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Fieldview Farms offers an escape from the stresses of everyday life

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

Fieldview Farms is currently offering a large variety of in-season vegetables, various berries bursting with flavor, an assortment of fresh herbs ready for cutting, and beautiful blooms to brighten your day! Stop in at their newly renovated shop for various pre-picked produce, handcrafted items, select antiques, or fresh homemade treats!

"We first opened as a pick your own berries place," said Fieldview Farm owner and operator Amy Dehn. "The vegetables and the herb garden and the cutting flower garden were all supposed to be secondary; just kind of a bonus."

She said they are trying to create more than a place for people stop, get their vegetables and leave.

"I want people to be able to come out and wander the gardens," Dehn said. "Take a walk, enjoy the views and enjoy the entire country garden experience."

The Amy and her four children are laying out walking paths for future use.

"Everything will be plotted out," she said. "We want folks to be able to wander and to be able to sit along the way to just take a breath in these busy days we call life. Everyone seems to be so busy all the time and always in a hurry, and I want to create a place where people can just come and stop and sit and maybe watch a sunset."

Heritage poultry is one of several projects underway at Fieldview Farm.

"We are trying to preserve and promote some of the heritage breeds that are at risk for becoming extinct," said Dehn. "We are working to increase people's awareness of there being more than your basic white chickens that lay eggs in cages."

Their goal is to produce wholesome and safe food and they are using heirloom vegetable varieties to achieve that objective.

"It's been slow to start and we all stay pretty busy, but we are just in the beginning stages trying to get things up and established and we hope to be much further along by



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this time next year," she said. "We do have our web site up and going at www.fieldviewberries.com and we are beginning to attract attention."

The berries at Fieldview are running a little late this year and are just now starting to come on.

"The raspberries should be ready soon and the blackberries are coming on right now," Dehn said. "If folks are willing to get out there in the rows and pick, the berries are looking pretty good. We have fall raspberries. Everybody wants to come out and pick in the summer, but our raspberries are usually ready in mid-August through October."

She said last year folks stopped coming around late September.

"Everything came to a screeching

halt because everybody thought we were out of berries, but the berries went on through the end of October," said Dehn. "We should have berries through October again this year."

The Dehn family is taking it a couple years at a time and are looking at a long range plan to succeed.

"In two years, I'm hoping all the paths will be established, all the berries will be trellised, and we'll have more gardens planted," she

said. "We are hoping to start a small orchard with peach, apple and pear trees."

Amy and the kids see Fieldview Farms as eventually becoming a healthy food destination.

"We want folks to be able to come and see where their food is grown," she said. "We want to be more than just a farmer's Market where you go and get your vegetables at a stand. Here, they can actually wander the gardens and see where and how

their food is grown."

"All natural methods" is the order of the day at Fieldview.

Deborah Rodriguez helps Amy and the kids on the farm.

"We are trying to attract people that are into sustainables," Rodriguez said. "I see Amy and the kids succeeding. There are a lot of folks still sitting in their chairs dreaming about this kind of operation, but this family is already making it happen."

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River Ridge Board of Education budget hearing minutes

Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, the River Ridge Board of Education, Hanover, IL, held a Budget Hearing for the proposed 2016-2017 Budget. President Crist called the Hearing to order at 6:15 p.m. Board Members G. Allen Crist, David Howard, Barb Schaible, Raymie Diestelmeier and Don McLane answered roll call. Members Merri Sevey and Matt Wild were absent. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Mike Foltz and a representative for the RREA.

There was no public discussion. The School Board members discussed the proposed 2016-2017 budget with no action taken during this Hearing. The Hearing was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 15, President G. Allen Crist called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Members G. Allen Crist, David Howard, Barb Schaible, Raymie Diestelmeier and Don McLane answered roll call. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Members Merri Sevey and Matt Wild were absent. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Mike Foltz and a representative for the RREA.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the regular and executive session minutes of the July 18, 2016 board meeting; and destruction of the December 15, 2014 executive session minutes.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Report, Investment Report, Activity Reports and Northwest Special Education Joint Agreement Budget.

Paid bills and payroll in the amount of \$506,533.57.

Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy representative, Raymie Diestelmeier, presented the August 8, 2016 minutes from the Budget Hearing and regular meeting. There are 191 students registered for the FY17 school year.

Administrative news:

Fall athletic participation numbers will be presented at the next board meeting.

Seams on south side of building and locker room area repaired

Aug. 20 – Wildcat Open @ Storybrook Country Club

Aug. 23 – First attendance day for PreSchool

Aug. 25 - Picture Day

Sept. 16- Mobile Dentist at River Ridge

Sept. 19 – County-Wide Teacher Institute day @ River Ridge

First Reading of School Board

policies and updates: (E = Exhibit and AP = Administrative Procedure) 2:10 School District Governance 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies; 2:70E Checklist for Filing Board Vacancies by Appointment; 2:120E1 Guidelines for Serving as a Mentor to a New School Board Member; 2:120E2 Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members; 2240E1 PRESS Issue Updates; 2:240E2 Developing Local Policy; 2:240E3 Delete; 2:250E3 Recurrent Requestor Notification; 4:15AP Protecting the Privacy of Social Security Numbers; 4:15E2 Statement of Purpose for Collecting Social Security Numbers; 4:15E3 Statement for Employee Manual or District Website Describing the District's Purpose for Collecting Social Security Numbers; 4:80 Accounting and Audits; 4:140AP Fines, Fees and Charges – Waiver of Student Fees; 4:140E1 Application for Fee Waiver; 4:140E2 Response to Application for Fee Waiver, Appeal and Response to Appeal; 4:140E3 Resolution to Increase Driver Education Fees; 5:40AP Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease; 5:150AP Personnel Records; 5:170AP1 Copyright Compliance; 5:170AP2 Seeking Permission to Copy or Use Copyrighted Works;

5:170AP3 Instructional Material and Compute Programs Developed Within the Scope of Employment; 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program; 6:100AP Dissection of Animals; 6:100E1 Guidelines and Application for Using Animals in School Facilities for Educational Purposes; 6:100E2 Student Permission for Exposure to Animals; 6:120AP4 Care of Students w/Diabetes; 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks; 6:235AP1 Acceptable Use of The District's Electronic Networks; 6:235AP1E1 Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks; 6:235AP1E2 Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks; 6:236E3 Online Privacy Statement; 6:250AP Securing and Screening Resource Persons and Volunteers; 6:260E Curriculum Objection; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:10AP Accommodating Transgender Students or Gender Non-Conforming Students; 7:10E Equal Educational Opportunities within the School Community; 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students; 7:270AP1 Dispensing Medication; 7:270AP2 Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine

Auto-Injectors and/or Opioid Antagonists; 7:270E School Medication Authorization Form; 7:285AP Implementing a Food Allergy Management Program; 7:340AP1 School Student Records; 7:340AP1E1 Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records; 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns.

Tabled approval of the River Ridge CUSD #210 2016-2017 Budget for the Sep. 19, 2016 meeting.

Approved the following after executive session:

Employed Thomas Taylor as K-12 choral director for the 2016-2017 school year.

Employed Deb Basten as para professional for the 2016-2017 school year.

Employed Sue Grommes as extra trip driver.

Employed Natasha Ritchie as school bus driver.

Approved volunteer, Jason Gonzalez, to help with the football program.

The above information is subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education which will be Monday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m.

HCC adult education program seeks volunteer tutors

Highland Community College Adult Education Program is seeking volunteers to tutor adults in Highland's District. Volunteers tutor math, reading, writing or English as a Second Language. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend one of the following tutor informational meetings at the Freeport Public Library in a main floor meeting room A:

Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The informational meetings will address the following questions:

What does a volunteer tutor do?

How much time does it take?

What experience do I need?

Volunteers benefit their communities by improving lives of residents, one person at a time. Tutoring is at a convenient time and location for volunteers and in an academic area they enjoy.

The support and encouragement volunteers provide is a key influence in the lives of adult learners. In fact, adult learners show a greater amount

of achievement when they have individual instruction. By volunteering as little as an hour or two a week, tutors are a source of inspiration

The Highland Community College Volunteer Literacy Program is part of the Adult Education department and is funded by a grant from the State of Illinois. Volunteer tutors are recruited, trained and matched with eligible adults wanting to improve their math, reading, writing or English language skills. Adult learners are tutored on a one-on-one basis or in small groups. Tutoring happens at convenient times and places throughout Highland's district.

For more information about these meetings, please contact Esther Mayer at (815) 599.3538 or at esther.mayer@highland.edu.

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River Ridge High School educator named Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction

Brian Wurster, an educator at River Ridge High School in Hanover, IL was recently selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). A role model to pupils, Brian was nominated for outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Each year student members of NSHSS are invited to nominate the educator who has made the most significant contribution to their academic career for the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award. This honor recognizes exemplary educators whose passion and devotion inspire their students to grow and develop as scholars, leaders and citizens.

The National Society of High School Scholars seeks to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks. From attending the

annual Nobel Week festivities in Stockholm, to internships with major corporations and government agencies; pre-college summer study programs, and more than \$1,000,000 in exclusive scholarships awarded annually, NSHSS is continually seeking new ways to provide lifetime learning and growth opportunities for academically talented and accomplished student leaders, and the educators who support them.

"Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation," said NSHSS President James W. Lewis. "Through our Educators of Distinction program and the grants we provide to support professional development and enrich classroom instruction, we hope to a knowledge and encourage the vital work of the teachers, counselors and administrators who are shaping the intellect and character of our young scholars."

Elizabeth Township Public Library partners with the Elizabeth Food Basket to offer fine forgiveness

Beginning Sept. 1, donations for the Elizabeth Food Basket can be made at the Elizabeth Township Public Library. The Elizabeth Food Basket is a charitable organization that distributes food to those in need within the River Ridge School District. Non-perishable food items, such as cereal, dried pasta products and canned goods will be accepted as well as cash donations. The bin for donations will be located just inside the door by the library's circulation desk.

In conjunction with the initial Food Basket donations, the library is offering a 'fine forgiveness' incentive. Any late charges for library materials can be paid with a donation to the Food Basket during the months of Sept. and Oct.

The Elizabeth Township Public Library is located at 210 E. Myrtle Street in Elizabeth, and is open Monday-Wednesday, 1 to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Stockton Police Department report for week ending 8-16

On 8/11 at approximately 9:38 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist a Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Deputy at an address just outside of Stockton, in reference to a hit and run accident. On arrival, it was determined that a vehicle had driven off the roadway and through a fence, into a bean field and then back out through the fence in a different location. This action caused damage to the fence in 2 locations and damage to the bean crops. In searching the area, it was found that part of the fender from the vehicle, and the license plate of the vehicle were left at the scene. This accident is still under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

On 8/11 at approximately 12:52 p.m., officers of the Stockton Police Department responded to a call requesting assistance from the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff was attempting to detain 3 suspicious individuals on a traffic stop. On arrival, officers assisted the Sheriff's Deputy during his investigation of the individuals.

On 8/11 at about 5 p.m. an officer

of the Stockton Police Department received information that Michael A Bertucci was at a local address in Stockton and he was wanted on a Warrant for Failure to Appear in Court. This information was confirmed through a computer check that Bertucci was wanted.

The officer responded to the address and did find Bertucci at the address and placed him under arrest for the Warrant. Bertucci was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail.

On 08/13 at approximately 1:34 a.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department was patrolling west bound on E. Queen Ave when the officers' attention was drawn to an illegally parked vehicle at the intersection of S. Main St and E. Queen. The officer observed a silver 4 door 2005 Dodge Neon that was parked approximately 10 feet away from the curb located on the north side of E. Queen. The vehicle was parked at such an angle that the rear driver's side of the vehicle was obstructing potential traffic in the west bound lane of E. Queen. An attempt to make contact with the owner proved negative as no one

answered the door at the owners' residence. Due to the vehicle being illegally parked and an obstruction to traffic, the vehicle was towed from the location.

On 8/13 at approximately 10:04 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department responded to a call of a suspicious person near the cemetery at US Route 20 and Simmons Street. On arrival at this area, the officer encountered a patron of the Valley View Motel hanging around in front of the cemetery. Upon questioning, it was learned that the out of town traveler was waiting for the meteor shower to begin and thought that the cemetery would be a good place to watch it. After a computer check of the individual proved negative, the subject was allowed to go about his business of watching the meteors without further police intervention.

On 8/14 at approximately 4:20 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the area of US Route 20, west of North Park Street in reference to a suspicious vehicle. It was reported that there was a vehicle at this location, parked on the side of the road,

with its' emergency flashers on. It was also reported that there was possibly a person lying in the ditch near the car, with several other people standing around watching. On arrival of the officer, the area was searched but no car was found and no person was observed in the ditch.

On 8/14 at approximately 9:53 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the area of the Country Inn and Suites Motel in Stockton, in reference to a suspicious vehicle. On arrival, the officer observed a vehicle parked in the parking lot of the motel with one occupant in the vehicle. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the occupant of the vehicle was using the WIFI internet connection from the motel. No further police intervention was necessary.

On 8/15 at approximately 5 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the area of 125 S. Hudson, in reference to an animal disturbance. On arrival, the officer found that an older, blind dog had fallen into a basement window well. The officer was able to rescue the dog from

the window well, but since the dog had no tags, and there was no one present to identify the dog, the Officer was unable to locate an owner. Jo Daviess County Animal Control was notified and they responded to the Stockton Police Department and took custody of the dog. Anyone with information about the dog can contact the Jo Daviess County Animal Control Department.

On 8/15 at approximately 10:08 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department, along with a deputy from the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department, responded to suspicious circumstances involving a Trailways Bus. It was reported that there was a Trailways Bus on the Side of the Road on US Route 20 at Mapes Rd. It was also reported that the emergency flashers were operating on the bus but a bus driver was not visible in the drivers' seat. On arrival, it was discovered that there was medical emergency on the bus involving a subject who was unconscious and unable to respond. Stockton Ambulance was called to the scene. The subject began to be responsive, but was still disoriented. The subject was transported from the scene by Stockton Ambulance to Freeport Hospital for medical assistance.

On 8/16 at approximately 8:17 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle. On arrival, the complainant advised the officer that a newer black, 4 door vehicle with 2 occupants, pulled into her driveway and all the way towards her house, as if they were looking for something. The complainant advised that there is a "No Trespassing" sign at the beginning of the driveway. A search of the area for the car in question had negative results.

As Always, Chief Tom Sheehan of the Stockton Police Department reminds everyone that persons charged with an offense are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 regular Board of Education meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, 2016, in the High School Library. Members present included Robert VenHuizen, Cory Cassens, Kirk Schubert, Kim Mapes, Roger Groezinger, and Deb Gille. Member Julie Lawler was absent. The regular and closed session minutes of July, 20, 2016, were approved 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Schubert. Payment of bills totaling \$158,081.88 was approved 6-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Groezinger. The financial report was approved 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Schubert. Superintendent Gilliland reported that the education fund ended \$241,627 in the black.

In his administrative report, Dr. Gilliland reported that the Foun-

ation had now distributed over \$215,000 in grants for students and teachers in 8 years and that the annual Radio-a-thon will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, in conjunction with the Alumni Breakfast. Principal Colleen Fox reported that the summer school program was a success and thanked student volunteers Hannah Smith, Kenze Haas, Heather Musser, Linzy Friedlein, and Ellen Fox. In addition, the Elementary School staff held a Meet the Teacher Night on Aug. 10. Principal Brad Fox thanked the office staff for their great work with registration. Principal Casey Downey indicated that the first MS/HS meet the Teacher Night was held Aug. 16.

Member Groezinger presented the AVC report, and Member Cassens detailed the Building and Grounds Committee report, which included Architect Fadden's report on the

needed future repair to the Middle School HVAC system as well as a summary of completed summer projects, which included lowered ceilings in the Elementary School hallway, impending rooftop replacement on the Middle School gymnasium, refurbishing of the Middle School Gym floor, locker painting in all three buildings, and parking lot maintenance.

Under new business, the board took the following action:

Approved the tentative FY17 budget, put the budget on display for 30 days, and scheduled a hearing for Monday, Sept. 19, in the High School Library at 6:45 p.m. 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Gille

Approved the training agreement with Monroe Clinic 5-0-1 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Cassens. Member Gille

abstained.

Approved liability insurance renewal through Bauer Agency at a premium of \$48,516 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Cassens

Accepted the resignation of teacher Martha Beadle with regret 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Schubert

The board voted to go into closed session at 7:58 p.m. under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, dismissal, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students 6-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Gille. The board returned to open session at 8:46 p.m. following a motion by Groezinger and second by Schubert. Motion carried 6-0.

The board adjourned at 8:47 pm following a motion by VenHuizen. Motion carried 6-0.

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

Is Illinois growing or shrinking? Are more people coming into the state, or are more people leaving the state? At present, the numbers don't look good for Illinois. The 2015 census estimate for Illinois calculates that the state saw a 0.2% population growth over the past five years. That growth is more than seven times slower than Wisconsin's, ten times slower than Indiana's, and twelve times slower than Iowa's population growth over the same period.

In 2014, Illinois lost a net population of nearly 95,000 people in net state to state migration. That's like losing all of Freeport and half of Rockford in one year. This is a crisis that only serves to worsen the budget situation. Many of those who leave the state are those with the skills that Illinois needs to get back on track. Those who are leaving take with them a portion of the state's GDP that could have been used to create jobs and, yes, provide more tax revenue. But in 2015, as reported by Reboot Illinois, the state's economy actually shrank.

We know we have people leaving our state en masse, but is there anything we are doing about it? Well, yes... we are trying to raise taxes.

As if we haven't learned our lesson, we continually oppress those who create wealth for our state. There are those who say we have a revenue problem in Illinois. Those people would be technically correct. We have a revenue problem because those who were paying Illinois' high overall tax burden are fleeing to states with a less oppressive tax burden. Therefore, we have less overall revenue. But how is raising taxes on those who haven't evacuated yet going to increase revenue for Illinois?

Some also say that Illinois has a relatively low flat tax compared to surrounding states. While technically true, that is only part of the overall tax burden equation. When combining the state income tax with the highest property taxes in the country along with one of the highest corporate tax rates in the country, you see a completely different story.

WalletHub conducted a comprehensive analysis of all 50 states and the District of Columbia for 2016. Not surprisingly, the study found that Illinois ranked worst (51st) in overall tax burden. Illinois is officially the most over-taxed state in the union. So unless part of the solution is to have the Illinois Na-

tional Guard set up roadblocks at the border to stop anyone from leaving the state, raising taxes will only see more residents fleeing Illinois.

I say all this not to alarm you, but to give you an idea as to why I am so adamantly opposed to raising taxes in Illinois. Come November, after the elections are over, Speaker Madigan will have one priority for the "Lame-duck" session - raising taxes. As your Representative I will do everything within my power to keep that from happening, but it is up to the rest of Illinois to demand that their elected representatives and senators not drive away anymore Illinois residents.

One of my biggest pet peeves is when someone complains about a problem but has no ideas as to a solution. My solution is simple, really - firstly, don't chase taxpayers away by raising taxes. Secondly, we absolutely need to address our state's spending problem. If we return to literally following the state constitution, we will not spend our way into oblivion. Every potential budget must meet the criteria of spending only as much revenue as the state is projected to take in.

Prospective businesses don't want to move to the most fiscally mis-

managed state in the country; business leaders want to move to a place where they know their business will be safe. They need to know that we will no longer punish those who are successful. If this is the case, we will have economic growth - and even net positive migration - once again. Cutting spending will be difficult, because we must learn to use the rule of thumb, "Is this budget line item necessary to achieve economic growth in Illinois?"

Illinois has too much potential to be driven into the ground. Chicago is the Midwest's economic center, and though I don't agree with the city's politics, I recognize the city's contribution to our state's economy. Illinois is the largest rail hub in the country, and our farmers produce the best crops and livestock in the world. We are connected to the St. Lawrence Seaway via the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico through the Mississippi River. Rockford is increasingly growing as an aviation hub, and O'Hare is in the running every year to be the busiest airport in the country. We are the home of John Deere, Boeing, Caterpillar, and even Jimmy John's. Illinois has all the tools available to be one of the most successful states

in the country.

In closing, I'll say this: please don't mistake my candor for partisan rhetoric. I care too deeply about this region and this state to stand idly by as our state is mismanaged into disrepair. As many of you know, I am a small business owner, so I know how many other business owners and taxpayers in general feel about our state's current situation. Some would have you believe that none of these problems existed until our new Governor took office; this is simply not true. The fact is, career politicians have kicked the can down the road for far too long. We are past the point where we can pass any more debt onto future generations. Now is the time to take responsibility for our future and our children's future. Now is the time to take action.

Benjamin Franklin once said "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Taxes and death are certain, but in Illinois we must remember not to tax our state into death.

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Senate Week in Review

August 15-19

Recently-signed laws create sepsis protocols that will save lives, assist veterans and their families, and allow police officers to adopt retiring K-9 police dogs.

In other state news, Gov. Bruce Rauner announced the creation of a charitable foundation to provide additional financial support for Illinois' two state fairgrounds, and the Illinois School Funding Reform

Commission met for a second time. **Gabby's Law aims to save lives of those with sepsis**

The tragic death of a five-year-old girl led to a new law that requires Illinois hospitals to be better prepared to recognize and treat patients with sepsis or septic shock. Gov. Rauner signed Senate Bill 2403 at a press conference Aug. 18 at the Presence Covenant Medical Center in Urbana.

Gabby Galbo of Monticello passed away in 2012 due to untreat-

ed sepsis. Since then, her parents worked to pass this legislation in honor of her memory.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, sepsis is a progressive shutdown of the body's organs and systems caused by systemic inflammation following infection that enters the blood or soft tissue. More than one million cases of sepsis occur each year, killing more than 258,000.

The new law went into effect immediately.

Recognizing Illinois veterans and their families

Legislation to assist and honor Illinois veterans and their families was signed into law during the Veterans Day program Aug. 14 at the Illinois State Fair.

Every public state university will now be required to establish an admissions process in which honorably discharged veterans who were on active duty during the fall semester will be allowed to submit an application for admission to the university to enroll as a freshman student for the spring semester. House Bill 4627 was introduced in response to a request from an Illinois veteran who was unable to enroll for the spring semester because the school mandated that all entering freshman must first enroll for the fall semester. Now public universities in Illinois must accommodate those veterans and first-time college freshmen who want to begin their college career immediately.

House Bill 5938 renames and

expands the eligibility pool for a program now known as the "Veterans' Home Medical Providers Loan Repayment Program." The eligibility pool for the program will now include physicians and certified nursing assistants, rather than just registered professional nurses. The goal of the legislation is to encourage greater numbers of more highly qualified professionals to apply for jobs at the state's veterans' home, which would hopefully translate into better care for Illinois' veterans.

Also signed was legislation that will allow the family of veterans who were killed in action while on active duty to apply for a designation that would allow the placement of an honorary sign on roadways (HB 4344). The idea was brought forth by Denise Meehan, the mother of PFC Andrew Meari, who lost his life while serving in Afghanistan. Ms. Meehan said the new "Heroes Way Designation Act" is a way to ensure the names and service of Illinois' fallen will be acknowledged and honored forever in their communities.

Another new law (HB 4389) will establish an annual Gold Star Family Day, while an additional proposal (HB 5003) mandates establishment of a veterans court program in each judicial circuit to provide veterans and service members with court programs better suited to serve their specific needs. In that same vein, SB 3401 includes veteran assistance commissions as an alternative court-ordered assessment and treatment

option.

Two other new laws make changes relating to military license plates (HB 5402) to state that individuals who qualify for the military specialty plates may reclassify their standard plate registration without paying replacement fees or the registration sticker cost, and to allow the surviving spouse of a deceased military service member to retain the special license plates if he/she is a resident of Illinois and if the transfer takes place within 180 days of the death of the service member (HB 4433).

New law allows retired police dogs to be adopted by their handlers

Retiring police dogs will be able to be adopted by their handlers, thanks to a new law creating the Police Dog Retirement Act.

Gov. Rauner signed Senate Bill 3129 during a ceremony at the State Fair on Aug. 13, which was First Responders Day. The new law will allow all K-9 police dogs that are used by a county, municipal or state law enforcement agency and are deemed no longer fit for public service to be offered first to the handler on the force. If the officer does not want the dog, it will then be offered to another officer or employee of the agency, a non-profit agency, or a no-kill animal shelter that may facilitate an appropriate adoption for the dog.

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Obituaries

CID E. LIBBERTON

Cid E. Libberton, age 90 of Stockton, IL, passed away Friday, Aug. 19, 2016 at Manor Court in Freeport, IL. He was born March 17, 1926 in Mt. Carroll, IL to the late Will and Florence (Hicks) Libberton. He married Norma Bucher on Feb. 14, 1952 in Pleasant Valley.

Cid was a lifelong dairy farmer. He farmed with his wife Norma in Pleasant Valley. After retiring from the farm he worked nights for Pinkerton Security in Freeport and worked at Wild Berry Farms in Hanover, IL. He later worked at Lena Cheese Factory making boxes. Cid and Norma attended the Community Reform Church of Freeport where he served on different church boards. He had a passion for woodworking and could fix just about anything. He loved spending time with his family and grandkids and playing with his dog. He was easy going and took life as it came. Cid was well loved by everyone and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He is survived by his wife, Norma of Stockton; sons, Thomas (Theresa) Libberton of Stockton, Gary (Penny) Libberton of South Wayne, WI, and Dan Libberton of Pueblo West, CO; daughter, Sue (Rich) Mansfield of Peoria, IL; 12 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and brothers, Neil Libberton of Mt. Carroll and Russell Libberton of Savanna, IL. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Alicia Wirthart, Luella Skiles, Sarah Schmidt; grandson, James; brothers, Peter, Clarence, LaVelle, Richard, Alvin, and Charles; and daughter-in-law, Diana.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Aug. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. The funeral service will be Friday, Aug. 26, at 11 a.m. also at the funeral home; the Rev. Herb Bollman presiding. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 10 a.m.. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established for World Vision International and the Peoria Christian School. Condolences may



be shared at www.hermannfuneral-home.com.

LUCILE M. GILLE

Lucile M. Gille, age 99 of Mineral Point, WI formerly of Darlington, WI passed away Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 at Atrium Care Center in Mineral Point. She was born Aug. 5, 1917 in Darlington, WI the daughter of Clell and Ella (Nevels) Miller. Lucile grew up at a time when there was no electricity, back when horses were used for farm work. She had fond memories of her grandfather's fancy horse drawn carriage, as well as memories of attending a one room country school house. She was united in marriage to Lloyd R. Gille on Aug. 1, 1938. Lucile was married to her dancing partner, Lloyd for 70 years. They were such beautiful dancers that they were once written up in the local Republican Journal newspaper as "Darlington's own Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers."

Lucile was the matriarch of her family and was always very supportive of her loved ones. She is survived by one daughter: Sonja (Ron) McDonald of Mineral Point; three granddaughters: Susan (Jim) Wolf of Madison, WI, Cyndee Stiefel of Warren, IL, and Sherry (Al) Krmptoch of Gordon, WI; three great-grandchildren: Michelle (Drew) Glowacki, Collin and Brady Krmptoch; and two great great-grandchildren: Clayton and Ellie Glowacki, with another on the way; and nephews Paul Jo White, and Clell White; and nieces Gail Roberts, Leeann White, and Brenda Ray. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three sisters: Zelma Kleinman, Ila White, and Betty Doersam; and one grandson-in-law: Edwin Bendik.

Lucile was a delightful conversationalist. She loved music, dance, travel, storytelling, and laughing. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by family and friends.

A visitation was held, Aug. 20, at



Erickson Funeral Home (508 Main Street, Darlington.) A Celebration of Life service was held with Rev. Angela Steinhauer of Darlington United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be private at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ericksonfuneralhome.com

For those who prefer, a memorial fund has been established in Lucile's name.

NORMAN ANTHONY "MOOSE" CREIGHTON

Norman Anthony "Moose" Creighton, 80 of Stockton IL, passed away peacefully Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family.

The family of Norm would like to invite all friends and family to a gathering at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Stockton from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 27. It will be immediately followed by a funeral mass and military honors. Cremation rites have been accorded

The Furlong Funeral Chapel, Galena is assisting the family.

Norman was born Sept. 21, 1935 in Stockton, the youngest son of Walter and Mary Ellen (O'Halloran) Creighton. Norman attended Stockton Center Country School for first through fourth grade, Holy Cross Catholic School for fifth through eighth grade and graduated from Stockton High School with the class of 1954. He married Patricia Bennett, of Galena on July 5, 1969 and she preceded him in death. He was a member of the Stockton American Legion and the Knights of Columbus.

Norm served his country as an aviation metal smith, in the United States Navy. He worked at Kraft Cheese and managed Ron's Amoco in Apple River, IL. Farming was Norm's passion and life-long dream. He loved his many Farmall tractors and his little 8N Ford tractor. He loved his Hereford cows and Duroc

hogs.

Norm is survived by his four daughters: Angela (Mark) Rein of St Paul, MN., Amy (Chris) Fields of Scales Mound, IL, Ann (Jim) Harnish of Stockton, IL, and Amanda Creighton of Stockton, IL; 10 grandchildren: Maureen, Eloise, Nicholas, Steven and Lucille Rein; Jessica, Emily and Kimberly Fields; Hannah Downing and Olivia Harnish; his brother Cecil Creighton of Lena, IL, his sister Marita Moore of Freeport, IL; two step sisters, Sister Agnes Marie Lynch of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Dubuque, IA and Jerry Weiss of San Jose, California and his forever loyal dog companions Jack and Eddie.

Norm is preceded in death by his loving wife, his parents, his siblings Regis Creighton and Wilma Groom, his step-siblings. Raymond Lynch, Harold "Bud" Lynch, Elaine Klen-ske and Mary Roth.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to FHN Hospice. Online condolences may be left at www.furlongfuneralchapel.com



JEANNE JOYCE YADDOF

Jeanne Joyce Yaddof, age 79, of Preston, Iowa, passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016 at home surrounded by her loving family. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 24, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Preston. Burial will take place in Preston Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23 at the church. Friends and family are invited to share in Jeanne's life at www.law-jonesfuneralhome.com.

Jeanne was born April 30, 1937, the daughter of Harold and Reva (Clothier) Ready in Savanna, Illinois. She attended Gooselake High School, and graduated with the

Class of 1955. Jeanne married Norman Yaddof on Aug. 23, 1958 in Andrew, Iowa.

Jeanne was a homemaker who cherished taking care of her family. She liked to play bingo, and cards with her sisters. She would also spend time teaching her grandchildren how to play 500 Rummy and Kings Corners. Most of all, she loved visiting and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jeanne will be dearly missed by her husband of 57 years, Norman; her four sons, Dennis Yaddof of Preston, David (Janell) Yaddof of Bellevue, Iowa, Danny (Nancy) Yaddof of Preston, and Doug Yaddof of Preston; eight grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; four sisters, Cindy (Dale) Rathje of Charlotte, Iowa, Sandy (Dennis) Hosette of Clinton, Iowa, Rose Eggers of Preston, Pat Miller of Preston; and three brothers, Harold (Sue) Ready, Jr., Richard (Judy) Ready, and Mike (Terri) Ready, all of Clinton, Iowa.

Jeanne is preceded in death by her parents, Reva and Harold; two sisters, June Reader and Linda Appleman; her mother-in-law, Norma Yaddof; father-in-law, Elmer Yaddof, Sr., and several brothers-and sisters-in-law.

CLARICE E. PERRY

Clarice E. Perry passed away peacefully at the Elizabeth Nursing Home on Friday, Aug. 5, 2016.

Clarice was born on Jan. 20, 1929 in Freeport, IL, daughter of Melvin and Ethel (Schroeder) Bere. Clarice married Stanley G. Perry on April 3, 1951 in Granite City, IL. Clarice attended Stockton High Schools. Before her illness she enjoyed walking, cooking, sewing, reading, playing cards and jig saw puzzles.

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Those left to cherish her memories are her son Douglas (Irene) Offenheiser of Morgan Hills California, daughter Deborah (Michael) Hintz of Stockton and son Geoffrey (Rhonda) Perry also of Stockton. She is survived by seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, 1 step grandson, and 1 step great granddaughter.

Clarice was preceded in death by her husband Stanley; her parents and step-father Albert Baker and one sister Abbie Taylor.

Cremation rights have been accorded. According to her wishes, there will be no service. Memorials should be sent to FHN Hospice or charity of choice in her name.

The family would like to thank the Elizabeth Nursing Home and FHN Hospice for the exceptional care they gave Clarice.

ROBERT L. FRANSEN

Robert L. Fransen, 83, of Freeport, IL passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016 at his home. He was born on Jan. 1, 1933 to Hiram and Gladys (Stumbaugh) Fransen in Silver Creek Township. He married Doris Roe on Aug. 7, 1953 at the Lena United Methodist Church. Robert served his country in the

United States Navy during the Korean War. He retired from Honeywell, and after his retirement he sold real estate in North Carolina. He was a member of the Lena American Legion and St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Robert is survived by his wife Doris of Freeport, IL; two sons Tom (Brock) Fransen of Cary, NC, Paul (Lois) Fransen of Truman, MN; grandchildren Katie (Jon) Cioni, Susie (Dan) Meloro, Chris Fransen, Corey Fransen, and Callie Fransen; brothers Ivan (Beverly) Fransen of Freeport, IL, Dave (Jeannette) Fransen of Springfield, OR; sister Marge Ockerman of Freeport, IL; sister-in-law Cel Fransen of Cedarville, IL.; brother-in-law Eugene (Helen) Roe of Rockford, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Don Fransen, and brother-in-law Ed Ockerman.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL.

A visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL.

Inurnment will be at Lena Burial Park in Lena, IL.

Rev. Rick Bader will solemnize the services.

A memorial may be made to the Monroe Clinic Hospice Foundation Fund or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

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

ROGER K. HUBB

Roger K. Hubb, age 76 of Stockton, IL, passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016 while doing what he loved, working on the family farm. He was born March 13, 1940 in Independence, IA to the late B.L. and Doris (Kaufman) Hubb. He graduated from Stockton High School in 1958. Roger had served in the United States National Guard.

On June 12, 1960 He married Eileen Croffoot in Pearl City, IL. Roger was a lifelong farmer, starting 9 years old. He especially loved dairy farming. He also worked once



a week at the Sunshine Center in Schapville. He enjoyed working puzzles and had a passion for polka dancing with his wife, Eileen. Roger loved working with and teaching his grandsons. Of all the lessons he taught them, having a strong work ethic was the most important.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen Hubb of Stockton; sons, Alan (Debra) Hubb of South Beloit, IL and Larry (Leisa) Hubb of Stockton; grandsons, Adam, Kyle, & Karl; brother, Dale (Margaret) Hubb of Stockton; and sisters-in-law, Marian Taber and Thelma Entmeier. He is preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Tyler.

A visitation will be held Monday, Aug. 22, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. The funeral service will be Tuesday, Aug. 23, at 10:30 a.m. also at the funeral home; the Rev. Bruce Burbank presiding. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established for the Stockton Fire Department. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Reunions

Lena Winslow Class of 1971 to hold reunion

The LeWin class of 1971 will hold their class reunion at the Rafters restaurant in Lena on Saturday Aug. 27, starting at 8:30. We invite you to join us for karaoke, 50-50 raffle, cash bar and catching up with classmates and friends. Call (815) 275-6826 for more information.

Heidenreich reunion

The Heidenreich Reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 12:30 at the Stockton Park House in Stockton, IL. Please bring two dishes to pass, your own table service and your own beverages. Any family updates may be sent to Faye Heidenreich (815) 858-3735.

Senior Resource Center to host informational session at Apple Canyon Lake

Representatives from the Senior Resource Center of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties will be at Apple Canyon Lake Club House on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 10:30 a.m. This is open to anyone who is a senior, knows someone who is a senior or will be a senior in the near future.

She will be explaining the eight pillars of the Senior Resource Cen-

Wedding



Kevin Halderman and Paige Campbell

Campbell and Haldeman celebrate nuptials in Cabo San Lucas

Paige Campbell and Kevin (KC) Haldeman were married in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in June 2016. Paige is the daughter of Pete and Judi Campbell of Apple Canyon Lake. The wedding was performed in the gazebo at RIU Palace followed by a reception on a catamaran in the Sea of Cortez with family and a few close friends. Paige and KC reside in Madison Wisconsin.

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Does 'knuckle cracking' cause arthritis in your hands?

There are many interesting points to take away from this 2011 article;

1) Characteristics of hand osteoarthritis:

- It increases in prevalence and severity with age.
- 22% of those aged between 71 to 100 years have symptomatic hand osteoarthritis.

• Risk factors include prior joint trauma, family history of hand osteoarthritis, and history of heavy labor involving the hands.

• Those with hand osteoarthritis have reduced grip strength, difficulty writing, difficulty handling small objects, and difficulty carrying objects.

• "Given this burden of suffering from hand OA and the lack of curative or disease-modifying treatments, factors that potentially protect against osteoarthritis warrant further investigation. One such factor is knuckle cracking."

2) Knuckle cracking is a behavior that involves manipulation of the finger joints resulting in an audible crack, and it is often done habitually. It is estimated that

25% to 54% of people habitually crack their knuckles.

3) In this study, 20% of subjects habitually cracked their knuckles. The prevalence of habitual knuckle cracking in other studies includes:

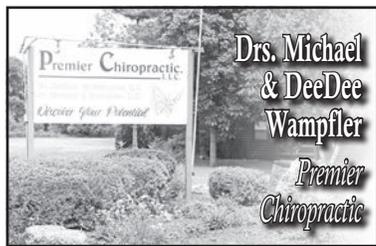
- 25% in adults older than 45 years
- 34% in 11-year-old children
- 54% among nursing home residents with a mean age of 78 years.

4) "Some people may crack knuckles because of the sense of relief it can bring, some because of habit, and some from both."

5) "Common urban legend suggests that KC will lead to arthritis of the hand joints," but this is not "supported in the medical literature."

6) "Previous studies have not shown a correlation between knuckle cracking and hand osteoarthritis."

7) In a 1975 study of 28 nursing home residents (average age 78



years), knuckle cracking was associated with a lower prevalence of osteoarthritis.

8) After knuckle cracking, there is an "immediate joint tension release and increased joint range of motion."

9) "During an attempt to crack a knuckle, the joint is manipulated by axial distraction, hyper flexion, hyperextension, or lateral deviation. This lengthens part or all of the joint space and greatly decreases intra-articular pressure, causing gases that have dissolved in the synovial fluid to form microscopic bubbles, which coalesce. When the joint space reaches its maximum distraction (up to 3 times its resting joint space distance), joint fluid rushes into the areas of negative pressure.

The larger bubbles suddenly collapse into numerous microscopic bubbles, leading to the characteristic cracking sound. The maneuver leaves the joint space wider than it had been and synovial fluid more widely distributed. The stretching of joint ligaments required to produce the widened joint space also leaves the joint with greater range of motion. It typically takes at least 15 minutes for the joint to be able to be cracked again because of the time required for the microscopic bubbles to fully dissolve into solution and for the joint space to retract back to its resting position."

10) This study assessed 215 individuals, which is important because they "would need approximately 200 participants to reach statistical significance":

135 with osteoarthritis; 80 controls:

- Their mean age was 62 years (50 to 89 years).
- 43 (20%) habitually cracked their knuckles.

• Participant's hands were reviewed radio-graphically.

11) Participants were asked to quantify the frequency of their daily knuckle cracking:

- None
- 1-5 times/day
- 6-10 times/day
- 10-20 times/day
- >20 times/day

12) This "is the first study to correlate the duration and the total volume of previous knuckle cracking with osteoarthritis, in addition to the presence or absence of knuckle cracking."

• Participants described how frequently each day they crack each knuckle and for how many years they have been doing it.

13) "The prevalence of any knuckle cracking among the controls was not significantly different from prevalence in persons with osteoarthritis."

14) "This study represents the most comprehensive evaluation to date of habitual knuckle cracking and any association with hand osteoarthritis. Our findings support the conclusions of 2 previous studies that the presence of knuckle cracking is not associated with hand osteoarthritis."

15) "The duration of knuckle cracking has no correlation to the presence of osteoarthritis."

• There was "no significant correlation of knuckle cracking 'crack-years' with osteoarthritis in the respective joint."

16) These authors conclude, "a history of habitual knuckle cracking—including the total duration and total cumulative exposure to knuckle cracking—does not seem to be a risk

factor for hand osteoarthritis."

17) "Knuckle cracking was not a risk for osteoarthritis in that joint." "A history of habitual knuckle cracking—including the total duration and total cumulative exposure—does not seem to be a risk factor for hand osteoarthritis."

A lay argument against regular chiropractic care is that the cavitation of the joints increases the risk of osteoarthritis. This article assessed a clinically relevant number of individuals who cavitated their knuckle joints multiple times daily for years and suffered no increased risk of joint osteoarthritis. Other studies have suggested that regular cavitation of joints may in fact reduce the risk of joint osteoarthritis. This study further notes that joint cavitation improves the joint range of motion and reduces articular symptomatology.

Source: *Knuckle Cracking and Hand Osteoarthritis*

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Monroe Clinic Board of Directors welcomes three new members

Monroe Clinic's Board of Directors is pleased to welcome three new members: Wendy Baumann, Dr. Joshua Morrison and Larry Williams.

Wendy Baumann, of Monroe, Wis., owns and operates Exhale Therapeutic Massage. An active community volunteer, Baumann also serves on Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation's Hospice House Capital Campaign Cabinet, which is raising funds to build a new Hospice facility.

Joshua Morrison, MD, of New Glarus, Wis., is a board-certified neurologist. He joined Monroe Clinic's medical staff in July 2010 and also serves on the Medical Executive Committee.

Larry Williams, of Freeport, Ill., is the Freeport Housing Authority CEO. In his role, he launched the Workforce Development Institute (WDI), a hands-on curriculum designed to address employment barriers, focusing on soft skills of positive attitude and behavior, adaptability, responsibility, communication, problem-solving, professionalism, and teamwork.

Monroe Clinic's Board of Directors includes community leaders, medical experts and representatives from the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes (CSA).

"Our board represents a vast array of perspectives, which is important as each member's input guides

strategic plans that impact the future of local healthcare," said Mike Sanders, Monroe Clinic President & CEO.

Sanders explained that as Monroe Clinic's sponsor, CSA places a high value on building relationships within the community and staying connected to the patients and families served through their healthcare ministries. Board meetings provide CSA, Monroe Clinic staff and community representatives with consistent opportunities for interaction and communication.

"This collaboration helps Monroe Clinic continue our commitment to community health," said Sanders.

McConnell United Methodist Church to host free movie night

McConnell United Methodist Church, 211 N. Hulbert Rd. McConnell, invites everyone to a free movie night on Sunday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. at the church.

The film "The Young Messiah" will be shown. This movie tells the story of Jesus Christ at age seven as he and his family departs Egypt to return home to Nazareth.

Popcorn and drinks will be furnished for your viewing pleasure! Come out and enjoy a nice evening with us!

New View Bereavement Program

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is offering their free bereavement support program on the last Monday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Horseshoe Mound Preserve in Galena. The next meeting of the New View Bereavement Support program is on Monday, Aug. 29. Horseshoe Mound Preserve is 1 1/2 miles south of Route 20 on Blackjack Road, Galena.

This is the second year of Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois supplying continual support for residents in the surrounding area. The purpose of this program is to help

heal those wounded by grief and loss and with such beautiful scenery, peaceful setting and relaxing atmosphere; Horseshoe Mound is a wonderful place to visit.

Please call the hospice office at (815) 947-3260 to attend. The New View Bereavement Program providing compassion, healing and hope is facilitated by Rev. Brent Riemer, non-denominational. All services are free of charge however donations to Volunteer Hospice of NW IL, Inc., PO Box 185, Stockton, IL 61085 will be accepted and appreciated.

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CHURCH NEWS

Church Notes

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will celebrate Rally Day this Sunday at 118 E. Mason St. Lena IL. The morning will begin by gathering for worship on this Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost at 9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion, the blessing of the backpacks, and Installation of Sunday School Teachers.

Following the service the congregation will gather for fellowship and Rally Day festivities. Sunday School children will gather in the sanctuary at 10:45 a.m. for the large group opening and for meeting new teachers. At 11:15 there will be a family carnival with games. Children, youth, volunteers and families will gather for a meal together at 11:45 a.m. Parents and loving adults are also invited to join in on the fun. At 11:45 there will be a great kid-friendly meal for families and volunteers. Good Shepherd Choir will meet for practice at 11 p.m. and the Chime Choir will practice at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come

join the fun and make a difference in the world!

The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena will head out into the community for "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday on Sept. 25. Brothers and sisters in Christ of all ages from Good Shepherd and any interested community members will join hands to serve together following worship on Sept. 25. The serving teams will spread out at project sites throughout Lena. There will be serving opportunities for all ages and abilities. If you are interested in joining in this day of service as a volunteer, contact the Good Shepherd church office at (815) 369-5552 so that you can be assigned to a project team.

People serve throughout their families, workplaces, community organizations, neighborhoods, and more every day. "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is a fun opportunity to join hands and serve shoulder to shoulder together.

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City will hold their worship service on Sunday, Aug. 28. Pastor Thomas Ekstrand will lead the worship service beginning at 9 a.m. The service will be followed

by fellowship. The SPOTS Youth Group (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center. All youth and parents of seventh and eighth grade students entering the Confirmation program or finishing their second year of confirmation are to attend an information meeting with Pastor Ekstrand at 10:15 a.m. in Luther Hall.

The Fifth Quarter youth group (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28 followed by the Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m. Both groups will meet upstairs in the Youth and Family Center.

Ladies Night Out is planned for Wednesday Aug. 31, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's. All those interested in attending, should RSVP to Kris Eden or Lynda Palmer. The cost is \$11 and that includes a meal and entertainment.

This summer's final Pearl City Brat and Hot Dog stand will be open on Saturday, Aug. 27, 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 City Brat and Hot Dog stand is held adjacent to the Pearl City Post Office. See you there!

St. John's is hosting a community wide Luminary Walk on Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Homecoming Boulevard (by the American Legion) to remember the events of 9/11, as well as, to honor Veterans, Members of the Armed Forces and all First Responders: firefight-

ers, police and EMTs. Interested in volunteering for this special event? Contact St. John's at (815) 443-2215.

Planning ahead for fall, Rally Day will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, immediately following worship. All Sunday School youth, parents and anyone interested may attend! Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin on Sept. 18.

St. John's will begin a Saturday evening worship service at 5:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 10. Also, bible studies will resume on Monday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 9:30 a.m. Members and non-members alike are welcome to attend. Bible Studies are held in the Conference Room and the lower level East entrance will be open.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Sunday Aug 28. All are invited and welcome; this Sunday is the "Blessings of the backpacks" so bring your backpacks to be blessed, many of you have already started school, but please bring them anyway.

Also stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible, all are invited and welcome to share in the learning of what the scriptures mean to us.

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

ELCA congregations work to improve communities

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is one of nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) participating in "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, Sept. 11. Across the country, thousands of ELCA members are engaging in service work to make a positive change in their communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, St. John's Church will unite together at the Pearl City Homecoming Boulevard to remember the terrorist attack on

America 15 years ago, by honoring first responders, including veterans, members of the armed forces, firefighters, police and EMTs with a Remembrance Luminary Walk. A service of remembrance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the stage. Limited bleacher seating will be available; lawn chairs may be needed.

The Remembrance Luminary Walk will be extinguished at 9:11 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, and any veterans or first responders are encouraged.

Come out in the darkness, unite by the light together.

For more information, please visit St. John's Church website at www.stjohnspearlcity.org or call Leann at (815) 443-2191.



Attention All Ladies

*We have great power within our grasp!
God has given us the power of prayer.*

*Please join together with other women in our community
watch the movie War Room together
and study five lessons on prayer.*

*Scripture says that if we have the faith the size
of a mustard seed we can move mountains*

*We have "mountains" in our lives, marriages, families,
communities, country and world that are bigger than us.*

God is at work in the world.

*Let's come together and learn
how we can band together and pray.*

Starting Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Tuesdays through October 11, 2016

Where: Evangelical Free Church of Lena

720 Freedom Street

Lena, IL

Call 815-369-5591 to let us know you are coming

Please call Suzy at 815-541-9788 with any questions

*So many of our battles
can be fought through prayer!*

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Lena, IL

815-369-5591

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Summer Bible Study at

10:15 a.m.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS DUBUQUE BANK AND TRUST Plaintiff, -v.- HAROLD FORD, et al Defendant

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NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 8, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on September 16, 2016, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 122 1/2 N Main St, Galena, IL 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, RICE TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WHICH IS BOUNDED BY A LINE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, NORTH 88 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST, 1565 57 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 665 47 FEET; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 125 47 FEET, THENCE NORTH 06 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 434 69 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 663 83 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST 791 59 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 1081 69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND IS SUBJECT TO AND HAS THE USE AND BENEFIT OF A UTILITY AND ROADWAY EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER

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Commonly known as 9562 W. HART JOHN ROAD, GALENA, IL 61036 Property Index No. 43-14-000-027-12. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of

the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building

and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-16-06267. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-16-06267 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 16 CH 00020 TJSC#: 36-9887 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE STOCKTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2015 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2016

RECEIPTS:	
Real Estate Taxes	\$67,538.24
Interest Income	63.56
Desk Income	2,588.50
Replacement tax	-0-
Per Capita Grant	3,066.25
Donations/Grants	830.00
Total Receipts	\$74,086.55
EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries and wages	\$34,314.53
Payroll taxes	2,401.65
Utilities	6,425.83
Materials	9,016.23
Supplies	1,556.75
Technology	5,744.00
Repairs and maintenance	3,902.04
Program Expense	250.00
Ads/Pub.	223.13
Professional	1,610.00
Office & misc.	870.87
Insurance	3,209.00
Dues, meeting & travel	4,578.03

Equip. / Furn.	4,459.77
Total Expenditures	\$78,561.83
Excess(Deficit) of Receipts Versus Expenditures	(4,475.28)
Fund Balance Beginning of fiscal year (4/1/15)	116,645.52

Fund Balance End of Fiscal Year (3/31/16) \$112,170.24

STATE OF ILLINOIS)) ss.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY)
I, PATRICIA MOLITOR, Treasurer of the Stockton Township Public Library, being duly sworn on oath, state that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of public funds received and disbursed by the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Township Public Library during the fiscal year of the Stockton Township Library beginning April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016, including a statement of funds on hand at the beginning and end of such fiscal year.

DATED: June 6, 2016.

/s/ PATRICIA MOLITOR
PATRICIA MOLITOR, Treasurer
Stockton Township Public Library

Signed and sworn to before me on 06/06, 2016.

/s/ RONALD PAJA
Notary Public
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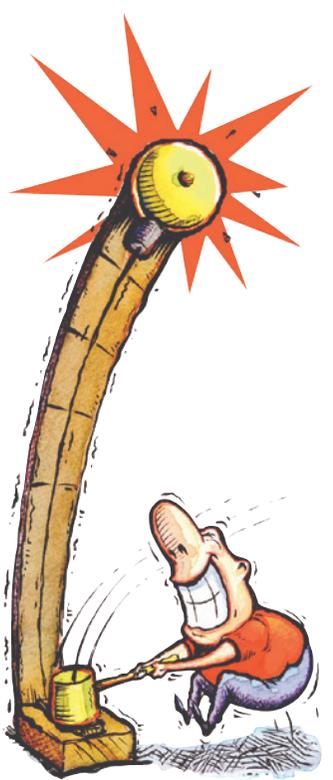
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STOCKTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY has adopted an "Ordinance Authorizing and Ascertaining the Prevailing Wages for Laborers, Workmen and Mechanics Employed on Public Works" for FY 2016/2017. The original Ordinance, which lists the applicable prevailing rate(s) of wages, is part of the official records of the Library and is on file available for examination by contacting Gael A. Brewbaker, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Library, at 140 W. Benton Ave., Stockton, IL 61085 or calling (815) 947-2030.

DATED: June 6, 2016.
GAEL A. BREWBAKER
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Secretary of the Board of Trustees
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Saturday, August 27, 2016

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PEARL CITY BEER August 27 Boulevard Bash Raffle
Band

Schedule of Events

All net proceeds go towards: Conservation & Agricultural Partners (CAP), Pearl City Food Pantry, Pearl City Schools Needy Children's Fund

8:00 A.M.	Pitmasters Check-In (Pre-registration required—Contact Kristin Dinderman 815-291-9922)
8:00 A.M.	5K race & 1 mile Family Fun Run (Sponsored by Pearl City Park District)
10:00 A.M.	Beer Garden Opens (open until Midnight)
11:00 A.M.	Parade (Contact Nathan Pickard at 815-821-2403—Registration at 9a.m.)
11:00 A.M.	Hog Roast Lunch/Dinner
12:30 P.M.	Kiddie Tractor Pull (Sponsored by Stephenson County Farm Bureau)
1:00 P.M.	Knockerball (Sponsored by Pearl City Park District)
2:45 P.M.	Ag Olympics (Sponsored by Stephenson County Farm Bureau) Pre-registration required
3:30 P.M.	Kiddie Water Fights (Sponsored by PC Fire Department)
4:45 P.M.	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by Garrett Hillary
6:00 P.M.	PC Pitmaster BBQ Samples available (while supplies last)
6:45 P.M.	Gail "Johnny" Johnson Service Award
7:00 P.M.	Pitmaster Category Champions
7:30 P.M.	LIVE BAND Nathan Dean and the Damn Band
8:30 P.M.	Pitmaster Best in Show Award
9:30 P.M.	Raffle Drawing (Contact John Schroeder to purchase tickets 815-275-4301)

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Illinois Sheriffs' Association phone scam warning

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association is advising all Illinois county residents that there is currently underway a phone campaign fraudulently using the name of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association in their solicitation. The Illinois Sheriffs' Association never solicits by phone but does conduct a direct mail campaign throughout the state of Illinois endorsed by the individual Sheriffs across Illinois.

Telemarketing fraud costs billions of dollars each year. Phone solicitors who want you to "act immediately" or are offering a "too good to be true" opportunity are most likely fraudulent. Remember that if you have any doubts, or are highly pressured - Just Hang Up.

You have the right to ask for the following information:

- 1) The name, address and phone number of the organization for which they are soliciting.
- 2) The name, address and phone number of the telemarketing firm.
- 3) The percentage of every dollar paid to the telemarketing firm.
- 4) Insist on something in writing prior to making a pledge or commitment.

If you cannot get the answers to these questions do not hesitate to hang up the phone. After all, it is your money.

Although, there are some legitimate organizations that use telemarketers for their fundraising efforts the Sheriffs of Illinois, through the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, are adamantly opposed to police groups and associations using telemarketers in their fundraising efforts. Again, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association never solicits by phone. Should you receive a call from someone saying they represent your local sheriff or the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and are asking for donations contact the Sheriff's Office immediately or gather as much information as you can from the caller and report it to the Illinois Sheriffs' Association at ISA@ilsheriff.org

Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Deputies end traffic chase with felony drug charges

On 08/19/16 at approximately 12:02 a.m., Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for an equipment violation. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed on US Rt. 20 towards Elizabeth. Near Elizabeth-Scales Mound Road a Deputy successfully deployed stop sticks on the fleeing vehicle. The vehicle continued through Elizabeth before becoming disabled near the intersection of Myrtle and N Ash Streets. The driver (Brandon L. Burdick) was apprehended immediately. The passenger (Dillon J. Potts) fled on foot and was taken into custody a short time later after a Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit located and apprehended him hiding near a residence in Elizabeth. Officers found methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in the vehicle and on their persons. Potts was also served with an outstanding felony arrest warrant issued by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. This incident remains under investigation.



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Fall Into Stockton Festival

(Right) Dozens of volunteers felt the icy chill of the dunk tank when their "friends and family members" threw their best strikes at the dunk tank target during the Fall Into Stockton festival.

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Queens hold court at Fall Into Stockton

(Left) Jo Daviess County Fair Queen Rebecca Raab and sister Kimberlyn Raab who serves as Jo Daviess County Fair Junior Miss visited downtown Stockton for the annual Fall Into Stockton festivities.



Folks seeking a little relief from the hot and humid weather kept the lemonade stand hosted by Stella's Café and Catering busy during the annual Fall Into Stockton festivities.



Brenda Pearson received French Braids from Neille Flaminio of Tamori Salon and Spa on Saturday afternoon during the Fall Into Stockton Festival



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Smith family pride

Alvin R. Smith and sons were busy hosting the annual Smith family reunion and showing off their AC tractor collection on their family farm near Lena, IL.



Devan Schamberger couldn't pass up the opportunity to drive one of the AC machines during the Smith family reunion held over the weekend on the Alvin Smith family farm near Lena, IL.

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Registration from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.
BBQ Competition begins immediately after you are registered

Cost: **\$100**
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**SPARE RIBS, PORK SHOULDER, CHICKEN LEGS,
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Reg Deadline is Wednesday September 7th

Grand Prize \$500 for Best of Show
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Contact Marcia Pax or Devin Pax
Day 815-369-4522
Evening 815-369-4595 (Marcia) 815-291-2517 (Devin)

Blackhawks home to open football season

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The road to the post-season, or at least the idea of participation, begins on Friday night as the Stockton Blackhawks prepare to open the NUIC regular season.

In many situations, a season-opening match up, at home, can prove to be a catalyst that propels a team to storied success.

Orangeville is a winnable game for Stockton.

The Broncos struggled in 2015, winning just one game on the season.

It was an improvement over the 2014 totals, but a step down from just a year before.

Over the past five seasons, Orangeville has struggled with game play in the NUIC, as they carry a mark of 7-38.

Two of the three previous seasons,

the Broncos were playoff participants. In 2008, Orangeville made it into the post-season, based on strength of schedule, with a 5-4 mark.

They won their Class 1A opener, but fell in the second round.

In 2010, the Broncos made it to the playoffs, but fell in the first round. However, their six win total was the highest single season mark since 2001, when they won seven games.

Stockton is loaded with talent. Stockton will run the ball. Stockton will play in the trenches and get the metaphoric, "four yards and a cloud of dust."

The Blackhawks will score and Stockton will work the ball down the field, controlling the time of play.

It's a trend that is expected to continue on Friday night, when the

games begin.

Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. with the varsity taking the field.

Road trouble awaits River Ridge Friday night

The Wildcats have to head to Polo on Friday night as they take on the NUIC Upstate defending champion Marcos.

Polo was a force on the field last season. The Marcos defense was State-recognized. Scoring on Polo nearly meant celebration, they were that good.

Polo closed the 2015 season with a Semi-Final loss in the State Football Playoffs and ended their year with an 11-1 mark.

In 2014, the pieces were beginning to move into place, as Polo ended the season with an 8-3 record.

Under Head Coach Andrew Hofer's guidance, however, in a period running from 2011 through

2013, the Marcos closed the year with sub-500 marks, winning only eight games, over the three year period.

Each year, though at a sub-500 pace, improvements were realized in Polo.

A 1-8 mark in 2011 was improved to 3-6 a year later.

In 2013, Polo picked up four wins, missing the post-season with a late season loss.

River Ridge continues to try to get things moving, though the going has been rough.

In 2010, the Wildcats played a season and closed with a 1-1 mark.

One year later, in 2011, the Wildcats played a full season and won two of nine matches.

They repeated that feat a season later, closing with a 2-7 mark.

2013, to date, has been the most successful season for the River

Ridge Wildcats, as they played strong down the stretch, but came up a game short of a possible post-season visit, ending the year with a 4-5 mark.

Graduation impacted River Ridge hard in the 2014 season, as they fell back to a one-win season, prior to the challenges of last year's winless campaign.

Following this Friday night's game at Polo, River Ridge heads home, where the road again looks loaded with trouble. Stockton pays a visit in week two.

The difficulty continues into week three, as River Ridge face the Panthers at Lena-Winslow High School.

The scheduling bodies were not kind to River Ridge this season, as the road appears to be paved with pitfalls, before the squad's cleats can dig in for an improved, second-third of the season.

Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 BOE minutes summary

The following is a summary of action taken at the Aug. 15, Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 School Board meeting. For more information please contact Ruth Foley or Dr. Bill Caron at (815) 845-2215.

The District held its required 2017 Budget Hearing. Superintendent Bill Caron explained that the district finished the 2016 school year with a positive budget and expects that this year they should do

the same. He did explain that does depend on receiving a tax check in June and prudent spending by the District. Following the budget hearing the Board approved the 2017 Budget during its business session.

Mrs. Karen Kelly and Mr. Jesse Ernst, who sponsored and supervised a student trip to Costa Rica in June, made a presentation to the Board. They included a number of pictures of the students and the ac-

tivities the students participated in while on the trip including a visit to a coffee farm, rainforest, a volcano, zip-lining, and white water rafting. They explained that the students used as much of the Spanish language as they had learned and were complemented by the tour guides, other chaperones, and local residents for their respectfulness and behavior while visiting Costa Rica.

Athletic Director Dave Wiegel presented his annual report. He explained that the fall sports season has already kicked off with a golf match on Aug. 15, and that Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 will be the host for the junior high school tournaments this year. The volleyball tournament will be held in late fall followed by boys basketball in Dec. and girls basketball in Feb.

Rockford Jefferson High School Golf Invitational results

- Played 8/20 at Atwood Homestead Golf Course Rockford
- Belvidere North - 218
- Rockford Guilford - 230
- Freeport H. S. - 232
- Rockford Auburn -236
- Stockton - 241
- Dixon - 242
- Oregon - 248
- Harvard - 259
- Genoa-Kingston - 278
- Belvidere H. S. - 285
- Rockford Christian Life - 286
- North Boone - 311
- Rockford East - 312
- Dakota - 316
- Rockford Jefferson - No Score

Dr. Wiederholt presented the Fall 2016 Teacher Institute Day schedule to the Board. The first institute day will be on Aug. 22, and will highlight mandated training for staff, insurance presentations, and information on the teacher evaluation program. The evening of Aug. 22, Scales Mound School will greet students and parents at the "Meet and Greet" program and on Aug. 23 the staff will meet to work on curriculum and review student data. The first day of school for students will be on Aug. 24, at 8 a.m.

Dr. Caron presented information on some of the new laws that have been signed by Governor Rauner. He explained that with all the news recently about lead in water systems, Mr. Glasker and he had the district water fountains checked which were all found to be within appropriate levels.

Dr. Caron told the Board that they had received the 2016 ACT results which show that Scales Mound students tested above the

state average with an average composite score of 22.2. The state average was 20.3.

The board approved the employment of Ms. Teresa Raymon as a paraprofessional for the 2016-17 school year, permitted the administration to work with Learning Means Fun to provide after school activities in chess and engineering, approved a plan for a boundary and site survey, approved the administration request to sell access District technology items, and approved the FFA Trap Shooting Team. Dr. Caron presented the first reading of multiple policies that were up for five-year review and revision. Finally, Dr. Caron and the Board discussed 2016-17 goals and determined that the district would work on revising the current strategic plan. This process will begin in September.

The next School Board meeting will be held on Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. The Board will do a building walk through at 6:30 p.m.



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College News

Jacqueline Cahill awarded Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from National University of Health Sciences

In a commencement ceremony held on Aug. 19, Jacqueline Cahill of Stockton received the Doctor of Chiropractic degree from National University of Health Sciences.

"We are very proud of Cahill, as National University's degree program is one of the most demanding of its kind," said President Joseph Stiefel of National University.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Heat and humidity were again with us—and lots of rain. Somewhere along the way I had heard August was to be a very dry month. I guess predictions are often wrong. However, Sunday is supposed to be cooler. The next week could be cooler also. It would be nice for students and teachers to have some cooler temperatures as they return to classrooms. It is easier to harvest the garden produce when the humidity is down, and there is a breeze. This week we are using summer fruits and vegetables of the season. There is a little theme with watermelon and zucchini. Some of them are different, so give them a try and see what you can do with these two vegetables.

My grandmother used to make watermelon rind pickles. They were a treat because we didn't get watermelon as early as we do now nor was it as plentiful. These snappy crisp pickles are a treat. You can use the cinnamon sticks and fresh ginger or use the ground spices instead. Putting the pickling spice in a sachet makes it easier to remove. Enjoy this unique way to use every bit of the watermelon.

Watermelon Rind Pickles

5 lb. watermelon
4 qt. water
3 T. Kosher salt

2 C. water
2 C. sugar
1½ C. white vinegar
1 T. pickling spice, tied in a sachet
1 t. kosher salt
1 cinnamon stick (3 inches) or ½ t. ground cinnamon

1 knob of ginger, thinly sliced (1-inch) or ¼ t. ground ginger

Cut the watermelon rind from the flesh, leaving about 1/8 inch flesh intact. (Cube the rest of the watermelon and eat it!) Cut rind into ½ inch x 3½ inch spears. Peel tough green layer from spears. Bring 4 quarts water and 3 tablespoons of salt to a boil in a large pot. Add spears and cook until fork tender, about 15 minutes; drain the liquid from the spears.

Boil 2 cups water, sugar, vinegar, pickling spice, 1 teaspoon salt, cinnamon, and ginger in a pot for 5 minutes. Add spears and return to a boil; remove from heat. To keep spears submerged in pickling liquid, weigh down if necessary. Let spears come to room temperature, about 2 hours. Transfer spears and brine to a glass bowl; cover and chill and let spears pickle at least 12 hours. These refrigerator pickles will last, chilled, for up to two weeks. You may can for longer storage.

You can use the watermelon you had from the pickles for this unique salad. The combination of the two plus the addition of the lemon juice, zest, vinegar and oil makes for a great taste. The onions and basil with the addition of the mozzarella enhances the flavor more. If you use yellow cherry tomatoes, this salad is even prettier.

Watermelon-Tomato Salad

4 C. seedless watermelon, cut into 1-inch cubes
2 t. sugar
12 oz. yellow or red cherry tomatoes, halved

Salt and pepper
2 T. extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
1 T. cider vinegar
½ t. grated lemon zest
1 T. lemon juice
1 green onion, sliced into thin slices
¼ C. fresh basil leaves, torn
4 oz. mozzarella cheese

Gently combine the watermelon and sugar in a large bowl. Transfer watermelon to colander and set colander in an empty bowl. Cover the colander with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Toss tomatoes, ¼ t. salt and ¼ t. pepper together in a small bowl and set aside.

Whisk oil, vinegar, lemon zest and juice, ½ t. salt and, ¼ t. pepper together in a large bowl. Add the green onions, basil, drained watermelon, and tomatoes and toss gently to combine. Transfer to a platter and evenly scatter mozzarella over the top. Drizzle with extra oil and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Barb Wire has had the best green beans this season. If you have had a lot of them, you are looking for new and different ways to use this delicious vegetable. This recipe reminds me of the barbeque beans I make in the winter. The tomato and bacon added to the beans are a great way to use a standard vegetable.

Stewed Green Beans

5 strips of thick-sliced bacon, diced

1 C. diced onions
1 T. minced fresh garlic
1½ lb. fresh green beans, trimmed
1 can (14.5 oz.) diced tomatoes in juice

½ C. water
Salt and black pepper to taste

Cook the bacon in a large saucepan until crisp; transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate. Heat the drippings over medium-high. Add onions and

cook until softened and brown, 3-5 minutes. Stir in garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Stir in green beans, tomatoes, water and bacon; season with salt and pepper. Cover and simmer beans over medium-low heat until very tender, 45 minutes, stirring occasionally and seasoning with more salt and pepper as desired.

The zucchini is the theme in the next two recipes. This first one combines fresh corn with zucchini. The zucchini part of the recipe can be made about 6 hours ahead of time; before serving add the corn and seasonings. Some of my friends really like hot sauce or peppers. You can add mild or hot green chili peppers when you add the corn to make for a spicier dish.

Fresh Corn and Zucchini Sauté

½ stick unsalted butter
½ C. finely diced white onion
2 C. chopped zucchini
3 ears of corn, kernels cut off cobs
½ t. salt
1/8 t. pepper

Heat the butter in a large skillet over medium heat until foamy and lightly browned, 1-2 minutes. Cook onion, stirring occasionally, until tender and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add zucchini and cook, stirring occasionally, until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Add the corn, salt, pepper and cook, stirring occasionally until the corn is tender, about 3 minutes.

Using zucchini with chicken and pasta is a great way to get rid of the ever growing crop of zucchini you might have in your garden. You can use the frozen spinach artichoke dip or the basil pesto to meld the chicken, pasta and zucchini together. Add more of either if you think the pasta needs it.

Chicken Alfredo with Zucchini

6 oz. fettuccine
Boiling water
2 (6 oz.) chicken breasts, boneless, skinless, cut into ½-inch strips
½ t. salt
½ t. pepper
½ t. Italian seasoning
1 T. olive oil
1 T. butter
½ C. chopped onion
2 small zucchini, cut into ½ inch planks
½ C. prepared pesto or 1 pkg. (8 oz.) frozen spinach and artichoke dip half thawed

Cook the fettuccine in boiling water according to the package directions. Drain and reserve ½ cup of the cooking water. Sprinkle the chicken strips with salt, pepper, and Italian seasoning. Heat the olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high. Add the chicken and cook until browned, about 5 minutes. Remove chicken to a plate. Add the onion to the pan and cook 3 minutes. Add the zucchini and cook for 3 minutes. Add the half thawed spinach artichoke dip or the pesto and cook until melted and sauce coats vegetables. Return chicken and pasta to pan. Thin the sauce with the reserved cooking water if

needed.

I had this great strawberry bar recipe that I put away, and I just recently found it. It is really great because it mixes white chocolate into the crust to give it just a little different flavor. Be sure to use the bar chocolate rather than chocolate chips because the chips have paraffin in them and don't melt as well as the bar chocolate. Using the parchment paper makes for an easy clean up. The sauce is yummy—you can use it on ice cream if you want.

Strawberry Shortcake Bars

Bars:

2 C. flour
¼ C. sugar
1 T. baking powder
½ t. salt
1 stick cold unsalted butter, cubed
1 C. diced fresh strawberries
4 oz. white bar chocolate, chopped—do not use white chocolate chips

½ C. heavy cream
1 egg
½ t. vanilla
¾ C. strawberry jam

Topping:

4 C. fresh strawberries, hulled, halved or quartered if large, divided
1/3 C. sugar
1 T. cornstarch
¼ C. water

Pinch of table salt
1-2 drops red food color
Whipped cream

Preheat the oven to 375. Coat a 9-inch square baking pan with nonstick spray. Line the pan with a 2-inch overhang of parchment paper; coat the paper with nonstick spray.

Whisk together the flour, ¼ cup sugar, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl; cut butter into the flour mixture using a pastry blender until the butter is pea-sized; stir in 1 cup diced strawberries and white chocolate. In a separate bowl, whisk together the cream, egg and vanilla, and then add to the flour mixture, blending with a fork just until the dough comes together. Press half the dough onto the bottom of the prepared pan. Spread the jam over the dough, then pat the remaining dough over the top, sprinkle with sugar if desired, and bake bars until lightly golden, 35-40 minutes. Cool to room temperature, then cut into 12 bars.

Topping: in a food processor, purée ¾ cup of the strawberries. Combine sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Stir in the puréed strawberries, water and a pinch of salt. Bring the mixture to a boil and cook until thick, stirring constantly, about 3 minutes. Stir in food color and then remove from heat. Let cool slightly and then pour over the remaining fresh strawberries which have been placed in a mixing bowl. Let the topping cool to room temperature or refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve the bars with topping and whipped cream

I am having my 50th Class Reunion—the Pearl City Class of

•Senate (Continued from page 4)

Gov. Rauner announces the creation of the Illinois Fairgrounds Foundation

On Aug. 16, Gov. Rauner announced a newly-formed, not-for-profit Illinois Fairgrounds Foundation that has been established by leaders in the agricultural community. The announcement was made on the state fair's Agricultural Day.

The goal of the charitable foundation is to promote, support, assist and sustain the Springfield and Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The Foundation's activities will emphasize capital improvements at these sites, with a focus on the restoration of buildings.

Combined, the two fairgrounds have approximately 200 buildings—some as old as 124 years. Many of these buildings are in dire need of repair including paint, plumbing, roofing and structural repairs. The Foundation hopes to ease the burden put on the state to fund the nearly \$180 million in maintenance costs. In a time of uncertain budgets, the Foundation will provide additional

support to the fairgrounds.

The Foundation Board is comprised of nine unpaid members representing the agriculture industry. Board members will develop strategies to raise private funds, coordinate with the Department of Agriculture to plan projects and determine the fairgrounds' needs, and serve as ambassadors for the improvement of the fairgrounds.

The Illinois Fairgrounds Foundation will establish accounts that will be held outside the State Treasury so donors know their donations will go to the intended purpose.

School Funding Reform Commission meets for a second time

The Illinois School Funding Reform Commission created by Gov. Rauner to recommend a comprehensive solution to reform the school funding formula, had its second meeting on Aug. 16.

During the meeting, Richard Laine from the National Governors Association spoke on the relationship between school funding and

workforce readiness. Laine stressed that the challenge isn't just funding schools, but creating an educational system that prepares students to enter the workforce. He also emphasized that training the US workforce to be competitive in a global economy is becoming increasingly important.

The Commission also reviewed the "evidence-based" approach to funding education. This model draws from research and evidence-based best practices to help identify how much money per pupil is needed to educate students in Illinois according to its proficiency standards.

Chaired by Secretary of Education Beth Purvis, the 25-member Commission includes five designees from Gov. Rauner's Administration and five designees from each of the four legislative caucuses.

The Commission's report is to be presented to the Governor and General Assembly by Feb. 1, 2017. Lawmakers say the goal is to have the General Assembly take action on a proposal in 2017.



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Let the festivities begin

The Slurp and Burp in downtown Loran is the traditional center of activities for the annual Loran Festival.



10-month-old Alana Smith wore her best sunbonnet to ride in the Loran Fest Horse and Buggy parade with her Great Grandpa Leroy Whitten and her mom Alison.



Two and a half year old Delaney Byers put on her shades and headed to downtown Loran to ride in the Horse and Buggy Parade with her mom Catherine Byers.



The Farmer's Market was a busy place for picking the freshest produce on Saturday afternoon during the annual Loran Festival in downtown Loran.

Area emergency services respond to rural Stockton silo accident

At 17:41 on Aug. 18, Stockton Fire Department was dispatched to locate a subject in a silo at 1437 S Willow Rd. At approximately 22:45, Roger Hubb, 76, of Stockton was found deceased and removed from the silo. Further information will be withheld pending autopsy and investigation. No foul play is suspected. Extensive resources were required due to the high temperatures, the height of scene, and the workload of removal of the subject from the haylage. Stockton Fire was assisted by Stockton Ambulance, Warren Ambulance, Elizabeth Fire Department, Scales Mound Fire Department, Apple River Fire Department, Apple Canyon Lake Fire Department, Warren Fire Department, Lena Fire Department, Pearl City Fire Department, Mount Carroll Fire Department, Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Stockton Police Department, Lifeline Helicopter, Jo Daviess County Coroner, and MABAS Division 17 Technical Rescue Team. No first responders were injured.

Legion Auxiliary to be stage voter registration

Stephenson County residents only voter's registration will be done at the Lena Fall Festival at the American Legion Auxiliary table in front of the Health Store. If you will be 18 by the November election or have moved, stop by and get the paperwork done so you can vote in this coming election

St. Paul Church of Epleyanna to host Autumn Fest

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the St. Paul "Autumn Fest"! This fun family event will take place at St Paul Church of Epleyanna, located at 8800 E. Eplyanna Rd, Davis, IL on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m.

There will be free food, games, and prizes, bounce house with obstacle course, cake walk, petting zoo, and face painting. Also performing live

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 13)

1966. I can't believe I have been out of high school that long. Several of us have been having great times putting together a program book and catching up on most of our classmates. We will be having dinner and then a time of memories. My best high school friend is coming from near St. Louis, and she is staying for three days. I am planning on taking her to a lot of our old haunts. I will give you the low down next week on how everything went.

We are hoping that you have a good week of cooking with all the

great fruits and vegetables of the season. Don't forget to visit Barb at the Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. If you don't have your own garden, she has just what you want and need. We continue to look for garden vegetable recipes. Any ideas on using egg plant, kohlrabi, tomatoes, squash, or zucchini?

Any ideas on cooking with peaches and apples? If you have any 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.

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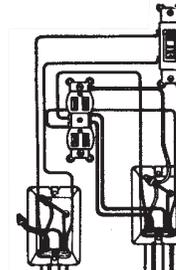
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Eagle Nature Foundation to sponsor Stroll through Apple Creek event

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ferent trees and flowering shrubs, and hundreds of different flowering plants. Then the stroll will move on to Apple Creek Prairie with its hundreds of native flowering prairie plants. Participants will be able to enjoy, over 10 varieties of both

asters and goldenrods, which should be blooming at that time, as well as to look for the little Ladies Tress Orchids, which should also be blooming as well.

At 11:45 the Stroll participants will move up to the Apple River

Presbyterian Church for a delicious Swiss Steak meal catered by the Sidetrack Café at noon. This will be followed by both a silent and noisy auction and a 50/50 raffle.

At 2 p.m. the participants will go back to Apple Creek to take a one

mile stroll through Apple Creek Woods. This woods was an oak opening in the middle of the prairie, before Europeans settled the area. Many of the old oak trees were present when Black Hawk's people were living here. One of the huge 24-foot burr oak trees probably germinated when his ancestors were living in the area. See how this Oak Opening is presently progressing towards a maple/basswood climax forest.

Come for a very enjoyable day learning about what is presently located in these areas and what used to be living on this property. Both of these strolls will be led by the certified naturalist and field trip leader/trainer, Terrence Ingram. Join us to see the natural world through his eyes, which may be failing, but still see more than many of us.

Call (815) 594-2306 for the costs for the strolls, or to make reservations. Reservations must be made before Sept. 9.

Galena Cellars Vineyard hosts seventh annual Fall Harvest Festival

Are you looking to change up your search for the optimum fall festival event to attend this year? While there are plenty of them out there on the calendar, others don't quite have the twist a Galena Cellars Fall Harvest Festival has. With plenty of wine, food and song to accompany the festivities, Galena Cellars highlights their event with a hands-on - or rather feet-in - grape stomp that is open to the public for participation - and plenty of laughs.

Designed to celebrate the fruits of their labor, Galena Cellars Vineyard & Winery has set Saturday, Sept. 24, from noon to 6 p.m. for their Annual Harvest Festival. The event will take place at the vineyard, 4746 North Ford Road, Galena, with a full day of family friendly activities. The Fever River String Band will provide live music all afternoon as the perfect backdrop to wine tastings and vineyard tours, horse-drawn wagon rides and much more.

Selected area artists in many diverse genres will also be showing and selling their wares. Unique food options are being made available by Holliberri Icelandics (lamb) and the Galena Elks Club.

Highlighting the day is the festival's grape stomp which draws a multitude of contestants of all ages and some very creative grape stomping techniques. Professional bag piper Bill Spivey of Apple River, Illinois, will also be providing a very

distinctive accompaniment to the contest fun. Pre-registration for the grape stomp begins at 1 p.m., with the stomp scheduled for 2 p.m. Participation fee is \$5 for adults; children stomp for free. Open invitations are always extended to previous winners of the stomp for defending their title. Prizes will be awarded.

Admission to the general event is free. Vineyard tours are \$7.50. The event also features wine tastings all day and a keepsake glass for an added fee.

For more information, visit www.galenacellars.com.

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DUBUQUE BANK AND TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
HAROLD FORD, et al
Defendant

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Garlic Festival

These guys worked fast and furious to keep up with the demand for pulled pork at the Garlic Festival held in Elizabeth over the weekend.



The folks from GEAR (Greater Elizabeth Arts & Recreation) had an incredible spread of homemade salsas and sauces on the table during the Garlic Festival in Elizabeth over the weekend.

Get ready now for Illinois to visually experience total solar eclipse

Information compiled by Tony Carton EDITOR

Millions of Americans will see the sight of a lifetime on Aug. 21, 2017 when a rare total solar eclipse sweeps the nation from Oregon to South Carolina. Day turns to night for more than two minutes and the sky's most beautiful spectacle, the Sun's corona, reveals itself in grandeur.

The majority of this total solar eclipse takes place over the con-

tinental USA yielding the name The Great American Eclipse, and Illinois is one of just 14 states through which the path of the eclipse will travel.

The Great American Eclipse will be the first total solar eclipse seen in the U.S. in 26 years and the first seen in the contiguous U.S. in 38 years. It will also be the first total eclipse to travel across the U.S. from coast-to-coast since 1918 and the first total eclipse seen only in the U.S. since the nation's found-

ing in 1776.

A total solar eclipse occurs when the Moon completely covers the solar disk. Places experiencing a total solar eclipse will be significantly dimmer than the otherwise bright sky.

The total phase of a solar eclipse is very brief. It rarely lasts more than several minutes. Nevertheless, it is considered to be one of the most awe inspiring spectacles in all of nature. The sky takes on an eerie twilight as the Sun's bright face is replaced by the black disk of the Moon. Surrounding the Moon is a beautiful gossamer halo. This is the Sun's spectacular solar corona, a super heated plasma two million degrees in temperature. The corona can only be seen during the few brief minutes of totality. To witness such an event is a singularly memorable experience.

A total solar eclipse is extremely rare - so rare that you may not have the opportunity to see it once in your lifetime if you don't travel.

A common question is: "Where is the best place to see the eclipse?" Truth be told, there are many great spots and one of the best on Earth is just hours away in Carbondale, Illinois.

Carbondale has the special distinction of being near the crossing centerlines of both the Aug. 21, 2017 total solar eclipse and the coming April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse. Also, the point of longest eclipse (just over 2 minutes and 41 seconds) for 2017 is just southeast of Carbondale near Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Not only does The Great American Eclipse offer a once in a lifetime and close to home experience, but photographing an eclipse of the Sun is fun and easy. However, you will need to use a special Solar Filter to protect your eyes and your camera.

Permanent eye damage can result from looking at the disk of the Sun directly, or through a camera viewfinder, or with binoculars

or a telescope even when only a thin crescent of the Sun or Bailey's Beads remain. However, once the Sun is entirely eclipsed, and its bright surface is hidden from view and it is completely safe to look directly at the totally eclipsed Sun without any filters. In fact, it is one of the greatest sights in nature.

There are a number of ways to observe the entirety of a total solar eclipse including the pinhole projection method, solar filters, and welder's goggles. Standard or Polaroid sunglasses are not solar filters and should never be used to stare at the sun. Take time to investigate the most practical method for you before attempting to observe The Great American Eclipse from start through finish.

TeamIllinois Youth Police Camp chooses first female as Top Cop

Officials from the Illinois State Police (ISP) announce the first female Trooper has received the Top Cop award from the TeamIllinois Youth Police Camp (TYPC). Trooper Omoayena Williams was chosen by the camp cadets as the Top Cop.

The TYPC is an annual week-long residency camp for young men and women from the Metro East area. The camp is based on a military model of discipline and includes para-military drills, physical fitness, team building exercises, and other life enhancing skills. The primary purpose of the TYPC is to establish interpersonal relations between youth and law enforcement through mentoring and encouragement. The 2016 camp was the eleventh annual TYPC. It started on July 10, and graduation ceremonies were held on July 16.

Each year at the conclusion of the TYPC, cadets choose one counselor as the Top Cop. The Top Cop is chosen because the officer is devoted to duty, and their leadership abilities set a standard of excellence for others to emulate. Although it was only her first year volunteering as a counselor at the camp, Trooper Williams was this year's recipient of the Top Cop award.

"I wanted to volunteer as a counselor at the youth camp because I understand the importance of having mentors and positive role models for young men and women," stated Trooper Williams. "I also volunteered because I want to let today's youth know that if they set their minds to it, they can accomplish their goals," she continued.

Trooper Williams was born and raised in Nigeria. She attended the University of Chicago and received a Bachelor of Art's degree in Human Development in 2009. In Sept. of 2010 Trooper Williams reported to the ISP Academy as a member of Cadet Class 118. She graduated in March 2011 and was assigned to District Chicago patrol. Trooper Williams and her family still currently reside in Chicago.

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