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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church provides nourishing food with an outreach flavor

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

The lunch program offered every Wednesday at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in rural Elizabeth (actually Schapville) is anything but normal in its community outreach effort.

"We are giving soup and sandwich to anyone who wants to come and share their time with us," said Shepherd of the Hills Outreach Evangelism Committee Director Jim Cox. "It is free and we are offering friendship and fellowship and a time to get together."

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church began the luncheon project in early February.

"We usually have 30 to 35 people come and with the Sonshine Center Outreach just down the street, the workers there come and we are seeing a number of their customers and donors come in as well," Cox said. "We get people from Galena and from its nursing home and we are excited about the ministry because we are reaching out to the community. We are here for those who are alone and want to talk to somebody or just want to come by for lunch and say hi."

He said volunteers are the lifeblood of the project.

"Our Men's Bible Study group hosts the lunch two times a month and other groups fill in for the other weeks," said Cox. "We open the doors from 10 a.m. until around 2 p.m. and lunch is served from 11 till 1. We couldn't do this without our volunteers."

Former Church Council member Ray Isreal said the project's fellowship extends beyond lunch to playing cards and board games and more.

"The whole idea is just to get people to meet each other and sit and visit and it's working well," Isreal said. "We've got one fellow who is well into his 90s, but still loves to make chocolate chip cookies and everybody loves him."

"These lunches are kind of an offshoot of what we've been doing here at the church for the last seven or eight years," said Shepherd of the Hills member Bob Stark. "Every year we had a Men's Steak Fry that the men hosted to raise money for area food banks, that changed last year."

He said they changed things up a bit when they decided rather than having the men do the steak fry they opened it up to the whole congregation and added a silent auction, a bake sale, and live entertainment.

"I think that event really highlighted what the Holy Spirit can do when you pull people together and once that event was over we began asking what we could do further in the community," said Stark. "The Lutheran Church has a saying, 'God's work. Our hands' and we were led to go out into the community and see where God is already at work."

They quickly saw God's hand in the work of the Sonshine Center Outreach.

"When we went out and took a look around we saw God is really at work at the Sonshine Center and has been for a long time," he said. "So we began wondering what we could do in conjunction with the Sonshine Center. They have between 70 and 75 people come through there on Wednesdays, the one day a week they are open, so we thought to open our church and do a free lunch for folks. We are finding we are not only drawing folks from the Sonshine Center, but we are also seeing others from the area who see us as a place to come in once a week, sit down and enjoy the company of other folks."

He said the project is fitting their vision of community outreach in the sense that many of the folks coming by lunch have nothing to do with Shepherd of the Hills Church except that they see the lunches as an opportunity for fellowship.

"That's exactly the reason we wanted to do it, so it's been a good effort, people come in the doors all the time



TONY CARTON PHOTO *The Scoop Today*

The Addie family joined with the folks from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Scales Mound to enjoy the free soup and sandwich community lunch served at the church every Wednesday.

and spreading the lunch out between 11 and 1 p.m. works well," Stark said. "In addition, all the groups here at the church are working together to make the lunches better. The Men's Group, the Women's Bible Study and everybody is chipping in and we're all taking a Wednesday to make soups and sandwiches and with all that help, nobody gets burnt out. Everybody gets

an opportunity to serve."

Emery Addie came by last Wednesday with her mom and five brothers and sisters. She said they were out and about in the middle of the day. She said she enjoys community outreach programs and she looks forward to other similar projects.

"It's an opportunity to sit down

with my family and have lunch," Emery said. "Sometimes we meet other people too and they talk to us and tell us stories. The food is good and this is fun."

The Addie family also visits a nearby older couple and takes them lunch once a week.

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Senior Resource Center seeks Senior Spelling Bee contestants

Can you spell volunteer? Or Labrador? How about dexterity?

If so, then you should be a part of the 2017 Senior Spelling Bee. The local bees are coming up in April so you have plenty of time to get buzzing and get ready. Here are the details:

The Association of Illinois Senior Centers & Illinois Department on Aging sponsor the bee statewide, encouraging Illinois adults 50 and older to use their lifelong skills of literacy. The spelling bees serve a dual purpose: They are the perfect vehicle for older adults to celebrate their years of experience through their spelling abilities and they allow participants to keep their brains active

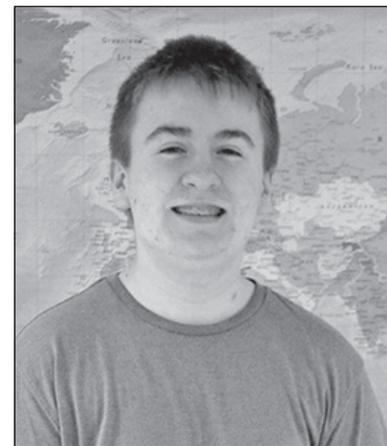
The Jo Daviess County Senior

Spelling Bee is set for 10 a.m. Friday, April 21, at the Hanover location, 500 Fillmore St. The Stephenson County Senior Spelling Bee follows at 10 a.m. Monday, April 24, at the Senior Activity Center, 216 E. Stephenson St., in Freeport.

Those interested in participating should pre-register by calling the county in which they choose to compete. In Jo Daviess County, please call the Hanover office at 815-777-1316; in Stephenson County, register by calling or stopping by the Senior Resource Center at 815-235-9777. Registration forms are also available at our website, www.seniorresourcecenter.net, under Education & Activities. Pre-registrants will receive practice words to study before the

bee.

These locations will be hives of activity during the bee as contestants vie for the local spelling titles. The public is encouraged to attend. Winners advance to the regional bee to be held in June. The regional champion then competes in the State Senior Spelling Bee Finals on Senior Day, Aug. 14, at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.



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Scales Mound student moves into nationals

Eighth grader Mason Bilderback recently captured first place honors at the Scales Mound Geography Bee on January 13. Mason then continued by taking a state qualifying written test and his results were sent in to National Geographic. Scales Mound School is proud to announce that Mason did indeed qualify for the state competition by placing among the top 100 students in the State of Illinois. Mason, the son of Cory and Jodi Bilderback, will be traveling with his family to Normal, Illinois on March 31 to compete for the Illinois state title and the chance to travel to Washington D.C. for the National Championships in May. Congratulations Mason!



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National Honor Society inductees

The Stockton Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual Induction Ceremony for new members on March 9, 2017 at Stockton High School. The Chapter welcomed fourteen new members with a meal and formal ceremony.

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But always a precious memory of the days you were here. If tears would make a staircase and heartache make a lane, we'd walk the path to heaven and bring you home again. We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain, to walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

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24 years ago on March 14, 1993, a great woman died. That woman was my grandmother
ORA LYONS

It's amazing how special people can make their way into your heart and memory. I was only 5 years old, but Grandma Lyons shares some of my warmest memories. She left a huge impression on me. Her love & compassion amazed me and set a standard for me. Now at the age of 29

I still think of her and miss her greatly.

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Antonio Ledesma
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at 11 a.m.
 at Hermann
 Funeral Home in
 Stockton.



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LeWin hosts science fair

The Lena-Winslow fourth grade students presented a number of interesting projects at their recent Science Fair.

Clarence Mitchell Library at HCC presents 'A Shameful Affair: The 1908 Springfield Race Riot'

Highland Community College's Clarence Mitchell Library is pleased to offer a program with guest speaker Kathryn Harris who will speak about the history of the 1908 Springfield, Illinois race riot. The conflict made national headlines and provided much of the impetus for the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). "A Shameful Affair: The 1908 Springfield Race Riot" will take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28 at the Clarence Mitchell Library in the Marvin-Burt Liberal Arts

building. The riot started because a white woman claimed that she had been raped by a black man. She would later confess that her account had been false, but not in time to prevent a deadly race riot from erupting in the hometown of the Great Emancipator in the summer of 1908. Kathryn Harris, a regional historian and retired library services director at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, will relate the history of the 1908 Springfield Race Riot and lead a discussion about current race relations in

Springfield, Illinois, and the United States. The event is being produced in part by the Illinois Humanities Council's Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, a program that provides organizations statewide with affordable, entertaining, and thought-provoking humanities events for communities. A roster of speakers, hailing from 20 different towns and cities across Illinois, present topics in history, culture, literature, music, politics, law, science and more. The Clarence Mitchell Library is committed to the success of the Highland community, students, faculty and staff in learning, teaching and research. The Illinois Humanities Council is an independent, nonprofit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to fostering a culture in which the humanities are a vital part of the lives of individuals and communities. The IHC creates programs and funds organizations that promote greater understanding of, appreciation for, and involvement in the humanities by all Illinoisans, regardless of their economic resources, cultural background, or geographic location. The IHC is supported by state, federal and private funds. The event is free and open to all audiences. The Clarence Mitchell Library is located on the second floor of the Marvin-Burt Liberal Arts Center at Highland Community College. For more information, contact Laura Watson at 815.599.3456 or laura.watson@highland.edu.



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Celebrating Dr. Seuss

Pearl City first grader Briann Christiansen and her fourth grade sister Joely and Kegan DeZell had fun reading together on National Read Aloud Day.



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Elizabeth Chambers, of Oregon, IL, was recently named the recipient of the "IACTE New Teacher of the Year Award" during the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education annual conference.

Area educator receives award at career and technical education annual conference

Elizabeth Chambers, of Oregon, IL, was recently named the recipient of the "IACTE New Teacher of the Year Award" during the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education annual conference. The conference was held at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield -a Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Springfield, IL, Feb. 15-17.

The New Teacher of the Year Award goes to a full time classroom/laboratory Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher at the middle, secondary or post-secondary school level with three to five years' experience of teaching. This award is given to an individual for making significant contributions toward innovative and unique career and technical education programs and showing a professional commitment early in his or her career." Ms. Chambers was nominated by her administrator, Jen Newendyke.

Ms. Chambers has been the Program Coordinator and Lead Instructor for the Health Occupations Youth Apprenticeship (HOYA) program for CareerTEC in Freeport, IL since 2013. Her commitment to quality Career and Technical Education has contributed to an increased program student enrollment of 60%, from 58 to 93 students from fiscal year 2013 to fiscal year 2017. During the same time period, assessment scores on the Certified Nursing Assistant exam have increased by six percent. This award recipient's connection to her students is strong and as a former HOYA student herself, she knows where the program has been and has clear sights on excellence for her students, herself, the program, and

her community. CareerTEC serves Dakota, Durand, Freeport, Orangeville, Pearl City, and Pecatonica school districts.

The Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education is made up of eight affiliates representing all areas of career and technical education. The organization's goals include provisions for quality career and technical education, in-service opportunities and program improvement for Illinois' career and technical educators, administrators and guidance counselors. Ms. Chambers now moves onto the next round for Region III New CTE Teacher of the Year, competing with award winners from Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin, at a conference in June in Indianapolis.

Rhonda McPeck

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VIEWPOINT

Bustos introduces bipartisan legislation to expand access to Pell Grants for students

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) introduced the Flexible Pell Grant for 21st Century Students Act, a bipartisan bill that will allow students to use their Pell Grant awards year-round. Joining Congresswoman Bustos to introduce this bipartisan legislation are Republican Representatives Elise Stefanik (NY-21) and Carlos Curbelo (FL-26). Congresswoman Bustos has long been pushing for more flexibility for students with Pell Grants, especially those attending community colleges, and has previously introduced similar legislation in past years.

"As the mother of three boys, I know how important quality and affordable education is to getting a good-paying job and building a better life for hardworking Illinoisans in our region," Congresswoman Bustos said. "After visiting each of the seven community colleges in our Congress-

sional District, I heard from students and administrators about the need for more flexibility for Pell Grant awards – that's why over the past few years, I've been pushing strongly for this bipartisan and commonsense legislation. This bill would give students more options in choosing when to take classes and would enable them to save money by entering the workforce faster. The colleges and universities in our region offer a pathway to success to so many Illinois students, so I'll continue to do everything I can to help make higher education affordable and accessible for all."

"As the youngest Member of Congress and the Chair of the House Republican Policy Committee's Millennial Task Force, I am pleased to introduce this important, bipartisan measure to help make college more affordable for North Country families," said Congresswoman Stefan-

ik. "This legislation is a direct result of concerns that were raised from my Higher Education roundtables throughout the district, and from Carole McCoy, President of Jefferson Community College. Right now, Pell Grants are only available for qualifying students during the fall and spring semesters. By expanding the eligibility window to include summer classes and increasing the possible maximum Pell Grant award by 50 percent, we can make sure that low and middle income families have added flexibility to achieve a college degree. As the first member of my immediate family to graduate from college, making higher education

more affordable and more accessible is a top priority of mine and I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense legislation."

"We need to ensure students who wish to complete a postsecondary education can do so as quickly and affordably as possible," said Congressman Curbelo. "This bipartisan bill would help many South Florida students graduate faster and at a lower cost by providing them the flexibility to draw Pell Grant funds at a faster pace to pay for additional courses."

Unfortunately, outdated higher education programs do not meet the needs of contemporary students, especially those who attend communi-

ty colleges. For example, while the Pell Grant provides support for more than one-third of all undergraduate students, the program fails to adequately support those who want to complete their studies more quickly by taking additional courses beyond the traditional academic year.

After hearing concerns from students and officials from community colleges in our region, Congresswoman Bustos is proud to work across the aisle and introduce the Flexible Pell Grant for 21st Century Students Act, which will help students complete a postsecondary education more quickly and at a lower cost.

Study: Medicare prescription drug benefit reduced elderly mortality by more than two percent

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A new paper co-written by a University of Illinois expert in health care economics provides the first evidence that the increase in drug utilization attributable to Medicare Part D saved lives.

The implementation of Medicare's prescription drug benefit program has reduced elderly mortality by 2.2 percent annually since 2006, according to an analysis by Julian Reif, a professor of finance and of economics at Illinois.

"A big question in health economics is 'Do public health insurance programs improve people's health?'" said Reif, also a faculty member of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs and the Center for Business and Public Policy. "You would think the answer would be obvious, but it's a hard thing to prove. This paper provides strong evidence that health insurance programs improve health, and that reducing the price of medical care also improves health."

The study, which will be published in the Journal of Health Economics, compared trend differences in mortality between the "young-elderly" (age 66) who had been eligible for Medicare Part D for at least one year and the "near-elderly" (age 64) who were not yet eligible during the implementation phase of the prescription drug insurance program.

"The analysis in the paper is very simple: People over the age of 65 are almost universally eligible for Medicare, people under age 65 are not," Reif said. "The paper looks at changes in the mortality rate of people just over age 65 versus people just under age 65. We looked at it before and

after Medicare Part D came online."

Reif and co-author Jason Huh, a U. of I. doctoral student, found a 2.2 percent annual reduction in the mortality rate among 66-year-olds relative to 64-year-olds, "an effect that is primarily driven by a 4.4 percent reduction in cardiovascular mortality," according to the paper.

"It fits in this more general question about the efficacy of public health insurance programs in improving our health," Reif said. "There are other papers that look at Medicare and Medicaid, and their effect on public health. This paper is the first to look at Medicare Part D."

Reif said the advantage of the study is that the population is very large, "and you need a really large dataset to detect these effects."

"We employed detailed cause-of-death mortality records for the entire U.S. population, which allowed us to measure mortality, a relatively rare event, very precisely," he said. "A lot of other studies can't look at mortality because their sample size is too small."

The prescription drug program currently serves 39 million Medicare beneficiaries and spends \$70 billion per year. Reif calculated the social value of the reduction in elderly mortality attributable to Medicare Part D at \$5 billion per year. Combining this result with prior studies evaluating its nonhealth benefits yields a total benefit of about \$20 billion per year, which accounts for a sizeable fraction of the program's total expenditures, Reif said.

There's certainly more to health than how long you live," Reif said. "We look at mortality because it's easy to measure. But you take prescription drugs not just to live lon-

ger but also to relieve pain or to manage symptoms. There are quality-of-life benefits as well that come from health care; it's just harder to measure those. But it's reasonable to think that if you're finding mortality effects there are drugs that are also making useful quality-of-life improvements, as well. To really evaluate whether what we spent on it was worth it, you really want to take into account all those things."

While Medicare Part D was initially criticized as a boon to the pharmaceutical industry, others argued that the program's potential health benefits would make its costs worthwhile, Reif said.

"I think the paramount concern is what has been the effect on people's health," he said. "The more we improve people's health, the more we should be OK with spending \$70 billion per year on Medicare Part D. Regardless of whether you think we're overpaying pharmaceutical companies for drugs, it does appear to be improving people's health. It should be comforting to know that we're at least getting some results."

In light of the legislative ruminations to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, the effect of health insurance on health is a fundamental question for policymakers, Reif said.

"This matters because we spend a lot of money on social insurance programs like Medicaid and Medicare, and one of the major justifications for social insurance programs like Medicare and Medicaid is that they save lives and actually improve people's health," he said. "So I think it's important to know that there's evidence that these programs really work to reduce mortality."

Water facts from the Village of Warren

Due to many questions regarding the Village water/sewer bills the village has provided a breakdown on each line item.

Water = this figure is based on actual water usage.

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ON THE RECORD

James Beaudry announces departure from Timber Lake Playhouse

Timber Lake Playhouse Artistic Director James Beaudry has announced that the upcoming summer season will be his last with the Mount Carroll theatre company. Executive Director Dan Danielowski and Board Vice President Bernie Leopold jointly announced Beaudry's resignation at the company's annual meeting in November. Beaudry will direct and choreograph

this season's productions of Evita and Carousel.

"Jim has been with the company for sixteen years, eight of them as Artistic Director," said Danielowski. "To replace someone with his artistic talents and experience at TLP will be difficult at best." Beaudry has served TLP as a performer, director and choreographer working on over 100 productions during his

tenure at TLP.

"TLP has been my artistic home since 2001, and it's been my privilege to serve the community as Artistic Director since Brad Lyons, my mentor and friend, left the company in 2009," Beaudry said. "The job and responsibility of Artistic Director has grown beyond something that allows me to continue my directing and choreography career outside of the playhouse. I'm looking forward to pursuing other opportunities – and taking a summer vacation for the first time in 17 years."

"I will miss Jim's clairvoyance as a director, and his keen ability to recreate and reinterpret Broadway standards," said Bernie Leopold, TLP Vice President and head of the HR Committee. "His work is gaining national attention." In Beaudry's eight seasons leading the company, TLP has produced a diverse list of plays and musicals that sets TLP apart from most summer stock companies. "I'm grateful that the board of directors has had the vision to support plays

like The Big Meal and Having Our Say and musicals like Sunset Boulevard and Flight of The Lawnchair Man in addition to popular titles like Footloose and Mary Poppins," said Beaudry.

TLP's programming has given the theatre a national reputation that's allowed Beaudry to hire a very select group of early-career performers and established directors. "There's something magical about that combination of talent from around the country and Midwestern ambition that pushes each production to be greater than the sum of its parts," Beaudry stated. "Thanks to the support of our audiences and committed board members, the company has grown tremendously."

Since Beaudry took over as Artistic Director in 2009, TLP has doubled its operating budgets and staff size, increased programming by 25%, and completed a major building project and land acquisition. "The administrative part of the company is in good hands," said Beaudry, "and I'm hopeful that the

artistic legacy that Brad started and I've continued remains the central focus of Timber Lake."

"We have all been touched by Jim's passion, inspiration, and professional expression of theatre arts. I encourage you to come out to the theatre to make Jim's last season the best yet," said Robin Saar, TLP Board President. A national search for a new artistic director will begin immediately with announcement of a new Artistic Director to come in September of 2017.

Timber Lake's 56th Summer Season will include Mary Poppins, Ah! Wilderness, Evita, Scapino, Carousel, and Little Shop of Horrors. The Magic Owl Children's Theatre will produce Charlotte's Web in May and Cinderella during the season. The Jukebox Series includes Pump Boys and Dinettes in May and Million Dollar Quartet in September. For more information, visit our website at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org. TLP's Box Office opens April 3, but tickets to all productions are now available online.

Obituary

JANE E. PARKS

Jane E. Parks, 50, of Lena went to be with the Lord and Savior on Monday March 6, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born on November 29, 1966 to Joseph and Sylvia (Stone) Maurer in Freeport, IL. She married Jeff Parks on May 6, 1989 in Freeport, IL and together they raised four beautiful children. She worked in the graphic design department at Newell, she then moved into product development. She later went home, as a stay at home mom, to home school their youngest two sons. While she stayed home, Jane was also the Superintendent of Recreation at Lena Park District. She was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Lena. Jane was very devoted to her family, and missionary work, traveling to Honduras twice and Africa once. She loved anything artsy, hats, reading, and was exceptionally passion-



ate about her faith, taking any opportunity to share it with others.

Jane is survived by her loving husband of 27 years Jeff, her children; Maxwell of Stevens Point, WI, Madison (Ethan) Pickard of East Dubuque, Samuel and Elliot both of Lena, her father; Joseph (Jewel) Maurer, her mother; Sylvia (Stan) Bomgarden, brother; Timothy (Julie) Maurer, sister; Sarah (Chris) DeHahn, mother-in-law Lila Parks, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents, and her father-in-law Edward "Bud" Parks.

A celebration of life was Saturday, March 11, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena.

A visitation was March 11, at the church.

Pastor Jim Erb performed the services.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her memory.

Jane requested that everyone who attends her service, wear their favorite hat.

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

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

National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will resume its monthly luncheon and meeting on March 16, at Manny's Pizza in Savanna at Noon. This gathering will renew the third Thursday of the month luncheon/meeting after a winter hiatus. All active and retired Feder-

al employees, spouses and spousal survivors are cordially invited to attend. Those not on the permanent list are asked to call 815-273-2184 before March 14, to make a reservation.

Updates on local chapters, state and federal issues will be presented during the program.

Orangeville School District to host annual preschool screening

The Orangeville School District will hold its annual preschool screening on April 28, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church. This screening is for children who will be three years of age by Sept. 1, and who are not eligible for kindergarten 2017-2018. This screening will determine which children are eligible for the 2017-2018 PASS preschool program. All children will have their vision, hearing, motor and general development screened. Space in the program is

limited. Children who are not initially enrolled in the program will be put on a waiting list. A parent or guardian must accompany the child to the screening site. Please call the Orangeville School office at 815-789-4613 to schedule an appointment for the screening.

Children ages BIRTH – two years, nine months of age may be screened by contacting Child and Family Connections at 815-297-2041 to schedule an appointment with the Early Intervention Staff.



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Happy birthday Bayley

Bayley Michael Weaver celebrated his one year birthday on Jan. 27, 2017. His parents are Kristina and Kevin Weaver, Lena, IL. Grandparents are Dan and Cindy Bonnet, Lena IL. and John and the late Jean Weaver, Red Oak, IL. Great grandparents are June and the late Dalvin Dittmar and Robert and the late Dorothy Bonnet, Lena, IL. Also Doris and the late Clarence (Butch) Ditsworth and Alice and the late Clarence Weaver, Freeport, IL.

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River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 BOE posts February regular meeting minutes

Monday, Feb. 20, 2017, President G. Allen Crist called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Members G. Allen Crist, Barb Schaible, Don McLane, Merri Sevey and Matt Wild answered roll call. Members David Howard and Raymie Diestelmeier were absent. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Beau Buchs, Principal Mike Foltz and a member of the community.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the minutes of the Jan. 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and to authorize the destruction of the audio executive session minutes from June 22, 2015.

Approved for release executive session minutes from July 18, 2016 to Dec. 19, 2016.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$609,827.80 for bills and payroll and Northwest Special Education minutes.

Supt. Albrecht reviewed the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy Board of Control minutes from Feb. 6, 2017. Career Expo will be held at River Ridge on April 20.

Administrators News:
The Kindergarten "Q & U" wedding was quite an affair on February 14. Special thank you to Mr. Buchs and teachers, Mrs. Kelzer and Mrs. Wurster.

The elementary students will be participating in the Accelerat-

ed Reader activity, "Read the Most from Coast to Coast", as well as celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on February 24th.

The K-2 Title I Reading opening has been posted with March 15 the deadline to apply for the 2017-2018 position.

The successful Elementary Open House was held on Jan. 27 in conjunction with the book fair, boys' basketball game and soup/sandwich supper.

Jo Daviess Juvenile Justice Council had a county wide presentation on positive decisions and good behavior for kindergarten-eighth grade students at River Ridge.

Congratulations to the WYSE team for placing 1st in Platteville competition.

Thank you to Mrs. Tippett and the speech team for their entertaining

public performance evening and a successful year in competition.

Kudos for Coach Shean Albrecht for organizing and hosting the JV Boys Basketball tournament at River Ridge.

Mechanical has replaced the inoperative heat pumps.

There will be a building walk-through to address issues in the future - parking lot, canopy, ticket/concession booth.

Discussed Senior Class trip.

March 15 and 16 - Parent Teacher Conferences

March 20 and 21 - PreSchool Screening - no preschool attendance
Graduation - Friday, May 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

Approved Kate Bingham's request for maternity leave in May 2017.

Approved the 2017-2018 school calendar as presented. Teacher In-

stitute will be Monday, August 21st and students will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 23, with a 1:30 p.m. dismissal.

Approved the 2016-2017 Wellness Plan as presented and the PreSchool Homeless Policy as presented.

The Board employed Brad Albrecht as interim superintendent for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board approved the purchase of two 2018 IC/CE 71-passenger diesel buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., Kankakee, Illinois for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$85,447 per bus. Trade-in value for bus #1 is \$37,000 and \$37,000 for bus #2 for a total cost of \$96,894.00.

There was no executive session.

The regular March board meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, at 6:30 pm.

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 posts regular February meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 was called to order at 7:30 pm on Monday, Feb. 20, in the High School Library. Members present included Robert VenHuizen, Cory Cassens, Kim Mapes, Julie Lawfer, Roger Groezinger, and Deb Gille. Member Kirk Schubert arrived at

7:32 pm. The regular and closed session minutes of Jan. 18, 2017 were approved 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Gille. Bills totaling \$145,030.89 were approved for payment 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by VenHuizen. The financial report was approved 7-0 following a mo-

tion by Cassens and second by Gille.

In his superintendent's report, Dr. Gilliland informed the Board that the architects will be at the meeting to make recommendations on the Middle School project as well as information on financial projections for payment of the project. In her report, Principal Downey congratulated Madison Glass for being the grand prize winner of the Illinois Youth Art Month competition; she will be recognized on Feb. 26, in Chicago. Mrs. Downey congratulated Voice of Democracy essay winners: Olivia Kepner received honorable mention; Nick Ege fifth place; Madelaine Imel third place; and Jill Harmston second place. She also congratulated the Le-Win/Stockton wrestling team on having a record-breaking year, nine athletes - six from Stockton - qualified

for individual state competition on Feb. 16-18, Aaron Dvorak, Austin Vincent, Peyton Keeffer, Hunter Luke, Elijah Rowe, and Jeremiah Hermann. The wrestling team will also be competing at the Sectional on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Mrs. Downey also congratulated Aspyn Stewart for advancing in the 3-point competition held on Feb. 24, in Bloomington, Illinois. In his good news report, Principal Brad Fox congratulated the Blackhawks of the Month, which included fifth grader Ashlyn Schubert, sixth grader Lauren Kehl, seventh grader Vanessa Ernst, and eighth grader Case Harmston. In addition, Mr. Fox reported that the following students will represent Stockton at the Regional Spelling Bee on February 21st in Pearl City: first place Joseph Brudi, second place Kayden Schubert, and alter-

nate Maria Bender. Mr. Fox told the Board that the eighth grade trip to Springfield will be Friday, April 7. Third - eighth grade students attended Camfel Productions BE A HERO and WORTH IT sponsored by the Juvenile Justice Council on Feb. 21 and 22, at River Ridge High School. Principal Colleen Fox congratulated the many elementary students that have received Little Blackhawks for efforts in the classroom, good behavior, and positive attitude. Mrs. Fox thanked the Stockton Dental Center for their presentations to K-4 students on proper dental care and Riverview Center for their presentation on Body Safety, Internet Safety, and Bullying. Member Groezinger presented CTE minutes to the board.

In new business, the board took the following action:

Approved awarding the Middle School HVAC project to Loescher in the amount of \$1,116,590.00 and Fire alarm upgrade to Mechanical in the amount of \$78,904.00 7-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Cassens.

The board voted 7-0 at 7:49 pm to go into closed session under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, dismissal, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students. Motion was made by Schubert and seconded by Cassens. The board returned to open session at 10:09 pm with a vote of 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Schubert.

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

Approved resignation of custodian Dennis Paisley 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Gille.

Approved employment of custodian Andrew Napier 7-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by VenHuizen.

Approved Tim Raisbeck as volunteer softball coach, Scott Hayes as volunteer boys' track coach, and Jackie Cahill as paid assistant girls' track coach 7-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Mapes.

Approved resignation agreement with certified employee Chris Thornton 7-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Schubert.



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Midwinter Bald Eagle count results released

Terrence Ingram, Coordinator for the Eagle Nature Foundation's Midwinter Bald Eagle Count has just released the results of the 2017 Annual Count, which was conducted by many volunteers between Minnesota and Tennessee. This is the 57th year for this count to be conducted. This count was conducted in primarily a two hour period, from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017. The reason this count is conducted during the last weekend in January is that normally the end of January is between

the bald eagle's Southern migration and the Northern migration. The two hour time frame is to keep the duplication of bald eagle sightings to a minimum.

This year 1,257 bald eagles were sighted. Of these 795 were adults, 62 were sub-adults, 299 were immatures and 101 were of unknown age. This resulted in an immature to adult ratio of 31.2 %, which is just slightly below last year's ratio of 31.8 %, even though almost 50% more eagles were counted this year than last year.

Part of the reason more eagles were counted is because we had more volunteers counting in more areas than last year. Volunteers included US Army Corps personnel, Fish & Wildlife personnel, many conservation organizations as well as many, many individuals from northern Wisconsin down to Tennessee and out to eastern Nebraska.

If we would look at just the same areas the count covered in the early 1960's, the numbers we are seeing now are lower than they were at that

time. Those same areas this year recorded only a total of 413 bald eagles, with 307 adults, 28 subadults, 38 immatures and 40 of unknown age. This is only about 2/3 of the numbers that were seen on the very first count in 1961, when 621 bald eagles were counted. Isn't anyone else alarmed? Have they moved away from the Mississippi? If so, where?

We can even look at long term trends. The count's first five year average of immature to adult ratios was 19.4 % and the second 5-year average was 28.5%. Our last five year average of immature to adult ratios is only 25.5 %, which is lower than even the second 5-year average. Ever since then this five year average has been higher, reaching a high of 32.4% about 1988 and 30.8% in

1998. The 10 year averages have gone from 21.5% in the first 10 years up to 31.6% in the third 10 years and back down to 26.8% in the past 10 years. This compares with the 57 year average of 27.3%.

The bald eagle population was reproducing well from about 1968 until about 2005. Since then something is affecting its reproduction and bringing the 5 averages back to a level that is below what it was during the second five years of the count.

We must determine what is affecting our bald eagle population before this percentage drops even further!

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory Street,

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4-H Camp is open to all boys and girls ages 8 to 14 by June 12. Cost is \$340 per youth or \$320 for 4-H members. To register, call the Ogle County Extension office at (815) 732-2191; Jo Daviess County Extension office at (815) 858-2273; or

Stephenson County Extension office at (815) 235-4125. You may also register online at <http://go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp>.

FHN Hospice Volunteer Training Begins March 27 in Freeport

A new session of FHN Hospice volunteer training will begin Monday, March 27 in Freeport.

Volunteers are a special and important part of the FHN Hospice team, offering companionship, relief for caregivers, and help with running errands and delivering supplies. Volunteers also have the opportunity to assist with clerical services at the FHN Hospice office in Freeport.

The seven-week, 14-hour comprehensive training course for new volunteers provides information on all aspects of hospice care and hospice volunteering. It will equip

volunteers with skills needed to provide compassionate care and companionship to terminally ill patients in their homes or in nursing homes, as well as prepare volunteers to help in the hospice office. Training includes classes on concepts of death and dying, grief, communication skills, stress management, infection control, safety and the bereavement process.

There is no charge for the training, but registration is required. The training sessions will be held Mondays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. beginning March 27 and ending May 8; a light supper will be served at

each session. Those who wish to become FHN Hospice volunteers must attend all the sessions, which will meet at the FHN Hospice office, 773 W. Lincoln Boulevard in Freeport. Attending the training does not obligate you to become a hospice volunteer.

FHN Hospice covers Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll, Ogle and part of Winnebago counties, and volunteers are needed for each of these counties. For more information or to register for the classes, call the Hospice volunteer coordinator toll-free at 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 960.

FHN hosts open house to honor retired Nurse Midwife Kim Vittorio

After years of caring for patients at FHN, nurse midwife Kim Vittorio, APN/CNM, has retired. FHN will celebrate her service with an open house in March.

Kim cared for patients as part of the FHN Women's Healthcare team at the Harlem Avenue Ob/Gyn location, which will be the site for the open house. The public is invited to the event, which will be held from 4 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 at FHN Specialty Care - Harlem Avenue, 25 N. Harlem Avenue in Freeport. Refreshments will be served.

As an advanced practice nurse and board-certified nurse midwife, Kim provided compassionate and dedicated care for her patients of all ages. She is originally from Freeport, and earned her nursing degrees at Northern Illinois University and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The other members of the FHN Women's Healthcare team will continue care for Kim's patients. For more information about women's healthcare at FHN, or to find a women's healthcare provider, call the office at 815-599-7750.

Senior Resource Center offers AARP Safe Driving Class

An AARP safe driving class will be held Tuesday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senior Resource Center, 500 Fillmore Street, Hanover. The course will provide a review of driving skills and techniques, as well as strategies and tips to help you adjust to normal age-related physical changes that may affect your driving ability. By taking this class, you may receive a discount on your auto insurance. The cost is \$15 if you are an AARP member and \$20 if non-member. Bring a sack lunch for this all-day class. Call the Senior Resource Center to register at 815-235-9777, ext. 221, or 815-777-1316. *Illinois has mandated an insurance-premium discount for participants age 55 or older, in a driver safety program.

FHN Offering free pre-diabetes workshop

Diabetes, a serious disease with complications that can cause disability and death, has reached epidemic levels in the American population. Millions of people considered at risk of developing diabetes could prevent or delay the disease by changing their lifestyle.

Learn how you could prevent or delay some types of diabetes at Small Steps. Big Rewards., a diabetes education program presented free of charge by FHN and Aramark.

This two-hour workshop focusing on the importance of regular exercise and a healthy diet will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 23 in the Globe Room on the lower level of FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport.

Registration is required for this program. Call toll-free 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 970 to register. For more information on Small Steps. Big Rewards. and other diabetes education programs at FHN, visit www.fhn.org.

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Highland Community College's Clarence Mitchell Library and Natural Science and Mathematics Division are pleased to offer "Science Café: Bioremediation Technologies and Implementation Strategies" at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29.

Dr. Jim Mueller of Provectus Environmental Products, Inc. will introduce the topic of bioremediation

and describe how bioremediation technologies have been developed and employed to remediate contaminated environments from local gas station releases to open-ocean releases of crude oil such as the Exxon Valdez oil spill. There will be time for questions, answers and discussion of the topic at the end of the presentation.

Dr. Jim Mueller is the president of Provectus Environmental Products, Inc. where his work with bioremediation technologies focuses on environmental applications of antimethanogenic compounds.

The event is free and open to all audiences. The Clarence Mitchell Library is located on the second floor of the Marvin-Burt Liberal

Arts Center at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Road in Freeport. For more information,

contact Laura Watson at 815-599-3456 or laura.watson@highland.edu.

Lena Community Park District to host crafts day

The Lena Community Park District would like to invite you to a Scrapbooking, Crafts, Sewing, etc. Day on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the American Legion 316 W. Main St, Lena.

Bring your projects that you are working on and have a nice time with others while working on them.

Be prepared to share ideas and/or tips with others if they need them.

Lena Mercantile will serve lunch. Cost for the day is \$20 paid in advance with reservation made to Lena Community Park District 609 N. Schulyer St, or call 815-369-5351. Deadline to Register is March 17.

Friends of the Pec to hold March meeting

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant and Catering, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena, Illinois. The meeting will be held in the Cafe' Dining Room with our fearless leader, President, Joe Ginger presiding. Great atmosphere and

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CHURCH NEWS

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Saturday, March 18, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 19, 10 a.m., celebrating the Third Sunday of Lent, with Pastor Susan Davenport delivering the sermon. We will celebrate Holy Communion at the Rail. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m. Our Lenten theme for weekend worship during Lent is "With Awe and Love: Luther's Small Catechism."

For midweek Wednesdays during Lent we worship using "Holden Evening Prayer" and gather for "Simple Soup Suppers" at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "Pray Like Jesus: The Lord's Prayer." Our guest preacher will be Nicole Haas on Wednesday, March 22. All are welcome.

"Safeguarding God's Children"—a workshop designed to help those who work with children prevent abuse in the church will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, on Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. – Noon. This is for congregations of the NW Conference of the Northern IL Synod, from Galena to Freeport, Warren, Stockton, Mt. Carroll. There is no cost, but a head count is necessary. Please register at nisynod.org.

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

Find us on the web at www.christlutheranstockton.com or www.facebook.com/ChristOnMainSt/

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship March 19, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Third 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.

On Wednesday March 22, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters

will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for a Lenten Supper on March 22, 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.

On March 25, members of Good Shepherd will be staffing the Food Pantry and at 4:30 p.m. the Men's Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday March 19, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris is giving the message, a series on "The Apostles Creed"—"I Believe in the Holy Spirit"; all are invited and welcome to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible. 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.

Lenten Service; Sunday eve March 19, at 7 p.m. at Calvary UMC 315 W Mapes, Stockton "The Bluegrass Express" will be presenting the service. All are invited and welcome.

St. John's Lutheran Church

On Sunday, March 19, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the Second Sunday of Lent beginning at 9 a.m. The service

will include the Joy Choir. After worship, Whirl Sunday School will meet and focus on the lesson, "Woman at the Well." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPLAT Youth will meet at 11 a.m. to deliver Grace Meals. At Noon the March Grace Meal will be served. The menu will be Swiss steak, roasted red potatoes, green bean casserole, dessert and beverage.

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

St. John's will host Mid-week Lent worship services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. throughout Lent. Worship services will be held in the nave and will include the Chancel Drama, "Written by the Finger of God." Pastor Ekstrand will also lead Stations of the Cross at Noon on Fridays during Lent.

The Pearl City United Methodist Church will be hosting Lenten Luncheons followed by a bible study on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent. An area church will lead each week's bible study. Everyone is invited to the Lenten Luncheons at the Pearl City UMC located on South Hwy 73/Main Street, Pearl City.

The Women's Gathering will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship followed by a bible study and meeting. All are welcome to join them.

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.

Upcoming Dates: A Community Euchre and Dominoes party will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, at St. John's. Cost is \$6 and includes a lunch at the conclusion of the event.



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Lenten Lunch

The kitchen crew at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena hosted a delightful Ecumenical Lenten Lunch with message from their Pastor Miho on Wednesday.

St. Paul's in Kent celebrates Third Sunday of Lent and ten years of blessed relationship

On Sunday, March 18, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1334 N. Sunnyside Road in Kent, will observe the Third Sunday of Lent during their 10 a.m. family worship service. Jean Hill will read the scriptures, and Deb Winning will provide appropriate music. Pastor Andres' sermon is entitled "Are you thirsty enough to change?", based upon John 4. Holy Communion will be offered.

This is also Food Pantry Sunday. Each person is encouraged to bring an item or two. Sherri Brown is our representative and will see that our

contributions are delivered to the Food Pantry.

March 18 marked the tenth anniversary of Pastor Andres' installation as pastor of St. Paul's. It also was the tenth anniversary that Deb Winning has been our organist. After worship, we will celebrate the blessings God has given to us with cake and goodies. All are invited to join us.



Pearl City First United Methodist Church to host Chili Cook-off

Join us at Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 19. Worship will be led by Pastor Mathew Smith with his message titled "Journey from Victim to Victor". Sunday school will be held during worship following the children's message.

After worship join us for the Chili Cook-off on Sunday, March 19, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Entries and tastings are \$5. For additional information or to enter contact Jason Barklow at 815-275-3397.

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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 worship services will center on those Scriptures from chap-

ters 19 and 20 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.

LEGALS

16-026113
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE
LLC

Plaintiff,
vs.
CAROLE SIMMS; THE GA-
LENA TERRITORY ASSOCI-
ATION, INC.
Defendants,

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Inter-county Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the office of James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

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P.I.N. 08-203-140-00.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,

-v.-
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YORK COMMUNITY BANK
S/B/M TO AMTRUST BANK,
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MENT, LLC, THE GALENA
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INC.

Defendant
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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 6, 2017, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 122 1/2 N Main St, Galena, IL 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

ALL OF LOT 4 IN EAGLE RIDGE UNIT NO. 3 OF BRANIGAR'S THE GALENA TERRITORY, GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS. ALSO A PART OF LOT 5 IN EAGLE RIDGE UNIT NO. 3 OF BRANIGAR'S THE GALENA TERRITORY, GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THE BOUNDARY OF SAID PART BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5, THENCE SOUTH 37 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHEAST-ERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 251.82 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 253.39 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH- WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5; THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID LINE, A DISTANCE OF 35.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID TRACT CONTAINING 4,405 SQUARE FEET (0.101 ACRE), MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RECORDED EASEMENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS, ALL BEING SITUATED IN GUILFORD TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Property Index No. 43-08-403-004-00.

The real estate is improved with a single level white frame and blue trim with two car attached garage.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE

The following is a list of the

Warren Township monthly meeting dates; all the meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building except the Annual Town meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday April 11, 2017 – Annual town meeting at 7:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday May 2, 2017
 - Tuesday June 6, 2017
 - Tuesday July 11, 2017
 - Tuesday August 8, 2017
 - Tuesday September 5, 2017
 - Tuesday October 3, 2017
 - Tuesday November 7, 2017
 - Tuesday December 5, 2017
 - Tuesday January 2, 2018
 - Tuesday February 6, 2018
 - Tuesday March 6, 2018
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Warren, in the County of Jo Daviess And the State of Illinois that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017** Being the second Tuesday of said month

At the hour of 7:30 p.m. at the Warren Township Building For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

- Roll Call
- Nominate a Moderator
- Consent Agenda
- Public comments
- Financial Report
- Transfer between Funds
- Set Meeting Date for 2018
- Adjournment

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Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois to host annual health summit

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois along with First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth and the Jo Daviess County Senior Resource Center, are sponsoring the 17th Annual Jo Daviess County Health Summit. The theme for the event is "Wholistic Wellness." The event will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building (formerly HCC West) in Elizabeth. This event is open to the public with no admission charge and the building is handicap accessible.

The purpose of the Health Summit is to educate the public on a variety of health issues, learn about

healthy lifestyles, where to go to find help or information, and what is available in the area. Free blood pressure checks and demonstrations help to provide "Something for everyone" in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Premier Chiropractic will be focusing on your posture and how it affects your health and Harmony Factor will demonstrate non-invasive techniques and technology to empower health and well-being. All those who attend have the chance to win one of many door prizes that are donated by vendors and sponsors.

Health Summit vendors will include: Jo Daviess County Senior

Resource Center; Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners; Elizabeth Nursing Home; Premier Chiropractic; University of Illinois Extension; Jo Daviess County Health Dept; Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs; Midwest Medical Center; Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Bell Tower Retirement Community; Harmony Factor; Riverview Center; Northwestern Illinois Center of Independent Living (NICIL); RAMP; American Red Cross; Jo Carroll Energy First Call Medical Monitoring; Driftless Natural Health; State Representative Brian Stewart's office; Community Care System; Well Woman Program of SCHD and Vol-

unteer Hospice of NW IL.

You can save money by having blood screens done by Midwest Medical Center Lab Department and then give a copy to your doctor for your records. Complete cholesterol Screening is \$20. Orange juice

and muffins are provided for the participants.

Come and join our sponsors at this fun and healthy event. If you have any questions about the event please call the Stockton Volunteer Hospice office at 815-947-3260.

Take three actions to fight the flu

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

Take time to get a flu vaccine

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.

While there are many different flu viruses, a flu vaccine protects against the viruses that research suggests will be most common.

Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine by the end of October, if possible.

CDC recommends use of injectable influenza vaccines (including inactivated influenza vaccines and recombinant influenza vaccines) during 2016-2017. The nasal spray flu vaccine (live attenuated influenza vaccine or LAIV) should not be used during 2016-2017.

Vaccination of high risk persons is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness.

People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older.

Vaccination also is important for health care workers, and other people who live with or care for high

risk people to keep from spreading flu to them.

Children younger than six-months are at high risk of serious flu illness, but are too young to be vaccinated. People who care for infants should be vaccinated instead.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them

If you get the flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat your illness.

Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) and are not available over-the-counter.

Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For people with high-risk factors, treatment with an antiviral drug can mean the difference between having a milder illness versus a very serious illness that could result in a hospital stay.

Studies show that flu antiviral drugs work best for treatment when they are started within 2 days of getting sick, but starting them later can still be helpful, especially if the sick person has a high-risk health condition or is very sick from the flu. Follow your doctor's instructions for taking this drug.

Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu, and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.



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Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners will be on hand sharing their gardening expertise at the 17th annual Jo Daviess County Health Summit.

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Who was St. Patrick?

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. (There is some dispute over where this captivity took place. Although many believe he was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, it is more likely that he was held in County Mayo near Killala.) During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

Taken prisoner by Irish raiders

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of 16, Patrick was

Guided by visions

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to

Bonfires and crosses

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.

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Scales Mound Hornets win Sportsmanship Award

Congratulations to the Scales Mound Hornets on winning the U.S. Grant / Fever River Conference Sportsmanship Award in junior high girls basketball. The junior high girls basketball teams joined the junior high volleyball teams and junior high boys basketball teams as the Hornets won every sportsmanship award from the nine-team conference this season.



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Church (Continued from front page)

"They are always glad to see us," Emery said. "We try to do that as often as we can. Sometimes the people are alone and just like company. We like to bake desserts too and everybody likes dessert!"

Shepherd of the Hills Church Council member Terry Crandall said the lunches are very well attended and they are hoping to see the program grow.

"We saw there was a need in the community for spiritual food along

with good nourishing food and I think we have an aging demographic in the area, so we thought it would be a nice thing to open our doors to them and now we're finding young people are coming as well," said Crandall. "We are hoping to see some of our area school children once summer comes. I think sometimes we don't really realize there might be a need for food and so by opening the Wednesday lunches to everyone we might meet some of those needs."

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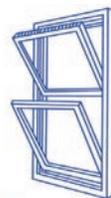
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Luke captures fourth place

Stockton's Garrett Luke receives a fourth-place medal in the Novice 84-pound class Saturday, March 11, 2017, during the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation state championships at the BMO Harris Bank Center in Rockford. Five other Stockton Renegade wrestlers wrestled in the state tournament: Jordan Paisley, Jason Hermann, Case Harmston, Simon Rillie and Jaden Rice.



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The Scales Mound 5th and 6th basketball team won the 2017 U.S. Grant / Fever River Conference Sportsmanship Award Front: Daphne Grubb, Stormi Frey, Ava Travis, Abigail Frank, Anna Wentz, Middle: Kennedy Kudronowicz, Mikayla Bass, Emily Wiederholt, Ella Distler, Back Annie Werner, Amanda Withington, Sydney Drosroll, Hanna Reddington, and Garret Pickel.



30th Anniversary

Toni's Plumbing Service, Inc. is celebrating 30 years serving the community as their neighborhood plumber. We appreciate the trust and loyalty you have shown us and want to thank you with a \$30 discount on any service during the month of March. This also applies to new customers that would like to give us a try.



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Get them while they last

Come Support your local Lena Girl Scout Troop 5352 at their final cookie booth of the season at Sullivan Foods in Lena. Friday, March 17, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. While supplies last!!!!

Storm related accident with injuries near Elizabeth

On 3/8 at approximately 9:55 a.m., the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office received a report of a Semi-Tractor Trailer combination that had flipped onto its side in the area of US RT 20 W and RT 84 N. Additional information was received indicating that a second vehicle was involved and that the second vehicle may have struck or been struck by the Semi-Tractor Trailer combination. Upon arriving on scene, Deputies learned that a Semi-Tractor Trailer combination operated by a Jason B. Larson of Parma, MI was traveling eastbound around a curve in the roadway at RT 20 and RT 84 N

at which time the Semi-Trailer started to tip due to high wind conditions. The Semi-Trailer eventually tipped over and struck a Ford pickup truck which was westbound on RT 20 at 84 N. The Ford pickup was operated by a William Davis of Galena, IL. Davis' vehicle continued westbound and struck the stop sign located at RT 84 N and RT 20. Davis' vehicle continued into the ditch where it eventually came to a stop. The Semi-Tractor Trailer combination landed on its' side in the roadway and eventually slid off of the roadway, striking a road sign before coming to a rest on the north side of RT 20. Davis was

extricated from his vehicle by responding fire departments and transported to Midwest Medical Center by Galena EMS. Larson was transported to Midwest Medical Center by Elizabeth Ambulance. This accident remains under investigation.

Public safety announcement in reference to phone scams

Police want you to be aware of a currently active scam being attempted that includes a person requesting you to make a payment to them and in return, you will receive a cash prize in the form of a large monetary sweepstakes prize. It is always a scam if the caller requests that you send money in order to collect money. Do not send money! This is a scam.

Galena Center for the Arts and Galena ARC to host Youth Arts Festival

The Galena Center for the Arts in collaboration with the Galena ARC is planning the third annual Youth Arts Festival. The purpose of this one-day event is to provide a forum for area youth to come together to exhibit and perform their art. The festival will showcase visual arts, industrial art, drama, speech, choral, and instrumental performances from the regular school curriculum of preschool through high school students. All Jo Daviess County public, private, and parochial schools as well as West Carroll are invited to participate in this inclusive, non-commercial, and non-competitive setting.

The event will be held at Chestnut Mountain Resort on Sunday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The goal of the Youth Arts Festival is to celebrate the spark of creativity our local arts educators inspire and nurture in our children, and to bring awareness to our county about the power of arts education.

"Arts education fosters bright, creative, and socially engaged students who will grow up to be our next leaders, parents, teachers, artists, and engineers. Their innovative ideas will shape industries; their creative thinking will find out-of-the-box solutions for a global society, and will provide students with a way to understand themselves, and have a sense of belonging," says Jane Chu, National

Endowment for the Arts.

Fourteen area schools, in addition to area private music teachers participated in the Youth Arts Festival in 2016, displaying over 1,000 works of art and providing hours of performances, viewed and enjoyed by over seven hundred guests.

The Festival planning committee volunteers are: Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, Carole Sullivan, Dave Decker, Mary Vincent, Jean Dregne, Deb Hyland, Toni Klingler, Liz Larson, Jan Lavacek, Charlene Price, Rhonda Ransom, Adrienne Seagraves, and Irene Thraen-Borowski. The committee invites you to partner with them in celebrating the art excellence of Jo Daviess County students and becoming an arts education advocate to help ensure that local students will continue to have a well-rounded education and the tools they need to excel in the 21st century global economy.

The event is happy to announce that U.S. Bank, Galena and Chestnut Mountain Resort will be gold sponsors, and First Community Bank of Galena and Illinois Bank & Trust will be silver sponsors for this event, to assist with festival arrangements, help offset the costs of the event marketing, and to award certificates of achievement to every participating student. Other donations are welcome. All donations are tax-deductible and all gifts, regardless of size, are appreciated. Donations can be sent to: Galena Center for the Arts, 219 Summit St., Galena, IL 61036. Please indicate that your contribution is for the Youth Arts Festival.

Volunteers are also needed to help on the day of the event. Please contact Irene at irene@cteacademy.net if you would like to volunteer your time on April 9.

To find out more about the Youth Arts Festival, visit www.galenacenterforthearts.com/youth-arts-festival, go to the Youth Arts Festival Facebook page, or contact one of the Festival planning committee members.

Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District accepts Spring Fish Sale orders

The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for the Spring Fish Sale and will continue to take orders through April 14. Delivery is planned for Monday, April 24, at 8 a.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building. We are offering Hybrid Sunfish, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Hybrid Redear, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Albino Catfish, and Fathead Minnows. Please note that Grass Carp must be ordered by April 4. If you wish to order fish call our office at 815-858-3418 ext. 3 or write to the Jo Daviess SWCD, P.O. Box 502, Elizabeth, IL 61028.

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Bluegrass Express to perform

The Bluegrass Express will be performing at Calvary Church in Stockton on Sunday evening, March 19, at 7 p.m. The Bluegrass Express was formed in 1980 by the father-son team of Gary and Greg Underwood. The band has been in existence and performed extensively from Michigan to Mississippi and all points in between. The band currently consists of Gary Underwood, son: Greg Underwood, grandson: Jacob Underwood and Nate Burie.

The band plays traditional and bluegrass gospel mu-

sic and has received many awards. Jacob joined the band at age 11 and later won the fiddler award at the Sandwich Fair and was the winner twice at the Woodstock Harvest Fest in the mandolin contest. They are each expert at several instruments, playing between them the guitar, fiddle, bass fiddle, banjo and mandolin.

The Bluegrass Express is the third offering in the Calvary-Wesley Lenten Series. The event is open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

HCC to discontinue Wind Turbine Technician program due to low enrollment

During their Feb. 21 meeting, the Highland Community College Board of Trustees approved a resolution reducing the number of full-time faculty, citing low enrollment in the Wind Turbine Technician program. The resolution impacts one full-time faculty member and will result in a discontinuation of the Wind Turbine Technician associate of applied science degree and certificates.

According to Highland officials, the program has seen a decline in enrollment in recent years. This past fall, there was insufficient registration to run the introductory course, and there are currently no new students registered for first-year wind technology courses.

"When the new degree was announced in the spring of 2008, there was a substantial wind farm being developed in the College district which led to a great deal of local and regional interest, particularly among non-traditional students looking to retool their skills to enter a new and growing field," said Dean of Business and Technology Scott Anderson. "We

have seen that interest wane in recent years."

Anderson went on to say that while there are job opportunities for technicians in the wind industry in other regions of the country, the College was unsuccessful in recruiting students from those areas, largely because similar educational programs are readily available to potential students in those regions.

Begun in the fall of 2008, the program has produced 70 degree and certificate completers. Graduates have secured employment in the wind industry and related fields in 12 states and several foreign countries.

"We have been pleased with the accomplishments of our Wind Turbine Technician graduates," said Anderson. "Recently, much of the local employment opportunities available to them have been in the high-demand field of industrial maintenance technology."

Anderson pointed out that the College's Mechatronics degree, begun this past fall, will continue to provide pathways to employment in the industrial maintenance field, and that many of the more marketable skills gained in the Wind Turbine Technician program

will continue to be delivered through the new Mechatronics program.

All students currently pursuing the Wind Turbine Technician degree are enrolled in the final semester of courses and will have the opportunity to complete their program in May of this year.

"The College has introduced a number of new programs in the last two years based on student demand including Criminal Justice, Environmental Science, Hospitality Management, Mass Communication, Mechatronics, and Phlebotomy," said Director of Marketing and Community Relations Pete Willging. "The College continues to focus on growth in areas where there is student interest and community need."

"The decision to discontinue a program is never taken lightly," said Highland President Tim Hood. "Enrollment trends, associated costs, market outlook and student interest are all taken into consideration when evaluating a program's viability. This is an example of how we are responsibly and carefully allocating College resources in ways that will best serve the needs of the College district."

Torkelson Cheese wins honors in US cheese contest

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Limited exhibition space remains for the 2017 Stephenson County Home Show

Limited exhibition space remains for the 2017 Stephenson County Home Show to be held March 18 and 19, at the Highland Community College / YMCA Sports Complex in Freeport. Show hours are Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-4. Admission is free and there will be concessions available.

The show annually features area businesses including investment companies, contractors, communications experts, healthcare providers, insurance agents, landscaping contractors, heating and air conditioning contractors, furniture and appliance dealers and many more.

Businesses interested in having a booth should contact the Home Show Coordinator immediately as the exhibit hall is well over half sold out. The starting price for a 6' x 8'

booth is \$235 and larger booths are available while they last.

Last year's show featured over 80 businesses and attracted more than 3500 area residents. A map of the show along with packets to sign up can be found at abcadsonline.com on the Home Show tab, or are available by mail or email upon request.

For more information on reserving a booth space, contact Show Coordinator,

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Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation announces pork chop dinner

The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation announces its 10th Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser, which will be held on Sunday, April 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagles Club in Freeport, 1200 W. Galena Ave. The dinner will feature a 6 oz. pork chop sandwich, grilled with the assistance of the Stephenson County Pork Producers, featuring their special seasoning. Potato salad or chips, cheese from local cheese produc-

ers, applesauce, drink, and dessert will also be served. Two serving lines and special carry out line will be available. The dinner is planned by a committee of Foundation members and other 4-H volunteers, and donations from local businesses and restaurants help make it possible.

Advance tickets are \$6 and may be purchased from members of Stephenson County 4-H Clubs or at the U of I Extension Office, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport, until March 24. After that, tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 and hot dog meal tickets will be available at the door only and not sold prior to the event. Many area restaurants and businesses have provided items for the meal and silent auction, and the Foundation appreciates their support.

There will be a silent auction with gift baskets created by 4-H clubs and other opportunities to support local 4-H clubs. All proceeds will benefit the Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation and stay in Stephenson County. For more information or questions, please call the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County at 815-235-4125.

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Pearl City Hornets 4-H March News

By: Matthew Bronkema
 CLUB REPORTER

The Pearl City Hornets met Monday, March 6, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City at 7 p.m. After the pledges were said the Cloverbuds went downstairs. Each family received the Stephenson County 4-H Program Book. We talked about Super Saturday and that the sign up is online, we also voted to sponsor a horse trophy. The pork chop dinner, is April 2, at the Eagles club. Our bake sale will be held on Good Friday, April 14, at the Pearl City Bank from 8:30 a.m. - noon. The bake goods should be delivered between 8-9 a.m. All of the donations will go to the Pearl City Food Pantry. Then we went into our small groups and had talks and demonstrations. Our next activity and meeting will be Sunday, March 26, 6-7 p.m. with

swimming at the YMCA. Members can bring a friend. Pizza and a short meeting will follow swimming activities at Extension Building R. This will be our April meeting. Please call the leaders so they know how much pizza to order. Thank you to the Dixon, Brenner and Tessororf families for bringing the refreshments.

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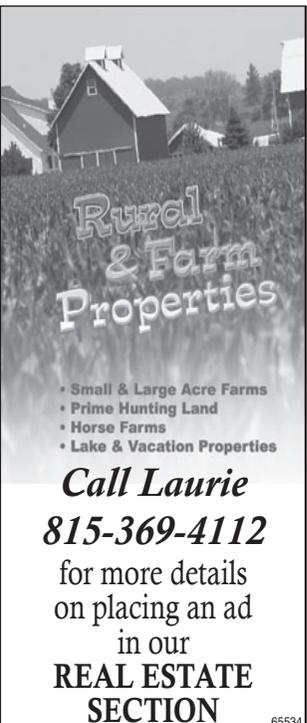
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USDA seeks project proposals to protect and restore critical wetlands

Acting Deputy Agriculture Secretary Michael Young today announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing up to \$15 million in technical and financial assistance to help eligible conservation partners voluntarily protect, restore and enhance critical wetlands on agricultural lands. Restored wetlands improve water quality downstream and improve wildlife habitat, while also providing flood prevention and recreational benefits to communities.

Funding will be provided through the Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP), part of the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), a Farm Bill conservation program. The partnership is administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the leading federal agency for wetland conservation on private lands. Through WREP, states, local units of governments, non-governmental organizations and American Indian tribes collaborate with NRCS through cooperative and partnership agreements. These partners work with tribal and private landowners who voluntarily enroll eligible land into easements to protect, restore and enhance wetlands on their properties.

"These strong, locally led partnerships help improve water quality, prevent flooding, enhance wildlife habitat and provide landowners the financial

resources needed to voluntarily conserve our lands," Young said.

Easements enable landowners to adopt a variety of conservation practices that improve the function and condition of wetlands. The voluntary nature of NRCS' easement programs enables effective integration of wetland restoration on working landscapes, providing benefits to farmers and ranchers who enroll in the program, as well as benefits to the local and rural communities where the wetlands exist.

This year, NRCS is encouraging

partners to propose projects that focus on improving water quality as well as habitat on working landscapes in high-priority areas, ranging from the sagebrush of the West to the Chesapeake Bay. A number of at-risk species rely on wetlands, including the American black duck, bog turtle, wood turtle, spotted turtle, Blandings turtle and greater sage-grouse as well as a variety of mussel and fish species.

Proposals must be submitted to NRCS state offices by April 24, 2017. More information is available on the ACEP webpage.

Massbach Ridge Winery and Apple River Fort Foundation Sponsor Wine Label Contest

Massbach Ridge Winery and the Apple River Fort Foundation announce a contest for a new label for "Elizabeth," a white table wine. According to local legend, three Elizabeths were among the settlers within Apple River Fort when Black Hawk and his band attacked. One of the Elizabeths organized the women to mold bullets and reload the guns, an act essential to rebuffering the warriors. Award winning

Massbach Ridge Winery originally released the Elizabeth wine in 2008 to commemorate the courage of these women and to celebrate the strength of all pioneer women. The newly labeled wine will be unveiled at an event at the Apple River Fort in late spring. For more information and for details on how to enter the contest email Kathleen Morgan at Kathleen@ewtravel.com or call the Apple River Fort at (815) 858-2028.

Warren Library to repeat Stuff the Bag event

Did you miss the first round of our Stuff the Bag Sale? Or maybe you did come and didn't find anything exciting. Don't worry! We have replenished the sales tables with newly weeded items. The sale at the Warren Township Public Library held on Saturday, March 18, will feature paperback books and audio books. These two forms of books were not offered at our previous sale. Please stop in between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

to look over our additional selection and stuff a bag full of fiction and non-fiction for just \$3 per bag.

For more information please contact the Warren Township Public Library at (815) 745-2076. Like us on Facebook and follow our website www.wtpl.weebly.com for the most current news and updates. The Warren Township Public Library is located at 210 Burnett Ave. Warren, Illinois.

Monroe Library to host 'What's With Wheat?' documentary

Please join the Harmony Factory folks for a FREE screening of the documentary 'What's With Wheat?' to learn about the growing silent global epidemic of gluten intolerance! Showing: Wednesday March 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Monroe Public Library. Learn why more and more people are diagnosed with celiac and non-celiac gluten sensitivity than ever before! The documentary investigates why after eating wheat for thousands of years, it has been linked to so many health problems. Watch the trailer at: <https://whatswithwheat.com/> Save the date!

Black Hawk: from frontier terrorist to advertising icon

According to former Illinois Governor John Reynolds (1832), Black Hawk was once considered a terrorist. Yet, today Black Hawk is remembered with regional pride.

Cliff Krainik, nationally-known collector and historian will share some of his favorite pieces from his personal Black Hawk collection.

Hear his amazing story Saturday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at the Galena Ramada, 18313 U. S. Hwy 20, Galena.

16-026113

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS -
GALENA, ILLINOIS

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.

CAROLE SIMMS; THE GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendants,

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Inter-county Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the office of James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 7 Saddleback Road, Galena, IL 61036.
P.I.N. 08-203-140-00.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 1715930

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

DIANE WALLANDER, A/K/A DIANE L. WALLANDER A/K/A DIANE ULLBERG, ROHIN ULLBERG, NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK S/B/M TO AMTRUST BANK, W.A. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, THE GALENA TERRITORY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Defendant

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NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 7, 2016, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:30 PM on April 6, 2017, at the office of Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen PC, 122 1/2 N Main St, Galena, IL 61036, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1 OAKMONT COURT, GALENA, IL 61036
Property Index No. 43-08-403-004-00.

The real estate is improved with a single level white frame and blue trim with two car attached garage.
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction

thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/ or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com. between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 9294.

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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

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NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Letting

The Jo Daviess County Highway Department will be accepting bids for timber bridge pile repair. The bridge is located over the Muddy Plum River on Willow Road, 6 miles southeast of Stockton, IL. Bids will be accepted at the county highway office in Hanover, IL until 10:00 a.m. on March 23, 2017, and publicly opened and read at that time. Plans and specifications are available at the office of the Jo Daviess County Engineer, 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 3, Hanover, IL 61041. This bid requires that the successful contractor comply with all statutes, both Federal and State, governing the payment of wages to employees. The Jo Daviess County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Scales Mound musicians participate in Solo and Ensemble event

Congratulations the Scales Mound Junior High musicians who traveled to Lanark on Feb. 18, to perform at solo and ensemble contest! Out of a total of 28 performances, they brought home 14 first place gold medals and 14-second place silver medals!

Back Row L to R-Garrett Pickel, Sydney Driscoll, Kennedy Kudronowicz, Josie Korte, Collin Malin, Benjamin Vandigo, Logan Pehl
Front Row L to R-Hanna Reddington, James Plath, Ella Distler, Emma Wentz, Morgan Shetler, Georgia Vandigo, Ari Nottrott

Tyler's Justice Center for Children to host Third Annual Men Who Cook event

Tyler's Justice Center for Children will be holding its Third Annual Men Who Cook fundraiser on Saturday, April 1, at the Freeport Masonic Temple from 5-8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time for \$20, or \$25 at the door the night of the event. Children 12 years old and under are free! The event will include live entertainment by Carl and Dianna Cole, a cash bar, silent auction and plenty to eat! Men Who Cook is a casual event featuring local men preparing bite-sized samples of their favorite dishes to benefit Tyler's Justice Center for Children. For more ticket information, or if you are interested in being a cook at this event, please contact Missy Lyons or Kendra Mosley at Tyler's Justice Center at 815-947-6030.

follow-up advocacy services, and referrals for specialized sexual exams and licensed therapy. All services are provided at no cost to the children and families we serve. With continued state budget concerns, finding secure funding has been difficult. Fundraising has become imperative for survival and Tyler's must rely on fundraising and community donations to continue providing our specialized services at no cost. Last year, Tyler's Justice Center for Children served 173 new clients, provided 88 victim sensitive interviews and 22 referrals for specialized medical exams. The Center serves Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson Counties and is a recipient of the Northwest Illinois Chapter of United Way.

Tyler's Justice Center for Children is a 501 (c) 3, non-profit Child Advocacy Center, which provides specialized services to child victims of sexual and/or serious physical abuse. The Center provides forensic interview services, crisis counseling, intervention, community education,

Warren Lions Club to host town-wide garage sale

The Warren Lions Club will stage its Warren Town Garage Sale Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Save the Date: Spring Break Gardening

On Saturday, April 29, the Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners will be holding their annual Spring Break Gardening event from 9 a.m. to noon at the Elizabeth Community Building (HWY 20 W Elizabeth, IL). Registration for the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required to attend. To register or for more information on this program call us at 815-858-2273 or visit us online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

session, which is being held from 10-11 a.m., will give you the choice of attending Successful Squash by University of Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty or Water Diversion in the Home Landscape by University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon. The second breakout session will be held from 11 a.m. to noon and will give you the choice of attending Gardener's Calendar/Companion Planting by Jo Daviess Master Gardener's Cathie Rausch and Art Schee or Raised Bed Gardening/Composting by Jo Daviess Master Gardener's Don Klinger and Madelynn Wilharm.

The keynote address, which will be held from 9 - 10 a.m., will be given by Jon Kelly of Mississippi Valley Tree Experts and will focus on Tree Diseases and Insect Issues. Jon is a certified arborist with his company serving the Tri-State area. Following the keynote address will be two breakout sessions. The first breakout

Look for more detailed information to come on these sessions as the date gets closer!

Regional Transportation Committee meeting notice – Region 1

The next Regional Transportation Committee meeting for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) will be held on Thursday, March 23, at 10 a.m. at the Freeport Public Library located at 100 E. Douglas St., Freeport. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in public transit.

The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the development and implementation of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general

public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has formed an agreement with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) for the purposes of preparing, implementing, and updating the plan for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) and Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam Counties). For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Kim Zimmerman at (815) 433-5830.



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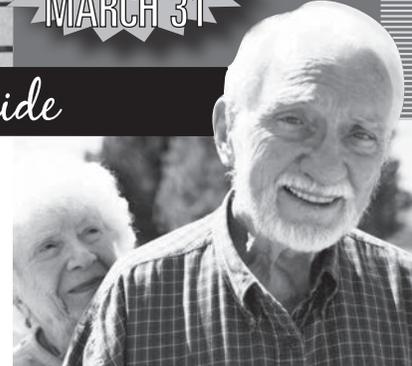


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