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HCC celebrates High School Servant-Leadership's 20th anniversary

On Saturday, March 11, Highland Community College honored and celebrated 20 years of the High School Servant-Leadership program with a special training and anniversary event. More than 200 current and former Servant-Leadership participants, mentors, and special guests were in attendance to help recognize the success and growth of the program.

What began as a dream and vision of the late President of Highland, Dr. Ruth Mercedes Smith, has truly become a "Highland distinctive" program in the region. Training generations of young people on Servant-Leadership philosophy, personal, team, and community development has helped to strengthen our community of future leaders.

The program has generated over one million hours of community service to people in need and organizations within our communities. Monthly training sessions at Highland continue to provide students an opportunity to become aware of and strengthen their leadership skills and abilities.

The day opened with a breakfast followed by a two-hour training session. Afterward, guests gathered for a luncheon followed by keynote speaker Tammy Abell, who led an interactive session for all current and former Servant-Leadership participants.

Kim Pool, Director of HCC's High School Servant-Leadership program, explained, "Tammy has been the program's keynote, motivational, inspirational, and educational trainer for over 18 years." She added, "Tammy has gifted Highland with her 'Servant Heart' over the years, and the motto of HCC's program 'to change the world, we must touch the world,' was first birthed out of training she facilitated. It also captures her heart of service as a trainer and a longtime friend of Highland."

Illinois State Representative Brian Stewart presented HCC with a certificate of recognition from the Illinois House of Representatives in honor of the program's 20th anniversary.

Freeport Mayor Jim Gitz read a proclamation from the City of Freeport recognizing the program for



TONY CARTON PHOTO The Scoop Today

The Stockton High School chapter of the Highland Community College Servant Leadership program attended the March monthly training and Twentieth Anniversary celebration on the HCC Campus in Freeport.

its "continuing work in developing leadership skills in area students and preparing them for leadership involvement that adds to the fabric of our entire community."

Larry Spears, Servant-Leadership Scholar at Gonzaga University and President of the Spears Center in Indianapolis, stated, "Over the past twenty 20 years, HCC's Servant-Leadership program has been a shining example of a servant-led pro-

gram that unites those who are committed to both education and community. While the Servant-Leadership program has grown through the work of so many people, I would like to offer my special appreciation for Kim Pool — someone who truly 'dwells in possibilities' — and one of the most gracious servant-leaders that I have ever met."

The legacy and impact of Highland's High School Servant-Lead-

ership program are echoed by participants. Current graduate research assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and 2011-2012 Servant-Leadership Eastland Chapter member Abbey Grisham, explained, "Servant-Leadership helped me stand out when I graduated high school. I would never have thought when I graduated high school that I would be working on my master's degree. I couldn't be where I am to-

day without all of the scholarships and people who helped me along the way, which included the community service I did through Highland Servant-Leadership. That helped me get to know the people in my community."

For more information about HCC's High School Servant-Leadership program, contact Kim Pool at kim.pool@highland.edu or 815-599-3574.

Apple Canyon Lake hosts watershed planning session

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

On March 16 there was a presentation on watershed planning held at Apple Canyon Lake. Watersheds and all bodies of water can be threatened by nitrates which is a compound of nitrogen used in fertilizers. When nutrients mix with warm water and sunlight the growth of algae blooms become accelerated. The blooms in turn consume oxygen as they begin to decompose in summer, creating a hypoxic zone, often called a dead zone. No aquatic life can survive in these zones because of lack of oxygen.

Nitrates find their way into water systems as runoff from agricultural fields. During heavy rains or snow melts, water collects on fields and drains into streams, wetlands, rivers and ponds.

Shaun Nordlie of Apple Canyon Lake opened the presentation by addressing the concerns of water qual-

ity in the lake itself. Nordlie said, "The association has spent about 50 thousand dollars putting rip-rap stone around a large part of the shore line on common property. It's now time for owners of lake front lots to do their part."

Jay Solomon, University of Illinois Extension spoke to the issue of

terminology for any long term plans. Solomon said, "We will always experience some nutrient loss. What is an amount of acceptable loss compared to retention? Cover crops seem to be the most effective way to reduce run off and therefore prevent nutrient loss."

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MABAS Division 49 offers open burning tips

On behalf of the members of MABAS Division 49, which includes all fire departments residing within Jo Daviess County, we would like to remind the public regarding the guidelines for open burning. Generally open burning can be conducted anytime during daylight hours only, unless a municipal ordinance or association guidelines specifically precludes this. For those residing in a municipality or under the umbrella of an association, please check with them or local fire department for further restrictions/guidelines.

Generally, the guidelines for open burning, is as follows:

*Burning during windy or excessively dry conditions shall be avoided.

*Burning shall be supervised at all times. It is recommended that individuals have a mechanism to

safely extinguish a fire, should adverse conditions arise and are healthy enough to actively manage a fire.

*Individuals should refrain from burning in close proximity to any structures or other unintentional sources of fuel, such as CRP ground or corn fields.

*Combustible material shall only be items; that have grown on your property (such as trees/brush). No hazardous items, such as tires, buildings or construction material shall be burned.

*Smoke resulting from a burn shall not create a nuisance for neighboring properties or adjacent roadways.

*All fires shall be extinguished prior to sundown.

*It is recommended that all large rural controlled burns, be reported in advance to the Sheriff's Office,

815-777-2141 or 800-373-7838, to avoid an unnecessary fire department response.

*At the discretion of the Fire Chiefs; a recommended burn ban, can be put into place at any time,

until conditions improve.

*Individuals that violate any municipal, county or state statute; may be cited as well as responsible for any bills incurred on behalf of a responding fire department.

Anyone with questions may leave messages at your local fire department non-emergency/station phone numbers. Since the stations are not staffed; plan ahead and please allow ample time for a return call.

Hanover food pantry adapts to meet increased demand

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

Hunger in America can be found anywhere. In some towns it's less obvious than others. Driving south on Route 84 as you come into Hanover you see a multi-story factory building that now stands empty, and the once busy main street always has

plenty of open parking.

The food pantry in Hanover is supplied with goods from the St. Stephens Food Bank of Dubuque, Iowa. Kathy Hutton of St. Stephens said, "We're a redistribution organization for River Bend and a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our clients have a small surcharge applied to their account with each purchase to cover the cost of deliveries and so forth. Never the less, for each dollar spent, the client obtains the equivalent of two and one half meals.

"We provide goods for a number of clients in Iowa and four food pantries in Illinois, Hanover, Elizabeth, East Dubuque and Galena."

Lorraine Stutzman and her husband Bill are the volunteer managers of the Hanover food pantry. Stutzman said, "We don't have a grocery store or convenience store here. For many people, especially seniors, the food pantry is the only place to get groceries."

"The food pantry has been operating for 10 years and is located in the building that once was the Hanover School. The building is part of the Hanover Park District now which means the food pantry does not have to shoulder the cost of rent, utilities or upkeep."

The Hanover Food Pantry has a president, secretary and treasurer while the local churches act in an advisory capacity. Stutzman said, "The churches are our main source of funding. The churches also provide the volunteers who stock shelves and assist those people who come here. The churches rotate responsibility for providing volunteers on a weekly basis.

"While the churches provide the better part of funding, we also receive financial help from local busi-

nesses and citizens. Different organizations often conduct food drives to replenish supplies or raise money."

The pantry has freezers and refrigerators to store the Illinois State commodities it receives including meat, fruits and vegetables.

"There are usually, on average, about 15 families that we serve," said Stutzman. "That number can vary though and has been as high as 20 families. In August, the number went up to 24."

A member of the local ministerial association, Reverend Bruce Burbank said, "Things have not been looking well for the Hanover - Elizabeth area. At the moment, the ministerial association has partnered with the River Bend Food Bank to provide nutritious food for 26 young people through a Back Pack Program. The program provides nutrition on weekends for the missed meals provided during the week by the school lunch program. Certainly, more can be done."

"The ministerial association is in the process of forming a task force to look at what the needs are and what is needed to help people in the Hanover- Elizabeth area. The membership will be made of both clergy and laity."

Linda Reitz a Hanover resident and former volunteer at the food pantry said, "Since the closing of the Robert Shaw factory we've been seeing a steady increase in the number of people that need to come to the food pantry. Many of these people are between the ages of 55 to 60. They cannot retire, but they have nowhere to go to find work. Younger people on the other hand have to leave to find work elsewhere. That means there are fewer people to volunteer at the food pantry or help out any other way."

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Solomon went on to explain details of a current three year test being done here in Jo Daviess County. Solomon said, "If cover crops should be regional, what are local cover crops and what are local conditions?"

Greg Thoren, Farm Service Bureau takes a progressive approach to farming. He understands the relationship between farming, the land and our overall environment. Thoren said, "I do not grow any kind of genetically modified crops (GMO) and I don't use Round Up.

"There is a balance that must be maintained between crops, fertilizer, water management and soil health. It's becoming apparent that the best method of achieving that balance is

the use of cover crops."

Thoren grows corn and specialty beans as a primary crop and uses cover crops to protect the soil and water balance and prevent run off.

Thoren said, "Cover crops are green on top of the soil much of the year. The roots of these crops holds the soil in place, even during wet periods, thereby keeping the nutrients on the field. This is important because with shale just below the surface in some areas, soil loss could become a serious problem."

"We've seen better microbial activity in our soil which is a sign of improvement in soil quality and we're finding large populations of active earth worms."

Art Scheele of Agnetic, spoke about potential problems with seed selection when planting cover crops. Scheele said, "We'll have to look at questions like tilling or using no till. We should be taking a holistic approach but first we have to define soil health."

The list of cover crops that could be paired with a primary crop is too large to catalogue. The questions about what cover crop to use is most often a regional issue or an issue based on soil differences found in one section of a field compared to another.

Scheele said, "Rye, wheat and oats can be used as a cover crop and can be harvested. If a producer wishes he can also plant clover, such as medium red, crimson or sweet yellow. Sorghum and cow peas are among some others that can be used."

As the discussion was winding down, Solomon said, "We're finding that while planting cover crops between rows of primary crops brings yields down somewhat, overall profit goes up because of lower fuel costs, less labor and less fertilizer."

While the test project continues, Solomon believes that regional and statewide programs are not far from being finalized which will result in less run off and cleaner water.

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A memorial service will be held for **Antonio Ledesma** Saturday, March 25th at 11 a.m. at **Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton.** 274630

Thank You
Thanks to everyone for the hugs, cards, flowers, balloons, gifts and well wishes on my retirement. Thanks to my co-workers for the great potluck and years of fun. Thanks to all of the customers over the last 34 years. It's been a great ride but it was time for this old lady to get off the bus. May God Bless all of you, as much as He has blessed me.
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Scales Mound Second Graders Campbell Hereau, Emily Kieffer, Quinn Driscoll and Halle Wiegel celebrated reading on Cat in the Hat Day 2017.

Scales Mound Schools celebrate Read across America Week

During Dr. Seuss birthday week, students and staff at Scales Mound Schools celebrated Read across America in big ways! The Hornet readers kicked off with Cat in the Hat Day on Monday. Students wore hats of all shapes and sizes. Tuesday was Green Eggs and Ham Day, and everyone decked out in green, which is easy for Hornets to do. Wacky Wednesday was a hit for sure, but the real fun took place on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss's birthday.

On Thursday, March 2, students in Kindergarten through 8th grade came to the library to read, relax, snack, and take as many Accelerated Reader (A.R.) tests as possible. The students took over 550 A.R. tests and several students even met their

A.R. goal. At lunch, students were served a yummy One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish Jell-O snack. It's a good thing the theme for Thursday was Sleep Book (a.k.a. pajama day) because everyone was ready for a nap by the end of the day, especially Mrs. Wiegel!

Teachers also spent the week preparing their classroom doors for a Seussified Door Decorating Challenge. The hallways of SMS were filled with colorful, creative doors covered with the Cat in the Hat, the Lorax, Horton, Thing 1 and 2, Fox in Sox, Wockets, and even a Thneed factory.

Students at Scales Mound Schools really enjoyed participating in Read Across America and can't wait for next year!



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Stockton NHS inducts 14 members

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



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Third Quarter honors

Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy is honoring Montana Petsche - River Ridge, Line Kuzniar - River Ridge, Claire Ketelsen - River Ridge, Anna Crist - River Ridge, Dillon Grenoble - Warren, CTE outstanding a.m. Students of the Third Quarter.

Arnold Tree Farm to host forest regeneration tours

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will host a tour of natural forest regeneration on former timber harvest sites at the

Apple River to hold Annual Town meeting

By Valerie J. Stocks
TOWN CLERK

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Apple River, in the county of Jo Daviess and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of Apple River will take place on

Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Apple River Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of Apple River; 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: Annual Financial Reports, Transfer of Funds, Open Forum

Tom and Jessica Arnold Tree Farm northeast of Elizabeth on Saturday, March 25 at 1 p.m.

We will visit a 15 acre hardwood site that was clear-cut in the winter of 2011/2012; a selective walnut harvest area in 2010 and 2008; and a 4 acre hardwood grove clear-cut in 1995. These sites will be viewed with timber management goals and regeneration progress discussed. Two neighboring properties and their regeneration will also be viewed: an 80 acre hardwood timber area clear-cut done in 2010; and a direct hardwood seeding site in a former crop field done in 2000.

Anyone interested in how woodland recovers after timber harvest should attend this event. The Arnold Farm is located at 997 N. Salem Road, Elizabeth; from Highway

U.S. 20 in Woodbine, turn north on any street and make an immediate left, heading west on Woodbine Road. Go approximately two miles to the intersection with Apple River Road and turn right. Go approximately 1 mile. Take the first left onto Fairview Road and take that to the top of the hill. Turn right onto Salem Road.

Arnolds Farm is the first set of farm buildings on the right-hand side, approximately two miles down Salem. Look for the evergreen windbreak bordering the buildings. NIFA is a non-profit organization of woodland owners and the public is welcome at its events. This event is free of charge. Please direct any questions to Dick Pouzar of the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association at pouzar@yahoo.com.

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Durbin: GOP health care repeal bill hurts older Illinoisans

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) discussed the impact of Congressional Republicans' plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how it would particularly hurt those nearing retirement age, as well as seniors.

Last week, GOP leaders unveiled their ACA repeal bill and three House Committees have approved the bill along party line votes. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the GOP bill would result in 14 million people losing their health plans next year, and 24 million people becoming uninsured by 2026. The bill would allow insurers to charge older people five times as much as younger enrollees, reduce tax credits for people age 50 to 64, dismantle the Medicaid program, and weaken Medicare.

"The Republican repeal bill would cause 24 million Americans to lose their health insurance over the next decade, and benefit few people other than the healthy and wealthy. It would be particularly bad for seniors and Illinoisans nearing retirement by allowing insurers to charge older Americans significantly higher premiums, cutting tax credits to help them afford health plans, jeopardizing Medicare's financial viability, and ending Medicaid as we know it. In Illinois and nationwide, this strategy threatens to disrupt our entire healthcare system – subjecting patients, providers, hospitals, and insurers to chaos," Durbin said. "As if that weren't bad enough, the Republican repeal bill provides hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to the

wealthiest Americans and big corporations. I will fight to protect the gains we have made under the ACA and continue to support patients in need."

The Republican repeal bill would allow insurance companies to charge older Americans five times more than younger adults for individual market coverage. This "age tax" by itself would raise premiums in Illinois by \$2,121 annually for a 60-year old. On top of that, the bill slashes the financial assistance, or tax credits, available to older Americans to help with the purchase of insurance coverage. Approximately 94,000 individuals between age 50 and 64 living in Illinois currently receive tax credits to help with the purchase of insurance. This is 39 percent of all

individuals age 50 to 64 who purchased coverage in the Marketplace in Illinois. Under the Republican repeal bill, a 60-year-old earning \$40,000 annually will receive a tax credit of no more than \$4,000 to purchase private health insurance. Based on the average premium in Illinois, that is \$2,944 less in tax credits than they would receive currently to help with the cost of coverage. Older Americans get hit twice: higher premiums and less help paying them. By 2026, the average premium in the individual market for someone age 64 will be 20 to 25 percent higher than it would be under current law.

In addition, more than two million Illinoisans currently receive health coverage through Medicare. The Republican bill cuts over \$100 billion in funding for Medicare—in order to provide hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to big business and the wealthiest Americans—which will make Medicare insolvent up to three years sooner than expected.

Finally, the Republican repeal bill would decrease federal Medicaid spending by \$880 billion. By 2026, Medicaid spending would be about 25 percent less than what is currently projected. Approximately 273,000 Illinoisans age 50 to 64—and 245,000 seniors in Illinois—benefit from Medicaid. It provides basic health coverage and enables individuals

to get the care they need to live at home, including help with activities of daily living, like getting dressed and bathing. It also provides nursing home care for those who need it and helps many seniors over age 65 cover the cost of Medicare premiums.

The AARP, the American Medical Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Hospital Association, and the Illinois Health and Hospital Association have all already opposed or raised serious concerns with the Republican repeal bill.

More than one million people in Illinois have gained coverage under the ACA, and all health plans now have important consumer protections (no discrimination based on pre-existing conditions, no annual/lifetime caps on benefits, as well as required coverage of maternity care, substance abuse, and mental health services). Nationally, more than 20 million people have gained health insurance because of the ACA. Thanks to the ACA, the uninsured rate in 2015 fell below 10 percent for the first time in our nation's history.

A little levity to lighten your day

If "pro" is the opposite of "con" then the opposite of "progress" must be "congress."

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos highlights how Trump's budget hurts rural America

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee and member of the House Agriculture Committee, highlighted the many ways President Trump's budget will damage the economy and hurt hardworking families from small towns, farms and rural communities across our nation.

"This budget proves President Trump is breaking his promise to the hardworking men and women of America's heartland. Instead of laying out a real strategy to create jobs and grow the economy across rural America, President Trump has introduced a budget that will do the

exact opposite by making some of his deepest cuts to the Department of Agriculture.

"His cuts to rural economic development funding will mean lost jobs and fewer opportunities for small town Americans. His decision to slash federal dollars for roads, bridges, airports and water infrastructure will ensure that thousands of hardworking men and women are left behind. President Trump is choosing to damage our agricultural economy by making it harder for our growers and producers to sell their crops by cutting agricultural research, market data collection, and closing local offices across rural America.

"During the campaign, President Trump promised to stand up for family farmers and make meaningful investments in our infrastructure, but once again he is proving that it doesn't matter what he says, it matters what he does. We absolutely need to make government more efficient and cut costs where it makes sense, but we need to do it in a way that puts hardworking families first. That is the exact opposite of what President Trump's budget does."

Throughout the election, President Trump said that "family farms are the backbone of this country" and that he was going to "end this war on the American farmer." Contrary to that promise, Trump's budget proposal will slash the Department of Agriculture by 21 percent – making the USDA the third most damaged major federal agency after the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department.

President Trump also promised "we will build the roads, highways, bridges, tunnels, airports and the railroads of tomorrow. This, in turn, will create millions of more jobs" – that's the exact opposite of cutting Department of Transportation funding.

Eagle Nature Foundation schedules combination Annual Business Meeting

The Eagle Nature Foundation, ENF, will sponsor its combination Annual Business Meeting, Award Ceremony and Fund Raising Luncheon on April 1, in the basement of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple River, IL. The event starts at 11 a.m. with a silent auction, followed by a Swiss Steak Luncheon at 11:30, catered by the Sidetrack Café in Apple River. At 12:30 pm a noisy auction will be followed by recognition of the winners of the silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Members of the public are invited to attend this luncheon to help ENF and learn about the many things that ENF is doing on behalf of the bald eagle and other endangered

species.

The Business Meeting will start at 1 p.m. followed at 2 p.m. with a presentation by Ed Cole, Restoration Ecologist with the Natural Land Institute, Rockford, IL. One of the main items of business during the business meeting will be the election of seven members to the Board of Directors. Other business to be considered is how ENF can promote its Million Dollar Campaign to find out what is causing the downward spiral of the bald eagle population along the Mississippi River so something can be done to reverse this downward spiral. Proceeds from both auctions and the 50/50 raffle will help ENF with its ongoing research and educational programs to help the bald eagle and other endangered species.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting and enjoying the presentation by Ed Cole should contact the ENF office for prices and information on attending. They should call 815-594-2306, or write ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001

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

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

ARNOLD G. REUBER

Arnold G. Reuber, 87, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 with his family at his side at Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was born May 13, 1929 in Lena, IL Son



of Floyd and Ruth (Bratley) Reuber. He married Esther Holmes on November 1, 1954 in Lena she preceded him in death in 1996. Arnold then married Edith Schmelzer on June 26, 1998. Arnold served his country in the United States Army. He worked at JI Case, and Micro Switch from 1969 until retirement. Arnold was a member of the Eagles Club & Moose Lodge in Freeport, and he enjoyed cutting and splitting wood.

Arnold is survived by his wife; Edith, four Children; Calvin (Lucinda) of Aiken, SC, Stewart (Rebecca) of Port Byron, IL, Ellen Tell of Freeport, IL, Lisa (Mike) Correa of San Diego, CA. Four step children; Debbie Collalti, Sandy Parks, Lisa (Scott) Farrar, Gary Hill. Seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, eleven step grandchildren and twelve step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Esther, and three sisters

Funeral Service and visitation were held March 17, at the Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Rev. Brian LeBaron officiated the services.

Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

DONNA J. MARSDEN

Donna J. Marsden, 84 of Warren passed away peacefully on March 6, 2017. She was born on November 23, 1932 in Guttenberg, IA to Raymond and Melinda (Andregg) Radabaugh. She married Leo J. Marsden Jr. on October 3, 1951 in Galena, IL. Donna and her husband raised four children and were lifelong farmers in rural Warren. She enjoyed gardening, canning, embroidery, reading, dancing with Leo at the Royal Palace. She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



She is survived by her children; Jan (Edward) Bussan of Gratiot, WI., Kyle (Karen "Missy") Marsden of Galena, IL and Kelly (Paul) Jones of

Apple River, IL, nine grandchildren, twenty one great grandchildren; two sisters Lonna McDermott and Fay Zeal; sister-in-law Janice Radabaugh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Leo in 1995, son Kevin in 1986, two brothers; Dean & DeLos Radabaugh; sister Regina Roling, two grandsons; Jaime Marsden in 1995 and Jacob Marsden in 2005.

A Mass of Christian burial was March 9, at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL.

Visitation was March 8, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Burial was at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery.

Officiating was Rev. Father Andrew Skorbutt.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

JANICE "JAN" M. SMITH

Janice "Jan" M. Smith, 92 of Lena, IL passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Lena Living Center in Lena. She was born on April 3, 1924 in Grand Junction, MI to Harry and Maude (Miller) Stocks. She graduated from Freeport High School in 1943. Jan married Curtis L. Smith on Feb. 15, 1948 in Grand Rapids, MI. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1979. Jan was employed by Microswitch from 1943 to 1952, Chambers and Owen from 1964-1970, and Crum & Forester Insurance from 1970 until her retirement in 1989. Jan was a member of the Isabel Chapter 322. She was also a long time member of the Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education and the Lena Women's Club; a 72 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and 71 year member of the Capernaum



White Shrine #4 W,S,J. Jan enjoyed reading, playing cards, traveling, playing scrabble, spending time with her family and her friends. Jan is survived by her three children; Sue (Jerry) Fangman of Iowa City, IA, Jeffrey (Cindy) Smith of Lena, Nadeane (Frank) Reed of Lena; three grandchildren Melissa (Ryan) Goebel of Lena, Beth Smith of Lena, Ben (Tashonna) Smith of Monroe, WI; four great-grandchildren Wil and Rylan Smith of Monroe, WI, Madalyn and Payton Goebel of Lena; and nephews Jim (Dean) Stevens of New Bern, NC, Dave (Mary) Stevens of Kalamazoo, MI, Jim Stocks of Lakeland, FL, Tom (Sheri) Stocks of Grand Rapids, MI; many great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Curtis, brothers Henry, Wesley, Millard, and Kenneth Stocks; sisters Irma Stevens, Berniece Stocks; sisters-in-law Eleanor Stocks, Aurelia Stocks, June Stocks; brother-in-law Edward Stevens, and her long time friend Richard Freidag. A visitation and memorial services were held March 18, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Pastor Randy Nicholas officiated the services. Cremation rites have been accorded.

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JUDITH "JUDY" A. ROWLEY

Judith "Judy" A. Rowley, 68 of Apple River, IL passed away on Monday March 13, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital. She was born on Sept. 13, 1948 to James and May (Fowler) Bennett in Cuba City, WI. She married Carl "Butch" Rowley on Sept. 23, 1972 in Shullsburg, WI. Judy enjoyed watching game shows, playing solitaire, and helping the Apple River Fire Department with all their events. She also loved to go out to eat on Saturday nights with Butch,



spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Butch, children; Laurie Rowley of Apple River, IL, Tom (Tawny) Rowley of Warren, IL, Amy (Josh) Harris of Poplar Grove, IL; four grandchildren; Autumn Stiefel of Apple River, IL, McKenzie Rowley of Warren, IL, Gavin and Jameson Harris of Poplar Grove, IL; sister's Phylliss Lange of Cedar Rapids, IA, Sandy (Dennis) Foley of Kenosha, WI; sisters-in-laws; Carol (Terry) Hoepfer of Benton, WI, Carol Bennett and Lillian Rowley both of Shullsburg, WI; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Ronnie and infant sister Shirley, one brother Jerry Bennett; father-in-law and mother-in-law Laurentine and Lillian Rowley, five brothers-in-law Robert Lange, Arlo, Robert, Donald and Howard Rowley; one niece Shelley Rowley.

Visitation and funeral services were held March 18, 2017 at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home.

Cremation rites to be accorded.

Sean Huguenin officiated the services.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

DONALD W. "DOGGIE" SCHUMACHER

Donald W. "Doggie" Schumacher, age 66, of Dubuque, Iowa, formerly of Elizabeth, Illinois passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center, Dubuque. A funeral service was held March 18, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Elizabeth, Illinois. Burial will take place in Elizabeth Cemetery. A visitation was held March 17, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Elizabeth. A memorial fund has been established in Donald's

memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Donald's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

KELLI R. RUMMEL HUNEKE

Kelli R. Rummel Huneke, 47, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 18, 2017, surrounded by her family, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born on March 9, 1970 in Rockford, IL to Roy and Ruth (Hodgson) Rummel. Kelli graduated from Leaf River High School, got her Associates degree from Highland Community College, Bachelor of Education from Rockford College, and Master of Education from the American College of Education. She married Jason Huneke and together they raised four wonderful and beautiful children. She taught for several years before becoming a stay-at-home mom and was also a substitute teacher during that time. For the past seven years, she was a fifth grade teacher for Lena-Winslow School District. She was a loving mom and an amazingly strong person. Her children were most important to her, and she did everything for them. She attended all of their activities including sporting events, 4-H shows, and showing sheep at the county and state fairs. She enjoyed family-oriented activities and spending time with friends and family. She made memories to last a lifetime by traveling to Cancun with her sisters and to Punta Cana with her children. She also enjoyed traveling to many lakes with her kids. She was a member of North Grove Evangelical Church.



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Births — Delta Dental presents 'Land of Smiles' Program to Pearl City School

Brooklyn Bonnet

Matthew and Katie Bonnet of Kent, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Brooklyn Ann Bonnet born Wednesday March 8, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Brooklyn has two brothers Jackson, 8 and Carson, 1. Grandparents are Joyce and Denny Bonnet of Pearl City, Ill. and Dale and Denise Queckboerner of Chadwick, Ill. Great grandfather is William Bonnet, Lena, Ill.

Aidan Heck

Daniel and Josephine Heck of Pearl City, Ill. are the parents of a son Aidan Jack Heck born Tuesday March 14, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Aidan has a sister Bridget, 7 and a brother Ryan, 3. Grandparents are Rick and Midge Hernandez of Freeport, Tom and Sue Bielefeld of Hixton, Wis. And Harry Heck of Neillsville, Wis.

Evelyn Simler

Amelia and Jered Simler of Pearl City, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Evelyn Rose Simler born Monday March 13, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Curtis and Mary Merkel of Mount Carroll, Ill. and Darius and Sherry Simler of Pearl City. Great grandparents are Norma Merkel of Chadwick, Ill. Albert and Betty Simler of Freeport and Carol Fluegel of Dakota, Ill.

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She is survived by her children—Chase (Kalie Becker), Jade, Reid, and Sage, all of Lena; parents, Roy and Ruth Rummel of Winnebago; sisters and brother, Amy (Mike) Pearse of Machesney Park, Ryan (Lynette) Rummel of Seward, and Erin (Jeff) Greenfield of German Valley; nephews, Eric Pearse, Curtis and Samuel Rummel, and Ethan and Owen Greenfield; aunts, uncles, cousins, her “teacher friends”, and her beloved dog, Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Le-

On Thursday, March 16, Pearl City Pre-K through sixth grade students enjoyed learning about good dental care while watching a “Land of Smiles” program presented by Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, based in Naperville, Illinois. The Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation believes that oral health education helps further the mission to improve oral health for all Illinois residents. Education is the key to helping establish a lifetime of good oral health. Because childhood is the time when good dental habits begin and healthy teeth develop, one of the signature programs for the Foundation is Land of Smiles.

The program features the Tooth Wizard (portrayed by Matty) and his arch nemesis, Plaque Man (portrayed by Dylan). Interactively they teach the value and practice of brushing, flossing, and rinsing with mouthwash to maintain good oral health, while having students helping them do the show. The characters also discuss good and bad foods for teeth and remind kids why it’s important to visit their best friend, the dentist, at least twice a year. During the program, the Tooth Wizard teaches how to rid of what he calls the icky, sticky, slimy, grimy, sort of yellowy, green gunk—in other words, plaque—that destroys teeth and causes cavities.

In our program Parker Marsh (Pre-K), Megan Snetcher (4th grade), and Gemma Musser (1st grade) helped the Tooth Wizard brush the plaque off of the teeth. Kayden Calderon-Lehr (Kindergarten) assisted the Tooth

na-Winslow Fine Arts Center in the elementary school.

Visitation will be held from 3 till 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Officiating will be Pastor Tim Hotchkiss.

Cremation rites to be accorded. Private family burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Kelli’s memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

The family would like to thank Kelli’s friends and the community of Lena for their outpouring of love and support. “Faith, Hope, Love, Strength, Courage”



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Delta Dental of Illinois and its foundation show the Pearl City Elementary students that learning the right attitudes and skills at a young age goes a long way toward creating and maintaining a lifetime of good oral health and overall health.

Wizard in brushing the plaque and bacteria off of the tongue. Joshua Stephan (Kindergarten) and Bridget Hoffman (1st grade) portrayed teeth to demonstrate how to floss up and down each tooth to remove plaque between the teeth. The Tooth Wizard and Plaque Man had the entire audience interacting throughout the pro-

gram. The students thoroughly enjoyed the program presented by Delta Dental. Students laughed and cheered as the characters taught them about good dental care. Delta Dental of Illinois and its Foundation know that learning the right attitudes and skills at a young age goes a long way toward creating and maintaining a lifetime of good oral health and overall health. They also gave the school a “Teeth-on-the-Go” curriculum kit for educators to use to help reinforce good oral health habits with their students. The kit includes a variety of oral health books, an oversized mouth model and toothbrush for the school to keep.

Highland Community College hosts annual Job Fair

The 2017 Highland Community Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 29, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. Current students, graduates, and area residents seeking employment are all invited to attend. This free event is an excellent networking opportunity for job seekers, typically featuring more than 30 employers in northern Illinois.

The 2017 Job Fair will be held in the Newell Room, located on the second floor of the Student/Conference Center. Business casual attire is high-

ly recommended at the Job Fair. Additional fair-related opportunities for job seekers include the following: “Job Fair Preparation Retreat” on Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m. to noon. This 3-hour retreat will feature job fair tips and strategies re: personal presentation skills, building effective resumes and cover letters, and conclude with a resume and cover letter open lab, where Career Service staff will assist you with finalizing your resume and cover letter for the Job Fair.

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- 6 to 6:50 p.m., Wednesday, March 29
 - 10 to 10:50 a.m., Thursday, March 30
 - 11 to 11:50 a.m., Thursday, March 30

“Post Job Fair Retreat: What Now?” on Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. to noon

This 3-hour retreat will take place the weekend after the Job Fair and will focus on how to follow up on your leads received at the main event. Topics covered will include: how to complete online applications, social media “no no’s,” and soft skill and interviewing technique development. Register at: www.collegecentral.com/highland (Must create a free account and log in to RSVP.) All buildings are ADA accessible. Go to www.collegecentral.com/highland for more information regarding all events. For vendor registration call 815-599-3597.

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The Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Stockton, Il was presented with a 2016 Country Inns & Suites By Carlson Be Our Guest Award.

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Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners offer Spring Break Gardening sessions

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). Doors will open 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.

The keynote address, given by Jon Kelly of Mississippi Valley Tree Experts titled Tree Talk with Jon Kelly will focus on Tree Diseases and Insect Issues. Jon is a certified arborist with his company serving the Tri-State area. Jon will discuss common tree diseases that are found in this area and offer advice on the best way to deal

with these diseases. He will also discuss insects and issues they may cause with your trees.

Following the keynote address will be two breakout sessions. The first breakout session, is being held from 10 - 11 a.m. One option for this session will be Successful Squash by University of Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty. Grant will provide information on the squash family including cucumbers, summer/winter squash, melons, pumpkins, and others. He will really focus on unique varieties, general practices, weed control, disease/insect management, and successful harvest. Water Diversion in the Home Landscape by University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental

Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon will be the second option to attend in breakout session one. Jay will focus on utilizing rainwater and reducing storm water run-off in your home landscape.

The second breakout session is being held from 11 a.m. to noon and gives you the choice of attending (1) Gardener's Calendar/Companion Planting by Jo Daviess Master Gardener's Cathie Rausch and Art Scheele or (2) Raised Bed Gardening/Composting by Jo Daviess Master Gardener's Don Klinger and Madelynn Wilharm. During Gardener's Calendar/Companion Planting you will learn helpful tips on what to do each month in your garden to ensure the best possible outcome during the months it is producing. After this brief overview,

this session will go into the topic of companion planting and discuss how planting certain plants in close proximity to each other can benefit one or both plants. The second option for this breakout session Raised Bed Gardening/Composting will offer tips on how to be successful in raised bed gardening and even how to make your raised

bed more accessible to you throughout different stages of your life. You will also learn about how to be successful in having your own compost to use in your garden.

Remember to register early to ensure you can attend the breakout session of your choice! We hope to see you there!

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Enjoy the music of the Jimmys, a powerhouse, eight-piece band influenced by raw Chicago Blues to second line New Orleans funk, while you dine. The Jimmys have solidified their brand of blues and R&B across the Midwest, Canada, Europe, and the Caribbean, earned international acclaim and devoted fans.

Admission is \$35 per person or \$65 for a couple. Proceeds will benefit the FHN Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center, which provides medical oncology, hematology and radiation oncology services all under one roof, close to home for patients and their families.

Tickets are available online at www.fhn.org/foundationFoodFight.asp or by contacting the FHN Foundation at 815-599-6900. This event is presented by friends of the FHN Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center.

Millie's quote of the week

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.

William Arthur Ward.

St. Paul's in Kent Celebrates ten years of Blessed Relationship

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 celebrated the blessings God has given to us with cake and goodies.

Church Notes

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church, 600 N Main St, Stockton, IL, will gather for worship on Saturday, March 25, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m., celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Lent, with Pastor Susan Davenport delivering the sermon. Our theme, based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism, will be the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m.

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 on March 22 is Nicole Haas and on March 29 is Linda Balbac from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Warren. All are welcome.

Faith Training for Seventh Grade is Wednesday, March 22, from after-school until 4:45 p.m. Faith Training for Eighth Grade is Wednesday March 29, from after school until 4:45 p.m.

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.

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship March 26 at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Fourth Sunday of Lent as we celebrate Holy Communion with our First Communion class. 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 29 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 29 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.

St. John's Lutheran Church

On Sunday, March 26, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the Fourth Sunday of Lent beginning at 9 a.m. Whirl Sunday School will meet and focus on the lesson, "Samuel Anoints David." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

The Genesis (high school) youth group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 26, at the Youth and Family Center. The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) youth group has moved their meeting time to Wednesdays at 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Youth and Family Center.

St. John's will host Mid-week Lenten 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.

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. All are welcome to attend.

Theology on Tap will be held

at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse on Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

The discussion topic will be "Spiritual, But Not Religious."

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 pm 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.

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting a Lenten service on March 26 and sharing with Kent, Willow and Calvary United Methodist Church's as Steve Sheffey and family share their musical talent and their love for God with us. Please come and join us at 7 p.m. and enjoy the program and fellowship after. Everyone is welcome. Wesley is located at the corner of Hudson and Benton Sts and is handicap accessible. For information, please call 815-601-6742.

Our regular worship times are -Spark Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:45.

Our doors are open to all wishing to enter and be welcomed.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Mar 26, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris is bringing the series "The Apostles Creed" of 'I Believe in-the Church United'; all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

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

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. can call 815-601-6742

NOTE: Lenten Service is Sunday eve, March 26, at 7 p.m. at Wesley UMC, in Stockton, IL (corner of Benton and Hudson); "Steve Sheffey" will be doing the musical service. All are invited and welcome.

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LEGALS

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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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 NORTHEASTERLY 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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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular monthly business meetings for the Township of Rush for the fiscal year 2017 – 2018 will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rush Town Hall, 2999 North Canyon Park Rd., Stockton, IL on the following dates.

- April 10, 2017
- May 8, 2017
- June 13, 2017
- July 11, 2017
- August 8, 2017
- September 12, 2017
- October 10, 2017
- November 14, 2017
- December 12, 2017
- January 9, 2018
- February 13, 2018
- March 13, 2018

Ted Davenport, Township Clerk (Published in The Scoop Today March 22 & 29, 2017)

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters and residents of the Township of Pleasant Valley, 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 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township; 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:

AGENDA

- Call to order
 - Election of Moderator
 - Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting
 - Annual Financial Reports
 - Open forum
 - Closing
 - Dated March 24, 2017
 - Rena Eden, Town Clerk
- (Published in The Scoop Today March 22, 2017)

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Apple River, 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 11th, 2017
Being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:30 p.m. at the Apple River 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:

- Annual Financial Reports
 - Transfer of Funds
 - Open Forum
 - Dated March 15, 2017
 - Valerie J. Stocks, Town Clerk
- (Published in The Scoop Today March 22, 2017)

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Stockton spring sports takes field

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks spring sports season is underway. That's what it showed on the schedule at least, as they, as well as many other schools across northern Illinois, looked at getting out on the field for the first time this year.

However Mother Nature has been less than cooperative when it comes to assuring all the games could get underway.

With conditions much improved this week there is a very good chance that all area teams will be guaranteed their first game action of the season. It's about to get a lot busier for both the boys' baseball and girls' softball teams.

The Lady Blackhawks had a scheduled home game with Rockford Jefferson on Thursday, March 16 before they returned the favor with a road visit to J-Hawks Country on Friday, March 17.

The Stockton Boys' Baseball Team saw its schedule reflect a March 18 double-header with the Byron Tigers to get the season started.

Now with the questions of weather set aside for a bit, the boys had time to get ready for their Tuesday, March 21 home meeting with Scales Mound/River Ridge. The girls got the same chance. Both squads had scheduled first pitches for 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 22 the Lady Blackhawks travel to take on River Ridge/Scales Mound and on Thursday, March 23, NUIC play re-appears. Stockton visits Winnebago County for a 4:30 first pitch against the Pecatonica Lady Indians.

The boys' team will see action on Thursday, March 23 with first pitch, on the road against River Ridge/Scales Mound. After that they will see a full slate of contests beginning Monday, March 27.

On Monday Stockton travels to Sterling-Newman. On Tues-

day they are home to play host to East Dubuque. On Wednesday it's a non-conference showdown with Winnebago before the Blackhawks travel to East Dubuque to wrap up their home and away series on Thursday.

A cross-border contest is scheduled for Friday, March 31 with Benton/Shullsbrg in Wisconsin. On Saturday, April 1, one of the busiest weeks of the early baseball season wraps up with a double-header at home against Freeport-Aquin. First pitch is scheduled for 11 a.m. next

Saturday.

The Lady Blackhawks will host East Dubuque on Tuesday, March 28 and will remain home on Wednesday, March 29 for a scheduled meeting with Polo. A day later, Stockton

travels to East Dubuque to play.

March closes for the Stockton Lady Blackhawks on Friday March 31 as they invite the Galena Lady Pirates in for an important early-season NUIC-battle.

4-H Shooting Sports Program underway

University of Illinois Extension and Stephenson County 4-H is proud to announce the Fifth Annual Spring Archery Shooting Sports program. The 4-H Shooting Sports Club is an active participation program designed to in-

troduce young people to the sport of archery. The program is built around natural resources, wildlife, outdoor recreation, and safety. The program goals include experiential learning and positive interaction with other members under the instruction of state certified instructors. The core concepts will stress safety, ethics, personal responsibility, and the development of lifetime recreational skills.

Lori Tessendorf, 4-H Program Coordinator, stated, "the 4-H staff, in conjunction with the shooting sports instructors at Indian Trail, want this to be an exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding experience taught within a safe environment. We are excited to be in our fifth year of offering the archery program to area youth. It's a wonderful opportunity for youth to gain life skills through a structured shooting sports program."

The Archery Shooting Sports program is open to all youth (not just 4-H members) who are 8 - 18 years of age as of September 1, 2016. Safety is first and foremost - participants are expected to follow the directions of the instructors at all times. All equipment will be supplied by the club from beginners to advanced archers.

The archery club will start on Thursday, April 13, from 6-7 p.m. at the Indian Trail Archers facility located at 107 E. Spring St., Freeport. The fee for participating in the archery club is \$50 (current 4-H member) or \$70 (non 4-H member). If interested, please contact Lori Tessendorf at 815-235-4125 or register online by visiting: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>. Registration is currently open until April 11 for all interested youth.



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Scales Mound wins award

The Scales Mound seventh and eighth grade basketball team won the 2017 U.S. Grant / Fever River Conference Sportsmanship Award. Front: Morgan Shetler, Emma Wentz, Middle: Anna Cogan, Maddie Anderson, Georgia Vandigo Back: Maddie Pingel, Taylor Korte, Kennedy Kudronowicz, and Josie Korte



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1st Team

Brighton Haverland (SR) Eastland
**Unanimous, Payton Heller (SO) East Dubuque
**Unanimous, Trey Thomas (J R) River Ridge, Layne Boyer (SO) East Dubuque, Hunter Sherman (SO) East Dubuque, Skyler Fisher (SR) Pearl City, Hayden Fox (SR) Stockton. Andrew Kaiser: (SR) Warren

2nd Team

Parker Magee (SO) LeWin, Ethan Christians (JR) Eastland, Cam Spillane (SR) Galena, Gavin Kraemer (SR) Stockton, Dawson Wurster (JR) West Carroll, Hunter Holland (SR) Galena, Honorable Mention, Joey Quinn (SR) East Dubuque, Kaleb Plattenberger (JR) West Carroll, Zack Stadel (SR) Scales Mound, Payton Calow (SR) Warren



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Warren Lions Club service project

River Ridge seventh graders celebrated the completion of their Warren's Lions Club service project. Mr. Francis Fennell brought pizza and to collect donations. Over 500 items were collected. This year Stockton Warren Galena and Scales Mound schools also joined in the service project making the impact of helping those in need greater!



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Scales Mound musicians participate in Solo and Ensemble event

Congratulations the Scales Mound musicians who performed at the solo and ensemble contest in Stockton!

Back Row L-R
Rylie Baker, Cameron Ziarko, Tyler Allen, Erin Winter, Lauren Sigafus, McKenna Peart, Isaac Stadel
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4-H Fun Day: Doing, Thinking, and Creating

The 2017 Jo Daviess County 4-H Fun Day will be held on Friday, April 14 at the CTE Academy located in Elizabeth. Sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, this event will include hands-on learning activities that will have kids DOING, THINKING, and CREATING! 4-H Fun Day is open to any child currently in K-12 grade. Participants do NOT need to be a 4-H member to attend. Everyone is welcome, so grab a friend.

This event will offer 3 sessions. Each session will include a wide range of topics for your child to choose from. Participants will have a chance to make their own solar powered car during the "Solar Energy: Racing with the Sun" workshop. Participants who choose the "Edible Art" workshop will learn to make fruit and vegetable creations.

If your child is really into gardening... they can participate in the "Eggstreme" Gardening" or "Fairy/Dino/Treehouse" Garden workshop. If your child has an artistic side, register them for the "Mixed Media Woodburning," "Weaving Through the Grapevines," or the "Accordion Memory Albums" workshop. These are just a few of the many workshops that are being offered during this event. Please visit our website to see a full listing and read the descriptions of the workshops your child can choose from. A special session will be held for those children who are currently in K-2nd grade.

U of I staff, local community leaders, and the Jo Daviess County 4-H Federation have come together to offer youth this fun-filled event. "Our 4-H Fun Day is one of my favorite events of the year," says Angela Miller, 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator. "Our workshops are designed to be informative, interactive, and fun for the participants! There is something for everyone."

The schedule for the day is as follows:

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| 8-8:15 a.m. | Check-in |
| 8:15-8:25 a.m. | Welcome |
| 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Session 1 |
| 9:35-10:35 a.m. | Session 2 |
| 10:40-11:40 a.m. | Session 3 |
| 11:45-noon | Closing and |

Pick-up
This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required and will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. Space is limited for some of the workshops so register soon. You may register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/> or by calling the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.

HCC Royal Scots present 'Jazz Cabaret' fundraiser at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa

The Highland Community College Royal Scots will be bringing their popular "Jazz Cabaret" show to Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa in Galena for one night only, on Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. The show includes jazz performances by Highland students and a three-course dinner in Eagle Ridge's picturesque ballroom.

Tickets for this fundraising event are \$80 per person, and seating will be limited to create an intimate nightclub atmosphere. Call 815-599-3413 or go to highland.thankyou4car-ing.org to purchase tickets.

Between 2013 and 2016, special fundraising efforts made it possible for 18 Highland students, plus community members and chaperones, to travel to

Germany and Austria for a vocal music and educational tour in May 2016.

The HCC Foundation is currently partnering with the HCC Music Department to make it possible for a new group of students to be able to have a similar enriching experience in the spring of 2018.

Generous underwriting by local businesses and individuals will help defray event costs and thus, increase net proceeds. Underwriting donors participating so far include: Apple River State Bank/First Community Bank of Galena; John and Margarete Cooke, Galena Gazette, and Jo-Carroll Energy. Contact Kim Rampenthal at 815.599.3413 at the HCC Foundation to learn more.

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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.

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, interven-

tion, community education, 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.

Northwest Illinois Forestry Association to host annual dinner meeting

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association will hold its Annual Dinner Meeting Tuesday, April 4th, 7 p.m. at the Mt. Carroll Church of God. This year's program will feature a panel discussion: "How Timberland is Assessed for Property Tax Purposes."

Many new and existing landown-

ers are unclear as to how forested property is assessed for taxation. Even less understood are the options available to manage tax liability. Several common timber landowner taxation scenarios will be presented to a panel for their elaboration and input on options to consider. Panelists will include: Illinois Dept. of

Natural Resources District Forester; Tom Walsh – Winnebago County Supervisor of Assessments; Tom Sleeter – estate planning professional with Heartland Capital Resources; and Jim Johannsen – Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation Easement Manager. The panel will be moderated by Jay Solomon, Illinois Co-operative Extension Advisor. An audience question and answer period with the panel will conclude the discussion. The public is invited to

hear this presentation.

Tickets for the dinner will be \$12 with reservations which should be made by April 1st by calling Dick Pouzar at 815-777-8157, email at pouzar@yahoo.com, or mailing to: NIFA, 2303 W Cording Rd., Galena IL 61036-9730. Without reservations, tickets are \$15 at the door. The Church of God is located on the northeast corner of the Hwy 52/64 and Hwy 78 intersection in Mt. Carroll.

Notable facts surrounding the pending referendum vote for the Stockton Fire and Ambulance Protection District on the ballot April 4th:

February 25, 2016, the Stockton Fire Department was the victim of a fire in its own firehouse. The building suffered structural damage, 5 trucks plus an ATV and trailer were totaled, and basically everything inside the station was destroyed.

Due to an antiquated building system in the building, the determination the building was "totaled" was a lengthier process than most. In the end, the insurance company and the international structural engineering firm they had hired determined it was not repairable for the amount of insurance on the building. The fire station had approximately \$700,000 of insurance on it. Estimate to demolish, and rebuild a new station in the same spot is approximately \$1.1 million. The Village of Stockton has agreed to sell the department 25 feet to the west for an expansion. Plans and drawings are currently in the hands of an architect as per state law, and will be released for bidding when received back.

Due to the size of the claim and the type of damage incurred, the "totaling" of the vehicles was a lengthier process than most. In the end, the insurance company paid to haul them to a manufacturing facility to be studied, whereupon it was determined they were not repairable for the amount of insurance on them. Due to the massive increase of HD vehicle prices in the past few years, several of the trucks were also underinsured for replacement. Generous donations from the public made up for much of this underinsurance. The Suburban, Trailer, and ATV have been replaced, with an Engine, Tender, Rescue, and Brush Truck on order. The department has made do with borrowed trucks for over a year, and owes a huge debt of gratitude to the Scales Mound Fire Protection District, the German Valley Fire Protection District, the Cary Fire Protection District, and the Shannon Fire Protection District for these vehicles. We would not have been able to operate without them.

As far as the items in the station, if they pertained to firefighting we were well covered. Most, if not all equipment has been replaced under insurance. We were, however, underinsured on non-firefighting items such as file cabinets, tables, chairs, etc.

Looking ahead ten years, we have several large expenditures anticipated. We have a brush truck that is 32 years old today. We have a tender that is 17 years old. We have an engine slated for replacement within 10 years. We have a floor that is literally crumbling under the trucks in Station 2. We will need new gear within 10 years, and new airpicks. These items will total over \$1 million by themselves.

The referendum states we are asking the tax payers permission to issue \$250,000 in bonds to complete the funding for the new fire station. The firm we are working with has estimated this temporary increase will cost the average taxpayer \$15 per year for every \$100,000 of property value. Farmland will be lower. This temporary increase will go away after 10 years.

We are asking the taxpayers of Stockton Fire and Ambulance Protection District to please support us and vote "YES" on April 4th. Please give your firefighters a new home to respond from to protect you and your property. We have been honored and humbled with such amazing support over the last year, and now we ask for it just one more time. Thank you.

The officers and firefighters of the Stockton Fire Department

Warren Woman's Club hold February meeting

Our meeting was held at Saunders Oil, here in town; Brian and Karlene Saunders were our host and Brian explained how the family has been in business for a very long time. Their children are helping to run the business these days. Brian and Karlene had shown pictures and had gifts for everyone. We would like to say "Thank You" to Brian and Karlene for their hospitality for the afternoon.

President Ruth Langfield brought the meeting to order and we recited the Collect. There was the Treasures report and that was approved. There were no other committee reports. Ruth put together committees for next year 2017-2018.

The sign up sheet for the Spring Luncheon has to be done at the

March meeting and more information will be available at the meeting.

The Spring Trip is scheduled for July 5, a Wednesday to see "Evita" at the Timber Lake Playhouse. The tickets will be \$20 to \$22 per ticket is needed at the March meeting. More information will come at the meeting, be sure to bring your ticket money with you to the meeting.

A big "Thank You" to Social Committee members Sandra Wolfram (chr.), Ruth Langfield and Joyce Edge for a great lunch.

Our next meeting will be March 28, at 1:30 p.m. and our guest will be our own Sharon Cahill, Master Gardner. If you have gardening questions call Sharon so she can answer them at the meeting. Hope to see you at the meeting.

University of Illinois Extension to offer Farmers' Market Boot Camp

The University of Illinois Extension in partnership with the Pretzel City Market and the Freeport Downtown Development Foundation are offering a Farmers Market Boot Camp to offer farmers tips and information about marketing directly to the consumer for the upcoming market season.

The Farmers Market Boot Camp will be comprised of three sessions, each session lasting two hours. Session one will cover rules and regulations, session two will discuss crop

succession and planning, and session three will include using social media, marketing, and booth design.

Farmers Market Boot Camp will be held on March 21, 28 and April 4, at the University of Illinois Extension located at Highland Community College in the Community Services Building (use parking lot B). There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

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Lena-Winslow FFA attends WCFA Conference

Eight members of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter attended the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference in Champaign on March 9. Organized and presented by the Illinois AgriWomen the conference is designed for young women in high school and college who are interested in a career in agriculture. Over six hundred young women attended the conference this year whose keynote speaker was Elzandi Oosthuizen, Vice President of Global Geographic Strategy, Monsanto Company. Elzandi spoke about her belief that women in agriculture can "Have it All" and how to accomplish that goal. After hearing the keynote speaker the students broke up into groups and toured/networked with the various businesses that came for the career fair. There were a variety of agriculture disciplines represented including ag busi-

ness, ag communications, ag law, agronomy, ag engineering, animal sciences, food science and ag marketing. Each student also was part of a break-out session that they chose at registration. The break-outs reflected the individual interests of the

students such as horses, food science or marketing. The day ended at the University of Illinois Stock Pavilion where the "Explore ACES" (for the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental and Consumer Sciences) event was occurring.

Highland to host Agriculture banquet

The Agriculture Department at Highland Community College invites the agriculture students, parents, and supporters to a banquet called "Growing Momentum" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, in the Student/Conference Center, room H-201.

The evening will include dinner, with highlights about the Post-Secondary Ag Student (PAS) Organization, Collegiate Farm Bureau, and Dairy Judging Team. Sponsors who

have supported the Agriculture Department throughout the year will be recognized.

Over the past few years, the Agriculture Department has made some changes to the agriculture curriculum, as well as providing some extracurricular opportunities for students. With the continued growth of the agriculture program, it is important to reflect on the past, thank those who have helped along the way, and discuss

Farm-to-Farm 5K benefits Ag-in-the-Classroom

The inaugural Farm-to-Farm 5K and Fun Run will take place on Saturday April 1 at Kent Farms, 12662 N Christian Hollow Road, Winslow, IL. Sponsored by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Young Leaders, this fun family event will feature a scenic out-and-back 5K (3.1 mile) course showcasing local agriculture with displays, signage,

a petting zoo and kids' activities. Early registration discounts end on March 20, and signups up till race time can't be guaranteed a race shirt. Finisher medals, age group and overall prizes, swag bags and food are included, and registration forms can be downloaded at www.stephensoncfb.org or you can register online at www.GetMeRegistered.com/FarmToFarm5K. Race day registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the Chore Boot 40-Yard Dash at 9:30 a.m. and the 5K commencing at 10 a.m. Proceeds from the event will support Agriculture-in-the-Classroom activities in Stephenson County coordinated by the Conservation & Agricultural Partners (CAP) Foundation.

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HCC Servant-Leadership Program to stage annual 'Hearts and Hands for Hunger' event

The Highland Community College High School Servant-Leadership Program is gearing up for their 8th annual "Hearts and Hands for Hunger" OneMeal Event. They are seeking help from individuals and businesses that would be willing to sponsor meals for hungry children. The cost of each meal is 25 cents.

The goal this year is to feed 75,000 children. The OneMeal Packing event will be held on Friday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for local schools that register, and Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon for the community and sponsors. The event will be held at the HCC Student/Conference Center, Room, H-201. The event is open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thirteen area high schools, representing over 130 students who participate in the Highland Community College Servant-Leadership program are continuing the campaign to help feed children who are hungry. The past six years, Servant-Leaders have been able to provide over 500,000 meals for children locally and to other children around the world who are in need.

Highland Servant-Leadership is once again partnering with the orga-

nization "Kids Around the World" from Rockford, IL. "Kids Around the World" brings all materials and supplies that are needed. Volunteers come together and package the meals.

"It is a great way to get people directly involved in the process of feeding starving children all over the world," said HCC Servant-Leadership Coordinator Kim Pool. "Kids Around the World ships and distributes the meals to partners on the ground in countries to assure the meals get to the children. For only 25 cents, a child's life can be changed."

There are four ways in which people can get involved: (1) Donate and sponsor meals at 25 cents each. (2) Purchase a T-shirt with proceeds going to provide meals for children (3) Sponsor a table for \$250, which provides 1,000 meals to children. Sponsorship can be for business promotion or in memory/honor of a loved one. (4) Volunteer at the event on April 7 and/or April 8 for any amount of time.

Those interested in donating or assisting in the effort should contact High School Servant-Leadership Coordinator Kim Pool at kim.pool@highland.edu or call 815-599-3574.

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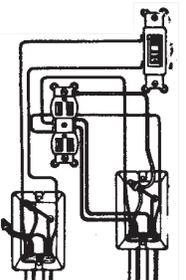
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I hope everyone enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day. I know there was a lot of corned beef and cabbage consumed. We are still fluctuating in the temperature department, but hopefully the students will have some warmer weather for their Spring Break. This week we are not breaking from cooking. The column will feature a new take on an old favorite salad, a Lenten main course, a great stew, and two good desserts.

The first recipe is for a creamy grape salad. I have made this grape salad numerous ways, but this one is another variation. Enjoy a new taste to an old favorite.

Creamy Grape Salad

- 2 C. seedless green grapes, halved
 - 2 C. seedless red grapes, halved
 - 1/2 C. slivered almonds, toasted
 - 4 oz. cream cheese
 - 1/2 C. sour cream
 - 1/4 C. packed brown sugar
- Combine the fruit and nuts in a

large bowl. Microwave the cream cheese on HIGH 20 to 30 seconds or until softened. Whisk until creamy. Add the sour cream and sugar and mix well. Add the cream cheese mixture to the fruit mixture and mix lightly.

Our Lenten entrée today is an easy one to make. It is a burger made with tuna. It is a nice change from beef, and it is moist. You can broil the burger instead of frying it if you are cutting calories.

Tuna Burgers

- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 C. dry bread crumbs
- 1/2 C. finely chopped celery
- 1/3 C. mayonnaise
- 1/4 C. finely chopped onion
- 2 T. chili sauce
- 1 pouch (6.4 oz.) light tuna in water

2 T. butter
Hamburger buns, split and toasted
Lettuce and tomato, optional
Mix the first six ingredients; fold in tuna and shape into four patties.

In a large skillet, heat the butter over medium heat. Cook the patties until lightly browned, about 4-5 minutes per side. Serve on buns with garnish.

This next main course recipe takes stew and adds some pasta. Serve it with some crusty bread and a salad, and you will have a great main dish.

Beef Stew with Pasta

- 3 T. olive oil, divided
- 2 lbs. beef stew meat

4 medium carrots, but into 1-inch pieces

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (14 1/2 oz.) diced tomatoes, drained

- 1 can (12 oz.) tomato paste
- 2 cartons (32 oz. each) chicken broth or beef broth

- 3/4 t. salt
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 2 T. minced parsley, optional
- 4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed

- 1 can (15 oz. white kidney beans or cannelloni beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 C. grated Parmesan

- 1 1/2 C. uncooked macaroni
- 2 C. chopped fresh spinach

In a large Dutch oven or kettle, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over medium high heat; brown half of the beef. Remove and repeat. In the same pan, sauté the carrots and onion in remaining oil until onion is tender, about 2-3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute. Stir in the tomatoes, tomato paste, broth, salt, pepper, beef and parsley; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered for 1 1/2 hours.

Stir in potatoes, beans and cheese. Bring to a boil. Stir in macaroni. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered until beef and vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in spinach until wilted. Serve immediately.

This next recipe is an easy way to

have a tasty bread. Save this for the brunch table because it is a good one with an egg casserole. It is good as a breakfast bread all by itself. Enjoy this easy way to make a great bread.

Orange Dream

Pull-Apart Bread

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese
- 2 tubes (7 1/2 oz. each) small refrigerated buttermilk biscuits, 10 count
- 1 C. packed brown sugar
- 1 C. chopped pecans
- 4 t. grated orange peel
- 1/2 C. butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 375. Cut cream cheese into 20 pieces. Using a small knife, cut a horizontal pocket into the side of each biscuit; fill each with a piece of cream cheese. Pinch the opening to seal.

In a shallow bowl, mix the brown sugar, pecans and orange peel. Dip the biscuits in melted butter; roll in brown sugar mixture. Stand biscuits on their sides in a greased 10-inch fluted tube pan. Bake 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan for 5 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. Serve warm.

This great tasting cake will get you in the mood for spring. The original Tres Leches Cake is much more complicated, but using a cake mix makes this much easier to make. It is not for the faint hearted because it uses some really great ingredients that will help you satisfy your sweet tooth. Enjoy this good treat—it is good enough to save for Easter dinner dessert.

Shortcut Tres Leches Cake

- 1 pkg. butter recipe yellow cake mix
- 3 large eggs
- 1/3 C. milk
- 1/2 C. butter softened
- 1 t. vanilla
- Topping
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed mil
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- 1 C. heavy whipping cream
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- 2 T. powdered sugar
- 1 t. vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, milk, softened butter and vanilla; beat on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium speed for 2 minutes. Transfer to the prepared pan. Bake 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick in the center comes out clean.

Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 20 minutes. In a 4-cup measuring cup, whisk the topping ingredients until blended. Using a skewer, generously poke holes in the top of the warm cake. Slowly pour the milk mixture over the cake, filling the holes. Cool 20 minutes longer. Refrigerate the cake, covered, at least 4 hours or overnight.

In a bowl, beat the cream until it begins to thicken. Add the powdered sugar and vanilla; beat until soft peaks form. Spread over the cake.

We are moving to a new chapter in the Not So Skinny Cook life. March will probably be going out like the lion it came in as. I was in Texas last week, and loved the green and flowers which were beautiful. I tell myself that we will have that soon!! We lost two special ladies while I was gone. Our community was blessed by their service—Jane at the Park District, and Kelli at the school. They were both courageous women whose lives touched many and made the world a better place. My deepest sympathy to all of their family and friends.

As school begins its last quarter, spring sports are waiting for a warm up. I know things will be fast and furious as April begins. As we go towards Easter, we continue to look for Lenten recipes. If you find some great seafood or meatless recipes or have some good brunch and ham recipes for Easter, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, *Shopper's Guide* at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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JDCF's annual meeting to feature renowned botanical artist George Olson

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites the public to attend our annual meeting on Saturday, April 1, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Chestnut Mountain Resort. As part of our 2017 Year of the Prairie, botanical artist George Olson will present Thoughts from the Prairie. There will be an interactive social hour with Mr. Olson, artist Richard Pearce, and Collections Specialist from The Field Museum, Jim Louderman. We will also be honoring John and Barbara Rutherford as the recipients of the 2017 Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award. The cost of the event is \$45/per person and includes a buffet dinner with a vegetarian option. Reservations can be made by calling 815-858-9100 or emailing info@jdcf.org.

An exhibit of Mr. Olsen's work will be on display at the Galena Center for the Arts from March 31 through June 4. Information about this exhibit, Watercolors from the Tall Grass Prairie, can be found at www.galenacenter-forthearts.com.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking. For more information about JDCF, please visit their office at 126 N Main Street, Eliza-beth IL, or contact them at www.jdcf.org, or in-fo@jdcf.org.

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Prairie Enthusiasts host annual conference and banquet

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

On Saturday March 4, the Northwest Illinois (NIPE) Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE) hosted the organizations' annual conference and banquet. The event was a special occasion because the date marked the 30th anniversary of TPE. Also, for the first time NIPE and the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) partnered with one another to bring this event to northwest Illi-

nois. The topic of this year's meeting was Landscapes of the Future: Challenges and Opportunities. The Eagle Ridge Resort in the Galena Territory was the location of the affair. Laura Dufford, NIPE President and Steve Barg, Executive Director of JDCF and their committees were instrumental in putting together all that was needed to make this event a success.

NIPE and JDCF are two of the better known conservation organiza-

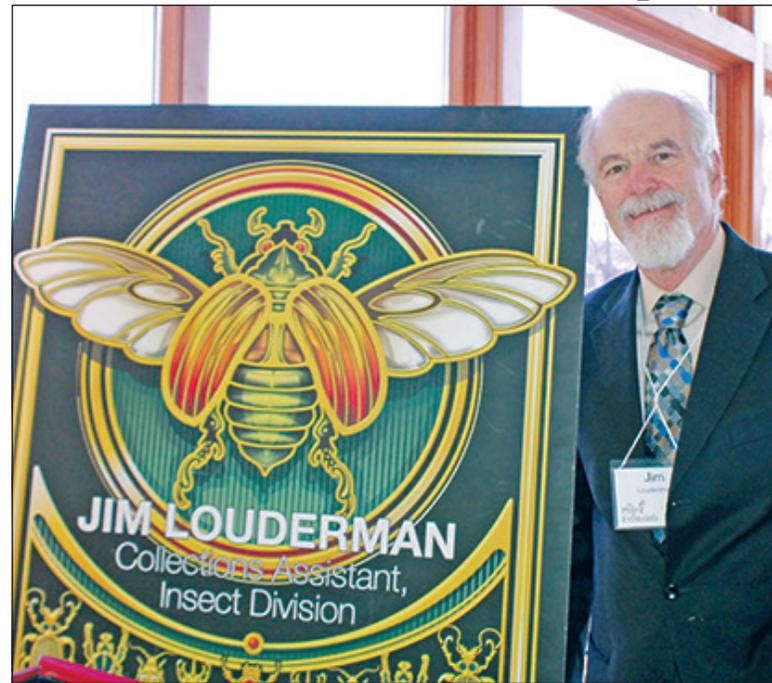
tions in northwest Illinois. NIPE has been involved with the restoration and reclamation of the Illinois tall grass prairie on private and public lands for more than 20 years. JDCF has been a conservator of lands for an equal amount of time. The two groups have combined their talents and energies on a number of projects. This pairing has resulted in not simply prairie restoration, but the opening of the lands for public use. These restorations brought about open spaces such as Casper Bluffs, Gateway Park, the Wapello Land and Water Reserve and several other properties where the Illinois tall grass prairie can be enjoyed by community and tourists alike.

As with any conference, there were a number of vendors and like-minded organizations that set up booths. A few of the favorites were Northern Illinois Audubon Society, Prairie Moon Nursery and Wild Birds Unlimited.

Jim Louderman of the Field Museum in Chicago brought his menagerie of creepy things. Louderman said, "The Asian Emerald Ash Borer remains a considerable threat to the landscape and may not be completely eradicated for another five years." Also on display was a liquid filled tube containing Zombie Worms. The Zombie Worm is water borne and invades the body of a grass hopper and destroys the brain of that insect. You can't make up this stuff even when it's right out of a 1950's sci-fi movie. Louderman, while doing field studies on the Wapello Land and Water Reserve near Hanover has found a number of insects present that are rare in Illinois and two heretofore unknown species. Louderman said, "Every time we do a field survey at Wapello, I'm amazed at the diversity of the insect population we find. That diversity means a healthy prairie."

Some of the local speakers and subjects were Jim Rachuy, prairie restorations, Emily Lubcke, oak savannas and Randy Nyboer, herpetofauna. Herpetofauna is snakes, lizards, turtles and such.

One of two keynote speakers, Jeff



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Walk of the Nature Conservancy in Illinois spoke on changes in earth's climate. Although some of the statistic were sobering, Walk said, "Things can be turned around in spite of how quickly things are changing."

A second Keynote speaker, Bob Palmer, is Deputy Chief Ranger, Pacific West Region, the National Park Service. Palmer spoke on the history of the conservation movement in the upper Midwest. Prior to his current assignment, Palmer was the Chief Ranger at Effigy Mounds National Monument. The Effigy Mounds are a series of earthen sculptures created by Native Americans. The giant effigies are in the shapes of birds and bears. The monument itself is an open area of more than 2000 acres overlooking the Mississippi River in northeast Iowa.

Palmer related the story of the near 50 year struggle to get the National Parks and National Monument systems up and running and spoke at

length about land protection and heritage protection. Palmer explained such tools as the Lacey act and the Native American Repatriation Act. To summarize those acts he said, "The acts give the Park Service the authority to arrest and or seek the prosecution of those who unlawfully remove from parks, monuments or heritage sights any plants, animals, property or artifacts."

NIPE and JDCF each offer volunteer opportunities that allow the public to learn about prairie conservation through hands on experience. Prescribed burns, land management, seed collection and species monitoring are but a few of the opportunities. If you would like to learn more, or visit one of their properties fell free to contact them.

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