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## River Ridge Regional produces Champion

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Getting the chance to host the opening round games in the IHSA Basketball Playoffs is an honor in itself. There are many teams which would wish to take on the responsibilities. In Hanover on Monday, Feb. 6, the Girls' Class 1A Tournament tipped off and the home team did just fine. They didn't win it all, but they put on a good show for the many fans gathered to cheer them on.

The ten-seed River Ridge Lady Wildcats, with their companions from Scales Mound, grabbed a lot of attention as they captured a play-off win over the nine-seed Forrester Lady Cardinals 41-26 on opening night. The victory pushed them into the Class 1A Regional Semi-Final and gave them a shot at the top team in the bracket, Galena.

The Lady Pirates entered the post-season with one-loss in the scorebook. They were issued the top-seed as a result of the dynamics they brought nightly to NUIC victims as they outpaced all chasers with their perfect conference record.

On Tuesday night however, River Ridge/Scales Mound kept the Lady Pirates' potency diluted. Galena won 41-29, but they made them work for it.

The twelve-point victory margin was small in comparison to how Galena wrapped up the NUIC regular season. No team since a Jan. 23 meeting with Pearl City has even been within 15 points when the final totals were etched. River Ridge/Scales Mound pushed the Lady Pirates to the end.

Galena carried a one point lead into the second quarter of play. The Lady Pirates offense couldn't work through River Ridge/Scales Mound as easily as they had hoped. At the start of the second it was 11-10 in favor of the one-seed over the ten.

Galena was much stronger in the second quarter and the inside pres-

ence was felt. The Lady Pirates scored 14 points in the period and allowed only six. At the turn it was 25-16 Galena.

The third quarter was slower in comparison as offenses were limited to 14 points combined. The top-seed picked up nine of them and carried the double-digit edge down the stretch and through the fourth.

River Ridge Scales Mound began cutting into the 34-21 deficit in the final frame but ran out of time and available options. Galena lost the final period 8-7 but held on for the 41-29 win.

The Lady Pirates moved on to the River Ridge Class 1A Regional Final and a showdown with the Pearl City Lady Wolves.

Galena was too powerful as they ran over Pearl City 54-36. The winner from River Ridge advanced to Pearl City for the second round games the week of Feb. 13.

Galena will face Freeport Aquin for the right to move to the Sectional Title Game. The winner from the Galena-Freeport Aquin match will take on either three-seed Eastland or top-seed Pecatonica for the right to advance to Oglesby and the IVCC Class 1A Super-Sectional.



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## Blackhawks of the month

Each month Stockton Middle School students are recognized for going above and beyond to display our Blackhawk Way expectations. They have been nominated for special acts of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.

**Blackhawks of the Month are: Fifth Grade-Ashlyn Schubert, Sixth Grade-Lauren Kehl, Seventh Grade-Vanessa Ernst, Eighth Grade-Case Harmston**

## Area homeowners eligible for home repair loans and grants

Homeowners in Northern Illinois may be eligible to apply for home repair grants and low interest home improvement loans, thanks to a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development program.

A Rural Development repair loan is similar to a home improvement loan. The money must be used to improve or modernize homes, make them safer and more sanitary, or remove health and safety hazards.

Examples of eligible repairs include roofing, siding, windows, foundation repairs, kitchen cabinets, septic system, furnace / air conditioning. The maximum loan

amount is \$20,000. Loans can be made for a term of 20 years at one percent interest. The applicant needs to own and occupy the home, have acceptable credit, be able to repay the loan, and meet very low income guidelines. For example, a family of 4 in Stephenson County can earn up to \$29,950 and still qualify.

A limited number of home repair grants are also available to appli-

cants who meet very low income guidelines, are 62 years of age or older and demonstrate an inability to make loan payments. There is a \$7,500 lifetime limit on repair grant funds. Grant funds can only be used to address health, safety or accessibility issues for the home. Unlike loans, grants do not have to be repaid. Grants are frequently made in conjunction with small loans. The Oregon

Rural Development office serves seven Northern Illinois counties including Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Kane, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago. To learn more about this program, homeowners are encouraged to contact the Oregon office at (815) 732-6127, ext. 4. More information is also available at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/il>. Eligibility rules apply.



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# Stockton Middle School 2016-17 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

## 5th Grade High Honors

Abby Chumbler  
Bennett Graves  
Carson McPeck  
Nevaeh Peterson  
Ashlyn Schubert  
Leah Warner

## Honors

Kristian Adleman  
Rebecca Dreyer  
Jared Dvorak  
Addison Ernst  
Izabella Ertmer  
Braden Freese  
Tanner Gile  
Brady Haas  
Michael Haas  
Jayden Hornung  
Gracie Keleher  
Dee Dee Larson  
Lincoln Legel  
Wesley Logemann  
Hope Mulholland

Drake Offenheiser  
Gracie Raab  
Maecee Rice  
Lydia Scholdt  
Colby Tucker  
Camerin Vincent  
William Westaby  
Mavrick Winters

## 6th Grade

### High Honors

Morgan Blair  
Dawson Broshous  
Katherine Crome  
Madeline Harbach  
Dayton Julius  
Dustin Oppold  
Ryley Schultz

### Honors

Alex Altfillisch  
Katelyn Bartch  
Brady Broshous  
Lily Broshous

## Jackson Curtiss

Skylar Davis  
Olivia Harnish  
Noah Hess  
Olivia Keeffer  
Lauren Kehl  
David Lancaster  
Garrett Luke  
Griffin Luke  
Parker Luke  
Nathaniel McPhillips  
Emily Paul  
Jace Phillips  
Kyleigh Reusch  
Lita Schmoll  
Kaelan Schubert  
Haylen Scott  
Jadyn Steen  
Whittney Sullivan  
Bailey Thornton  
Ella Wackerlin  
Abigail Wilkins  
Scott Williams  
Tyler Williams

## 7th Grade

### High Honors

Maria Bender  
Ian Broshous  
Joseph Brudi  
Matthew Cook  
Justin Eden  
Jenna Haas  
Kenze Haas  
Caleb Mammoser  
Elijah Rice  
Kayden Schubert

### Honors

Austin Chumbler  
Ashton Davis  
Hannah Deininger  
Austin Eisfeller  
Matthew Ernst  
Vanessa Ernst  
Dezireigh Gillen  
Keaton Graves  
Alexi Haas  
Brynn Haas  
Braden Jones

## Owen Logemann

Cameron Mapes  
Cierra Mapes  
Morgan McPeck  
Andrew Mensendike  
Diana Montalvo  
Callie Roberts  
Raeann Roberts  
Kassadie Sullivan  
Connor Vulliam

## 8th Grade

### High Honors

Madelynn Ertmer  
Evan Kazijian  
Kaylee Luke

### Honors

Elise Adleman  
Kaylee Allen  
Kamden Baber  
Wyatt Baber  
Lexis Balboa  
Dawson Bauer  
Taylor Broshous

## Wes Cox

Lucas Crome  
Adriana Curtiss  
Andrew Haas  
Case Harmston  
Jason Hermann  
James Hille  
Hayley Johnson  
Ivannie Jones  
Janet Katzenberger  
Shaina Kraft  
Madison Lara  
Cheyenne Mapes  
Patrick Mensendike  
Jordan Paisley  
Alyssa Randecker  
Chandler Reifsteck  
Jaden Rice  
Simon Rillie  
Bryce Smith  
Tiana Timpe  
Emma Westaby  
Devin Wickler  
Kiersten Winters

# Stockton Community Unit School District #206 January meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 was called to order at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, in the high school library. Members present included Robert VenHuizen, Cory Cassens, Kirk Schubert, Kim Mapes, Roger Groezinger, and Deb Gille. Member Julie Lawfer was absent. Member VenHuizen opened the meeting by thanking the Stockton Paramedic Team for their response to an injury that occurred to a student/athlete at a recent basket-

ball game. The regular and closed session minutes were approved 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Schubert. Bills totaling \$125,629.98 were approved for payment 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Groezinger. The financial report was approved 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Cassens. Principal Downey introduced the 2016 Illinois State Scholars, including Mikayla Baysinger, Heather Brudi, Heather Musser, and Jill Harmston.

In his superintendent's report, Dr. Gilliland reviewed the bid process dates for the Middle School HVAC project and reported that he had authorized Ms. Crandall to purchase a used piano to replace the main piano that was no longer useable. The District will split the \$1,950 cost with the Music Boosters. In her good news report, Principal Downey congratulated the students who made the 2nd Quarter/1st Semester Honor Roll, Linzy Friedlein for being selected as the Rotary Club Sophomore Student of the 2nd Quarter, and William Upmann and Dylan Curtiss for being named Outstanding Students of the Quarter at the CTE Autobody Repair and Automotive Technology Programs respectively. In his good news report, Principal Brad Fox congratulated the Blackhawks of the Month, which included fifth grader Tanner Gile, sixth grader Ryley Schultz, seventh grader Caleb Mammoser, and eighth grader Madison Lara. In addition, Mr. Fox reported that the Elementary and Middle School will participate in the Smile Illinois Program, which supports families who have difficulties meeting oral health requirements, Riverview Center's program on positive relationships, and the fifth grade's participation in the Catch Program at the Freeport YMCA, in which the students were able to use the gym and swimming pool at the YMCA. Principal Colleen Fox also reported on Riverview Center's program on body safety and internet safety as well as recent professional development and upcoming hearing and vision tests. Member Groezinger presented CTE minutes to the board.

In new business, the board took the following action: Approved a resolution to include taxable allowances on IMRF earnings 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Schubert. Approved adding Principal Casey Downey as a District Visa credit card holder with a \$1,000 limit 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Mapes. The board voted 6-0 at 7:31 p.m. to go into closed session under the

Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, dismissal, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students. Motion was made by Schubert and seconded by VenHuizen. The board returned to open session at 8:15 pm with a vote of 6-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Groezinger.

Under continued new business, the board took the following action:

Approved employment of bus drivers Roger Groezinger and Dean Tillis 5-0-1 following a motion by Schubert and second by Cassens. Member Groezinger abstained.

Approved retirement request of teacher Linda Broshous with regret and highest degree of admiration 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Groezinger.

Approved employment of Dr. Gilliland as part-time superintendent for 500 hours from June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018 at a salary of \$50,000 4-2 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Gille. Voting yes was VenHuizen, Gille, Schubert, and Mapes. Voting no was Cassens and Groezinger.

The board adjourned at 8:18 p.m. following a motion by VenHuizen. Motion carried 6-0. The Feb. 20, board meeting will start at 5 p.m. due to the High School's hosting of the Boys' Regional that week.

## We Thank You

The family of Murnice Dittmar would like to thank everyone for their love and concern for father during his declining health and at the time of his death.

The comforting words, cards, memorials, flowers, food and many other expressions of sympathy were deeply appreciated. A special thank you to the Staff at the Elizabeth Nursing Home for their care and kindness. Thank you to the Elizabeth Methodist Church and Stockton American Legion for the services in honor of father. Your kindness has been deeply appreciated.

-The Family of Murnice Dittmar

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## Stockton Servant Leadership says THANK YOU!

The Highland Community College Servant Leadership team, Stockton High School Chapter, would like to thank the Stockton community for all the donations and support they have shown for the Stockton Nutritional Outreach Works (SNOW) program. Your food and monetary donations are so appreciated.

Special "thank you" goes out to the Stockton Chamber of Commerce, Stockton Strong, Stockton Ministerial Association, Stockton Lions Club, Citizens State Bank, Sullivan's, Sweet Alices, and Country Fair Charities for their generous support of our program. If we have excluded anyone, we apologize. We appreciate each bit of support.

Thank you!

## Thanks

Thank you to everyone for the blessings you showered on the Baysinger & Plager families in the death of Helen Baysinger. We so appreciate your acts of kindness & thoughtfulness.



# Stephenson County SWCD tree and fish sales are underway

Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District annual tree sale is underway for 2017. Each year the District sells bare root tree, evergreen and shrub seedlings to increase efforts to provide energy conservation and/or habitat cover for wildlife. These plants are for conservation purposes only and shall not be used as ornamentals or for landscaping. Deadline to order is March 10. The deadline allows us to adjust pre-ordered quantities with the nurseries. We are hoping this

eliminates the "extras" at the end of the sale.

Again this year you will find larger trees on the order form. Trees are sold in bundle sizes of 10, 25 and 100 with prices ranging from \$15 to \$350 for the different species and sizes.

Evergreens available include Concolor Fir, Balsam Fir, Red Pine, White Pine, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Spruce and American Arborvitae.

Deciduous Trees include Black

Walnut, Burr Oak, Northern Red Oak, Pin Oak, White Oak, Swamp White Oak, Red Maple, Sugar Maple and Bitternut Hickory. New this year is Northern Pecan and Sycamore.

Shrubs available include Redosier Dogwood, American Plum and Highbush Cranberry. New this year is Allegheny Serviceberry and Nannyberry.

Additional items for sale include marking flags, Plantskydd Animal Repellent, tree mats, tree tubes and

stakes along with bat houses, blue bird houses and wood duck houses.

Tree Order pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Freeport IL. A reminder postcard will be sent to confirm the pick-up date, time and location.

Order forms can be picked up at the District office or printed from the SWCD website [www.stephensonswcd.org](http://www.stephensonswcd.org)

Order and payment must be mailed or dropped off at the Stephenson SWCD office; 1620 S. Galena Avenue, Freeport IL.

Stephenson SWCD Fish Sale is Underway Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District spring fish sale is also underway. Fish that can be ordered include:

channel catfish, albino catfish, largemouth bass, hybrid sunfish, redear sunfish, bluegill, black crappies, fathead minnows, and grass carp. The various species can be ordered for stocking new and existing ponds.

Grass carp orders must be placed by Monday, April 3

All other species by Friday, April 14

Delivery will be at the USDA/ SWCD office parking lot at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 24.

Order forms can be picked up at the District office or printed from the SWCD website [www.stephensonswcd.org](http://www.stephensonswcd.org)

Order and payment must be mailed or dropped off at the Stephenson SWCD office; 1620 S. Galena Avenue, Freeport IL.

## Angelic Organics Learning Center and USDA's FSA host non-commodity farm loan workshop

Angelic Organics Learning Center has partnered with USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to present a three-hour workshop for farmers interested in learning more about FSA loan programs and services on Friday, Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m., at Big Hill Center in Beloit, WI. The FSA offers loan assistance to farmers who have some experience and want to own or operate a farm, but who don't yet meet the qualifications to get financing from a traditional lender. The benefits of working with FSA include favorable interest rates and terms for farm ownership and operating loans, access to non-traditional types of credit such as microloans, and assistance in completing loan applications. The workshop agenda includes a presentation in which Wisconsin and Illinois FSA staff will provide

information on how FSA loans can help non-commodity farmers grow their operations. Presenters will outline the steps in the loan application process and discuss the types of experience lenders look for in successful applicants. The workshop will also include a question-and-answer period with a panel of local farmers who have worked with FSA to grow their businesses. "I have benefited from past and current programming offered by Angelic Organics Learning Center, and, as a recipient of a FSA Beginning Farmer and Rancher loan, I believe this workshop will absolutely help farmers interested in expanding their farm businesses," said Tim Huth of LotFotL Community Farm in Elkhorn, WI. LotFotL stands for Living off the Fat of the Land. Huth has been farming for

11 years and will be on the panel of local farmers during the workshop. The workshop will be 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Big Hill Center, 1201 W Big Hill Rd. Beloit, WI. Registration is \$15 and will be open until Feb. 15. To register for this event please visit [www.LearnGrowConnect.org/events](http://www.LearnGrowConnect.org/events) or call 815-389-8455.

## ISP District 16 lists January activity and enforcement

Illinois State Police District 16 Operations Officer, Lt. Carl Heintz, announced today activity and enforcement figures for the month of January. Troopers in District 16, which includes 4 counties, answered 47 calls for service and initiated 1438 incidents in the field during the month.

In addition, enforcement figures totaled 904 citations and 596 written warnings, including 521 speeding citations, 15 DUIs, 76 seatbelt citations, 7 child restraint citations, 127 written warnings for speeding, and 18 criminal arrests. Troopers also assisted 130 motorists, conducted 136 Motor Carrier Inspections, and declared 12 of those commercial drivers or vehicles "Out of Service". Troopers investigated 26

## Senate Week in Review

A bipartisan effort in the Illinois Senate to pass a balanced budget and structural reforms was disrupted during the week when four bills were called for a vote without the entire budget framework being ready.

In other action, the Senate voted on individuals nominated by the Governor to serve on state boards

and commissions.

Legislative activity during the spring session is also beginning to pick up with more than 1,000 Senate bills introduced during the week.

### State budget update

The Senate voted Feb. 8 on four of 13 measures that make up the budget framework being negotiated by Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) and Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago). Opposed to taking a piecemeal approach, Senate Republicans held firm in their call for the budget package to be voted on in its entirety, not as individual pieces of legislation. We either voted "present" or "no" on the four bills.

Progress has been made, but much more work needs to be done on spending cuts and structural reforms before the entire budget package

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## U of I Extension offers successful pond management workshop

Is your pond providing the enjoyment and fishing experience you hoped? Are you curious about pond ecology, weed control and fish stocking rates? Owning a nice size pond can be full of challenges. The University of Illinois Extension has developed the Successful Pond Management Workshop to help you meet those challenges. Plan to join us on Wednesday, March 8, at the Pearl City American Legion, 100 N Main Street, Pearl City, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The presenters will focus on a ponds ecological health as well as fish and weed management. University of Illinois Extension's Duane Friend, Environmental and Energy Stewardship Educator, and Dave Shiley, Local Food and Small Farms Educator, will share their renowned expertise on fish and aquatic weed management. Duane Friend will explain pond ecology and the process of how a pond functions in different seasons. Dave Shiley will share what species of fish work best in your pond and the proper stocking rates. Killing weeds is much different in an aquatic situation verses on land and Dave Shiley will offer ways to control these aquatic problems and keep them in check

To participate in the Successful Pond Management Workshop call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or on line at [web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw). Pre-registration is required, registration cost is \$10.

## Forestry Association schedules annual planning meeting

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will meet on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, at 7 pm, to continue planning events for 2017 at the Stockton Public Library. This will be an agenda meeting with emphasis on putting together scenarios and questions for a panel discussion on timberland property

taxation at NIFA's April 4th dinner meeting. NIFA's board will also finalize the list of programs for the rest of the year. Both members and the public are welcome to provide their input and opinions. The Stockton Public Library is located at 140 West Benton Avenue, Stockton, Illinois.

## AMS delays final rule on organic livestock and poultry practices

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is delaying the effective date of the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices final rule by 60 days to May 19, 2017. These

actions are being taken in accordance with guidance issued Jan. 20, 2017, to ensure the new policy team has an opportunity to review the rules. This is similar to procedures issued by previous administrations.

## Northwest Illinois Forestry Association schedules tour

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will tour an oak regeneration site, on Friday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. with Jeff Harris, IDNR District Forester. The tour site is especially suited for oak trees in the Galena Territory. The group will discuss the forest management plan writing process of landowner goals, forest inventory, plan writing, management prescriptions, cost sharing/funding opportunities. At the site, the group will observe a forest management plan already in the implementation phase with the goal

of naturally regenerating oak and increasing overall bio-diversity; the site has been thinned and prescribe burned. Participants will meet at the Owner's Club in the Galena Territory, 2000 Territory Drive, Galena, and then car pool to the management site where parking is limited. Those leaving a car behind will be issued a temporary parking pass.

NIFA is a non-profit organization of woodland owners dedicated to maximizing each owners' woodland productivity; its events are open to the public.



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## Around the Northern Hills

Smartphones 101 class offered. Are you ready to trade in that flip phone? Or, do you have a smartphone but don't know how to use it? That's good news for Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members. Sign up for an upcoming Smartphones 101 class presented by Amanda DeRew of Illinois Farm Bureau. The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is hosting this class on March 16, 2017, at the Elizabeth Community Building in Elizabeth. Participants are encouraged to

bring their device, an iPhone, Android, iPad, tablet, or anything else that they would like help conquering. For more information, or to register, call our office at 815-858-2235.

Hey, hey baseball fans! The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Chicago Cubs on Sunday, April 9, at Miller Park in Milwaukee. Game time is 1:10 p.m. Tickets are \$80 for Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

members and \$85 for non-members. Price includes ticket to game and round trip transportation. Participants will have the opportunity to board the bus in Galena, Elizabeth and Stockton. A limited number of tickets are available; so call the Farm Bureau office at 815-858-2235 today to reserve your tickets. Tickets always go fast!

Seeking Additional Home Grown Directory Listings: The Marketing Committee is seeking any new farmers or producers that wish to be placed in the Jo Daviess County Home Grown Directory. Anyone interested must have products

that are either made, produced, or grown in Jo Daviess County and be a Farm Bureau member.

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Foundation has our scholarship applications available. We will again be awarding a two scholarships to post-secondary students who are majoring in agriculture, agribusiness, vocational or an ag-related course of study. This year we have added an additional scholarship to a student planning to attend (or already attending) Highland Community College and majoring in an agriculture related field. The scholarships are

awarded on the basis of exceptional scholastic ability. To be eligible you must be a Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau member, spouse of a member or a member's child. You must be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled at an accredited college, university, community college, university, community college or vocational/technical school. For more information you can visit our website at [www.jodavinesscfb.com/scholarships/](http://www.jodavinesscfb.com/scholarships/) or call the office at 815-858-2235. The application deadline is March 1.

Farm Fun Fact: February is National Heart Health Month.

## Hey Stockton!

By Lemon  
AMERICORP VOLUNTEER

Punxsutawney Phil might have predicted 6 more weeks of winter, but I promise spring and summer will arrive eventually, and when they do, y'all had better be prepared because the various organizations operating within Stockton are going to be hosting a BUNCH of fun activities. I'll get to them in a second, but first, I wanted to let you all know that Stockton was featured in a magazine called the Illinois Municipal Review! This publication is delivered to nearly every municipal government in Illinois, and thanks to Erin Jordan, Stockton now has its very own spot on the page. In her article, she wrote that "in a small, rural town tucked in the northwestern corner of Illinois, you will find a community working together to promote all we have to offer, as well as ways to improve the lives of our families."

So true! And in the spirit of promoting all we have to offer, I'm going to go ahead and give you some dates for a slew of upcoming events. These dates are also located on the Village Calendar at the [villageofstockton.com](http://villageofstockton.com). (By the way, that's where you can also find meeting times for the Village Board and Committee Meetings, Chamber events, Stockton Strong meetings, Park Board meetings, and more. If you'd like to add an event to the community calendar, please email me at [jm-lemon@wiu.edu](mailto:jm-lemon@wiu.edu)).

Feb. 21: Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner  
April 28: Family Fun Run and an Arbor Day Celebration  
July 4: 4th of July  
July 15-16: NW Illinois Jazz Fest  
Aug. 19: Fall Into Stockton  
Aug. 26-27: Battle of Morseville  
We hope to see you all there!

## The Durbin Report: from the offices of U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin

Fellow Illinoisan,

As a United States Senator, it is my constitutional duty to thoroughly review President Trump's nominations to positions in the Cabinet and our federal agencies. America needs people of unquestionable integrity to lead our nation's federal agencies—yet many of President Trump's nominees have failed to live up to this standard.

This week, the Senate confirmed Senator Jeff Sessions to be United States Attorney General. On issue after issue, Senator Sessions has said that, as Attorney General, he would simply "follow the law." But it is also the duty of our nation's chief law enforcement officer to use her discretion to choose when to enforce the law and to stand up to the President when his actions do not serve the interests of justice. With our nation divided and the President having already fired an Attorney General for standing up to him, we need an independent Attorney General willing to defend our Constitution and stand up for what's right.

I voted against Senator Sessions because I did not have confidence he could serve as the independent Attorney General our nation needs.

I also opposed the confirmation of Betsy DeVos to be Secretary of Education. Our children deserve an Education Secretary who will choose students over corporate and for-profit interests; who understands and cares about the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, and students of color; and who is willing to do what is necessary to avoid conflicts of interest. Clearly, Ms. DeVos is not that person.

Other Cabinet nominees' records and views have raised similar concerns. The nominee to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, has spent his career working to weaken environmental protections and rejects the idea that human activity is responsible for climate change. Congressman Tom Price has been nominated to be head of the Department of Health and Human Services, but on issue

after issue, Congressman Price's legislative record runs in contrast to the mission of the very department he has been nominated to lead. This is a man who wants to privatize the Medicare program—leaving seniors on their own to find health insurance. A man who wants to make draconian cuts to the Medicaid program—a program which provides health services to people of all ages, including children and seniors. A man who wants to dictate what health services are available to women. He is not the right person for this job.

Thank you to those who have called, tweeted, wrote, emailed, and faxed over the past few weeks to share your opposition to President Trump's nominees. Your voices were heard. Our efforts may have fallen short, but we must continue making our voices heard. I will remain vigilant and work to make certain the newly-confirmed Cabinet members uphold the Constitution and the missions of the agencies they now lead.

### •Senate (Continued from page 3)

should be voted on in the Senate. We need spending cuts, and more work on structural reforms like workers' compensation reform that will help make Illinois competitive again, and education funding, which must be done correctly.

Given that there is not yet an agreement on the package as a whole, negotiations should continue and be completed before a final vote on the comprehensive budget package.

#### 'Advice and Consent'

Under the Illinois Constitution, one of the Senate's duties is to give "advice and consent" to gubernatorial appointments. During the week, the Senate approved 19 individuals nominated by Gov. Bruce Rauner to serve on a variety of state boards and commissions.

#### Newly filed bills

Notable bills filed by Senate Republican lawmakers during the week include:

- Senate Bill 869 – Requires a State and FBI fingerprint-based criminal history record check as a condition of eligibility to participate in Illinois' child-care assistance program.
- Senate Bill 874 – Bans controversial automated "red

light" traffic cameras from DuPage County.

- Senate Bill 930 – Extends the life of Eastern Illinois University's "Panther Promise" tuition discount program, from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2026.

- Senate Bill 1301 – Recognizes concealed firearm permits from other states, provided the permits have similar licensing and education requirements.

- Senate Bill 1356 – Allows local communities to adopt stricter laws on video gaming.

- Senate Bill 1380 – The "Blue Lives Matter" legislation adds law enforcement, fire fighters, corrections officers and EMTs to the state's protected class of citizens under the Illinois Hate Crimes Act.

- Senate Bill 1409 – Provides new legal tools for authorities to prosecute cases involving the financial exploitation and identity theft involving elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

- Senate Bill 1708 – Requires applicants for initial eligibility for public aid benefits to pass a drug screening.

- Senate Bill 1862 – Gives municipalities the authority to exempt themselves from one unfunded government mandate per year if compliance with the unfunded mandate creates an undue financial burden.

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## Obituaries

### ALBERT G. MANGLER

Albert G. Mangler, age 83, of Sabula, Iowa, also known as "Perg," "Maverick," or "Hollywood," died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 at home. A funeral service was held Feb. 13, at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Visitation was held Feb. 12, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Savanna, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established in Al's memory. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com).

Albert was born on Dec. 10, 1933, the son of Albert and Ellen (Yappen) Mangler at home near Sabula on the bluff. He attended Sabula High School and graduated with the Class of 1952. Al married Velma Petersen, his high school sweetheart, on Sept. 5, 1955 at the United Methodist Church in Sabula. They celebrated 57 years of marriage until Velma's death on Oct. 5, 2012. He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

He worked for the Milwaukee/Soo Railroad for 42 years until his retirement in 1994. He started as Section Labor in 1950, then worked as a Brakeman for six years, a Conductor for 20 years, and an Engineer for 14 years. He was also the local chairperson for the United Transportation Union Railroad for 28 years. Al battled cancer four times, receiving a stem cell transplant in 1998. He appreciated his care at Mayo Clinic with Dr. Gastonia.

Al's greatest love was family and friends. "There was never a stranger around Al." In retirement, he enjoyed the morning coffee club at McDonalds. He would then make his daily circuit, later opening up at Flippers in Sabula, before heading to a high school ballgame.

Al was an important figure in making Sabula the city it is today. He helped create the Sabula Beautification Committee, was a member of the city council for four years, and mayor for eight years. He was instrumental in obtaining the building for the Volunteer Fire Department, the Ambulance Crew, and the historic Sabula Caboose. Al was also devoted to the local youth—being involved with little league baseball for 40 years, creating a baseball field, and driving bus for East Central Schools after his retirement. He devoted many years organizing the Sabula Alumni Banquet and the Railroad Retirement Picnic.

Perg will be dearly missed by five children, Deb (Don) Thayer of Sabula, Penny (Scott) Sullivan of Preston, Iowa, Todd (Karen) Mangler of Clinton, Iowa, Becky (Bob) Decker of Garrison, Iowa, and Rockie (Michele) Mangler of Savanna; 11 grandchildren, James, Angie (Adam), April (Jason), Audrey, Kayla (Eli), Nick (Kristin), Collin (Corey), Jacob, Ethan, Grant and Avery; and 11 great-grandchildren, Kadin, Kyson, Troy, Carter, Ella, Kali, Maeley, Jaxen, Miley, Colton, and Alissa; two sisters, Isabelle "Izzy" Brundage of Sabula and Mary Sandholt of Oskaloosa, Iowa; and a brother, Lloyd "Nun"

(Carolyn) Mangler of Sabula, and a special niece, Sandra (Jack) Kempter of Sabula.

Perg is preceded in death by his wife, Velma; his parents, Albert Sr. and Ellen; and five siblings, Apama Paddock, Lucille James, Charles Mangler, Wayne Mangler, and Darwin Mangler.

We hope you will smile as you remember Al, it seems that is what he would have wanted.

### FRED WILLIAM PASH

Fred William Pash, 95, of Freeport, IL formerly of Warren, IL passed away on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 at Manor Court in Freeport, IL. Fred was the son of Simon R. Pash and Anna (Mass) Pash was born on July 15, 1921 in Clarno, WI. His mother and father farmed on several different farms during his young boyhood life, his father passed away in 1931 and his family moved to Nora, IL. After about two years his family moved to Warren where Fred had resided.

Fred did odd jobs around town when in grade and high school. He went to the Warren auditorium and saw a lot of movies. In 1939, the drug store burned down, and Fred helped remove the merchandise that was destroyed. When the building was rebuilt, Fred worked for John Donner sweeping and mopping the floor, stock shelves, sell merchandise, and work at the fountain. Fred served our country in the United States Army during World War II and spent his time in engineering in the south Pacific, operating heavy equipment; shovels, drag lines, and crane work.

After returning home from the Army, Fred worked for Don Meyers and attended a school of Pharmacy and was a registered Pharmacist. Fred worked for Don until 1957, then bought the pharmacy. A fountain was in the store that had Coke for five cents, malts, sodas and sundaes for 20 & 25 cents. Fred sold the store in 1988 to Rich Woods. He continued to work there for a few years, and then retired.

Fred Married Lillian Akins in 1947. They had one child that died in infancy. Lillian passed away in 1971. In 1973 Fred and Wilmith Elam Geach were married. In 1988, after Fred sold the pharmacy, Wilmith and Fred spent many winters in Florida and traveling.

Fred was a member of the Warren United Methodist Church. He was a commander of the American Legion from 1979-1980. He had been a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was one of the officers when it started. He was a Boy Scout leader, on the cemetery board for

about fifteen years.

He is survived by son Mark Geach, son-in-law Kim Pearson, granddaughter Lori (Geach) Basso, grandsons; Jason Pearson, Chris Geach and Kirk Pearson; and four great grandsons; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Lillian in 1971, second wife Wilmith in 2015, infant son Mark, daughter Jan Pearson, brothers Edwin, Harry, Joe and Leonard Pash; sisters Eva Heckman, Violet Woodley, Ruth Bradshaw, and Joyce Long.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Warren United Methodist Church in Warren.

A visitation will be from 9 a.m. until time of services on Saturday.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren.

Pastor Roger Bronkema will perform the services.

A memorial has been established in his name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

### VIRETTIA (VI) G. MARKS

Virettia (Vi) G. Marks, age 75 passed away on Tuesday Feb. 7, 2017 at the Lena Living Center. She was born May 21, 1941 to Alfa (Kluck) and Lewis Burmeister in Freeport, IL. Vi was a graduate of Freeport High School. She married John Marks on June 11, 1960 at the Nora Church in Nora, IL. John and Vi were married 50 years when he passed away on July 29, 2010. Vi loved her family very much and enjoyed friends. She enjoyed her plants, garden, cooking, crocheting and knitting over the years. Vi and John enjoyed going to southern Illinois and visiting friends and relatives. They had very dear friends in the Dubuque, IA area.

She is survived by her son Alonzo



Marks of Stockton, IL. Her daughter; Lanette (Roger "Bub" Jr.) Allen of Nora, IL. Also surviving are six grandchildren; Kylee Baker, Carrie Boelk, Kristy Boelk, Andrew Boelk, Hunter Allen and KayLee Allen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters and step-mother Mildred.

Cremation rites have been accorded and inurnment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren, IL.

The family will hold a celebration

of life service at a later date.

Friends may send condolences to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com)

### LUCILLE "BOOTS" PANICO

Lucille "Bootsy" Panico, age 65, of Elizabeth, Illinois passed away Jan. 24, 2017, at home. A celebration of Bootsy's life was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Jugs Main Street Tap in Elizabeth. Friends and family are invited to share in Bootsy's life at [www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com).

## College News

### NIU announces Fall 2016 Dean's List

Northern Illinois University announces its Fall 2016 Dean's List students. These students have enjoyed the best of both worlds: the resources and breadth of a large university with the culture and mindset of a smaller college.

Each semester's Dean's List is compiled by NIU's academic colleges according to student grade point averages.

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts to receive this distinction.

Information released by NIU's Office of Registration and Records indicate Dean's List students from the local area include:

Jared Clay of Dakota, IL, College of Engineering Dean's List

Joseph Savala of Davis, IL, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List

Angela Lake of Lena, IL, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List

Kenzie Kaiser of Lena, IL, College of Engineering Dean's List

Caleb Owen of Orangeville, IL,

College of Engineering Dean's List Peyton Brudi of Pearl City, IL, College of Engineering Dean's List Chartered in 1895, NIU first opened its doors as the Northern Illinois State Normal School in 1899 as a teachers college. The university has grown since into a world-class, research-focused public institution that attracts students from across Illinois, the country and the world.

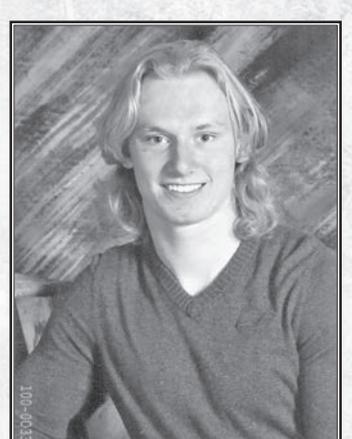
### Area student earns distinction at Wichita State University

Wichita State University has announced the names of more than 2,650 students including Erin L. Asche of Lena, on the WSU dean's honor roll for fall 2016.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. WSU enrolls about 14,500 students and offers more than 60 undergraduate degree programs in more than 150 areas of study in six undergraduate colleges.

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# From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

As I am writing this I have just returned from Springfield after two days of session. Two days of session and not much to show for it, unfortunately. Many of you are asking about the so called "Grand bargain" being discussed in the Senate. As a member of the House, I am not a part of those talks, and quite frankly I learn from the same news reports most of you do.

I will say this about the talks: I am optimistic that members of the other chamber are meeting to discuss budgetary issues in a bi-partisan fashion. Even though some of the proposals that are being talked about are beyond that which I can support, the very notion that the two sides are willing to engage each other is encouraging.

For far too long we've heard that

everyone in Springfield wanted a compromise but no one was willing to make the first move. The legislative chamber resembled something along the lines of a middle school dance where the guys awkwardly stood on one side of the room and the gals stayed on the other. I can think of no better description of the past year than to refer to it as the most ornate and time-consuming middle school dance in world history.

But here we are - finally talking about working together. There is some good news after all. Let's hope that these negotiations are in good faith and that we can actually achieve the necessary reforms that will allow us to keep school doors open, fund our necessary social services, fulfill our pension promises,

and provide a level of certainty that we can use to leverage Illinois as a place to grow businesses and create jobs. That's the goal, and I hope that's exactly what we will see.

Now I suppose I should recount what happened in Springfield over the past two days, and I should warn you to brace yourself for an overwhelming explanation. The three takeaways were: 1) we discussed and passed House Resolution 30 Zombie Preparedness Month - yes you read that correctly. No Budget, however we are concerned about Zombies. 2) Lawmakers discussed creating yet another state holiday in which state workers would get one more paid vacation day, and 3) My friends on the other side of the aisle spent almost a whole day complaining about President Trump

from the floor of the Illinois House. Oh by the way, after we are done bashing the President maybe we could get around to asking him for a federal bailout. Kidding aside, I don't believe the charades accomplished much of anything at all. We don't have a budget, but apparently we have plenty of time to bash the President while on the taxpayer's dime. That doesn't sit well with me for some reason. Regardless of how you feel about the President, we, as state legislators, have a job to do. And our job description does not include pontificating on federal issues from the House floor.

Speaking of our legislative job descriptions, I would like to take a moment to share with you my committee appointments this year. I'm proud to say that I have been selected to be on the Agriculture and Conservation Committee - a committee that is very near and dear to the hearts of many of us in Northwest Illinois.

I was also appointed to the Appropriations - Public Safety Committee as well as the Executive, Labor and Commerce, Revenue and Finance, Veterans' Affairs Committees as well as the Unemployment Insurance, Workers Compensation, Property Taxes, Sales Taxes and Fi-

nance Subcommittees.

Finally, I had the honor of being named Republican Spokesperson on the Judiciary - Criminal and the Restorative Justice Committees. Needless to say it will be a busy year legislatively. But most importantly, I plan to use these various committee appointments to be an advocate for Northwest Illinois. At the end of the day, which committees I'm appointed to is not nearly as important as my primary task - to represent you. As your voice in Springfield, I always want to know which issues are important to you. That's why I have a district office, and that's why that door is always open.

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> is Abraham Lincoln's birthday, so I'm going to end my column with some words from the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. The quote is completely unrelated to my column, but it's something that I believe each of us should take a second to ponder because of its absolute truth. "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

*As always, you can reach me or Sally at 815-232-0774 or e-mail us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbri-anstewart.com or on Facebook.*

## Old time radio shows return to Orangeville

The Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater is stepping back in time again with their March production of, "Old Time Radio Shows." The production was brought back by popular demand.

Three radio shows and specially-written commercials which involve area businesses will be gracing the historic Orangeville Theater stage March 3, 4, and 5. Rehearsals are in full swing as performance time nears.

The show is being directed by Kim McIver of Freeport. She has been both on and off stage in theaters around the area including Orangeville, Winneshiek and Monroe. McIver admits while it's been a challenge to come up with some of the sound effects for the show without falling back on the inter-

net for help, the cast and crew are working hard to make the show as authentic as possible. The shows being performed are from the 40's and 50's.

"We thought we would change it up a little," says McIver. "This time we will be doing the 1943 'Mrs. Moonlight' from the series Romance, the wonderful 1951 comedy, Our Miss Brooks, and the acclaimed, 'Sorry Wrong Number' from the 1941 Suspense series.

Actors from Orangeville and the surrounding area will be a part of the radio plays. Andy McIver from Freeport will be doing the sound effects.

"Old Time Radio Shows" opens on Friday, March 3 in Orangeville, and continues through Sunday that weekend. Friday and Saturday

night shows begin at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday, March 5 matinee begins at 2 p.m. Dessert will be offered during intermission of all shows. Tickets can be obtained by calling (815) 819-1310, and are \$20. The theater is located at 203 W. High St., Orangeville in the historic Masonic Hall.

## Illinois House declares October 2017 as Zombie Apocalypse preparedness month

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WHEREAS, Tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters are real and all Illinois citizens should be aware of the potential danger; while prevention of natural disasters is not viable, citizens can be prepared with emergency supplies and plans; and

WHEREAS, If the citizens of Illinois are prepared for zombies, than they are prepared for any natural disaster; while

a Zombie Apocalypse may never happen, the preparation for such an event is the same as for any natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year and can have lasting effects, both to people and property; and

WHEREAS, Over 60% of Americans are not practicing or preparing for natural disasters, and only 39% have developed an emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, Practicing for preparedness makes perfect, and staying safe is important for the citizens

of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Citizens should have supplies on hand, which may include, water, food, medications, tools, electronics, sanitation and hygiene, clothing and bedding, important documents, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, Having an emergency plan and supplies can reduce the negative impacts of natural disasters or help avoid them completely; and

WHEREAS, Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and

losses that accompany disasters; and

WHEREAS, Emergencies can happen anywhere, anytime; citizens of Illinois should prepare for the Zombie Apocalypse; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONEHUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that all Illinois residents are encouraged to participate in preparing for a Zombie Apocalypse, and have a plan that includes, signing up for local texts and weather alerts, developing emergency com-

munications for the household, collecting significant documents and storing them in a safe place, and gathering emergency supplies; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all Illinois citizens are urged to follow and act on disaster preparedness guidelines of the Illinois

Emergency Management Agency and Federal Emergency Management Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we designate October 2017 as "Zombie Preparedness Month" in the State of Illinois, and urge all Illinoisans to educate themselves about natural disasters and take steps to create a stockpile of food, water, and other emergency supplies that can last up to 72 hours.

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## 2017 election of Jo Daviess SWCD Directors held

The Jo Daviess County Soil & Water Conservation District held their annual election of Directors on Feb. 7, at the U.S.D.A. Service Center in Elizabeth. Two directors' terms were available for the 2017 elections. Re-elected to a two year term was Steve Eden. Beth Baranski was elected as a new Director. Steve and Beth will join the District Board members Stanley Cox, Nicole Haas, and Andy Hawley for the upcoming year beginning in March.

# Brackets set for Warren takeoff

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The time has come for the games to commence as the IHSA Class 1A State Tournament sets to tip off. The Warren Warriors are one of many area boys' basketball teams with aspirations of success when the second season begins the week of Feb. 20.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the IHSA Selection Committee began handing out seeds to area NUIC representatives and, as expected, the Warren Warriors were given a plot right in the middle of the pack. They've been hot lately, that helped when decisions were made last Thursday.

When the post-season starts Monday night in Stockton the nine-seed Warriors will have to take the court. The advantage is they will see someone they know and have handled. In the quarterfinal match Galena brings its eleven-seed in its own upset bid.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Pirates fell to the Warriors 61-53. Warren's hot streak had reached four straight. Since a Jan. 27 win over Benton, Wi., 79-60, Warren defeated Argyle, Scales Mound on the road and Galena. A few days later however, they ran into NUIC leader East Dubuque. The East Dubuque branch of the Warriors collaborators pulled out the 18 point win 49-31. East Dubuque improved to 10-1 in the West this season.

Only two games remain on the regular season schedule for Warren now. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, the Warriors face Eastland as they tip-off for the final time at home. Three days later the winter session, regular portion, ceases on the road at West Carroll on Feb. 17.

There are still a few things that could happen in the race for the NUIC Title during the final week of play. Warren won't figure into talks of titles as East Dubuque car-

ried a 10-1 NUIC-West mark into game play this past weekend. The Warriors held a two-loss lead over second-place chaser Eastland. Pearl City and Stockton both sat three games back in the loss column with identical six-win NUIC tallies.

With its 11-13 mark heading into last week's games, Warren received the nine-seed in the IHSA State Tournament which means they would have a chance to pull off a huge upset midweek if they survive

opening night.

In order to get their shot at East Dubuque in the semi-final they will have to get past the eleven-seed Galena Pirates on Monday. The way the Class 1A bracket has been set Warren would then get its chance at redemption, again. The third time would have to be the charm. East Dubuque won the season's first meeting by 24 points. The second time was a little closer as they came away with the 18-point margin of victory. Warren

is 0-2 against East Dubuque.

Warren will close down the regular season this week and turn its attention to the post-season waiting to begin on Monday. In the playoffs a little win streak will make the difference. Before the East Dubuque loss on Saturday, Feb. 4, Warren had won four straight. That type of success beginning Monday, Feb. 20 will mean they are fighting for the Sectional Title in Pecatonica some time next week.

## Orangeville carries upsets to Regional Final

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

There were going to be a lot of upsets needed for Orangeville, the nine-seed in the Dakota Class 1A Regional, if they had any thoughts of an advance into the later rounds of the Girls' Basketball State Playoffs.

On Monday night, Feb. 6, the Lady Broncos got things started as they faced the five-seed Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers. They nailed down the win and began a streak which ran them...almost through...two-seed Freeport Aquin.

Orangeville upset the Lady Panthers 48-38 in the "play-in" game and propelled itself into the path of another "favored" seed, Alden-He-

bron, in the Regional Semi-Final.

Pressure applied by Mckenzie Riemer, Greta Behring and Kelsey Bollon was too much for Lena-Winslow to counter in the night one match. The three Orangeville shooters combined for 36 of the team's 48 points. Emma Baker scored seven for Orangeville and Makenzie Robieson added two. Jessica Velcich was unstoppable on the boards as she collected ten rebounds to go with her three points in the game.

Bri Haight led Lena-Winslow. She chipped in 17 points. Bailey Baldauf connected for nine in the opening round match.

The win moved the Lady Broncos into a second round showdown

with the Alden-Hebron Lady Giants on Tuesday night, Feb. 7.

Alden-Hebron isn't a team Orangeville regularly sees on an annual basis. There are the occasional runs at tournament level or in a rare non-conference get together, but overall unfamiliarity prevails.

It didn't seem to matter to the nine-seed Lady Broncos as they pushed past the three-seed 46-38 and advanced to the Dakota Regional Championship. Kelsey Bollon scored 14 points in the win and Emma Baker knocked down eleven.

The victory pushed the upset-minded Lady Broncos into the Thursday night final against the top-seed in the upper half of the Class 1A Bracket, Freeport Aquin. The Lady Bulldogs dispatched the host Lady Indians on Tuesday night 63-42 to earn their spot in the Re-

gional Final with Orangeville.

Things came to a close for Orangeville on Thursday night as the Lady Bulldogs found just enough offense to complete the 47-42 decision. The free throw shots fell and clock management was efficient.

Bollon led Orangeville with 15 points. Emma Baker had another solid game with 13. The nine-seed's run ended but allowed some realities to set-in. One more win and they were in the Sectional Round. As a low seed, they weren't picked to make it as far as Thursday night, yet they did.

Now it's off to the spring sports season and a shot to get back on the field. Track & Field as well as baseball and softball are just around the corner. It was a good run for Orangeville into the post-season, as many have already expressed.

## U of I Extension to host annual 4-H Super Saturday

University of Illinois Extension is hosting its annual 4-H Super Saturday on Saturday, March 18th from 9 a.m. to Noon in Bldg. R at Highland Community College. Super Saturday is a three-hour event designed to give area youth a chance to explore the many project areas available through the 4-H program.

All youth (not just 4-H members) between the ages of 8-18 (as of Sept. 1, 2016) are invited to attend and experience three hands-on workshops exploring projects such as: public speaking, decorating cupcakes, building a wood bird house, participating in martial arts exercises, seeing the inside of an ambulance and what EMTs do, and more. The cost is \$8.00 per participant.

For those youth between the ages of five-seven, there is 4-H Cloverbud Super Saturday. This workshop is also from 9 a.m. - Noon, but these youth will explore their own project areas such as: cookie decorating, gardening and painting. The cost for these youth is \$5 per participant.

"It's a great opportunity for youth in Stephenson County to see what 4-H is all about. Not only do they do hands-on activities that they get to take home, but they get a chance to meet other youth in the community and share ideas," said Lori Tessen-dorf, Stephenson County 4-H Program Coordinator. "The workshop leaders, and 4-H Ambassadors who help lead the sessions, are great at drawing kids out of their shells and getting them right in the action. It's a wonderful experience for kids who would not normally get to participate in these types of activities."

Registration deadline for Super Saturday 2017 is March 6.. Pre-registration is required. To see a list of workshops available for each age group and to register, visit the University of Illinois Extension website at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> and click on Super Saturday 2017 - Stephenson County under the "Register Online" heading. Some workshops have size limitations, so sign up now.

For more information on any of these events, contact University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County at 815-235-4125.



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# Five apps that make learning to code fun

By Matthew Lynch  
FOR THE EDVOCATE

One concept that has become popular in the last ten years is the idea that everyone should be able to code. Despite this, the need for programmers is growing much faster than the number of people learning to code. The majority of people either have tried and failed to learn or have just avoided learning code. There is this idea that coding is too complicated, that it is only for a person who thinks a certain way. The way that coding has been taught in the past does not help either; it is tough to learn when you can barely understand the jargon the teacher uses during class.

The truth is that coding is relatively easy once you learn the basics. However, finding the time and tools that will help you may make progress can be incredibly difficult. As the need for programmers continues to outpace the number of available programmers, now is a great time to start learning the basics. The following are five free apps that will teach you to code without making it feel like a complete bore.

## Codecademy

Codecademy is more than just a tool. With over 25 million people signed up from around the world, this site knows how to draw in students and keep them engaged in what they are learning. With over 20 different sessions, there is something for every level of coding experience. If you have never coded before, the site makes it interesting to learn the basics of things like website creation and working with CSS. If you are a more seasoned programmer, the site covers some of the most complex languages, such as Ruby and Python.

The site goes beyond just coding as well. They have lessons for learning how to work with GitHub, an open source code repository that is popular with businesses. They even teach users how to work in command line after explaining what it is and when you would use it. None of the other sites give you this hands-on look at the tools that programmers use the way Codecademy does.

They work very hard to ensure that the lessons are more than just a bunch of code. They give you lessons, then offer a scenario where you put together a website or program using what you have learned. This reinforces what you learned using something that is interesting to you. There is no better way to learn than with something that you enjoy.

Codecademy even has a Twitter account (@codecademy) where you can read about different success stories, frustrations, and ideas. You can even use it to help stay motivated or find inspiration if you aren't sure why you should bother to code.

## Free Code Camp

Free Code Camp has a lot in common with Codecademy. Their lessons are a little tighter too. With lessons that have all of the items already pre-set, all you have to do is read the lesson and work out how to apply it to what they want as the end coding session to each lesson. However, it does not offer the same real-time session, so you will have to create and code on your outside of the site to reinforce what you have learned after finishing each course.

The map of the program is not a requirement. If you are more interested in learning about JavaScript, you can skip the other courses and

begin working on JS. The one caveat is that you cannot get the certification without finishing the other courses. Even if you already know some of the languages, you need to complete all of the courses.

There is a wealth of help for those who use the site too, all of which is explained as soon as you sign up on the site. From chat rooms to forums, there is always someone who can help you solve problems when you encounter them.

In the end, it is worth it because those who earn the certifications can then be paired with a nonprofit and get some real experience with what you learn.

You can follow them on Twitter (@freeCodeCamp) if you want to see what is going on without logging into your account. This is preferable as the site will automatically take you to the lesson you are working on and it can be difficult to exit that lesson to read the news and other information. It does ensure that you do not lose your place, though, and with coding, this is always better than accidentally exiting and ending up having to start all over again.

## Khan Academy

Khan Academy isn't just about learning computer coding; it is designed to help students in many different science and math areas. It even has a Test Prep section for practicing for the SAT, MCAT, GMAT, and a couple of other tests.

However, the coding lessons are far more detailed than most of the other available apps. You can pick your lesson, see how it is divided up, and see where you go after completing the lesson. This can help you plan for once you are done. They have many of the traditional types of lessons, but they also have focused on areas where you may have an interest, such as game programming or animation.

They even have a designated hour of code that makes it easy for you to schedule your coding time on a daily basis. After all, if you know exactly how long it is going to take, it is much easier to establish a time and get moving instead of starting strong and losing interest.

You can follow them on Twitter (@khanacademy) for the latest news

on all of the lessons they offer. If you love the coding lessons, you can look into some of the other areas they offer to see how they make other topics just as enjoyable.

## Inform 7

Inform 7 makes coding fun by focusing on helping you create text-adventure games. This is one of the oldest types of games available and the first that had a real story to follow (unlike Pong and Pac-Man which were largely about beating your opponent). The focus is entirely on the text, which means that the code is much easier to understand.

Like coding any other game, it does take a lot of time and dedication to complete your first game. However, once you are done, you have something that you can share with all of your family and friends demonstrating how far you have come. It gives you all of the basics you need to understand the basics of coding without feeling like an entirely dry lesson.

If you are interested in getting some random inspiration, follow their Twitter account (@inform7WIP). In 140 characters or less, they publish possible options for your adventures, and not always ones that will progress the story. It is a fascinating look at what makes the text-adventure genre so entertaining.

## General Assembly Dash

Like Inform 7, General Assembly Dash focuses on the coding languages that are relatively easy to learn (HTML5, CSS, and JavaScript). These are all used to create websites, something that all programmers should be able to do. The projects you create for them are challenging enough without pushing you to the point of quitting. They do not have online tutorials, and the community is relatively inactive (unlike the other apps).

If you do not need a community for encouragement, this is the perfect site to help you get started coding quickly and easily. The site is probably the easiest to follow of all of the apps as well because it walks you through each phase and explains what you are doing in the context of a project. That means you know what you are doing before you do it, and you have already seen an example of what it should look like.

If you want to start with a simple language that you can use on your first day, this is the app where you should begin. It was designed for people who have had no exposure to coding. Once you are comfortable with the five lessons here, you can graduate to one of the most complex languages on one of the other sites. You will be able to more quickly delve into them once you understand the basics of these three languages.

One of the best things about General Assembly Dads is their Twitter account (@GA). The lessons may not take you long to finish, but this gives you a reason to keep coding long after you finish. Their Twitter feed is full of positive information and news to inspire you to keep coding.

## Conclusion

Coding is not as scary or difficult as people often believe. It is just a matter of finding the right method to learn it. These five apps excel at making coding not only easily accessible but fun. Some of the apps tend to lean toward requiring a basic understanding of coding even as they teach it from scratch; others are very much built for the novice who has next to no knowledge of coding. All of them can make you a successful programmer, no matter what your current level. Best of all, they are all free, so you can try out each of the apps before deciding which one is right for you.

## Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District offers Lester A. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking applications for a \$1,000 Scholarship in the memory of Lester A. Johnson. This will be awarded to a Jo Daviess County youth who is or has graduated from a Jo Daviess County school to further his or her education beyond high school in agriculture, soil, fisheries,

or a wildlife field. All completed forms must be received by March 31, to the SWCD office at 227 North Main Street, Elizabeth, IL 61028. Applications may be obtained from any of the high school guidance counselors, by calling the SWCD office at 815-858-3418, extension 3, or emailing mindy.pratt@il.nacdn.net.

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# CHURCH NOTES

## Senior Resource Center Campus hosts One Book, One Freeport events

The Senior Resource Center is collaborating with the Freeport Public Library on One Book, One Freeport events in coming months. The activities aim to bring a shared reading experience to Freeport that promotes literacy and fosters a sense of community. The goal is for everyone in Freeport to read or interact with the selected book at the same time. This year's book is "Gloryland" by Shelton Johnson.

The following diverse activities will be held at the Senior Resource Center Campus in the new Senior Activity Center, 216 E. Stephenson St. All events are free and open to the public. Groups of five or more should pre-register by calling 815-

235-9777. The events are:

Mondays, Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 2-3:30 p.m. Interested in the book but don't want to or can't easily read it? Join us for the Audio Book Club series, as we listen to the book and discuss it afterward. Group meets at Senior Activity Center.

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 3 p.m. Senior Resource Center Book Club meets to discuss "Gloryland." Meeting at Senior Activity Center.

Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 2 p.m.: Living History performer RJ Lindsey portrays Stephen Mather, National Park Service founder, at Senior Activity Center. Hear how he tells the dramatic story of saving the

parks from congressional neglect, ruth-less loggers and greedy developers. Part of "Gloryland" is set in national parks.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 1:30 p.m.: American Classic Tours previews ex-tended tours for coming year including a trip to the America's national parks, setting for much of "Gloryland." Preview will be at Senior Activity Center.

Thursday, April 6, 2017, 2 p.m.: Freeport native Steve Cole portrays a buffalo soldier in a Living History performance themed to "Gloryland." It reflects the life of a buffalo soldier in the US Calvary during the 19th Century. Presentation will be at Senior Activity Center.

## Vietnamese Buddhist Temple hosts Interfaith Council Devotional

The Vietnamese Buddhist Temple will be hosting the next Rockford Interfaith Council Devotional on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. Come and bring your prayers for the world, our country, our city, and our families. We will no longer have devotions at Fisher Chapel, but will pray at different churches in Rockford. We

are hoping to have representation of all the Faiths of Rockford. The Phap Lam Temple will serve tea and Egg Rolls which is a wonderful treat. The Temple is located at 518 15th Avenue. Stop in and enjoy this peaceful, serene oasis in the city of Rockford. For more information, contact Phyllis Peterson at 815-633-0492.

## Trinity Lutheran Church in Derinda hosts annual Chili and Filled Noodle Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church of Derinda will serve its famed Chili and Filled Noodle Supper on Feb. 26, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. The meal includes: chili or filled noodles, ham sandwiches, salad, dessert, and beverage

Tickets are available now: adults-\$8, children 5-12--\$5 and children

ages four and under eat free

This year's proceeds will go to the church improvement fund and special project funds.

And, don't miss the Cake Walk provided all evening with proceeds going to support the Trinity Lutheran Sunday School and Bell Choir troupe.

## McConnell United Methodist Church hosts Annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch

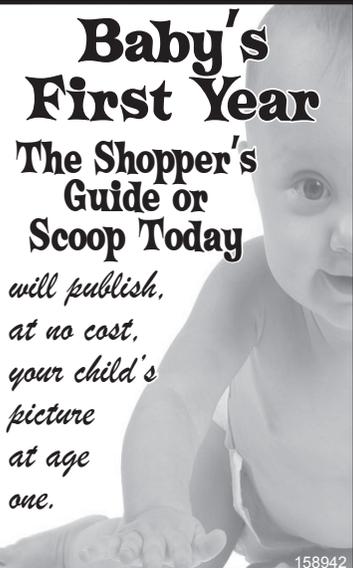
McConnell United Methodist Church will be hosting their Annual Soup and Sandwich Lunch on Sunday, Feb. 26, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd. in McConnell. The menu will include all-you-can-eat chili, vegetable beef soup, vegetar-

ian veggie soup, cheese sandwiches, celery/carrot sticks, dessert and beverage. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children (5-12 yrs old). Funds made at this event are used for the ministries and programs of the church as well as mission projects.

## Food pantry Sunday at St. Paul's in Kent

On Sunday, Feb. 19, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will observe the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany at their 10:00 am family worship. February 12 is also FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY. Each member is encouraged to bring at least one item for the Pearl City Area Food Pantry. Sherri Brown is our representative and is responsible for making sure the food pantry items are delivered to the Pearl City Methodist Church, where the food pantry is located.

Pastor Andres' sermon "Love Our Enemies As Well" is based upon Matthew 5: 38-48. Gary Groezinger is the liturgist, and Deb Winning is the organist. We sing the golden oldies! St. Paul's welcome all who come to worship at the little church with the big heart. We are located at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road in the suburbs of Kent. For more information, call 232-4010.



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will publish, at no cost, your child's picture at age one.

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Feb. 19, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Seventh Sunday of Epiphany with Holy Communion. 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 Wednesday Feb. 22, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

On Saturday Feb. 25, the Men's Group will meet at 4:30 p.m.

## Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday Feb 19, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message; Tony Schubert, pianist. All are invited and welcome also to stay for the fellowship following.

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

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

## St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church-Pearl City continues to have Saturday evening worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. This is a 30-35 minute abbreviated worship service with readings from the weekly lessons.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. After worship, Whirl Sunday School will meet and focus on the lesson, "Love Your Enemies." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPLAT Youth will gather at 11 a.m. to deliver Grace Meals. The February Community Grace meal will be served at Noon in Luther Hall. The menu will be chili, baked potato, cole slaw, dessert and beverages.

The Genesis (high school) youth group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19, at the Youth and Family Center. The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) youth group has moved their meeting time to Wednesdays at 3:3-5 p.m. at the Youth and Family Center.

The Women's Gathering will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Luther Hall. The morning will begin with fellowship and a bible study. A Sit n' Sew will be held starting at 11 a.m. The Sit N Sew lunch will be soup, salad and dessert. All women are welcome to stay for lunch and bring a project to work on or projects will be available.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to join a discussion group called Theology on Tap on the last Thursday of the month at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse. Please join Pastor Ekstrand on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse for a time of lively discussion, refreshments and Christian fellowship.

Bible Studies continue to be held at St. John's in the Conference Room on Mondays at 7 p.m. and on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Members and non members alike are invited to join the Bible Study discussions. The East door to the Lower Level is open for your convenience.

## "Widows of Angels" Grief Support Group

February 21st, 1 p.m.  
Stockton Library basement



This grief support group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the basement of the Stockton Township Library. It is handicap accessible-there is an elevator.

If you have any questions, call Sandra Kampmeier at 815-947-3845.

## McConnell United Methodist Church hosts Annual Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Sunday, February 26, 2017  
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# Stephenson Service Company partners with Growmark Foundation to donate \$10K to HCC Ag program

In December 2016, at the first meeting of the advisory committee for Highland Community College's Agriculture program, Jay Kempel, FS/Stephenson Service Company General Manager, presented HCC President Tim Hood and agriculture instructor Justin Ebert with a \$10,000 donation to the program.

Since the fall of 2014, the HCC Agriculture program has been in a period of renewal and expansion. The curriculum has been enhanced by creating more course offerings and revamping course syllabi to ensure that classroom and field instruction are relevant to today's world of agriculture. Student recruitment ef-

forts have increased, and positive word-of-mouth has contributed as well. According to Ebert, enrollment in agriculture courses has increased since 2014, resulting in the addition of adjunct faculty to teach additional agriculture course sections.

Farm owners in Highland's district, and several local businesses directly or indirectly serving the ag community, have stepped up to offer financial support for the program. This funding has been used to cover the cost of classroom equipment and supplies, test plot activities, and co-curricular organizations such as the Ag Club, the Postsecondary Ag

Students Chapter, and the Dairy Judging Team. Some donors, like Stephenson Service Company, have simply made a general donation to HCC Agriculture, which will allow program administrators to utilize the funds in ways they are most needed this academic year.

Stephenson Service Company's Jay Kempel worked with Growmark Foundation's "Enduring Commitments" program to secure \$5,000 in matching funds for Stephenson Service Company's \$5,000 proposed gift. Growmark Foundation helps its system partners to "make a bigger impact within their communities by matching eligible donations to non-

profit organizations."

In his application for the matching funds, Kempel described Highland's Agriculture program as "under new leadership and destined for growth."

It turns out Kempel's affinity for HCC is personal as well. He notes, "I am an HCC alumnus and am very proud of having the College in our area."

## Pet Talk: examining your pet's stool

Whether you are a cat or dog owner, knowing what is considered normal or healthy stool for your pet is important. Abnormalities of your pet's stool could be a sign of something more serious.

Dr. Jonathan Lidbury, assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, said regularly looking at your pet's stool can help protect their health. Additionally, he described what kind of stool is considered healthy for your pet.

"Normal stool is formed and maintains its shape once it has been passed," Lidbury said. "It is usually light to dark brown in color. Small variations in the color and texture can occur from day to day. However, owners should contact a veterinarian if their pet's stool has fresh red blood in it, as this could be a sign of inflammation of the colon."

Lidbury also noted that other signs of a problem could include a dark or black and tarry appearance to the stool, as this is consistent with digested blood and bleeding from the stomach or small intestine; persistently yellow or gray and greasy stool, as this can indicate digestive problems such as exocrine pancreatic insufficiency; or a persistently off white stool, which can indicate blockage of the bile duct.

In addition to these irregularities, there are other abnormal qualities in your pet's stool that could be a sign of a health problem, such as

evidence of round worms or tapeworms.

"Diarrhea can be due to a wide variety of gastrointestinal and other problems, while mucous in the stool or multiple pieces of narrow stool, can indicate inflammation of the colon."

Lidbury encourages pet owners whose pet is producing irregular stool to visit a veterinarian. Your veterinarian has the tools to diagnose the cause of the abnormal stool, as well as help treat your pet's health issue.

"Your vet will first collect a thorough history and perform a complete physical examination to help better define your pet's problem. They may also examine a stool sample under a microscope to look for parasites," Lidbury said. "If no parasites are found and your pet is otherwise healthy, a veterinarian may prescribe a treatment aimed to help control your pet's symptoms."

Though some pet owners may avoid looking too closely at their pet's feces, keeping an eye on your pet's stools can actually help keep your pet healthy. Knowing what is considered healthy and normal stool is important for all pet owners.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the web at [vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk](http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk). Suggestions for future topics may be directed to [editor@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:editor@cvm.tamu.edu).

## Eagle Nature Foundation conducts 50/50 Raffle

Terrence Ingram, President of the Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF), has just announced that ENF is conducting a 50/50 raffle to raise needed funds to cover the cost of their research to find out why the bald eagle population along the Mississippi River is declining. The tickets are \$1 each. The drawing will be conducted on March 1.

Anyone wishing to participate in this drawing should send a check or cash to the Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001 before March 1. Each dollar received before March 1, will

purchase one ticket to be put into the drawing. At the present time over \$500 has been received, so the 50/50 amount will definitely be greater than \$250.

The Eagle Nature Foundation has been documenting the decline of the bald eagle in the Midwest for the past several years through its Annual Midwinter Bald Eagle Count. At the present time the Mid-western bald eagle population is lower than it was in the early 1960's. This is in spite of the government agencies stating how great the population is doing.

Some dams along the Mississippi

which used to have over 600 bald eagles, now have only 10 or 20 birds. Some dams along the Mississippi River this winter have had only one or two bald eagles, if they have any at all. This is very disturbing! The bald eagle is our National Symbol and we surely don't want to see it disappear.

Help ENF keep our bald eagle flying. Your donations to this cause are critical.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone 815-594-2306.



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Highland Community College hosted one of the 29 WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) Regional Competitions on Thursday Feb. 2 and the team from Scales Mound placed second. Front Row L-R: Lauren Sigafus, Mickenzie Bass, Julia Cogan. Erin Winter, Madelyn Cocagne, Eve Nottrott, Nic Davis, Back Row L-R: Jacob Townsend, Isaac Stadel, Sam Townsend, Ryan Schiess, Zac Stadel, Jacob Winslow, Cole Anderson, and Coach Mr. Keith Hesselbacher

## Scales Mound WYSE takes second at regionals

Highland Community College hosted one of the 29 WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) Regional Competitions on Thursday Feb. 2. In the 300 Division, there were eight teams that competed. Teams can score up to 500 points. At this year's competition River Ridge High School was first with a score of 469.2, Scales Mound High School second with 464.4 and Galena High School was third with 432.9. The other competing teams were Aquin, East Dubuque, Eastland, LeWin, and Pearl City. Individual winners from Scales Mound High School were: Isaac Stadel first in

Chemistry, Jacob Townsend first in Computer Science, Ryan Schiess second in Engineering Graphics, Cole Anderson third in English, Ryan Schiess and Zachery Stadel tied at third in Math and Madelyn Cocagne was second in Physics. The top three teams will advance to the WYSE Sectional at NIU on March 2nd. Other team members from SMHS were: Mickenzie Bass, Julia Cogan, Nic Davis, Eve Nottrott, Lauren Sigafus, Sam Townsend, Jacob Winslow and Erin Winter. Scales Mound High School WYSE Team is coached by Keith Hesselbacher.

## Belvidere Residents to Compete at the 141th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show

Belvidere business owners will be competing in the 141th Annual Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show in New York City on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 13-14.

Kent and Gwen Meyer and their client's dogs, two Bouvier des Flandres "JAGGER" and "JT" will be among the more than 3,000 dogs competing in the events of Westminster Week, which includes the iconic all-breed dog show and its Second Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster.

Jagger and JT came to reside at Meyer's Tails Up Farm two years ago. JT is a top ranked Bouvier in the US. JT's career is just starting with recently completing his championship by winning at the Bouvier National Specialty this past October in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For Jagger and JT's owners Dr.'s William

and Penelope Ogden from St. Paul, this is a dream come true to have two of their dogs competing at Westminster. "Jagger and JT are very special guys, who love being at Meyer's, and we couldn't ask for better care than what they have with Kent and Gwen Meyer. They bring out the best in the boys. Our dogs love being with them, and they love being show dogs."

First held in 1877, the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show is America's second-longest continuously held sporting event, behind only the Kentucky Derby. To put that in perspective, Westminster predates the invention of the light bulb and the automobile, the building of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Washington Monument, the invention of basketball and the establishment of the World Series!

# Tractor Supply Co. looking for FFA projects to fund

Local FFA chapters in search of funding for their next animal science lab, community garden or any other worthy agricultural project, take note.

Tractor Supply Company, the largest rural lifestyle retail store chain in the United States, will soon be awarding Grants for Growing — starting at \$500 — to qualifying FFA chapters. To win a grant, FFA advisors must visit <http://www.ffa.org/grantsforgrowing> and complete the application. Submissions are due by Monday, Feb. 13, 2017.

In partnership with the National FFA Foundation, Tractor Supply supports Grants for Growing to serve FFA chapters who want to make a difference in their communities with critical project funding. Grants are awarded to deserving FFA chapter initiatives in the spring.

Grant recipients are selected based on proposals detailing how they will start or expand a project that will benefit their communities well into the future. While the minimum competitive grant amount

is \$500 for participating chapters, there is no cap on the amount of funding a chapter may request for its project.

Now in its second year, Grants for Growing is offered to FFA chapters across the country. Notable 2016 grant recipients included the Jemison, Alabama FFA chapter, which used program funding to construct an animal science lab addition to house laboratory and show animals such as pigs, donkeys, rabbits and Texas Longhorn heifers. In Cedar Springs, Michigan, the local FFA chapter built a garden to provide the community with food donations, as well as help students learn more about raising vegetables.

In 2016, Grants for Growing raised more than \$700,000, funding 374 grants supporting projects involving 39,038 students. To support the program, Tractor Supply hosts a 10-day in-store event nationwide that offers shoppers the opportunity to donate \$1 at checkout in support of the program.

In 2017, the fundraising period

will take place during National FFA Week, Feb. 17– 26. All in-store donations remain within that state.

For more details about the program, visit <https://www.ffa.org/grantsforgrowing>.

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## Still time to register for Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference

There is still time to register for the 2017 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference! “Raising forages, livestock, but not weeds” will be the theme for the 2017 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference on Friday, March 3. The Conference will focus on grazing techniques and other options for encouraging forage and livestock growth while also addressing weed pressure issues. University of Illinois Extension will host the conference at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 223 E Front Ave, Stockton, IL beginning at 9:30 a.m. and going until 3:30 p.m. Featured speakers will include Denise Schwab from Iowa State Extension and Gene Schriefer

from University of Wisconsin Extension.

To register for the 2017 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference or for more information, call the University of Illinois Extension at

(815) 858-2273 or register on-line at [web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw). Registration cost is \$20 before Feb. 24, \$25 after Feb. 24, or \$30 the day of the conference.

## Warren Library’s Annual ‘Stuff the Bag Sale’ dates announced

The Warren Township Public Library staff has worked throughout the winter to clear out our many bookshelves and make room for new material. This means it’s time for the annual Stuff the Bag Sale at the library. Included in this year’s sale of both fiction and nonfiction from

the adult and children’s departments are beloved authors Amanda Quick, Tom Clancy, Karen Kingsbury, and James Patterson. For just \$3 per bag, you can take home as many books as the bag will hold. We even supply the bags, so why stop at just one?!

The sale will be held the third Saturday of the month, from February through April. The Stuff the Bag Sale will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 18
- Saturday, March 18
- Saturday, April 15

The Warren Township Public Library is located at 210 Burnett Ave., Warren, IL. Please call us at (815) 745-2076 with any questions and follow us on Facebook for any updates.

## Illinois State Police warns of phone scams

The Illinois State Police (ISP) is warning the public of a phone scam that continues to circulate throughout the state. Several individuals have reported to the ISP that they have received automated messages advising them they are under criminal investigation and requesting they send \$600. The voice in the automated message appears to be a male with a foreign accent.

The phone numbers associated with the calls have been faked to appear as legitimate ISP telephone numbers, the latest being (815) 239-1152, in a practice known as “caller ID spoofing.” The ISP wants to inform the public these calls are not coming from the ISP. Citizens should be wary of calls soliciting money regardless of the phone number the call is made from, particularly if threats are made by the caller or they become pushy.

The ISP will never call to solicit

## Warren Library hosts Game Night at the Library

Calling all adults! Need a night away from the kids? This is the perfect escape. The Warren Township Public Library will be hosting an adult only game night featuring Cards Against Humanity. We ask that participants be 17 years of age or above.

Adult Game Night will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs section of the Warren Library. A suggested donation of \$3 per person is requested to help cover the cost of pizza and beverages. Please call Elizabeth at the Warren Library to RSVP at (815) 745-2076. The Warren Township Public Library is located at 210 Burnett Ave., Warren, Illinois.

money on behalf of the Department or ask you to send money for any reason.

For information on different types of phone scams and indicators of phone scams please visit the Illinois Attorney General website or the Federal Trade Commission at: <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/phonescams.html> <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>

## U of I Extension offers Level One Sewing Clinic

University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County and the Stephenson County 4-H Program is sponsoring a Level One Sewing Clinic for all youth ages 8-18 (as of 09/01/16). Join us on Saturday, March 11, from 9 - 11 a.m. to learn beginning sewing techniques and how to operate or improve your skills using a sewing machine. Sewing machines will be provided for those who do not have their own. To register, contact the Extension office at 815-235-4125 or you can register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>. The clinic is free and held at University of Illinois Extension, located at 2998 W. Pearl City Rd. on Highland Community College campus in Freeport. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

## Spahn & Rose Lumber Company to host blood drive in Stockton

Spahn & Rose Lumber Company will hold a blood drive Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 1- 5 p.m. at Spahn & Rose Lumber Company 116 W. Queen Ave. Stockton, IL 61085.

By hosting a blood drive, Spahn & Rose Lumber Company is helping save lives in our community. For more information or to schedule a time-saving appointment to donate, please call 815-947-3214 or call RRVBC toll-free at 1-877-RRVBC-99. Or self-schedule at [www.rrvbc.org](http://www.rrvbc.org). Appointments will be honored. The number of appointment slots is limited.

If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. One in three people will need blood. You never know when it might be you or someone you love who will need blood.

The Rock River Valley Blood Center, a National Marrow Donor Program Center, is the sole supplier of blood and related services to FHN, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, MercyHealth/Rockford Memorial Hospital, SwedishAmerican Hospital,

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Or the Jo Daviess County website – [www.jodaviess.org](http://www.jodaviess.org).  
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## Students engage soil conservation practices

With the ground near the Rock River stripped of protection, students are faced with the challenge of preventing as much of their valuable top soil from eroding away into the river. Students in Mrs. Robbe's 8th grade science class must plan, engineer, construct, and pay for a solution to the erosion challenge with a limited budget and limited resources. Pictured: Tanner Kalkbrenner is visiting the banker, Addie Roberts, to get supplies for his group.

## Pearl City School Kindergarten schedules Fall 2017 registration

Kindergarten registration for Fall of 2017 is now open. New families to Pearl City should use this link to begin the online registration.

Families who already have a Skyward account can simply add their child in Skyward. If you are unsure if you have a Skyward account, please contact the main office. We will have a Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt during

Open House March 9th. Open House is from 6-8 p.m., we will have concert in the large gym starting at 6, which you are welcome to enjoy. Parents will be asked to bring their child's official birth certificate from the court house and a copy will be made in the main office. If you are unable to attend please contact the school at 815-443-2715 to receive information. No fees are due at this time.



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## Le-Win hosts family reading night

Lena-Winslow students are eagerly looking forward to some fun activities focused on the joy of reading. Families are invited to join us at Family Reading Night on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m.



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## And the winners are...

The Lena-Winslow Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, Feb. 2. Twenty contestants from grades four through eight vied for the opportunity to reign supreme as Top Speller. After numerous rounds of challenging words, Carter Burke, son of Terry and Sherry Burke, successfully spelled the word "exquisite" to take first place. Rowan Schulz, son of Riley and Amy Schulz, came in second. Tyler Croatt, son of Bill and Stacy Croatt, finished in third place. Carter and Rowan will represent the Lena-Winslow School District at the Regional Spelling Bee which is to be held at Pearl City on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Congratulations to all of the contestants for an outstanding Spelling Bee!

## College News

### Area students named to Augustana College's fall term Dean's List

Augustana College announced 986 students were named to the Dean's List for the 2016 fall term. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Those from this area named to the Dean's List are:

- Amie Badgett of Orangeville
- Cassidy Potter of Hanover
- Rene Powers of Stockton
- Alexandra Seiple of Lena

Founded in 1860, Augustana College is a selective four-year residential college of the liberal arts and sciences.

The college is recognized for the innovative program Augie Choice, which provides each student up to \$2,000 to pursue a high-impact learning experience such as study

abroad, an internship or research with a professor.

### UW-Platteville announces Chancellor's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Chancellor's List, honoring those full-time students who earned perfect 4.0 grade-point averages in the fall 2016 semester. Students from this area on the Chancellor's List include: Haley Holmes, Elementary Education, Lena-Winslow High School and Keeley Schulz, Physical Education, Stockton High School

UW-Platteville located in the southwest corner of Wisconsin, has nearly 9,000 students in three colleges: the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture; the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and the College of Liberal Arts and Education. For more information on the university, visit uwplatt.edu.

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# Warren Future Farmers of America organization thanks donors and looks to its future

As we celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 18 - 25, the Warren FFA would like to give a big thanks to all of our generous donors. We sincerely thank: Land O' Lakes, Mr. Diffenderfer, Pearl City Elevator, Dr. Trone of Lena Vet Clinic and Zoetis, FFA Fruit Sale Customers, Warren FFA Alumni, and Roelli Cheese for all the donations to support our program. We also thank Roelli Cheese and Pearl City Elevator for letting us tour their facilities to better understand our community. Southwest Wisconsin Technical College gave Warren High School a whiteboard calendar that helps keep us organized.

As a growing FFA Chapter, we have been very lucky to use the donations for specific events throughout the year. The Warren FFA Alumni paid part of the cost for each of the four Warren students who attended in October the 2016 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The chapter used donations to attend judging contests. There were four students who competed at the World Dairy Expo for Dairy Cattle Judging in Madison, Wisconsin. Two varsity members and a handful of eighth graders went to Pecatonica, Illinois and competed for Soils Judging. One night after school two members competed at Lena-Winslow High School for Dairy Products Judging. We had one officer compete at Highland Community College for the Job Interview Career Development Event. The Warren Food Science and Food Nutrition class toured Roelli Cheese, a nearby

World Renowned Wisconsin Cheese Plant. The chapter purchased 4-D animal and plant models to use for hands-on activities in the classroom. Lights and heaters for hydroponic towers were purchased and installed for better growing of plants and vegetables in the classroom. With Warren's Ag Day coming up, the chapter will have to pay for the supplies needed by vol-

unteers at the stations and food for attendees. In the summer of 2017, Warren FFA students will go to the State FFA Convention in Springfield, Illinois. We will use donation money to help pay for hotel and meal expenses.

There is still a lot that the Warren FFA program would like to accomplish over the current school year. For starters, we would like to do more FFA

Career Development Event contests. The Intro to Ag class and Ag Science class just received two Seedling Heat Mats, which will be used to grow new plants in the classroom. We will also be performing specimen dissections in Veterinary Technology class. In the near future, the Ag classes of Warren FFA plan to hatch ducks, chickens, or geese eggs in the classroom. We

would also like to have a type of sustainable hydroponics system in the classroom. The Ag program would also like to have an appreciation lunch in as well for Ag Day. We are very grateful for the donations received that we plan to use wisely for the classroom and activities. All that we do is made possible by the generosity of the community. Thank you.



Standing L to R: John Bazley, MD; Jeffrey Dinges, MD, FACOG; Joseph Ehle, MD, FACOG. Seated: Bibiancy Gutierrez, MD and Deb Setterstrom, MS, CNM

## Davis student participates in a J-Term study tour to Japan

Rachael Lund of Davis participated in a J-Term study tour to Japan with Carthage College.

The "Mythological Japan and Musical Storytelling" study tour allowed members of the Carthage Wind Orchestra to discuss the use of mythological figures and storytelling within the historical context of ancient Japan. The two-week tour examined traditional centers of culture such as Kyoto, Miyajima, and Nara, along with more modern centers of historic importance such as Osaka and Hiroshima. The orchestra was in residence at the Sakuyo University in Kurashiki for four days before they performed a concert at the University Concert Hall.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on March 10, 2017, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 122 1/2 N Main St, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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# Stockton Police Department report for week ending Feb. 9

On 02/02 at approximately 2:40 p.m., Stockton Police were dispatched to Broshous Towing in reference to a subject harassing the owner about a vehicle which was towed on a request from the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office in connection with a D.U.I. arrest on the evening of 02/01. The offender was accusing Broshous Towing of damaging the vehicle when it was towed. An officer met with the offender who advised that his son was the person arrested for the DUI on the evening of 2-1. The officer observed the tow sheet which showed the vehicle was inspected and inventoried by the Warren Police Department. The offender stated the vehicle had new damage. The officer then checked the vehicle and ran a computer check on the registration. The officer observed the vehicle to be a green Dodge Ram with Illinois registration. It was also found that the vehicle was not registered to the offender or his son. The vehicle was registered to a female subject from Freeport, Illinois. The son advised he purchased the vehicle from the female subject and produced a title for the truck. It was found through investigation that the title had not been properly transferred to the new owner, and the son was using the registration from the former owner to drive the truck. The offender was advised that the registration was going to be confiscated and that he would not be able to get his vehicle back until he had proof of proper title transfer, current registration and insurance. The offender then left the scene. No further police assistance was required.

On 2/2 at approximately 7:31 p.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Simmons Street in reference to a disturbance. On arrival, police met with the complainant who stated that he wanted a female removed. Upon further questioning, the complainant stated that he wanted his neighbor removed. The complainant stated his neighbor tries contacting him through his radio and television set. The complainant stated that when the neighbor contacts him it is in reference to performing acts of an unusual nature upon him. The complainant seemed

## A little levity to lighten your day

One drunk says to another, "I can't go home like this, Fred. I threw up all over my new shirt. My wife's going to kill me!" "Don't worry, Charlie," says his friend. "Give me a \$20 bill." Charlie gives Fred a \$20 bill. "Now put this \$20 bill in your shirt pocket. Tell your wife that some guy threw up all over your shirt and left you \$20 to buy a new one," says Fred. "Brilliant!" replies Charlie. When he gets home he tells his wife, "Some guy threw up all over my new shirt. But he put \$20 dollars in my pocket to pay for a new one." Charlie's wife reaches into his pocket. "Wait a minute. There's two twenty dollar bills in your pocket," says his wife. "I can explain that," says Charlie. "That twenty is from the guy who crapped in my pants."

to be in need of medical intervention. The complainant was referred to his regular doctor in Freeport, Illinois.

On 2/2 at approximately 10:25 p.m., Stockton Police assisted the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office with a traffic stop. During this stop, officers observed and confiscated a small amount of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. This case is under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office.

On 02/4/17 at approximately 0418 hours, a Stockton police Officer was on routine patrol when he observed a subject carrying a large box westbound on Front Avenue west from Main Street. Due to the late hour the officer made contact with the subject. It was learned through investigation that the subject was living in the area, but was moving out. The subject stated that the reason he was moving out at such an unusual hour, was that he usually works late hours and this was the only time he was able to move. A computer check showed the subject was not wanted, and he continued on his way. No further police action was required.

On 2/5 at approximately 4 a.m. During routine patrol, an Officer of the Stockton Police Department observed a 2002 Pontiac 2-door, bearing Illinois license plates sitting unoccupied and with the drivers' side window down in the parking lot of the Stockton High School. Upon closer inspection it was found that the vehicle was unlocked and the keys were in the ignition. Observing no other signs of disturbance, the officer secured the vehicle confiscated the keys. The officer left notification to contact the Stockton Police Department. No further action was taken.

On 2/5 at about 7:45 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to a business on North Avenue in reference to a burglary, which had occurred overnight. Upon arrival the officer met with the owners of the business. An area of forced entry was located. A crime scene technician was requested from the Illinois State Police. Due to the circumstances of the break-in and the property that was taken, Stockton Police were able to develop information which led to the arrest of one male juvenile for the Burglary. Charges and court dates are pending through the Jo Daviess County Juvenile Justice system.

At approximately 1 p.m. on 02/06 an officer of the Stockton Police was dispatched to meet with the victim of a hit and run accident at the Stockton Police Department. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that he had been at the Stockton Travel Center, 601 E. North Avenue, at approximately 12:50 p.m. when his vehicle was struck by another vehicle in the parking area. The offending vehicle then left the scene without exchanging information according to the complainant. The complainant stated that the offending vehicle was a whit colored dually pick-up truck with two male subjects inside. The officer then reviewed security footage of the area and found that no such accident had occurred when the

complainant said it had. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the accident had actually occurred much earlier in the day and that it was not a hit and run accident. It was learned that the driver did stop, but that the complainant had examined his damage and determined that it was minor and that his car was too old to fix, so he told the other driver to leave the scene without reporting to the police. After meeting with a family member, the complainant decided to report the accident, however, he falsified information by saying it was a hit and run and when the accident occurred. Since the accident was not a hit and run and the complainant let the other driver go, the report for a regular accident was made and the complainant was cited for Making a False Report to Police.

On 2/6 at approximately 7:28 p.m., while patrolling in the area of Simmons Street and North Avenue, an officer of the Stockton Police Department observed a suspicious vehicle parked at the Barkau's used car parking lot located at N. Simmons and E. North Ave. The officer investigated the vehicle, a 1994 Green Toyota passenger car bearing Illinois registration. The officer made contact with the driver and inquired what he was doing. He stated he was driving from Dubuque to Rockford and pulled over to rest. The officer advised him there was a truck stop located just down the road where he could rest. The driver stated he was fine and would continue to Rockford. The officer performed a check on him consisting of a Drivers License and warrant check. The driver was found to have a valid license and was not wanted. However, he was found to have expired registration on his vehicle. He was cited for this offense and sent on his way.

On 02/08 at approximately 12:45 p.m., the Stockton Police Department performed a K9 search as mandated and requested at the Stockton High School Building and parking lot. Stockton Police were assisted by K9's from Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office and Carroll County

Sheriffs' Office. During the search, the K9's alerted to two separate vehicles in the parking lot at the high school. In one car, officers confiscated a small amount of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. Out of the second vehicle, officers recovered drug paraphernalia and alcohol. Both students were charged with the appropriate offenses and were released to their parents pending court appearances

On 02/8 at approximately 6:34 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on South Main Street in reference to a domestic incident. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the complainant who had called 911 regarding a juvenile in the home becoming violent, turning over furniture and fighting with other family members. The complainant stated that the juvenile became upset with something said at the dinner table. Another family member was summoned to the residence and it was agreed that the juvenile would stay with this person until counselling could be set up for the family.

Readers are reminded that all persons arrested are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law..

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DOMINIC CARTON *The Scoop Today*

## Something warm and frothy to go

**E-Town Coffee Company owner Jodi Korte stays busy serving great hot beverages, sandwiches and desserts to the dozens of folks that ventured to downtown Elizabeth during last week's cold winter weather.**

# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I hope everyone is having a great Valentine's Day. Just think of the way 2017 is marching on; we are over one-half way through February! Next up is the President's celebration. This week's recipes will have a little red tossed into them in honor of George Washington and President's Day.

The first recipe is for a wonderful berry salad with the creamiest of raspberry dressings. It is easy to make because you buy the bagged lettuce. I have mentioned before that my favorite is the Spring Mix, but any variety will work. If you aren't a fan of feta cheese, you could substitute some crumbled blue cheese or finely shredded mozzarella.

## Berry Tossed Salad

1 pkg. salad greens  
1 C. sliced fresh strawberries  
1 kiwifruit, peeled and sliced  
¼ C. red onion, chopped  
¼ C. crumbled feta cheese  
2 T. slivered almonds  
Creamy Raspberry Dressing  
½ C. mayonnaise  
2 T. plus 2 t. sugar  
1 T. raspberry vinegar  
1 T. milk  
½ t. poppy seeds  
¾ t. seedless raspberry jam

In a large salad bowl, combine the greens, strawberries, kiwi, onion, feta, and almonds. In a small bowl, whisk the dressing ingredients. Drizzle desired amount over salad and toss to coat. Serve immediately. Refrigerate any left-over dressing.

Soup is definitely a winter dinner. Often people think of soup in terms of lunch, but these next

two hearty soups will make a great main meal. The first is a white chili. Using the rotisserie chicken is a great time saver. The second soup is for a hearty steak soup. If you don't want the southwestern flavor, just use diced tomatoes or garlic flavored tomatoes instead of the salsa. Enjoy either of these fine soups for a main meal.

## Creamy White Chili

4 T. unsalted butter  
2 C. diced onions  
1 T. minced fresh garlic  
1 T. ground cumin  
¼ C. flour  
2 C. chicken broth  
2 C. half-and-half  
2 C. chopped cooked chicken  
1 can (15 oz.) navy beans drained and rinsed

1 can (4 oz.) diced jalapenos  
Juice of ½ lime  
Salt to taste

Diced fresh tomatoes and fresh cilantro leaves

Melt the butter in a pot over medium heat. Add onions, garlic, and cumin; sweat partially covered, until onions soften, 10 minutes. Stir in flour and cook for 2 minutes. Stir in broth, scraping up any brown bits, then bring to a simmer. Add the half-and-half and chicken. Simmer chili until thick, 5 minutes. Stir in beans, jalapenos, and lime juice; season with salt. Garnish chili with tomatoes and cilantro.

## Steak and Vegetable Soup

1 T. canola oil  
1 lb. sirloin steak, cut into 1-inch pieces  
1 t. dried basil  
½ t. salt  
¼ t. pepper  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen vegetables for stew, thawed  
1 jar (16 oz.) salsa  
2 cans (14 ½ oz. each) beef broth  
1 can (15 ½ oz.) great northern beans, rinsed and drained  
1 C. fresh baby spinach

In a large heavy pot or Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the steak, basil,

salt and pepper. Stir-fry until meat is no longer pink, 4-5 minutes; drain. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute more.

Stir in vegetables and salsa. Add broth and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are tender, 15-20 minutes. Stir in beans; cook until heated through, 4-5 minutes. Add the spinach and cook until wilted, 1-2 minutes.

Need an addition to your soup? These quick and easy muffins will help to round out a great meal. Just remember to not over mix the dough because it will make them tough.

## Easy Cheesy Muffins

2 C. Bisquick  
½ t. garlic powder  
½ t. onion powder  
¾ C. milk  
¼ C. butter, melted  
1 C. shredded Cheddar cheese

Preheat the oven to 425. Spray a 12-cup muffin pan with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, whisk together baking mix, garlic powder, and onion powder. Stir in milk and melted butter just until dry ingredients are moistened; stir in the cheese. Spoon the batter into prepared cups.

Bake until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes and serve warm.

These cookies are really easy and tasty. I have used Cool Whip in other cookie recipes, and I am amazed at what a great and easy addition it is to a plain old cake mix!

## Cool Whip Snickerdoodles

⅓ C. sugar  
1½ t. cinnamon

1 pkg. yellow cake mix  
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip, thawed  
1 egg

Preheat the oven to 350. Combine the sugar and cinnamon in a medium bowl and set aside. Beat the remaining ingredients in a large bowl with a mixer until blended. (Dough will be thick and sticky). Use 2 small spoons to drop dough, 2 teaspoons at a time into sugar mixture; toss until dough is evenly coated with the sugar mixture. Place the dough, 2 inches apart, on parchment covered baking sheets. Bake 13-15 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on a baking sheet for 1 minute. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

I love homemade pound cake. I don't often make it because it is time-consuming and uses a lot of ingredients; however, the end result is worth it. There is a lot of butter and a lot of eggs which makes for a great moist cake. Remember that you really need to grease the bundt cake pan well with shortening and not use a cooking spray. This cake is delicious, and it is so much better than any frozen cake you can buy. Enjoy this great winter treat!

## Brown Sugar Pound Cake

1½ C. unsalted butter, softened  
2¼ C. packed brown sugar  
5 large eggs, room temperature  
2 t. vanilla  
3 C. flour  
1 t. baking powder  
¼ t. salt  
1 C. sour cream  
Glaze  
3 T. unsalted butter  
¼ C. chopped pecans  
1 C. powdered sugar  
¼ t. vanilla

Dash of salt  
2-3 T. half and half cream  
Preheat the oven to 350. Grease and flour a 10 inch fluted tube pan.

Beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. In another bowl whisk flour, baking powder and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream, beating after each addition just until combined.

Transfer batter to prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 55-56 minutes. Cool in pan 10 minutes before removing to a rack.

For the glaze, combine the butter and pecans in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until butter is golden brown 4-5 minutes. Stir into powdered sugar. Add the vanilla, salt and enough cream to reach a drizzling consistency. Drizzle over the cake. Let stand until set. Hint: use solid shortening to grease tube pans to remove cake easily.

I have been sidelined for the last week with the awful flu virus that is running around. I don't think I have ever been this sick in my life. The biggest problem is trying to bounce back to my regular life. For once I was ahead of the game and had my recipes in the computer. Imagine if I would have had to try to type food recipes when I didn't even want to be in the same room with food! Hopefully this next week will get me back on track. I have been blessed with phone calls because obviously no one wants to come near "Typhoid Jeri." I certainly hope no one out there gets this awful stuff. You can never have enough bleach and Lysol!!! I hope you will all keep healthy. We will continue to look for winter recipes and even some more red ones.

If you have any, send them our way. We will also be featuring winter soups. If you have some new or favorite recipes, 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. Have a great New Year's celebration

## Pearl City Education Foundation offers scholarships

PCEF (Pearl City Education Foundation) is pleased to announce the availability of COLLEGE NOW scholarships for Pearl City Juniors and Seniors enrolled in the COLLEGE NOW program for the 2017-2018 school year. We offer up to \$500 per school year to help defray costs of books and tuition.

Application forms are available at the Pearl City School. Due date for return of completed applications is July 1, 2017.

## Lena Winslow Theater Department presents its love letter to musical theatre

Compiled by Tony Carton  
EDITOR

The Lena Winslow High School Theater Department will bring its version of the delightful 1920s era musical parody, **The Drowsy Chaperone**, to the Le-Win Fine Arts Center stage March 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, **THE DROWSY CHAPERONE** is a musical within a comedy that you will not want to miss.

In the performance, a modern day musical theatre addict known simply as "Man in Chair" drops the needle on his favorite LP and from the crackle of his hi-fi, the uproariously funny musical magically bursts to life on stage when wealthy widow Mrs. Tottenham hosts the wedding of the year, and gets a lot more than a write-up in the society pages. Janet Van de Graaff, glittering starlet

of Feldzieg's Follies, is leaving the stage for love, a turn of events which horrifies the angry and anxious Mr. Feldzieg, whose chief investor has sent two gangsters disguised as pastry chefs to make sure he stops the wedding. Hiring Aldolpho, a Latin lover more vain than virile, to seduce the bride, is unsuccessful, as Janet's chaperone, a drunken diva, gets herself mistaken for the bride and seduced in Janet's place. It is left to eager best man, George, to quite by accident break up the happy pair, when he sends the groom out to the garden, blindfolded, and on roller skates.

**THE DROWSY CHAPERONE** is a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. Don't miss it! Performances are March 10 and 11, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door: students \$3 or adults \$5.

## Pearl City School District to hold preschool screening

Preschool Screening for the 2017-2018 school year will be taking place on Friday, March 31, for any child between the ages of three and five and living in the Pearl City School District. Any child who will be three years old before Sept. 1st, 2017, is eligible to screen on March 31, and attend the preschool program next year. Children must be screened in order to be considered for the preschool program.

Preschool screening is a play-based assessment that generally last 45 minutes, and will be held in the preschool classroom (Room 110) at Pearl City Elementary. During the screening, your child will play in the classroom

with a small group of their peers and a variety of professionals (general/special education teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, PASS Coordinator etc.).

The purpose of this screening is to identify children that would benefit and/or be eligible to attend the preschool program next year, or need additional evaluation and/or services. Space in this program is limited. Children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be placed on a waiting list.

Various screening time slots are available throughout the day on March 31, please call the school at (815)443-2237 to make an appointment.

# Madigan joins 16 other attorneys general urging District Court to end travel ban nationwide

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan filed an amicus brief today in the U.S. Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in support of a motion for preliminary injunction filed by the Commonwealth of Virginia challenging the federal Executive Order on immigration as unconstitutional and illegal. As a result of the executive action limiting travel from seven Muslim-majority countries, as many as 100,000 visas were canceled.

"Choosing who is allowed to come to our country based on their religious beliefs is unconstitutional and discriminatory," Madigan said. "As the chief legal officer for one of the most diverse states in the nation, I am committed to protecting all of the residents of Illinois and our educational institutions and employers from the harm caused by this executive action."

In the brief filed together with attorneys general from 15 other states and the District of Columbia in *Aziz v. Trump et al.*, Madigan detailed why the Executive Order violates the Constitution and urged the Court to block the executive action nationwide, pointing to the damage caused to individual states and their residents.

The brief states that the Executive Order barring entry into the United States of individuals who are foreign nationals from seven majority-Muslim countries, including lawful permanent residents (green card holders), people who hold valid U.S. visas for work, study and travel and those seeking asylum "inhibits the free exchange of information, ideas, and talent between the seven designated countries the amici States, damaging the financial stability and intellectual vitality of state educational and research institutions and disrupting large and small businesses throughout the States."

Attorney General Madigan has condemned the Executive Order as unconstitutional, unlawful and un-American. Earlier this week, Madigan issued a letter to Illinois Governor Rauner urging him and his administration to fight the executive orders and protect Illinois immigrants and refugees from discrimination and hate crimes and a separate order stating that sanctuary jurisdictions are not eligible to receive certain federal grants. As immigrants and refugees seek out information and help about the Executive Orders, Madigan also issued advice about the possibility of scam

artists and unscrupulous immigration services providers illegally pose as lawyers or demand excessive upfront fees for assistance in the wake of the executive actions.

Virginia's case against the immigration ban is moving forward following a ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Leonie M. Brinkema granting Virginia's motion to intervene in a case filed by several individuals challenging the ban. Virginia will argue in favor of its motion for a preliminary injunction at a hearing set for Friday, Feb. 10.

The amicus brief is led by Madigan and Attorneys General from New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, and signed by the Attorneys General from California, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Delaware, Iowa, Maryland, Maine, North Carolina, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

"We strongly believe this executive order violates both core constitutional principles and federal law, and we are proud to join with our fellow states in opposing its implementation in this case as well as the 9th Circuit case," District of Columbia Attorney General Karl A. Racine said. "The District of Columbia, like

all of our jurisdictions, is a city that has always thrived thanks to the hard work of immigrants and the educational and scientific resources that visitors and temporary residents from nations all over the world bring to our city every day. We will continue to fight for basic American principles of equal protection, religious freedom, and welcoming people from all nations and cultures."

"The Trump Administration's Executive Order is not only a policy that is unwise and dangerous, but it is a policy that is inhumane, inappropriate and un-American," Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh said. "As Attorneys General, collectively we will use our authority to protect the business community, educational institutions, and our citizens from this unconstitutional order."

"As Attorneys General, our primary job is to protect the people we represent," New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman said. "President Trump's immigration ban represents an all-out assault on the rights of New Yorkers, on our economy and businesses, and on our educational and healthcare institu-

tions. My fellow Attorneys General and I will continue to do everything in our power to strike down this unconstitutional, discriminatory, and chaotic order, and prevent further harm to the people we serve."

"President Trump's executive order undermines the core American value of religious tolerance, and it makes us less safe," North Carolina Josh Stein said. "It signals to the world that America sees all Muslims as terrorists, strengthening ISIS's propaganda and efforts to recruit terrorists. That is why I will join my colleagues in taking action."

"We will continue to review each lawsuit filed to determine how best we can, individually and collectively, stop the President's ill-conceived, immoral, and unconstitutional executive order," Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Kilmartin said. "As a state and a nation, we benefit academically, culturally and economically from the many immigrants that make up our communities. This executive order not only has a chilling effect on those communities but also on our academic institutions and our economy."

## Walgreens fined \$50 million for prescription scam

Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced Illinois has joined at least 30 other states and the federal government to settle allegations that Walgreen Co. unlawfully solicited and persuaded Medicare and Medicaid recipients to enroll in its "Prescription Savings Club" in order to gain more profitable customers, which was in violation of federal and state anti-kickback laws.

Walgreen Co., headquartered in suburban Deerfield, enticed Medicare and Medicaid patients with savings, coupons and other offers to join the company's prescription savings club, which amounted to an unlawful marketing scheme. Walgreens will pay the states and the federal government \$50 million, of which nearly \$8.5 million will go to state Medicaid programs. The remaining portion of the settlement is attributed to Medicare and Tricare programs. Illinois will receive more than \$740,000 in restitution and other recoveries from the settlement.

"Walgreens disregarded the law when the company targeted Medi-

care and Medicaid recipients," Madigan said. "This kind of blatant corporate misconduct will not be tolerated."

The investigation resulted from a false claims action originally filed in January 2012 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York under the federal False Claims Act and various state false claims statutes.

Deputy Bureau Chief Heather Tullio D'Orazio with Madigan's Medicaid Fraud Bureau led a National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units (NAMFCU) team that participated in the investigation and conducted the settlement negotiations with Walgreen Co. on behalf of the states. Other members of the team included representatives from the following attorneys general offices: California, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan and New York. Madigan's office works in conjunction with the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau to investigate and prosecute civil and criminal cases of Medicaid Fraud.

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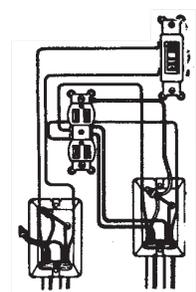

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**AVENGER FORD GT40** Tube frame, mid eng., turbo Buick v-6, 4 spd., silver, w/ chin spoiler. 847-838-1916

**MANTA MIRAGE, STREET CAN AM RACE CAR** S. B. C., 4 spd. tube frame, custom wheels, chrome yellow, show winner, fast. 847-838-1916

**SWAP MEET** 52nd annual Greater Milwaukee Area indoor winter automotive & bicycle swap meet. Sunday February 26th 2017 held 8am-2pm at Washington County Fair Grounds. 3000 Cty. Hwy PV West Bend, WI 53095. admission \$6.00 under 12 free. This is Wisconsin's oldest and largest indoor swap meet. Questions call Vicki at 262-337-0426.

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# Anniversary



Theresa and Robert Kepner

## Kepner family celebrates wedded bliss

Robert and Theresa (Mellnick) Kepner will celebrate 40 years of wedded bliss on March 12. They were married on March 12, 1977 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pecatonica. Congratulations on this milestone anniversary! Thank you for being great examples of a loving marriage and we wish you many more years of happiness. Much love from your kids and grandkids! Shower them with greetings by mail: 1282 North County Divide Road, Lena, IL 61048.

## Lena American Legion Auxiliary to host brunch honoring female veterans

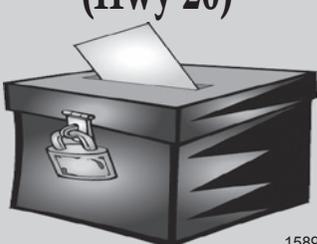
The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will honor female veterans with a brunch on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 a.m. This will be held at the Lena American Legion Home at 316 W. Main St., Lena. There will be no

charge for this brunch. Please come and join us for fellowship.

Reservations or questions call 815-369-4684 or jamcps54@yahoo.com. Would like reservations by Feb. 20.

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# Common tax blunders to avoid from the Illinois CPA Society

Oops, I can't believe I did that!

Preparing taxes can be challenging, whether on your own or organizing information for your trusted tax professional. Electronic filing software helps make the process less complicated, but even one small error or omission can trigger problems you didn't expect and delays in getting a refund.

To ensure a smooth tax preparation process, the Illinois CPA Society recommends taking some simple steps that can make a huge difference this tax season.

When crunching the numbers and details, remember to double check for:

- **Math errors** – Still the most common mistake made on tax returns. Even if all your calculations are correct, an error in your initial figures can throw everything off.

- **Misspelled or changed names** – Sometimes the easiest portions of a tax return can create the biggest hang-ups with a misspelled name or a changed name that's not correctly listed.

- **Wrong Social Security numbers** – An incorrect 9-digit Social Security number or forgetting to list numbers for you or your dependents can create unexpected problems. Social Security numbers serve as individual tax ID numbers.

- **Correct direct deposit information** – Having your refund direct deposited into one or multiple bank accounts is very convenient, but make sure your account numbers are correct on your return, especially if you're listing multiple accounts.

- **Changes in your filing status** – If you were married, divorced or your household situation changed, it may need to be reflected in your official filing status. But if you're unsure of your filing status, a tax professional can help you determine the correct and most beneficial status for your particular situation.

The Internal Revenue Service

(IRS) lists five filing status options for all taxpayers:

- Single
- Married filing jointly
- Married filing separately
- Head of household
- Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child

- **Tax deductible charitable contributions** – If you donated cash or gifts to qualified charities and non-profit organizations in the last year, you may be able to deduct the value of your contribution – when itemizing your return. Make sure to list the total amount for all charitable contributions and check the math to see if the overall value is correct.

- **Signing and dating your return** – After all that hard work preparing your tax returns, they can't be filed until you've signed and dated the

bottom line.

- **2017 tax deadline day** – Because the usual deadline day of April 15 falls on a weekend this year and the following Monday is a federal holiday in Washington, D.C., taxpayers have a little more time to file. All returns are due by midnight on Tuesday, April 18. Filing Form 4868 can get you a 6-month paperwork extension, but any taxes owed are still due on the 18th.

Find a CPA

The Illinois CPA Society has a free online "Find a CPA" page that allows individuals, businesses and not-for-profit organizations to conduct a simple search of CPA by location, type of services needed, industries served and language preference.

## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -  
GALENA, ILLINOIS  
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
VERNON E. BEHLKE JR., et al  
Defendant

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### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 8, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on March 10, 2017, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 122 1/2 N Main St, Galena, IL, 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 1243 S. RIVER ROAD, GALENA, IL 61036 Property Index No. 14-000-063-11. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection

and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-16-02423. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-16-02423 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 16 CH 00010 TJSC#: 36-14428 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES AUCTION

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA, IL

SATURDAY, February 18, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.

(Severe weather date: Sunday, February 19)

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** dry sink; (2) oak cupboards; china hutch; buffet; 2-door cabinet; drop leaf table; dresser; trunk; iron sewing machine base; "Blue Thunder" slot machine; (2) glass display cases; (2) stained glass windows; copper rooster weather vane; W.F. Stimpson Co. Detroit MI cheese scale; brass coal bucket; unique brass sprinkler; single wash tub; wood wringer; vintage wood rake; new #2 bell; cast iron pans; pictures; Hurricane lamp; Coo-Coo & other clocks; quilts; vintage sword marked U.S.; (2) Spain ceremonial? swords; vintage large round 'The Boye Needle Co.' tin store display; lawn darts; repro tin signs; beer signs & mirrors; vintage telephones; mini Singer sewing machine; portable Victrola; train sets incl. Marx & John Deere; slot car sets; table marble games; Harley Davidson die-cast; models incl. Military; Breyer horses; Barbie dolls (NIB); Packers cards; misc. toys; (12) sterling silver rings; Canadian one-tenth tray ounce gold coin; cookbooks; beer glasses; Sleepy Eye pitchers; cookie jars; Fenton pcs; crackle glass; Cape Cod; glassware.

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