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## Children's Hands On Museum visits Lena Winslow Elementary

By Tony Carton  
EDITOR

There is no greater gift than an opportunity to develop a child's creativity and there is a small, but dedicated group of folks in Northwest Illinois developing a Children's Hand's On Museum (CHOM) to just that end.

"Right now we are in the process of finding a place to exist," said Shirley Jordan, a retired teacher who is working to make a museum a reality. "We've had temporary exhibits at various fairs and parks and we've been set up at the Stephenson County Fair and at Union Dairy Days. We visited the Boys and Girls Club and we've been invited to the Freeport Car Show, so we are getting our message out there.

The folks at Lena Winslow Elementary received that message and CHOM was set up and running full steam all day Wednesday in the school's gym.

"Shirley had contacted me to see if our students would be interested, so we made arrangements with the museum," said LeWin Elementary School Principal Mary Gerbode. "We jumped at the chance. They set up and our first group came in at nine o'clock."

Gerbode said the preschoolers had a half hour and grades kindergarten on up were doing 45 minutes.

"We have 20 stations and they are exploring each of them and the children absolutely love it," she said.

The "stations" consisted of tables and floor models of various exhibits

ranging from insects and plants to gears and wheels to human anatomy to a giant pachinko board and much more, all to the delight of dozens of young students exploring, touching, interacting and most important: learning!

"The children are so excited," said Gerbode. "Our fifth graders are building creative things with Duplo Blocks. I think the drawing station is a major stop on the tour. We have one little boy that I don't think left the Simple Machines station the whole time he was here, and I think we have a future engineer there. He was just fascinated. Every time I would see him he would be at a different place around the station. He explored every single item on the table. It was fun to see."

Jordan said they are pursuing their goals of helping children learn and their current priority is a location.

"As it is right now we don't have a permanent place for the children to use," she said. "But, we are looking and we are hoping for help, monetary and volunteer as well."

She said the idea was born of several young mothers who decided there really is nothing like a hands-on museum in this area.

"There is the Discovery Center in Rockford and Dubuque has a similar project, but there really isn't anything in our vicinity that the children could go to," Jordan said. "So, they decided to learn what it would take to get one going here in the area."

The fledgling CHOM organization has received its 501c3 and is

moving forward.

"We have a lot of enthusiasm," she said. "We recently attended a conference for people working to begin children's museums. There were people from all over the world there and they all had the common goal of providing a place for children to explore the arts and develop their creativity."

They are looking to the future with their project.

"We would like to see our facility be a very comfortable place that might not open every day, but is easily accessible and available to families," Jordan said. "It is always neat for me to see the children interacting with each other as they're playing and we are really seeing some good cooperative learning going on, some thought provoking strategies.

Third grader Max Knoup said he is both playing and exploring during his time at the CHOM interactive stations.

"I'm playing at the medical table right now and using a stethoscope," said Knoup. "This whole exhibit is really fun."

He said his favorite part of the medical table is the lung exhibit that allows the students to see the difference between a clean healthy lung and a darkened misshapen smokers' lung. Knoup said he has no intention of taking up smoking.

"The one from a smoker is black and all messed up," he said. "I'm glad I got to see it. I wasn't going to ever start smoking anyway, but now I really don't want to be around someone that smokes."

Lesson learned!

CHOM is looking for volunteers and you can help. Find out more by visiting them on Facebook (search Future of Freeport Children's Museum or visit their blog at <http://chom-nwil.blogspot.com/>

Hey, you will be helping children learn and grow. There is no better calling.



TONY CARTON PHOTO Shopper's Guide

## Illinois State Wrestling Champions

The Lena-Winslow / Stockton Pantherhawks defeated Wilmington 40 - 36 to win the 1A State Wrestling Championship Saturday evening. The team was met early Sunday afternoon by First Responder vehicles from four area towns to be led from Stockton High School to the Lena Winslow High School Gymnasium for a celebration. Congratulations to all the athletes, their parents and the coaches and their families on a job well done!

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# U of I Extension 4-H and Freeport School District 145 team up to improve Latino graduation rate

University of Illinois Extension and Freeport School District announce a new partnership called Juntos (meaning Together) aimed at improving the graduation rate of the district's Latino students. Juntos is a six week family workshop series designed to provide Latino families with the knowledge, skills and resources they need to better understand, navigate and succeed within the educational system.

U of I Extension's 4-H Youth Development Educator, Jackie de Batista, is spearheading the Juntos partnership and says the program addresses what often is a cultural disconnect between Latino families and the educational system. "Latino culture teaches respect for authority and family privacy," states de Batista, "so when Latino students struggle in school, parents might hesitate to contact the school." Juntos is specifically designed to develop a sense of trust and camaraderie between parents, students and school district personnel so they can work together to increase Latino student success.

The family workshops begin Feb. 27 and run through April 10, 2017, and topics include making education a family goal, family and school communication, graduation requirements, how to finance higher education, how to apply for college, and creating a family action plan for educational success. Freeport School District's Ignacio Garza and Jenny Quinones will join De Batista to teach the weekly workshops. At the end of the series, participants will have the option to form a Juntos 4-H Club where they will receive ongoing educational and institutional support.

"Many Latino parents are cultur-

ally oriented to trust the school district to handle all educational affairs but in many cases their intervention is the missing link in their child's success," adds de Batista. "Juntos gives parents the skills and confidence to be more actively involved in their child's education and provides students the structural support they need to achieve their goals." To learn more about the program, feel free to contact Jackie de Batista, 4-H Youth Educator for University of Illinois Extension, at (815) 235-4125.

## UW-Platteville announces December 2016 graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its graduating class for the fall 2016 semester. The graduating class marked a special one at UW-Platteville, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2016. For more information on the university, located in Southwest Wisconsin, visit uwplatt.edu. Students from this area who received their diplomas include:

Ashley Andersen, of Hanover, IL, Criminal Justice

Brianna Diffenderfer, Forensic Investigation

Haley Holmes, Elementary Education

Jeremy Schriener, Industrial Technology Management

Casey Schroeder, Environmental Horticulture

All of Lena, IL.

Megan Homb, Business Administration

Keeley Schulz, Health and Human Performance

Krista Zueger, Animal Science  
All of Stockton, IL



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## Students work on STEAM projects

Students in Mrs. Robinson's second grade class in Pearl City worked on a STEAM project in small groups. Each group was given a bag of straws and masking tape, and they were also allowed to use scissors. Each team was instructed to build the tallest tower with these materials that could stand on its own. The children had to plan a design, construct it, and make changes along the way.



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## LeWin students study states

Second grade students at Lena-Winslow Elementary learned more about our nation through their states projects. Here Vander Knoll and Dane Busser proudly show off their state floats.

## Freeport Art Museum' Aspiring Artists Exhibition showcases student talent

The Freeport Art Museum will open the annual Aspiring Artists student exhibition on Friday, March 3, from 5-7 p.m. Celebrating the artistic talent of K-twelfth grade students from Freeport and surrounding communities, the show features up to 30 selected works from each grade level at participating schools.

Hundreds of works will be on display from the thirteen participating schools including several Freeport elementary, middle and senior high schools; Aquin; Durand; Eastland; Forreton; and Jo Daviess/Carroll CTE Academy. Also represented are a number of area Home School groups.

Freeport Art Museum's Education Director, Barry Treu, who coordinates the exhibition, says "Always a favorite, the Aspiring Artists exhibition demonstrates the wonderful talent and creativity of the students in our communities and the high level of arts instruction they are receive from their art educators."

This year's Aspiring Artists exhibition is made possible through the generous support by Inertia Machine of Freeport. Serving as juror for awards this year will be Chris Wallace, Principal of Pearl City Elementary School. Awards for each grade level are sponsored by Blick Art Materials and will be presented by special guest, Freeport School District Superintendent Mike Schiffman

Too often we take things for granted, our downtown Christmas decorations is an example. I want to thank the following for their hard work and dedication for maintaining them, putting them up, and taking them down.

<b>Ben Mayer</b>	<b>Bill Engel</b>	<b>Duane Babcock</b>
<b>Don Strohecker</b>	<b>Ric Dikkers</b>	<b>Guy Hedding</b>
<b>Bob Frazer</b>	<b>Jim Cox</b>	<b>Larry Fiese</b>

Also I want to thank the following for their help and use of lifts: Craig Heilman, Austin Heilman, Dan Erner and Lena Park District - Bob Coomber and Andy Martin.

*Dennis Bergman, Lena Village President*  
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Our sincere Thanks for all the cards, calls, flowers, thoughts, and prayers sent to our family at the time of our father's passing. It's truly appreciated by the Robert Heller Family.

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# Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing lists February winners

Twelve sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County sponsor the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing, a cooperative fundraiser. Daily cash prizes between \$50 and \$250 are awarded for 365 days from Oct. 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017 to those donating for a ticket. A ticket can win multiple times through-

out the year. Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Athletic Boosters, Galena ARC, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Stockton Strong, Warren

Athletic Boosters, West Carroll Sports Boosters and West Carroll Yearbook. **NWILDD February 2017 Winners**  
1st. Wednesday \$50 – Bob Wand, Elizabeth  
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3rd. Friday \$50 – Julie Schultz, Dubuque, IA

4th Saturday \$50 – Julia Bathon, Stockton  
5th Sunday \$50 – Evan Queckboerner, Lanark  
6th Monday \$50 – Carrie Brogley, Hazel Green, WI  
7th Tuesday \$50 – Barb Alexander, Chadwick  
8th Wednesday \$50 – Larry Stebbins, Savanna  
9th Thursday \$50 – Myron Koester, Elizabeth  
10th Friday \$50 – Bonnie Cox, Galena  
11th Saturday \$50 – Dave & Deb VanOstrand, East Dubuque  
12th Sunday \$50 – Ann Zink, Mt Carroll  
13th Monday \$50 – Jerry & Jeannine Swett, Hanover  
14th Tuesday \$150 – Randy Holland, Hanover  
15th Wednesday \$50 – Jerry Kent Jr, Apple River  
16th Thursday \$50 – Warren Uni-

ted Methodist Church  
17th Friday \$50 – Gwendolyn Scott, Chicago  
18th Saturday \$50 – Corrinne Eastman, Naperville  
19th Sunday \$50 – Rick Kenney, Warren  
20th Monday \$150 – Chad Berning, Galena  
21st Tuesday \$50 – Karl Thorsen, Elizabeth  
22nd Wednesday \$50 – Jennifer Kaiser, Galena  
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25th Saturday \$50 – Debra Gunther, Aurora, CO  
26th Sunday \$50 – Chase Dittmar, Galena  
27th Monday \$50 – Eileen O'Neill, East Dubuque  
28th Tuesday \$50 – Rachel Ertmer, Warren.

# University of Illinois Extension to host annual 4-H Super Saturday

University of Illinois Extension is hosting its annual 4-H Super Saturday on Saturday, March 18, 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 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 \$3 per participant. "It's a great opportunity for youth in Stephenson County to see what 4-H is all about. Not only do they get 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 Tessoroff, 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.

# UW-Platteville announces fall 2016 Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in their respective colleges in the fall 2016 semester. The College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50. UW-Platteville celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2016. The university, in the southwest corner of Wisconsin, has nearly 9,000 students. For more information on the university, visit [uwplatt.edu](http://uwplatt.edu). Students from this area on the Dean's List include:

Neil Girot, of Elizabeth, IL Industrial Technology Management, River Ridge High School  
Hannah Davidson, of Hanover, IL Broad Field Science, River Ridge High School  
Chelsea Davis, Psychology  
Haley Holmes, Elementary Education, Lena-Winslow High School  
Lucas Schubert, Industrial Technology Management, Lena-Winslow High School  
Taylor Wedige, Criminal Justice  
All of Lena, IL

Lindsey Robieson, of Orangeville, IL Elementary Education, Orangeville High School  
Greta Heimerdinger, of Pearl City, IL Agricultural Business, Pearl City High School  
Charlotte Thomas, of Savanna, IL Elementary Education, West Carroll High School  
Steve Hawley, Agricultural Business, Stockton High School  
Keeley Schulz, Physical Education, Stockton High School  
Both of Stockton, IL.

# Depot Stove Gang to host annual railroad show and swap meet

The Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Club proudly announces our 29th Annual Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet on March 4 and 5. We will have over 30,000 square feet of operating displays, railroad memorabilia and model railroad merchandise. Our show will fill the Lena-Winslow Elementary, Junior High and High School gymnasiums and cafeterias. This is a great event for kids of all ages. Show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, and 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. Lunch is available both days in the Elementary Cafeteria. Lena is located just 1 mile north of U.S. Route 20 on Illinois 73. Directional signs will be posted to guide you to 401 Fremont Street in Lena. Lena is approximately 2 hours west of Chicago, 1 1/4 hours south of Madison, Wisconsin and 1 hour east of Dubuque, Iowa. Lena is easy to find, but hard to forget. The Depot Stove Gang Show is rated as one of the nicest and largest shows in the Midwest. Our 28th year was another great year for exhibits, vendors

and operating displays. Rain, sleet, ice or snow, the show will still be a go! The show and parking are free. We depend upon your donations to bring you this show. Free will donations are greatly appreciated at the Elementary entrance. The Depot Stove Gang is an Illinois not-for Profit Organization registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. For further information, as well as, other area information and attractions including lodging, please contact the Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 815-233-1357. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for including the above information in your newspaper or on your radio or television station. Your participation helps us bring another quality family event to our community, which would not be possible without strong supporters like you. For further information, please contact: Roger Schamberger, 120 E. Townline Road, Lena, 815-238-7888 cell or Email [rscham@hotmail.com](mailto:rscham@hotmail.com)

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## Week in Review

**Feb. 13-17**

Praising current bipartisan efforts in the Senate, Gov. Bruce Rauner asked all lawmakers Feb. 15 to work with him to pass a balanced budget and structural reforms that will revitalize Illinois' economy and grow jobs.

In other budget news, a St. Clair County judge ruled Feb. 16 against Attorney General Lisa Madigan's motion to dissolve the court order that mandated the state pay employees without an appropriation.

Also during the week, legislators and health advocates gathered in the Capitol to spread awareness of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women campaign.

### Budget Options

Gov. Rauner outlined budget options to a joint session of legislators in the House of Representatives, during his third annual Budget Address Feb. 15.

For two years, the Governor has asked lawmakers to work with him

to fulfill a state constitutional obligation to pass a balanced budget. Yet his efforts have met with resistance and a lack of cooperation, much to the detriment of Illinois citizens. Encouraged by budget talks in the Senate, he is once again asking lawmakers from both chambers, both parties, and all regions of Illinois to come together and resolve the fiscal impasse.

On Feb. 16, a St. Clair Circuit Judge Robert LeChien ruled against a motion filed by the Attorney General to reverse his July 2015 order that said state workers had to be paid even with no budget in place. Attorney General Madigan has filed a motion Jan. 26 state court seeking to stop state worker pay until legislators and the Governor approve a spending plan.

### Budget data show need to resolve impasse

Recent budget data show the need to quickly resolve the impasse.

Illinois goes \$11 million further into debt each day state government

continues to spend without a budget in place.

It is estimated that under the status quo, with no spending or revenue changes, the Fiscal Year 2017 budget is \$5.3 billion out of balance and the state will end FY 2017 with a bill backlog of \$13.5 billion.

The state is projected to run annual budget deficits of \$6 to \$7 billion over the next five years without changes to the status quo – increasing the backlog of bills to \$47 billion by the end of FY 2022.

The State's Group Health Insurance program has not received a General Funds appropriation in two years. Providers are owed nearly \$4 billion – delaying payments by two years. If the impasse continues through FY 2018, the accrued interest in the program will surpass program liability.

The Comptroller estimates the state will pay \$700 million in interest payments on over-due bills in FY 2017 alone.

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Childhood Education programs have not received payments in FY 2017 due to the backlog of bills.

### Growing bio-based economy

Legislation has been introduced to grow Illinois' bio-based economy, building upon the state's strong agricultural base and seeking to provide new products and markets derived from grain commodities and their by-products.

Senate Bill 1656 provides incentives to Illinois businesses to produce and sell new renewable products made from biomass and other renewable sources.

The emergence of this technology represents a historic opportunity to reverse job losses in the chemicals and plastics sectors, increase energy security, replace fossil fuel-derived chemicals, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, maintain U.S. leadership in clean energy and chemistry, and build domestic renewable chemicals and bio-based production facilities.

Iowa and Minnesota have already

established these state incentives and legislation is pending in Congress to establish a similar credit at the federal level.

### Fighting heart disease

Illinois legislators, representatives from the state Department of Public Health, and health advocates gathered in Capitol Feb. 15 to spread awareness of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women campaign, and to encourage Illinois women to unite in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Go Red For Women began in 2004 with the mission of educating women on their risk factors of heart disease and empowering them to take control of their heart health. More than one in three women are living with some form of cardiovascular disease; it remains the number one killer of women.

More information about the Go Red For Women campaign is available at <https://www.goredforwomen.org/>

## Madigan commits to protect all Illinois students under the Illinois human rights act

Attorney General Lisa Madigan today condemned the actions by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education rescinding federal guidance that set out protections for transgender students across the country from discrimination and harassment.

The federal government rescind-

ed guidance which provided that Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its regulations prohibit discrimination on the basis of a student's gender identity, including discrimination based on a student's transgender status.

"Schools have an obligation to provide a safe and inclusive envi-

ronment for all students, including transgender students. Today's actions by the federal government harm our students by creating unnecessary fear and confusion about the protections provided by Title IX," Madigan said. "I am committed to the strong enforcement of anti-discrimination statutes that guarantee all Illinois residents the right to be free from discrimination, harassment and violence on the basis of their gender identity. Any actions to deny transgender students equal access to educational opportunities in our state will not be tolerated."

The Illinois Human Rights Act explicitly prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. These protec-

tions for transgender youth are vitally important. According to the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, over 75 percent of transgender youth report feeling unsafe in their schools. As adults, 50 percent of transgender individuals who experienced anti-transgender harassment or bullying in elementary or secondary school reported attempting suicide, according to a study by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law.

Studies have shown that creating a safe, supportive and welcoming learning environment improves educational outcomes for all students, not just those who identify as LG-BTQ. For transgender students in

particular, an inclusive school climate can make a significant difference.

Attorney General Madigan's Civil Rights Bureau protects the civil rights of all Illinois residents. The Bureau enforces civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination, works to strengthen the civil rights laws, and participates in community outreach programs. The Bureau also investigates complaints of pattern and practice discrimination in housing, public accommodations, employment, and financial matters. Attorney General Madigan encourages individuals to contact her office to report instances of discrimination or harassment by calling her Civil Rights Hotline at 1-877-581-3692.



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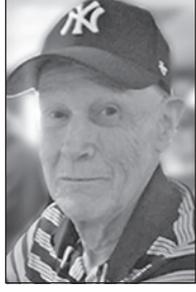
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# ON THE RECORD

## Obituaries

### BRYAN "LYNN" FLEMING

Bryan "Lynn" Fleming, age 77 of Hanover, Illinois, passed away Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home in Elizabeth, Illinois. Visitation and a funeral service were held Feb. 24, at the Hanover United Methodist Church in Hanover. Burial took place in Evergreen Cemetery in Hanover. Friends are invited to share in Lynn's memory at [www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com).



Lynn was born July 6, 1939 the son of Bryan M. and Vera R. (Campbell) Fleming. He attended Hanover High School and graduated with the Class of 1958. Lynn excelled in baseball and basketball all through high school. He worked for Atwood in Stockton, Illinois as a line worker until his retirement.

Lynn was a member of the Hanover United Methodist Church, he ushered for many years, he also belonged to the Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study Thursday mornings at Charlies and the Thursday Prayer Group. Lynn enjoyed sports; he always loved attending basketball, volleyball, wrestling events. In his younger years, Lynn played Whiffle Ball and ping pong all through his life. Lynn also liked to take his friend Carl Paisley to the Clinton Lumber Kings games in Clinton, Iowa. Lynn was a die-hard New York Yankee's fan. Most of all Lynn cherished the time he spent making friends at the Bootlegger Saloon in Hanover.

Lynn is survived by his friends in the community. Lynn was preceded in death by his parents.

### CHARLES JOSEPH "CHUCK" GAFFEY

Charles Joseph "Chuck" Gaffey, 75, died unexpectedly at his home in Lena, Il. on Feb. 22, 2017. Memorial services will be Saturday March 4, 2017 at St John's Lutheran Church, Lena. Visitation will be from 9 until the time of service at noon, with a luncheon to follow. Services will be officiated by Pastor Rick Bader. A private inurnment will be at St. Michael's Church Cemetery in Holbrook, Iowa at a date to be determined.



Chuck was born on Aug. 14, 1941, in Iowa City, the third child of a family of seven born to Joe and Laura (Fahnholz) Gaffey. He grew up in Holbrook, Iowa, attending the one room country grade school, graduating valedictorian from Parnell

High School in 1959. While in high school, he helped in running their family-owned grocery store as well as working for several local farmers. He attended the University of Iowa before entering the U S Army. After serving in the military, he started a fifty plus year career in the world of finance and banking, retiring as president of Bank Plus in Estherville, Iowa. Chuck also was involved with the American Legion for forty-three years. In his retirement years, he worked as a bank consultant in Iowa and Illinois.

Chuck was a very active member in his church, St John's Lutheran Church, Lena, acted as an elder, usher, and consulted on several church endeavors. He also enjoyed assisting with the wheelchair ramp building team.

On July 18, 2009, he married Ann Clausen at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena, Il. Together, they enjoyed traveling to many places including Ireland, Alaska, Nova Scotia, Branson and driving historic Route 66. In his spare time, Chuck enjoyed reading and woodworking.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Ann, son Larry (Melody) Gaffey of Elkhorn, WI., stepson David Clausen of Mt Pleasant, WI. and stepdaughter Amanda (Brett) Swoik, Lincolnwood, IL., grandchildren Max and Elizabeth Gaffey, Bradley and Gavin Swoik, and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by three brothers Gerald (Marilyn) Gaffey, Iowa City, Ia., Harold (Cindi) Gaffey, Coralville, Ia., and Ed (Karen) Gaffey of Altoona, Ia. And by three sisters, Laurine (Robert) Sueppel, Marion, Ia., Mary Kathryn Roth, West Branch, Ia., and Theresa (Jerry) Stevens, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Charles in 1981, his parents, Joe and Laura Gaffey, broth-

er-in-law, John Roth, and nephew Ronald Gaffey.

He will be remembered as a caring, generous gentleman's gentleman.

Memorials may be made to Friends of Old St Michael's in Holbrook, Iowa, and sent to Gerald Gaffey, #9 The Woods NE, Iowa City, IA 52240.

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

Arrangements by Leamon Funeral Home, 210 W. Main Street, Lena, IL. 815-369-4512

### DENNIS ALBRECHT

Dennis Albrecht, 67, of Stockton, IL died on Feb. 20, 2017 surrounded by his wife, Denise (VenHuizen) and family, after a six year, brave battle of prostate cancer.



Dennis was born in Freeport, IL on Nov. 21, 1949 to Glen and Viola Albrecht of Elizabeth, IL. Dennis graduated from Elizabeth High School and went to Southern Illinois University School of Banking. Dennis retired from The Elizabeth State Bank after 31 years. He also served many years on the Elizabeth Fire Department. While retired, Dennis and Denise owned Dad's Bar & Grill in Polo, IL, he then worked at the Stockton Station, Citizens State Bank and mowed for Woodbine Bend and the Stockton Park District.

Dennis was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and loved the Atlanta Braves, whom he went and saw twice in the World Series. Dennis loved to canoe, fish, camp and travel with his wife, Denise. He enjoyed playing baseball, cooking and eat-

ing chicken wings, joking around and spending time with his Grandkids, especially watching the Mickey Mouse Club with his little Buttermilk. Dennis also had his faithful dog, Paddy, and walked him daily.

Survivors include his wife Denise of Stockton, IL and his children, Ryan Albrecht of Dixon, IL, Tara (Blake) Roddick of Galena, IL, Breanne (Matt) Ivens of Middleton, WI and step sons, Clint Haas and Cory (Nicole) Haas all of Stockton, IL and special Daughter-in-law, Amanda Birchen Haas of Stockton, IL; brother Bruce (Nancy) Albrecht of South Pasadena, FL, sisters Carol (Larry) Elliot of Elizabeth, IL and Barbara (Jerry) Hatfield of Dixon, IL; Mother-in-law Judy VenHuizen

of Stockton, IL. Grandkids Brecken (Sydney), Andrew & Logan Albrecht, Ian & Kennedy Roddick, Henry & Norah Ivens, Elijah & Weston Haas and Emma & Payton Haas; and many nieces and nephews and in-laws.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and a father-in-law Arnie VenHuizen.

The family would like to thank FHN Hospice for the care in his final days. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dennis' name to UW Carbone Cancer Research Center for Prostate Cancer or FHN Hospice. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Condolences may be shared with his family at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

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# SOS+ March meeting is filled with talent and music

The March 9, meeting of SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and Surrounding Areas) will be a day filled with music and talent. Lana Crandall and the SHS students will present a taste teaser of their upcoming musical "Mary Poppins" followed by a country music favorite, "Red Bird Country" consisting of Sandy Switzer and Cousin Kenny Switzer.

Mrs. Crandall, music and theater director and students of SHS will present skits from the popular Broadway musical, Mary Poppins. The setting takes place in England in 1910 when a nanny, Mary Poppins arrives at the doorsteps of the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael had sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrived. Using a combination of magic and common sense, Mary must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."

Set back and relax....because following Mary Poppins, the seniors are in for a special treat with the tal-

ented country duo, Sandy Switzer on her 12 string guitar and cousin, Kenny Switzer, on his Banjo Lyn. Best known as the singing group "Red Bird Country", the Sweitzers, from the Pearl City/Lanark area, have been playing and singing together for the past 15 years.

It's a day filled with good lots of talent and music. One you won't want to miss.

SOS+ is an outreach ministry provided free to all seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas (SOS+). We extend a cordial invitation to all. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. in Stockton's Calvary's UM Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by the seniors will conclude the day's activities. SOS+ is an outreach ministry commemorating its thirteenth year. Our purpose is to provide interesting programs and fellowship to our area seniors. SOS+ is made up of area volunteers from all our area churches who work diligently to bring interesting, light hearted and educational programs to all.

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

# Anniversary



Donald and Myra Krug

## Krug 75th wedding anniversary

Donald and Myra Krug of Stockton, Ill. will celebrate their 75th wedding anniversary on Saturday March 4, 2017. They have two daughters Sandra (John) Stoehr of Browntown, WI, and Nancy (David) Brockman of Freeport, Ill. They have two grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## Monroe Clinic offers 'Good News about Joint Pain' free seminar

Joint pain, whether mild or severe, does not necessarily come with age. Finding out the source of the pain can help determine how to alleviate it. Monroe Clinic presents "Good News About Joint Pain" on March 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m., a free seminar at Monroe Clinic, 515 22 Avenue, Monroe,

pital 1st floor. The presentation will cover several options for relieving joint pain, such as medications, exercise and therapy, lifestyle changes and surgical options. For more information or to register for the seminar, call 608-324-1127 or visit [monroe-clinic.org/jointcenter](http://monroe-clinic.org/jointcenter).

## Birth

### Priscilla Dionne

Carissa Mathews and Daniel Dionne of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Priscilla Rose Dionne born Sunday Feb.12, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Priscilla has three sisters Alayna, 8, Jenessa, 5 and Emma, 2. Grandparents are Gordon and Carla Mathews of Freeport and Beverly and Leroy Dionne of McConnell, Ill. Great grandparents are Joyce Ditsworth and Shirley Mathews both of Freeport.



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# 45th Annual American Legion Youth Police Camp accepting teen participants

Officials with the Illinois State Police (ISP) and the American Legion announce plans for the 45th Annual American Legion Youth Police Camp (ALYPC). The camp will be held at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, Illinois,

and will run June 25-30. Dozens of teens from across Illinois will discover career opportunities through training with police and military personnel. The primary purpose of the ALYPC is to establish an interactive and positive relationship between Illinois teens and law enforcement officers. The week-long residency camp is structured to promote educational and learning opportunities for youth ages 14-16 in the areas of law enforcement, military, leadership, cultural diversity,

personal development, physical fitness, and social and interpersonal skills. The ALYPC Cadets will be honored at a graduation ceremony on June 30, and will receive a graduation certificate. American Legion volunteers and ISP Troopers are assigned to manage the program and serve as instructors and mentors. Many of the American Legion and ISP volunteers are former graduates of the program.

"I enjoy being a member of the American Legion for a number of reasons," said Sangamon County Sheriff Wes Barr. "One, obviously, is what they do for the veterans. But also, it's because of community programs like this that reach out to the community and try to make it a better place," he added. Sheriff Barr,

a member of American Legion Post 32 in Springfield, was the keynote speaker at the 2016 ALYPC graduation ceremony. The American Legion will accept applications until May 26, 2017. Teenagers 14-16 are encouraged to apply for and attend the 2017 ALYPC for an enriching experience. For more information about ALYPC, please contact Safety, Law and Order Committee Chairman Delmar Buske at (217) 555-9555, or Illinois State Police Special Agent Melissa Uhles at (618) 346-3482.

## Illinois State Police announce the use of roadside safety checks

Illinois State Police (ISP) District 16, Commander, Captain Mark Karczewski, announces the ISP will conduct Roadside Safety Checks (RSCs) in Winnebago County during March. The use of RSCs combine a strong sense of public awareness and enforcement in order to save lives of the motoring public.

for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, transporting open alcoholic beverages, and most importantly:

- Driving Under the Influence (DUI);
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Criminal Violations. Alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois, and throughout the U.S., nearly 10,000 people die each year due to alcohol-impaired driving. RSCs are designed to keep our roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the road. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Additional information and camp applications are available online at the following website: <http://www.illegion.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2017-Youth-Police-Brochure.pdf>

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Christ Lutheran Church

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1, with a worship service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7 p.m. Our theme for midweek Lent is "Pray like Jesus - The Lord's Prayer," which we are sharing in a "Round Robin" format with St. Paul Lutheran Church, Warren.

Christ Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Saturday, March 4, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, 10 a.m., celebrating the last Sunday of Epiphany/Transfiguration of our Lord with Pastor Susan Davenport delivering the sermon. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. Our Lenten theme for weekend worship during Lent will be "With Awe and Love: Luther's Small Catechism."

For midweek Wednesdays during Lent (excluding Ash Wednesday) we worship using "Holden Evening Prayer" and gather for "Simple Soup Suppers" at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Enjoy a night out with the Christ Lutheran Church Women on Monday, March 6, 4:30 pm - 7 p.m., in the lower-level Fellowship Hall. Carry-outs will be available.

See our "Reformation 500 Bookstore" through March 26, with a sample of Lutheran and Martin Luther writings available for purchase at a discount and with Free Shipping.

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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship March 5, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this First Sunday of Lent 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.

Everyone is invited Wednesday, March 8, at Noon as Good Shepherd host an Ecumenical Lenten Lunch with message from Pastor Miho. The theme for the Lena Area Lenten Lunches is "The Word Become Flesh: The Humanity and Divinity of Jesus in his Passion."

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for a Lenten Supper on March 8, at 5:30 p.m. and to Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. The youth will lead the service as we learn about Luther's Small Catechism with Puppets.

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

## Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday March 5, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will bring her message on the "Apostles Creed". Holy Communion will be served and no one is refused. All are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 am studying from the Holy Bible and all are invited and welcome to this time too.

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

# Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church hosts Senior Connections event

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting Senior Connections on March 1 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. A delicious meal will be prepared and served by volunteers and a program by Steve Sheffey will follow. Please feel free to come and join us and bring a friend. Call 815-947-2172 to let us know you will be there. This helps us prepare adequate food and seating. We look forward to seeing you.

We will be sharing Lenten Services with Calvary on March 5 - Kent on March 12 - Calvary on March 19 -- Wesley on March 26 and the Conata at Calvary on April 2. All servic-

es will be at 7 P.M. All are welcome at any or all services.

Our regular worship schedule is Spark -9:30 and worship at 10:45 every Sunday morning. Our doors are open to all who wish to enter and be welcomed and we look forward to seeing you.

We have Adult Bible Study - Women's Bible Study - Youth Bible Study and Youth Group. Interested in any of these please call for information.

We are located at the corner of Hudson and Benton Sts. and are handicap accessible. For information call 815-601-6742

## St. John's Lutheran Church to observe Ash Wednesday

On Sunday, March 5, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the First Sunday of Lent. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Chancel Choir. After worship, Whirl Sunday School will meet and focus on the lesson, "Adam and Eve." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet after worship also.

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

You're welcome to two services for Ash Wednesday on March 1st. At Noon, an abbreviated service with Imposition of Ashes will held. Then at 7 p.m., a full Ash Wednesday service will be held. The service will include the Chancel Choir. Pastor Ekstrand will hold Stations of the Cross at Noon on Fridays in the Nave.

The Men's Breakfast will be held at Little John's, Pearl City, at 7 a.m. on March 1. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 2.

The community is welcome to participate in Family Fun Night at 6 p.m. on March 11. Bring a dish for the

potluck and stay and play dominoes, euchre, bag toss or watch a movie.

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.

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.



## Specials Good

Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

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# Lena Library News

By Dixie Althoff  
DIRECTOR

Well, here it is the last few days of February. We are pushing our way into Spring. With the nice warm temperatures you would think we were there. That may all change come March. Will it come in like a "lion"?

We continue to stay busy at the library. The children's programs are a big part of that. For the past couple of weeks, the children have been very busy. On Feb. 6, the after school group made Valentine's Day book marks and played a rip roaring game with a balloon cup, and a Pom Pom launcher. The kids all had

a good time!

On Feb. 13, they had their Valentine's Party. They enjoyed the hour playing Bingo for prizes and had EMOJI cupcakes and drinks. This week there was no school due to President's Day, so the after school group did not meet. Sorry kids!! We will see you next week for another fun filled time.

The Preschoolers have been busy too. Feb. 7, started off with a Valentine's Day theme. Each child put a heart on the tree to get the hour going. The Tuesday class made Love Bugs and crocodile snappy valentines. They were very cute and all the children had a good time mak-

ing them. The Wednesday class also made the Love

Bugs, and also did a Love Bears All Things valentine which was sweet. They all did

Valentine bags too. The book for that time was: The Day It Rained Hearts. The song was: Love Bug. Fun, Fun, Fun!! Feb 14 and 15, were of course PARTY days.

Each class had Valentine's Day parties. They exchanged valentines and put them in the bags they had made (I think there were a few treats in them too). The book read this time was Froggy's First Kiss and they did the Love Bug song again. They ended the hour with a snack and drink. Sounds like a good time to me.

This week was Fun book day. There were some Hands on Books read: Is That You

Wolf?, Is That You Alien?, Say Hello to Snowy Animals, and Penguin Problems.

Flannel board memory games were played. The children had to find the heart, snowball, snowflake, mitten, and "twinkle". I think the children all had a very busy February. I am sure that March and April will be filled with lots of fun and exciting things to do. Ms. Kathy has some pretty good ideas!

Book discussion was held Feb. 22. Lots of good books discussed. Some

Of them were: The Life List by Lori Nelson Spielman, Mistletoe Secret by Richard

Paul Evans, Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver, People of the River by Michael & Kathleen O'Neal Gear, If I Run by Teri Blackstock, Hill-billy Elegy by J. D. Vance,

The Devil in Diary by Christie Phillips, The Seekers by Wanda Brunstetter, Ashes to

Ashes by Tami Hoag, The 12 Dogs of Christmas by David Rosenfelt, and Gloryland by Shelton Johnson. Our next Book Discussion will be held March 29th at 9:30.

Please plan to join us.

New Books: Copycat by Kimberla Lawson Roby, Echoes in Death by J D Robb,

Rescue Me by Susan May Warren, Right Behind You by Lisa Gardner, Heartbreak Hotel by Jonathan Kellerman, Humans Bow Down by James Patterson, Orphans Tale

By Pam Jenoff, Fatal by John Lescroart, Carve the Mark by Veronica Roth, This Life I

Live by Rory Feek and Lincoln on Leadership for Today by Donald Phillips.

New DVDS: Masterminds, The Light Between Oceans, Deepwater Horizon, Boo!,

The Girl on the Train, The Accountant, Middle School, and Inferno.

There are lots of new things to choose from!

This will be my last newsletter. I will be retiring March 17, after just being here

38 years. I welcome Brittany Gaulrapp into my position. Brittany was with us formerly a couple years ago, and I know she will do a great job as your new

Library Director. She and Kathy will be able to handle all your needs!!

It has been great working at the library all these years but I am ready to kick back and just be able to spend time doing a few things I didn't have time do while working. Looking forward to getting those 2 littlest grandchildren once in a while too (and probably the older ones also)!

Stop by the library and find a good book or movie and get to know your new

Director and visit with the not so new but dedicated ones left to carry on!!

I would like to say it has been great working with Kathy for the past 16 years.

She does a great job and we have become good friends. I wish her and the staff here all the best.

## Lena American Legion Auxiliary lists soup and pie competition winners

The winners at this year's American Legion Auxiliary's weekend activities were:

The pie baking contest winners were:

1st place-Linda Simler, Lena, with her caramel apple pie

2nd place-Shirley Boyer, Stockton, with her cherry pie

3rd place- Janice Fryer, Freeport, with her cherry pie

There were 18 pies judged.

The judges for this event were: Pastor Randy Nicholas, Deb Winning and Linda Werkheiser, all of Lena.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the event and would like to thank everyone for participating.

Those attending the Soup Tasting rated the soups and top votes received were: first-Brown Jug Soup, second was Cheesy Ham and Corn Chowder, and third Zuchinni Garden Chowder. There were 24 soups to taste.

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## Births Published FREE

The Shopper's Guide & Scoop Today publishes baby's birth announcement information for free. The only requirement is that the parents or grandparents be in the home delivery area.

A picture may also be included.

For information, call Laurie at 815-369-4112 or 815-947-3353

## Salem United Church of Christ in Lena hosts 'Walk to the Cross with Christ' series

Please join us at Salem United Church of Christ in Lena. We continue our series called "Walk to the Cross with Christ." We bring the Bible to life by interactively reading the book of Matthew beginning at the start of Christ's ministry to his death on the cross. Our 10:30 a.m. worship services will center on these Scriptures from chapters fifteen and

sixteen and reinforce how "Christ walks alongside us." We anticipate the Holy Spirit working in our lives and communities as God speaks to us through His Word. For more information, please call (815) 369-4511 or visit us on Facebook. We are the "Old Stone Church with the Lighted Cross" located at 8491 W. Salem Rd, Lena.

## Christ Lutheran Church to host chili/beef noodle supper

Plan to join Christ Lutheran Church WELCA on Monday, March 6 for the Chili/Beef Noodle Supper and cancel the meal prep for the evening.

All are welcome for the soup supper which includes chili or beef and noodles, sandwich, veggie cup, dessert and drink. The meal will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Christ Lutheran Church located at 600 South Main

Street in Stockton.

Take the night off and enjoy an evening with your family and community in a friendly and welcoming environment. Carry-outs are available as well.

Proceeds from the event will benefit seminary students as well as local and regional mission projects.

For more information, please visit, [www.christlutheranstockton.com](http://www.christlutheranstockton.com).

## Lena UMC schedules Annual Rummage and Bake Sale

The Lena United Methodist Church will be having its Annual Rummage & Bake Sale March 9-11. If you have clean useable items you would like to donate, bring them to our fellowship hall starting Mon. March 6 thru Wed. March 8, from 8:30-4:30. We will accept: furniture, clothing, house wares, yard-work items, toys, games and books. Watch for our Shopper's Guide ad next week for the Rummage and Bake Sale times.

## Rockford Muslim Mosque to host Interfaith Devotional

The next Interfaith Devotional will be held at the Rockford Muslim Mosque on South Mulford Road, Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Come and bring a friend and your concerns for the world, our nation, our city, the immigrants, the Native Americans, the Muslims, the Jewish friends, women, the African Americans, those imprisoned, and the Hispanics. We think they are all precious and deserving of our prayers. That's at the Muslim Mosque, Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. on South Mulford Road in Rockford

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# Regional Office of Education crowns Spelling Bee champions

The 35th Annual Regional Spelling Bee was held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Pearl City school gym. The Regional Bee is sponsored by the Regional Office of Education #8 of Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties. The winner of the spelling bee wins a paid trip to the National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. A parent/guardian will also be able to accompany the winner to the National Bee.

Olivia Charles, eighth grader from West Carroll school district, won the Regional Spelling Bee. Hannah Visel, from the Northern Illinois Christian Home Educators, won second place.

Hannah misspelled "teriyaki" at the beginning of round 12. Olivia correctly spelled "diesel" to finish out the round. Olivia went on to spell "percolate" correctly to win the bee.

First and second place winners won trophies donated by the Regional Office of Education, \$25 Amazon gift cards from Scripps National Spelling Bee, and Merriam-Webster dictionaries. The Regional Office of Education would like to thank all those who help sponsor the Regional Spelling Bee.



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Regional Spelling Bee second place winner Hannah Visel, from the Northern Illinois Christian Home Educators and first place winner Olivia Charles, an eighth grader from West Carroll school district celebrate their victory with Regional Superintendent Aaron Mercier (center) following the competition held Tuesday in the Pearl City auditorium.

## Pearl City School begins 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 3-5 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.



**Jay Polhill**  
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Mom, Dad, Billy, Katie and Jay

## 'The Bible' Lenten sermon series at McConnell UMC

McConnell United Methodist Church invites everyone to join us throughout the Lenten season as we embark on a 30 day trip through the most compelling narratives in the Bible, utilizing clips from "The Bible" miniseries led by Pastor Matt Smith.

March 5: Journey from Death to Life  
March 12: Journey from Slavery to

Freedom

March 19: Journey from Victim to Victor

March 26: Journey from Religion to Relationship

April 2: Journey from Darkness to Light.

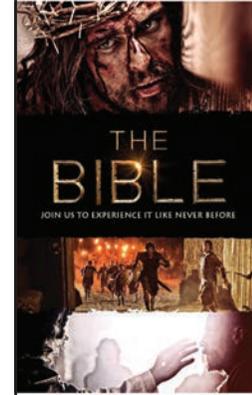
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# Fire on the Prairie: March 18 'Popcorn and Program' and April 12 viewing of a Prescribed Burn

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites the public to two upcoming events exploring and celebrating "fire on the prairie."

First, on Saturday evening, March 18, a popcorn and program event will take place at the Galena Territory Association owners' club, 2000

Territory Drive, Galena. The program will feature a dramatic video of prairie burn photographs by rural landscape photographer Jill Metcoff and a presentation on the science and function of fire on the prairie by JDCF director of land stewardship, Ryan Getz.

From lightning strikes that ignited

seas of waving grass centuries ago to today's prescribed and tightly managed prairie burns, Native Americans, our ancestors and we ourselves have observed that a burned prairie is a better prairie. But why and to what end?

Jill Metcoff has been recording prescribed burns with her large format camera since 1998. "My photographs freeze frame this process," she says, "catching in a split second the moment when fire is actor and conductor of change." Her video montage, called "Firelines," pairs these images with commentary by early settlers and conservationists.

For Ryan Getz, fire on the prairie is about restoration. Ryan works with the Northwest Illinois Prescribed Fire Coop, consisting of staff from JDCF, the Northwest Illinois Prairie Enthusiasts, the Galena Territory and local volunteers. They set fires in precisely calculated and monitored weather conditions in order to scorch the vegetation on a prairie or woodland site without damaging surrounding landscapes or structures. "Our goal is to restore some of the habitat that has been lost to development," says Ryan. That prairie habitat attracts birds, pollinators and other beneficial insects and wildlife.

On April 12, the public is invited to witness one of these prescribed prairie burns, at JDCF's Casper Land and Water Reserve, near Galena.

"Fire is an indispensable tool," Ryan says. Today, about 500 acres of land owned by JDCF is planted in prairie, or is planned for prairie. Illinois is "the prairie state," but Ryan says that "only about one hundredth of one percent of what was once prairie in Illinois remains."

The March 18 "fire on the prairie" video and presentation is free to attend and does not require an RSVP. Complimentary popcorn will be served. It is a BYOB event with complimentary beer generously provided by the Potosi Foundation, Potosi, Wisconsin, as long as supplies last. The doors at the Galena Territory owners' club social hall will open at 6:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 7 p.m.

The April 12 viewing of a prescribed burn is also free to attend, but RSVP's are required. Because weather conditions must be precise, the date will be subject to change. Those who have signed up to attend will be kept apprised by email. To sign up, and for more information on attending the burn and on other JDCF programs and activities, visit [www.jdcf.org](http://www.jdcf.org).

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# Scales Mound CUSD #211 BOF holds meeting

The following is a summary of action taken at the Feb. 21, Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 School Board meeting. For more information please contact Ruth Foley or Dr. Bill Caron at 815-845-2215.

## Presentations:

Mrs. Brooke Deppe, School Counselor, presented the work she is doing with students to plan for careers. She set up examples of students' career posters throughout the library for the Board and visitors to view. Mrs. Deppe explained the first Career Day Expo, "Career Palooza," that she developed with the help of the students. She was very proud of the work the students created and the presentations they gave to parents, visitors, and other students at the Career Expo.

Superintendent Dr. Bill Caron updated the Board on legislative matters that pertain to the school district, explained the initial plans for a Title 1 summer school program, and presented information about the district 504-program procedures. He explained that the Title 1 summer

school plans will be brought to the Board for consideration and approval in March and the program will run in late July.

Principal Matt Wiederholt informed the Board that he had recently been asked to present at a regional principal's meeting in Freeport. Dr. Wiederholt was asked by the Regional Office of Education to explain some of the innovative programs and activities occurring in Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211. Part of his discussion included the introduction of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, the development of the district threat assessment procedures, and creative scheduling for small school districts. Dr. Wiederholt provided the board with information regarding the update of the district's response to intervention (RtI) process, the upcoming PARCC and State science tests, and a preview of the school improvement day activities on March 1.

## New Business:

In new business, the board discussed and approved a proposed change in the way the district sched-

ules the classroom portion of drivers' education. Dr. Wiederholt explained that when the district changed to an all summer drivers' education program many of the current activities students are involved in did not exist. After evaluating the needs of the students, scheduling, and potential financial considerations, it was determined that students could take the classroom portion of drivers' education during the school year and complete their six hours of behind the wheel after school ended in the spring. This change would decrease the number of hours needed for a drivers' education teacher in the summer to teach the classroom program and fit the schedules of many of the students taking the course. The Board approved the change that will take effect in the 2017-18 school year.

Dr. Wiederholt and Mrs. Deppe presented the 2017-18 school year high school and junior high school schedules. They discussed the challenges experienced by small districts scheduling classes. They explained that the goal is to provide

the students with the requirements needed for graduation and give students elective courses that meet their needs. Other challenges include developing a schedule that would allow students interested in courses at the JoDaviess Career and Technical Academy (CTE) and music students to still be able to participate in those programs. The Board approved the 2017-18 schedule.

Dr. Caron and the Board discussed the 2017-18 school year calendar. Dr. Caron explained that staff, parents, and Board members reviewed the proposed calendar, and that it is very similar to the current year calendar. He also explained that area superintendents shared the calendars with each other and other co-

operative schools. The first day of school would be Aug. 25, winter break would be from Dec. 22 to Jan. 4, spring break would be March 29, 2018 to April 3, and the final day of student attendance would be May 22, without the use of any emergency days. The Board approved the calendar for the 2017-18 school year.

In final action, the Board approved two agreements with Richard L. Johnson and Associates/Architects. One was for the Transportation/Fitness Facility study and one was for the upcoming 10 year Life/Safety Re-Survey Report.

The next School Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, at 7 p.m..

## Illinois Sheriffs' Association announces scholarships

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association announces that it will be awarding \$54,500 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2017-2018 academic year. The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books, and fees only. The students must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

Sheriff Kevin Turner, Jo Daviess County, will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex, or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents

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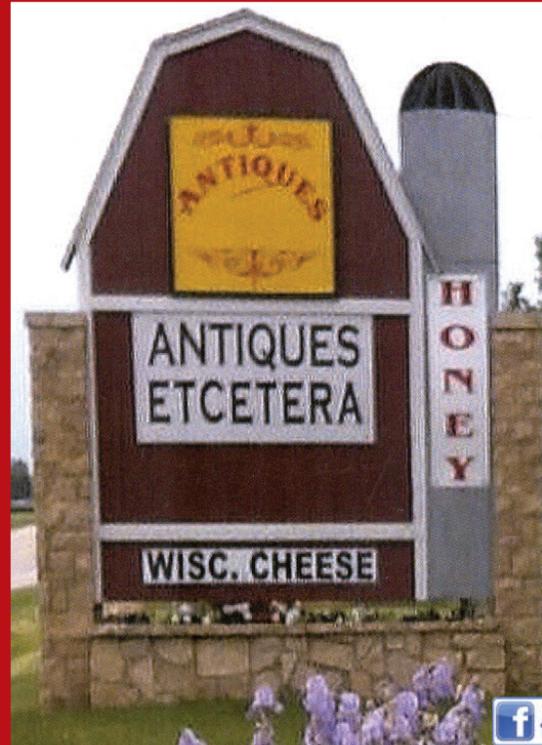
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## An evening with the Stockton Chamber

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce annual dinner has a long standing reputation as the place to see and be seen and this year's gala event was no exception.



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## Pearl City students celebrate World Read Aloud Day

Pearl City First graders from Mrs. Lorig's class and fourth graders from Mrs. Brouhard's class came together on Feb. 16 to celebrate World Read Aloud Day.

## HCC celebrates Servant Leadership's 20th anniversary

On Saturday, March 11, Highland Community College will be honoring and celebrating 20 years of Servant Leadership with special training and event. Current and former Servant Leadership participants and mentors are encouraged to attend to help celebrate the success and growth of the program.

The day opens with a 9 a.m. breakfast followed by a two-hour training session. Afterward, guests will gather for a noon luncheon followed with the Keynote Speaker Tammy Abell, who will lead an interactive session for all current

and former Servant Leadership participants. Abell is from Greenville, Ohio.

"Tammy has been the program's keynote, motivational, inspirational, and educational trainer for over 18 years. Students have always requested that we bring Tammy back year after year. Tammy has gifted Highland with her servant heart over the years, and the motto of HCC's program 'to change the world, we must touch the world' was first birthed out of a training activity that she facilitated. It also captures her heart of service as a trainer and a longtime friend of Highland," said Kim Pool, coordinator of HCC's Servant Leadership program.

Current and former Servant Leadership participants and mentors are asked to visit [highland.edu/servantleader20](http://highland.edu/servantleader20) to RSVP for the day's events, provide background on their current activities, and detail how Servant Leadership has made a difference in their personal and professional life.

In addition, the Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois is providing free weekend passes to all individuals and their families for attending the special event.

### Celebration Activities

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Breakfast for all past and present servant leadership mentors, scholarship recipients, student assistants, HCC presidents, board members, and special guests. Location: Student/Conference Center, Cafeteria  
10 a.m. to noon — Servant Leadership Training is in session for current students. Guests are welcome to attend and be a participant or observer. Location: Student/Conference Center, H-201  
Noon to 1 p.m. — Lunch for all past and present servant leadership participants, mentors, scholarship recipients, student assistants, HCC Presidents, board members, and special guests. Location: Student/Conference Center, Cafeteria

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. — "Looking back; Looking forward" is an interactive session with Tammy Abell in H-201 in the Student/Conference Center.

For more details, please contact Kim Pool at 815.599.3574 or [kim.pool@highland.edu](mailto:kim.pool@highland.edu).

## A little levity to lighten your day

A 60-year-old man goes to the doctor for a checkup. Afterwards, the doctor comments on what good shape the man is in for his age, "I bet your father was really healthy." The man replies, "WAS? He's 80 and goes skiing every weekend." "Well, your grandfather must have been very healthy as well." "BEEN?" the man replies. "He's 100 and goes skiing every weekend, in fact he's getting married next month!" "Why would a man 110 years old want to get married?" asks the doctor. The man replies, "Who said he wants to?"

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# Galena Food Pantry serves hundreds on a weekly basis

By John Day  
CORRESPONDENT

Hunger in America is found in affluent areas, blue collar neighborhoods and homes struggling to just make ends meet. Case in point: Galena, IL, a quaint tourist destination that is also home to the largest food pantry in Jo Daviess County.

Virgil Gehling, a former director of the Galena Food Pantry said that more than 20 years ago the system was a network of small pantries each sponsored by separate churches. Around the year 2000, the United Churches of Galena assumed a leadership role in the effort to better serve the community and reorganize the food pantry as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit.

Today, the Galena Food Pantry is located in the lower rear level of the Illinois Bank & Trust building. As a 501(c)(3) organization the pantry purchases the majority of its foods from the River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, Iowa. The pantry and the United Churches of Galena publish quarterly reports and financial statements in addition to an annual report.

Lorrie Mattas, a long time volunteer, said that having the pantry located in the bank building eases the burdens of rent, utilities and building up keep. Only about five percent or less of spending is for operational needs. The remainder of the budget goes directly to food purchases, the majority of which comes from River Bend.

River Bend has authorized the Galena Pantry to provide foods to anyone in need from anywhere in Jo Daviess County. Furthermore, the Galena Pantry is part of the Illinois Emergency Food Network.

Mattas said that while the majority of food stuffs may come from River Bend, supplies are also provided by local church food drives, food drives or offerings conducted by community groups such as boy scouts and direct giving from citizens.

With regard to funding, Mattas said, "Fund raising is a year-round effort. Monies come by way of grants from Tyson Foods, the Dubuque Racing Commission, Jo Daviess Country Fair, the Galena Oktoberfest, and a portion of the proceeds from the annual Galena Christmas Concert. Of course, a number of generous citizens make direct cash contributions."

Mattas said that at the moment, "The number of people in need seems to be holding steady. During the month of January food was provided for 162 households which is the equivalent of 479 people. It appears that distributions for February will pretty much the same."

Mattas also explained that there are often fluctuations in the number of people in need. This, she believes is because the economics of Galena. She said, "The tourist based economy has peaks and valleys. A great number of area people are employed in the restaurant and retail businesses which can be easily affected by weather, economy and the seasonal peaks of tourism."

the Galena Food Pantry. Operating under the umbrella of the United Churches of Galena, the pantry has access to a large number of volunteers. Much of the help comes from the churches whose member are prone to volunteers for causes in which they believe. Volunteers come as well from combined efforts of such local community associations as the Rotary Club, and others. Additionally there is a considerable population of retirees who want to devote time to worthy causes.

Volunteers with experience working in foundations or knowledge of grant writing are an asset of great value.

Mattas said, "We have wheel chairs here because we applied for a grant to make the pantry more accessible. We have other equipment like a freezer where we are able to store overstock meat purchased from Walmart because we applied for grants. When all else fails we write a request for cash donations to purchase a specific item or just inquire if a business could possibly

make a donation of a piece of equipment."

On a typical day at the pantry the parking lot and building are filled with people. As many as 35 volunteers wearing bright safety green vests are directing traffic or pushing shopping carts to and from the pantry entrance. A long line of parked automobiles stretches along the shoulder of the road, and at the entryway a volunteer hands a number to each person entering.

Inside the building a number of people sit on benches waiting for their number to be called and have an order filled. Workers move back and forth through aisles of shelving putting boxes and cans of food on carts and then pushing the carts to an area where the goods are bagged.

Galena Food Pantry Board President. Tom VanGelden said the pantry also supports a back pack project.

"And, this is where we assemble back packs," said VanGelden. The back pack program allows the pantry to send kids home with some nutri-

tious food to get through the weekend. The back packs are assembled and filled by student volunteers from Galena and Scales Mound High Schools and then sent off to those schools. If those back packs didn't

go out, more than 100 kids would be hungry over the weekend."

The Galena Food Pantry is located at 971 Gear St. in Galena and is open the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

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Sunday, March 5 • 1 - 3 p.m.



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## Community Bank makes donation to Lena Community Center

Community Bank was pleased to recently make a \$5000 donation to the Lena Community Center to help with capital improvement needs. On hand to present the check were Vice Presidents of Community Bank, Valerie Dunlavey and Jason Kempel.

While presenting the check, Community Center board members Connie Stamm and Connie Kraft expressed their appreciation for the generous donation for the flooring project stating that without it they would not be able to move forward. They also commended Community

Bank for all they do in our community!

The Lena Community Center has an upper level that is a versatile space designed for larger banquet or meeting rooms. It is handicap accessible and offers a large parking lot as well as having a kitchen and bar available. The lower level is designed for smaller events. The facility is located at 497 Lions Drive and has been providing banquet facilities since 1994. For more information about the Lena Community Center call 815-369-5362 (Lena).

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We said goodbye to February with a blast of winter. The week before was absolutely beautiful, and we really did get spoiled. Ash Wednesday and the first day of March coincide. The Lenten season is in full force. We will try to have a meatless entry for each week. I didn't have any Mardi Gras recipes this year, because it was so late, I completely blocked it out. However, there is a great tuna recipe this week, some good soup, a "red" recipe and two great desserts.

The first recipe this week is a "red" recipe. We are saying goodbye to February. This red salad was given to me by a friend, and I thought that I had lost it. I found it just in time to share it with you. I doubt if I could have kept track of it for another whole year!

## Cherry Coke Salad

1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple  
 ½ C. water  
 2 pkgs. (3 oz. each) cherry gelatin  
 1 can (21 oz.) cherry pie filling  
 ¾ C. Coca Cola

Drain pineapple, reserving the juice; set fruit aside. In a saucepan or microwave, bring pineapple juice and water to a boil. Add the gelatin and stir until dissolved. Stir in pie filling and Coke. Pour into a serv-

ing bowl. Refrigerate until slightly thickened. Fold in reserved pineapple. Refrigerate until firm.

Recently I saw some beautiful yellow squash in the grocery store. The small squash were so pretty and just begged to be put in the cart. This casserole can be used as a main meal with a salad and bread or as a side. Enjoy this great squash casserole.

## Squash Casserole

4 lbs. yellow squash, sliced  
 1 large sweet onion, minced  
 1 container (16 oz.) sour cream  
 ½ C. mayonnaise  
 3 large eggs, lightly beaten  
 ¼ C. chopped green onion  
 2 T. flour  
 2 C. shredded Cheddar cheese  
 1 medium red bell pepper, chopped  
 1½ t. salt  
 1 t. pepper  
 2½ C. crushed butter crackers (like Ritz)

¼ C. butter melted  
 Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 pan baking dish with cooking spray. In a large Dutch oven or cooking pot, bring squash, onion and enough water to cover to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook until just tender, about 8 minutes; drain well.

In a large bowl, stir together sour cream, mayo, eggs, green onion, and flour. Stir in cheese, bell pepper, salt and pepper. Gently stir in squash mixture. Pour into a prepared pan. In a medium bowl, stir together cracker crumbs and melted butter; sprinkle onto the casserole. Bake until set, 35 to 40 minutes.

This tuna casserole is a little jazzy for tuna casseroles. It has a little kick to it and uses spaghetti rather than noodles. You can buy jars of capers in the vegetable section of the grocery store. Many people like to put capers on lettuce salad for just a little kick.

## Tuna and Tomato Sauce

1 small onion, sliced  
 2 T. olive oil  
 3 T. capers  
 1 can (14 oz.) tomatoes  
 1 can tuna packed in oil  
 12 oz. spaghetti, cooked—reserve pasta water  
 3 T. oil  
 ¾ C. pasta water  
 Salt and pepper

Cook the onion in the 3 tablespoons of oil in a large skillet over medium heat until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the tomatoes and cook, stirring until the tomatoes are cooked. Smash with a spatula. Add the tuna, breaking the tuna into finer chunks. Toss with the spaghetti and 3 tablespoons olive oil, adding up to ¾ cup of pasta water to loosen the sauce. Season with salt and pepper.

This soup is a little different because it uses some spices that help the flavor. It also uses cabbage instead of a pasta or tortillas. If you are not into hot and spicy, cut down on the green chilies and substitute parsley for the cilantro.

## Mexican Cabbage Roll Soup

1 lb. ground beef  
 ½ t. salt  
 ¾ t. garlic powder  
 ¼ t. pepper  
 1 T. olive oil  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 6 C. chopped cabbage  
 3 cans (4 oz. each) chopped green chilies  
 2 C. water  
 1 can (14 ½ oz.) beef broth  
 2 T. minced fresh cilantro  
 Pico de gallo  
 Sour Cream

In a saucepan, cook and crumble the beef with seasonings over medium-high heat until no longer pink,

5-7 minutes. Remove from pan.

In the same pan, heat oil over medium-high heat; sauté onions and cabbage until crisp-tender about 4-6 minutes. Stir in beef chilies, water and broth; simmer, covered, about 10 minutes. Stir in cilantro. Add toppings if desired.

Instead of having a recipe for a "King Cake" for Fat Tuesday, this buttermilk cake is just as good. It is decadent and tasty. Be sure you use the correct size of fluted tube pan (Bundt pan). The buttermilk makes it really moist. Enjoy this caramel delighted dessert.

## Buttermilk Cake with Caramel Icing

2 1/3 C. sugar  
 1 C. butter, softened  
 3 eggs  
 1½ t. vanilla  
 3 C. flour  
 1 t. baking soda  
 1 C. buttermilk  
 Icing:  
 ¼ C. butter, cubed  
 ½ C. packed brown sugar  
 1/3 C. heavy whipping cream  
 1 C. powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine flour and baking soda; add to creamed mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating well after each addition (batter will be thick).

Pour into a greased and floured 10-inch fluted tube pan. Bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

Icing: in a small saucepan, combine the butter, brown sugar and

cream. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat; cool for 5-10 minutes. Whisk in powdered sugar and drizzle over the cake.

We are marching into spring—I think we have a lot of winter left. I am always hoping that I am wrong. Basketball season and wrestling are over except in Orangeville where they are still in the thick of it at this writing. The musical is just a week and half away. The spring sports will begin practice which is a sure sign that things are moving into a new season. Spring training for baseball is just around the corner. We are looking for some Lent and Easter recipes.

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 School kindergarten registration for Fall, 2017

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 9. Open House is from 6-8 p.m., we will have concert in the large gym starting at 6 p.m., 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.

## Stockton FFA Chapter hosts Donkey Basketball extravaganza

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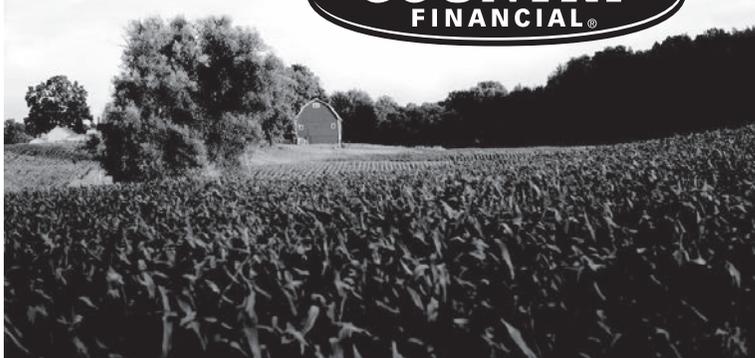
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# Galena Food Pantry serves hundreds on a weekly basis

By John Day  
CORRESPONDENT

Hunger in America is found in affluent areas, blue collar neighborhoods and homes struggling to just make ends meet. Case in point: Galena, IL, a quaint tourist destination that is also home to the largest food pantry in Jo Daviess County.

Virgil Gehling, a former director of the Galena Food Pantry said that more than 20 years ago the system was a network of small pantries each sponsored by separate churches. Around the year 2000, the United Churches of Galena assumed a leadership role in the effort to better serve the community and reorganize the food pantry as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit.

Today, the Galena Food Pantry is located in the lower rear level of the Illinois Bank & Trust building. As a 501(c)(3) organization the pantry pur-

chases the majority of its foods from the River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, Iowa. The pantry and the United Churches of Galena publish quarterly reports and financial statements in addition to an annual report.

Lorrie Mattas, a long time volunteer, said that having the pantry located in the bank building eases the burdens of rent, utilities and building up keep. Only about five percent or less of spending is for operational needs. The remainder of the budget goes directly to food purchases, the majority of which comes from River Bend.

River Bend has authorized the Galena Pantry to provide foods to anyone in need from anywhere in Jo Daviess County. Furthermore, the Galena Pantry is part of the Illinois Emergency Food Network.

Mattas said that while the majority of food stuffs may come from River

Bend, supplies are also provided by local church food drives, food drives or offerings conducted by community groups such as boy scouts and direct giving from citizens.

With regard to funding, Mattas said, "Fund raising is a year-round effort. Monies come by way of grants from Tyson Foods, the Dubuque Racing Commission, Jo Daviess Country Fair, the Galena Oktoberfest, and a portion of the proceeds from the annual Galena Christmas Concert. Of course, a number of generous citizens make direct cash contributions."

Mattas said that at the moment, "The number of people in need seems to be holding steady. During the month of January food was provided for 162 households which is the equivalent of 479 people. It appears that distributions for February will pretty much the same."

Mattas also explained that there are often fluctuations in the number of people in need. This, she believes is because of the economics of Galena. She said, "The tourist based economy has peaks and valleys. A great number of area people are employed in the restaurant and retail businesses which can be easily affected by weather, economy and the seasonal peaks of tourism."

Volunteers are the backbone of the Galena Food Pantry. Operating under the umbrella of the United Churches of Galena, the pantry has access to a large number of volunteers. Much of the help comes from the churches whose member are prone to volunteers for causes in which they believe. Volunteers come as well from combined efforts of such local community associations as the Rotary Club, and others. Additionally there is a considerable population of retirees who want to devote time to worthy causes.

Volunteers with experience working in foundations or knowledge of grant writing are an asset of great value.

Mattas said, "We have wheel chairs here because we applied for a grant to make the pantry more accessible. We have other equipment like a freezer where we are able to store overstock meat purchased from Walmart because we applied for grants. When all else fails we write a request for cash donations to purchase a specific item or just inquire if a business could possibly make a donation of a piece of equip-

ment."

On a typical day at the pantry the parking lot and building are filled with people. As many as 35 volunteers wearing bright safety green vests are directing traffic or pushing shopping carts to and from the pantry entrance. A long line of parked automobiles stretches along the shoulder of the road, and at the entryway a volunteer hands a number to each person entering.

Inside the building a number of people sit on benches waiting for their number to be called and have an order filled. Workers move back and forth through aisles of shelving putting boxes and cans of food on carts and then pushing the carts to an area where the goods are bagged.

Galena Food Pantry Board President. Tom VanGelden said the pantry also supports a back pack project.

"And, this is where we assemble back packs," said VanGelden. The back pack program allows the pantry to send kids home with some nutritious food to get through the weekend. The back packs are assembled and filled by student volunteers from Galena and Scales Mound High Schools and then sent off to those schools. If those back packs didn't go out, more than 100 kids would be hungry over the weekend."

The Galena Food Pantry is located at 971 Gear St. in Galena and is open the second and fourth Thursday of each month.



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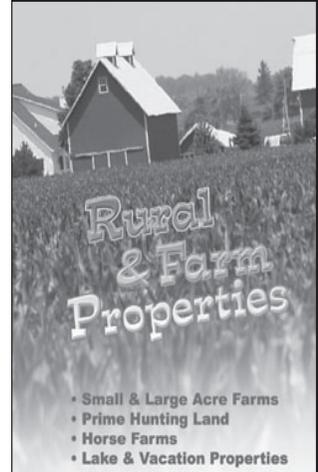
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# HCC Foundation announces scholarship donation on behalf of Robert L. Johnson

The Highland Community College Foundation recently received a \$100,000 donation to the Edna Hayden Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund from General Mills on behalf of former board member Robert L. Johnson. Johnson served as a member of the General Mills Board of Directors from June 1999 to October 2004.

"In recognition of Robert Johnson's service as a board member of General Mills, the company is proud to make the donation on his behalf in connection with its former Di-

rector Planned Giving Program that recognized board service through philanthropy," said Ben Backberg, assistant corporate secretary.

Named after Robert L. Johnson's mother, the Edna Hayden Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in 2001, supports women of African descendants pursuing career fields that develop the nation's children. The scholarships are awarded to students pursuing degrees and certificates in professional education, nursing, early childhood education, or cosmetology at Highland

Community College.

Edna Hayden Johnson was born and raised in Good Hope, Mississippi, where she worked as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse in the Good Hope community. After a consolidation of the schools in Hickory, Mississippi, Mrs. Johnson continued to teach elementary grades at a "colored school" in Hickory. She relocated to Freeport, Illinois with her husband, Archie Johnson, in the late 1950s. In Freeport, she raised 10 children, including Robert L. Johnson, and three grandchildren while

working, volunteering, and remaining active in her St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

According to her family, education was a priority for Edna Hayden Johnson; she encouraged all of her children and grandchildren to complete school. Many Johnson family members have attended Highland Community College.

Robert L. Johnson spent the majority of his childhood in Freeport. He graduated from Freeport High School in 1964 and went on to study history at the University of Illinois, in Champaign-Urbana. He completed a master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University in 1972. Johnson founded Black Entertainment Television (BET) in 1979 and served as the chairman and CEO of the first cable network targeting an African American audience. He became the first African American billionaire upon selling the network to Viacom in 2001. Johnson has since started the holding company and asset management firm, The RLJ Companies, and has invested in numerous businesses, organizations, political causes, and campaigns.

The Highland Community College Foundation was established in 1962 as a charitable, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that exists solely for the purpose of raising funds in support of Highland Community College. The HCC Foundation has provided more than \$7 million in scholarship support to Highland students, and \$12.6 million in grants to the College. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our corporate and individual donors.

For more information about the Edna Hayden Johnson Memorial Scholarship, or Highland Community College Foundation, call 815-599-3413 or email [foundation@highland.edu](mailto:foundation@highland.edu).

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All preschool age children residing in the Stockton School District are eligible.

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### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency 2016-2017 LIHEAP Heating Utility Assistance Program

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

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## Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois hosts first annual Bunny Hop

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## Pleasant Valley Busy Bees hold regular February meeting

By Brissia Garcia and Lilly Groezinger  
CLUB REPORTERS

The Pleasant Valley Busy Bees 4-H'ers held their club meeting on Monday, Feb. 20, at Elda Goodmiller's home in Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

The club planned meeting themes and field trips for the year, discussed bowling sign-up, received project manuals and revised club officers.

4-H is open to all youth ages 5 to 18. If you are interested in joining the Pleasant Valley Busy Bees, please call club leader Elda Goodmiller at 1-815-598-3152. The club would be thrilled to see you at their intercultural-themed meeting in March, where they will have fun learning about Chinese culture!

# Panthers out after push to final

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

It was known that the Lena-Winslow Panthers would be a team to watch when the IHSA Class 1A Boys' Basketball State Playoffs began. They were on a streak and hot entering the post-season having notched five straight.

They lived up to expectations and fought their way to the Regional Championship at home, but fell to top seed Elgin-Harvest Christian Academy in the Friday, Feb. 24 final 57-51 ending their season-closing win streak, following their seventh straight victory.

The six-seed Panthers had to win three games to claim the Class 1A Title and earn the right to move on to Pecatonica for the Class 1A Sectional Round. They almost got it done.

As the tournament opened on Monday, Feb. 20 at Lena-Winslow, the Panthers got to sit back and watch as the seven-seed Dakota Indians dispatched the eight-seed Pecatonica Indians 54-49. The winner from the opener had to move on to face the Region's top-seed on night two, Harvest Christian Academy. Dakota lost 72-49 in the Regional Semi-Final.

Lena-Winslow got to play on night two on Tuesday, Feb. 21 and faced the ten-seed Durand Bulldogs. The Panthers were heavily favored to win their opener and accomplished the task 67-33. The win moved them on to the Wednesday semi-final.

As Wednesday's games began the Panthers knew they would be facing four-seed Schaumburg Christian to earn the right to advance to the Class 1A Final. The Northeastern Athletic Conference representative knocked out 14-seed Keith Country Day in their own play-in game, 74-51 on Tuesday.

Lena-Winslow's offense found a new step in the Wednesday Regional Semi-Final. They defeated the higher ranked program from Schaumburg by 24 points, 68-44. The 68 points scored by the Panthers was their offensive high point of the season. Only once this year have they closed a night with that much on the scoresheet. In the play-in game to open the State Tournament they scored 67 over Durand.

The win pushed Lena-Winslow into its showdown with the top-seed in the southern branch of the Class 1A Pecatonica Sectional Complex.

Harvest Christian took slight control of the night beginning in the opening period. They kept the Panthers

from exploring all of their offensive options.

The Lions won the opening frame by two points, 15-13 and matched that outcome in the second as they doubled their advantage at the half to 31-27.

Isaiah Bruce led the Panthers in scoring in the opening period with five. Ty Chrisman picked up in the second for Lena-Winslow as he chipped in six. Together the two athletes helped keep the Panthers in striking distance.

Bruce led his team again in the third period as he collected seven points. The Panthers tallied eleven and kept the Lions from running away with the game. Lena-Winslow cut into the halftime deficit by the end of the third after they held Harvest Christian Academy to just eight points in the period. After three it was the top seed leading the six-seed by a point, 39-38.

Free throw shooting by the Regional Champ helped lock down the win, as they connected on almost 70 percent of their chances. Bruce attempted to continue leading his Panthers as he put six points up in the period.

Harvest Christian Academy was too strong and they held on for the six-point win 57-51.

Bruce had 23 points for Lena-Winslow. He received support from Chrisman who scored nine as well as Tanner Lawfer and his six and Payden Lingle with five points scored.

The winter season came to a close for Lena-Winslow following the loss in the Regional Title Game. Meetings are already being called and student-athletes are already making the transition from the winter sports schedule to the spring season waiting.

# Broncos bring home Regional Crown

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Orangeville pulled off the streak they needed and claimed the Elgin-Westminster Christian Regional Crown following a 55-53 win over the two-seed in the northern branch of the Pecatonica Sectional.

The Broncos started the game with a single-point advantage. They exchanged baskets and turnovers through the early minutes of play and captured the 13-12 edge entering the second.

It was a different story for both squads in the second period. The offense wasn't as apparent as it had been in the first. Combined, the two teams scored 15 points with Orangeville getting the upper hand at the break, in front 23-17.

In the third period Elgin's offense showed why they were so competitive in conference play this season. They were hitting shots from across the floor and visiting the lane frequently. They had the ability to score a lot of points in a hurry and they did so as they competed in regular season conference play this season.

Westminster Christian's Warriors entered the post-season with an 18-10 mark. They were 8-3 in the Northeastern Athletic Conference and finished in fifth place behind Schaumburg Christian, Harvest Christian Academy, Luther North and Aurora Christian.

The 22 points the Warriors put up in the third in the Regional Final gave them the lead and began to take some of the wind, out of the Broncos' metaphorical sails. Orangeville was held to 13 points in the frame and entered the final minutes of play down 39-36.

An unsuspecting hero stepped up for Orangeville in the final period. Freshman Carter Kleckler began finding open looks. He scored all seven of his points in the fourth quarter including two three's down the stretch.

His efforts, paired with Austin Guy's 21 points helped pull the win away from Westminster Christian and send Orangeville on in the post-season with the 55-53 decision.

Noah Parriott added twelve points for Orangeville as Braden O'Haver scored nine.

The win gave the Broncos the Class 1A Regional Title and moved them on to Pecatonica for the Class 1A Sectional opener on Tuesday, Feb. 28. With the contest played following the release of this week's edition, details are unavailable at this time.

It is known it will be a major undertaking for the three-seed Broncos to knock back the top-seed Warriors from East Dubuque. They were almost untouchable in the NUIC-West race this season. Their 28-2 season mark consisted of a 12-1 record within the conference.

Only Galena beat them within the NUIC this year and that was by one point a little over two weeks ago. The

defensive pressure thrown at East Dubuque was too much to deal with as they fell late 37-36 in that match.

Byron gave East Dubuque its only other loss this year as game play in the MLK Memorial Tournament wrapped up in mid-January.

If Orangeville pulled off the major upset on Tuesday night, Feb. 28, they will move on to Friday night's Sectional Championship in Pecatonica to face either top-seed Elgin-Harvest Christian Academy or two-seed Freeport Aquin for the Class 1A second-round title.

The winner from Pecatonica advances to Northern Illinois University and the State of Illinois' Elite Eight for a Super-Sectional showdown on Tuesday, March 7 against the winner from the Chicago-Hope Academy Sectional. Top-seed Chicago-Luther North faces Chicago-John Hope for the right to move on to Carver Arena in Peoria with a win in the round-three game.

## LEGALS

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **February 6, 2017**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Panther Fitness** located at **621 Lena St., Lena, IL 61048**.

Dated February 6, 2017  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, In Probate

IN THE ESTATE OF: JACQUELINE A. LOCKETT, deceased

Case No. 16 P 73  
CLAIM NOTICE  
TO: CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of JACQUELINE A. LOCKETT who died on August 9, 2016, a resident of Davis, Illinois.

2. Letters of Testamentary were issued on September 13, 2016 to the Representative for the estate, LUTHER C. LOCKETT.

3. The attorney for the estate is Paul J. Huber, 226 Lake Summerset Rd., Davis, IL 61019

4. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of

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Paul J. Huber, attorney for  
Luther C. Lockett  
Paul J. Huber, No. 6192970  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
226 Lake Summerset Rd.  
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