in the Region IV tournament at Elgin Community College where every member of the team brought home a medal. The following medals were awarded at regionals:

Gertrude Heimerdinger (of Pearl City) — Bronze in Communication Analysis
Moriah Ortega (of Freeport)

— Silver in Impromptu
Bryant Smargiassi (of Pearl City) — Bronze in Impromptu
Samuel Kempel (of Pearl City) — Silver in Extemporaneous Speaking

Kevyn-Ann Sutter (of Lena) — Silver in Persuasion; Bronze in Poetry and Silver in Program Oral Interpretation

The Forensics team traveled to Illinois Central College in Peoria for the Illinois Intercollegiate Forensics Association State Tournament on March 4-5. Kevyn-Sutter placed fourth in Poetry and second in Persuasion, while Samuel Kempel placed fifth in Extemporaneous speaking.

Melissa Entzminger said this has been a noteworthy season for the students. The speech season runs from October to April. The team attended the College of Lake County tournament in December in Grayslake, Illinois. The students took eight events at this tournament and brought home a medal in all events. Kempel competed in his first debate tournament at Kishwaukee College in December and came back with a gold medal.

"We spent the season looking at polishing events and to make the students feel comfortable," Entzminger said. "They have become comfortable and poised, while at the same time creating a fun environment. I've had a great group of students. They

are hard-working and support each other and really embody Highland's educational experience."

What makes the Forensics team unique at Highland is the fact that it is extra-curricular, and students are encouraged to use the knowledge that they've learned in class in developing their speeches. Entzminger said, "Applying knowledge is the highest level of mastery in education."

Ortega said she loves being part of Forensics to enhance her communications skills, which will serve her in any career path. The ability to communicate ideas effectively is a marketable skill that employees look for in the hiring process.

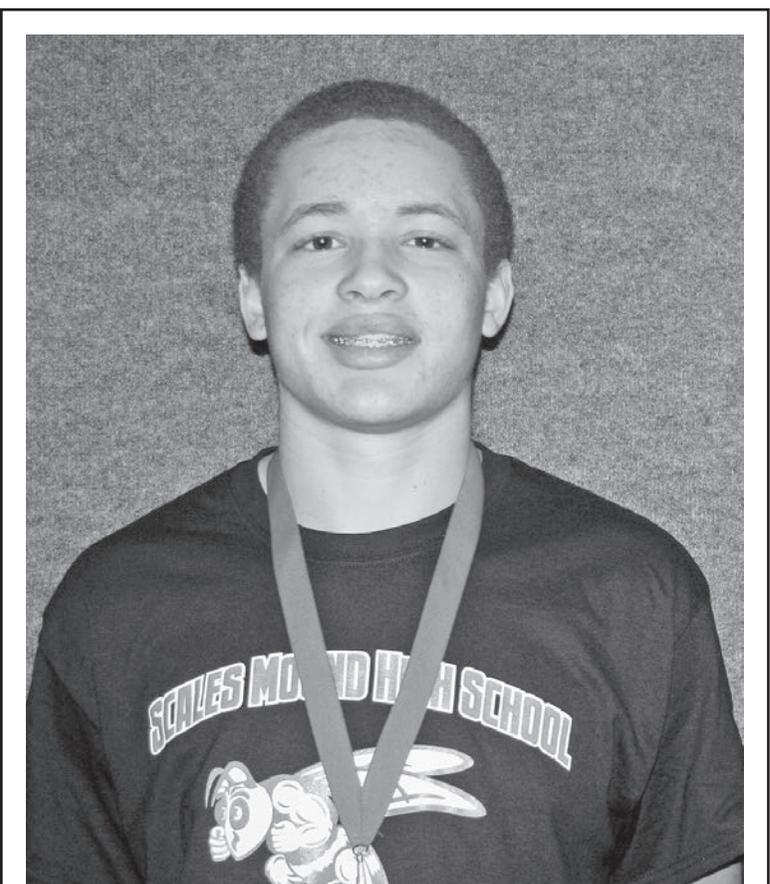
Sutter said, "Our season has gone extremely well, and we have gone above and beyond. This is my second season at Highland and we keep improving as a team. Success is always over the next hill, and the forensics community is so welcoming and so supportive.

We have similar interests and it's what binds us closer. I don't focus on winning, but the network I create helps me, and that is what is incredible."

As director of the Forensics team, Entzminger helps guide the students through their peer coaching, offering them tips for improvement, or how to polish for an upcoming event. With their competitions, the team and the camaraderie between debate partners is evident and a key component to their success.

Entzminger said she admits that she gets nervous for her students, wanting them to do their best, but at the end of the day, her goal is for them to be happy about their performance. She sees first-hand how forensics competition helps students with self-discovery and growth.

For more information about the Forensics team at Highland, contact Melissa Entzminger at melissa.entzminger@highland.edu or (815) 99-3550



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Phillips qualifies for WYSE state finals

The Division 300 WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) State Finals was held at UIUC on April 11 with more than 425 students participating. Jalen Phillips from Scales Mound High School had qualified to participate because of his second place finish in Math at the Sectional Competition. He placed seventh at the State Finals in Math. Keith Hesselbacher SMHS WYSE Coach.

The Office of Governor Bruce Rauner issues Statement on Passage of SB 2059

SPRINGFIELD — The Office of Governor Bruce Rauner issued the following statement on the passage of SB 2059 attributable to Press Secretary Catherine Kelly:

"By passing this bipartisan agreement, lawmakers in both chambers put aside political differences to provide emergency assistance for higher

education, ensuring universities and community colleges remain open and low-income students can pay for school. We are hopeful the General Assembly will build on this bipartisan momentum in the weeks ahead as we negotiate a balanced budget with reform for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017."

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Timber Lake Playhouse to present *Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver*

MOUNT CARROLL — Timber Lake Playhouse, the professional summer theatre of Northwest Illinois, will present a special, pre-season musical revue, *Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver*, for two weekends May 6-15. The musical is part of a new Jukebox Series at the playhouse, which will also include *Always ... Patsy Cline* in September.

Longtime TLP favorite Courtney Crouse (last summer's *Big River*) directs *Almost Heaven* with a cast of six that includes returning performers Amelia Jo Parish (*Hairspray*, *Peter Pan*), Adam Fane (*Grease*, *A Chorus Line*) and Harmony France (*Big River*). Chicago performers Roy Brown, Carly Glenn and Anthony Norman round out the cast. Chris Logan (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*) leads the music.

Featuring thirty of Denver's

songs including "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," "Annie's Song," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Calypso," and more, the show celebrates the feeling of coming home against a backdrop of stunning visual images of America's landscapes and people in the late '60s and '70s. Variety wrote of the show, "A winning musical revue! ... The show pays excellent tribute to an artist who remains great at making people feel good."

Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver will run for eight performances only between May 6 and May 15. Performances are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or by calling 815-244-2035 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The show is not part of the playhouse's summer subscription series.

TLP's 55th summer season officially kicks off June 2nd with the golden age musical classic *Gypsy*. The season also includes *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*, *Rock of Ages*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Titanic* and *Gaslight*. Subscriptions to see all six of those shows are available for \$119.

The Magic Owl Children's Theatre at TLP will present a stage version of *The Prince and The Pauper* May 10-14, and a rock musical version of *The Three Little Pigs* in July and August and the TLP's Concert Series kicks off on May 21 with the all-female country group, *Farewell Angelina* and concludes TLP's season with *Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos* on September 24. For tickets and information, visit www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or call the Box Office at (815) 244-2035.



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In rehearsal for TLP's *Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver* are Carly Glenn, Anthony Norman, Harmony France, Adam Fane, Amelia Jo Parish and Roy Brown. The show will run for eight performances only between May 6 and May 15. Performances are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or by calling (815) 244-2035 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Back Street Players bring 'A Bad Year for Tomatoes' to Hanover stage

HANOVER — Back Street Players is hitting the stage with another amazing show, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" showing May 13, and 14 at 7 p.m. and May 15 at 2 p.m. This production, certain to bring your more

than a few laughs, will be at the Hanover Township Hall, 111 Monroe Street, Hanover IL.

"A Bad Year for Tomatoes", written by John Patrick and directed by Ellen Liberg, is a story of the funny misfortunes when a famous television actress seeks to get away from it all in a small New England Town. Fed up with the pressures and demands of her acting career, the famous Myra Marlowe (Miran-

da V Durham) leases a house in the tiny New England hamlet of Beaver Haven to escape the offers pressed on her by her long-time agent (Troy Miller), but dealing with her nosy neighbors (Nicole Nesbit, Maria Dur-yea-Krniec, Kristy Wolter) is a different matter. In an attempt to shoo them away and gain some privacy, Myra invents a mad, homicidal sister—who is kept locked in an upstairs room,

but who occasionally escapes long enough to scare off uninvited visitors. The ruse works well, at first, but complications result when the local handyman (Jacob Hesselbacher) develops an affection for "Sister Sadie" (really Myra in a fright wig) and some of the more officious ladies decide it is their Christian duty to save the poor demented Sadie's soul. In desperation Myra announces that her imaginary sibling has suddenly gone off to Boston—which brings on the sheriff (Reynold Nolan) and the suspicion of murder! Needless to say, all is straightened out in the end, but the uproarious

doings will keep you laughing to the final curtain.

Back Street Players is a local, volunteer theater company in Jo Daviess County dedicated to supporting theater and the arts in the community. Tickets for "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" are available at the door. \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Complementary wine and refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Ellen at (815) 591.2132 or (563) 588.3160. Be sure to follow Back Street Players on Facebook to stay up to date on "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" and future productions.

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ments made by the seniors will conclude the day's activities.

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for 2016 are being planned, all in celebration of SOS+ 11th year of ministry. All seniors are invited. A freewill offering is taken to offset program costs.

For more information on SOS+, please feel free to call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If you are in need of a ride to the church, we would be more than happy to accommodate you.

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Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau nets two more felony convictions

SPRINGFIELD — Officials with the Illinois State Police (ISP) announce two successful convictions resulting from investigations conducted by the ISP Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau (MFCB). Phyllis Wilson, age 51 of Maywood, Illinois, and Lucinda Germann, age 59 of Rockford, Illinois, both plead guilty to felony counts of Vendor Fraud.

The ISP MFCB received a tip through the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Fraud Hotline that Wilson was being paid for services to an individual that was already in the care of a nursing home in Hinsdale, Illinois. The ISP MFCB began an investigation and it was determined that Wilson was being paid for services she was not actually providing. Wilson was arrested, charged, and pled guilty to one count of Vendor Fraud. She was sentenced to three years in prison. The total amount of the Medicaid fraud was \$6,105.

During October of 2013, the ISP MFCB received information from the IDHS that Germann submitted fraudulent time sheets for personal assistant services which were not provided to a Medicaid recipient. The investigation revealed

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— Brian Ley, ISP Captain

that Germann was submitting time sheets claiming she provided services to a subject who was actually incarcerated during the same time. On March 11, 2016, Germann pled guilty to one count of vendor fraud. She was sentenced to three years in prison and was ordered to pay restitution for the full amount of fraud she committed. The total amount of the Medicaid fraud was \$7,241.

"It's a shame people continue to commit fraud against a system set up to assist those with limited resources," stated ISP Captain Brian Ley. "The ISP will continue to thoroughly investigate claims of fraud by

Medicaid providers. Our hope is that our investigations, coupled with aggressive prosecution from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, will reduce the amount of Medicaid fraud occurring in Illinois," he continued.

The ISP MFCB was established in 1978. The Bureau is currently comprised of sworn officers, non-sworn investigators, attorneys, analysts, and an accountant supervisor. In addition, attorneys from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General are assigned to the MFCB to prosecute cases.

The MFCB works a myriad of cases targeting fraud and abuse of the Medicaid Provider Program. The MFCB receives direction from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS/OIG) and works with other state agencies including the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, and Illinois Department of Public Health. The MFCB is a member of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Units (NAMFCU), a professional organization made up of 50 different MFCUs.

Some of the more common cases MFCB investigators work are fraudulent billing by doctors, dentists, and counselors for services not medically needed or services which were never performed; financial exploitation of the elderly; drug diversion cases including theft of controlled substances by registered nurses in nursing homes; medical transportation companies who bill for services not rendered or for more services than those which were actually performed, pharma-

ceutical supply companies or pharmacies which are receiving kickbacks to prescribe a certain medication; cases involving physical abuse and neglect at long-term care facilities and other institutions caring for our most vulnerable; and fraud of the Home Services Program which is a Medicaid Waiver Program.

The MFCB also investigates violations of the Illinois False Claims Act and the Federal False Claims Act in conjunction with federal investigators.

Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office phone scam warning

STATELINE — The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office is warning the public of a phone scam currently occurring in Jo Daviess County.

The phone scam is a phone call informing individuals that the U.S. Treasury Department has filed a lawsuit against the individual and they need to make immediate payment over the phone.

The Jo Daviess County Sher-

iff's Office urges the public to exercise extreme caution if they receive telephone calls of this nature. Also, do NOT agree to transfer money to anyone unless you are absolutely certain of the identity of the recipient.

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

Illinois State Troopers announce April DUI arrests

PECATONICA — The Illinois State Police, in its effort to strongly discourage unsafe driving and ultimately reduce traffic fatalities is releasing a list of motorists charged with Driving Under the Influence (DUI) in District 16. "We will continue with our campaign to free the motoring public from the threat of impaired drivers," said Lieutenant Carl Heintz. "This is a selfish, avoidable behavior which, far too often, ends in tragedy. Think before you get behind that wheel."

Charged with DUI in April, 2016 were:

- Vanessa Ramirez, 27, Janesville
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- Walter A. Spearman, 44, Roscoe
- Eliud F Aquino-Sanchez, 26, Rockford
- Richard P. Nieman, 46, Pearl City
- Erick Camacho-Jimenez, 31, Rockford
- German Howard, 29, Rockford
- Zachary A. Crutcher, 27,

- Rockford
- Mark H. Mathews, 53, Machesney Park
- Jeremy Byrge, 42, Rockford
- Bruce Diaz, 20, Belvidere
- Manrique Castaneda, 23, Belvidere
- Paul J. Jimenez, Jr., 37, Rockford
- Colin M. Mayer, 21, Belvidere

- Ricky L. McGowens, 37, Rockford
 - Alex M. Ortiz, 26, Rockford
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 - Adrian Saenz, 27, Rockford
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Stargazing events at Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant

WOODBINE — This year the Planetary Studies Foundation is proud to partner with Sam Stoddard from the Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant. Woodbine Bend is best known to have one of the darkest locations in Jo Daviess County. Come join Chris Zirtzman, Paul and Diane Sipiara as they explain the beauty of the skies and the mesmerizing constellations. These stargazing dates begin on Saturdays May 14, June 11, July 9, September 10 and October 8. Enjoy the

evening by bringing your own folding chairs, blankets and your imagination as they explore the wondrous skies at dusk. Do not hesitate to bring your own telescope and don't forget to bring your children. If it is raining, this event will be cancelled. These events are free and opened to the public. The Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant is located at 3500 E. Center Road in Stockton, IL. For more information please contact Woodbine Bend at (815) 858-3939 or PSF at (815) 858-2014.

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CHURCH NEWS

St. John's Lutheran Church-Pearl City to host Cave Quest VBS

PEARL CITY — The St. John's worship service on May 8 will be led by Pastor Ekstrand. The service will include the Joy Choir's finale for this school year. They will also thank their moms in a Mother's Day tribute. 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, Paul and Silas. The Property Committee will meet at 10:15 a.m., as well as, members of the council will be available for Coffee with Council.

Please join us for a time to singing Holden's Evening Prayer, accompanied by the extin-

guishing of the Paschal Candle, on Thursday, May 5th for the Eve of the Ascension Vespers worship service. This service is about a half hour long and allows us to celebrate the time when our resurrected Lord Jesus returned to his Father and promised the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Please plan to attend!

The Men's Breakfast will be held at Little John's Tap on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 a.m. All those volunteering for any duties for VBS are encouraged to attend a work night at 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on May 4 also. The Strategic

Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11.

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

A little levity to lighten your day

Patient: "Doctor, how do you determine when an old person is senile and needs to go into a nursing home?" Doctor: "We have a test. We fill up a tub with water, and then we ask the patient to empty it, and offer him a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket." Patient: "I see. A person who is still competent will choose the bucket because it's the largest." Doctor: "No, a person who is still competent will pull out the plug. Would you like your bed next to a window?"

dessert and beverages.

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

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The Mon-

day evening bible study is at 7 pm 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.

St. Paul's honors women of faith

KENT — On Sunday, May 18, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Kent will honor all Women of Faith during the 10 a.m. worship service. "A Litany of Thanksgiving for Women of Faith," written by Pastor Carole Andres, will be part of the worship service. "For All the Faithful Women" a text by Herman Stuempfle, will be sung to the hymn tune "Aurelia" will be the Opening Hymn. During his lifetime, Dr. Stuempfle

served as president of Gettysburg Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Deb Winning will be the organist, and Gary Groezinger will be the liturgist. Holy Communion will be offered.

All are welcome to worship with us. We are located on Sunnyside Road, one-fourth mile north of Kent. For more information, call 232-4010. See ya Sunday!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on May 8, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Seventh Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message, sermon and music along with Sarah Baker who will lead on the Piano. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. In addition, the Good Shepherd Choir will practice at 11 a.m.

On Monday May 9 the Parkinson Support Group will meet at Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker from FHN Family Counseling Center topic "Depression & Anxiety in Parkinson's."

On Tuesday May 10 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will host the Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center at 9:45 a.m. It will be a wonderful time of singing favorite hymns. Volunteers are welcome to come and sing along and to help residents with their hymn books.

On Wednesday May 11 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!

On Thursday May 12 The Friendship Club will meet at 12 p.m. at Good Shepherd for Potluck and entertainment from "Glenda Linneman."

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.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

KENT/WILLOW — Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday, May 8 at Kent UMC at 9 a.m.. This is "Mother's Day" and Dawn Weber will be giving the Mother's Day message. A gift will be offered for all Mothers. All are welcome and invited and also to stay for the fellowship following.

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

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent IL for more information, please call 815-601-6742.



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Lena Business and Professional Association calendar of events for May

LENA — May 4 Lena Living Center is hosting Coffee Hour at The Mercantile at 2 p.m. Speaker will be Jessica from Active Living

May 5 Lena Living Center is having a Free Blood Pressure screening at the Lena Retreat Apartments 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.

May 9 Lena Living Center's Monday Morning Happy Hour includes a light breakfast and morning stretches. This is a community event is scheduled for every Monday morning.

May 10 Lena Living Center is hosting a "Welcome Neighbors from the Warren Community" starting at 6:30 p.m.

May 12 Lena Living Center: FHN is holding a blood pressure screening and a cholesterol screening from 8-1 p.m. This is a fasting screening.

May 15 Lena Living Center is hosting the Annual Radio Flyers at Lena Living Center. Food & Refreshments will be available for purchase. Come join the fun! Fun 11-3 p.m.

May 16 Lena Living Center is hosting Monday Morning Happy Hour. This includes a light breakfast and morning stretches. This community event is scheduled for every Monday morning.

May 18 Lena Living Center will be having a special afternoon with fun and games sponsored with the Active Living Group starting at 4 p.m. then on to the community supper from 5-6 p.m.

May 19 Lena Living Center is having free blood pressure screenings at Stella's in Stockton starting at 10:30 a.m.

May 19 Friends of the Peca-

tonica will have their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at Rafters.

May 22 Friends of the Pecatonica will be having a Kayak and Canoe Trip. This will start at 1 p.m. Launch in McConnell and go to Damascus. 7.9 miles

May 23 Lena Living Center is hosting Monday Morning Happy Hour. This includes

a light breakfast and morning stretches. This is a community event scheduled for every Monday morning.

May 23 Lena Living Center will be hosting a clergy luncheon for all the surrounding church officials.

May 26 Lena Living Center is having a presentation by Penny Wallace for Clutter

cleanup starting at noon and Community Lunch starting at 12:30 then on to Bingo at 1 p.m.

May 30 Lena Living Center is hosting Monday Morning Happy Hour. This includes a light breakfast and morning stretches. This is a community event scheduled for every Monday morning.

Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team member participates in slam poetry contest

LENA — Mary had a little lamb. Its fleece was white as snow. And everywhere that Mary went, the lamb was sure to go.

When you think of poetry, what comes to mind? Nursery rhymes? Poems you may have had to learn in school? What about this:

Learn well your grammar,
And never stammer,
Write well and neatly,
And sing most sweetly,
Be enterprising,
Love early rising,
Go walk of six miles,
Have ready quick smiles,
With lightsome laughter,
Soft flowing after.

This is called slam poetry. "Slam what?" you may ask. "We didn't learn that in school," you may state, and you would be right. Slam poetry is not your typical bill of fare in most high schools, but that does not mean high school kids don't know about it. Just ask Lena-Winslow junior Alec Aurand or the other dozen Northern Illinois high school kids that participated in the Second Annual Rockford Raise Every Voice Slam Poetry Contest, held April 22 at Rockford's Jefferson High School.

By definition, or at least by one of many definitions, slam poetry is a type of poetry expressing a person's personal story and/or struggle usually in an intensely emotional style. If one goes to a slam poetry event, he or she would find a white hot spotlight shining on a lone performer with nothing between him or her and the audience but his or her words



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Lena-Winslow junior Alec Aurand participated in the Second Annual Rockford Raise Every Voice Slam Poetry Contest, held April 22 at Rockford's Jefferson High School.

and a microphone placed face-high on a floor mic stand. And Jefferson got it right, all the way down to the finger-snapping audience showing their approval when the poet uttered a phrase or two that resonated with them in some fashion.

Alec, a member of the Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team was offered the chance to perform when Douglas McArthur, a Jefferson High English teacher and speech coach, sent invitations to many area high schools inviting them to his school's poetry event. So, what was McArthur's reason for hosting this very original (for a high school) contest? He stat-

ed, "Our mission remains to be a vehicle to bring the student voice to the masses, and slowly but surely the voice is getting louder through area students."

Because this was new territory for the area's Speech Team, Alec entered the contest as a pure rookie not knowing what to expect. Much of his competition had more experience and more exposure to slam poetry, but Alec still finished a very respectable sixth place out of a field of thirteen. The above definition of slam used the words "intensely emotional style", and Alec's fictional piece about the life-changing effects of inadvertently causing the death of another person certainly fit that style as evidenced by the finger snapping he received during his performance and the high fives he got after it.

When asked why he wanted to venture into the unknown waters of slam poetry, Alec stated, "I wanted to open myself up to a more expressive side of myself outside of the typical speech experience. It broadened my view on how a person can impact an audience. It can be amazing hearing the heartbreak in people's poetry, but it's even more amazing when you perform one yourself."

Something else that is amazing is McArthur's decision to create an event that by the usual definition of high schools' extra and co-curricular activities is totally and thoroughly original, giving Northern Illinois' creative students one more outlet to express themselves. Many schools offer many activities for their students, which are part of a rewarding high school career, but few turn away from convention build something new from the ground up.

Will the Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team participate in next year's event? Absolutely. As Alec went on to say, "I found the contest awesome. It was more than I expected. I can't wait to perform next year and listen to other people's work, as well."

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!

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In honor of Money Smart Week Citizens State Bank sponsored financial literacy books for Pearl City Girl Scout Troop #5128. Troop Leader: Marlyse Johnson is also a Citizens State Bank employee. Marlyse spoke to the girls about opening a checking and savings account, budgeting, and saving for the future.



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Spring cleanup time

The Lena Lions completed their first highway pickup of the year on April 23, there are 3 more scheduled for the summer and fall. Photo shows highway pickup crew with Jerry Fox, Highway pickup chairman, Dave Hoffman, Bill Crichton and Ben Mayer and seated in front, Mary Keith, not pictured Jim Cox.



Tracy Siegner photo

Fuels of the future today

Members of the Lena Business and Professional Association toured the Adkins Plant Wednesday evening for an overview of the facility and the markets it serves.



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Road Trip

This year, for their annual tour, Lena Lions Club president Jerry Staskal thought the club should visit the Center for Sight and Hearing Impaired in Rockford. Sixteen members plus spouses toured the Center on April 27. The group had a delicious catered meal and President Maureen Mall of the Center gave a very informative tour.

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THE LANYARD

By Billy Collins
 The other day I was ricocheting slowly off the blue walls of this room, moving as if under water from typewriter to piano,

from bookshelf to an envelope lying on the floor, when I found myself in the L section of the dictionary where my eyes fell upon the word lanyard.

No cookie nibbled by a French novelist could send one into the past more suddenly—a past where I sat at a workbench at a camp by a deep Adirondack lake learning how to braid long thin plastic strips into a lanyard, a gift for my mother.

I had never seen anyone use a lanyard or wear one, if that's what you did with them, but that did not keep me from crossing strand over strand again and again until I had made a boxy red and white lanyard for my mother.

She gave me life and milk from her breasts, and I gave her a lanyard. She nursed me in many a sick room, lifted spoons of medicine to my lips, laid cold face-cloths on my forehead, and then led me out into the airy light and taught me to walk and swim, and I, in turn, presented her with a lanyard.

Here are thousands of meals, she said, and here is clothing and a good education. And here is your lanyard, I replied, which I made with a little help from a counselor.

Here is a breathing body and a beating heart, strong legs, bones and teeth, and two clear eyes to read the world, she whispered,

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and here, I said, is the lanyard I made at camp. And here, I wish to say to her now, is a smaller gift—not the worn truth that you can never repay your mother, but the rueful admission that when she took the two-tone la yard from my hand, I was as sure as a boy could be that this useless, wort less thing I wove out of boredom would be enough to make us even.



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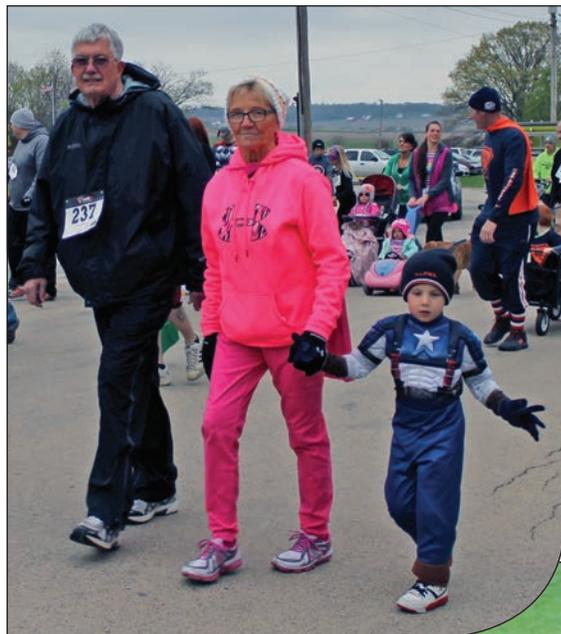
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Bryce Brandt (4) of Princeton, IL. navigated the Stockton Strong Fun Run track and obstacle courses with grandparents Stockton Mayor Rod Brandt and wife Lou.



Kim Tully of Lena puts her BFF Penny (Beagle Mix) of Lena through a stretch and warm-up routine before taking their place Friday evening on the Stockton Strong Fun Run start line.

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LENA LIBRARY NEWS

By Dixie Althoff
Director

LENA — April showers bring May flowers! That seems to be what we have been having the past few days. Hopefully we will see a little warmer temps pretty soon—a week ago was great!

Book discussion was held April 27. It was very well attended. Even had to put up a second table, for which I was very pleased. Some of the books discussed were:

Harriet Beamer Takes the Bus by Joyce Magrin, If I Run by Terri Blackstock, Handle

With Care by Jodi Piccoul, A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson, The Photograph by Beverly Lewis, The Master Butcher's Singing Club by Louise Erdrich, The Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier, The Amber Keeper by Frieda Lightfoot, Killing Kennedy by Bill O'Reilly, and Lights Out by Ted Koppel. Along with the great discussion, Fran DeMong brought her painting she did for the Girl With a Pearl

Earring and one titled Girl with a Red Hat. If you have never seen any of Fran's paintings, she does a wonderful job! It was very entertaining.

There was some discussion of having a movie afternoon or night in the future. Please watch the Shopper's Guide for further details and plan to join us.

Lots of new books added to the library. New Spring Fiction Reads: Last Mile by David Baldacci, Til Death do us Part by Amanda Quick, The Obsession by Nora Roberts, Close Your Eyes by Michael Robotham, Most Wanted by Lisa Scottoline,

Extreme Prey by John Sandford, Fast and Loose by Fern Michaels, and Hide Away by Iris Johansen. New Non-fiction: Alzheimer's Prevention and Treatment Diet by Richard S. Isaacson and X-Child Stars: Where are They Now by Kathy Garver.

New Large Print: Scandalous Behavior by Stuart Woods, and Bitter Season by Tami Hoag. One new western: Stolen Horses by Bill Brooks.

New DVDS: The Revenant, and The Carol Burnett Show: Carol's Favorites.

There should be something for you to choose from with all the new things added!

The children continue to be busy here! The after school group had a busy week last week. They talked about Earth Day and did Earth Day "word finds." Books used were Going

Green, Reducing and Recycling. They talked about Recycle, Reuse &

Reduce. After all of the hard work they were rewarded with "Dirt Dessert."

This week there was no class because Ms. Kathy was out of town. Next week will be their last time to meet until fall, but parents don't forget about summer reading!

The little ones had a busy couple of weeks also. Last week they also talked and learned

about Earth Day. They talked about the three "R's": Recycle, Reuse, and

Reduce. Books read were: It's Earth Day by Mercer Mayer, and My First Green Book.

They colored an Earth Day coloring sheet: Be kind to your planet. For a special treat, they also enjoyed "dirt dessert". I also got to have some and it was "delicious"!

This week the April showers bring May flowers theme was continued. Books read were:

Where is the Green Sheep, Bunnies, Billy Bunny and the Butterflies, What

Makes a Rainbow, and A Color of His Own (about a chameleon).

Flannel board was done with the April showers bring May flowers theme.

Songs this week were: The Rabbit, The Bunny Pokey, It's Spring, and of course, the favorite, I Wish I Was a Little Hunk of Mud. The little ones have two more weeks before they say goodbye until fall, but

again, Summer Reading is just around the Corner. Watch for further details in the Shopper's Guide.

The computer class we had April 20, on iPad and iPhone went real well and was well attended. Our next and last class is May 4, and is on Android phones. There are still a few spots left, if you would like to sign up. Erik Korte will teach the class once again.

Stop in and get yourself on a list for some of these new books and movies!

Lena American Legion Auxiliary to host Memorial Day breakfast

LENA — A breakfast is being held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2016 at the Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main St., Lena, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

It is being served from 7 to

9:30 a.m.—come eat breakfast and watch the parade at 10

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Lena American Legion Auxiliary to hold May meeting

LENA — The May meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on May 11, at the Lena American Legion Home at 7 p.m. We will be crowning Little Miss Poppy, Evelyn Durling, and will be making tray favors for the hospitalized

veterans. Discussion on poppy distribution and Girls State is on the agenda. We will also be collecting boxed cereal for the food pantry. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Gloria Kayser is in charge of the social hour.



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Heroics prove crucial as Pearl City wins late

By **Chris Johnson**
Reporter

FORRESTON — Sometimes you have to play all seven, when it comes to softball and Pearl City.

Sometimes you have to play even more, as the Lady Wolves discovered in an earlier NUIC match.

Courtesy of the long ball by

Tyra Clark, who homered in her last chance, the Lady Wolves came through in their final at bat and scored their fourth run of the night, winning 4-3 over the Forreston Lady Cardinals, in a game played on Monday, April 18.

All of the scoring for the visiting Lady Wolves came late, as they knocked home three runs in the top of the fifth, that just to

answer a 1-0 deficit, as Forreston/Polo struck first in the bottom of the fourth.

In the bottom of the fifth, the co-op scored two additional runs.

Through regulation, the game was tied at three.

Kylie Fransen was 2-5, as was Bronte Wright, with each knocking one home and scoring another.

Macayla Pilson was 2-4 with a run scored.

Kendra Melville pitched all eight innings and walked two, as she struck out six for the win.

Pearl City had nine hits on the night.

Forreston/Polo connected six times and committed one error in the match.

Pearl City moved to 13-2 and 7-0 in the NUIC, following the one-run victory.

On Saturday, April 23, the Lady Wolves moved to 14-2 on the season, as they knocked out the Lisle Lady Lions, 10-5, in a match ending after five innings of play.

Lisle scored twice in the opening frame and followed that up with an additional run in the top of the second.

Heading into the bottom of the second, Pearl City trailed by three.

The Lady Wolves responded in their at bats, as they put six runs up and followed that with four more in the bottom of the third.

Heading into the top of the fourth inning, the game looked much more favorable for the home team, as they held the 10-3 edge.

Lisle would score twice in the top of the fifth, with the game called after their at bats, as Pearl City came away with the 10-5 win.

Melville had five strike-outs in the game, as she consistently found the mark on the opening offering, with 13 first pitch strikes being thrown.

Game play on Saturday continued, as Pearl City knocked back the Galesburg Lady Silver Streaks, 4-2.

It would be in their final at bat, before Pearl City could claim victory.

Galesburg carried a 1-0 edge into the top of the fifth inning.

Pearl City scored four times in the top of the inning.

Galesburg could only answer with one additional score in the bottom of the fifth, as the Lady Wolves took the game 4-2.

In the Saturday morning opener, the Lady Wolves were threatened.

Even though they grabbed the early 1-0 and 2-0 leads, heading into the bottom of the second, Genoa Kingston could not capitalize on their defensive prowess, as they held the Pearl City offense in check, throughout the

game.

Even though the Lady Wolves could only muster one hit for the day, it was enough, as they carried the 2-0 lead into the bottom of the fifth, where the Lady Cogs scored once on their three hits.

Pearl City took the game 2-1.

Following the day of play, Pearl City came away with the Byron Invitational Championship, as they carried a 3-0 mark, completed with the night cap win over Lisle.

Conference play resumed for Pearl City on Tuesday, April 26, as they knocked off River Ridge/Scales mound, 3-1.

Tori Clark picked up the win for Pearl City, as she struck out twelve batters and issued four walks.

Fransen was 1-2, as was Bronte Wright, with each tallying one run scored.

Kendra Melville drove in two, as she went 1-3 for the game.

With the win, Pearl City improved to 17-2 and remained perfect in the NUIC, with an 8-0 mark.

River Ridge/Scales Mound stopped the Lady Wolves win streak, as they played on Friday, April 29, as they held back Pearl City, 4-0.

Wright was 2-3 for the game, for Pearl City.

Melville was pinned with the loss, even as she struck out eight in the game.

The Lady Wolves conference record fell to 8-1, with their overall record dropping to 17-3.



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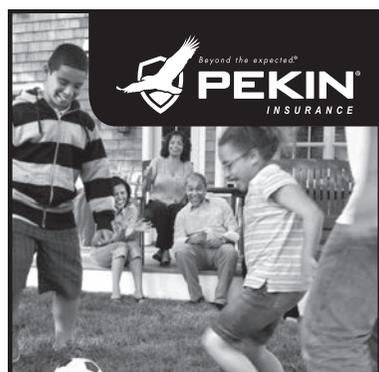
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — I am sitting here typing as the wind is whipping around, and the rain is beating against the windows. It is a cold and rainy spring afternoon. I am glad to be inside with the furnace on. The weatherman says we will have a great week coming, so I can dream of being outside in the sun. This next week is full of celebrations. There is Cinco de Mayo, the Kentucky Derby, and Mother's Day. The recipes reflect two of those because we covered the Derby last week.

The first recipe is for a Cinco de Mayo party. There are two great dips for appetizers that can be used all summer. The first is for a chunky guacamole. Serve it with vegetables or your favorite corn chips. The second is a creamy lime and cilantro dip that is great with veggies. Enjoy these two recipes as you are celebrating this day on Thursday.

Chunky Guacamole

3 ripe avocados
 1/2 diced white onion
 1/2 C. chopped cilantro
 1 minced Serrano chilies
 2 limes
 1 t. salt
 1 diced tomato
 Halve, pit and dice avocados. In a bowl, combine the avocados, onion, cilantro, chilies, lime juice, and salt. Mash a few times until combined but still chunky. Stir in diced tomato and season with more salt if needed.

Cilantro-Lime Yogurt Dip

1/2 C. plain yogurt
 1/4 C. chopped green onions
 1/4 C. cilantro
 1 t. lime zest
 1 t. lime juice
 1 t. hot sauce
 1/2 t. salt
 Puree the yogurt with the onions and cilantro. Add the lime zest, juice and hot sauce and mix together. Add the salt to taste.

In keeping with our spring rhubarb theme, my former golfing buddy (she still swings the club while I am in retirement from the game.) Norma gave this rhubarb salad recipe to me. It is a beautiful molded salad, or you can make it in a cake pan if you don't

have a mold. Either way it is really good. I substituted pecans for walnuts because I can't eat the walnuts, and it was just as good. Thank you, Norma, for sharing this recipe.

Molded Rhubarb Salad

3 C. diced rhubarb
 2 C. water (you can use reserved juice for part of the water)

1 2/3 C. sugar
 1 pkg. (6 oz. or 2 small pkg.) strawberry Jell-O
 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained (reserving juice)
 1/2 C. chopped walnuts

In a pan over medium heat, cook the rhubarb with the water and pineapple juice mixture until rhubarb is tender, approximately 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the sugar and Jell-O until dissolved. Add the pineapple and nuts. Place in a 6-inch mold or a 9 x 13 pan.

I have been nurturing an asparagus bed for the last four years. I had a couple of stems last year, but this year I have had enough to have it two times. I may be able to get some more if the weather warms up. I love this green vegetable, and I really like it roasted. Try this easy way to make a great vegetable.

Oven-Roasted Asparagus

2 lbs. of thin asparagus trimmed
 4 T. olive oil
 3 T. grated parmesan cheese
 2 cloves of garlic, minced
 1/2 t. salt
 1 t. pepper
 2 T. lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 425. Drizzle asparagus with oil in a large bowl and toss to coat. Sprinkle with parmesan, garlic, salt, and pepper and toss again. Arrange asparagus in a single layer on a large-rimmed baking sheet. Bake until just tender, about 12-15 minutes, depending on the thickness of the asparagus. Sprinkle with lemon juice just before serving.

In keeping with the Cinco de Mayo celebration, this easy tamale pie can be made very quickly. It is a great dish to serve at a party or just for dinner. It looks nice in a pie pan, and would even make a great appetizer.

Tex Mex Tamale Pie

1 lb. ground beef
 1 pkg. (1 oz.) Taco Seasoning Mix
 1 pkg. (7 oz.) corn muffin mix
 1/3 C. salad dressing
 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, undrained
 1 egg, beaten
 1 1/2 C. shredded Pepper Jack

cheese

1 green onion, sliced

Preheat the oven to 375. Cook meat with taco seasoning mix as directed on the package. In a separate bowl, mix the muffin mix, salad dressing, chilies and egg just until blended. Spread half of the batter onto the bottom of a 9-inch pie plate sprayed with cooking spray; top with seasoned meat, 1/2 cup cheese and remaining batter. Bake 20 minutes. Top with remaining cheese and onions and bake 10 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

Serve with salsa and sour cream as toppings.

If you are thinking of making mom a brunch on Sunday, the next two recipes would be great on a brunch table. The casserole is easy to assemble, and the French Toast can be made the night before and baked on Sunday. Serve some fruit and juice and a baked coffee cake, and you have a full meal.

Breakfast Egg Casserole

1 T. olive oil
 1 small red onion, chopped
 1 medium red pepper, chopped
 1 medium green pepper, chopped
 1 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
 12 large eggs, lightly beaten
 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
 1/2 C. flour
 1 t. baking powder
 1 t. salt
 1/4 t. pepper
 4 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat; add onion and peppers and cook and stir 4-5 minutes or until crisp tender. Add the mushrooms and cook 2-3 minutes longer or until tender. Remove from heat.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper until blended. Stir in cheese and vegetables. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake, uncovered for 30-35 minutes or until set.

French Toast Casserole

1 loaf French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 10 cups)
 8 eggs
 3 C. milk
 4 t. sugar
 1 t. vanilla
 1/2 t. salt
 Topping
 2 T. butter
 2 T. sugar
 2 t. cinnamon

Place bread cubes in a greased 9 x 12 baking dish. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk,

sugar, vanilla and salt. Pour over bread. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Dot with butter. Combine sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over the top.

Cover and bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 5 minutes. Serve with maple or flavored syrup that has been warmed.

The last recipe this week is for another rhubarb dessert. This recipe is made in a smaller pan, so you don't have to eat it forever. What is better than three fruits in any dessert? This recipe comes from my church friend, Carol. She gave it to me last year, and I found it when I was doing some reorganizing. If you send me a recipe, and it doesn't get printed, let me know. It is probably in one of my "organized" piles. Thanks, Carol, for this recipe.

Rhubarb Crumble

3 C. fresh rhubarb, cubed
 1 C. peeled and cubed apples
 1/2-1 cup sliced strawberries
 1/2 C. sugar
 1/2 t. cinnamon
 1/2 C. flour
 1 t. baking powder
 1/4 t. salt
 4 T. unsalted butter
 2/3 C. brown sugar
 2/3 C. oatmeal

Preheat the oven to 350. Com-

bine the rhubarb, apples and strawberries in a large bowl. Spoon into a greased 8-inch round or square pan. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over the rhubarb mixture. Set aside. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut the butter into the mixture until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in brown sugar and oats and sprinkle this mixture over the rhubarb. Bake at 350 for 40-50 minutes or until lightly browned.

April has wrapped up with some cold spring weather. The musical Carousel says that after April cried (and she certainly did on the last day) along comes pretty little May. We are all ever hopeful. I want to wish all those mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers out there a special thank you for just being you! Happy Mother's Day! We are looking for some spring recipes because a gardener told me he has some radishes, lettuce, and onions coming up. We will soon have those tasty treats to eat. Rhubarb continues to produce, and we will soon hear about strawberries.

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University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners to host Mother's Day flowering container session

STOCKTON — If you are looking for a one of a kind gift for Mother's Day, the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners have you covered. On Saturday, May 7, Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners Linda Helgeson and Laurie Zueger will be presenting a hands-on Mother's Day Flowering Container class. This class will be held at Fritz Nursery & Garden Center in Stockton where Linda and Laurie will show you different ideas and techniques for planting summer containers and how to choose companion plants for your planter. After the presentation you will then have the opportunity to purchase your own container and plants and create your own container under the direction of Linda and Laurie. Bring your potting gloves and creative ideas for a fun afternoon of planting.

There will be no charge for this presentation. This presentation will be held on Saturday, May 7 starting at 1 p.m. at Fritz Nursery & Garden Center at 11385 US 20, Stockton. If you choose to create a con-

tainer while at the presentation, you will be responsible for purchase price of materials selected.

For more container garden

inspiration, join University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Candice Miller, for a program titled, Creative Summer Container Gardens on

May 19 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Elizabeth Community Building.

Candice will be demonstrating ways you can take your container gardens to the next level this year. Thinking beyond impatiens and petunias, we'll look at interesting annual and perennial plants to add to a container garden and discuss the important care

requirements to make your container a success. Candice will demo several different containers to help give you inspiration for your summer containers. The cost for this program is \$5 and you can register by calling the Jo Daviess County Extension office at (815) 858-2273 or register online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/.



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Stockton prom royalty

Kailyn Bauer and Peyton Keefer were crowned 2016 Prom Queen and King Saturday night in the Stockton High School gym.

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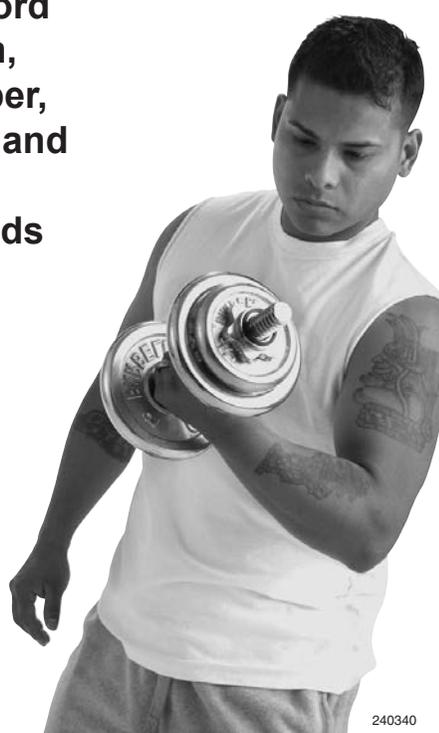
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Planetary Studies Foundation to track the transit of Mercury

ELIZABETH — What's that crossing the sun? It's the first planet of our solar system, Mercury. A transit of Mercury across the Sun takes place when the planet Mercury comes between the Sun and the Earth, and Mercury is seen as a small black dot moving across the face of the Sun.

Transits of Mercury with respect to Earth are much more frequent than transits of Venus, in part because Mercury is closer to the Sun and orbits it more rapidly.

The Planetary Studies Foundation will be out with their filter

telescope for 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the River Ridge Elementary School on Monday, May 9. Ridge River Elementary students will have the opportunity to view this event. Students will be encouraged not to view this event with their naked eye or with an unprotected filtered telescope. Chris Zirtzman, Paul & Diane Sipiera will be engaging student in this astronomical event.

If you would like to view the planet Mercury, please come to the back side of River Ridge School District located at 4141 Route 84 South. If it is raining, this event will be cancelled.

Major Daviess Summer Ale Release Party

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GALENA — The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF), in collaboration with the Galena Brewing Company, invites the public to the unveiling of the Major Daviess Summer Ale, a summer beer that supports land preservation in Jo Daviess County! Join us on May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Galena Brewing Company, 227 N Main Street, as the first kegs are tapped.

The Major Daviess Summer

Ale represents a unique collaboration between a local business and a local nonprofit for the overall goal of preserving the character of the Driftless Area. A portion of the proceeds from every pint sold will be donated to JDCF to support land preservation, education, and land management. Don't miss out on your chance to share a brew that stands for a great cause. RSVP's are not required.

Jo Daviess County Democrats to hold May meeting

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 5, at the Welcome Inn, 102 N. Main St., Elizabeth. Chairman Shane Harbach will speak on the "State of the Democratic Party in Jo Daviess County." He will address voter turnout and statistics, local party objectives, the upcoming election and more. A representative

from Congresswoman Cheri Bustos' re-election campaign will be on hand, too. The public is encouraged to attend.

The group meets regularly at 6 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month at various locations throughout the county. For more information on all activities of the Jo Daviess County Democrats, go to www.facebook.com/groups/JoDems.



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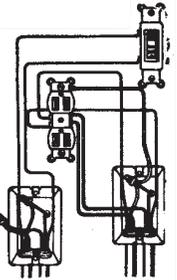


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108 WEST IDA Thur. & Fri. 8-3:30 p.m. Sat. 8-noon clothing infant-adult plus sizes, toddler toys, high chair, turtle sandbox, small appliances, electric washer & dryer, decorative grandfather clock, shelves, metal desk & much more. Something for everyone.

110 GROVE ST men's clothing S-M, new shoes, lawn chairs, small freezer, glass top table, 78 records, baskets, vases, puzzles, luggage, misc. Louis Lamour books, microwave

114 ROUSCH ST Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-1 kids toys, sinks, shop-vac, Midway Arcade game, cabinet antiques, enamel kitchen utensils, rug beaters, linens, chicken crates, feeders stained glass, metal lawn chairs, blue jars, X mas bubble lights, ceramic chicken, Primitives deluxe poker chip set. Lots & lots of misc.

201 E RAILROAD ST TWO FAMILY sale Fri 8-4, Sat 8-12 Boys/Girls clothes, infant thru 14/16, women's & men's name brand clothing, maternity clothes, household items, toys, furniture, incl. bar stools & changing table. Harley Davidson saddle bags & misc. parts. Everything EXCELLENT condition. MUST SEE!

202 OAK TERRACE CT furniture, area rugs, tools, small kitchen appliances, many misc. items. No mark downs on furniture.

203 E PROVOST ST baby boy clothes 0-2T, women's name brand clothes & purses, white changing table, swing, leaf blower, John Deere riding lawn mower, high chairs, toys and much more

203 OAK TERRACE COURT Friday 7-4, Saturday 7-noon, girls clothes sizes 18mo.-5T, tons of toys, books, movies, snow blower, brand new gas weed eater. Full size loft bed with desk underneath Too much to list.

204 E TOWNLINE RD Mickie & Friends 815-369-4366 May 5,6 & 7th 9-5 cosmetics 20% off & some half price, nail polish & hair products, crafts, puzzles, books, kitchen supplies, home decor, cabinets tools, electric stove, kitchen appliances, cleaning equipment supplies, stained glass, office supplies, much sewing, bibs, oven towels. So many things. Too much to list

204 OAK TERRACE Thurs. 4-7, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-noon 4 families, boys, girls clothing, Junior adult clothes, tons of kids toys, dressers, couch, computer desk, futon frame, bikes, ceramic tile, cutters, shuffle board game, patio table, chairs, fertilizer spreader, HP printer, twin bed w/drawer, tons of household 7 misc.

204 WALNUT ST Saturday ONLY 8a.m.-2p.m. boys clothes NB-3T, baby & kids toys, baby bathtub. Munchkin Diaper Pail, Boppy pillow w/cover, baby Einstein Activity Jumper, women's clothing name brands all sizes, men's shirts sz large and X large

205 1/2 WALNUT ST (off West Main St) Just moved here! Come see the nice things. We have new & old things. Furniture, toys, home decor, household items, purses, shoes, ladies clothes, outdoor gazebo, sewing machine, tools & much more. Fri. & Sat. 8-5

211 LINCOLN ST Garage sale located behind house in garage. baby clothes boy NB-5T, girl NB- 2T crib, toys, girl crib bedding, boy toddler bedding, small locking safe, patio set, elliptical machine, snow village houses Fri. 8:15a.m.- 3p.m. Sat. 8a.m.-noon

212 PALM DR Fri. 8-6, Sat. 8-3 couches, hose reel, Hello Kitty Twin bedding, girl clothes size 5-10/12 shoes, jackets, boots, Juniors women's clothes sz med-2XL, household misc. battery weed eater, landscape blocks, men's clothes, exercise bike, girl's bike

216 OAK TERRACE CT baby supplies including new crib, bedding, 2 camera LCD monitor, stroller, infant car seats, bottles, baby food maker & containers & more. Lots girls clothes NB-5T & shoes NB-11 toys, bike, household items, TV's, purses, rototiller, lawnmower, leaf blower, JD wagon, 2x men's clothes & MORE! Fri. 7-3, Sat. 7-12

218 LEET STREET Friday 8-6 & Saturday 8-4 Baby girl clothes up to 18 months Children's shoes Women's Shoes Double Stroller Infant Stroller travel system with extra base Car seats Toys Games Kids books Household items Window AC

223 E PALM DRIVE 4 family sale. Lots of very nice summer clothes junior, petites and women's, household items, kids stuff Too much to list. Don't miss this one. Held rain or shine.

303 CHESTNUT ST Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-12 kitchen table w/leaf & 4 chairs, file cabinet Christmas tree, Christmas lights, Longaberger, TY, board games, Queen comforter set, tripod, dry erase boards, Wii games, Nerf guns, pail of baseballs, Hot Wheels tracks, cars, slot car track, bicycles, hand tools, misc.

401 E LENA ST Thurs. 3-7p.m. Fri. 8:30-3p.m. girls clothes & shoes 0-3T, 6-10, most items \$.50 maternity, some juniors, 0-xs, infant travel system, baby toys, bedding baby, Angel care monitor, paper backs, George Foreman grill, artwork, misc. home decor, silver plated tea set, antique sewing table, small antique music cabinet

409 GROVE ST Sat. May 7th 8a.m.-2p.m. Tons of baby stuff! boys clothes newborn-3T, changing table, swing, training potty, lots of toys, sofa, household items, tables, holiday decor, books, dishes, bottles, too much baby stuff to list!

410 E LENA ST huge multi family moving sale dishes, Tupperware, microwave, kitchen items, Knick-knacks, Cherished Teddies, Scentsy, craft items, sewing, scrapbooking, ceramics, supplies, bisque, finished pieces. toys, games, DVD's, Disney videos, books, furniture, shelves, toddler bed, a lot of bargains. Friday 8-4, Saturday 8-3

469 LIONS DR Multi family Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-noon kitchen table/chairs, bar stools, kitchenware pots/pans, dishes, country rustic & wedding decor, household goods, printers, desk, decorative pillows, towels, name brand jr, wmn's xs-s, express jeans, (2-4), girl's 6-10, pillowpets, toys, babydoll accessories, VS totes/perfumes much more

489 LIONS DR golf items/clubs, office desk lamps, oak kitchen stools, pictures, luggage, blankets, decorations, computer printer, fans, frames, baskets, dishes, glass, many household items

502 SOUTH SCHUYLER ST Sat. May 7th 9-4 Something for everyone. Clothes, dishes, curtains, exercise equipment and toys.

511 SHUMWAY ST Thur. 4-7, Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-12 double jogger, single stroller, boys crib sets, toys, Advent bottles, household items & decorations, Scentsy, shoes, Clothes: maternity & women's small, men's L & XL, girls 6-10, boys 2T 7 up. Lots of misc. items

514 N CENTER ST Collectibles, some antiques, candles, hand tools, power tools, misc. stuff, motor cycle jackets and motorcycle misc. Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-3

518 W FAIRWAY DR SAVE THE DATE Our annual garage sale postponed until May 26-28.

526 FAIRWAY DR women's clothes, household products, women's shoes and outfits, dresses, shirts, jewelry

546 W FAIRWAY DR NB-3T boys clothes, girls clothes, toys, Jumparoos, toddler shoes, bouncy seat, maternity clothes

560 W FAIRWAY DR Napa die cast cars, girl clothes 6-7/8, exercise trampoline, tools, girl's toys, cake pans, decorating tools, boys clothes teen/young men, men & women clothes, king bedding, roll away bed, baseball

gear, swivel rocking chair, purses, beads & jewelry making supplies

576 W QUAIL DR Thurs. 4:30-7, Fri. 7:30-4, Sat. 7:30-11 Queen comforters sheets quilt, seasonal decor, candles, picture frames, dishes, jewelry, watches, purses, floral arrangements, knick-knacks, shoes, clothes, coats, sweaters, flower pots, lamps, accent table, much more.

6 LINDEN CIRCLE Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-12, clothes antiques, bed, stove, toys, games, cookbooks, other misc. items

600 VIRGINIA AVE May 5 4-7p.m. May 6 8a.m.-4p.m. Multi family X-box games, carseat w/stroller, Johnny jump up, infant rocker, men's Harley Davidson coat, motorcycle helmets, boys bike, purses, wallets, books, toys, Quilt rack, misc. dishes, girls & boys clothes, men's clothes L-2XL, women's clothes, Lots misc.

601 N CENTER ST lots for men tools, toolbox, small grills, car wash mitts, speakers, John Deere items, ski boots, civil war pictures, clothes children, adult, shoes, storage containers, baskets, frames, decorations, household items, bathroom items, jewelry, books, CD's, DVD's, exersaucer, lots of free & much more

606 VIRGINIA AVE Friday 8-4, Saturday 8-noon table, chairs, coffee table, Longaberger, Barbies, ladies size small large standing butcher block bookcase FREE hot tub

608 VIRGINIA AVE Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-12 men's & women's bikes, men's & women's cross country ski poles & shoes, coffee maker, salad spinner, thermal foot therapy machine, brass votive candle holder, TV trays, Noah's ark collectibles, hanging flags, portable sewing machine, assort. of dishes, mugs & glassware, misc.

612 OAK ST antiques, tools, records 33's & 45's, doll's arcade toys, enamel crocks, milk bottles, jewel books, planters, chain saws, lawn mowers, arrow heads, western books, vintage items, marbles, games, cast iron. Lots more!

614 MAPLE ST May 5, 6, & 7 Thurs. 9-5, Fri. 8-1, Sat. 9-12 Large garage sale with numerous household items and name brand women's clothing

627 N FAIRWAY Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-noon. Simplicity 34" riding mower, 22" push mower, Toro snow thrower, car ramps, 1950's Radio Imperial Wagon, leaf shredder, milk can, new bolt cutter, new 20 oz. hammer, vintage 70s military boots, new office items, plants. FREE STUFF

664 N QUAIL DR 8a.m-4pm Fri. & Sat. Corelle dishes, serving dishes, glassware, women's clothes sz 10-14, pet items, pet taxi, laundry sink/faucet in cabinet, roll top desk, canning jars, antique tables, desk/chair, patio umbrella, patio chairs, book shelf, microwave, Christmas items, & lots more. Come & enjoy!

6744 W CEDARVILLE RD girls 3mos.-10 trendy women's plus size 12-20, kids toys, bikes, sports gear, purses, household items. Everything in great shape and current. Huge yard that will be full and fabulous. Multi family

709 OAK ST clothes\$.25 girls 3mo.-4T, boys dresser, toys, books, pack n play, bike, baseball cleats, snowmobile helmets, household things, rockers, life jackets, baseboard heaters, storm door, vinyl replacement windows, electrical wire, camera, decor, 220 electric motor Thur/Fri 7-3

710 MAPLE ST baby items! clothing girl NB-12 mos., double stroller, Pack N Play, infant car seat with base, cradle swing, high chair, wireless video monitor, toys, futon and more! All from pet free/smoke free home. Cash only. Fri. 7 Sat. 8:30-4p.m.

728 S SCHUYLER ST Fri. 7-5, Sat. 8-4 Name brand jr's, women's & men's clothes, jewelry, kitchen wares, household goods, shop supplies, cookbooks, bed linens, curtains,shelves, dorm fridge, pressure cooker, blender, breadbox, TV mounts, projector, end table, movies, heater, collectibles incl. Precious Moments

730 MEADOW RIDGE Thursday 4-7, Friday 8-4, Saturday 8-12 HUGE garage sale! Boys clothes toddler to boys size 8 many toys, women's size medium/large various household items. Everything must go!

804 S LOGAN Moving Sale. Multi family New additions Sat. Furniture, antiques- dresser oak lamp table, lamps, bed, glassware, advertising pieces, linens & holiday decorations, 10x10 pergola, Missy dressy casual, junior clothes- jeans, kitchen items 3pc. couch set. Many other items

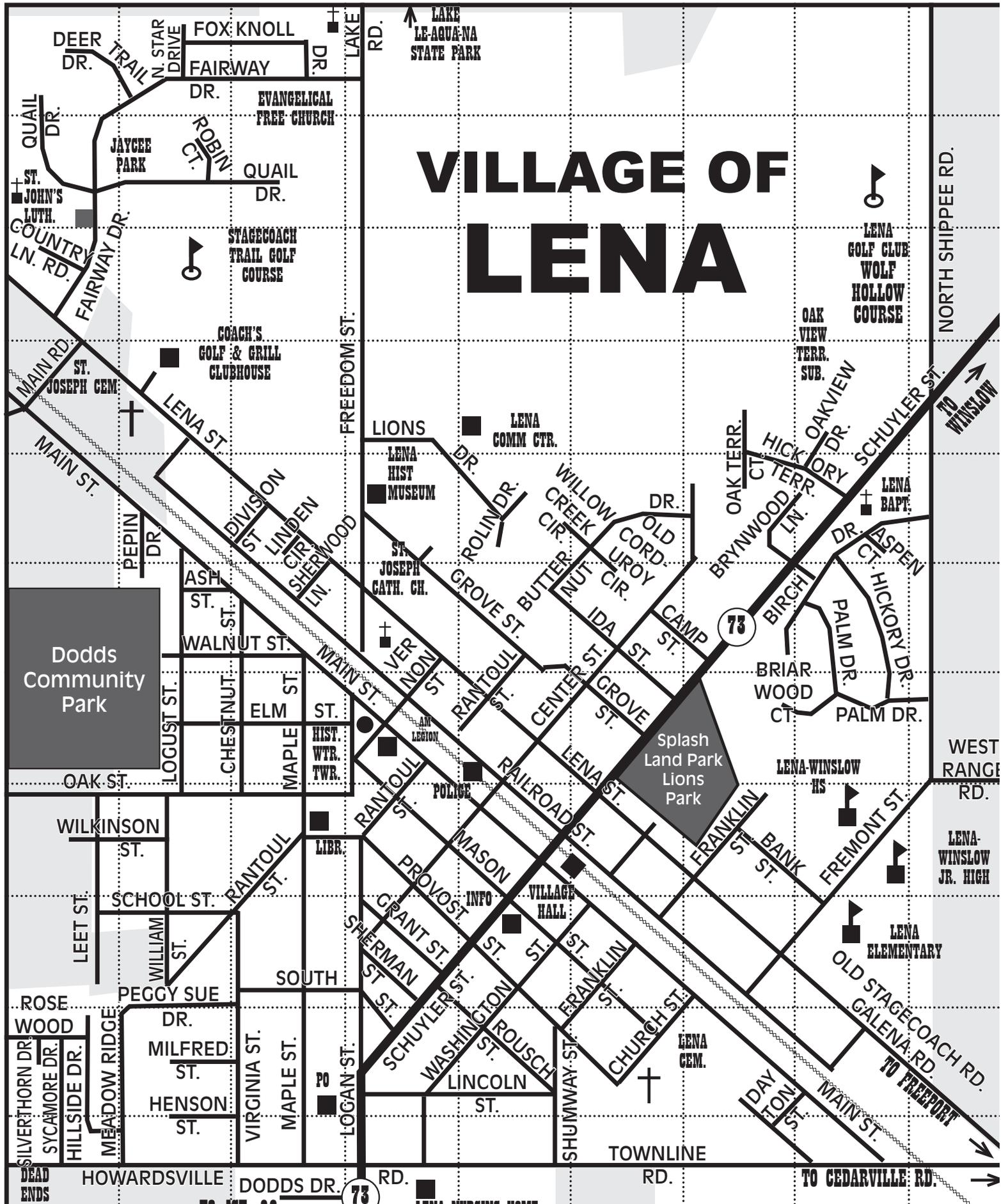
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MONROE, Wis. — The Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC) awarded Ron Spielman the Rural Health Ambassador Award. Spielman is Monroe Clinic's Special Projects Advisor and has a long history of community health activism.

Jeremy Levin, RWHC Director of Advocacy, presented Spielman with the award on April 22 at Monroe Clinic's advisory council meeting in Monroe, Wis. As Senior Projects Advisor, part of Spielman's role includes serving as a liaison between Monroe Clinic and the public. This means he engages community members face-to-face during advisory council meetings, where he shares Monroe Clinic news and invites their feedback to Monroe Clinic leadership.

"Establishing Monroe Clinic's community advisory councils in eight surrounding communities is just one example of Ron's tireless commitment to community-focused health care," said Mike Sanders,

Monroe Clinic President and CEO. "The invaluable insight he brings to the table not only helps us to better hear and serve our patients, but allows us an enriched perspective when making key decisions on local healthcare needs."

RWHC established the Rural Health Ambassador Award in 2004 as a way to recognize employees at member hospitals who have gone above the call of duty in promoting their respective organizations and made significant contributions to rural health care in general. Candidates must demonstrate a history of fostering positive communication and relations within the hospital's respective service area and beyond.

Over the past 30 years, Spielman has volunteered countless hours while serving on the boards of St. Clare Hospital, Monroe Clinic and Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation. He officially joined Monroe Clinic in 2009, after retiring from his position as a vice president and trust officer of

both Wisconsin Community Bank and Galena State Bank. He holds a law degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In addition to his service with Monroe Clinic, Spielman's record of community involvement spans beyond four decades and includes: the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, the Monroe Fund, Kiwanis, the Boy Scouts, the United Way, the Monroe Plan Commission, the Monroe Arts Center, the Green County YMCA Foundation and the Blackhawk Technical College Foundation.

"Ron's energy and personal connection with the community have helped make his efforts a success. Members of the advisory councils often call Ron between meetings with comments or concerns that Ron follows up with. I know that his relationships and responsiveness have led to service improvements and strong community relationships," said Sanders.



Courtesy photo
Ron Spielman received the Rural Health Ambassador Award from RWHC on April 22. Photographed from the left: Mike Sanders, Monroe Clinic President and CEO; Ron Spielman, Monroe Clinic Special Projects Advisor; Jeremy Levin, RWHC Director of Advocacy.

Lady Panthers take it five in victory

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

LENA — Scoring early has major advantages in the NUIC play, as the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers discovered, following a 12-2 five-inning decision over the South Beloit Lady Sobos in game play on Monday, April 18.

The Lady Panthers scored five runs to kick-off the conference win and followed that up with three additional runs in the second, to take an 8-0 edge into the third.

South Beloit would get on the board in the third, as they scored two runs.

Lena-Winslow reacted with four runs more in the bottom of the third.

Into the fourth, the ten-run rule was in effect. South Beloit would have to score to extend the match.

The Lady Sobos were unable to do that, as they dropped the game, courtesy of 13 hits laced at them, by Lena-Winslow.

South Beloit collected four hits in the game, but committed four errors in the loss.

Bri Haight had three hits in the win, for Lena-Winslow.

Hailey Curtis drove in three runs in the game.

On Saturday, April 23, the

Lady Panthers traveled into Ogle County for a showdown with the always dangerous Oregon Lady Hawks.

After scoring twice in the opening at bats, Lena-Winslow saw Oregon respond with three runs in the bottom of the first.

The Lady Panthers came back in the top of the second and matched the Oregon opening inning tally, as they carried the 5-3 lead into the third. Lena-Winslow would not score again until the fifth inning, as they held a 5-4 lead, after Oregon scored a single run in the bottom of the third.

The Lady Panthers scored twice in the top of the fifth and added an additional run in the top of the sixth.

With two at bats remaining, Oregon trailed, 8-4.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Hawks scored a run, cutting the deficit to three.

In the bottom of the seventh, Oregon scored its final run, but it would not be enough, as the Lady Panthers held on for the 8-6 win.

Bailey Baldauf had 13 strikeouts in the game.

20 would-be hitters for Oregon saw their first offerings split the batter's box, as Baldauf showed solid control,

unhittable at times.

On Monday, April 25, Baldauf was on mark again, s she struck out eleven batters in a 1-0 win over the Forreston/Polo co-op.

The Lady Cardinals were held to just two hits in the game.

Lena-Winslow had four hits, culminating with a late single, to score the only run of the game, in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Game play continued for Lena-Winslow on Tuesday, April 26, as they beat back the Lady Pirates of Galena High School, 11-0.

Baldauf was spot on, as she struck out ten batters and gave up a single hit.

A quiet first inning was quickly forgotten for the Lady Panthers as they were shut out, into the top of the second.

The bats woke up as Lena-Winslow scored five runs in the top of the second.

In the top of the third, they added one more and completed the scoring in the top of the fourth, as they added five additional tallies.

Galena was held to just one hit for the game.

Anna Irving and Baldauf had two hits each for Lena-Winslow.

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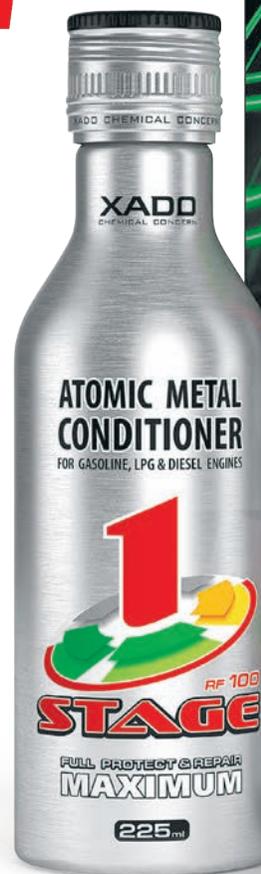


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