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There's no place like home for the folks at Checkered Flag Auto Body

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

Troy and Rhonda Pcoj ran their Checkered Flag Auto Body in Lena for more years than they care to admit, but once their kids graduated and they started looking to downsize they decided to take it to the country and pretty much go back home.

"I'm a car guy and it's been my passion," said Pcoj. "I grew up at Apple Canyon Lake and graduated Scales Mound High School in 1982. I started in the auto body field right after high school, so when we wanted to slow down a little bit we moved back to where we grew up. It was the right location, the right time and the right everything, so here we are."

He always liked cars and he likes building stuff.

"He went to the Jo Daviess Carroll AVC when he was in high school, Rhonda said. "He took two years of auto body in high school and then got hired at Metal Specialties in Freeport. He worked there for 17 years before going to G & R in Pearl City and while he was there he opened his own shop."

They were in Lena for 15 years before moving to rural Apple River last year."

"It just got really big really fast in Lena," she said. "We had two full time employees and I quit my job to work as business manager. We were working 65-70 hours a week and we were exhausted. We had a wonderful business there and the communities were great and very supportive. It just grew bigger than we ever thought it would."

Never one to rest on her laurels, she started going back to nursing school while their son was still in

high school in Lena and when he graduated two years ago, Troy decided he wanted to go back to being a one man shop and live where he works; simplify it and put it all together again, but back in his old stomping grounds.

The CTE Academy in Elizabeth taught me the basics," he said. "They had all the tools and outstanding teachers. It used to be called the AVC and was a lot of fun because you got to meet kids from other schools. Basically, they taught me the platform that I'm still using today about how to fix a car that's been wrecked or how to restore one from start to finish."

He said the trick is to just keep on learning.

"In my first year at the AVC I thought I wanted auto mechanics, but about two days into that I went right back to auto body," Pcoj said. "It was a natural fit. I enjoyed it. I loved going there. I recommend that program. It got me my start. I started there as a high school junior and it verified for me that I was pretty good at it and it was something I should think about doing and that's how it all started for us."

They said business at their new location is excellent.

"We're marketing at Apple Canyon Lake and in Scales Mound," she said. "We're going to start marketing back into Lena. There are no limits on the projects we'll undertake."

Checkered Flag will take on just about any project that will fit in the door.

"The Scales Mound shop closed when Bob Wachter retired last year and that's brought us a lot of business because the only other option is East Dubuque since Galena doesn't



TONY CARTON PHOTO *The Scoop Today*
Troy and Rhonda Pcoj moved their Checkered Flag Auto Body shop from Lena to Apple River and are finding life to be about as good as it gets.

have a shop," she said. "We're trying to serve Jo Daviess County and reach those folks that don't know we're here and don't know what to do when they wreck their car."

Checkered Flag sports two loaner cars and updated technologies usually only found in much larger shops.

"We can fix you up with a car while we get yours back on the road," he said. "We offer some big town equipment and technologies, but we're in a smaller market in a rural setting and 50 feet from my

back door, so it's real nice."

She likes having him close to home.

"When he has a really busy day he can take a quick lunch and head right back out to work," Rhonda said. "If we need to be available outside our regular hours we live here so people can come out early or in the evening and we can take care of them."

It's all about customer service at Checkered Flag.

"If someone cannot pick up their car during our hours or if they need

an estimate, we're here," he said.

"If someone calls and we're home, I'll just tell them to come in for an estimate or whatever they need and we'll get the ball rolling. Lena is kind of our hometown and that's where we raised our kids, but since the shop in Scales Mound closed the folks out here are happy to have us and we're happy to be here. We're where we're supposed to be."

Stop by Checkered Flag at 4933 N Scout Camp Rd, Apple River or call (815) 369-9747.

Days and times for trick-or-treating

Apple River: Monday, 5 to 8 p.m.
Cedarville: Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.
Davis: Monday, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Dakota: Monday, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Elizabeth: Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.
Freeport: Monday, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Hanover: Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.
Lena: Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.
McConnell: Monday, 4 to 7 p.m.
Orangeville: Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.

Pearl City: Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.
Pecatonica: Monday, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Rock City: Monday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Savanna: Sunday, 6 to 8 p.m.
Scales Mound: Monday, 6 to 8 p.m.
Stockton: Monday, 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Warren: Monday, 5 to 8 p.m.
Winslow: Monday, 5 to 7 p.m.

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Stockton Police Department report for week of Oct. 14 to 20

On 10/14 at approximately 0213 hours, the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Pearl Street in reference to a person having a medical issue. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant who wanted to speak with an officer in order to calm down. The officer spent some time with the subject until the subject was feeling better. No medical assistance was requested or required. No further police action was needed.

On 10/15 at about 5:20 p.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department met with a complainant at the Stockton PD in reference to a possible Sexual Assault. The complainant stated that she was not sure if a crime had occurred, but she thought she may have been assaulted by a relative. The complainant was transported to a Hospital for treatment and investigation. An assault could not be determined at the hospital, and the complainant then decided to just go home without assisting any further in the incident. After further investigation on the following day, it was determined that no assault had occurred and the investigation was closed.

On 10/15 at 10:24 p.m. the Stockton Police were called to an address on South Main Street to assist the Stockton Ambulance Service with a man who was unable to stand or walk. After initial evaluation by ambulance personnel, the victim was taken by ambulance to Freeport Hospital for treatment. No further Police action was necessary.

On 10/16 at approximately 2:36 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's on a call of a man with a gun and a knife in Apple River. On arrival, officers were able to take the suspect into custody. After investigation, it was determined that the

subject did not have a weapon. It was also determined that this incident was of a domestic nature. Subject was taken by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff to the Jo Daviess County Jail.

On 10/17 at approximately 0216 hours, while on routine patrol, an officer of the Stockton Police Department was driving in the area of the 100 Block of South Main Street when he heard an adult male voice yell "Whore". The officer circled the area trying to locate a suspect and saw no male in the area. Upon circling through the alley, the Officer found a Female subject sitting on her back porch. The female also heard the yelling, but did not see any suspect. She stated she went out onto East Front Street looking for someone, but didn't see anyone. The officer continued to search the area, but the result was negative for any other persons.

On 10/17 at approximately 9:01 a.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to a call a suspicious car on Prospect, near the Stockton Elementary School. On arrival, the Officer observed a vehicle with Wisconsin License plates parked in front of a garage. There were no occupants of the vehicle. The vehicle appeared to be in disrepair and possibly inoperable. The complainant stated that the vehicle had been in this location for several days without being moved. The officer attempted to locate the owner of the vehicle in order to have it removed from the unsafe location.

On 10/17 at approximately 9:59 a.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to see the pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church who wanted to report that someone has been tampering with the sound system at the church. The pastor advised that nothing had been damaged or taken and no forced entry to the church had taken place. It was reported that several times over the past weeks, that the sound system components had been tampered with by someone turning switches on or off and switching settings on cameras. Extra patrols were requested to monitor the church when there are no activities or services

Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office investigates crash with injuries

On 10/20 the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office was notified of a traffic crash with injuries at the intersection of US Hwy 20 at IL Rt. 84 N., rural Galena.

Responding Deputies learned that a semi-tractor with trailer, loaded with scrap metal and scrap cars, was traveling east on US Hwy 20. This semi-tractor and trailer, driven by

scheduled.

On 10/17 at approximately 10:18 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle parked and unoccupied with a door standing open in a parking lot on North Main Street. The Officer was able to locate the owner who was in the area. The owner accidentally left the vehicle open and there is no foul play suspected. No further police action was required.

At approximately 2:16 p.m. on 10/17 Stockton Police, along with Jo Daviess County Sheriff's, were dispatched to an address on North Pearl Street in reference to a physical domestic altercation between a mother and her daughter. Upon the arrival of officers, the mother was found sitting on a staircase leading up to the front door of her apartment. The daughter was located in the apartment. It was learned through investigation, that the mother was trying to move a mattress into the apartment and she thought the daughter was not helping her. The argument became physical as the mother grabbed the daughter around the neck and pulled her to the floor. The daughter, in attempting to escape the assault, tried to get into her bedroom, but the mother then slammed a door on the daughters arm several times. The mother was placed under arrest for Domestic Battery and was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for Processing of Charges.

On 10/17 at approximately 4:48 p.m., The Stockton Police were dispatched to a possible domestic related dispute. It was reported that a Juvenile involved was attempting to run away. On arrival, there was no answer at the door and no answer when officers called the victim back. It was found that no one was at home at this time. No further police action could be taken.

On 10/17 at approximately 8:19 p.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched to a call of Criminal Damage to Property. Upon arrival at an address on Front Street, the Officer met with a property manager who stated that she manages apartments at a building on Front Street

above a bar. The manager showed the officer the damage to an apartment door. The manager stated that the tenant who had been staying in the apartment had been evicted and that he was no longer allowed on the property after he had removed his belongings from the apartment. Once it was found that the tenant had removed all of his belongings from the apartment, the manager placed a new lock on the door and secured the apartment. Sometime later, another tenant of the building noticed that the front door to the apartment was standing open. Upon inspection by the manager, it was found that the door of the apartment had been kicked open, and damage was done to the interior of the apartment, and an appliance was removed from the apartment that belongs to the building owner. Through investigation, the appliance was recovered by Police. The former tenant has not been located at the time of this report and this case is currently under investigation by the Stockton Police Department.

On 10/17 at approximately 9:15 p.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to a domestic dispute. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant who stated that a male juvenile subject knocked on her door and asked her to call police because his father had physically assaulted him. The officer then interviewed the juvenile. The juvenile subject reported that his father had choked him and had thrown him against a brick wall. There was visible physical evidence of bruising and minor injury to the juvenile which was consistent with his story. The officer then located the juveniles' father. The father was interviewed and gave a story that was inconsistent with the injuries suffered by the juvenile. The father was then placed under arrest for Domestic Battery to the juvenile. The other juveniles in the home were placed with relatives temporarily. DCFS was notified and are investigating this incident. The father was then transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing of charges.

On 10/18 at approximately 8:11 a.m., Stockton Police assisted the Jo Daviess County Sheriff in the service of an arrest warrant. Officers went to an Address on Front Street where the person wanted on a Residential Burglary warrant from

St. Paul's Lutheran Church confirmation class to Trick or Treat food pantry donations

St. Paul's Lutheran Church confirmation class will be haunting for non-perishable food items and donations for the food pantries in Apple River and Warren on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.

Jo Daviess County was known to reside. Officers did find the subject at this location and placed him under arrest. The wanted subject, was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing of charges.

At approximately 2:15 p.m. on 10/18 the Stockton Police were dispatched to the Stockton High School in reference to an altercation between two students. Upon the officers' arrival, he was met by school officials who advised that the students had been separated. Through investigation it was learned that two female students were having a feud over statements made by one about the other. On this date, during a class, one of the students made a statement about physically assaulting the other. After an exchange of words, the first student did, in fact, physically attack the second student in a school room with other students present. The two students were separated by school officials. It was determined that the first student was the physical aggressor and she was then taken to the Stockton Police Station where she was arrested and processed for Battery. The student was then immediately turned over to her parent. This case is still under review.

On 10/18 at 8:19 p.m., the Stockton Police responded to a suspicious person at the Stockton Park. On arrival, the Officer observed a male subject who appeared to be homeless. Upon checking, it was found that the subject was wanted in Wisconsin for minor charges, but was not extraditable or serviceable outside the state of Wisconsin. Officers arranged for the subject to be transported to the Dubuque area where he said he had a contact who could help him. No further police action was necessary.

On 10/19 at 8:36 a.m. Police were dispatched to the Stockton Village Hall for an irate citizen. On arrival, Officers encountered a subject who was being loud and abusive verbally to employees of the village and other patrons. The person appeared to be in need of medical intervention. A family member of the individual was contacted and the subject was transported to a medical facility.

Chief Tom Sheehan of the Stockton Police Department would like to remind everyone, that persons charged with crimes or violations of Illinois Statutes are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Berry school offered by University of Illinois Extension

Strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries will be the topic of discussion at the Northern Illinois Berry School offered by the University of Illinois Extension. Topics will include general management practices, disease, weed and pest management and more. The Northern Illinois Berry School will be held on

Thursday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Highland Community College Student Conference Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport (Use Parking Lot A). Cost for the program is \$15. Participants can register by visiting <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/> or by calling (815) 235-4125.

If you would like to make a donation, but aren't visited or won't be home, please make your donation to the food pantry of your choice. Every donation makes a difference!

Stephenson County Antique Engine Club To host spaghetti supper and bake sale

The Stephenson County Antique Engine Club will sponsor a Spaghetti supper and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Silvercreek Museum, 2954 S. Walnut Rd., Freeport, IL. Serving will be buffet style and will be from 3:30 till 7 p.m. The menu is spaghetti, sauce, green beans, jello, garlic bread, dessert and milk or coffee or water. Cost of the meal is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. The bake sale will be held the same hours unless sold out. All bake sale items will be

individually price. Any questions please call (815) 235-7329 or call (815) 235-2198 the day of the supper. The proceeds will go toward upkeep and maintenance of the properties owned by the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club, an all volunteer, educational, not for profit organization. If you have questions regarding the Engine Club please check us out on the web at www.thefreeportshow.com or check us out on Facebook- the Stephenson County Antique Engine Club.

Mady's Pantry celebrates five years on Nov. 5 and 6 at Lena's Sullivans

The Jacobs family invites the community to join them in celebrating 5 years of supporting Ronald McDonald House through Mady's Pantry annual fundraising and supply drive. The event is slated for Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Sullivan's in Lena.

Shoppers can select their own groceries from the wish list, which will be specially marked throughout the store, or simply purchase a pre-filled grocery bag available in prices ranges of \$5 and \$10.

During the event, people can also drop off supplies they've already purchased. The wish list and other details are available on "Mady's Pantry" Facebook page (make sure to "like" the page for updates!).

The event will feature a cookout from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday. The popular trademark pink crown cookies will also be on sale.

Monetary donations are also accepted, as well as pop tab donations.

Mady's Pantry honors the memory of Heather and J.R.'s daughter and Braden and Brody's sister, Madyson Jacobs, who was born with Walker-Warburg Syndrome and passed away in 2012 at the age of five.

The Jacobs family often stayed in the Ronald McDonald House during their visits to the University of Wisconsin Hospital for Mady's care. Mady's Pantry provides the single largest donation of wish list items for Ronald McDonald House in Madison.

Lena Ladies Day Out is just around the corner

It's time for another Ladies Day Out. The cold weather is back and so are we. And you know what that means? Christmas is coming!

Le-Win Elementary School, Lena IL

Date: Nov. 19

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Santa Claus: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast 9 -11 a.m.

60+ vendors to ensure you find the perfect gift for everyone on your list; gift-wrapping services galore; food drive for the Lena Food Pantry; door prizes and all proceeds benefit the Lena Area Church Cooperative; grand prize of \$100 Lena Money, and best of all - free admission!

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at our event or a sponsor of Ladies Day Out please contact: Chelsea White at (815) 275-3997, Kristina Weaver at (815) 541-2355, or Abbea Schlichting (920) 901-2501. Or get in touch via e-mail at Ladies-DayOut05@gmail.com. You can also visit our Facebook page.

T-Shirt Fundraiser for the family of Anthony Decker

The Lena Winslow Freshman Class is holding a t-shirt fundraiser to support the family of their classmate, Anthony Decker, who passed away earlier this school year. All proceeds will go to Anthony's family. Order forms are due by Nov. 2 to the high school office. Please make all checks payable to Le-Win High School; payment is due at the time of the order. Order forms are available at the school or online at <http://edne.tw/n424949>



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A bright shining star

Pearl City first grader Morgan Campbell was the proud Star of the Week and shared her favorite book, Green Eggs and Ham with her entire class.

Local artist creates commemorative piece for Community Bank's 100th Anniversary

Multi-talented artist and Orangeville native Linda Vietmeyer has created a custom art piece commissioned by Community Bank in honor of the bank's historic 100 year anniversary.

Vietmeyer's artwork was officially unveiled at all four branches during the Community Bank Pinnacle 100 Year Anniversary Event on Oct. 21. Vietmeyer herself attended the open house at the bank's Orangeville location to see her artwork shown to the public for the first time.

Vietmeyer designed the commemorative display inspired by a unique style of art known as the Zentangle method. Her art consists of small lines and patterns that make up a large, detailed picture once complete. The pieces are often complex and filled with varying, intricate designs throughout the artwork.

"Linda's artwork is absolutely stunning. She has many different styles and different ways of creating works of art that are both beautiful and inspiring," said Community Bank Marketing Coordinator Julie Montgomery. "We're lucky

to have someone who is so talented and fascinated with the history of our community right here in our region."

Community Bank's Pinnacle 100 Year Anniversary Event took place on Friday, Oct. 21st at all four of the bank's branches. The open house event included trivia, give-a-ways, food and fun to celebrate a century of century of business in the local community. The unveiling of Vietmeyer's Zentangle piece highlighted the event.

For more information and to view Vietmeyer's artwork, visit www.lindavietmeyer.com

Enter your child in the Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost contest

It's time for Stockton's holiday tradition Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost contest. The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is hosting the twenty-eighth annual Stockton Christmas Walk on Dec. 2 and 3. The theme this year is A Candy Cane Christmas. Two lucky children, one boy and one girl, will be selected to be our Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost.

Finalists' pictures will be published in The Scoop Today and The Flash the middle of November, along with a bal-

lot for voting. The readers will choose the winners.

Just follow the entry form instructions and give your child an opportunity to be crowned Miss Merry Christmas or Little Jack Frost.

The deadline for photo submission is Nov. 2. We prefer the pictures be emailed to us at stephaniemm22@yahoo.com or you may mail to Stockton Chamber of Commerce, P O Box 3, Stockton IL. 61085. If you have any questions please call (815) 275-0481.

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Senate Week in Review

Oct. 10-14

The Illinois Supreme Court issues an important ruling dealing with child suspects in court; a state ban on synthetic drugs receives national recognition; and a new survey shows that a large majority of Illinoisans are still waiting for a new direction for state government.

Also during the week, the Governor took an important step to improve state programs for behavioral healthcare.

Courtroom Changes for Juvenile Suspects

The Illinois Supreme Court recently adopted new rules that ban the use of physical restraints on child suspects in juvenile court. New Supreme Court Rule 943 declares that restraints should not be used "unless the court finds, after a hearing, that such restraints are necessary to prevent physical harm to the minor or another, the minor has a history of disruptive behavior that presents a risk of harm, or there is a well-founded belief that the minor presents a substantial flight risk."

Illinois joins other states, which have made similar changes to rules governing juvenile suspects.

"The amendments adopted by the Court will eliminate instances of indiscriminate shackling of minors in juvenile delinquency proceedings that were occurring without an individual judicial determination," Chief Justice Rita Garman said in a statement released by the Court.

The proposed changes were brought to the Court by a number of youth advocacy organizations including the Illinois Justice Project, the Children and Family Justice Center of the Bluhm Legal Clinic, the Juvenile Justice Initiative and others.

Illinois Law Becomes Model Policy for States

Illinois' recently enacted ban on synthetic drugs might be adopted by other states thanks in part to the endorsement of the policy by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), an association of state lawmakers from across the nation. The Illinois law, which took effect this year, was introduced and passed with bipartisan support in 2015 by State Sen. Kyle McCarter of Lebanon.

Synthetic or designer street drugs are commonly known by names such as K-2, Spice, Yucatan Fire, Scooby Doo and others. They are more readily available at much lower prices than the typical street drugs they mimic such as marijuana, cocaine and meth, but with higher potency and significantly more dangerous to the user. They are often purchased at convenience stores as an over-the-counter product. And while the labels often carry a disclaimer "Not for Human Consumption," such statements will no longer qualify as a legal "way out" for the makers. Getting rid of the label's li-

ability loophole is a key component of the new Illinois law and ALEC's model policy based on the law.

Sen. McCarter presented the Illinois law to the Council during their recent national meeting in August. ALEC formally adopted the legislation as a model policy for all states on Sept. 12.

Poll: Voters Looking for Reform in Illinois

A new poll by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute shows that a large majority of respondents think good-government reforms are needed to take Illinois in a different direction from the failed policies of the previous two administrations.

Released Oct. 10, the poll clearly indicates that many Illinoisans are not satisfied and reform is needed to restore confidence in government, address the ongoing fiscal crisis and rebuild the Illinois economy.

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute surveyed 1,000 registered Illinois voters from Sept. 27 through Oct. 2. According to the poll, 84 percent of respondents believe the state is heading in the wrong direction. Only 10 percent said Illinois is

on the right track.

Though the majority of respondents desire change in how Illinois does business, Democrat legislative leaders continue to reject good-faith proposals to change the direction of state government. Reforms introduced by Republican lawmakers that would help employers, create jobs, boost the economy, and eliminate waste and fraud in state government, have been quickly defeated or not given an opportunity for debate.

When asked if they would stay in Illinois, 47 percent of respondents indicated they would like to move, while 51 percent would stay. The poll found that taxes were cited as the single biggest reason for leaving, followed by the weather, the government and jobs.

Reforming Medicaid

Gov. Bruce Rauner is pushing ahead on government reform that he can implement as the state's chief executive. On Oct. 13, the Administration officially submitted a Medicaid waiver proposal to the federal government to improve state programs for behavioral healthcare.

Illinois is transforming the way

we provide behavioral and mental health care services to our residents," Gov. Rauner said. "This waiver focuses on helping the whole person by getting the right services to the right person in the right setting at the right time."

A major part of the waiver, which has bipartisan support, is a request to accelerate the shift in care from institutions to community settings. It's the goal of the waiver change to allow the state to intervene earlier with those needing help and provide increased access to healthcare services.

The state's waiver asks to use \$2.7 billion in federal Medicaid funds to invest in early interventions and infrastructure over the next five years to support and improve the quality of care, while avoiding more costly traditional methods of admissions and treatment in institutional settings.

The waiver was developed by the Governor's Office in cooperation with 12 state agencies and community organizations and representatives. The effort also involved a number of public hearings.

Durbin, Senators demand answers from Wells Fargo on Military lending

Seeking to protect military families and active duty military personnel whose consumer rights may have been violated by Wells Fargo, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) joined Senators Jack Reed (D-RI), the Ranking Member of the Armed Services Committee, Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), the Ranking Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Sherrod Brown (D-OH), the Ranking Member of the Banking Committee, to call on Wells Fargo to step up compliance with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

The letter comes on the heels of Wells Fargo being fined a total of \$24.1 million by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) for the bank's alleged violations of the SCRA. The SCRA was designed to ease financial burdens on servicemembers during periods of military service. For example, the SCRA includes provisions that prohibit the eviction of military members and their dependents from rental or mortgaged property, and the law caps interest at 6% on debts incurred prior to an individual entering active duty military service. In addition, under the SCRA, a court order is required before repossessing a vehicle belonging to a member of the military, if the servicemember took out the loan and made a payment before entering military service.

"We are extremely disappointed to learn of the SCRA announcement. Combined, these abuses indicate that Wells Fargo has actually made it more difficult and stressful for our service members and their families by violating the very rights they have fought and continue to

fight so hard to secure. We are also concerned about potential compliance issues related to the Military Lending Act (MLA), including new rules that took effect on October 3," the senators wrote to Wells Fargo CEO John Strumpf and members of the Board of Directors.

The Senators demanded answers to several questions, including:

1. On what date did you first become aware of the most recent SCRA violations at Wells Fargo? Upon becoming aware of these violations, what did you specifically do to remedy these violations? When was the Board of Directors first made aware of Wells Fargo's SCRA violations? What specifically did the Board of Directors recommend in terms of remedial actions?

2. With respect to the fraudulent accounts opened by Wells Fargo employees, how many concerned military members, either active duty or reserve?

3. Since the SCRA was enacted in 2003, how many times has Wells Fargo violated the SCRA? For each violation, please describe the nature of the violation, the number

of service members harmed, the financial harm imposed upon service members, the fine, penalty, or other remedy assessed, and whether Wells Fargo deducted any cost associated with these remedies from Wells Fargo's tax returns. If such a deduction was taken, please disclose the financial value of each such tax deduction.

4. For each Wells Fargo branch located on the premises of a U.S. military base, please provide the following information:

The branch address and number of customers served;

Since the opening of the branch, the revenue generated by each branch;

The annual cost of the branch's lease, including a fair market estimate for what a comparable lease would cost if the branch were located immediately off base;

The number of unauthorized accounts or credit cards that were opened or issued;

Whether any of the 5,300 terminated employees were employed at one of these branches;

The cross-selling goals set for employees, including a list and a description of the various Wells Fargo products that could satisfy such cross-selling goals; and

Whether there have been any other violations of local, state, or federal law at such branches and a description of how those violations were remedied.

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The signing senators requested a response by October 27.

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Obituaries

ARNOLD R. IMOBERSTEG

Arnold R. Imobersteg, 98, of Orangeville passed away on Saturday Oct. 22, 2016. He was born on Feb. 26, 1918 in Oneco Township in Orangeville, Illinois to Alfred and Anna (Muller) Imobersteg. He was born and lived on this farm his entire life. Arnold attended the Oneco grade School and graduated from Orangeville High School in the class of 1934. He was a very well known farmer in the area. He loved raising and caring for his animals. He also loved to play cards, hunt, fish, and go bowling.

Arnold was the holder of the Gold Headed Cane Established by Oneco Township in 1887 and presented to the eldest man that was born and has always lived in the township. Arnold was the eighteenth man to hold the cane in the last 129 years. He was a past member of the Orangeville Volunteer Fire Department and a past Trustee of the Orangeville Fire Protection District. He was an avid sports fan of all sports both girls and boys in school and professional teams as well.

He was a very gentle, kind man always willing to help in any way. One thing he was always admired for was no matter how busy he was, when you went to see him he always had time to talk to you. He was still driving, going to Monroe or Orangeville everyday, or to visit a family member.

The one thing he did and will always be remembered for was he donated his complete antique farmstead cheese factory to the National Historic Cheese Making Center located at the Welcome Center in Monroe. This factory is said to be the only one of its kind left in the world. Visitors are coming from all over the world to see it. Arnold said he donated the factory to honor his father and mother and that he surely did accomplish.

Arnold was truly loved by his whole family. He is survived by his three nephews; John (Doreen) Imobersteg of Neenah, WI, Ray (Luann) Bowen of Monroe, WI, Harry (Diana) Bowen of Orangeville, IL, one niece; Shirley (Mike) Conners of Maryville, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Alfred Imobersteg and one sister Lilly Bowen.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church in Orangeville, IL.

A visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church in Orangeville, IL.

Pastor Judy Sherk and Pastor Bill Blomberg will co-officiate the ser-



vice.

A memorial fund has been established in his name and may be mailed to PO Box 26 Orangeville, IL 61060.

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

DOLORES H. SCHULTZ

Dolores H. Schultz, age 91 of McConnell, IL passed away on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016 at Freeport Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 2, 1925 in Lena, IL, the daughter of Carneal and Emma (Buss) Kish. Dolores married Ulan Schultz on Aug. 28, 1940. She was a member of the McConnell Historical Society and the secretary of Silent Hill Cemetery. Dolores loved embroidery. She would always help her friends or anyone that needed it.

Dolores is survived by her daughter Sharon (Tom) Furray of McConnell, IL and a brother Roland (Donna) Price of Santa Clara, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ulan on Dec. 7, 1992 and step-sister Dorothy Rice.

Visitation and Funeral Services were held Oct. 19, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Officiating will be Pastor Matt Smith.

Interment will take place at Silent Hill Cemetery in McConnell, IL.

A memorial has been established for Silent Hill Cemetery and the McConnell area Historical Society.

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

SHELBY J. BROGE

Shelby J. Broge, 79, of Lena, IL passed away on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 at the Lena Living Center with her family by her side. Shelby was born on Dec. 15, 1936 in Monroe, WI. She was the daughter of William and Geneva L. (Bright) Mau. Shelby attend-



ed the South Wayne High School in South Wayne, WI.

She married Donald Broge on April 17, 1954 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. Don and Shelby purchased their farm in 1955 and together for 55 years farmed in the Winslow area until retiring in 2000. Shelby was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL, and Ladies Home Extension.

Shelby was a true farm wife who loved to milk the cows as much as she enjoyed baking and cooking. Shelby continued to help out cooking at the home extension building at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. She also helped with many dinners and bazaars at St. John's Lutheran Church. Most of all she loved to be with her family.

Survivors include her husband Donald of Lena, one son Steve (Cheri) Broge of Monroe, WI, granddaughter Stacey (Corey) Steinmann of Monroe, WI, grandson Jeremy (Toni) Broge of Browntown, WI. Four great-grandchildren; Tana Steinmann, Aleta, Alyssa, and Alex Broge. One sister Audrey Adleman of Stockton, IL, two brother Tom (Carol) Mau of Lena, IL, and Larry (Betty) Mau of Lakeworth, FL, and countless nieces and nephews also survive who deeply loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Jerald and Buddy Mau.

Visitation and funeral services were Oct. 24, at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena, IL.

Pastor Matthew Mau officiated at the services.

Cremation Rites will be accorded to the family's wishes following the funeral service.

A luncheon will be provided at St. John's Lutheran Church following the service for everyone to attend.

A memorial has been established in her memory for St. John's Lutheran Church.

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

'Gamer's Guide' premieres at Lindo Theater

Broken Record Films is premiering their latest film, The Gamer's Guide to Surviving the Camping Apocalypse, at the Lindo Theater in Freeport on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. The comedy was filmed entirely in northwest Illinois by local, independent filmmakers. This is Broken Record Films' third movie, and their first to be debuted at a local venue. The action comedy is appropriate for all ages. Admission is \$5 per person.

Gamer's Guide centers on two video game addicts who must face their greatest fear: the outdoors. When one of the gamers tries to impress his crush by entering himself

and his friend into a weekend-long scavenger hunt, the two quickly discover their camping skills are grossly inadequate. Written and directed by Winslow native, Nathaniel Schexnayder, the 45-minute film features smart dialogue, even pacing, dynamic local actors, and an original score. A majority of the film was shot at lake Le-Aqua-Na in Lena. The movie will be preceded by the short film, Kickstart Millionaires, also from Broken Record Films, and concluded with a short blooper reel.

More information about the premiere, contact information, and the movie itself can be found at brokenrecordfilms.com.

Trick-or-Treat safety tips

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

Help your children have a safe Halloween; from the food they eat to the parties they attend.

Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bed-

time to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

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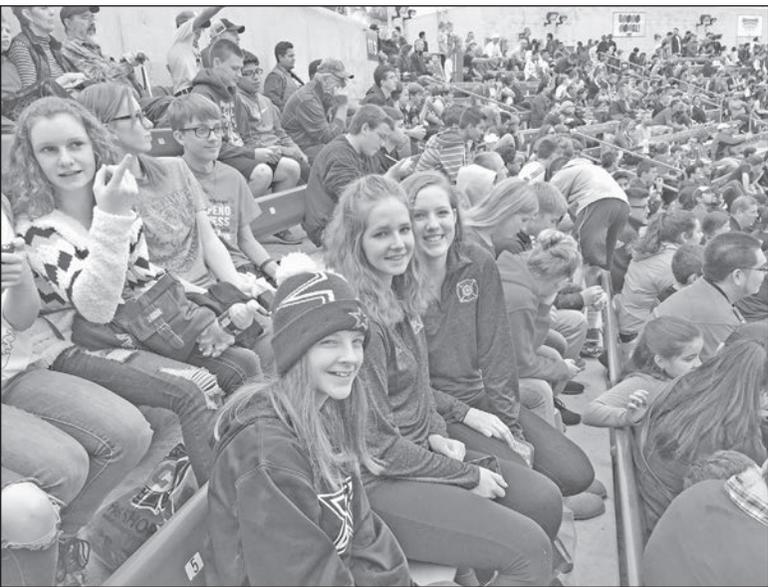
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Cheering for the Fire

Pearl City School Spanish Club members Madison Downs, Autumn Gray, Bella Dickman and Jenna Robinson enjoyed the trip to the Oct. 16, Chicago Fire game

Stockton student receives National Merit® Scholarship program Letter of Commendation

Stockton High School Principal, Casey Downey is announcing Heather Musser has been named a commended student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this scholastically talented senior.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2017 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.6 million students

who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success," said a spokesperson for NMSC. "These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success."

Highland trustee receives prestigious national award from ACCT

Highland Community College Trustee Diane Gallagher of East Dubuque received the 2016 M. Dale Ensign Award from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) on Friday, Oct. 7, at the ACCT Leadership Congress. She was also recognized for being the recipient of the Central Region Trustee Leadership award during the Congress.

ACCT is a non-profit educational organization of governing boards that represents more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern more than 1,200 community and technical colleges across the country and beyond. ACCT is a major voice of community college trustees to the presidential administration, Congress and Departments of Education.

The ACCT Board of Directors annually honors an individual who has made a significant contribution as a lay trustee to promote the community college concept. The Association Award is named after M. Dale Ensign, one of ACCT's pioneers and the founding chair of the Association, who served as a trustee at Northwest Community College in Powell, Wyoming.

"When Dale Ensign, the first chairman of ACCT, handed me this national award, I felt a surge of appreciation for him and the others who founded our national trustees group. Their education and advocacy efforts continue today to help trustees and students build their skills," Gallagher said. "Highland Community College has taught me that good leaders help others to achieve, so it is only natural to continue to extend service to this national level. I am so very grateful to receive this award as a representative of Highland Community College, Illinois, and our Central Region of ACCT."

First elected in 2001, Gallagher has the longest tenure of the current Highland Community College Board of Trustees. At the state level, she has earned three Trustee Education Awards and served in various roles for ICCTA including regional



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Highland Community College Trustee Diane Gallagher of East Dubuque received the 2016 M. Dale Ensign Award from the Association of Community College Trustees. Pictured with Gallagher are (from left) ACCT President and CEO, J. Noah Brown; M. Dale Ensign (the founding trustee of ACCT for whom the M. Dale Ensign award is named); and 2015-16 ACCT, Chair Roberto Zarate.

chair and committee chair. This past June, she was named the recipient of ICCTA's prestigious Ray Harstein Trustee Achievement Award.

Prior to being elected to the ACCT board in 2013, she served as a member of several ACCT committees, including Member Communications, Education, and Governance & Bylaws, and later was elected to serve as ACCT's Illinois State Coordinator. In 2013, she won election to the ACCT board, where her peers chose her as Central Regional Chair. In that role, she spurred the development of ACCT's Trustee Ambassador Program. She continues to serve on the national level, having been elected to ACCT's Nominating Committee at this year's Leadership Congress.

Gallagher has proven her leadership abilities at the local, state and national levels. She currently serves as the chair of the Board's Audit Committee, and within Highland's district, she is the former chair the Jo Daviess County Housing Authority board and currently serves as secretary to the East Dubuque Library Foundation. She is a zoning officer for Hanover, Illinois, and has been active with the Galena 20/20 Vi-

sion for Education group and the Jo Daviess County League of Women Voters. She has taken on leadership roles as a local school board member, where she served for 14 years, and as a mentor for East Dubuque High School students who participated in Highland's High School Servant Leadership Program.

At the state level, Gallagher has held several leadership positions since being elected to the Highland Board. She was Highland's ICCTA representative for a number of years, regularly attending ICCTA meetings. She also served a two-year term as the Northwest Region ICCTA chair, planning and coordinating communication between and meetings with trustees within the Northwest Region. As an active ICCTA representative, she chaired ICCTA's Education, Women in Leadership, and Awards Committees.

In her spare time, Gallagher likes to garden. She has said, "There is wonderment in nature that always gives me hope for the future, and as a trustee of Highland Community College, I have the same expectation of successful growth as you watch students on campus."

Highland was ranked number three in "The 10 best community colleges in Illinois," recently published by USA Today College. The ranking was conducted by schools.com and was based on "total attendance cost, student-faculty ration, distance education focus and transfer rate to four-year institutions, among other factors."

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UW-La Crosse announces August 2016 graduates

Montana Kathleen Werhane of Winslow completed Bachelor of Science degree requirements as a Therapeutic Recreation Major at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in August. UW-La Crosse, founded in 1909, is one of the 13 four-year comprehensive institutions in the University of Wisconsin System. UWL has more than 10,500 students enrolled in 94 undergraduate and 26 graduate academic programs.

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Collaborative effort brings national educator and motivational speaker to Freeport

Through a collaborative community effort, Dr. Steven Perry, a renowned educator and motivational speaker will be coming to the Jeannette Lloyd Theatre at Freeport Middle School at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 7.

Dr. Perry's message will be about revolutionizing education in America. His heart pumps passion as he speaks about producing change. He is one of the most talked about innovative speakers on the scene today. His message centers on the need to

quickly help transform the rhetoric about how to improve the educational opportunities for all in the public school system. He believes "the success of life is determined by where you end, not where you start." It is this philosophy that inspires him to help transform the lives of economically disadvantaged and minority children by providing them access to a college education.

Highland Community College's Project Succeed program is just one of the partners to bring Dr. Perry to

the community. Michelle Griggs, Academic Retention Coordinator for Project Succeed said, "As a parent, I pay close attention to school district statistics both locally and nationally. It is hoped that by bringing Dr. Perry to our community to speak about educational opportunities for all, we will offer up discussion that will help to motivate more individuals to foster change within our community that we both need and would like to see."

Dr. Perry is principal of Capital

Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford, CT, and an Education Contributor for CNN and MSNBC; an Essence magazine columnist; best-selling author of "Push Has Come to Shove: Getting Our Kids the Education They Deserve — Even If It Means Picking a Fight." He is also the host of the docudrama "Save My Son" on TV ONE.

The list of partners to bring Dr. Steven Perry to Freeport is Highland Community College and Project Succeed, Freeport School District

145, United Way of Northwest Illinois, Monroe Clinic, Freeport Housing Authority, FHN, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, and Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ. Also supporting the speaker is the Freeport Boys & Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County, Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, and Greater New Unity Church of God in Christ.

For more information contact Michelle Griggs at michelle.griggs@highland.edu or call (815) 599-3437.

Illinois Student Assistance Commission supports early FAFSA completion

October is College Changes Everything® (CCE) Month, a campaign launched by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to address the change to "early FAFSA" and assist students who will be completing college applications at the same time they are filing financial aid forms. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the form used to apply for all federal and some state financial aid; filing it is an important first step to maximizing financial aid. This year, students will be able to

file their 2017-18 beginning Oct. 1, instead of having to wait until January, as in previous years.

Because some financial aid programs—including the state's Monetary Award Program (MAP grant)—are awarded on a first-come first-served basis, eligible students should file their FAFSAs as soon as possible after October 1st in order to have the best chance of receiving funding. Students should check with their college for all school-specific deadlines.

During CCE Month, ISAC will

partner with schools and communities to help students navigate these changes, and will offer support for students and families with both college application and FAFSA completion.

"The college application and financial aid process can be overwhelming, particularly for first-generation students who don't have an immediate family member who attended college," said Eric Zarnikow, ISAC executive director. "Now that all of these activities are taking place in the fall, it's even more

important that students have access to free services that will help them apply to colleges that fit their needs and goals, and access all the financial aid for which they are eligible. Providing students with the information and assistance they need to make more informed choices about college and financial aid can help minimize their student debt, and maximize their chances for completing a degree or certificate program."

Many of the college application activities and FAFSA completion workshops are supported and/or conducted by the ISACorps, a group of recent college graduates working statewide who are extensively trained in assisting students with planning, applying, and paying for college. At free workshops in high schools and communities throughout the state, students will get hands-on assistance in filing college applications and the FAFSA. They can also get one-on-one help from their lo-

cal ISACorps member. For a list of events, visit isac.org/calendar; find your local ISACorps member at isac.org/isacorps.

ISAC also offers additional resources to assist students, including ISAC College Q&A, a text messaging service where students can get answers to their college and financial aid questions sent directly to their phones, and the award-winning ISAC Student Portal, which offers free online tools and resources for college and scholarship search, money management and financial aid planning, and career and job search. ISAC also offers assistance through the agency's call center, 1-800-899-4722 (ISAC).

High schools and counselors who would like to participate in College Changes Everything Month can find information and a downloadable toolkit at collegechangeseverything.org/ccemonth.

River Ridge Board of Education meeting

Monday, Oct. 17, 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, Merri Sevey and Matt Wild answered roll call. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Member Don McLane was absent. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Mike Foltz and representatives for the RREA.

Approved the October Agenda including Consent Agenda as presented.

Approved the regular board meeting minutes of Sept. 19; destruction of audio executive session minutes from Feb. 17, 2015; and

Northwest Special Education Sept. 2016 minutes.

Reviewed the River Ridge CUSD #210 Treasurer's Report, Investment Report, and Activity Reports. Approved River Ridge bills and payroll in the amount of \$608,497.25.

Member Diestelmeier reported on the Jo Daviess-Carroll Career Technical Education Academy Sept. 20, and Oct. 3, meetings.

Administrative Reports:

Thank you to Mrs. Einsweiler for organizing the successful Homecoming week activities and dance.

River Ridge appreciates the many volunteers from the Elizabeth and Hanover Fire and Ambulance Departments for observing Fire Prevention Week with the students.

P.T.O. was complimented for

the excellent craft fair Oct. 8 and 9 with over 3,900 guests in attendance. Thank you to the many volunteers; P.T.O. committees, parents, students, MS football team, custodians, administrators, faculty and staff for a job well done.

Nov. 4 and 5, the high school students will present "The Great All-American Musical Disaster".

International weekend is scheduled for Nov. 18.

Congratulations to the boys and girls golf teams for advancing to the Sectional Golf tournament.

The music department was complimented on their fall concert directed by Mrs. Renee Schultz and Mr. Thomas Taylor.

Oct. 26 and 27 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Oct. 28 – No School
Nov. 11 – No School – Veteran's Day

High school graduation has been set for Friday, May 26, 2017 at 7:30 p.m..

After executive session the Board accepted, with regret, Randi Burken's request to resign as assistant soccer coach.

The above information is subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education, scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m.

HCC Foundation awards new scholarship

Highland Community College Foundation has established the Ray and Jeanie Searby Scholarship. Dr. Edward "Ray" Searby served at Highland from 1976-1991, as Business Division Chairman, Dean of Instruction, Dean of Student Development and Interim President. Dr. Searby dedicated his life to higher education and believed in community colleges.

This year's scholarship was awarded to Nick Simpson of Lanark, who was awarded \$1,000 for the student academic year at Highland. Simpson is a 2015 graduate from Eastland High School. He is majoring in Crop Science. The criteria for this scholarship is given to a person pursuing a degree in Agriculture, Ag-related field, Education, Business or Engineering.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

This week has certainly had its ups and downs—temperature wise that is. I covered my mums, but I don't think I had any frost. The only thing I managed to do was break off some flowers. Have you ever had one of those weeks where it seems every time you turn around you are breaking or dropping something? Or you actually cook something you have made hundreds of times, and it came out bad? What is that old saying—the hurrier I go, the behinder I get!!!! (I am not sure that hurrier and behinder are real words, but they certainly are colorful.) That about sums up this week; perhaps it is because I am another year older. I celebrated my birthday this week, so not everything was all bad. Just those little things in between that were annoying. I wrote this introduction for last week's column, but I was bumped out by legal publications (You know where you stand when the legals get you out of the printed paper!); however, I continued having the same kind of week as last week. Hopefully on Sunday my life will get back on track! This week's column features more fall recipes as well as some that will work all year round.

The first recipe is for a fall cabbage slaw. The fresh taste of orange

juice and cider vinegar coupled with the addition of honey make this dressing unique and tasty. The cabbage and sliced Brussels sprouts along with the crunch of an apple add even more flavor. I just love adding cranberries and sunflower seeds to my salads, so this combination is a winner for me.

Autumn Slaw

¼ C. olive oil
¼ C. fresh orange juice
2 T. apple cider vinegar
2 T. honey
1 t. kosher salt
½ t. black pepper
1 small head of purple cabbage, finely shredded
1 lb. Brussels sprouts very thinly sliced
1 Granny Smith apple, cut into matchsticks
6 oz. feta cheese or blue cheese, crumbled
½ C. dried cranberries
½ C. roasted sunflower seeds

In a large bowl, whisk together olive oil, orange juice, vinegar, honey, salt, and pepper. Add the cabbage and all remaining ingredients, tossing gently to combine.

As many of you know, the acorn squash is one of my favorites. This one dish meal is great for any fall dinner. Serve it with a salad and some crusty bread, and this sausage and squash dish is a hit. The addition of the rice gives it just enough substance for even the heartiest of appetites.

Sausage-Stuffed Squash

2 acorn squash
2 t. olive oil
Salt and pepper for squash
1 lb. Italian sausage
1 t. olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
3 C. baby squash, roughly

chopped

3 C. cooked rice
1 C. shredded Swiss cheese
½ t. salt
¼ t. pepper

Preheat the oven to 400. Cut 2 acorn squash in half and remove the seeds. Brush the cut sides with 2 teaspoons of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Bake cut side down 30-35 minutes on a foil lined baking sheet coated with cooking spray

In a skillet over medium, heat cook Italian sausage, then put in a large bowl. Heat 1 teaspoon of olive oil in the same pan and add the chopped onion and baby spinach; cook 4-5 minutes then add to sausage. Mix in the cooked rice, ½ cup shredded Swiss cheese, salt and pepper. Flip squash over and fill each cavity with the sausage mixture. Top with ½ cup Swiss cheese. Bake 15 minutes.

I know some people are still tailgating for football games. This easy hot dog adds the chili to make a great taste. It is easy to prepare ahead of time, and then all you have to do is assemble the parts when you get to your destination. If you want more spice, add more chili powder; if you want less spice drop the cayenne pepper.

Beefy Chili Dogs

1 lb. ground beef
1 t. chili powder
½ t. garlic powder
½ paprika
¼ t. cayenne pepper

1 C. ketchup
8 hot dogs
8 hot dog buns split
Shredded cheddar cheese
Chopped onion

Brown the ground beef in a large skillet over medium heat, breaking into crumbles; drain excess liquid. Transfer beef to a food processor and pulse until finely chopped.

Return the beef to the skillet and stir in seasonings and ketchup. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat; simmer, covered for 15-20 minutes to allow the flavors to blend, stirring occasionally.

Cook hot dogs according to package directions. Warm the buns. Split the hot dogs and fill with the chili and shredded cheese. Garnish with the onions.

It seems as if cabbage is the fall vegetable this week. The slaw earlier used cabbage, and this casserole takes all the elements of cabbage rolls, and makes a delicious dish without the steam and rolling of cab-

bage leaves.

Cabbage Roll Casserole

2 lbs. ground beef
1 large onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
2 cans (15 oz. each) tomato sauce, divided
1 t. dried thyme
½ t. dill weed
½ t. rubbed sage
¼ t. salt
¼ t. pepper
¼ t. cayenne pepper
2 C. cooked rice
4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbed

1 medium head of cabbage (2 lbs.) shredded

1 C. shredded mozzarella cheese
Preheat the oven to 375. In a large skillet, cook the ground beef and onion over medium heat, crumbling the beef until the meat is no longer pink. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute longer. Drain any excess liquid from meat. Stir in one can of tomato sauce and the thyme, dill, sage, salt, pepper and cayenne pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered for 5 minutes. Stir in the cooked rice and bacon and remove from the heat.

Layer a third of the cabbage in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Top with half of the meat mixture. Repeat the layers; top with remaining cabbage. Pour remaining tomato sauce over the top.

Cover the casserole and bake 45 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with the mozzarella cheese. Bake until the cheese is melted, about 10 minutes. Let the casserole stand 5 minutes before serving.

This beautiful Bundt Cake is filled with good flavors. It has honey, fall spices, and applesauce. The glaze makes this cake a beautiful cake on a footed cake stand. I just love the looks of a Bundt Cake. When you serve it, the cake lends an element of class to any dinner.

Applesauce Bundt Cake

3 C. flour
2 t. baking soda
1 t. salt
½ t. grated nutmeg
2 sticks unsalted butter
2 C. sugar
¼ C. honey
2 eggs
2 C. unsweetened applesauce
Glaze:
1½ C. apple cider
1 C. whipping cream
2 C. powdered sugar, divided
¼ C. fresh lemon juice strained

2 T. honey
½ t. salt
¼ C. brandy

Preheat the oven to 350. Coat the inside of a 10-15 cup Bundt pan with softened butter and flour (be sure to get in all the cracks and crevices). In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, 1 t. of salt, and nutmeg. In the mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar on medium speed until light and fluffy—about 5 minutes. Add ¼ cup of honey, beat to combine. Add the eggs, one at a time, blending well after each addition.

Alternately blend the flour mixture and the applesauce into the butter mixture in three batches, starting and ending with the flour mixture. Pour batter into prepared Bundt pan and smooth the top.

Bake the cake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 55 minutes. Let cake cool in the pan for 30 minutes, before turning out, then cool completely.

Glaze: boil the cider in a saucepan over high heat until syrupy, about 14-15 minutes. In a separate bowl, whisk together the cream, 1 cup of powdered sugar, lemon juice, 2 tablespoons of honey, and ½ teaspoon of salt. Add the mixture to the cider and boil, whisking to combine, until the mixture registers 230 on a candy thermometer. Meanwhile in a separate bowl, whisk together the brandy and the remaining cup of powdered sugar. Take the mixture off the heat and whisk the brandy mixture into the pan and immediately transfer glaze to a heatproof measuring cup with a pour spout. Cool glaze until thick and then drizzle over the cake.

Homecoming and senior nights are over for Lena-Winslow football and volleyball. I am lucky enough to live on a royal street. The king lives just down the block. He is a nice young man whom a lot of people like. He even waves at old ladies like me! Congratulations to the homecoming court and the players for a fun filled week of activities. Regional volleyball begins and the football team awaits the playoff pairings. It is hard to believe that we are half done with October. The trees are finally beginning to get that pretty color; however, we still haven't been able to stop mowing lawn. We might be doing that until December! Thank you to Barb and her crew for their successful Farmer's Market season. I bought one last tomato, a jar of jam, and some beets. We have been so fortunate to have had fresh produce all summer long. I certainly hope they get rested up and will have some great stuff next year for us. As we get further into fall and you are trying new recipes, send them our way.

If you have some pumpkin, squash, or apple recipes that are old standbys or new one, 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.

Senior Resource Center schedules Yoga classes

The Senior Resource Center at 206 E. Stephenson Street in Freeport will be holding Yoga classes on Wednesdays. They will start at 11:30-12:15. Dr. Julie Smith will work with you

for increased endurance, strength, flexibility, and relaxation.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Oct. 30, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Reformation Sunday with Holy Communion as Pastor Miho leads us in worship and the children's sermon. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Sunday Oct. 30, at 4 p.m. the Ordination for Pastor Miho will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sterling, IL.

On Wednesday Nov. 2, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

The After School Program for fourth through eighth graders will meet at the Hangout downtown on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, the Hanna Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. This is "Potluck". René Johnson is the Bible Study leader. We conclude our three-part Bible Study "When God Chooses the Unlikely" in the November 2016 "Gather" magazine.

Morseville Church

Morseville Church will hold its fall service on Sunday Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. at the church. Gospel music will be provided by the Bluegrass Express. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the music. Finger food and fellowship will be available in the basement following the music. Morseville Church is located at 12231 E. Morseville Rd., Stockton, IL

St. John's Lutheran Church

Restored and The Church Sisters will be in concert at St. John's Lutheran Church (229 S. First Street, Pearl City, IL) on Saturday, Oct. 29. Restored will perform at 6 p.m. and The Church Sisters at 8 p.m. No ticket sales. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with First come, first seated. A food stand will be available between shows. A free will offering will be collected.

Vendor Fair: St. John's will host a Vendor Fair on Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Vendors include Norwex, Mary Kay, Bake Sale to benefit Zion Community Church, Arbonne, Bud n' Belle Soaps, Parkview Home, Janice's What Knots, April's Angels and More, Suzanne's Doll Fashions, thirty-one (bags), Avon, Scentsy, The Pampered Chef and Tastefully Simple. If interested in having a booth, contact

the church office at (815) 443-2215 or email at prshadmin@gmail.com.

The Spaghetti Luncheon will also be on Nov. 6, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Menu is spaghetti, green beans, salad, applesauce, french bread, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased in advance from a SPLAT member or at the door.

St. John's is hosting an FHN Community Flu Shot Clinic on Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. - Noon. The cost of the flu shot will be \$57 for the High Dose (for ages 65 & older) and \$40 for the Quadrivalent (under age 65). The cost is waived if a Medicare card indicating Part B coverage is presented. No insurance plan claims can be processed other than Medicare Part B or Medicare Replacement Plan. Check or cash accepted for out of pocket costs. No insurance can be processed.

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Oct. 30. The service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the confirmation of six youth members. The Whirl Sunday School will meet at 10:15 a.m. feature the lesson, "Jesus and Zacchaeus." Confirmation class for seventh and eighth grade youth will also meet at 10:15 a.m.

The Fifth Quarter Youth (seventh and eighth grades) group will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30, in the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth (High School) group will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The Women's Gathering invites all area women to a Fall Gathering and Dessert on Oct. 26, at 1 p.m. at St. John's. The program will be History of the St. John's 125th Anniversary Quilt with hymns, special music and bible readings. Contact St. John's (815-443-2215) if you would like to attend.

The Women's Gathering will hold a bake sale on Nov. 6, at the Vendor Fair/Spaghetti Luncheon. Please bring items to Luther Hall on Sunday morning before 10 a.m. Please mark on items as to what it is. All proceeds will be donated to the Zion Community Church, Pearl City. We will have a donation basket for those who are unable to donate or if someone doesn't want to buy anything, but would like to give.

Theology on Tap will be held at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. Join Pastor Ekstrand for a discussion about "Faith and Money: What Would Jesus Buy?"

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl, City, now has a Saturday Evening Worship at 5:30 p.m. in our Nave/Sanctuary. The service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will be about 30-35 minutes in length and will include communion and a sermon. Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in the Saturday evening service.

St. Paul's in Kent

On Oct. 30, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, on Sunnyside Road in Kent, will celebrate Reformation Sunday at 10 a.m. family worship service.

This will be a time to remember the sixteenth century Reformation of Christ's Holy Church. Besides Martin Luther, who founded the Lutheran Church, there were several reformers who went on to form other denominations. It was a time of great turmoil, politically, spiritually, and economically. Martin Luther and other leaders of the Reformation believed the heart of the gospel was found in Romans 3 verses 19 - 28: "we are justified by the gift of God's grace, through faith in Jesus.

Holy Communion will be celebrated and all who believe in the true presence of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

All are welcome to worship with us. The sermon title is "And The Truth Shall Set You Free" and is based on John 8:31-36. Each person is encouraged to wear a splash of red to commemorate the Reformation liturgical color. Lector is Jean Hill. For more information, contact Pastor Carole Andres at (815) 232-4010.

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Nov. 6, All Saints Day at 6:30 p.m. Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be remembering loved ones that are no longer with us by lighting luminaries outside the church in their honor.

This is open to anyone that would like to join us and light a candle in remembrance of a loved one. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, please call Pastor Brenda at (815) 601-6742.

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be celebrating the fall "Kick Off" for Family Connections Oct. 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Church parking lot. We will have a carnival atmosphere with fair type food and games, face painting and prizes. There may even be some surprises!

Bring a friend and come and join us for fun, food and fellowship. For information, please call (815) 601-6742.

Family Connections will continue on Nov. 9, 5:30 to 7:30, and on Nov. 16, 5:30 to 7:30 with a regular youth curriculum and a movie for the adults.

On Nov. 30, 5:30 to 7:30 there will be the rehearsal for the Christmas Program.

Each Family Connections night will start off with a great meal prepared and served by volunteers. Please bring a friend and join us, all are welcome.

For information, please call (815) 601-6742. Regular worship times are: Spark Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship at 10:45.

The church is handicap accessible and is located on the corner of Hudson and Benton Streets.

St. John's Lutheran Church to host annual bazaar and dinner

The annual bazaar and beef and noodle dinner will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, (Election Day) at St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, Ill. The bazaar opens at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and rolls served from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (free will offering). Dinner service begins at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The menu includes beef and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, jell-o salads, relishes, dinner rolls, pie or angel food cake, coffee or milk. The cost is adults: \$9; children 6-12: \$4; 5 and under: free (dine-in only). Carry outs are available until 1 p.m. by calling (815) 369-4035. Please call ahead for 6 or more dinners. Local delivery only.

A drawing will be held. Tickets are \$1per ticket/donation 1st prize is a queen sized quilt. 2nd prize is an embroidered wall hanging. The drawing will be held at the bazaar

St. John's bazaar offers homemade noodles (limited supply), baked goods, homemade candy, Thanksgiving and Christmas items, crafts and all types of handmade items. Flu shots will be

given from 9 a.m.-12 noon by FHN. Free blood pressure screenings provided by St. John's Parish Health Nurses are from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. St. John's is a Handicapped Accessible Facility.

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Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education holds annual meeting

Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education (SCAHCE) held their annual meeting on Monday, Oct. 10, at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau in Freeport.

During the meeting, the IAHCE 2nd Vice President, Angela Hicks, and District 1 Director Cara Ausmus

both addressed the audience. The 2017 Stephenson County HCE board members were elected and installed.

At the meeting, it was announced that Jordon Oellerich, a graduate of Lena-Winslow High School, was the recipient of the 2016 SCAHCE Scholarship (\$300). Jordon is pursuing a degree in Agricultural Commu-

nications at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

This year, two Homemakers of the Year awards were given out to Nancy Albrecht, Le-A-Nites Unit, and Janice Fryer, Mock Orange Unit.

In 2015, Stephenson County HCE members who participated in the state Volunteer Hour Program donated a total of 14,371 hours. Certificates and/or seals were awarded to members for every 500 hours of time given as volunteers.

Membership awards were also passed out and a Memorial Service was held for members who had passed away during the year.

A catered lunch from Kentucky Fried Chicken was served, along with dessert.

Richard Duncan provided the entertainment on his soprano saxophone or "baby saxophone". In keeping with the 2016 IAHCE theme of "Rollin' on the River", he played numerous songs referring to rivers:

Proud Mary, Moon River, Red River Valley, River of Love, etc.

The mission statement of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education is to enhance the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community.

HCE units are located throughout the county. If you would like more information on Stephenson County HCE, please call Sandra Kubatzke at 563-4343.

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State Bank introduces Downtown Freeport Employee Program

The Freeport Downtown Development Foundation (FDDF) is announcing a program initiated early this year by State Bank president, Mary Hartman, that encourages employees to visit downtown Freeport during work hours.

"It is important that as earning members of our community we take the time to know and understand the other businesses in Freeport. Due to the bank's geography falling outside the downtown area, many of us do not frequent it and are unaware of all it has to offer in the areas of shopping and dining. The Downtown Dollars Program gives our staff an opportunity to learn more about downtown Freeport, in the hope we will all become more

aware of our local businesses and choose to frequent them on a more regular basis," said Hartman.

"We love the idea of employees encouraging their employees to come downtown. A strong downtown means a strong community and State Bank understands that. Their program is valuable in so many ways," said Danielle Rogers, executive director for Freeport Downtown Development Foundation.

Freeport's downtown is the core of the economic health of the city. With over 200 businesses, it is FDDF's goal that the downtown district be a prime place to live, work and shop. Interested volunteers can contact the office at (815) 232-9000.

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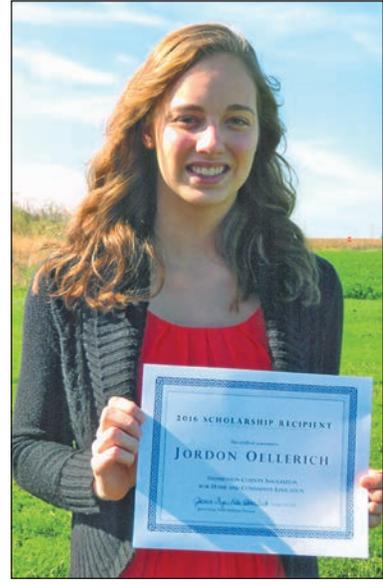


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The 2016 Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education (SCAHCE) Scholarship (\$300) was awarded to Jordon Oellerich, a Lena-Winslow High School graduate. Jordon is pursuing a degree in Agricultural Communications from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Fundraising concert benefits many

On Sept. 17, a fundraising concert was held at Council Hill Station near Scales Mound, Illinois, featuring "Medicinal Purposes 3". The event was sponsored by the Stockton Unitarian Universalist Church with a goal of giving 12 "Service Partner" groups an additional donation in 2016. Each month, the church gives a generous portion from Sunday's plate collection to a designated non-profit.

Each group will receive an additional check this year due to making a profit of \$2100 at the concert. Silent auction items were donated by businesses and individuals representing these communities, generously adding to the day's profits.

Council Hill Station proved to be a terrific location for a relaxing and fun afternoon. The music in the barn and the beautiful rural setting made a wonderful combination. Medicinal Purposes 3 provided a wide range of music, enjoyed by all ages. It was a winning day for all!

SOS+ pays tribute to veterans followed by the movie 'The Orphan Trains'

Many of our relatives may have been one of the orphan children that rode the Orphan trains from New York City across the mid west between 1853 and 1929. Thus was the case for Stockton resident Ilene Lamm's father. Mary Feltmeyer's grandmother was also an orphan growing up in the mid 1800's and curiosity arose with her wondering if her grandmother may had been one of these children who rode the trains from New York City to a foster home in Iowa?

SOS+ will learn more about the Orphan Trains at their next meeting on Nov. 10. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in Stockton's Calvary's UM Fellowship Hall. All seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas (SOS+) are invited.

According to the video, in the mid 1800's, 10,000 children prowled the streets of New York City, sleeping in stairwells, in stables or on the docks. In 1853, a young minister, Charles Loring Brace organized an ambitious rescue effort to find a better life for these children by sending them

via train to Christian homes in the mid west. Between 1853 and 1929, the Children's Aid Society and other East Coast charities sent more than 150,000 homeless children to farming communities to begin a new life with foster families. The movie explores the successes and the failures of this little known but highly influential resettlement movement.

Warren Servant Leadership Chapter schedules benefit for Veterans

Once again, the Highland Community College Servant Leadership Warren Team is getting ready for their local project. This year, they are teaming up with the Warren and Apple River American Legions. All of the money raised will be donated towards The Adjutant Illinois Veterans Home - LaSalle. To raise funds, the organizations will be hosting an event on Nov. 19, at the Apple River Event Center.

In addition to a grilled cheese and soup supper, there will be bingo, a euchre tournament, and a silent auction. They are hoping for a successful night and are inviting everybody to come to

Come learn more about the "Orphan Trains".

Stockton's Ernie Lieb, a Vietnam Veteran, will also be here to pay special tribute to our veterans in honor of Veteran's Day. Refreshments provided by our seniors will be enjoyed following the program.

Mark your calendar for this special educational program and join us

help support our veterans!

The menu includes options of tomato, potato, and chicken noodle soup. The team will also be making grilled cheese sandwiches. The price is \$10 for "all-you-can-eat" and will be served between 4 and 7 p.m. It is sure to be delicious.

To go along with a fantastic meal, we will also be having a euchre tournament and bingo starting at 5 p.m.. The silent auction will be held throughout the night.

The veterans' home in LaSalle provides care and nursing services for up to 120 veterans. They provide special care for veterans with Alzheimer's or

at SOS+.

In its twelfth year, SOS+ is an outreach ministry with its main focus to reach out to our area seniors, provide interesting programs and an afternoon of fellowship with one another. SOS+ is made-up of area volunteers who work diligently to bring interesting, light hearted and educational programs to all. A free

related dementias.

They help veterans by providing a room, food, medication, medical care, and recreational activities. The Servant Leadership team plans on visiting the veterans at this home later in the year.

We would love to see as many peo-

ple on Nov. 19, as we can. Veterans are encouraged to wear hats or shirts that identify themselves as veterans. The Warren Servant Leadership Team would love to be able to identify you so we can thank you for your service. We hope to make it a great night that really benefits our veterans.

Stockton Heritage Museum to host Grimm's Grimmet: The Darker Side of Fairy Tales

This October, come to the Stockton Heritage Museum to learn what really happened after Sleeping Beauty was awakened by the Prince's kiss? "Happily ever after..." was only relative - and what relatives inhabit these lurid tales!

The presentation, Grimm's Grimmet: The Darker Side of Fairy Tales, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Stockton Heritage Museum, 107 W. Front Ave., Stockton, IL at 3 p.m.

Listen to the 19th-century tales of the Brothers Grimm as originally intended for adults, transformed through Judith Heineman's and Dan Marcotte's 21st-century interpretations. The dramatic retellings are accompanied by music played on the 16th-century Renaissance lute. Some take the form of ballads set to 16th-century French and English tunes.

Bruno Bettelheim, in *Uses of Enchantment*, discusses the power of fright in children as a necessary and useful survival tool. Listening to narrow escapes in ghost stories and gothic tales strengthens human survival instincts, thus justifying the enjoyment we have always shared in hearing a good scary story.

Judith Heineman is a professional storyteller and holds an MA in English from the College of the City of New York & is a member of several theatrical unions, including Actors Equity. She is the founder of the Chicago Storytelling Guild, a co-founder of the Los Angeles Women's Theatre Festival, and producer of *Tellabration*, an adult storytelling festival.

Daniel Marcotte Daniel Marcotte, an upbeat and witty performer, combines songs and stories with Renaissance instruments including the lute. Daniel holds a BM in Voice Performance from Illinois Wesleyan and an MA in Musicology and Certificate in Early Music from Florida State University. He has performed at the University of Chicago, the Oriental Insti-

tute, the Chicago Cultural Center, the Chicago Field Museum, the Bristol Renaissance Faire, and the Chicago Humanities Festival.

This event is part of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau and is free and open to all audiences. The presentation is appropriate for ages 10

and up.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Stockton-Heritage-Museum-309324911534/> or contact the Stockton Heritage Museum, email: stocktonmuseum@yahoo.com, or phone 1-815-947-2220.



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Volunteer Hospice introduces Holiday Evergreen fundraiser

We realize fall is just beginning and most people aren't thinking about Christmas yet, but that season will be here before we know it. Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is very excited to introduce our "Holiday Evergreen Fundraiser"!

The volunteers of Volunteer Hospice are marketing wreaths, sprays, table décor, garland and other green-

ery products for the Christmas holiday season. These festive holiday evergreens are supplied by a family company called Mickman Brothers, Inc. located in Ham Lake, MN. Each evergreen product is being hand made from fresh evergreens and shipped to us so they are ready to deliver to you the week following Thanksgiving. Everyone deco-

rates for the Holiday season, either at home, their place of business or at their church. We would be honored to help you do that as simply, as inexpensively and as beautifully as possible. We also have gifts available for that distant relative or that "hard to buy for" person.

We are now taking pre-orders during the month of October, placing

our order by the first of November and have them ready to deliver to you personally during the week following Thanksgiving.

The money raised through this Holiday Evergreen Fundraiser will be earmarked for a new telephone system, an eight foot step ladder, office chair mats, shelving for our storage rooms, and a number of much needed items that will assist in the operation of our program.

If you would like to schedule a certain date for one of our volunteers to come and share our products with you, please contact the Hospice office at (815) 947-3260 or feel free to stop in at

105 S. Main Street in Stockton to see a sample of one of the beautiful

wreaths offered.

The Holiday Season will be here very soon and we look forward to providing your evergreen, decorating needs.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is an all-volunteer, community based, organization which never charges for any of our services and receive no funding from any government agency.

Our volunteers can assist with the care of patients and their families who are dealing with a life-threatening illness or grief, visit with the patients, write letters, do light housekeeping, run errands, walk the dog, play cards, provide emotional support and companionship, play music, read books and much more.

Discovery Center presents 'Spooky Science'

If you are looking for a fun, safe and not-too-scary Halloween celebration for youngsters, then look no further. Discovery Center Museum is hosting the best party in Rockford for children on Friday, Oct. 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will be spooky enough for haunt-seekers, but friendly enough for all ages.

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pes and sending you home with great recipes.

Five Ingredient Fix Workshop will be held at the at the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County located in the Community Services Building at Highland Community College, 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport, please use parking lot B.

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Stockton Blackhawks picked as top team in Upstate

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Stockton received the number three seed in the Class 1A Football Championship Tournament. That advantage means a home game Saturday against 5-4 Catlin-South Fork and a chance to begin their march towards Memorial Stadium and Champaign for Thanksgiving. On Friday night, Oct. 21, Stockton beat back the Raiders of Ashton-Franklin Center 46-19 and moved to 9-0 on the year.

The regular season is over. Stockton is the best of the Upstate. That has been determined by the overall standing. Freeport Aquin came close. They closed the season with a crossover win over the Amboy-

LaMoille Clippers, 48-17 and closed the year with an 8-1 mark. Because of the week eight loss to Stockton 60-22, the Blackhawks claimed the crown alone and now begin the 2016 Class 1A Post-Season Tournament with a three-seed and a big target on their minds.

It's hard to not look ahead when the playoffs start. You can see the trophy, just a few games away, waiting for you. Staying focused is how you win. Before Stockton can look at a possible match-up with the Lena-Winslow Panthers in the second round, they have to take care of 14-seed, Catlin-Salt Fork. It is believed a Saturday showdown with the Storm will be waiting. It takes just under four hours to drive from

Catlin to Stockton.

The Salt Fork Storm are 5-4. They play in the Vermilion Valley Conference. The south-central Illinois Conference features three other post-season participants. Westville won the conference with a 9-0 mark. Bismarck-Henning was 7-2. Fithian-Oakwood (not the famous detective) was 5-4 and carried 42 playoff points. With the Storm's 5-4 mark, they held 41 playoff points. This year's cutoff was 37 points, which equals the combined total of all wins of all opponents played during the season. Salt Fork had more than enough to qualify. They played tough teams.

If seeds play through, as is expected to be the case in Stockton

this weekend, the Blackhawks will move to the second round and face what could be an intriguing match-up with a former Class 1A State Champion.

The Lena-Winslow Panthers were issued the six-seed by the IHSA Selection Committee. That decision was made based on the Panthers 7-2 overall mark and their strength-of-schedule. Lena-Winslow has to deal with a Storm of their own as they take on 11-seed Bureau Valley. If the Panthers pounce early, they will win. Lena-Winslow has been playing some of the best football in the NUIC over the past five weeks of the season. They are seasoned and very experienced.

Stockton's key to success was

effective this year. The "just don't let them score" scenario worked very well. Stockton set a defensive standard. Over the past two weeks that philosophy was threatened. A change was in order as a result. In the week eight and week nine matches, Freeport Aquin and AFC combined for 41 points against Stockton. Head Coach Chris Thornton saw his defense threatened. He adjusted. Stockton scored 106 points in their final two wins of the year. The Blackhawks are not to be messed with.

Stockton has given up 59 points all year. Teams cannot score on them. Outside of the final two games

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Gender barriers disappear as Stockton golfer finds increasing success



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Stockton golfer shows great form and has had considerable success with the school's program this year including a strong appearance at the state level.

By Laurinda Woolcock-Howe
CORRESPONDENT
With Tony Carton
EDITOR

Small town schools possess some inspiring athletes, and Stockton High School has one of them. Megan Gille, daughter of Doug and Deb Gille, may seem like your typical 16 year old junior playing sports, going to school and hanging out with her friends, but she also does something not too many 16 year old girls do. She plays golf on the Stockton High School team, and this year she went to state finals in Decatur, Illinois, finishing 52nd in the state. Still, that is not the only inspiring thing this young lady does.

Gille is the only girl on the Stockton Golf Team and has been for two years now. So what does this mean? In high school golf, it takes four girls to equate a "girls' team", and since Gille is the only girl, Stockton has no girls' golf team. Instead Gille plays with the boys going to boys' meets and tournaments all season.

Talking to Gille, it's clear she doesn't see herself as any different from any other student or athlete. She plays golf in the fall, basketball in the winter, and softball in the spring. "When I was a freshman,

there was one other girl who was a senior, but that was it," said Gille, when asked if any other girls have been on the team. Gille also said her sister, Katelyn, played on the team when she was in high school but that was before Gille's time on the team.

When asked why she plays if there is no girls' team, she will tell you, "I like to play." She is rather matter of fact about it. In fact, she will tell you it helped her in the long run playing on the boys' team. It did make things a bit more challenging, though, when it came to conference and state. That was when she found herself playing with girls, and she had to modify how she plays. Normally Gille plays with men's golf clubs, but for conference and state, she played with women's clubs plus she had to adjust her strokes for distance.

Gille will also tell you the golf team is like a big family making it more enjoyable especially with her dad as an assistant coach. "It's nice having him there." Family has been a big part of golf for Gille. Along with her dad and sister, her mother and grandparents also golf. It's something she will tell you she has done since she was little. "It wasn't until I was 10 or 11 I started taking

golf seriously, though," Gille said. That was when she started playing in local tournaments in her age group.

Gille said her parents aren't bothered she is the only girl on the golf team. They have encouraged her. It can get tough at meets, though because she is playing with boys she doesn't know very well, and they tend to be more quiet. "Girls talk, boys don't," said Gille. She also said it can be kind of intimidating, so she just stays focused. When asked how she feels about being the only girl, she is sad because golf is a great game, and she misses playing competitively with other women.

Playing in the state tournament was a lot of work with three days of 18 holes, a day of practice, and two days of competition. When asked how she felt she did, she will tell you she didn't play as well as she wanted to, but "It was just an honor to be there," Gille said.

In other state golf competition, Stockton sophomore Alex Staver became the second Class 1A boys state golf medalist in the school's history and Stockton senior Peyton Keeffer finished 47th in the competition. Keeffer is a three-time state qualifier for the school.

SHS service groups to trick-or-treat for food, eye glasses, and pet food

Once again, the Stockton High School chapter of the Highland Community College Servant Leadership team will join forces with SHS National Honor Society students to help several organizations in and around the Stockton community.

This year, we are seeking non-perishable food items to benefit the Stockton Nutritional Outreach Works (SNOW) program, pet food and supplies for Safe Haven Animal Shelter, and used eyeglasses for the Stockton Lions Club.

Members of the Servant Leadership and National Honor Society groups will be out trick-or-treating during the regular hours (5 - 7:30 p.m.) on Monday, Oct. 31. If you would like to make a donation but will not be home at this time, there

will be a box in the Stockton High School office for donations.

Monetary donations for SNOW are appreciated as well. Checks are preferred, please make them out to: HCC Stockton Servant Leadership.

Suggested food items include" Mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce & pasta, tuna casserole fixings, boxed stuffing, canned chicken or tuna, fruit snacks & fruit cups, canned veggies & fruits, microwave popcorn, snack cracker packs (w/cheese or peanut butter), small boxes of cereal, peanut butter & jelly, juice box

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Blackhawks win

The Stockton Blackhawks volleyball team won Thursday's home conference match against West Carroll by a score of 2-1.

Lena-Winslow heads home for post-season

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The IHSA Selection Committee looked at all the available teams before they made their selection on a field of 256 high school football teams who will play on in the post-season. The Lena-Winslow Panthers, following a 37-14 win over the West Carroll Thunder will make the journey home, as the host the opening round game.

In the week-nine, regular season closer, West Carroll was faced

with a serious dilemma. If they wanted to go to the playoffs and potentially take on some of the best teams in the State of Illinois, they would have to defeat a former State Champion. Lena-Winslow wasn't listening.

After the Panthers grabbed the early lead they stretched it to 14 points in the second quarter. A lot of time remained in the period. The Thunder came back and scored with 31-seconds to go in the half. At the break, Lena-Winslow saw their two-touchdown advantage drop to just eight-points. Entering the third quarter and only one score down, West Carroll's chances remained optimistic. They had contained the dangerous Panthers' offense in the first half. They just had to keep it up.

Things didn't work out as planned though. It got a whole lot harder. Beating teams in the playoffs is very similar to trying

to beat Lena-Winslow when there is something on the line. The Panthers quickly explained how true that is. Lena-Winslow was playing for a guaranteed home game to open the 1A Tournament. West Carroll didn't know it, but their destination in week ten was a little different than what Lena-Winslow thought.

At the third quarter kick-off West Carroll was just minutes away from going to the playoffs. They just had to make up the eight-point difference. One touchdown and a successful two-point play would do it. With just minutes gone in the third period, West Carroll discovered they were actually minutes away from going somewhere else, home.

The Thunder couldn't score in the third period. The offense was stuck and could only muster one score. It wouldn't be enough. Lena-Winslow threw in three seven-

point plays and moved to 7-2 on the season. The Thunder fell to 4-5 and did not qualify for the post-season.

The IHSA Class 1A State Football Playoffs begin this weekend. The Panthers were issued the six-seed and were given the right to host eleven-seed Bureau Valley. The Storm play in the Three Rivers (Rock) Conference and were 6-3 this season. Among their losses include matches against current playoff participants 6-3 Orion, 5-4 Rockridge and 7-2 Fulton.

If the Panthers silence the Storm this weekend, they will advance to the second round of the Class 1A Tournament and could be setting

themselves up for a possible NUIC crossover match with the Upstate Champion, 9-0 Stockton Blackhaws. The game would be played in Stockton.

Looking farther ahead, the Panthers possible playoff-path could include a rematch with two-seed Forreston in the Class 1A Quarterfinal Round. A further advance would mean the State Semi-final would be waiting, with the possibility of either eight-seed Dakota or four-seed Aquin meeting them there.

The NUIC sent seven teams to the Class 1A Football Playoffs and wished EPC well in their adventure in the 2A Tournament.

High school scoreboard

Stockton 46, A-FC 19
Lena-Winslow 37, W Carroll 14
Polo 41, Orangeville 14
River Ridge 44, Durand 6
EPC 24, E Dubuque 13
Milledgeville 20, Warren 16

EPC set to defuse the Rockets

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Class 2A High School Football Playoffs welcome back the Eastland-Pearl City Wildcats as they carry an 8-1 mark into the opening round game this weekend. On Friday night, Oct. 21, the Wildcats tore down the post-season dreams of the early NUIC Northwest leaders, East Dubuque.

The Warriors opened the 2016 season with three consecutive wins. By week five they had collected their fourth win of the season. One more win would have guaranteed placement in the post-season.

EPC didn't seem to care on Friday night. They knew they would be home this weekend to open the Class 2A Tournament. It didn't matter. It didn't even matter who they played. In 2015, they weren't in the playoffs. It was a tough year for the program. It was a hard year for Head Coach Randy Asche. In the end, it got a lot harder for the student-athletes carrying the Wildcats' fans. It was worth it. EPC is 8-1. They are the three-seed in the Class 2A Tournament and will not be going down anytime soon, if they play their game.

This weekend the Wildcats take on a team from western Illinois. Taylor Ridge-Rockridge is 5-4. They got in courtesy of available space and enviable playoff points totaling 45. The

cutoff was 37 points. The Rockets losses came to the 9-0 Sterling Newman Central Catholic Comets, 7-2 Fulton 6-3 Kewanee and 6-3 Orion. The Rockets are an historic contributor to post-season bleachers.

If EPC takes care of business this weekend, they will potentially meet up with another member from the Three Rivers Conference, six-seed Fulton. The path does appear clear for EPC to advance to the quarterfinal round. A match-up with two-seed Kewanee Wethersfield could be looming if they make it that far. Odds are, the best play of the season might still be waiting for the EPC Wildcats.

IHSA football playoff pairings

Class 1A - Football Playoff Pairings
#14 Catlin (Salt Fork) (5-4) at #3 Stockton (9-0), Saturday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.

#11 Manlius (Bureau Valley) (6-3) at #6 Lena (L.-Winslow) (7-2), Oct. 29, 1 p.m.

Class 2A - Football Playoff Pairings

#14 Taylor Ridge (Rockridge) (5-4) at #3 Pearl City [Eastland-P.C. Coop] (8-1), Oct. 29, 1 p.m.

Area athletes inducted into Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame

The Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame 2016 induction banquet took place Oct. 15 at Manny's Pizza, 211 Main St. Savanna

Among the fifteen individuals in-

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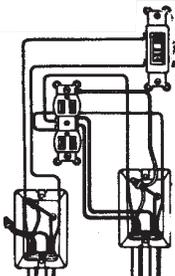
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100 Women Who Care schedule November meeting

Our next 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County quarterly meeting is less than 1 month away. A few new organizations have been added to the nomination basket. Here is a reminder of the information.....

Hosted at the Lena Brewing Company (9416 W. Wagner Rd)

- Complimentary appetizers
- Cash bar
- Thursday, Nov. 10.
- Social Hour/new member registration (optional) 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Organizations nominated thus far include:
 *Children's Hands on Museum of Northwest Illinois

- *Delta Kappa Gammer Alpha Mu Chapter
- *Pearl City Lioness
- *Boys and Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County
- *Relay for Life-Stephenson County Chapter
- *Northwest Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA)
- *Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- *Freeport Downtown Development Foundation (FDDF)
- *Stephenson County 4-H Club
- *Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cup-board
- *Pearl City Education Foundation
- *Freeport Community Public School Fund (FCPSF)

- *Pearl City PTO
 - *Friends of Mill Pond
 - *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Illinois
 - *Amity Society of Freeport Inc
 - *RAMP
 - *Kids Coats and Clothes
 - *Freeport Public Library
- Donations from last quarter's meeting went directly to the NCS Youth Home with a total of \$10,850! The monies donated by 100WWC have been allocated to pay for expenses related to specialized, and very much needed, clinical services and supplies that are not normally funded through other sources. Youth with the most traumatic and chronic

sexual abuse histories, sensory disorders, and other unique needs will be able to receive services not always otherwise available. The impact of these funds is tremendous and distinctive; having a substantial and noteworthy impact on the lives of youth under the care of NCS staff.

As always, you can stay up to date by liking us on Facebook and we love new members so bring a friend to the next meeting. Since the initiation of 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County last February this group has donated \$64,280 (including the \$10,000 private family foundation matching donation) to local non-profit organizations.

Public Notice

Stockton Township

This is to notify the registered voters of Stockton Township that the following is a list of vacancies for the Township Board of Trustees that will appear on the April 4th, 2017 Consolidated Election. All 4 year terms,
 Supervisor
 Highway Commissioner
 Town Clerk
 4- Trustees

Candidates may obtain petition papers from the Town Clerk Dayle Nagel at 318 N Main St., Stockton, IL. Call 815-238-3128

Petitions must be filled out and filed with the Town Clerk between December 12, 2016 and December 19, 2016.

Dayle Nagel
 Stockton Township Clerk
 (Published in The Scoop Today Oct. 19 & 26, 2016)

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U of I Extension hosts Clearing the Air about Radon workshops

With the cool fall weather upon us our thoughts turn to closing up the house tight for the winter. Most of us do a fall cleaning to collect up the last of that summer pollen and dust, check the batteries in the smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors, and make sure windows and doors are sealed tight. With all these tasks complete now we can breathe easy for the winter. Or can we?

"Radon, the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, could be also be trapped in your home," according to Jay Solomon, Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator with University of Illinois Extension. This colorless, odorless radioactive gas finds its way into in many homes throughout Illinois from the ground below. Professional radon testers have found 55% of area homes tested

at or above the recommended action level of 4 pCr.

"A mitigation system can intercept this gas between the soil surface and your home," Solomon continued. "Then safely vent the captured

gas into the atmosphere above your home. The system is very simple in principle." The workshop will include a discussion on planning and design to achieve radon removal and what to expect form a radon mitigation contractor.

The only way to know the radon level in your home is to conduct a test of the home. The magnitude of the radon issue in northern Illinois becomes more apparent as more homes are evaluated. Please attend a workshop near you:

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas St., Freeport, IL

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1-3 p.m. Galena Territory Association Owners, Club Social Hall B

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Jo Daviess Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL

"Clearing the Air about Radon" is open to the public but pre-registration is required by completing an on-line registration for Freeport, Galena, and Elizabeth locations at:web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw, for Lanark location at web.extension.illinois.edu/clw

Registration cost is \$6 per household. All participants will receive a free radon test kit compliments of the Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll and Whiteside Health Departments with assistance from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Awareness Grant.

Be a part of the Monroe Arts Center experiences and events!

A Sense of Place: Wisconsin Landscape Photographs by Regina Flanagan, Peter Latner, Jill Metcalf, and Zane Williams

On exhibit through Oct. 28
 Wellington and Muranyi Galleries

27th Annual Photography Contest Exhibit

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 Frehner Gallery
 Art Critique Group

This group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. It is led by various guest facilitators who will show samples of their artwork, demonstrate technique, and lead a positive group critique along with discussion. This is a free meeting and is open to all levels of artists. Participants are asked to follow positive and constructive critique guidelines.

Oct. 25 - Deb Meyer, guest facilitator
 Nov, 22

(There will not be a December meeting)

1 to 3 p.m.
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Do you sing? Dance? Play an instrument? Have a comedy routine? Whatever your hidden talent may be, it's time to start rehearsing and get your act together for the Showcase of Talent auditions. The 2017 Showcase of Talent will be directed by Jackie Ceithamer and Tashona Smith, and emceed by Big Radio's own Dan Blum.

Auditions (at Monroe Arts Center):

Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13 from 1-4:00 pm

Performances:
 Friday and Saturday, Jan. 13, 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Monroe Arts Center at (608) 325-5700.

• Top Team

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of the regular season, the Blackhaws gave up 18 points this year. That's less than a field goal a night for their remaining seven victims. You cannot predict what will happen in the High School Playoffs, but you do know that this weekend Stockton will be ready to play. There is a lot on the line for Blackhaws' fans and a huge advantage was given to them courtesy of the toughness of their team. Stockton is home as the Class 1A Tournament kicks-off.

Stockton High School Cheer Squad to host celebratory dinner

By Tony Carton
 EDITOR

The Stockton Cheer Squad is hosting a dinner at Stella's Cafe and Catering on Friday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The dinner celebrates the Stockton football team and the school's cheer squad in advance of the opening of the 2016 high school football playoffs.

All proceeds will go towards the Stockton Cheer Squad's trip to the 71st annual Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl which will be played this year on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. E.T in Orlando, FL.

The Citrus Bowl began as the Tangerine Bowl in 1947 and is the seventh-oldest collegiate bowl game in the country. Since 1993 the bowl has hosted top teams from the Big Ten and Southeastern conferences.

The Stockton Cheer Squad was selected to appear at the bowl game during last summer's cheer camp. Selection was based on recognition of the squad's performance skills, growth and team spirit. The squad's appearance at the Citrus Bowl is deemed an honor and a privilege.

Service at the dinner will be provided by the cheerleaders. Tipping is encouraged and all funds raised will go toward the trip.

Call (815) 947-2080 today for reservations. Seating is limited.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENTION TO ADOPT TAX LEVIES

A *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District, Jo Daviess County, IL; for its FY 2016/2017, has been prepared and is available for viewing in the lobbies of Citizens State Bank and Illinois Bank & Trust Co. as well as at the District Ambulance/EMS building, all in Stockton, IL.

It is the intention of the District to adopt tax levies for its corporate, ambulance, tort liability, workmen's comp. and liability insurance and audit funds for FY 2016/2017 that do not exceed the amount(s) extended for the previous year by more than 105%.

A public hearing on the *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the District for FY 2016/2017 will be held by the District Board of Trustees at the District's Ambulance/EMS building at 113 E. Queen Ave., Stockton, IL at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 28, 2016.

RONALD PAJA
 RONALD PAJA
 Attorney for the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance Dist.
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Highland student-athletes receive All-American recognition

Six Highland Community College student-athletes were named Academic Student-Athlete Award recipients by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Timothy Dawson of Clinton, Iowa, Hanna Metzger of Forrester, and Bethany Shuman of Orangeville were named Superior Academic Achievement Award recipients. This requires a 3.80-3.99 GPA.

Timothy Dawson, who was on the men's bowling team, had a 3.83 GPA and is attending the University of Iowa to study Mechanical Engineering.

Hanna Metzger played volleyball and had a 3.83 GPA. She is attending St. Ambrose University as an Occupational Therapy major.

Bethany Shuman played volleyball for Highland, is going to

Illinois State University to study Elementary Education. She had a 3.92 GPA.

Chris Arnold of Warren, Miranda Grisham of Lanark, and Courtney Walker of Lanark were Exemplary Academic Achievement Award recipients. This requires a 3.60-3.79 GPA.

Chris Arnold played men's golf and had a 3.70 GPA. He is attending Northern Illinois University to study Marketing.

Miranda Grisham played women's basketball and had a 3.75 GPA. She is attending Illinois State University to study Animal Science.

Courtney Walker played women's basketball and had a 3.75 GPA. She has obtained her Life Insurance License and owns Symmetry Financial Group.



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Highland Community College student-athletes Courtney Walker, Timothy Dawson, Bethany Shuman, Chris Arnold, Miranda Grisham and Hanna Metzger are named Academic Student-Athlete Award recipients

Scales Mound continues to show growth on state tests

Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 continues to demonstrate growth on the State and Federal mandated tests. For the second year, Scales Mound students took the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers test (PARCC). PARCC is a consortium of states and the District of Columbia that are working to create and deploy a standard set of K-12 assessments in mathematics and English. PARCC is aligned to assess the Common Core Standards,

which are the source of the Illinois Learning Standards.

In the spring of 2016, students in grades three through twelve took assessments in mathematics and reading. The assessments were redesigned in 2016 to be shorter and provide districts with test results quicker than in 2015. Students are prepared for the PARCC assessments through everyday instruction in the classroom as they learn the skills and strategies they need to be prepared for college and careers.

Dr. Bill Caron, Superintendent of Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211, explains the assessment results as a snapshot of student achievement. "We use a number of assessments to determine our students' growth and success," Caron says when asked about the test results. "The PARCC assessment is similar to taking a final exam. It is a summative test of what our students know and are able to do at the end of instruction. We also use a number of assessments throughout the year to monitor our students' progress before taking the PARCC assessment."

Based on the 2016 test results, district-wide the number of students meeting or exceeding standards in mathematics increased by 2.5% (43% to 45.5%). Overall, student scores increased in mathematics compared to those in 2015. In English/language arts, students' scores remained stable with approximately 47% of the students meeting or exceeding standards. Dr. Caron stated, "We are a small school so we look more at the number of students moving in each of the rating categories rather than percentages. For example if there are only 12 students in a classroom and one moves from approaching standards to meeting standards, that could change the percentage by almost 8%. How our students are doing from year to year individually and as a cohort is more important to understanding what they know and are able to do than a single percentage."

Since this is only the second year of PARCC testing, longitudinal data is not available at this time. School year 2015 was a baseline year for PARCC data. Prior to 2015 the State administered the ISAT test, which had a very different format than the PARCC test. The district expects to take the PARCC test again in March of 2017, which will help provide more data for grade level cohorts and individual students.



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