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Area NSDAR hosts event in recognition of Vietnam War veterans

STOCKTON — Carroll Jo Daviess Chapter NSDAR, Apple River American Legion, Stockton American Legion and Warren American Legion hosted an event on Saturday, May 21, honoring Vietnam Veterans from the area. All Veterans and families for all eras were invited to come and be part of this special recognition.

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

In Accordance With Public Law 110-181 SEC.598; the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and "in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War."

The Secretary of Defense shall determine the schedule of major events and priority of efforts for the commemorative program, in order to ensure achievement of the objectives specified in Law.

The commemorative program will include activities and ceremonies to achieve the following objectives:

To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), or listed as missing in action (MIA), for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the



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Courtesy photo

families of these veterans.

To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.

To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States

during the Vietnam War.

The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families. Commemorative Partners are encouraged to participate in the Commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize Vietnam Veterans and their

families' service, valor, and sacrifice.

Commemorative Partners must commit to conducting two events each year for a three-year period. Events and activities should be dignified, memorable occasions that show a sensitivity and appreciation for the solemnity of war and the losses suffered by many. Commemorative Partners should communicate how their events will achieve the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program. Events or activities

should meet one or more of the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program, and as a minimum, with an emphasis on objective one.

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



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Eleven individuals complete Master Gardener Training

ELIZABETH — The University of Illinois Extension-Jo Daviess County recently hosted Master Gardener Training where 11 people completed training and will begin volunteering in their community. Master Gardeners volunteer within their community with a mission of “Helping Others Learn to Grow” answering questions and offering research based horticulture information from the University of Illinois to the residents of their communities. Of the 11 that completed the training, seven will be volunteering in Jo Daviess County, two will serve in Stephenson county and two will serve in Winnebago county.

While the Master Gardener program is nationwide, Illinois started its first training in 1975 and now boasts more than 3,500 Master Gardeners statewide. Training is offered on a rotational basis though out the state on a yearly basis. The last time Master Gardener Training was offered in Jo Daviess County was 2013.

“The classes are taught by experts in the field, professionals who work with the University of Illinois Extension, so



Courtesy photo

Eleven Master Gardeners recently completed training are volunteering in their communities. They are Diane Gallagher, Jane Rieman, Jacqueline Lickes, Colleen Amans-Brown, Barbara Wiesen, Lois Rees, Garnet Fee, Yvette DeWispelaere, Michael Senz, Laurie Gungel, and Ryan Schaible

the course is offered in various parts of the state on a rotating basis,” explained County Extension Director Margaret Larson. “I’ve worked with the Master Gardeners since joining the staff here and have found this group to be very fun, rewarding and active. The people who have taken the training have come in with

a variety of skill levels – a person doesn’t have to be an expert in everything. They learn from the course, and then really absorb a lot as they work with the other Master Gardeners. It’s truly an amazing, interactive, educational program.”

Training consists of 12 sessions conducted on a weekly

basis on various horticulture topics. All topics are taught by University of Illinois Extension Educators. That’s followed by 60 hours of volunteer work during a two-year period as a “Master Gardener Intern” before a person receives the “Master Gardener” designation. Coursework covers botany, soil, woody ornamen-

tals/pruning, vegetables, herbaceous ornamentals, fruits, insects, turf, plant pathology, landscape principles and pesticide safety.

“Classes and volunteer work complement each other, building on materials learned and sharing it with others in the community, while tapping into additional resources,” Larson said.

As volunteers Master Gardeners make a difference in the community. Over the last year, the 9 active Master Gardeners in Jo Daviess County contributed over 500 volunteer hours, answering homeowners’ questions, teaching gardening lessons for children, planning and presenting at educational workshops, and working with local organizations.

If you have a home horticulture question for the Master Gardeners feel free to contact their helpline at (815) 858-2273 on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. - Noon. For more information about the Master Gardener program call the University of Illinois Extension at 815-858-2273, or visit our website at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>.

Are you ready for the thirty-first Stephenson County Ag Breakfast?

FREEPORT — A summer event you will not want to miss is the Stephenson County Ag Breakfast! It will be held Saturday, June 25 from 8 - 10 a.m. at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds in Freeport. You are encouraged to share your time, hear agricultural stories and join friends and neighbors for a great time.

There will be innovative and educational displays in the east commercial building, which focus on the commodities, people and businesses of the agricultural community of Stephenson County. We offer this unique experience to provide our consumers a better understanding of the origins of their ‘Local Food’.

This Saturday morning

family activity is meant to be enjoyed by all ages, and we welcome everyone and hope they see this as an opportunity to learn more about our agriculture industry in our county.

The breakfast is a big event for the children with kids’ games, barrel train, and a Kid-die Pedal Pull with registration starting at 9 a.m. and the pull beginning at 9:30 a.m. Besides seeing the animals in the petting zoo, they will see all kinds of farm equipment

used on the farm.

Then, to top off the morning a hearty farm-style breakfast will be served complete with whole hog sausage, beef bacon, scrambled eggs, cheese, coffee cake, milk and ice cream. A donation of \$5 per person includes breakfast and all activities. Children 5 and under are free. Handicap parking is available. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Office to avoid wait-

ing in line at the breakfast.

The Stephenson County Fairgrounds are located on the south side of Freeport at 2250 S. Walnut Road. For more information on the breakfast, call Ardath DeWall, 815-864-2561 or Bruce Johnson, 815-232-3186. For information on agriculture displays and activities, contact Kristin Dinderman at 815-291-9922. Volunteers are still needed, contact Barb Curry, U of I Extension, at 815-235-4125.



Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by the
Apple River Presbyterian Church
and the
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Sunday, June 12, 2016
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. *at the*
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Fellowship Hall
102 West Baldwin, Apple River

Menu Includes:
BBQs and Hot Dogs
Salads
Baked Beans
Ice Cream and Ice Cream Sundaes



University of Illinois Extension schedules babysitting clinic in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — University of Illinois Extension will be offering a babysitting clinic on Wednesday, June 29, at the Elizabeth Community Building between 9-2 p.m. Are you looking to take care of the kids

in your neighborhood when their parents can’t be with them. This babysitting clinic can help you not only learn to watch over children while they’re in your care, but it can help you build leadership and

decision-making skills, choose age-appropriate activities, create healthy snacks, understand behaviors and give you the tools needed to help manage them, and more. This clinic can help you become a babysitter that families can rely on.

All youth ages 11 and up, who have completed the fifth grade, are invited to attend this clinic for only \$5. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required. You may register by visiting <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or by calling the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.

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Registration opens for popular Stockton Independence Day weekend 5k/10k and 3-on-3 tournament

STOCKTON — Stockton, Ill. offers two of the most anticipated summer events in the area as part of their 4th of July celebration. Runners and walkers look forward to the Stockton 5k/10k and basketball players of all ages are anxious to bring home a trophy at the Stockton 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. For those that want to kick off their 4th of July celebra-

tion early, the Annual Stockton 5K/10K will be held July 2, this year. Beginning in 2007, the event had 53 participants and has grown to around 400 participants. The course is fun, yet challenging. Be prepared for entertainment throughout the course by the Stockton High School band and snacks after the race. The Stockton Pool will also be open after the race, free for all partici-

pants. The 5K/10K event has donated in total, more than \$20,000 to local organizations.

On July 4, the day starts off with a 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the Stockton school gyms. This tournament began in 2005 with only 32 teams, and since has grown into a 4th of July staple with at least 80 teams (limited to 100) coming back year after year to compete. Divisions range from

boys and girls entering 5th grade all the way through high school seniors. It also features very competitive men's and women's divisions. The tournament has become a "who's who" of current, former, and future northwest Illinois basketball stars. The 3-on-3 has donated over \$30,000 to Stockton youth sports and other various school organizations that have volunteered

over the years. Register early to be sure your team has a spot.

Register for these events at www.j3events.com. Keep up with the latest information at the events' Facebook pages. Search for Stockton 5k / 10k or Stockton 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. You can also contact Steve Jordan at SJordan@wipfli.com or (815) 541.8286.

Stockton Strong brings back popular 'Movie in the Park' series

STOCKTON — Bring blankets, lawn chairs, family and friends on Saturday, June 11 as Stockton Strong presents Disney's hit movie Planes, the first movie in the 2016 Movie in the Park series. There's nothing like relaxing with a movie under the stars, especially when it's on a huge inflatable screen with surround sound. Fun for the entire family awaits.

Join us for a plane demonstration with Roger Schultz of the Iowa City Aerohawks at 7:30 p.m. Come see a variety of RC (radio-controlled) planes and helicopters. Watch as an electric RC foam plane, that Schultz himself designed, takes on the night sky!

Schultz has been involved with RC (radio-controlled) aircraft for 17 years. He builds and flies airplanes, helicopters, and multi-rotors (drones) and currently has 25 flyable aircraft.

"My biggest plane has a 13-foot wing span, and is used to drop candy for the children at our annual air show," said Schultz. "I am a member and club officer for the Iowa City Aerohawks. Our club has approximately 70 members and is located next to the Iowa City landfill in rural Iowa City, IA. We have a 45' x 350' east-west runway and a 45' x 500' north-south runway."

Schultz said he plans to bring the following planes to his Movie in the Park

presentation.

97" Sukhoi-26 Aerobatic Airplane with an 80cc motor

102" L-4 Cub, modeled after the plane flown by WWII hero & Illinois native son, Charles Carpenter

85" P-47 WWII War Bird

86" GeeBee-Y, a 1930's plane flown in air races

78" Float Plane

700 size helicopter (48" rotor diameter)

600 size Coast Guard Helicopter

Hexacopter with 6 propellers (drone)

71" 4-star 60 on skis.

RC Airboat

He said he intends to fly an electric

RC Foam plane he designed with a friend before the movie. Don't miss this exciting opening night!

Snacks will be available for purchase from the concession stand. Light up the park with multi-colored glow sticks, available for \$1. Movie begins at dusk.

This year's movie schedule:

Saturday, June 11, Planes

Friday, July 15, Cars

August, (date TBD) Minions!

For more information on this free event, please contact Stockton Strong committee member, Erin Jordan at (815) 541.3484. In case of inclement weather, movie will be rescheduled at a later date.

U of I Extension to host totally tomatoes and perfect peppers session

ELIZABETH — Tomatoes, eggplant and peppers are some of the most popular crops grown by market gardeners and homeowners. All of these crops are part of the Solanaceous family. In order to have a better understanding of these crops the University

of Illinois Extension is offering a program to equip growers with the information they need to grow these crops called "Totally Tomatoes and Perfect Peppers".

During the program "Totally Tomatoes and Perfect Peppers", Extension Educator, Grant Mc

Carty, will provide an overview of peppers, eggplant, and tomatoes. He will talk about the different varieties of each and what these varieties have to offer the grower. He will discuss insect and disease issues that growers may see on these crops, scouting methods, and

pest control measures. Seasonal management issues will also be covered such as mulching, trellising, harvesting and more.

"Totally Tomatoes and Perfect Peppers" will be held at the Jo Daviess County U of I Extension office at 204 N. Vine, Elizabeth, on Tuesday,

June 21. The program will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude by 8 p.m. To attend "Totally Tomatoes and Perfect Peppers" call the University of Illinois Extension to register at (815) 858-2273 or on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration cost is \$5

Investors rank Edward Jones a top full-service firm in Hearts and Wallets Survey

STOCKTON — Investors rank Edward Jones as a top full-service investment firm in providing clarity about fees as well as unbiased and understandable advice and service for investors, according to research firm Hearts & Wallets, said Ashlie Simonson, Edward Jones Financial Advisor in Stockton, IL.

The study, which ranked 24 financial firms based on more than 10 different attributes that investors deemed most important, found that Edward Jones

attributes, including the top three: "fees clear and understandable" "unbiased, puts my interests first" and explains things in understandable terms."

"This is a wonderful validation of how we strive to deliver the experience valued by our clients," said Edward Jones Managing Partner Jim Weddle. "These findings demonstrate that our clients trust us to understand their individual financial

needs and to keep their best interests first as we help them achieve their financial goals."

Edward Jones also received high rankings for attributes specifically important to customers of full service firms including, "has made me money," "knowledgeable, timely and tactical" investment ideas, and "well-trained staff." Hearts & Wallets conducted its Wants & Pricing: What Inves-

tors Buy & Competitive Ratings study, of 5,000 US households to analyze attitudes and behaviors of investor life stages from age 21 through post-retirement age.

For more information

please contact Jordy McPeck, Edward Jones Branch Office Administrator or Ashlie Simonson, Financial Advisor at 304 E North Ave Suite #200 Stockton, IL 61085 or Tel: 815-947-6090 | Fax: 866-444-8067.

Millie Carton's quote of the week

People of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

Leonardo Da Vinci



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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

SPRINGFIELD — Are you satisfied with Illinois Government? Well you could pay 47% more for it. Wednesday night, the House Democrats launched a surprise attack on taxpayers, throwing a 500 page budget for a vote, giving us one hour to prepare for it. The Speaker of the House waived parliamentary procedure and pushed SB 2048 to a vote.

For the first time in Illinois history, the state would spend \$40 billion dollars in General Revenue Fund spending even though our state is expected to bring in \$33 billion dollars in revenue. That is \$7 billion more than what we expect to generate in revenue. It is unconscionable to double our debt next year. The taxpayers did not cause this problem. The legislature caused this problem and the legislature can solve it if only they choose to pass necessary reforms.

Sometimes you are left wondering what to believe when you see the figures used by both sides. For simplification's sake, let's boil things down in terms of a family budget. All we have to do is take off six little zeroes from each number to put things into perspective. Imagine that between you and your significant other you expect a take home pay of \$32,600 over the next twelve months. So, being the fiscally responsible couple that you and your significant other are, you sit down at the kitchen table to discuss finances and to create a

budget for the upcoming year. After a few hours of discussion you settle on budget: of the \$32,600 you bring in this year you will spend a meager \$40,000 —wait—that can't be right, can it? Oh that's right, you forgot to account for your \$125,000 mortgage and the \$15,000 you owe on the car. Don't sweat it, you have two kids. Why don't you just take out a line of credit on your children? Great idea! So, after moving some numbers around you finally have a responsible budget and all you had to do was saddle your kids with your debts.

Ok, so this is perhaps an unfair example, because I know that there is not a single family in the 89th District that is this irresponsible. But this example does highlight an important point: our deficits are not just an economic issue, but also a moral issue. Will we allow our state to accrue so much debt that it leaves our descendants to pick up our tab? By that point they will be faced with two choices: find a way to pay for our generation's debts or flee the state.

My colleagues and I have worked tirelessly, coming up with endless compromises and proposals. Not one of them was called to a vote on the House Floor. Speaker Madigan and the Democrats he controls have killed any reasonable, balanced budget proposal. They don't care if the budget is unbalanced, as long as they are doing

things the same way we have been doing them for the past 30 years.

Meanwhile, seniors who lost their meals on wheels, kids in poverty trying to get grants for college, and countless others have fallen between the cracks. Chicago Democrats who control the House and Senate need to take just one or two steps toward the middle. We must find a compromise. The Oxford Dictionary defines "compromise" as an agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions.

We are willing to make concessions. Are the Democrats? No. They would rather stomp their feet while they hold the college students and seniors hostage for political gain.

The two budget groups were starting to pull in the same direction and finally a budget feels closer than ever. The budget groups are bipartisan, rank-and-file legislators with good intentions. It is up to Speaker Madigan whether or not their proposals are called to a vote. If he continues this partisan political game, the blood of the people hurt by the impasse will be on his hands, not Republicans. If we fulfill Speaker Madigan's desires, you can expect an additional \$7 billion dollars in expenses without any money to pay for it. It will require that

we raise \$7 billion dollars in revenue. Revenue equals taxes in their eyes.

To balance a \$7 billion dollar deficit, the State would need a state income tax hike to at least 5.5%. My colleagues and I have said time and time again that everything is on the table; however we must make reforms to state government before we throw more money into state coffers.

This state has not done anything to reform its finances and does not deserve additional revenue. We want to end this financial turmoil that threatens the most vulnerable in our communities. It threatens the people who least can afford it. We want to work with the Democrats, but their Leadership does not want to work with us. They don't understand the meaning of compromise. Compromise is not doing whatever Speaker Madigan wants.

This month, we released hundreds of millions of dollars to higher education from an emergency fund. It was a considerable amount of money, but it doesn't fix the problem. It temporarily stopped the bleeding. Schools will exhaust all of that funding by the end of June.

Senator Manar's school funding bill passed the Senate this week and may get called to a vote in the next few days. As a reminder, this bill would

have a very negative impact on the schools in our district, with some losing a million dollars or more. You can't take from Paul to pay Peter. That's what this bill would do. I support more money for all school districts. No school should lose money, they should all gain money. We need to start funding our schools at 100% and making good on the promises that we made.

The Illinois General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn on Tuesday, May 31st. I hope I can report next week that miraculously both sides of the aisle came together and negotiated a balanced budget. Until then, I wish you and your family a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend as we pay tribute to our men and women who sacrificed their lives protecting our freedom while serving in the Armed Forces.

This week reminds me of the following quote by Herbert Hoover, "It is a paradox that every dictator has climbed to power on the ladder of free speech. Immediately upon retaining power each dictator has suppressed all free speech except his own."

As always, you can reach me or Sally at (815) 0232-0774 or e-mail us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbrianstewart.com or on Facebook.

Durbin presses homeland security secretary to address long lines at airport security stations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) released the following statement after speaking with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Jeh Johnson about massive delays at airport security lines in Chicago and across the country:

"As summer approaches, the number of people traveling

increases dramatically—that means long lines at airport security checkpoints. Protecting the safety of passengers remains priority number one, but poor planning and inadequate funding have led to huge lines and unreasonable delays at airports in Chicago and across the country. We need more security officers and more screening

lines open and running to bring down wait times, and Secretary Johnson assured me that DHS and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) are moving quickly to hire and train additional security officers. They will send 58 new security officers and four additional bomb-sniffing canine teams to O'Hare immediately. More travelers signing up for the TSA's Pre-Check program will also help shorten the regular security lines, and I pressed Secretary Johnson to improve and expedite the enrollment process for that program. Airlines must also encourage more travelers to check bags instead of hauling them through the main security lines, and I'll be calling on them to waive their checked baggage fees during these peak travel months.

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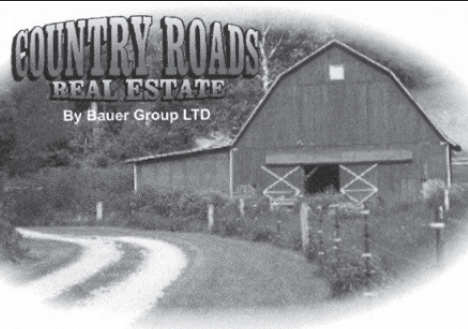
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Anthony "Tony" Ray Eldrenkamp

CLINTON, IA — Anthony "Tony" Ray Eldrenkamp, age 58, of Clinton, Iowa passed away at University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, on Monday, May 31, 2016.

Visitation was June 4 at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Savanna, Illinois. A graveside service was held June 4, at Evergreen Cemetery, Hanover.

A memorial fund has been established in Tony's memory.

Friends and family are invited to share in Tony's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Jean Shippee

MCCONNELL — Norma (Jean) Shippee, 86 of McConnell, passed away peacefully at home on May 10, 2016 after a long struggle with cancer.

She was born February 21, 1930 in Guide Rock, Nebraska to parents Emil and Ester (Linn) Shimmic.

After graduating from high school in Guide Rock, she went on to get her teaching certificate. She then taught school in a one-room school house for two years.

She married Willard Shippee of Lena on September 2, 1951.

She was a long-time employee of the Le-Win School District, starting at the McConnell Elementary School. She was a member of McConnell United Methodist Church since the 1960s. She loved her family more than anything, and got particular pleasure from watching her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in school activities, sports & music events. When she was no longer able to attend in person, she watched them on LWTv.

She is survived by: husband, Willard; children Pat (Rich) Daughenbaugh of McConnell, Pam Shippee of Huntington

Beach, CA, Rhonda Scheider of McConnell and Greg Shippee of Huntington Beach, CA; sisters Marie (Dee, deceased) Hulsebusch of Topeka, KS and Shirley (Rudy) Miller of Penn Valley, CA; grandchildren Jeremy (Kym) Daughenbaugh of Fox Lake, Brian Scheider of Florida, Jodi (Tim) Watter of Aurora and Stacey Scheider of Lena; great-grandchildren Taylor Dawson, Zach Watter, Ashley Watter and Trevor Dawson; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Elsie Shimmic, Alice Henry and Mae Queckboern; and several brothers-and sisters-in-law.

There will be no public funeral service.

Memorial funds have been established for the McConnell United Methodist Church and Carbone Cancer Center at UW Madison.

John F. Bussman

WARREN — John F. Bussman died in his home on June 3, 2016. He was born in Monroe, WI on November 26, 1924, the son of John Bussman of Lucerne, Switzerland and Elizabeth Ruegsegger, whose father, Fred was from Bern. He was the oldest of four children. He grew up on the Town-Line Cheese Factory and the Opie Factory in Lafayette County, WI. He attended West Wayne country school on Highway 11, South Wayne and Gratiot High Schools. He attended the UW-Madison School of Dairy in



1940-41.

His family moved to Warren in 1942 when his Father opened a cheese factory. He served in WWII from 1944-1946 in the South Pacific Islands. He was with the 77th Infantry Div. in the Battle of Okinawa. Following WWII, he was in the 11th Airborne Paratroopers in the occupation of Japan. He was awarded the Purple Heart and 3 Battle Stars.

He returned home in 1946, joining his father in the cheese business, and became a licensed pilot. He married Hazel Crowley of Steuben, WI on September 23, 1950. From 1951-1958, he farmed and in 1959 he went back into the cheese business with his father. He has made Swiss, American, Italian, Limburger & Apple Jack Cheeses. In 1982 he developed Apple Jack Cheese. He introduced the social hour at the Warren Cheese Factory. The community came to sample his Apple Jack and multiple award winning cheeses.

He was well known for his many cheese making demonstrations in schools, dairy breakfasts, Warren Sesquicentennial, Monroe Cheese Days for 40 yrs, and at the National Mall by Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC (1998).

He received numerous cheese awards and blue ribbons including the 1984 Best of Class World Championship String Cheese Award, Illinois State Governors' Award, 1994 Monroe Cheese Days Big Cheese Award. He was the former Director & Vice President of WI Cheesemakers Association, 1996 Monroe Cheese Days Parade Marshall, Monroe Cheese Days Wrestling Champion in 1950 and 1955. In

1993, he was on the steering committee to organize the Historic Cheese Making Center and served as its President for 15 years. He was an active Charter member & former president of Tri-State Tourism; instrumental in forming the Warren Chamber of Commerce as well as past president. From 1970-1976, he wrote the Wickler-Copeland Post-Report by "Your Buddy", a weekly column in the Sentinel Leader. He initiated putting up America flags in downtown Warren for various holidays.

He was named Warrens first Citizen of the year and the first Parade Marshall of Pumpkin Festival Parade; Served as Director for Galena Chamber of Commerce; Past Commander of Warren American Legion, and Gratiot VFW; volunteer fireman for Warren Fire Dept., a member of Warren Historical Society, and the Knights of Columbus. He taught CCD for 20 yrs at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Warren. In 1993, he was the first recipient of the Jo Daviess County DHIA (Friend of the Dairy Industry Award); and was honored as the 2001 Conservation Stewardship Award for Jo Daviess county. In 2006, he accepted the highest honor: The Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association Life Member Award. On May 16th, 2013, he received the first Tri-State Tourism "John Buss-

man Award" that will now be given annually for a business that has made a difference in the tourism industry.

He enjoyed hunting, downhill and water skiing, archeology, history, and socializing with friends.

He is survived by his seven children: John (Hans) of Warren, IL; Helen (Steve) Lethlean of LaCrosse, WI; Denise Bussman (Bob Wells) of Middleton, WI; Leila (Peter) Bussman-Yeakel of Mazeppa, MN; Gail (Kurt) Behrenfeld of Cortland, NY; Lisa (Tony) Johnston of Ballground, GA; Fritz (Jules) Bussman of Golden, CO. and 13 grandchildren: Chad and James (Jessica Hemmbd) Lethlean; Meagan, Adrienne, and Fritz Wells; John, Eric, Mark, and Lana Yeakel; Ashley and Kyle Behrenfeld; Colton and Nadia Johnston, one great grandchild Giovanni Lethlean and longtime friend and companion Glorene Stauffacher. On February 13, 1993, he was proceeded in death by his beloved wife Hazel. He was proceeded in death by infant daughter Rose Elizabeth, his parents and sisters Bernice Benkert, Elizabeth Dubach, and Helen Zeigle.

He will be remembered for his jokes, storytelling and Swiss yodeling. He was a kind and generous man who was a

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Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing announces winners for May daily drawing

STATELINE — Eight organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County (Northwest Illinois) formed a co-op fundraiser, the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing (NWILDD). Daily cash prizes are awarded for 366 days from October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016 to those owning a ticket. Tickets can win multiple times throughout the year.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Ath-

letic Boosters, Galena ARC, Galena Music Boosters, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association and Stockton Strong.

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29th . Sunday . \$50. Doug & Deb Gille, Stockton

30th . Monday . \$150. Todd Fransen, Pearl City

31st . Tuesday . \$25. Lucy Heller, Galena

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friend to all. He was a loving father, grandfather who taught us the importance of family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, June 11, at 11 a.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, Illinois. A visitation will be held on Friday, June 10 from 4-8 p.m. at St. Ann Church in Warren, Illinois. Burial will be in St. Ann Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his name.

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

John Ralph Hanson

SAVANNA — John Ralph Hanson, 90, of Savanna, died at Genesis East Hospital in Davenport, Iowa on Saturday, May 28, 2016. A graveside service was held June 3, at Evergreen Cemetery, Hanover, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established in John's memory. Family and friends are invited to share in John's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com

John was born December 21, 1925, in Elizabeth, Illinois, the son of Ralph Stanley and Lois Claire (Isbell) Hanson. He mar-

ried Anita Peschang on December 29, 1951, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hanover. She preceded him in death on November 29, 2014.

John grew up in Savanna, graduating from Savanna Township High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater during World War II as a medic and clerk typist. He also played trumpet in the military and in many dance bands, appearing on the BBC program "American Eagle in Britain", which was re-broadcast in the States.

After the war, he earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois and worked initially for General Electric in Philadelphia, Schenectady, and Pittsfield, where his three sons were born. He returned to Aurora, Illinois, in 1957, where his daughter was born. He later earned a degree in mechanical engineering from IIT in 1967.

John is survived by his children, David Hanson of Savanna, Donald (Beth) Hanson of North Aurora, Timothy (Sharon) Hanson of Oxford, Ohio, and Catherine (Leonard Bartkowiak) of Aurora; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Anita; and half-brothers, Robert and William Hanson.

Lawrence B. McPeck Sr

STOCKTON — Lawrence B. McPeck Sr., age 85 of Stockton, IL, passed away Friday, June 3, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL.

ANNIVERSARY

Daniel and Cynthia Bonnet to celebrate Fortieth Anniversary

LENA — Daniel and Cynthia Bonnet of 14760 E. Howardsville Rd., Lena, IL were married June 20, 1976 at Christ Lutheran Church, Stockton, IL. Their children are Jeffrey (Stephanie) Bonnet of Highlands Ranch, CO., Kristina (Kevin) Weaver and Deanna Bonnet all of Lena, IL. They have one grandson, Bayley Weaver of Lena, IL. A celebration is planned for a later date.

He was born on June 29, 1930 in Pleasant Valley Township to the late Bryan and Julia (Miller) McPeck. He graduated from Stockton High School and took several courses at Highland Community College.

Lawrence was a lifelong farmer and hauled milk. He was also a realtor/broker and had served on the board of Loran Mutual Insurance for over 20 years. He had served on the school board for 32 years and the township for 44 years. Lawrence was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. He loved to dance and loved (my) Bears.

He was a beloved father to Dee Scace of Pearl City, IL, Lawrence (Paula) McPeck Jr. of Stockton, Sylvia Paisley of Pecatonica, IL, Dawn Fernandez of Freeport, and Lori (Ed) Boettner of Freeport; he is also survived by his special friend/dance partner, Dorothy "Dottie" Bloyer of Freeport; 14 grandchildren and

REUNION

Jordan reunion scheduled for June 12

McCONNELL — "The annual Jordan reunion will be held Sunday, June 12, at the American Legion Hall in McConnell. The dinner will be comprised of famous Jordan dishes to pass. Beverages will be provided. Dinner starts at 12:30 p.m. In addition to food, people are asked to bring pictures to share and tell all family members of the event."

one step-grandchild; 35 great grandchildren and 6 step-great grandchildren; and siblings, Margaret (Bill) Donnelly, Eleanor DeNurse, Marie Glees, and Robert J. McPeck.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Bryan and Julia McPeck; two brothers; three brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; one son-in-law; and one granddaughter.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 9 a.m.

A memorial fund has been established.

BIRTHS

Liam Davis

FREEPORT — Mikaila Knoup and Timothy Davis of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son Liam Tyler-Patrick Davis born Saturday May 28, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Liam has a sister Aubree, 3. Grandparents are Patrick and Donna Brunner of Lena, Ill. and Marsha Knoup of Nampa, ID. Great grandparents are Ed and Linda Knoup of Freeport and Daniel Mauer of Bellevue, Iowa.

Evelyn Espinosa

SHANNON — Heather and Brian Espinosa of Shannon, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Evelyn Marie Espinosa born Thursday May 26, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Evelyn has two brothers Jaiden, 11 and Adrian, 10. Grandparents are Jeff Martz of Lanark, Ill., Pam Martz of Freeport, Ray and Tish Boland of Lena, Ill. and Santos Espinosa of Chicago, Ill. Great grandmother is Carol Martz of Shannon.



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Stephenson County Health Department celebrates 50 years of service

By Tony Carton
Editor

STEPHENSON COUNTY — At its inception the mission of the Stephenson County Health Department was to provide visiting nurse home health care visits for (mostly Medicare) patients in Stephenson County outside of the City of Freeport.

The department employed one full-time nurse and one full-time secretary, who were housed in the old courthouse. By April of 1967, one part-time nurse was added to cover for the vacation and sick leave of the full-time nurse. The part-time nurse's wages were \$2.50 per hour plus 10 cents per mile travel allowance. The annual budget was \$33,000.

"How times have changed," said Public Health Administrator Craig Beintema, MS, LEHP, CHPH. "It is an understatement to say that the Stephenson County Health Department has grown exponentially in the past 50 years. We now have about 40 employees, many more programs, one of which, ironically, is NOT home health care and an annual budget of over \$2,500,000. A conservative estimate is that more than 20,000 people a year walk through our doors both on Linden Street and at the Environmental Health office at the Highway Department, not to mention that we serve over 50,000 people in the county, as well as people who travel through the county through licensing and inspecting food service establishments."

He said in order to be certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health as a "Local Health Department," there are four core areas that must be provided: food safety, private water wells, private sewage disposal and communicable diseases. But, those basics are just the beginning for the Stephenson County Health Department.

The department's other programs include a federal food and nutrition program called WIC, which is designed for eligible Women, Infants, and Children and public Health Family Services that include Family Case Management, Healthy Families Illinois, AOK, APORS (a program for at-risk infants), and Doula (a program that provides birth coaches and other services to first-time teenaged parents.)

There are also Children's Dental Services that accept Medicaid for payment or provide services at reduced rates, Public Health Nursing Services, including STD testing,

TB skin tests, Family Planning, Immunizations, and the Community Health Screening Program, which offers inexpensive lab testing. Women's Health Services, including the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) that provides free mammograms and Pap tests to eligible women, and WISEWOMAN, a program open to current IBCCP clients to help them learn how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Community Health Education services are grant-generated, and have included smoking cessation and other tobacco-related programs, personal safety for kids, and Adolescent Health, which is designed to help reduce the teen pregnancy rate in Stephenson County. Emergency Preparedness and Response Program works in collaboration with other state, city, and county agencies to provide planning and response for all hazard disasters (natural or man-made) within the county. It includes community influenza surveillance, distribution of medication in the event of a bioterrorist attack or pandemic influenza, and training of community volunteer responders.

"And, in addition to programs involving food service, private water wells, and private septic systems, our Environmental Health Division investigates nuisance complaints, does West Nile Virus surveillance, provides Radon tests and education, inspects tanning and body art establishments, and has drop-off sites for small items like small thermostats, thermometers, etc. that have mercury," said Beintema. "The Affordable Care Act Program provides a Navigator who helps people enroll in health insurance, and we serve as the Registrar of Births and Deaths for Stephenson County, and provide certified copies of birth and death certificates for a fee."

He said he is especially proud of the Community Health Screening Program, which offers low-cost blood draw and other lab tests for anyone in the community, regardless of income.

"The cost benefit of the Community Health Screening Program cannot be understated," Beintema said. "Lab tests that cost literally hundreds of dollars at other facilities are done for a fraction of that cost here, with the same level of quality as at the larger health facilities."

So, where is the Stephenson County Health Department going? He said that will depend, in part, on forces the department is unable to control.

"We are at the mercy of the budget impasse in Springfield that has caused us to curtail some of our services and reduce some employee's hours because of lack of payment for nearly a year," Beintema said. "These same budget issues have decreased the number of grants available from the State, so it isn't easy to acquire new money. At the same time, the Stephenson County Board has its own financial woes, and so we can't count on the same financial assistance from them from one year to the next."

"All I can say for sure is that our mission of "Building a Healthy Community" has never been more important. You have my word as the Public Health Administrator of the Stephenson County Health Department, that we will endeavor to give you, the members of the public, the same high quality of services that you have come to expect," Beintema said.

Stephenson County Board of Health President Bobbie Yount addressed some of the changes faced by the department over its 50 years.

"Our county health department was mandated in 1966 by the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide visiting nurses to homes of Medicare and other house-bound patients, but by the 1970s, the mission of the Stephenson County Health Department included such things as administering Rubella vaccine to children in grades K through 3 throughout the county, providing Family Planning services, screening for Sickle Cell disease and providing dental education for students in third, fourth, and fifth grades

throughout the county."

She said they were also doing lead screening, vaccinating against polio, providing a free clinic for indigent patients with the help of volunteer doctors, starting a fledgling environmental health division, with sanitarians who handled nuisance complaints, and conducted private well and septic evaluations and starting a restaurant inspection program with 170 food service establishment in December of 1972.

"In 1976, the health department conducted Swine Flu immunization clinics, and in 1979, the state added licensing of county food establishments, and in 1981 the health department started screening people for STDs," Yount said.

Then in 1982 county public health faced a new set of challenges. The county TB Board was absorbed by the health department, as the incidence of TB had declined. The WIC Program was started, and there was an outbreak of Whooping Cough. When 1985 saw a sal-

monella outbreak of 45 cases caused by tainted milk sold by one of the grocery stores, and the health department stepped in to help people who tested positive with HIV and AIDS.

"Nowadays, the health department does many of those things, and more," Yount said. "The so-called "indigent clinic" has evolved into a joint FHN/SCHD Community Healthcare Clinic and we house children's dental services in cooperation with Park City Dental under the direction of Dr. Jason Grinter.

She said the department's Family Services now include not only WIC, but Family Case Management, AOK, Doula, and High-Risk Infant Services.

"We provide immunizations, flu vaccines and many more services," Yount said. "I am so pleased and so proud to have been associated with the Stephenson County Health Department for many years, and I look forward to the health department's future endeavors in "Building a Healthy Community."

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Apple-Plum Watershed Planning Committee schedules June meeting

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County Apple-Plum Watershed Planning Committee will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building (300 N. West Street) in Elizabeth on Wednesday, June 8. A review of the Water Resource Management Plan and Workbook for possible plan approval is the primary agenda item. All meetings are open to the public. Please direct questions to Beth Baranski (beth@bhms-arch.com, 563/580-6192).

Illinois Patriot Guard Traveling Memorial Wall to appear at Lena Sons of The American Legion Benefit

LENA — The Lena Sons of The American Legion will host their tenth annual Fun Run on Saturday, June 18 starting and ending at Coach's Golf and Grill located at 621 West Main Street (Stagecoach Trail) in Lena. Signup will start at 9 a.m. and all modes of transportation are invited. The run will travel 148 miles through NW Illinois and SW Wisconsin with stops at

various sponsors. The cost for the run is \$20 per person and includes a pulled pork sandwich meal upon return and chances at more the \$3500 in gifts and prizes. That evening there will be live entertainment on the patio deck by Luann, Michelle, and Whoever Shows Up from 5:30 to 9:30.

During the day the Illinois Traveling Memorial Wall will be on display at

Coach's Golf and Grill. Sponsored by the Illinois Patriot Guard, this wall honors those men and women of Illinois who have fought and died for our country since the inception of the Gulf War. This memorial will be available for viewing from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and is free of charge. Donations are welcome and memorial souvenirs will be available for sale.

Friends of Lena Lions Club Scholarship nominations now being accepted

LENA — Do you know of a Lena-Winslow High School senior that may not have had an easy time in school for one reason or other, but has perse-

vered and now is ready to begin the next step in their life by graduation and continuing their education? Is so, we would like you to consider nominating that

student for the Friends of Lena Lions Club Scholarship. Tell us their story and why they are being nominated. There will be one scholarship awarded to a graduating boy and one scholarship to a graduating girl. Each is \$1500 per year for two years of college (\$3K maximum award potential for each student.) Eligible expenses include tuition, room, board, books, fees and spending money.

For second year eligibility, the scholarship recipient must

maintain a C or better average and successfully complete sufficient courses to achieve sophomore status after one year. If the student fails to qualify for second year funding, the Selection Committee of the Lions Club shall award the remaining \$1500 to another worthy student of the school district.

Application is in the form of a nomination letter and may be sent to:

School Counselor
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401 Front Street
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Please designate the letter as Friends of Lena Lions Scholarship Nomination

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

AROUND THE NORTHERN HILLS

By Annette McLane
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau
Manager

JO DAVIESS COUNTY-Cover Crop Field Day Scheduled for June 13. The field day to be held at Greg Thoren's test plot will be held June 13 at 4 p.m. The plot is at the first field south of Stockton on Highway 78. Come out and learn more about what is happening in this plot and some of the benefits of cover

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Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members.... If you plan to attend the Farm Bureau/COUNTRY Financial/Stephenson Service Company appreciation picnic remember that RSVP's are due to our office by JUNE 8th. For full details, see the postcard invitation that you received in the mail.

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Miles are normalized based on number of students to help ensure that all schools have an equal chance to win. First prize for each category is \$2000, second prize is \$1000, and third prize is \$500! Prize money will be awarded in September.

Competition begins Sunday, May 29 and runs through Sunday, August 28. Participants (must be age 12 and above) can support any school system, and running totals will always be on the website as well as reported through the media.

Questions? Contact FHN marketing toll-free at 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 901. Register today at www.fhn.org/milesandminutes and help your school while you enjoy a summer of healthy competition!

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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on June 12, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message, sermon and music along with Tena Rackow on the Piano. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship.

Following fellowship Good Shepherd invites all to a Church Cookout Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Grill out/Potluck Picnic - Please bring a picnic dish to share. (Meat will be provided and grilled by the Men's Group.)

On Monday June 13, the Parkinson Support Group will meet at Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Jennifer Reusch, Pharmacist from FHN topic "How to Manage Them".

On Tuesday June 14 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 June 15 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!

St. John's Lutheran Church

PEARL CITY — You're invited to worship at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City on Sunday, June 12. The service will be led by Pastor Tom Ekstrand. The Property Committee, Memorial and Finance Committees and the Helping Hands Committee will all meet after worship. Members of the council will be available at Coffee with Council during the fellowship hour. The Spots (5-6th grades) will be meet at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 12. Scrip orders are due on June 12 also.

The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on June 12 followed by the Genesis (High School) youth group at 7:30 p.m.

It's time for the Pearl City Brat and Hot Dog stand adjacent from the Pearl City Post Office. The brat stand will be open on June 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A brat or hot dog meal with chips and drink will be \$4.50. Brat sandwich only will be \$3 and a hot dog only will be \$2.50. The Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H Club will have their June is Dairy Month promotion during the Brat Stand hours on June 11. Come and enjoy a scoop of ice cream with your brat or hot dog!

The June Grace Meal will be hosted on June 19th at Noon in Luther Hall. The menu will be Sullivan's Chicken, baked beans, Mrs. Mike's Chips, applesauce, cookie and ice cream and beverage.

The Women's Gathering will host a bible study on Tuesday, July 21 at 9 a.m. in Luther Hall. At 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the same day, they will have a Sit n' Sew in Luther Hall also. Bring a project to work on or there will projects provided. Bring a sack lunch (beverage provided).

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

KENT/WILLOW — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC on Sunday June 12, Pastor Brenda Morris will be bringing the message and all are invited and welcome. Communion will be offered to all who wish to partake. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible; making for interesting learning. All are invited and welcome to this time too.

Willow UMC is located about 17 miles SE of Stockton IL on Willow Road. For more information, please call 815-601-6742.

St John's to host Ice Cream Social

ELIZABETH — St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Massbach, 8315 S. Massbach Road, will hold an ice cream social from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 16.

The menu will include: Italian beef, barbecue, hot dogs, potato salad, German potato salad, Calico beans, chips, seven-layer cottage cheese Jell-O salad, lemonade, coffee, homemade pies, cakes and ice cream.

Proceeds are to be donated

to the Stockton Fire Department and to fifteen-month-old Austin Nack, son of Ted and Stephania Nack of Galena. Austin has Central Core Disease, a muscle disorder and after many visits to doctors in Madison and an extended therapy program is preparing for his first set of leg braces. Plans are underway for a future hip surgery.

The Stockton Fire Department is working to recover from a devastating fire at its base station in Stockton. A number of emergency vehicles

need replacement, equipment is destroyed and the department may need a new building depending on estimated costs. The department has been up and running since the night of the fire, but is operating with borrowed equipment and is in need of additional funding.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church is handicap accessible, air condition and carry outs are available. Everyone is welcome.

Items will be individually priced. For information please call (815) 947-3316.


Calvary UMC to honor retiring Stockton Police Chief

STOCKTON — On Sunday, June 12, Calvary Church will be honoring Stockton Police Chief LaDon Trost, who is retiring. This will take place during the service which begins at 10 a.m. A reception will be held following in fellowship hall. The community is invited to attend.

Calvary hosts Movie Night

STOCKTON — Calvary Church in Stockton will be hosting family movie night on Sunday nights starting Sunday, June 12, at 6 p.m. The movies are free to attend and open to the public. A selection of recent movies has been lined up and a church video

license purchased. Please feel free to come and to invite your friends and neighbors. Each week we will have posted in our church the movie of the week. Calvary Church is just south of the middle school at the corner of Rush and Maple Streets.



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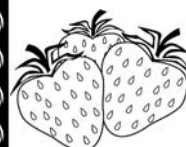


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The real cause of GERD (it's not acid reflux)

By Dr. Josh Axe

STATELINE — The root cause of GERD, also known as gastroesophageal reflux disease, is likely not the acid reflux we've all come to blame over the last 80 years. In a small but important new study, researchers found that inflammation is the actual culprit behind so much digestive distress.

While this finding is huge, maybe we shouldn't be all that surprised. After all, inflammation is at the root of most diseases. The Real Cause of GERD

GERD is an extremely common disorder of the esophagus that affects 20 percent of adult Americans. In severe cases, it can lead to bleeding ulcers in the esophagus, and it can be associated with a dangerous condition called Barrett's esophagus, which can lead to esophageal cancer.

For decades, researchers and doctors believed stomach acid traveled north to cause chemical burns in the esophagus, but the new finding suggests the damage in GERD patients actually occurs through an inflammatory response prompted by

the secretion of proteins called cytokines.

In the study, scientists found that when treatment with proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) stopped, most patients developed changes in the esophagus that led to inflammation — not chemical burns you'd expect to immediately see from low stomach acid.

(1) Dangers of Standard GERD Treatments. GERD, if left untreated, can lead to serious health problems like Barrett's esophagus, an increased risk of esophageal cancer, worsening asthma, ulcers in the esophagus and scarring. Still, there are ways to curb acid reflux symptoms without resorting to drugs.

(2) Although authors of the latest study say patients should still use acid-suppressing medications for the near future, until new drugs focus on inflammation instead of holding back acid, it's important to note that standard treatment with proton pump inhibitors doesn't come without risks. For instance, Mayo Clinic researchers found that chronic use of PPIs disrupt a

person's microbiome, increasing the risk of serious infections like *Clostridium difficile*.

(3) A 2013 study published in the journal *Circulation* found PPIs could actually increase the risk of cardiovascular disease over time, including a weakened heart and high blood pressure. That's because PPIs seem to constrict blood vessels.

(4) Pharmacist and author Suzy Cohen, RPh, warns that PPIs increase the pH in your stomach, blocking some of your body's natural ability to absorb key nutrients. Magnesium and B vitamins are often a target of "drug mugging" GERD drugs.

(5) Natural Ways to Deal With GERD

1. Eliminate Foods that Fuel Inflammation What researchers believe is that an overactive immune system results in the body being flooded with defense cells and hormones that damage tissues. Dietary and environmental toxins may build up in the body, turning the immune system on and keeping it highly reactive.

Foods that promote inflammation are:

- Corn and soybean oils
- Pasteurized dairy
- Refined carbohydrates
- Conventional meat
- Sugars
- Trans fats

2. Consume Foods that Fight Inflammation

To help ease inflammation in your body, adopt a diet rich in anti-inflammatory foods. Some inflammation-easing superstars include:

Announcing the return of the Highland Farmers Market

FREEPORT — The fifth season of the Highland Farmers Market will begin on Wednesday, June 1. The market will be held every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. at Highland Community College in parking lot C (near the YMCA).

The farmers at the market offer a variety of fresh, local produce. In addition to produce there will also be beef, lamb, pork, jams, jellies, bread and other baked goods. All products are locally grown or locally produced by local farmers. For more information about the Highland Farmers Market call the University of Illinois Extension call (815) 235-4125.

- Green leafy vegetables
- Beets
- Blueberries
- Wild-caught salmon
- Bone broth

Final Thoughts on the Potential New Cause of GERD

Adopting diet and lifestyle changes such as eating anti-inflammatory foods and quitting smoking can go a long way in easing GERD symptoms.

You may want to also get tested to make sure an *H. pylori* infection isn't triggering your symptoms.

Luckily, many people have success treating GERD through a healthier diet. Be sure to avoid inflammatory foods and adopt a diet rich in inflammation-quelling foods to see if natural treatments work for you.

One method of treatment that is often overlooked is the nervous system approach to how the normal body works. Without a properly functioning nervous system no amount of good healthy food will make enough of a difference, if your spine and nervous system are not functioning properly. A thorough evaluation of your

spine and posture will reveal if there are any spinal abnormalities that could be blocking the normal transmission of nerve energy from the brain to the body, in this case the stomach.

Although PPI drugs do work well for people with GERD, they do come with potential side effects, including an increased risk of heart disease and digestive infections.

1 <http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2521970>

2 <https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/000265.htm>

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Dr. Josh Axe is on a mission to provide you and your family with the highest quality nutrition tips and healthy recipes in the world. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/1U7k8x1> to get VIP access to his eBooks and valuable weekly health tips for free!

Senior Resource Center to provide help with tax freeze and discount license

STOCKTON — The Senior Resource Center will be doing tax freeze and discount license stickers in Jo Daviess County on Tuesday, June 28 from 9:30 to 4. Held at the Volunteer Hospice of Northwest

Illinois, 105 S Main St, Stockton, Appointment required. Must meet qualifications. Please call (915) 235-9777 x 221 to make an appointment. Medicaid and Medicare questions also welcome.

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National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees to hold June meeting

STATELINE — The National Assoc. of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter #604 will hold its monthly luncheon and meeting on June 16, at noon at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL.

Kate Brondyke of the Riv-

erview Center will present the program. All active & retired federal employees, spouses and spousal survivors are cordially invited to attend. Those not on the permanent list, please call (815) 273-2184 by June 14 to make a reservation.

Jo Daviess County Immunization Clinic scheduled for June 28

GALENA — The Jo Daviess County Health Department is scheduling its monthly Immunization Clinic for Tuesday, June 28 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Please call 815-777-0263 or toll free 1-877-777-0263 call for an appointment.

There is a charge of \$13 per clinic visit per client that covers RN review of immunization records, assessment of client's health prior to vaccination, education on individual vaccinations, answering of questions and official documentation of vaccines received. In addition a \$7 fee per vaccine is charged.

Provides vaccines for children and adults who meet the eligibility requirements through the

Vaccines for Children (VFC) or Vaccine for Adults (VFA) Programs. These immunizations are given at scheduled monthly clinics or by appointment.

If a parent is unable to accompany a child, the parent must complete a parental consent form for immunizations. The form can be found at the website: www.jodaviess.org. Print and complete the form and bring the form with the child. Parents may also stop at the Health Department in advance of the appointment and fill out the necessary forms. Previous immunization records must be presented to clinic personnel for verification or child will be rescheduled for a later date.

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — What a beautiful Saturday once again. The weather held out for Taste of Lena, and it seemed as if a good time was had by all. The weatherman says we are in for some cooler weather this next week. I hoped to start going to the pool for my Aquasize Class, so it probably will get cool! This week we will have some good summer recipes even if it won't be 80-degree weather.

The first recipe this week is for a great appetizer that is easy to make. I like the basil pesto that they have at Cub Foods; I often will add it to cooked pasta with a little parmesan cheese and then either sautéed chicken pieces or shrimp. The pesto is a quick way to dress up pasta. This recipe uses the pesto to make appetizer pinwheels. I love the Pillsbury Crescent roll mix that is seamless. You don't have to unroll and push the perforations together. You just roll it out and put the ingredients on it. This easy recipe is a good one to save for anytime you need a quick and delicious appetizer.

Cheesy-Pesto Pinwheels

¼ C. refrigerated basil pesto
1 pkg. seamless dough sheet (Pillsbury Crescent)
½ C. shredded Italian cheese mix

Preheat the oven according to the dough package directions. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Spread pesto on flattened dough, and then sprinkle with cheese.

Roll the dough jelly roll style and cut into eight pieces. Arrange pinwheels on prepared baking sheet.

Bake the pinwheels according to the package directions until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

This next recipe is for a modern day Reuben sandwich; if you make it with turkey instead of corned beef, it is called a Rachel sandwich. Try this great sandwich as an alternative to corned beef. The

roasted turkey with the coleslaw is an easy way to have a unique sandwich.

Grilled Rachel Sandwiches

2 C. coleslaw blend
¼ C. Thousand Island dressing
4 t. Apple Cider vinegar
8 Slim Cut Swiss Cheese slices
4 English muffins split
16 slices Deli Thin sliced roasted turkey breast

Combine the coleslaw, Thousand Island dressing, and vinegar in a bowl. Place 1 cheese slice on the bottom half of each of the muffins and top with turkey, coleslaw and remaining cheese slices. Cover with remaining muffin halves.

Cook in skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat 3-4 minutes on each side or until cheese is melted and sandwiches are golden brown on both sides.

Need an easy dinner recipe? I have had several Mexican dishes in the column, and this one is easy and tasty as well. Enchilada sauce is easy to find in any Mexican section of the grocery store. If you want to give it a little kick, use the Pepper Jack cheese.

Skillet Beef Enchiladas

2 T. oil
12 corn tortillas, halved and cut crosswise into 10-inch wide strips
1 lb. ground beef
1 onion, chopped fine
½ t. salt
1 can (15 oz.) enchilada sauce

1½ C. Colby Jack cheese, shredded or Pepper Jack cheese
1 can (2.25 oz.) sliced black olives, drained
3 green onions, sliced thin
Sour cream

Heat the oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat until simmering. Add tortilla strips and fry until spotty brown, about 7 minutes; trans-

fer to a paper-towel lined plate.

Cook the beef, onion, and salt in the skillet over medium high heat, breaking up the meat until browned, about 6 minutes. Reduce heat to medium and stir in enchilada sauce and 2 cups of the tortilla strips. Simmer until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup of tortilla strips, cheese, olives and green onions over the top. Reduce the heat to low and cook until cheese is melted, about 3 minutes. Serve with sour cream.

This next dessert makes use of some shortcuts by using prepared lady fingers. It is an interesting cheesecake flavor with the lady fingers. The crust is made of shortbread cookies (like a Lorna Doone). Hopefully you will enjoy this unique cheesecake.

Fresh Strawberry Shortcake Cheesecake

24 square shortbread cookies, finely chopped (1½ C.)
3 T. butter, melted
4 C. strawberries, divided
¾ C. plus 2 T. sugar, divided
4 pkg. cream cheese (8 oz. each) softened and divided
5 drops red food coloring
3 eggs
1 t. vanilla
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed

13 soft ladyfingers, split, halved crosswise
Preheat the oven to 350. Combine the cookie crumbs and butter; press onto bottom of a 9-inch spring form pan. Bake 8 minutes and cool.

Blend 2 cups of strawberries and 1 tablespoon sugar in blender until smooth (there should be about 1 cup of strawberry puree).

Beat 3 packages of cream cheese and ½ cup of the remaining sugar in a large mixing bowl until well blended. Add the strawberry puree and food coloring; mix well. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing

on low speed after each just until blended. Pour over crust.

Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until the center is almost set. Run a knife around the rim of the pan to loosen the cheesecake; cool the cheesecake completely.

Beat the remaining cream cheese, ¼ cup of the remaining sugar and vanilla in large bowl with mixer until blended. Gently stir in Cool Whip. Reserve 2/3 cup of the cream cheese mixture; spread remaining over the top of the cheesecake. Refrigerate the cheesecake and reserved cream cheese mixture (separately) for 4 hours.

Remove the rim of the pan just before serving the cheesecake. Spread the reserved cream cheese mixture around the side of the cheesecake. Press the ladyfinger halves, flat sides down and rounded sides out, into the cream cheese mixture. Slice remaining strawberries and toss with remaining sugar. Spoon over the cheesecake.

Another strawberry recipe makes great and moist bread. You can make this bread up to five days ahead of time, and it still tastes as if you made it yesterday.

Strawberry Bread

1 lb. fresh strawberries, sliced (2 2/3 cups)
2 C. sugar
3 C. plus 2 tablespoons flour
1 T. cinnamon
1 t. baking soda
1 t. salt
4 eggs
1¼ C. oil

1¼ C. chopped pecans

Preheat the oven to 350. Butter and flour two 9 x 5 inch loaf pans. Put strawberries in a bowl and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon sugar. Toss to coat.

Stir together the flour, remaining sugar, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Whisk eggs in another bowl, then stir in oil and pour over strawberries. Fold strawberry mixture into the flour mixture until dry ingredients are just moistened. Fold in pecans. Divide batter between prepared pans, about 3 cups per pan.

Bake until toothpicks inserted in centers come out clean; 45 to 55 minutes. Remove loaves from pans and allow to cool completely, about 1½ hours. Wrap bread well and keep at room temperature until serving.

Still have my grape tomato plant that needs to be put in the ground. I always hope for a shower or two so that I don't have to carry water. I think I am getting lazy in my old age. We have a whole week of June under our belts now, and summer is racing. There are lots of things to look forward to be doing. If your strawberries are starting to ripen, let us know how you best like to fix them.

If you have any spring or early summer recipes to share, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

Warren Township Public Library announces yearbook search

WARREN — The Warren Township Public Library needs your help. We are working to complete our collection of Warren High School Yearbooks. With your generous donation, we hope to have a full collection of yearbooks spanning more than fifty years. We are seeking the following years only:

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It's never too late

David Marcure of Stockton and Jim Breed of Elizabeth competed in the Quad Cities Senior Olympics on Saturday, June 4 and medaled in a combined total of 12 events.



Richard Montgomery photo

A show of appreciation

Freeport Lions Club member, Sandra Janicke, presents a check for \$600 to Voices Book Nook supervisor, Diane Leverton, and director, Sue Swanson, on June 2, in appreciation for all Voices does for the women and children of our community.

Pink Heals fire trucks to visit Freeport

STEPHENSON COUNTY — Freeport will be hosting the iconic pink fire trucks on the grounds of Fairway Ford on Saturday, June 18. PINK HEALS Freeport 2016 will begin with a motorcycle escort for the pink fire trucks from Winnebago corners around 8 a.m. stopping at the Stephenson County Visitor's center for a quick rest, then to Heritage Woods of Freeport, a home visit then to Fairway Ford for

the Touch a Truck and Freeport Ford's customer appreciation event from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Our next visit will be at Bargain Village from around 3:15 to around 4:15 p.m. Then to This Is It Eatery to around 5:15 then to Ciminis.

Come and support our community that is suffering from cancer. You can permanently write a message to your loved on one of the pink fire trucks or the pink police car. The event

at Fairway Ford will include different vehicles, such as an 18-wheeler, fire trucks, the can crusher, vehicles from the Stephenson County Sheriff's Department, command center, the Bomb Squad and more. There will be vendors, wellness booths, therapy dogs, a "KidTopia" area for kids, food, music, silent auction, 50/50, balloon release and much more. Support our community and help those who are battling any color of cancer. 100% of monies raise stay in our community. For more information, call (815) 541-5484 or pinkheals_freeport@yahoo.com.

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Jillien Witt, a Freeport Middle School eighth grade student, submitted this logo in honor of two of her loved ones. Her grandfather, Bob Stewart, passed away on August 19, 2015, from cancer and her best friend's (Chrissy Hartog) mother Melissa "Missy" Wurster passed away from cancer in August of 2014. Jillien was with the Wurster family when the Pink Heals crew came to visit her shortly before her passing.

Changes to student financial aid policy created 'flawed,' debt-based system

Information compiled
by Tony Carton
Editor

CHAMPAIGN — A series of modifications to federal student financial aid policy have eroded perceptions of higher education as a public good in the U.S., creating a "flawed" financial aid system that promotes both personal debt and tuition increases, a new study suggests.

Daniel A. Collier and co-author Richard Herman, both of the University of Illinois, trace current problems in higher education affordability and financing to several public policy decisions that shifted the costs of paying for college from public coffers to students. This trend toward privatization triggered the surge in student loans and enabled state colleges to repeatedly raise tuition as their state funding shrank.

Subsequent modifications to the Federal Higher Education Act of 1965 contradict the law's intent — that a college-educated workforce is a social good and sound investment for government, the researchers conclude in their paper, published in a special issue of the journal Higher Education in Review.

The linchpin of the HEA was the federal loan guarantee, which, along with the wide availability of grants and scholarships, made college affordable for masses of Americans and also made student loans secure investments for private lenders. Almost immediately after the law was enacted, however, federal officials began phasing out

the grants and scholarships in favor of loan-heavy aid packages, the researchers wrote.

This shift from public support for higher education to privatization was instrumental in shifting perceptions of higher education from that of a societal benefit to a personal good, ushering in further systemic changes that shifted college costs to students, increasing their reliance on debt to fund their educations, Collier said.

Collier is a recent alumnus of the doctoral program in education policy, organization and leadership, and Herman is a retired faculty member in the department.

These reforms included revisions to the methodology for calculating families' expected contribution that increased the amounts families were expected to pay.

As students became more dependent on borrowing, the federal government introduced unsubsidized loans, which shifted interest costs for student loans from the government to borrowers. Unsubsidized loans quickly became the norm in student aid, generating millions of dollars in revenue for the U.S. Treasury, according to the study.

However, with interest rates that are higher than the rate of inflation and repayment obligations that can stretch for decades, calling unsubsidized loans "financial aid" is akin to calling a mortgage "housing aid," Collier said.

This cost shifting at the federal level was paralleled in state legislatures across the nation as lawmakers systematically slashed appropriations for public colleges and universities, triggering record-level tuition increases, according to the study.

Federal officials most recently overhauled the student aid program with the passage of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009-10. The law ended government guarantees to private lenders, transitioned the Perkins Loan to the Direct Loan and established the federal government as the lender, collector and guarantor for a greater share of educational loans, the researchers wrote.

The new law — which, according to Collier, "has more positives than negatives" — gave the federal government greater autonomy to create new repayment options, including several types of income-based repayment plans.

"Income-contingent repayment plans are wildly underutilized, with only about 1.5 million borrowers enrolled in them in 2012," Collier said. "Many of these people were only enrolled in these plans after they defaulted and their finances were ruined. Borrowers were generally unaware of their options and were steered into standard repayment plans that didn't help them manage and retire their debt quickly."

With more than 40 million borrowers carrying student loan debt, and their total amount owed soaring past \$1 trillion, educational loans are becoming increasingly problematic

for individual borrowers and the nation's economy. Collier and Herman suggested that Congress consider a number of reforms to help people better manage their debt, including making income-based repayment plans the standard payment option, curtailing unsubsidized loans and providing more grants and scholarships.

The researchers also advocate restructuring bankruptcy regulations to specify particular circumstances in which student loans could be discharged in the same manner as other personal debts.

Congress could fund these initiatives by reallocating to higher education the \$100 billion in direct subsidies currently provided to corporations, the researchers suggested.

Although Collier and Herman agree this particular funding strategy is radical and unlikely to be considered by lawmakers,

Collier said the solution is a just one because industry drives societal demand for college-educated workers and profits from their expertise.

Plans for tuition-free higher education promoted by President Obama and Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, and the growing political influence of the "Indentured Generations" — the young adults who carry a significant proportion of the nation's student-loan debt — may increase pressure on Congress to address college affordability and student loan issues through reforms to the student aid system, Collier said.

The paper "Modifying the Federal Loan Guarantee Provision in the Higher Education Act of 1965: An Overview of Federal Loan Policies that have Transitioned Higher Education from the Social Good" is available at: <http://bit.ly/1sLz89k>

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Ag and Natural Resources Scholarship availability announced

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

in conservation. Those chosen to receive the award will be awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be residents of Stephenson County and be enrolled in an agriculture or related degree program with an emphasis in conservation. Applicants must be accepted at their chosen college or uni-

versity and be a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

The R.C. Miller Scholarship was established by Miller, a life time Stephenson County resident and ardent supporter of agriculture, natural resources and conservation. Miller, who died in 2007, left a legacy in the community

for his support of a variety of programs and efforts, especially youth and conservation causes.

To receive an application, please call the U of I Extension-Stephenson County at 815-235-4125. Completed applications are due by June 24, 2016 to the U of I Extension Office-Stephenson Coun-

ty, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport. If requested, the application can be emailed to applicants for completion.

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

Township Officials of Illinois award 2016 William Ahrends Scholarship

STOCKTON — Drew Groezinger, of Wards Grove Township (Jo Daviess County) was recently awarded the William Ahrends Scholarship by the Township Officials of Illi-

nois (TOI).

Groezinger is one of seven graduating high school seniors chosen to receive a scholarship from TOI this year, selected by a committee out of 88 appli-

cants. TOI is a statewide association that provides education and legislative representation for more than 11,000 township officials throughout the state.

The committee's selection

was based on many factors, including scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, and an essay written on The Role of Township Government in Today's Society

and in the Future.

A 2016 graduate of Stockton High School, Groezinger plans to attend Highland College in Freeport, Illinois. His high school activities include serving as Class Vice President, Student Council Treasurer, Speech Team, Yearbook Committee, President of National Honor Society, 4-H Club, HCC Servant Leadership, American Legion Boy State member, FFA, and the Boy Scouts where he earned the Eagle Scout rank with Bronze, Silver, and Gold Palm merit awards. Groezinger has been an active volunteer serving several organizations including Illinois Ag Legislative, Special Olympics, and his local food pantry.

University of Illinois Extension to host MakerGirl Workshops

PEARL CITY — University of Illinois Extension has invited MakerGirl to come to northwest Illinois on June 20 to introduce rural girls to 3D printing technology.

MakerGirl is an exciting and innovative program led by female engineering students from the University of Illinois, designed to foster creativity, spark enthusiasm, and ignite passions for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in young, rural girls. These college students are taking MakerGirl on a nation-wide tour this summer and Pearl City is one of their first stops! Girls ages 7 to 11 are invited to

sign up to participate in a 90-minute session which will introduce them to design thinking and 3D printing. The girls will use online-based software to transform their ideas into a 3D design, a process that strengthens their creative and spatial reasoning abilities. Before the session ends, their design is then brought to life using 3D printers!

The June 20, offering of MakerGirl will have four sessions to choose from (each session contains the same information): Session 1: 8:30 to 10 a.m., Session 2: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Session

3: 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., and Session 4: 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. All sessions will be held at Pearl City School, 100 S. Summit Street, Pearl City.

Pre-registration is required to attend MakerGirl. Registration can be completed by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or online at <https://web.extesnion.illinois.edu/jsw>. Registration cost is \$20. There are limited scholarships available by contacting the Extension office. MakerGirl is sponsored by the University of Illinois, University of Illinois Extension and Pearl City School.

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June 21	5:30 – 7:30 pm	Tri-County Christian School – 2900 W. Loras Drive, Freeport – Tri-County Christian	No appt. needed
June 22	7 am – noon	FHN Family Healthcare Center – Forrester – 803 First Avenue, Forrester – Forrester	815-938-3130
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July 15	1 – 4 pm	FHN Family Healthcare Center – Forrester – 803 First Avenue, Forrester – Forrester	815-938-3130
July 26	5:30 – 7 pm	FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills – 1010 W. Fairway Drive, Freeport – Freeport	No appt. needed
August 1	1 – 5 pm	FHN Family Healthcare Center – Pecatonica – 1301 S. Main Street, Pecatonica – Pecatonica	815-239-1400
August 4	2 – 5 pm	FHN Family Healthcare Center – Stockton – 725 N. Pearl Street, Stockton – Stockton	815-947-3211
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Jo Daviess County Sheriff Kevin Turner presents Taylor Brown, daughter of David and Dena Brown of Elizabeth, with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Award

Taylor Brown announced Illinois Sheriffs' Association 2016-17 scholarship winner

ELIZABETH — On Friday, May 13, Jo Daviess County Sheriff Kevin Turner presented Taylor Brown, daughter of David and Dena Brown of Elizabeth, with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Award for 2016 - 2017. This scholarship has been awarded to Taylor for demonstrating outstanding scholastic, extra-curricular, and character qualities.

The ISA awarded 105 Scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to

pursue higher education during the 2016 - 2017 academic year. Taylor's application was selected by a committee of distinguished educators. This selection process was very challenging, since many other fine students in the county had also submitted applications.

Taylor is a 2016 graduate of River Ridge High School in Hanover. Taylor plans to apply her scholarship towards her education majoring in Veterinary Services.

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Letting

The Jo Daviess County Highway Department will be accepting bids for the construction of a corrugated metal pipe arch culvert with cast in place, reinforced concrete end sections, and approach roadway improvements. The culvert is located 5 miles southwest of Stockton, IL on Cahill Road in Pleasant Valley Township. Bids will be accepted at the county highway office in Hanover, IL until 10:00 a.m. on June 23, 2016 and publicly opened and read at that time. Plans and specifications are available at the office of the Jo Daviess County Engineer, 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 3, Hanover, IL 61041. This bid requires that the successful contractor comply with all statutes, both Federal and State, governing the payment of wages to employees. The Jo Daviess County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Lisa Hackney inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA — Lisa Hackney of Lena, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Hackney was initiated at Northern Illinois University.

Hackney is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni

who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society.

Savannah Uding graduates from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

WINONA, MN — Savannah Uding, daughter of Bryon and Giselle Uding of Orangeville received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota on May 7 in Winona. Saint Mary's conferred 240 bachelor's degrees at its ninety-

first commencement exercises.

Founded in 1912 and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota enrolls 5,800 students at its residential undergraduate college in Winona and its Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs. Learn more at smumn.edu.

Iowa State University graduates two area students

AMES, IA — Mary Bonvillain of Stockton received her Master of Arts, English and Kirsten Mancosky of Lena received her Master of Science, Diet and Exercise At Iowa State University's spring commencement ceremonies.

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Dr. Netzel receives Max Fox Award recognizing 17 Years as a Preceptor

MONROE — Michael Netzel, MD, was recognized for his 17 years of dedication to nurturing the next generation of physicians as the director of the rural preceptorship at the Monroe Clinic. Netzel received the Max Fox award, which was given by the Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association and UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

Dr. Brian Crouse, Dr. Paul Hunter, and Dr. Robert Golden from the Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association presented Dr. Netzel with the award on May 23 at Turner Hall in Monroe, Wis. Since 1970, the association has presented the annual award to a Wis. physician who excels as a physician mentor.

“Dr. Netzel’s dedication to Monroe Clinic’s preceptor program has helped to develop the next generation of physicians,” Lori Rodefelf, Monroe Clinic Residency Coordinator. “Without his willingness to take the lead, medical students may not have had the opportunity to experience rural medicine.”

The Max Fox Award was founded in 1969 by Dr. Her-



Dr. Netzel receives Max Fox award on May 23, presented by Wisconsin Medical Alumni Association. Netzel pictured with fellow Monroe Clinic employees: Mary Fields, Susie Maveus, Suzanne Larson, Gerene Raymer, and Kristin Lueschow.

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man H. Shapiro, one of Dr. Fox’s preceptees, in honor of his mentor. Dr. Fox greatly influenced the careers of around 4,000 physicians in his 46 years of service. It was his

passion for teaching that made Dr. Fox such an influential preceptor at the University of Wisconsin (UW) for over 25 years. The Max Fox Award is

intended to honor those physicians who provide excellent service as a preceptor.

During year IV of the Medical Doctor program at the UW

School of Medicine and Public Health, students are required to participate in a preceptorship. During their preceptorship, students develop a greater value of patient and community healthcare through hands-on experience. Dr. Netzel mentors students on-site at Monroe Clinic, which allows for a smaller atmosphere focusing on personalized patient care. Monroe Clinic was one of the first sites of the rural preceptorship program started in 1949, and over 500 medical students have utilized the opportunity that Monroe Clinic provides.

For over 20 years, Dr. Netzel has specialized in Allergy, Asthma & Pulmonary Medicine, and Sleep Medicine at Monroe Clinic. He treats patients of all ages, focusing on both lower and upper respiratory issues. Netzel attended medical school and did his residency at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska.

“Dr. Netzel’s impact goes beyond educating future doctors, it extends to our patients and our community for generations to come,” said Rodefelf.

Former Lena Winslow student Dylan Gahm to graduate from West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y. — 2LT Dylan Gahm, son of Greg and Kathy Gahm of Lena, IL, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on Saturday, May 21.

Gahm graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 2012. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in Kinesiology. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Infantry. He will report to Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Benning, Georgia in September, and following graduation from the course will start Ranger School early next year. After completion of these two courses, Gahm will report to 2D Brigade, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY for his first assignment.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army.



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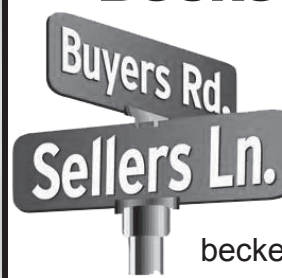
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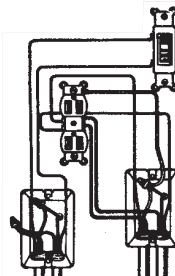
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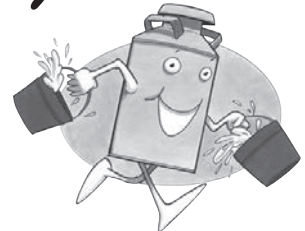
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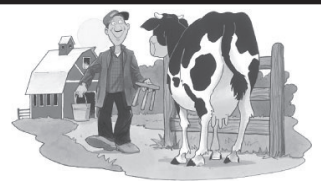
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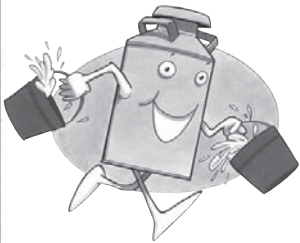


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The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Christine Seibert, Elgin, Angie Imlah, McHenry, Stacy McCormick, McHenry, Theresa Johnson, Cary, Jennifer Covert, Huntley, Chathia Johnson, Huntley, Dr. Rupal Upadhyay, M.D., Inverness, Sharon Kolb, Batavia, Jennifer Rio, Batavia, Jane Abernathy, Rockford, Debbie Bloomingdale, Belvidere, Christa McClain-Smith, Belvidere, Gabriela Nunez-Reagan, Poplar Grove, Danette Oszusick, Belvidere, Diana Ward, Belvidere, Yesenia Casas, Pingree Grove, Jody Jones, Sycamore, Liza Johnsen, Aurora, Ashly Stromberg, Aurora, Autumn Bruno, Geneva, Elaine Carter Haughan, Geneva, Gunther Lubben, Geneva, Paula Weissert, Geneva, Lise Wiseman, Hawthorn Woods, Aleshia Krupp, Byron, Angela Rankin, Davis Junction, Jennifer Shepeck, Byron, Amanda Spray, Stillman Valley, Jenny Tackett-Irwin, Algonquin, Andrea Cutler, Machesney Park, Amanda "Mandy" Guffey, South Beloit, Kendra Mackey, South Beloit, Donnan Tritten, Roscoe, Denise

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Charles, Kristine Fiskum, Spring Grove, Heather Justen, Spring Grove, Mary Lou Mares, Batavia, Molly Skeen, Sugar Grove, Jennifer Logsdon, Winnebago, Amy Newell, Winnebago, Kimberly Spaulding Shrader, Winnebago

First Presbyterian Church to host gospel music night

APPLE RIVER — Gospel Music Night will be held on Sunday, June 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Apple River.

Featured this month is The Broege Sisters (Gloria Bower and Glenda Linneman) The second portion of our evening is open to anyone, so bring your voices and instruments. A sing along closes the evening. For more information, please contact Terry and Nancy Ingram (815) 594-2592

ANTIQUES, HOUSEHOLD, TOOLS AND MISC. ITEMS AUCTION

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WEDNESDAY Evening, June 15, 2016 - 4:30 P.M.

ANTIQUES: oak dbl bed frame; primitive wood blanket box; walnut parlor chair; child's wicker & wood rockers; wicker fernery; steel wheeled decorative lawn cannon (made from PVC pipe); milk cans; tricycle; sled; 2-man & cross cut saws; vintage tools; cistern pump; shoe last; milk strainer; minnow bucket; sprinkling can; farm primitives; cheese wts; wood adv. crates; wood "Antiques" sign; sm primitive wood wagon "Jitney"; car & truck shop manuals; Clinton IL History book; Military yearbooks; comic books; kid's books; box coffee grinder; cranberry hobnail table lamp; electrified brass lamp; carnival hen-on-nest; glassware; insulators; View Master theater in box; train set; porcelain dolls; adv items; tin types; safety razors; **HOUSEHOLD, TOOLS & MISC. ITEMS:** Kenmore window AC; modern oak sleigh day bed; wood storage cabinet; single bed; wrought iron patio table/chairs; area rugs; stereo receiver; x-mas incl. villages; Coleman lanterns; usual kt & household items; Craftsman floor model band saw; JD plastic lawn roller; JD lawn mower wheel wts; Snap-On swivel wrench set, combination wrenches, swivel sockets & socket set; power & hand tools; climbing harness; pet cages.

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ANTIQUES, RADIO CONTROLLED AIRPLANES, HOUSEHOLD & MISC. ITEMS AUCTION

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THURSDAY Evening, June 9, 2016 - 4:30 P.M.

ANTIQUES & RADIO CONTROLLED AIRPLANES: Necchi commercial upholstery sewing machine; wicker corner stand; whiskey barrel; sq wash tub; Stroh's beer lights; Fordson tool box; wood wringer; copper boiler; ice tongs; coal bucket; brass torch; sterling & costume jewelry; collector plates; nic-nacs & figurines; Hunter's Encyclopedia; Shooter's Bible; WWII books; coffee table books; vintage manuals; toy fire trucks; lg Beechcraft N58PB radio controlled airplane; (2) radio controlled airplanes; Shark 45 wood airplane kit; parts & supplies for radio controlled airplanes; book on radio controlled vehicles; **HOUSEHOLD & MISC. ITEMS:** Whirlpool 15.2cuft upright freezer; Maytag 20.7cuft refridge/freezer; sofa/sleeper & loveseat; living room recliner; drop leaf & glass top end tables; chest; alum roll-a-way; 4-drawer file cabinet; office chair; floor lamps; folding grocery cart; dbl air mattress; yarn; sewing; storage totes; toys/games; NEW kt & household items; usual kt & household items; iron patio table/chairs; Toro push mower; metal multi-folding ladder; galv. garbage cans; garden hose & reels; sm live traps; 220V & other ext. cords; horse shoe set; rock garden/lawn ornaments.

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ANTIQUES, HOUSEHOLD & MISC. ITEMS AUCTION

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SUNDAY, June 12, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

ANTIQUES: oak roll top desk; canopy dbl bed frame; Drexel & Keller dining room tables/chairs; Keller china hutch; drum table; Spartan sewing machine; Radio Flyer wagon; Arctic Cat snowmobile helmets; violin; vintage film projector; wood tool tote; copper boiler; lg enamel coffee; 4-gal Western & IL crocks; Wards cast fry pan; wall clock; M. Tardiff canvas & other pictures; records; cookbooks; Happy Hollisters book set; collector/price guide books; Orangeville yearbooks; Daniel Edler paper wts & art glass; Fostoria; Fire King; glassware; milk bottles; wall coffee grinder; crock bowl; vintage kt; buttons; quantity of costume jewelry; pin-up lamps; vintage caricature veggie lamp shades; local adv items; Mattel mini records; Star wood boat; doll wood wardrobe; doll clothes; vintage dolls & games; **HOUSEHOLD & MISC. ITEMS:** lighted china hutch/book case w/glass doors; sm curio cabinet; metal baker's rack; triple dresser; appliance cart; Frigidaire dehumidifier; Bissell Carpet Machine II; metal detector; Shaw 9'x13' area rug; assorted area & throw rugs; wood stepladder; alum. painting ladder; Schumacher starter/charger; rolling shop stool; hand tools.

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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

May 29 – June 3

SPRINGFIELD — The spring legislative session came to a close May 31 as scheduled, but many issues remain unresolved, including – and most-importantly – a complete and constitutional state budget. Like 2015, the summer installment of legislative activity is about to begin in the coming days and weeks.

Last-minute gamesmanship
In the final hours of the scheduled spring session, the Senate considered a wildly unbalanced and bloated state budget approved by House Democrats a week earlier. The House Democrat proposal was \$7.5 billion out of balance and would spend \$40 billion. It would be the largest and most expensive state budget in Illinois history. It also would have imposed a massive tax hike on every Illinois family.

Ultimately, common sense prevailed in the Senate, as Senate Bill 2048 received only 17 Senate votes in support, far less than the 30 required for approval.

Realistic state budget

Despite optimism that a compromise could be reached on a balanced state budget and economy-boosting, job-creating

structural reforms, Democrat leaders continued to slow-walk the process, stymying progress and leading the General Assembly to once again leave Springfield in May without an agreement.

Senate Republicans had offered realistic budget alternatives to ensure that K-12 schools open on time this fall and basic government operations remain open. The six-month, fully-funded bridge budget (Senate Bill 3435) would give the Legislature and the Governor time to work on a long-term plan to put Illinois back on the road to financial recovery. That measure is still pending in the Senate.

Senate Bill 3435 would address immediate priorities and keep basic government services operational. Key components include: ensuring federal funds coming to Illinois for social service providers continue without interruption, \$600 million for higher education, \$180 million for human service providers not covered by court-ordered state payments, \$450 million for food service, utilities and medical services at state prisons and mental health facilities, and to pay for essential services at state-run

institutions. The measure would also provide funding for public construction projects, such as roads, bridges and emergency repairs at state facilities.

The stop-gap plan also includes funding to take care of the programs, services and old bills left unfunded and unpaid by the lack of a Fiscal Year 2016 budget, and not covered by court orders, consent decrees and the parts of government that receive automatic annual funding. Republican leadership – education funding

To ensure schools can open in the fall, Senate Republicans introduced Senate Bill 3434 to provide a full-year funding for elementary and secondary schools, increasing state funding for education by \$226 million. It is an affordable plan and includes full funding for General State Aid claims for the first time in seven years. It would also ensure that no districts receive less funding than a year ago. Other highlights of the plan include an additional \$75 million for Early Childhood Education, level funding for state mandated programs and additional funding for Agricultural Education (\$1.8 million) and

Lowest Performing Schools (\$1 million).

However, Senate Democrats refused to allow Senate Bill 3434 be considered, instead passing their own stand-alone education funding measure on the May 31. The Democrat-crafted measure (House Bill 2990) would have increased education spending by nearly \$1 billion, but it proposed to spend money the state simply does not have and cannot afford.

Another unacceptable part of House Bill 2990 is that most of the new money would be directed to the Chicago Public Schools as a bailout for its teacher pension system. It also would create a new, but uncertain “Equity Grant” to calculate financial support for schools, and whose impact the State Board of Education cannot determine. The legislation would also establish a new funding formula for schools that has not been evaluated. Though the measure was pushed through the Senate just prior to adjournment on May 31, the proposal fell short of passage in the House. Ready to meet the challenges


After years of truly unbalanced budgets, Illinois is faced with unprecedented debt and

deficits. According to a recent report from the Illinois Comptroller’s office, the state’s backlog of more than 48,000 bills – money owed to social service agencies and vendors – totals more than \$7 billion.

The General Assembly has failed for the second year in a row to approve a state budget by May 31.

Illinois faces many challenges, yet there are equally as many opportunities out there as well, if we set aside the gamesmanship and start working together. There are encouraging signs of an eventual resolution to the impasse. Session days are expected to be scheduled on a weekly basis and working groups of lawmakers are planning to continue meeting to resolve the remaining issues.





My colleagues and I will continue to push for a complete and constitutional state budget, in which spending matches revenues. We will also insist on essential reforms to rebuild and revitalize Illinois’ economy before any consideration of new taxes. Growing the economy and providing opportunities and prosperity and jobs is the best way back to fiscal good health.



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