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Leverton Sales and Service in McConnell celebrates 60 years

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

Leverton Sales & Service's was born in 1953 and the business "cut its teeth" with the sales and service of McCulloch chainsaws. Even in those early days, Franklin Leverton was an entrepreneur with a vision, so over time he added boats and motors, and motorcycles; and then in 1957 the burgeoning business added the line of Simplicity Lawn and Garden Equipment, so that today, some 60 years later, folks know to go to Leverton's in McConnell for quality, sales, and service.

"Mark followed his dad around as soon as he could walk, so he grew up with the business," said Nikki Leverton who together with husband Mark operates the company. "He spent hours with his dad outside and in the shop "working," and as he got older, his focus grew into a hands-on, life-long learning experience of just doing his best at what he and his dad always loved."

When the time came for passing the reins, Mark decided that he didn't want the business he had built with his parents to just stop, so he decided with his wife Nikki to not only take it over, but nurture it and build it into one of the mainstays of lawn and garden equipment sales and service in North-west Illinois.

Nikki said the introduction of technology is the single most important change they've made since taking over the business.

"We not only introduced the use of computers for inventory and record keeping, but we also took the business on the web so folks could find us," she



Mark and Nikki Leverton and family took over the business his parents built and it's still growing today.

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said. "We built the Leverton Sales dot com web site ourselves and at the same time we modernized the store so when folks walk in they are amazed."

They put in the walls and lowered the ceiling. They added lighting and built displays and changed the appearance of the shop from a dark machine

shed to a modern sales and service showroom.

"It was always a wonderful little business built on a foundation of good service and word of mouth," Nikki said. "We've worked hard to build on that ethic and today Leverton's still has the feel of a 'mom and pop shop.'"

It does indeed remain a family run business and the original "mom" is still around, she's 94 and doesn't see the need to come to the store anymore, but she ran the books for years and kept an extraordinarily meticulous set of records. Mark and Nikki know what it took to get from 1953 to 2017 and they see more of the same for the future.

"I see us continuing the Leverton legacy and growing," Nikki said. "And, maybe even having our own children continue in the business after us."

Their children, Debra, Adam and

Anne are grown and married and have brought their parents five children and one on the way so that Mark's love for his Dad and the business he built, and the hard work ethic they shared will keep Franklin's legacy alive.

Learn more about the services and equipment available at Leverton Sales and Service online at levertonsales.com or by Email at leverton128@hotmail.com or stop by the shop at 304 East Main, McConnell, phone (815) 868-2237 and be sure to stop by Leverton's 60th anniversary open house celebration on September 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Adkins gives back to Lena Community Park District

Adkins Energy LLC is proud to team with CoBank, its finance partner, to present \$10,000 to the Lena Community Park District (LCPD).

LCPD plans to use the donation towards a security system and lighting upgrade for Lions Park and a computer system upgrade for the district office. The project will include a new remote camera-based security system and additional lighting for the park, a less costly option than contracting outside security for the park.

"Lena's parks are a big part of what makes the town a great place to live and visit, and we're happy to help them out," said Adkins Energy General Manager Ray Baker. "We're excited to be able to make this donation because we're proud to be a part of Lena, too."

This is the fourth year that Adkins has partnered with CoBank in its "Sharing Success" program, which makes contributions to nonprofit organizations in rural America. CoBank matched a \$5,000 Adkins donation to

increase the impact of its donation. Past recipients of funds include the Lena-Winslow School District, the Highland Community College Agriculture Program and the Lena Fire Station.

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Lena Library News

By Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR

I hope by now everyone has everything back in order after all of the damage from the rain we had. As most of you know we did have some water damage in our basement where we have all of our children's books and materials and all of our programming for kids. We would like to thank all of our patrons who have been so generous to offer their time and ask if there was anything they could do. We have some really great patrons here and we appreciate all of you. Unfortunately we had to cancel our last week of summer reading and our carnival which was just as upsetting to us as it was to some of you. We would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, daycare providers, and kids for being so understanding and for being a part of our program. The rain didn't stop the kids from reading as we had a few kids stop by that week to log more books. We hope to see you all this fall for our Story Time and afterschool programs. Check the Shopper's Guide and our Facebook page for more information on these programs when the time comes.

While this year summer reading didn't quite end the way we planned we would still like to send a huge thank you to The Skate Station, The Lindo Theatre, Pizza Hut, and The Illinois Railway Museum for once again donating the passes for all of the children who met their reading requirements. It is great being able to work with all of you and we appreciate your donations and your

encouraging kids to read throughout the summer. Thank you to all of the kids who volunteered their time for summer reading; Braden Jacobs, Ava Dietz, Henry Engel, and Kylie Zimmerman, we really appreciated the help from all of you. We would also like to send a thank you to Pete and Iva. These two patrons donate drinks and snacks to our programs all year long. We really appreciate all you've donated this year. Thanks again everyone.

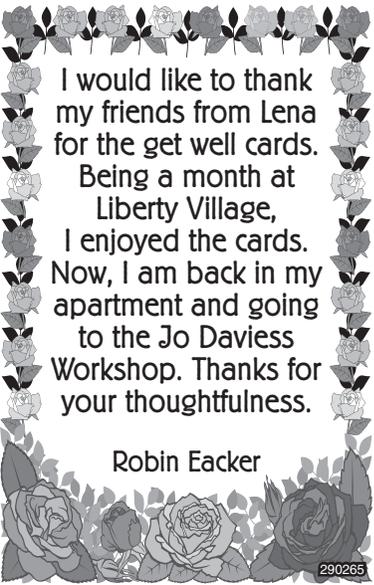
Unfortunately because of everything we had going on here we cancelled our book discussion for July also, but we will meet again Aug. 30, at 9:30. Everyone should have double the number of books to discuss, so we look forward to that and encourage everyone who can to join us. We also have adult coloring night the second Monday of every month which will be Aug. 14, at 5:30. Come out and join us.

New Books: Collared- David Rosenfelt, Deadfall-Linda Fairstein, The Late Show- Michael Connelly, Look Behind You-Iris Johansen, and The Writing Desk- Rachel Hauck. New Dvds: The Lego Batman Movie

Connect with helpful school resources

Back-to-school time can be challenging for families when adding up all the associated expenses --- clothes, supplies, tuition. Dial 2-1-1 to connect with helpful school resources in our community.

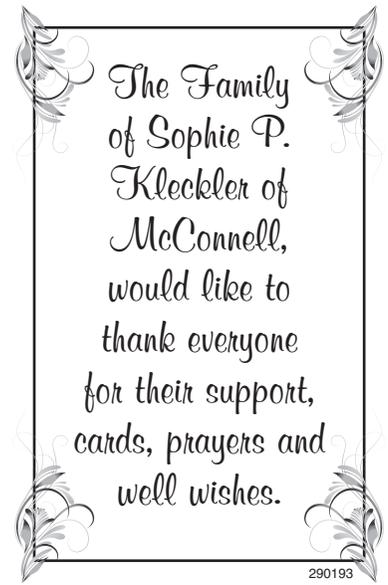
Call 2-1-1 or visit 211.org



I would like to thank my friends from Lena for the get well cards. Being a month at Liberty Village, I enjoyed the cards. Now, I am back in my apartment and going to the Jo Daviess Workshop. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Robin Eacker

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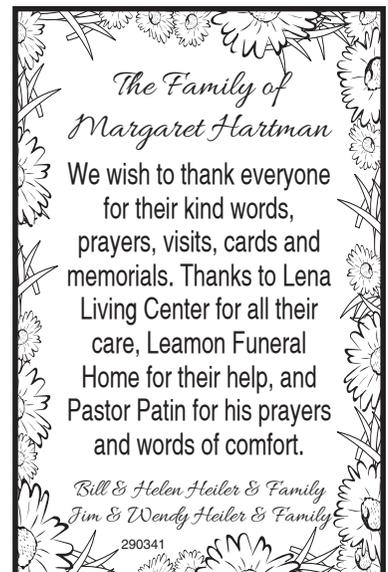
The Family of Sophie P. Kleckler of McConnell, would like to thank everyone for their support, cards, prayers and well wishes.

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Happy 80th Birthday Bob on August 7th
Love,
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The Family of Margaret Hartman

We wish to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, visits, cards and memorials. Thanks to Lena Living Center for all their care, Leamon Funeral Home for their help, and Pastor Patin for his prayers and words of comfort.

Bill & Helen Heiler & Family
Jim & Wendy Heiler & Family

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Celebrate National Farmer's Market Week

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has proclaimed Aug. 6-13 to be National Farmers Market Week. This is the eighteenth year USDA has supported local producers by encouraging families to meet, and buy from, the farmers and other vendors at their local farmers market.

The proclamation Perdue signed notes farmers markets and other agricultural direct marketing outlets contribute approximately \$9 billion each year to the U.S. economy and "serve as significant outlets by which small-to-medium, new and beginning, and veteran agricultural producers market agricultural products, generating revenue that supports the sustainability of family farms and the

revitalization of rural communities nationwide."

Throughout the week, thousands of U.S. farmers markets will highlight the range of produce, fruit, meat, dairy and specialty products available from their local and regional farmers. USDA's National Farmers Market Directory makes it easy to locate farmers markets in towns and neighborhoods across the country. Buying directly from farmers and ag-entrepreneurs has an outsized impact by helping diversify farm incomes and supporting other businesses by keeping more money in the local economy.

In addition to being good for the farmers and convenient for consumers, farmers markets are a gathering place that help build a sense of community.

100 Women Who Care schedule August meeting

Please join 100 Women Who Care at their next meeting on Aug. 10, at The Wagner House, 1 E. Spring St., Freeport, IL for a 5:30 Social Hour and 6:30 meeting.

100 Women Who Care is a group of local women who are interested in supporting the local communities within Stephenson County.

Their goal is to donate \$10,000 to a local charity in one hour, four times a year. In their first year, they raised \$23,400 which went directly to Stephenson County Organizations.

How do they do it? Well, mem-

bers each donate \$100 to a local non-profit organization/charity chosen by a ballot vote. 100 members donating \$100 each equals \$10,000 given to a local charity!

The group meets for one hour, four times a year, and each member brings a check for \$100 to each meeting. Members nominate organizations to be put into a hat. Three organizations are drawn at random at each meeting. Nominating members each make a 5-minute presentation about the organizations. Then, the members all vote on which cause to support and the

organization with the most votes receives the donations; checks are made out directly to that organization on the spot.

Interested? Join 100 Women Who Care at their next meeting on Aug. 10, at The Wagner House, 1 E. Spring St., Freeport, IL for a 5:30 Social Hour and 6:30 meeting.

To learn more about the group, like them on Facebook at 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County or visit them online at 100WWC-StephensonCounty.weebly.com or by E-mail: 100WWCStephensonCounty@gmail.com

Still time to register for Master Gardener Training

Do you enjoy gardening and would like to learn more about growing plants of all types? Would you enjoy spending time with others that like to garden? Have you ever thought about attending Master Gardener Training? Now is your chance to attend Master Gardener Training held right here in Freeport. There are still open seats available for the training and you can be part of it.

The University of Illinois Extension will offer Master Gardener Training in Freeport beginning on Thursday, Sept. 7, and will be held every Thursday until Nov. 16. Training will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Once training is complete, trainees participate in volunteer work before being designated as "Master Gardeners."

Here is what active Master Gardeners are saying about the Master Gardener Program:

"The ongoing education, the volunteer projects and the

general camaraderie of Master Gardening membership abundantly enriches my life."

"One of the things about Master Gardening that I really enjoy are the opportunities to talk to other gardeners about plants and gardening. Fellow Master Gardeners are great resources."

"The best part of the Master Gardener program is the people. I have met incredibly interesting and talented people that I would not have otherwise met. The training and volunteering is a unique and fun opportunity to learn and collaborate with new friends."

Registration can still be completed for the Master Gardener Training. To register or for more information call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit our website at: web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration fee is \$175 and includes all training sessions, handouts, and the Master Gardener Manual.

Farmers markets increase access to fresh food

By Rhea Landholm
CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

At the Center for Rural Affairs, we work with rural communities to build healthy, sustainable, local food systems. That includes supporting farmers markets.

Farmers markets expand access to fresh, healthy food in communities that need it most. They provide

affordable, competitive prices for low-income families, and many accept food vouchers.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 5,000 farmers markets across the country accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, with the number of new locations increasing at an average 40 percent per year.

Vendors are reaping the benefits. In 2014, 362,477 SNAP households made at least one purchase at a farmers market, according to the National Farmers Market Coalition. That means more families are eating

healthy and fresh local fruits and vegetables.

Farmers markets also provide beginning farmers a low-cost way to enter the marketplace and grow their businesses. Small and medium existing farms can supplement their revenue by selling at markets, supporting the sustainability of family farms.

The USDA reported 8,675 markets in the country in 2016, up from 2,863 in 2000. Many consumers now have the opportunity to eat food grown within a few miles of their homes. And, that money stays in their small towns, helping local economies.



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

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Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District's Fall 2017 Fish Sale

The Stephenson Soil & Water Conservation District is presently taking orders for the Fall Fish Sale. Fish that can be ordered include: channel catfish, albino catfish, largemouth bass, hybrid sunfish, redear sunfish, bluegill, black crappie, fat head minnows, and grass carp. The various species can be ordered for stocking new and existing ponds. Grass carp orders must be placed by Friday, September

8 and other species by Friday, Sept. 15. Delivery will be at The USDA/SWCD office parking lot at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 25.

For more information call the Soil & Water Conservation District office at (815) 235-2161 extension 3. Order forms can be picked up at the office at 1620 S. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois or on the District website: www.stephensonswcd.org.

Jo Daviess States Attorney and Illinois State Police release findings in Stockton officer related shooting

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney John D. Hay would like to inform the public of the following information pertaining to an officer involved shooting in which Officer Sean Patridge of the Stockton Police Department fired shots, which resulted in the death of Troy Boyle in Stockton, Illinois at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

The Illinois State Police conducted an independent and detailed investigation of this incident. The investigation included, but was not limited to, interviewing the police officers and civilian witnesses who were at the scene at the time of the shooting, interviewing the ambulance and EMS personnel who responded to the scene and a neighborhood canvas to determine if neighbors saw or heard the incident. The following is a summary of the investigation findings:

On March 29, 2017 at approximately 12:04 p.m., Officer Sean Patridge with the Stockton Police Department received a call on the Stockton PD non-emergency phone line. The caller was at 526 W. Hillside Lane in Stockton, Illinois. The caller reported there was a suspicious vehicle with three people he did not know parked just south of his residence on a private driveway. The three subjects were carrying bags back and forth down to a tree line, acting erratically and the caller did not know what they were doing.

Officer Patridge first responded to 526 W. Hillside Lane, but he did not observe the vehicle or suspicious people. He then drove to the intersection of Front Avenue and Blackhawk Drive. He observed people on the Stockton Township property near a salt shed on the south side of Front Avenue when he reached the area. He observed one subject, later identified as Timothy J. Hess, walking eastbound away from him and the other two subjects walking southbound into the tree line.

Officer Patridge instructed Mr. Hess to stop and come back to him, which Mr. Hess did. Mr. Hess provided a false name to Officer Patridge and attempted to walk away from him. Officer Patridge then attempted to detain Mr. Hess by grabbing his left arm and Mr. Hess attempted to pull away from him. Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Deputy Chad Heidenreich arrived on scene at this time and observed Mr. Hess start to pull away from Officer Patridge. Deputy Heidenreich ran over to assist Officer Patridge and placed his hands on Mr. Hess's shoulders.

At this time, Deputy Heidenreich observed a second male subject, later identified as Troy Boyle, come out from behind a gravel pile area. Deputy Heidenreich saw Mr. Boyle had one hand behind his back. Deputy Heidenreich said Mr. Boyle's right hand was deliberately hidden behind his back, thus making Deputy Heidenreich fear Mr. Boyle was concealing a weapon. Deputy Heidenreich said Mr. Boyle was approaching from the area of the salt shed and gravel pile, which was approximate-

ly 100 feet from Officer Patridge, Deputy Heidenreich and Mr. Hess.

Deputy Heidenreich alerted Officer Patridge about Mr. Boyle's presence. Officer Patridge turned around as Mr. Boyle was approaching him from behind. Officer Patridge did not recognize Mr. Boyle and saw Mr. Boyle had his right arm concealed behind his back. Officer Patridge was only able to see Mr. Boyle's upper right arm, from the elbow up.

Officer Patridge disengaged from Mr. Hess, leaving Mr. Hess with Deputy Heidenreich, to engage Mr. Boyle who Officer Patridge believed was 15 to 20 yards away at this time. Officer Patridge asked Mr. Boyle, "what's going on," but Mr. Boyle did not respond and continued to approach them with his right arm partially concealed behind his back.

Officer Patridge then gave Mr. Boyle a verbal command to show his hands. Mr. Boyle ignored this command and continued to walk towards them. Officer Patridge felt threatened at this point, fearing Mr. Boyle may be concealing a weapon behind his back. Officer Patridge drew his service weapon and positioned it at the low ready with the weapon pointing at the ground. Officer Patridge gave a second verbal command to show his hands and Mr. Boyle ignored the command again. Officer Patridge gave a third verbal command and Deputy Heidenreich also gave Mr. Boyle a verbal command for him to show his hands. Mr. Boyle continued walking towards them ignoring their commands.

Officer Patridge said Mr. Boyle was approximately 10 to 15 yards away when Mr. Boyle rapidly extended his right arm, locking it straight out in front of himself, in what Officer Patridge believed was a shooting stance. Officer Patridge said Mr. Boyle's right hand was closed and Officer Patridge observed what appeared to be a gray object extending a few inches beyond Mr. Boyle's hand, causing Officer Patridge to believe the item in Mr. Boyle's right hand was a hand gun. Officer Patridge said he was in immediate fear for his life and those around him because of Mr. Boyle's aggressive actions.

Deputy Heidenreich said Mr. Boyle made a furtive movement with his right hand, up in the direction towards them. Deputy described the furtive movement as a flash of Mr. Boyle's right hand in their direction, as if pointing a weapon, in a gun like manner. Deputy Heidenreich believed Mr. Boyle was still approximately 100 feet away at this point when he was trying to comprehend if Mr. Boyle had a weapon in his hand as Mr. Hess and Officer Patridge were partially in Deputy Heidenreich's line of sight.

Officer Patridge raised his service weapon from the low ready, firing it several times at Mr. Boyle in fast succession. Officer Patridge saw Mr. Boyle move to his left with his right arm still extended towards the officers and Mr. Hess. Officer Patridge fired another shot at Mr. Boyle and

ran to the rear of his squad car for cover since he believed Mr. Boyle was firing at them.

Deputy Heidenreich remembered a quick succession of shots from Officer Patridge, approximately 3 or 4 shots. Deputy Heidenreich's immediate thoughts went to Mr. Hess who was unsecured and could still be a threat to the officers. Deputy Heidenreich grabbed Mr. Hess and escorted him around the rear of his squad car for cover. Deputy Heidenreich was unsure if Officer Patridge had struck Mr. Boyle with a round at this point, but believed he observed Mr. Boyle wince.

Officer Patridge said Mr. Boyle went behind the gravel pile while he was moving to his left with his right arm still extended pointing in the direction of the officers. Mr. Boyle reemerged on the other side of the gravel pile and Officer Patridge shot once at Mr. Boyle. Officer Patridge said Mr. Boyle went to a kneeling position and in doing so he punched his right hand out in their direction as if he was firing a gun. Officer Patridge again fired his weapon and Mr. Boyle went from a kneeling position to lying down on his back.

Deputy Heidenreich said he heard Officer Patridge give Mr. Boyle multiple verbal commands to show his hands. Deputy Heidenreich secured Mr. Hess in handcuffs after the firing ceased.

At this time, Stockton Police Chief Tom Sheehan arrived on the scene. Deputy Heidenreich secured Mr. Hess in his squad car at this point. Chief Sheehan and Deputy Heidenreich drew their service weapons and approached Mr. Boyle's last known location. They could not see Mr. Boyle since their view was obstructed by the gravel pile. Chief Sheehan and Deputy Heidenreich found Mr. Boyle lying on the ground with gunshot wounds. Chief Sheehan and Deputy Heidenreich secured Mr. Boyle and then checked for a pulse. Mr. Boyle was not responsive. They conducted a cursory search for weapons in Mr. Boyle's immediate area. They did not locate any weapons on Mr. Boyle or near him.

Deputy Heidenreich observed a silver object approximately two feet from Mr. Boyle's legs. Chief Sheehan also observed this silver object lying on the ground near Mr. Boyle's body. Officer Patridge also observed this silver object near Mr. Boyle's left hip area, which he described as a gray 5 to 6 inch tube. All three of the police officers observed this object prior to any EMS personnel arriving on scene. It was later determined this small silver object was a penlight.

Chief Sheehan remained with Mr. Boyle as Deputy Heidenreich attempted to locate the third subject, later identified as Anna K. Kaiden. Deputy Heidenreich located Ms. Kaiden, with her hands in the air, behind drainage tubes near the rear of the salt shed. Ms. Kaiden was secured in handcuffs. Ms. Kaiden was not hurt in the shooting, but did inform Deputy Heidenreich of prior rib injuries.

Stockton Ambulance Services arrived on scene and worked on Mr. Boyle. Mr. Boyle was transported to the FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Illinois where he was later pronounced dead at 1:09 p.m. It was later learned through interviews, the male driver of the Stockton Ambulance moved the silver object that was located near Mr. Boyle's body, believing it belonged to one of the first responders. Stockton Ambulance Services also met with Ms. Kaiden, learned she had consumed methamphetamine earlier that day and she was transported to the FHN Memorial Hospital by Leamon Ambulance Service.

An Illinois State Trooper used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire of Mr. Boyle's car when he arrived after the shooting was over.

Mr. Hess was interviewed that afternoon at the Galena Police Department by special agents with the Illinois State Police. Mr. Hess said he was picked up by Mr. Boyle on the previous night, March 28, 2017, in Mount Carroll, Illinois. Mr. Boyle was driving a Ford Focus and Ms. Kaiden was with Mr. Boyle at that time. Mr. Boyle drove Mr. Hess to Mr. Hess's parents' residence in Stockton, Illinois. Mr. Hess spent the night at his parents' residence and did not have any further contact with Mr. Boyle until the next day at approximately 9 a.m.

Mr. Boyle called Mr. Hess the next morning on March 29, 2017 to ask if Mr. Boyle could use the Wifi internet at Mr. Hess parents' house. Mr. Hess told him no. Mr. Hess told Mr. Boyle about a friend's house approximately one block away whose Wifi password Mr. Hess knew. Mr. Hess then walked to the house where Mr. Boyle and Ms. Kaiden were parked in front of using the Wifi internet with their cell phones.

Mr. Hess got into the car at approximately 11 a.m. because he wanted a ride back to Mount Carroll. Mr. Hess said Mr. Boyle was communicating with someone on Mr. Boyle's phone. Mr. Boyle was hoping to meet up with this person in an attempt to get some money because Mr. Boyle was low on gas. However, they never met with this person and never received any money for gas.

Mr. Hess said they eventually began traveling on Illinois Route 78 towards Mount Carroll. Mr. Boyle and Ms. Kaiden started to argue about not having any gas or money. Mr. Hess said Mr. Boyle turned the

vehicle around towards Stockton after this. Mr. Boyle then stopped his vehicle at the Casey's General Store in Stockton. Mr. Hess believed Mr. Boyle stole gas from Casey's and drove away with the pump still in the vehicle. Mr. Hess recalled Mr. Boyle becoming verbally combative with another patron at Casey's after the patron told Mr. Boyle the pump was still in the vehicle.

Mr. Boyle left Casey's at a high rate of speed, causing his vehicle to peel out, and headed west out of town. Mr. Hess said Mr. Boyle was driving really fast. Mr. Boyle and Ms. Kaiden were still arguing with each other. Mr. Boyle whipped the car into a private gravel driveway. Mr. Boyle turned so sharply into the private driveway it caused the front driver's side tire to pop and become flat.

This private driveway is directly off of Front Avenue on the north side of Front Avenue and a little west of the intersection of Front Avenue and Blackhawk Drive. You could not see where Mr. Boyle had stopped his car on the private driveway from the road on Front Avenue.

Mr. Hess said he assumed Mr. Boyle pulled into the driveway because Mr. Boyle thought someone saw him steal gas from Casey's. Mr. Boyle was upset and yelling after he stopped the car. Ms. Kaiden grabbed her personal belongings from the car, which Mr. Hess thought were in 2 to 3 separate bags.

Mr. Hess asked Mr. Boyle if there was a spare tire, but Mr. Boyle would not answer. Mr. Hess said they hid in a tree line for a period of time. They eventually walked back to the car. Mr. Hess decided he was going to walk back to his parents' house. At this point, Mr. Hess observed Mr. Boyle holding a can of lighter fluid. Mr. Boyle applied the lighter fluid to a rag he was holding. Mr. Boyle stuck the rag into the gas tank of his car and lit it on fire. Mr. Hess did not know why Mr. Boyle lit his car on fire and did not understand Mr. Boyle's actions. Mr. Hess decided to leave the area. Mr. Boyle told him to not walk towards town.

Mr. Hess, Mr. Boyle and Ms. Kaiden went south towards the township's property. They crossed Front Avenue where they walked towards the salt shed and gravel pile, which was on the south side of Front Avenue. However, Mr. Hess decided to

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Senate week in Review

An amendatory veto Aug. 1 by Gov. Bruce Rauner, changing education funding reform legislation will ensure every school district in the state receives fair and equitable school funding; however, if lawmakers refuse to accept the Governor's changes, they must be ready to negotiate in good faith on a real solution that helps fund every school district in the state equitably.

Making education funding reform fair and equitable

Gov. Rauner followed through with his promise to alter a school funding bill sent to him July 31, issuing an amendatory veto to Senate Bill 1 on Aug. 1. With his changes, the Governor laid out a plan that benefits every student across the state.

Republicans are urging their colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support the amendatory version of Senate Bill 1, saying it is the

fairest option for all school districts and will provide fiscal certainty for school districts that are anxiously awaiting their state funding dollars. However, in the event lawmakers do not accept the Governor's amendatory veto, all lawmakers must remain open to compromise and work in good faith toward a bipartisan solution.

With Rauner's changes to the legislation, all 852 school districts across the state would receive fair and equitable funding. As originally passed by the Senate and House of Representatives, Senate Bill 1 would have diverted hundreds of millions of dollars from rural and suburban districts across the state to Chicago Public Schools.

Nearly two months after it was approved by the General Assembly, and after repeated urging from the Governor and Republican lawmakers, Democrat legislators removed a parliamentary hold they had placed on Senate

Bill 1 and sent it to the Governor on July 31.

Time is of the essence with schools opening in a couple weeks. That's because an "evidence-based" school funding formula must be signed into law before schools can receive their much-needed state funding. Democrats, who control the House and Senate, have not yet scheduled a date for lawmakers to return to Springfield to take action on this issue. The burden is now on the majority leaders to act, to ensure schools aren't forced to close their doors due to the lack of funding.

Illinois' unemployment rate drops, but growth continues to lag

Underscoring the need for economy-boosting structural reforms, Illinois gained 56,600 jobs over the past year, but the state's jobs growth rate continues to lag the nation, according to the latest unemployment rates from released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor

Statistics and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

Since June 2016, all of Illinois' metropolitan areas and every county except two have seen their unemployment rates drop. State-wide, the unemployment rate dropped from 6 percent to 5 percent over the past year. Despite the good news, Illinois' jobs gains were only half the national growth rate, and the labor force continues to shrink in most metro areas across the state, according to IDES.

We must have structural reforms at the Statehouse that can boost the state's economy and create jobs, such as workers' compensation reform and property tax relief, but Democrat leaders have been unwilling to offer real compromise on the issues, thereby blocking meaningful reforms from reaching Gov. Rauner's desk. Illinois has some of the highest property taxes and workers' compensation rates in the country.

Attorney General Madigan joins lawsuit against U.S. EPA stalling action

Attorney General Lisa Madigan and 15 other attorneys general filed a lawsuit Aug. 1, against the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Administrator Scott Pruitt for illegally stalling the designation of areas impacted by unhealthy levels of ground-level ozone (known as smog) — vital to protecting Americans from dangerous pollution.

According to the American Lung Association, over 115 million Americans — including more than 6.2 million people in Illinois — breathe harmful levels of ozone, which often travels far distances from other states with less stringent clean air regulations. The designations, which EPA Administrator Pruitt recently delayed for one year, play a key role under the Clean Air Act in addressing smog's serious threat to public health by triggering requirements for state-specific plans and setting deadlines to reduce pollution in the designated areas.

"The EPA should never put polluters' interests ahead of the health and

safety of Americans," Madigan said. "This unnecessary delay by the EPA endangers our states and our residents."

Madigan and the other attorneys general are challenging Pruitt's one-year delay as violating the requirements of the Clean Air Act, and as arbitrary and capricious.

In October 2015, the EPA revised the national air quality standards for smog, strengthening those standards. The Clean Air Act requires the EPA, within two years after issuance of new or revised standards, to designate areas of the county that are in "attainment" or "non-attainment" with these public health standards. In the case of the 2015 smog standards, the EPA was required to issue attainment or non-attainment designations by Oct. 1, 2017. However, on June 28, 2017, the EPA published a notice delaying the deadline for the smog designations for one year — to Oct. 1, 2018.

According to the EPA, the 2015 updated smog standards will improve

public health protection — particularly for at-risk groups, including children, older adults, people of all ages who have lung diseases such as asthma, and people who are active outdoors, especially outdoor workers. In fact, the EPA conservatively estimated that meeting the new smog standards would result in net annual public health benefits of up to \$4.5 billion starting in 2025 (not including California), while also preventing approximately:

- 316 to 660 premature deaths;
- 230,000 asthma attacks in children;
- 160,000 missed school days;
- 28,000 missed work days;
- 630 asthma-related emergency room visits; and
- 340 cases of acute bronchitis in children

Joining Madigan in filing the lawsuit are the attorneys general from: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Or-

egon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, and the District of Columbia.

In addition to the Aug. 1 action, Attorney General Madigan has condemned federal executive action attempting to roll back other important environmental protections, including efforts to eliminate the Clean Power Plan and to drastically cut the EPA's budget. She recently filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit against Pruitt's

actions to halt regulation that would curb greenhouse gas emissions and methane from new sources in the oil and gas industry. On July 1, a federal court ordered that the EPA enforce the Obama-era methane pollution rule, as demanded by Madigan and 13 other attorneys general. Madigan also is part of a broad coalition of states and localities in support of the Paris climate change agreement called the "We are Still In" coalition.

The Durbin Report: President Trump is threatening Illinois families

Last week on a bipartisan basis, the United States Senate rejected repeated efforts to rip health care away from tens of millions of Americans, to undermine protections for people with pre-existing conditions, to raise premiums on older and rural communities, to slash Medicaid funding, all in order to give a tax break to big businesses and wealthy individuals. It was a victory for the country and Illinois families.

The President of the United States didn't see it that way. He continues to be obsessed with sabotaging our health care system to score political points at the expense of a lot of innocent Americans. Instead of working with Congress to make our health care system stronger, he's deliberately threatening the well-being of mil-

lions of American families.

It's clear by President Trump's actions that he wants to sabotage the Affordable Care Act just to watch it implode. On day one of his presidency, he issued an Executive Order instructing federal agencies not to enforce the law, he cut the open enrollment period in half, and he cancelled television and radio ads that educated people about how to enroll for insurance. And even now—after insurance companies, Republican and Democratic Governors, Congress and the American people have urged him to put an end to this sabotage—the President is still threatening to cut off federal funding that helps keep premiums down for working families. Without this funding, premiums will spike, and the President knows it. Don't just take my word for it: this week, Illinois insurers very clearly indicated that the proposed premium increases for next year are a direct result of actions being taken by the Trump Administration.

It is well past time for us to get back to regular order with committee meetings, public hearings, and input from experts and the American people. It's time to put aside the partisanship and work together in an open and fair way to strengthen our health care system for American families across the board.

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DOROTHY L. HILL

Dorothy L. Hill, age 90, passed away Monday, July 31, 2017. She was born in Rockford, IL on June 18, 1927 to the late Alvin and Blanche (L a m p m a n) Spavin. Dorothy was married to Robert W. Hill on Dec. 8, 1946. He passed away on Jan. 20, 2004.



Dorothy was a lifelong member of the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Stockton and the Order of the Eastern Star, Stockton chapter. She was a bookkeeper at the local car dealership for many years. She enjoyed gardening, golfing, bowling, sewing, cooking, baking and reading.

She is survived by her son, David (Laurie) Hill of Rockford and her daughter Linda (Bill) Parrilli of Naperville as well as three grandchildren; Aaron Hill of Austin, TX and Jason Hill and Corrine Hill of Rockford. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Blanche; her husband, Robert; her brother, Johnny; her brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Pauline; her nephew, John Herbert; her mother and father in law, Florence and Will Hill; and her son, Lawrence Robert Hill.

The visitation and funeral service for Dorothy was held on Aug. 5 at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton, Illinois. Interment took place at the Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A luncheon will follow at the Unitarian Church, Stockton. A memorial fund has been established for the Unitarian Church in Stockton, Illinois. Condolences may be shared with Dorothy's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

PHYLLIS V. HULBERT

Phyllis V. Hulbert, 86, of Lena, IL passed away on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017 at the Lena Living Center in Lena, IL. She was born on July 13, 1931 to Stanley and Edna (Loomis) Rayhorn in Freeport, IL. She married Eldred Hulbert on Aug. 2, 1950. Phyllis worked as a CNA for the Monroe Hospital and Clinics, and she was a manager at Sun Valley Apartments from 1990-1997. She was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church.



Phyllis is survived by her children; Steven Hulbert of Chicago, IL, Jeanette (David) Fransen of Springfield, OR, Tina (Neil) Diddens of McConnell, IL, Gail (Robert) Werkheiser of Stockton, IL, and Nick (Tracey) Hulbert of McConnell, IL; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her

parents; husband: Eldred, brother: Eugene, and granddaughter: Mellissa Shumaker.

Private graveside services will be held at the Lena Burial Park, in Lena, IL.

Pastor Keri Rainsburger will officiate the services.

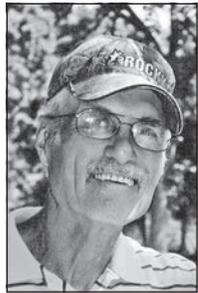
Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

DONALD E. KOEHN

Donald E. Koehn, age 69 of Lena, IL, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. He was born Feb. 28, 1948; the son of Cletus and Betty (Diestelmeier) Koehn. He was a 1967 graduate of Pearl City High School. He went on to Highland Community College graduating in 1969. He then graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 1971. Donald married Susan Kempel on April 8, 1972. He was a member of Ebenezer-Salem United Church of Christ in Loran, IL.



Donald devoted his life to his family and his farming. He farmed south of Loran for 35 years. He loved his dairy cows and would often walk the fences to be sure his herd was safe. He was an animal lover - especially with his dogs Coco, Buck, and Lily. He looked forward to spending time with his family and would count down the days until he would see them again. He also enjoyed traveling to events to watch and support his grandchildren. His favorite music was classic country, so he was often tuned in to Willie's Roadhouse on Sirius XM. His days were full of hard work, dedication, love, and laughter. He ended most days fast asleep while sitting upright at the kitchen table with his family by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Koehn of Lena; mother, Betty Koehn of Lena; son, Chad (Tara) Koehn of San Jose, CA; daughters, Angela (Ryan) Pierce of Freeport, IL, Kim (Matt) Haverland of Lanark, IL, and Brittney Koehn of Peoria Heights, IL; grandchildren: Hunter & Hayley Koehn; Jayden & Bayley Pierce; Brighton, Quinc & Zyaan Haverland; father-in-law John J. Kempel of Pearl City, IL; sister-in-law, Cathie (Gary) Dambman of Milledgeville, IL; brothers-in-law John A. Kempel and Tim Bruneau of Rancho Mirage, CA; and brother, Ronald Koehn. He was preceded in death by his father, Cletus and his mother-in-law, Donna Kempel.

A visitation was held Aug. 1, at Walker Mortuary in Freeport. The funeral service was held August 2, at Ebenezer-Salem Parish at the Salem Site in Loran, IL. Interment took place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. A memorial fund has been established for the Lupus Foundation of America. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.walkermortuary.com.

JEANNE A. SIEGWORTH

Jeanne A. Siegworth, age 93, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017, at Mercy Medical Center, Clinton, Iowa. A visitation and memorial service were held Aug. 5, at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Mt. Carroll. Burial will take place in Ladies' Union Cemetery, Stockton, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established in Jeanne's memory. Family and friends are invited to share in Jeanne's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.



Jeanne was born June 9, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Burs and Viola (Greenwald) Smith. She attended parochial schools in the Chicago area. Jeanne married Frances Beard. She later married Ralph

Robinson, Ralph passed away in 1984. She later went on to marry Walter Siegworth, Walter passed away in 2003.

Jeanne went to work in geriatrics, doing bed side care and nursing at the Morgan Memorial Nursing Home in Stockton, Illinois. Jeanne worked at Micro Switch in Freeport, Illinois for four years. In her younger years, Jeanne tested dairy cattle for the University of Illinois. Jeanne also owned and operated the Stockton Restaurant and Truck Stop for two years. She managed the Caroline Mark Home in Mt. Carroll for 16 years where she found joy in visiting and talking with the residents.

Jeanne was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Carroll. Jeanne loved the outdoors and treasured all of the wonderful things nature had to offer. She even owned her own natural food store and operated a plant and flower business. She enjoyed outdoor photography, painting with oils, writing stories and poetry, and was an avid reader.

Jeanne will be missed by her three children, Timothy Robinson of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, Tom Robinson of Savanna, Illinois, and Ruth (Jonathan) Radke of Carpentersville, Illinois; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three husbands, Frances, Ralph, and Walter; and two step-brothers.

MARJORIE G. BOALS

Marjorie G. Boals, 80, from Afolkey IL passed away peacefully on Aug. 3, 2017. She was born Oct. 25, 1936, she was the daughter of Lewis Klaas and Pearl Selleck. On June 19, 1955, Marjorie married Bernard Boals in Dakota.



Marjorie graduated from Dakota High School class of 1955 and was a lifelong member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Afolkey. She

had a special gift of connecting with everyone she met and always seemed to leave an impact. She loved her kids, grandkids and great grandkids so much. Cooking and baking for family, friends and church events. She thoroughly enjoyed her garden and flowers. Mom and Dad also loved fishing and spending time at their place in the Dells.

Marjorie is survived by three sons, Brian Boals of Rockford, Bennett (Wendy) Boals and Bradley (Sherry) Boals of Orangeville; two daughters, Brenda Gutzmer of Monticello, Wis. And Barb (Jim) Sheedy of South Elgin; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and sister Lorraine (Bill) Houghton. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bernard; two brothers; three sisters; in-laws; and many very dear friends.

A visitation was held Aug. 6, at the Daughenbaugh Funeral Home in Dakota, IL. The funeral service was Aug. 7 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Afolkey. Interment took place at the Afolkey Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in her name. Condolences may be shared with her family at www.walkermortuary.com.

ROSE A. MORHARDT

Rose A. Morhardt, age 89, of Elizabeth, IL, formally of Stockton, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017 at home. She was born in Stockton on March 31, 1928 to the late Elmer and Doris (Bartch) Zink. Rose married Harold Morhardt on Sept. 21, 1950. He passed away May 27, 2003.



Rose was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Massbach. She farmed with her husband and cleaned houses. She enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles.

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• Shooting

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turn around when he started walking in mud near a ravine behind the salt shed. Mr. Hess saw a police squad car pull up when he turned around. Mr. Hess said Mr. Boyle took off running at this point.

Mr. Hess said he stopped and cooperated with the police officer, who was Officer Patridge. Mr. Hess said Officer Patridge asked if they were armed. Mr. Hess said he told Officer Patridge he did not think there was a gun, but he did not know. Mr. Hess told the officer Mr. Boyle did not have anything in his hands, but Ms. Kaiden was carrying backpacks. Officer Patridge then informed Mr. Hess he was being detained. Mr. Hess observed Deputy Heidenreich arrive at this time. Mr. Hess said he attempted to slip away from the area at this point. Mr. Hess admitted he was attempting to leave before he was arrested on his outstanding warrants. Mr. Hess was then instructed to put his hands behind his back.

The next thing Mr. Hess remembered was hearing gun shots, approximately 4 or 5 quickly. Mr. Hess had his back to Officer Patridge when the shots started. Mr. Hess turned around and observed Mr. Boyle after the shots started. Mr. Hess said he did not observe Mr. Boyle until he heard the second shot. Mr. Hess saw Mr. Boyle near the gravel pile.

Mr. Hess said Mr. Boyle was pointing his hands like he had a gun in his hands. Mr. Hess demonstrated this by putting both of his hands together as if making a finger gun, pointing straight out in front of his body. Mr. Hess said Mr. Boyle had his hands up as if he was holding a gun, but Mr. Hess did not see a gun in Mr. Boyle's hands. Mr. Hess did not believe Mr. Boyle had any weapons in his hands. Mr. Hess thought Mr. Boyle was smiling while doing this. Mr. Hess described the smiling as an evil, crazy smirk. Mr. Hess did not see Ms. Kaiden at this point.

Mr. Hess explained it appeared to

him as if Mr. Boyle was fucking with the police officer and taunting the officer by smiling and acting as if he had a gun in his hand. Mr. Hess described Mr. Boyle as being out of his mind when pointing his finger gun at the officers. Mr. Hess thought Mr. Boyle was hit with a shot. Mr. Hess demonstrated how he saw Mr. Boyle wince and moved his left elbow towards his stomach. Mr. Hess said Mr. Boyle stayed on his feet until he went out of sight.

Mr. Hess remembered hearing an officer say "shots fired," and then Deputy Heidenreich putting himself between Mr. Hess and the shooting. Mr. Hess followed Deputy Heidenreich's instructions and did not see much after that. Mr. Hess said Deputy Heidenreich placed him in a squad car and locked him in it.

Mr. Hess remembered hearing officers giving multiple verbal commands to Mr. Boyle to get on the ground. Mr. Hess also said, "If I am a policeman and I am standing there I don't know that I am able to assess whether or not he has a gun from that distance." Mr. Hess said it seemed like Mr. Boyle "didn't have a care for his life" and "it was almost like a I wanna die type of situation."

Ms. Kaiden was also interviewed later that afternoon at the FHN Memorial Hospital. Ms. Kaiden explained she did not see anything during the shooting, but did hear a lot of gun shots. Ms. Kaiden could not remember much of the details about the day leading up to the shooting or why they were walking away from the car through the township property.

On March 30, 2017, Illinois State Police agents interviewed Scott Kurth who was working at the Stockton Township building near the incident and witnessed part of what happened. Mr. Kurth was working in the township shop approximately 150 yards from where the shooting took place. Mr. Kurth remembered

looking out the township garage door and seeing 3 subjects walking down an embankment southbound on Front Avenue. Mr. Kurth said it was 2 males and 1 female. Mr. Kurth looked out the window again approximately 5 minutes later. Mr. Kurth remembered seeing 2 police officers in the roadway talking with a male subject (identified by others as Hess). Mr. Kurth also saw the other male subject (identified by others as Boyle) in a shooting stance facing northbound towards the police officers. Mr. Kurth said it looked like the male subject was pointing a weapon at the officers and was firing it. Mr. Kurth could not tell which officer the male subject was pointing the weapon at or which officers were firing their weapons. Mr. Kurth heard approximately 4 or 5 shots, followed by 3 or 4 more shots in quick succession. Mr. Kurth could not confirm if the male subject had a weapon in his hands, but he said the male subject was in a shooting stance with his hands clasped in front of him. Mr. Kurth remembered the officers moving behind their squad cars after hearing the shots and the officers taking the other male subject (Mr. Hess) into custody. Mr. Kurth said he was approximately 150 yards away from the incident and he did not hear any conversation or verbal commands.

A toxicology report conducted on Mr. Boyle's blood revealed he had approximately 2,900 ng/ml of methamphetamines in his blood. According to the toxicology report, blood levels of 200 to 600 ng/ml have been reported in methamphetamine abusers who exhibited violent and irrational behavior. The report also states high doses of methamphetamine can also elicit restlessness, confusion, hallucinations, circulatory collapse and convulsions.

The Illinois State Police requested a copy of the squad video from Officer Patridge's squad car and Deputy Heidenreich's squad car. Deputy Heidenreich's squad video was not recording prior to or during the shooting. Officer Patridge's squad video was recording prior to and during the shooting. However, the camera in Officer Patridge's squad car faces forward. Officer Patridge's squad car was parked on Front Avenue facing west. The shooting occurred to the south of the squad car so it was not captured on camera. Furthermore, no audio was recorded on the squad video during the shooting.

Finally, Deputy Heidenreich and Officer Patridge did not have body cameras during this incident. The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office did not have body cameras for the road deputies at this time. The Stockton Police Department did have body cameras at this time, but all of the body cameras for the Stockton Police Department were out of service on March 29, 2017. Therefore, there is not any audio or video recording of the events during the shooting.

The Illinois State Police also determined approximately 11.14 gallons of fuel was stolen from pump 7 at Casey's General Store in Stockton between 11:32 a.m. and 12:02 p.m.

On March 29, 2017. Casey's does not have any surveillance cameras outside and the cashier working at the time of the theft did not see a vehicle drive off so they were unable to confirm if this was in fact the gas Mr. Hess believed Mr. Boyle had stolen from Casey's. However, they did confirm the gas was stolen during the approximate time frame Mr. Boyle was believed to have been at Casey's.

The Illinois State Police determined Officer Patridge fired 8 shots on March 29, 2017. It was also determined 2 of those shots hit Mr. Boyle resulting in his death. One gunshot wound was in Mr. Boyle's right lateral abdomen and the other gunshot wound was in his upper left chest. An autopsy was conducted on Mr. Boyle on March 30, 2017 in Stephenson County, Illinois. The Forensic Pathologist who conducted the autopsy indicated in his report the cause of death for Mr. Boyle was due to, or as a consequence of a gunshot wound of the chest.

The silver penlight found next to Mr. Boyle was sent to the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Laboratory in Rockford, Illinois to determine if any of Mr. Boyle's DNA was found on the penlight. The lab determined there was a mixture human DNA profiles found on the pen that was interpreted as a mixture of three people. A major male DNA profile was identified. It was determined Mr. Boyle can be excluded from having contributed to this major male profile. The minor profile(s) identified on the penlight were identified as potentially incomplete and unsuitable for comparison.

It is the ultimate responsibility of the State's Attorney's Office to determine whether or not to initiate a criminal prosecution, and if so, which criminal charges should be prosecuted and against whom. The State's Attorney has the authority to file a criminal information charging the crime or to seek an indictment charging the crime by presenting the case to a grand jury. The State's Attorney's Office should attempt to gather as much relevant information as possible to aid in reaching a sound decision before a final decision is made.

The State's Attorney should file or seek criminal charges if he or she believes the evidence establishes a criminal offense was committed and the admissible evidence is sufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt a specific person or persons committed the crime. The State's Attorney should not file or seek criminal charges if he or she does not believe there is sufficient admissible evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt a crime was committed.

A person has a right to defend themselves, others and their property under the laws of Illinois and the United States. A person does not commit a criminal offense if the facts establish they were justified in the use of force in self-defense against another. The Illinois Compiled Statutes define The Use of Force in Defense of Person in 720 ILCS 5/7-1. Subsection (a) defines it as follows:

A person is justified in the use of force against another when and

to the extent that he reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to defend himself or another against such other's imminent use of unlawful force. However, he is justified in the use of force which is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm only if he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or another, or the commission of a forcible felony.

The Illinois Appellate Courts have established elements the evidence must prove for self-defense to be justified. The First District Appellate Court of Illinois in *People v. Lewis*, 980 N.E.2d 1226 (1st Dist. 2012), indicated, "Thus, a person acts in self-defense where:

(1) Force was threatened against defendant; (2) defendant was not the aggressor; (3) the danger of harm was imminent; (4) the force threatened is unlawful; (5) defendant actually believed a danger existed and the use of force was necessary to avert it; and (6) defendant's belief was reasonable."

Furthermore, the Illinois Appellate Courts have established it is not necessary for the other person to be armed with a deadly weapon for deadly force to be justified. The First District Appellate Court of Illinois in *People v. Polk*, 388 N.E.2d 864 (1st Dist. 1979), wrote, "We recognize it is not necessary that the apparent danger prove to be real or that the victim be armed with a deadly weapon in order for a person to have reasonable belief that his life is endangered to the point of justifying a killing." The District Court in *People v. Brumbelee*, 240 N.E.2d 150 (1st Dist. 1968), concluded, "Whether the deceased actually had a weapon when he ran up to the defendant is not determinative in judging the latter's conduct, for whether the danger is actual or apparent does not depend on the assailant's use of a deadly weapon or of having one in his possession." Finally, the First District Court in *People v. Lester*, 430 N.E.2d 358 (1st Dist. 1981), found "Although it is not necessary for the victim to have actually possessed or used a deadly weapon to justify killing in self-defense, the absence of a weapon is a factor which may be considered by the trier of fact."

It has been determined after reviewing all of the evidence and information obtained during the investigation, that the use of deadly force by Officer Patridge when he shot and killed Troy Boyle was justified as self-defense. Given the circumstances Officer Patridge was faced with, a reasonable police officer in Officer Patridge's position could have reasonably believed he or she, Deputy Heidenreich and Mr. Hess were in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm and Officer Patridge's subsequent firing of his weapon at Mr. Boyle was justified. Therefore, Officer Patridge has been cleared and no criminal charges will be filed or sought against Officer Patridge by the Jo Daviess County State's Attorney's Office.

Mr. Boyle approached Officer

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• Shooting (Continued from page 6)

Patridge and Deputy Heidenreich with his right arm concealed behind his back. Mr. Boyle was ordered multiple times by the officers to show his hands so they could determine what, if anything, he had behind his back. Mr. Boyle ignored the officers' commands by continuing to approach them and keeping his hand behind his back.

Officer Patridge drew his service weapon and pointed it at the ground while he was ordering Mr. Boyle to show his hands. Mr. Boyle would have been in a position to easily

see Officer Patridge had drawn his service weapon. Officer Patridge's actions of drawing his firearm and pointing it at the ground should have placed Mr. Boyle on notice that Officer Patridge would potentially use his firearm if necessary. However, Mr. Boyle continued to ignore the officers' commands by continuing to approach them and keeping his hand concealed behind his back.

Mr. Boyle then quickly raised his right hand from the concealed position behind his back and took a shooting stance as if he had a gun

he was pointing at the officers. Officer Patridge, Deputy Heidenreich, Mr. Hess and Mr. Kurth all agree Mr. Boyle was standing holding his hands together acting like he had a firearm he was pointing at the officers.

Mr. Boyle continued pointing his hands at the officers like he had a gun even after Officer Patridge started shooting at him. Officer Patridge said Mr. Boyle held his right arm in front of him extending it towards the officers as he moved to his left behind the gravel pile. Officer Patridge said Mr. Boyle went to a kneeling position when he reemerged from the other side of the gravel pile and punched his right hand in the direction of the officers as if he was firing a gun.

Officer Patridge said he saw Mr. Boyle's right hand closed around a gray object extending a few inches beyond his hand, which caused Officer Patridge to believe Mr. Boyle had a hand gun in his right hand. Mr. Hess said he did not observe a weapon in Mr. Boyle's hand, but also said he was uncertain if a police officer standing there would be able to assess whether or not Mr. Boyle had a gun. Deputy Heidenreich said he feared Mr. Boyle was concealing a weapon behind his back when he was approaching, but also said he could not tell if Mr. Boyle had a weapon in his hand before the shooting started because Mr. Hess and Officer Patridge were partially in Deputy Heidenreich's line of sight. Mr. Kurth said it looked like

to him the male subject was pointing a weapon at the officers and was firing it, that the male subject was in a shooting stance with his hands clasped in front of him, but also said he could not confirm if the male subject had a weapon in his hands.

Mr. Boyle was not in possession of a firearm, but it is possible he had the silver penlight in his hands when he was pointing them at the officers acting like he had a gun. Chief Sheehan and Deputy Heidenreich both saw the silver penlight next to Mr. Boyle. Officer Patridge also saw it when he approached. This was before the EMS personnel arrived with the ambulance.

The DNA test on the silver penlight did not confirm it was in Mr. Boyle's possession. However, it also did not prove the penlight was not in Mr. Boyle's possession. There was one male DNA profile on the penlight suitable for comparison. The DNA test confirmed this was not Mr. Boyle's DNA. This DNA could have been left by the male ambulance driver who moved the penlight or any other male who previously touched it. However, there were two other potential DNA profiles that were in such a condition they could not be tested to determine if they were left by Mr. Boyle. Finally, it is common for people to touch an item without leaving any DNA on the item so it is possible Mr. Boyle had the penlight in his possession and did not leave any DNA on it.

Officer Patridge said he saw a

gray object in Boyle's hands. Officer Patridge also described the silver penlight as a 5 to 6 inch gray tube. A police officer, under these circumstances, who observes part of a 5 to 6 inch gray tube sticking out of a closed fist could reasonably believe he or she saw a gun barrel or a gun. Even if Mr. Boyle was not in possession of the penlight, a police officer could reasonably believe Mr. Boyle was in possession of a firearm because Mr. Boyle concealed his arm behind his back, ignored multiple verbal commands to show his hands even after Officer Patridge drew his service weapon and pointed it at the ground, quickly raised his hand from behind his back into a shooting stance acting like he had a firearm and continued to have his hands in a shooting position even after Officer Patridge began firing at him.

Officer Patridge was reasonable in his immediate fear for his life and those around him because of the actions of Mr. Boyle. The analysis of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments, in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving, about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation.

This incident was investigated by the Illinois State Police and reviewed by the Jo Daviess County State's Attorney's Office and it has been determined Officer Patridge was justified in using deadly force against Mr. Boyle.

Stockton FFA Alumni to host antique tractor drive

Plans are underway for the 2017 Stockton FFA Alumni Antique Tractor Drive. This year's event has been expanded to include a full day worth of touring rural Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties.

The event will be held on Saturday, August 26. It's an opportunity for antique tractor lovers from Northwestern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin to showcase their family collections. All tractors that are model year 1987 or earlier, and that can travel at least 10 mph, are welcome to participate.

Participants should check in no later than 8 a.m. at Stockton High School which is located at 540 N. Rush St. just off U.S. Route 20 in Stockton. The drive will start promptly at 8:15 a.m. and will cover approximately 50 miles round trip. Stops along the route will be Jim Brant's Planter Collection (Pearl City), Lake Carroll, Loran Valley, Lunch at Slurp & Burp, and Blackhawk Monument as we return to Stockton High School around 4:30 PM. The event will be held rain or shine, but poor weather conditions may alter the route.

Registration is \$40 per tractor and it will include lunch, tractor sign, button, name tag, and refreshments. Drivers must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license in order to drive in this event. Drivers will need to sign a Driver Safety Pledge prior to participating. There are approximately 15 seats available on a covered wagon that will be a part of the drive at a cost of \$25 per seat. Passenger will be required to sign a Passenger Liability Waiver. Anyone under the age of 18 will need a legal guardian's signature on the required paperwork as well.

For information concerning the rules and requirements or to register please contact Greg Millerschone (815) 947-3345 or Brad Brudi (815) 858-4366.

Registration forms need to be returned to the Stockton FFA Alumni, c/o Rick Duchow, 312 N. Hudson St., Stockton, IL 61085. Pre-registration is preferred by August 19, but people can register the day of the event as well.

Jo Daviess County agencies to explore COAD possibilities

The Jo Daviess County Health Department and Jo Daviess County Emergency Management Agency are currently working on creating a Community Organization Active in Disaster (COAD). A COAD is an organization, based within a community or geographic area that is composed of representatives from public, private, and non-for-profit agencies. The purpose of creating a COAD is the community working together in time of need. A COAD will enhance the community's ability to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster. Every county agency can make a difference in the event of a disaster. The first COAD meeting will be on August 16, at 10 a.m. at the Jo Daviess County Health Department. If interested in attending or joining, please RSVP to Lori Stangl, Director of Clinical Services at (815) 777-0263 ext. 239 or lstangl@jodaviess.org.



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Stockton Community Unit School District #206 BOE July regular meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library on Monday, July 17, 2017. Members present included Kirk Schubert, Kim Mapes, Neill Cahill, Todd Vincent, Roger Groezinger, and Deb Gille. Member Nicole Haas joined the meeting at 6:55 pm. The regular and closed session minutes of June 19, 2017, and the FY17 amended budget hearing minutes were approved 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Mapes. Bills totaling \$897,133.36 were approved for payment 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second

by Mapes. The financial report was approved 6-0 following a motion by Gille and second by Gille. The District's architect and engineer reported that the Middle School HVAC project was on schedule and also reviewed change orders.

Superintendent Gilliland reviewed upcoming construction meeting dates, thanked the Foundation for donating \$4,000 for new fifth grade science textbooks, and told the board that the Finance Committee would meet on August 2, and the Policy Committee would meet on Aug. 21 at 5:30 p.m. before the next regular meeting. In addition, Dr. Gilliland reported that Tech Director Gary Baglin is in the

process of gathering more information on a new phone system. High School Principal Casey Downey congratulated the FFA for their fifth place state finish in the Greenhand Quizbowl competition, Stanlee Rillie for receiving the Silver State Award for his scrapbook, and the FFA Program for receiving the Century Challenge Award for having all agricul-

ture students participating in FFA. In addition, Ms. Downey reported that a Facebook page has been started for the High School. Individuals can "like" the page to receive High School updates and announcements. Principal Brad Fox thanked the many volunteers who helped at school-related booths on July 4th. The Foundation's season pass winners were

Erin Jordan and Baylee Foreman. In addition, he reminded the board that the Blackhawk Open was scheduled for July 22. Principal Colleen Fox congratulated Leighton Krueger for winning the Little Blackhawk bicycle donated by the Lions Club and reported on the successful U.D. for Kids Summer Program. The administrators also reviewed a new coaches'/advisors' handbook with the board as well as a new extra-curricular code of conduct document that will be acted on at the August meeting.

Member Groezinger reviewed the CTE Academy minutes, and the Building and Grounds Committee report included discussions about two replacement doors and stage mechanism improvements.

Under new business, the board took the following action:

Approved the resolution to permanently transfer \$400,000 from the Working Cash Fund (70) to the Operations and Maintenance Fund (20) 7-0 following a motion by Mapes and second by Cahill

Approved Superintendent Gilliland to review, accept, and sign off on the financial statements of the District, which include the audit report, the annual financial report to the state, and data collection form on behalf of the school district 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Gille

Approved repair of High school and Middle School doors with Hartz Incorporated in the amount of \$8,171.96 7-0 following a motion by Vincent and second by Mapes

Approved the awarding of the milk bid to Prairie Farms and the bread bid to Binbo Bakeries 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Haas

Approved resolution to update signatures on the revolving fund, general fund, high yield account, and new push coin account (new fees software) 7-0 following a motion by Mapes and second by Groezinger

The board voted 7-0 to go into closed session at 7:28 pm following a motion by Groezinger and second by Cahill under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, dismissal, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students. The board voted 7-0 following a motion by Mapes and second by Cahill at 7:56 pm to return to open session.

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

Approved the employment of kindergarten teacher Michelle Haas for the 2017-2018 school year 7-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Groezinger

Accepted the resignation of custodian Andrew Napier 7-0 following a motion by Haas and second by Gille

Approved the appointment of the following spring head coaches for the 2017-2018 school year 7-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Mapes: Danielle Heidenreich boys' track, Megan Holland Zito girls' track, and Mike Renz softball

Approved announcement of vacancy procedures for Superintendent/Elementary School Principal for the 2018-2019 school year 7-0 following a motion by Vincent and second by Schubert

The board adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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OTHER PROPERTIES

LENA - SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH BRICK HOME. Eat-in kitchen plus formal dining room, large formal living room plus a family room with patio door to deck. The master bedroom and the 2nd bedroom are spacious in size. Main floor laundry. Full finished basement, 2 stall attached garage, covered front porch. Located at the edge of town and close to a park. Priced at\$137,500

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Boy Scouts National Jamboree

Two Stockton Scouts, Haylen Scott & David Lancaster from Troop 31 are attended the 2017 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia from July 18 - 29, 2017. Both scouts are twelve years old and have earned their First Class rank in Scouting. More than 30,000 Scouts from all over the United States come together during the National Jamboree on 10,600 acres participating in outdoor Scouting activities such as whitewater rafting, rock climbing, rappelling, zip lines, BMX biking, rifle & archery shooting, high ropes courses, swimming and many, many other activities while meeting Scouts from all over the nation.

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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Aug. 13, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Tenth Sunday of Pentecost with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship.

On Aug. 14, Parkinson Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Jill Hilliger, from Senior Resource Center of Stephenson & Jo Daviess counties topic will be "Money Management Program"

On Wednesday Aug. 16, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world.

On Thursday Aug. 17, Good Shepherd will lead Devotions & Dessert at Friendship Center.

If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

Willow '50th' Folk Festival

Willow "50th" Annual Music Folk Festival Aug 12-13; held on the Willow Church grounds.(3 mi. SE of Stockton, Il on Willow Rd)(from Freeport; go W. on Rt 20 to Willow Rd- turn left go 6 mi.to the church)

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Matt Mau to preach at St. John in Lena

A true "son of the congregation", the Reverend Matt Mau will take the pulpit at St. John's, Lena on the weekend of August 12 and 13, as part of the festivities celebrating the 125th anniversary of St. John's church and the 500th anniversary of the Christian Reformation. Matt will preach at worship services Saturday evening at 5:30 and Sunday morning services at 8 and 10:30.

Pastor Matt Mau serves the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church in Waco, Nebraska. He is the son of Mark and Anita Mau; grandson of Tom and Carol Mau and Carole Fernstead. Pastor Mau and his wife Rebecca have two sons, Levi and Simeon and daughter, Anna.

The family of St. John's, Lena has served the Lord in mission and ministry in the Lena community for over 125 years. Pastor Rick Bader has served the St. John's family since 1980. The church was formerly housed at 308 E. Lena St, then constructed a new building and moved to its current location at 625 Country Lane Dr in 1987.

This year, 2017, is the 500th anniversary celebration of the Christian Reformation that began when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. These "theses" formed a list of questions and propositions for debate. One of Luther's 95 Theses simply declares, "The Church's true treasure is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The central theme of the reformation remains the central theme of our church over all these years—the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The whole Lena community is invited to join us on Sunday, August 13, for an Ice Cream Social and Summer Concert at the church, 625 Country Lane Dr, Lena. The Concert will feature "The Fever String Band." Music begins at 6 p.m. and runs to 7:30 p.m. Everything is free: ice cream, popcorn, bottled water, and cookies. Just bring a lawn chair or blanket and a friend. Also, we will accept donations to the Lena Food Pantry---canned or non-perishable food items, paper products, or a monetary contribution.

Family Fun Night at First Baptist Church of Warren

First Baptist Church of Warren invites the whole community to join us on Friday, August 11, for a Family Fun Night. It starts at 5 p.m. with games for all ages at the Little League Park in Warren, highlighted by the "Big Ball" games! Following the games, we will return to the church for hot dogs, chips, and cookies! Then, at 6:30, we will be having a special showing of the film Courageous. This award-winning

movie centers on the lives of four police officers and the greatest challenge that each of them faces - fatherhood.

There is no cost to attend. Come whenever you can. All ages are welcome. You won't want to miss this fun night with your neighbors and friends. If you have any questions, please call (815)745-2287. First Baptist Church is located at 101 W. Jefferson St. in Warren.

St. Paul Church 'Autumn Fest'

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the St. Paul "Autumn Fest." This fun family event will take place at St Paul Church of Epleyanna, located at 8800 E. Epleyanna Rd, Davis, IL on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m.

There will be free food, games, and prizes, bounce house with obstacle course, cake walk, petting zoo, and face painting. Also performing live will be Christian singer, songwriter, and worship leader, Matt Hoffland. For more information please visit his website at: www.matthoffland.com

Be sure to bring your whole family for a refreshing evening of good old Christian fun. For more information contact Pastor Scott at (815) 865-5314 or by email at: stplchrch@gmail.com

Women of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kent to meet Aug. 13

On Sunday, Aug. 13, the Women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent, Illinois, will meet at 9:00 am to discuss several projects. All women are invited.

Family worship service will begin at 10 a.m. in the church sanctuary. Deb Winning is the organist. Mary Lynn Groezinger will read scriptures from 1 Kings, Psalms, and Romans. Pastor Carole Andres' sermon is entitled

"How Long Can You Tread Water," based upon 14th chapter of Matthew. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

We welcome all who wish to worship with us at the little church with the big heart. We are located in the suburbs, one-fourth mile north of Kent at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. Come on down. We sing the oldies. For more information, call Pastor Andres at 232-4010.

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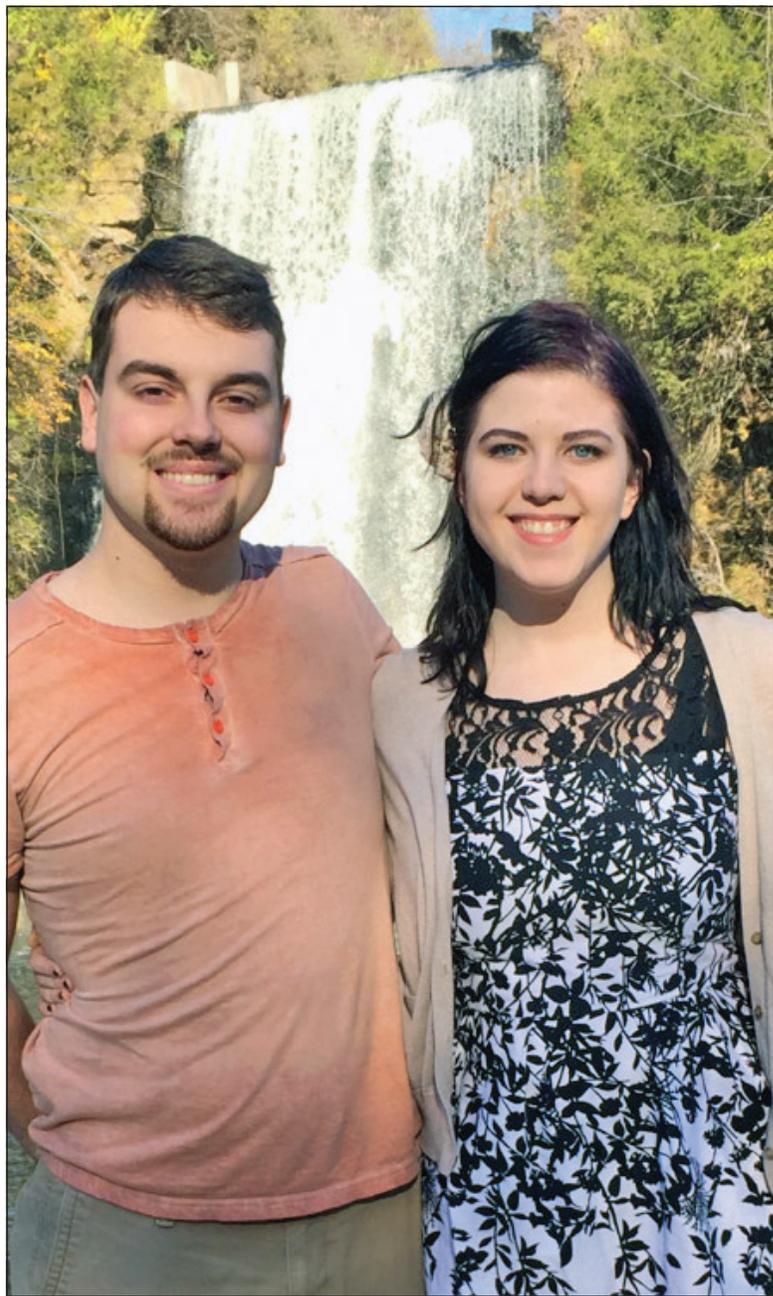
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Amy Gerbode and Russell Erickson to wed

Amy Gerbode and Russell Erickson, both graduates of Lena Winslow High School and now residing in Aurora, IL, have announced their engagement, and plan to wed on September 9, 2017. Amy is the daughter of David & Joy Gerbode of Lena. She graduated from Le-Win in 2012, and then graduated from Aurora University in 2016. She is now a Master's student at NIU as well as teaching freshman composition classes there. Russell is the son of Gary & Kathy Erickson of Lena. He graduated from Le-Win in 2013 and then from Elmhurst College in 2016. He is now working for Perficient, a computer programming company in Chicago.

It's time for the Briggs and Reed Tractor Drive

Check your calendars—don't forget about our 12th Annual "Briggs and Reed Tractor Drive" on Sat., Sept. 2, 2017. We start at Jim Briggs' farm, 3699 W. Winslow Rd., Orangeville, IL and go 20 miles to Orval Reed's farm at 7942 Neesseman Rd., South Wayne, Wi. There we have a delicious picnic, tour the barn with lots of farm antiques in it. After lunch we head back to Briggs' place. Please bring a dish to pass for picnic. You are welcome to come even if you don't drive a tractor. Everyone always has a fun and informative day. Come join us. Phone: Jim at 815-789-4570 or 815-291-4571 or Orval at 608-677-2301 or 608-558-5082.

Reunion

Zink Endress reunion

The Zink Endress reunion will be held Sunday Aug. 13, at 12:30 at Mt. Carroll UMC Fellowship Hall 216 S Main St. Mt. Carroll, Ill. It is air conditioned and handicapped accessible. There will be pot luck with lemonade provided.

Birth

Ellie Kleckner

Brittani Gemmill and Matthew Kleckner of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Ellie Kristine Kleckner born Friday July 28, at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Ellie has a sister Emily Kleckner, 5. Grandparents are Mike and Julie Kleckner of Stockton and Kathi Gemmill-Orth Cedarville, Ill. and Bob Gemmill of Baileyville, Ill. Great grandmothers are Dorothy Orth of Scioto Mills, Ill. and Shirley Kleckner of Stockton.

•Obits

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word searches, quilting, gardening, embroidering, and feeding and watering the birds.

She is survived by her three sons, Duane (Mary Ann) Morhardt of Elizabeth, LaVerne (Paula) Morhardt of Stockton, and Michael (Deborah) Morhardt of Great Falls, MT; her daughter, Lynn (Wayne) Schultz of Stockton; nine grandchildren and many great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Doris; her husband, Harold; her sister, Donna French; her brother in law, Jim French; her two sisters lost in infancy; and her grandson, Jacob Morhardt.

There will be a memorial service Tuesday, Aug. 8, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. with a visitation beginning at 12 p.m. Interment will take place at Massbach Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for Northwest Volunteer Hospice. Condolences may be shared with her family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

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Information compiled by Dr. DeeDee Wampfler, D.C.
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Headaches can significantly impact a person's quality of life, especially when they are frequent, as is most often the case in tension-type headaches. Millions of doctor's visits every year are due to these common recurring headaches that are often treated with powerful pain-relieving medication. Tension-type headaches have been shown to regularly affect one out of every 6 people.

They are so common, many people think headaches are a normal part of life and continually treat

Dubuque man sentenced in Jo Daviess County court

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney, John D. Hay would like to inform the public of the following information. On July 27, 2017, Cody J. Berry of Dubuque, Iowa was sentenced by Judge William Kelly to 3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Mr. Berry must serve 85% of the 3 year sentence. Once released from the Illinois Department of Corrections, Berry will be placed on two years of Mandatory Supervised Release, formerly known as Parole.

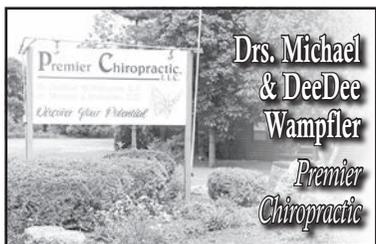
This Sentencing Hearing is a result of a Plea Agreement entered into in which Mr. Berry pled guilty on March 14, 2017 to the offense of Aggravated DUI (Fatality).

These charges stem from a motor vehicle crash that took place in East Dubuque, Illinois on November 17, 2014. The crash resulted in the death of Berry's passenger, Gavin J. Gremmel, (age 18) of Dubuque, Iowa.

This incident was investigated by the East Dubuque Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

A little levity to lighten your day

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car — both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light." After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!" Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh dear, am I driving?"



their headaches with ongoing powerful drug usage. The pain drugs only temporarily numb the pain without addressing the cause of the headache and the cycle of headache pain and medication becomes a vicious circle that repeats itself over and over again. As the pain occurs again, medication occurs to relieve the pain for a time and then the medication wears off as it's processed through the body and the headache pain recurs only to be battled with another dose of pain medication and

so on. These drugs can lead to terrible side effects like ulcers, leaky gut syndrome, and irritable bowel, while the person continues to suffer with headaches.

Research has shown that subluxations, which are misalignments in the spine that cause disturbances of the Central Nervous System are the most well-known cause of tension-type headaches. This is why Doctors of Chiropractic often see very favorable results in patients who suffer from tension-type headaches. Chiropractors treat subluxations in the spine by safely adjusting the spine, working to restore normal function to the Central Nervous System, joints, muscles, and tissues involved; thereby directly affecting the cause of these headaches and often providing long-term relief.

True health and healing comes by correcting the source of the prob-

lem, which results in better, safer, long-term results versus numbing the pain regularly with drugs. Chiropractic care, especially specialized CBP care restores the spine to its normal or as near normal as possible alignment and improves the function of the nervous system, joints, muscles, and soft tissues involved, improving a person's quality of life.

Chiropractic can provide the solution to the many millions of people who regularly suffer with

tension-type headaches by addressing the root cause of this ailment without drugs or surgery safely and effectively. Chiropractors adjust the spine to restore normal joint motion and function to the spine improving the function of the Central Nervous System. CBP certified chiropractors also use additional therapies to restore the spine to its normal position, much like a dentist may use braces to restore the teeth to their normal alignment. Addressing the cause of the problem makes sense.

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Le-Win Class of 72 – Invitation to Teachers

The Le-Win Class of 1972 would like to invite all Le-Win teachers who had the pleasure of instructing us to come to our class reunion on August 12, at Mulligan's Bar and Grill in Lena. Please come for the meal at 7 or stop by later to chat. We'd love to see you! Please call or text Anita at 815-703-5270 if you plan to attend! We'd like to know by Aug. 4, if you're dining with us.

Le-Win Class of 72 – Classmates

If you have not yet responded to the invitation, there is still time! We've got a great turnout so far and would love to have you join us! Please call or text Anita at 815-703-5270 by Aug. 4.



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Illinois State Fair runs August 10-20

A tradition dating back to 1853, the Illinois State Fair kicks off Aug. 10 in Springfield. The 11-day event celebrates agriculture, the state's number one employer and driver of the state's economy.

The Illinois State Fair also features live music from some of music's biggest names, harness racing, carnival rides, and dozens of food vendors,

various entertainers, animal shows, and displays by groups and organizations from across the state.

Some of the attractions fairgoers enjoy are checking out the Butter Cow in the Daily Building, walking around Conservation World, tasting wines from across the state, sampling a variety of foods in Ethnic Village, watching livestock shows, and see-

ing automobile and harness racing on the dirt track.

The Illinois State Fair runs August 10-20. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens (60+), and free for kids (0-12). For daily schedules and lists of vendors, competitions, attractions, and the Grandstand lineup, check out the Illinois State Fair website or download a free mobile app.

Illinois Press Association Executive Director to address 'Sunshine Laws'

Open meetings and the Illinois Freedom of Information Act will be center stage during a special presentation at the DeSoto House Hotel on Thursday, Aug. 17. The 7 p.m. meeting will feature Don Craven, acting executive director for the Illinois Press Association. He also serves as general counsel for the association.

The session is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County and The Galena Gazette.

Live Wires to meet at Lena KOA

By Krista Keene
 CLUB REPORTER

The August 14, Lena Live Wires meeting will be held at the Lena KOA. Swimming will begin at 4. After swimming we will be having hotdogs and other snack foods. So be sure to check with Kathy to see what you are supposed to bring. After we eat we will have a business meeting.

Upon earning his law degree in 1981 from Southern Illinois University, Craven practiced general business law until 1986 when he began working on media issues. His work now concentrates on libel and First Amendment issues, access to government meetings and records, and the business issues of concern to newspapers. He has also counseled executive directors and board members of the Illinois Press Association, Illinois Broadcasters Association,

and Illinois News Broadcasters Association on association activities, legal and legislative.

The Aug. 17 session will provide a broader understanding of open meetings and access to government records. There will also be an opportunity to pose questions.

Event sponsors encourage members serving on local boards to attend as well as any citizens interested in open, transparent, and responsible government.

Berremman Church to stage family camping weekend

Come to the Berremman Youth Center on Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. for a free fun weekend of camping with your family, complete with dorms, bunks, meals, games, campfires, s'mores, crafts, singing, prayers and fun fun fun! Gather your family, friends, neighbors, sleeping bags or blankets,

towels and soap for showers. Bring your musical instruments for a jam session of Gospel sing along. See you Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Berremman Church on Skunk Hollow Road, Mt. Carroll, Ill 61053. Call Pastor Robert Phelps 815-493-2136 or Judy Miner 815-266-9621 for more information.

First Presbyterian Church of Apple River to host August Gospel Night

The First Presbyterian Church in Apple River, IL, will feature The Broege Sisters as the featured musicians at the church's August Gospel Night on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Gloria and Glenda have been singing together most of their lives and enjoy sharing their music

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

It felt a little like fall on Friday; however Taste of Lena had perfect summer weather. It was nice to have a reprieve from the rain and humidity. There was a lot of action in downtown Lena with the Taste of Lena. Beautiful cars, good food, and some entertainment were throughout the day. I hope that some of you got to enjoy it. This week we continue to offer vegetables of the season as well as some good fruit recipes.

The first recipe is for pickled red onions. Many recipes on the cooking channel use these as garnish or as a side. They are easy to make, and they add great flavor to just about any dish you would use regular onion.

Pickled Red Onions

1 1/2 C. red wine vinegar
1 C. water
1/2 C. sugar
1 T. salt
1 T. pepper
1/2 fresh jalapeno
1 sprig fresh thyme
1 sprig fresh rosemary
1 1/4 lbs red onion (about 2 medium) sliced 1/4 inch thick

In a medium stockpot, bring vinegar, 1 cup water, sugar, salt, pepper, jalapeno, thyme, and rosemary to a boil over medium high heat. Reduce heat, and simmer for 5 minutes. Discard thyme and rosemary.

Stir in onions and cook, stirring occasionally for 15 minutes. Strain onions, discarding liquid. Let cool completely. Cover and refrigerate

for up to 1 week.

A lot of people like to have a good bean salad in their recipe box. In the summer it is a great salad to take on picnics; during the year it is a great side for a meal with sandwiches. The sweet and sour dressing makes them a favorite for those people who love sweet and sour dishes.

Four Bean Salad

Dressing:

1/4 C. extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 C. white wine vinegar
2 T. sugar
Salt and pepper to taste

1 lb. green beans, trimmed, and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 can chickpeas (16 oz.) drained and rinsed or lima beans or great northern beans, drained and rinsed

1 can red kidney beans (16 oz.) drained and rinsed

1 can (14.5 oz.) yellow wax beans drained and rinsed

1 C. finely diced celery
1 C. chopped fresh parsley
1/2 C. chopped green onions

Dressing: whisk together the oil, vinegar, and sugar; season with salt and pepper.

Salad: Blanch green beans in a pot of boiling salted water until crisp-tender, about 3-4 minutes. Transfer to a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking, then drain.

Combine the green beans, chickpeas, kidney beans, wax beans, celery, parsley and green onions in a bowl. Toss with dressing; cover and chill at least two hours before serving

Along with a good bean salad, pasta salad is a favorite side for sandwiches. This salad uses penne pasta or any tubular pasta will do. I like the taste of grape tomatoes because I think they are sweeter; some people like the cherry tomatoes. You could use red or yellow cherry tomatoes. If you are not a Romano cheese lover, substitute it with Parmesan. The large green olives with or without pimentos work better than smaller olives in this salad. The dressing has

just a little honey in it to give it a different dressing taste.

Italian Pasta Salad

12 oz. penne pasta
2 C. seeded, chopped cucumbers
2 C. halved cherry or grape tomatoes

1 1/2 C. green olives, halved
1 C. Romano or Parmesan cheese
1/2 C. diced red onion
Dressing
1/2 C. white wine vinegar
1/3 C. extra virgin olive oil
2 T. chopped fresh oregano
2 t. minced fresh garlic
1 1/2 t. salt
1 t. pepper
1/2 t. honey

Cook pasta in a pot of boiling salted water according to package directions; drain, rinse with cold water and drain again. Transfer pasta to a large bowl and add the cucumbers and tomatoes. Stir in the cheese and onion.

Whisk together the vinegar, oil, oregano, garlic, salt, pepper, and honey. Toss with pasta.

You never have just a little zucchini, so having recipes to use it up is a plus for any household. This easy lasagna uses zucchini like the ground beef of regular lasagna. It is a great meatless meal for any time.

Slow-Cooker Zucchini Lasagna

3 zucchini (1 1/4 lb.)
2 T. cornstarch
1 egg, beaten
16 oz. Ricotta cheese
3/4 C. shredded parmesan cheese, divided
1/4 C. chopped fresh basil, divided
1 jar of Tomato and Basil Pasta Sauce
1 pkg. (8 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese

Cut zucchini lengthwise into 1/4 inch slices; place in a large resealable plastic bag. Add cornstarch, and seal the bag. Shake bag gently to evenly coat the zucchini with the cornstarch.

In a bowl, mix the egg, ricotta, 1/2 cup parmesan, and 2 tablespoons basil until blended.

Spread 1/2 C. pasta sauce onto the bottom of a slow cooker which was sprayed with cooking spray; cover with layers of 1/4 of the sliced zucchini, 2/3 cup ricotta mixture, and 1/2 cup mozzarella. Repeat the layers twice. Top with layers of remaining zucchini, pasta sauce, and cheeses. Cover with lid. Cook on LOW for 5-6 hours or on HIGH for 2-3 hours. Transfer liner with lasagna from slow cooker to a wire rack. Let stand, covered, for 30 minutes to allow lasagna to set. Sprinkle with remaining basil.

A favorite potato salad in the summer and fall is warm German potato salad. This recipe uses small red potatoes (I think red potatoes make better potato salad of any kind.). Enjoy this old time favorite from all of our German ancestors.

Warm German Potato Salad

3 lbs. small red potatoes
1/3 C. canola oil
2 T. champagne vinegar
1 t. salt
1/2 t. pepper
1/2 cucumber, very thinly sliced
2 celery ribs, thinly sliced
1 small onion, chopped
4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

1 T. minced fresh parsley

Place potatoes in a saucepan, add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and reduce heat; cook, uncovered until potatoes are tender, 18-20 minutes. Drain and cool slightly. Peel and thinly slice the potatoes. Whisk the oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Add the sliced potatoes, and toss to coat. Add remaining ingredients; toss to combine and serve warm.

Need a refreshing summer cookie? This easy lemon cookie has just the right amount of white chips to make it even better. I think the cream of tartar makes the cookies nice and soft. These cookies would go great with sherbet or frozen yogurt.

Lemon White Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 1/4 C. flour
1 t. baking soda
3/4 t. cream of tartar
1/4 t. salt
1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
1 C. sugar
1 T. finely grated lemon zest
1 T. fresh lemon juice
2 large eggs
1/2 t. vanilla
1 1/2 C. white chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 350. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk the flour, baking soda, cream

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of tartar and salt in a bowl and set aside.

Beat the butter, sugar and lemon zest in a mixing bowl on medium high until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then beat in the lemon juice and vanilla. Reduce the mixer speed to low; beat in the flour mixture in two batches until combined. Stir in the white chocolate chips with a wooden spoon.

Drop heaping tablespoons of dough about 2 inches apart on the prepared pans. Bake, switching the pans halfway through until the cookies are just golden around the edges, 10-12 minutes. Let cool 3-5 minutes on the baking sheets, then transfer to

a rack to cool completely.

I love tarts because the crust is much easier than a pie crust to make from scratch. The roughness of the tart means you really can make a mistake with the dough; tart dough is very forgiving. Enjoy these tasty tarts with two of the fruits of the season.

Peach and Blackberry Tart

1½ C. flour
 ½ t. salt
 10 T. unsalted butter, cut into ½-inch pieces and chilled
 6-7 T. ice water, plus 1 T. water
 1 lb. peaches, halved, pitted, and cut into ½-inch thick wedges
 1 C. blackberries

6 T. sugar

Process the flour and salt in a food processor until combined, about 3 seconds. Scatter the butter over the top and pulse until mixture resembles coarse crumbs, about 10 pulses. Transfer to a bowl. Sprinkle 6 tablespoons of ice water over the mixture. Using a rubber spatula, stir and press dough until it sticks together, adding up to 1 tablespoon more of ice water if it will not come together.

Turn dough onto a lightly floured counter and form into a 4 inch disk. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 1 hour. (You can wrap the dough and refrigerate for up to 2 days or frozen for up to 1 month.)

Adjust the oven rack to lower middle position and heat oven to 375 degrees. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Let chilled dough sit on counter to soften slightly, about 10 minutes, before rolling. Roll the dough into a 12 inch circle on the lightly floured counter, then transfer to the prepared sheet.

Gently toss the peaches, blackberries, and 5 tablespoons of sugar together in a bowl. Mound fruit in center of dough, leaving a 2 inch border around the edge. Carefully grasp 1 edge of the dough and fold up 2 inches; gently pinch pleated dough to secure, but do not press dough into fruit.

Brush dough with remaining tablespoon of water and sprinkle remaining tablespoon of sugar evenly over the dough and fruit. Bake until the crust is deep golden brown and fruit is bubbling, about 45-50 minutes. Transfer the sheet to a wire rack and let tart cool for 10 minutes. Using a metal spatula, loosen the tart

from the parchment and slide onto the wire rack; let cool until warm, about 30 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve. You can substitute apricots for peaches and blueberries for blackberries.

We finally had a great Wednesday night Gathering! There was no rain in sight, and everyone enjoyed good food, a great Farmer's Market, and a leisurely walk through downtown Lena. Let's hope we have another one this coming week—another rain-free night. School registration has taken place, football, volleyball, and golf practice started, so I guess we really are getting ready for fall. Even though fall is fast approaching, we continue to look for summer recipes that feature black or red raspberries, strawberries, radishes, onions, corn, zucchini, apples and tomatoes. 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, VS. JANE E RASMUSSEN; ROBERT R RASMUSSEN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

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 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a

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Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 1725567

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Public Notice is hereby given that on **July 17, 2017**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **David's Place** located at **18 W. Stephenson Str., Freeport, IL 61032**. Dated July 17, 2017

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FARM MACHINERY: Bobcat 440 skid loader, very nice! 53" material bucket; 43" grapple bucket; 34" material bucket; Farnall 806 w/ wide front, diesel, serial #6170, running; Farnall H tractor w/ wide front, serial# 258604; Surge 15,000 watt PTO generator w/trailer; Farnall M tractor, serial #227044; Farnall M tractor, serial #292524; Allis Chalmers D-14 tractor w/ AC #500 loader, serial #3041; Allis Chalmers WD45 w/ wide front; Farnall H tractor, serial# 350428; Hesston #55 round baler; Kasten 250 manure spreader; OMC mixer mill; Kory 10 ton gear; Howse 6' pull type rotary mower; Rhino TW84 3 pt. rotary mower; Knight rear unloading wagon w/ gear; 3 pt. log splitter; JD 100 bu. auger wagon; 3 pt. bale mover; 3 pt. stack mover; JD elevator; flare box w/ gear; Hyd. hog cart; McCormick 10' grain drill.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: 5 gallon Standard oil can w/ brass tag; 5 gallon Cremix Co. Chicago, Ill. cream can; several old chairs; Griswold #6 cast iron pans; assorted cast iron pans; wood egg crate; milk cans; Copper still; Sausage press; incubator; Cummins cash register; 4-wood wagon wheels, nice; platform scale; Sausage grinder w/ motor; lantern; copper spittoon; 28" buzz saw w/ table.

TOOLS: South Bend metal lathe; Drill press; Forge & tools; Hill Clark mill; Linley mill; Cabinet full of mill bits; Rockford Drilling machine; Delta 12" band saw; 38" metal sheer; 8' metal brake; Easy edger; 30" metal roller; 18" bar foler; Smith Pleat bender; 1" sheet metal roller; Miller 250 AC/DC welder; Sanborn 60 gallon upright air compressor; Stihl 038V Super chainsaw; Stihl MS 180C chainsaw; gas welder; Lincoln Pro-cut #25; Titan #440 paint sprayer; Homelite chainsaw; B&D 9" grinder; Butcher Boy band saw; assorted chains & binders; 60/300 amp battery charger; Manual tire changer; torch set w/ cart; appliance cart; floor jacks; Roto zip; assorted air tools; Porter Cable cordless saw; Bostitch nailer; air tank; Reddy heater, 55,000 btu; Predator 4,000 watt generator; 2-table saws; 5 gallon shop vac; chain hoists; 3,400 lb. come alongs; Wilton spindle sander; Seras radial arm saw; Porter Cable 12" Mitre saw; shot gun shell reloader; Rigid planer; Dremel saw; Rockwell jointer; Heavy duty jack stands; 20 ton floor press; assorted sheet of metal; LOTS of hand tools; tool boxes; assorted wood working tools; rope; assorted power tools; 2-large anvils; Handy Man jack; 12' wood step ladder; scaffolding; Partial list!

BOATS & VEHICLES: 1987 Lund 16' fishing boat, 70 hp Johnson motor; 2001 H&H 7'x12' trailer w/ ramp; 1995 Chevrolet truck w/ plow; 1964 Ford truck w/ camper; 16' bumper hitch cattle trailer; Mercury 7.5 hp boat motor; Mercury 20 hp boat motor; M&W boat motor; 1992 Jeep wrangler; 1967 18' Polar Kraft boat; 1978 16' Tennessee Valan boat; 1992 Astro 18' fiberglass boat.

OUTDOOR & MISC.: Simplicity Baron mower; Honda push mower; 30' wood extension ladder; Troy built rear tine tiller; Dixon ZTR 427 mower; 2-overhead fuel barrels; cement mixer; saddle; horse equipment; fencing supplies; Fimco 50 gallon pull sprayer; chicken roasts.

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: With Tom's passing, Bonnie has decided to sell their equipment and tools. Tom was a very great farmer and metal worker. Plan to attend this auction! We may have to do 2 auction rings, so please bring a bidding partner. Check www.filerauction.com for photos and full listing. **TERMS: CASH OR GOOD CHECK**

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1994 WINNEBAGO 34' Bounder RV, 49k, 2 furnace, 2 air conditioners, great condition, \$17,000, 815-633-2523.

2002 32' CELEBRITY TRAVEL TRAILER very good cond. slide out, ducted heat/air, awning, full bath, etc. \$6300 OBO 815-369-4638

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Construction Equipment

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Farm Machinery

1963 MASSEY 35 Live power, power steering & Turf tires. \$1500 OBO. 847-838-0492.

Motorcycles

1977 BMW R100/7 runs excellent, needs TLC, serious inquires only, best offer, 262-539-2590 leave message.

1982 HONDA CB 900 CUSTOM All original. Asking \$1395. 708-691-4895.

1996 HARLEY DAVIDSON Road King, 28K miles, many extras, great condition, \$5,900, 262-210-7650.

1999 GOLD WING Aspencade Trike, 50th anniversary edition, Spectra Red, easy steer, 59K miles, lots of extras, \$15,500, 262-689-2246.

1999 HARLEY PRO STREET custom 107 cubic inch S&S motor. All forged internals. Axtell cylinders. 10.5 to 1 compression. STD dual plug heads. Dyna 2000i ignition. 4500 miles since built. Transmission is ultima case with Andrews gears and shaft. Bdl belt drive. Black and billet rims and matching rotors. Needs tires. No time to ride with 4 kids. Over 20k invested and hate to sell. Very fast bike and very comfortable. \$9,800 OBO 815-751-2627.

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2003 GOLD WING 30,300 miles, custom paint, too many extras to list, one of a kind, \$8,000 firm, 262-534-6660.

2007 HD ULTRA CLASSIC 96 cubic in. 42K miles, cobalt blue \$11,000 OBO 630-669-0736

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Call 815-369-4112

WANTED OLD JAPANESE MOTORCYCLES KAWASAKI Z1-900 (1972-75), KZ900, KZ1000 (1976-1982), Z1R, KZ1000MK2 (1979,80), W1-650, H1-500 (1969-72), H2-750 (1972-1975), S1-250, S2-350, S3-400, KH250, KH400, SUZUKI GS400, GT380, HONDA CB750K (1969-1976), CBX1000 (1979,80) CASH !! 1-800-772-1142, 1-310-721-0726 usa@classicrunners.com

1982 MONTE CARLO V8, automatic, no rust, \$1,500 firm 262-495-8838.

1984 MONTE CARLO collector, all orig., air, no rust/salt, stored inside, \$12,000, 262-537-2604.

1990 CORVETTE red/red, 6 spd. manual, 40k miles, 2 roofs, sharp, \$10,900 262-949-6638.

2006 FORD MUSTANG Pony series. 22,000 miles. 262-763-2620.

Parts & Accessories

REMOVED SEATS for Dodge/Chrysler mini van. Removed & put in storage. Never used. Gray with cup holders & storage. \$80 OBO 815-745-2717

'88 NISSAN 300Z T-Top, black, turbo, had for 25 yrs. No rust, 87,000 org. miles, \$3900 OBO. 262-893-2195.

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

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

Race Cars

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1940 FORD DELUXE four door street rod Chevy V8 crate motor, auto, \$23,000 262-495-8838.

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1970 COUGAR CONVERTIBLE Solid fun car. Uncommon w/common Ford maint. Major bonus part: 351 Cleveland on stand, trans., body parts & much more. 1 owner since '89 restoration, w/ orig. shop manuals and lit. 17K. 262-763-3129.

1977 AUSTIN MINI with parts to convert to rear wheel drive, w/215 alum., V8 & 5 speed, wt. 1,500lbs Call 847-838-1916.

1979 LINCOLN 2 DR. very nice shape, \$6,800 OBO 262-758-6370.

Trucks & Trailers

1950 STUDEBAKER TRUCK Box trailer, 1940 I.H.C. truck box trailer, Rubber tire wagon 4 spoke wheels-good parade unit horse drawn. 608-325-5803

1995 BRONCO, 4 x 4 Snowplow, lumber rack, new battery, alternator, \$1,975, 847-321-0507.

1999 SILVERADO 1500 4WD, extended cab, roll top tonneau cover, good cond. \$2000 815-238-8781

2015 FORD F150 KING CAB 5L, automatic, 4x4, 6,600 mi., matching cap, magnetic metallic, (262) 989-4112

4 WD TAHOE, NOT RUSTY Auto, leather, loaded. 5000lb. Hitch, excellent 350. 847-987-7669.

'72 CHEVY C30 Dually w/custom flatbed dump, winch & lift. Very nice condition. \$3,500 OBO. 847-838-0492.

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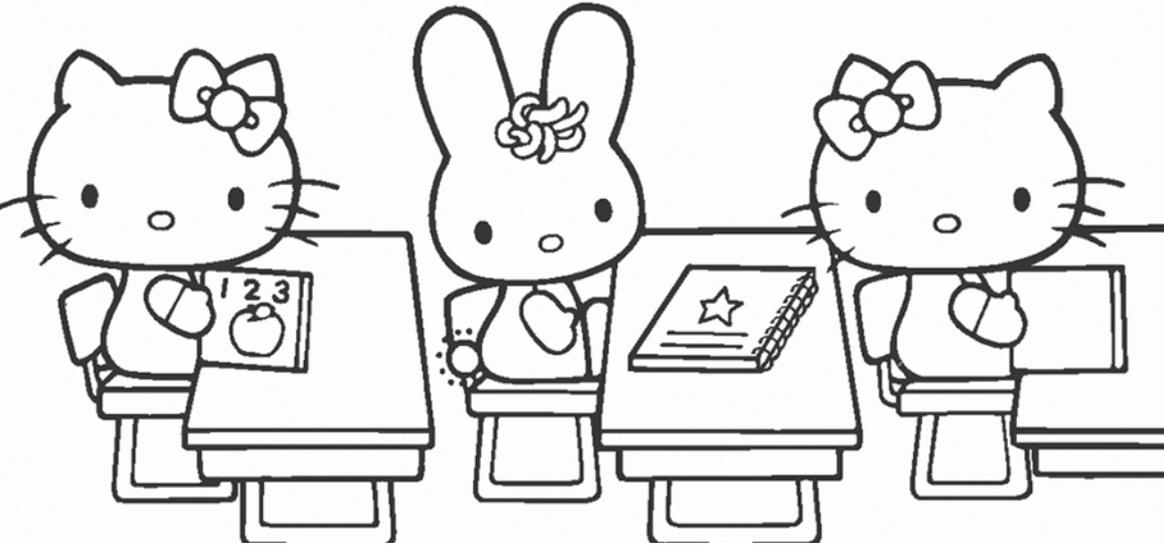
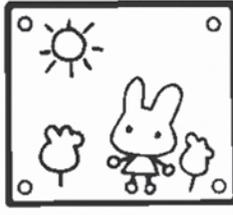
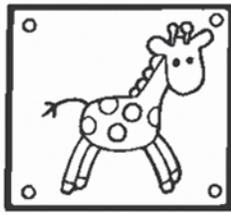
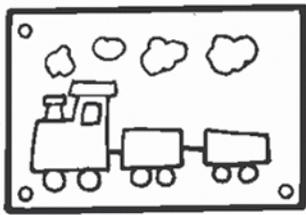
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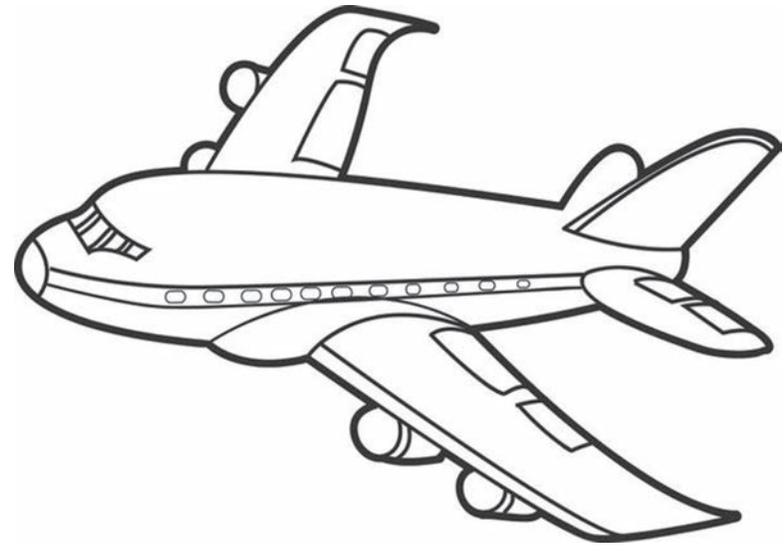
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KID'S CORNER



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Fun with colors

It's wonderful that, through the process of drawing and coloring, learning about things around us not only becomes joyful, but also triggers our mind to think creatively.

Eli's joke of the week

Did you hear about the magician who walked down the street and turned into a shop?

• REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, VS. JANE E RASMUSSEN; ROBERT R RASMUSSEN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

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125 FIELDCREST LANE CEDARVILLE, IL 61013

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 14, 2017, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on September 19, 2017, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 08-13-01-202-004 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 125 Fieldcrest Lane Cedarville, IL 61013 Description of Improvements: The Judgment amount was \$122,041.33.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without re-

course to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mprllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Rayermer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 256524

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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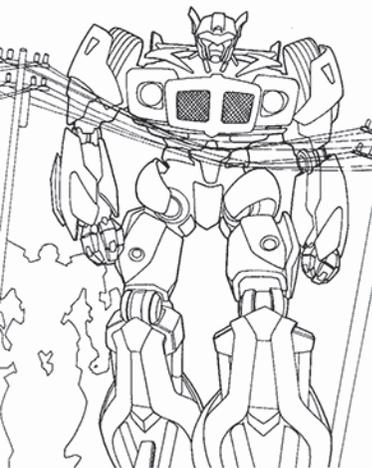
Grab your Crayons or colored pencils and see what you can do with this kitties in school picture.



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Lego Rainbow

A fabulous idea for younger children who are just beginning to learn their colors, this project only requires a variety of colorful Legos. Overall, this activity is perfect for when you're in need of a spur-of-the-moment edutainment project — and it's one that's sure to hold your child's concentration and start a great conversation about primary colors.



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Coloring fun

Grab your Crayons or colored pencils and see what you can do with this Transformers picture.

117.144 Acres, more or less BELVA BRANDT FARM CARROLL COUNTY, ILLINOIS SALE BY SEALED BIDS

Saturday, September 9 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll
1 South Linn Street, Shannon, Illinois

117.144 acres, more or less, of real estate located in Sections Seventeen (17) and Twenty (20), Township Twenty-five (25) North, Range Seven (7) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; Situated in the County of Carroll and State of Illinois.

Said real estate shall be sold as two separate parcels. The first parcel consists of 40 acres, more or less, being located in Section 17. The second parcel consisting of 77.144 acres, more or less, being located in Section 20.

Bidders may submit bids for each parcel separately, or may submit a bid for just one parcel. There shall be no individual bids for the combined parcels.

1. Sealed bids shall be submitted prior to 9:00 a.m., on September 9, 2017, in a sealed envelope marked and addressed to Belva Brandt Farm Sale, c/o David Weissmiller, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 106, Mount Carroll, Illinois, 61053, or may be presented in person to Sellers' representative prior to announcement of sealed bids at 9:00 a.m., on September 9, 2017. Sealed bids not received prior to announcement of bids at 9:00 a.m., on September 9, 2017, will not be considered.

2. All properly submitted bids will be reviewed and announced at 9:00 a.m., on September 9, 2017, or within a reasonable time thereafter at First State Bank Shannon-Polo-Lake Carroll. All responsible bidders may be present at the time of announcement of bids and will be given an opportunity to increase their bids until a bid is accepted. No increased bids will be accepted after 12:00 noon on September 9, 2017. Sellers reserve the right to reject any or all bids, in Sellers' absolute discretion.

3. TERMS: Successful bidder will enter into a written contract and pay ten percent (10%) down on the day of sale. Balance due on or before October 16, 2017. Possession given upon removal of all existing crops. Title Policy will be furnished by Sellers. Announcements made on the day of sale will take precedence over all prior verbal, written or printed specifications concerning the sale.

For further information please contact:
David Weissmiller
Attorney for Belva Brandt Family, Owners
P.O. Box 106
Mount Carroll, IL 61053
(815)244-3141

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It is blueberry season at Wooded Wonderland Country Store and Sawmill

By John Day

CORRESPONDENT

At the intersection of U.S. Rt. 20 and Devils Ladder Rd. there is a hand painted sign. The sign reads, "Camping." An arrow on the sign points south. The name of the road may be somewhat intimidating, but if you journey up the steep grade to the address of 610 you'll come upon a bright, hand-painted sign which announces your arrival at Wooded Wonderland Country Store and Sawmill. Turn into the driveway and traveling a short distance you enter a 300 acre landscape that is pristine. Large parts of this property are some of the most primal in Jo Daviess County.

Resting alongside the driveway is a rustic wood building that is the Country Store. Colorful vintage signs beckon travelers to enter with offers of camping, honey, antiques and more. Lounging about on the front porch of the store are two elderly dogs that are the official greeters. Owners John and Ginger Eisbach, are also on hand to welcome visitors.

John Eisbach said, "Forestry and logging are my primary concern and business. I don't mass harvest any particular variety of trees. I select the best trees to be cut for the kind of milling I'm doing while allowing others to remain standing. My primary wood product is flooring. Trees that are ideal for flooring may not be good for other purposes."

Eisbach manufactures custom made, special order flooring and furniture in his sawmill which is on the property. Eisbach said, "Right now, walnut is big for flooring. The demands change, however, depending on what's in fashion. I also mill flooring of oak, ash and hickory. If a tree has come down before growing to a height suitable for flooring, I often use it for making furniture."

Tent camping is available to those with an adventurous spirit who still enjoy spending a night under the sky in front of a camp fire. In the store honey can be purchased along with tomatoes, squash and melons when in season. There is also a selection of antiques, some of John's custom furniture pieces and a large collection of rocks and fossils, all of which have been found on the Eisbach property.

More than two acres of the Wooded Wonderland property is devoted to blueberries. Eisbach said, "Our blueberry season runs from about late June until September. We pick some of the berries ourselves to avoid spoilage but we're always happy to have people who would like to come and pick their own."



JOHN DAY PHOTO Shopper's Guide

More than two acres of the Wooded Wonderland property near Galena are devoted to blueberries and their season runs from about late June until September.

Blueberries picked by customers sell for eight dollars per quart. One person out in the blue berry patch was a young woman, Darcee, who said, "I'm from Galena and I've been coming here for four years since returning to Illinois. I've picked 10 quarts today. Now

I'm going to be busy putting some up as preserves and freezing some as well. I also use the berries in pies and muffins."

On the other side of the row of blueberry bushes was Jim O'Brill from Arlington Heights, a Chicago suburb, with his family of five.

O'Brill said, "This is the first time we've been here and, in fact, this is the first time we've ever picked our own berries. My wife and I thought this would be a fun thing to do with the kids. We are hoping to try these over ice cream. There's really no place in the Chicago area to do this

kind of thing. We stumbled upon this place when we went to Google and asked, "Place to pick your own berries."

Wooded Wonderland is located at 610 Devils Ladder Rd. near Galena. Call 815 238 2939 for hours and what is available.

SOS to host Civil War buff and guest speaker Gordon Dammann

The SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and Surrounding Areas) will hold its August 10, meeting at Calvary United Methodist Fellowship Hall in Stockton at 2 p.m. with a special guest speaker, retired dentist and friend, Civil War buff, Dr. Gordon Dammann.

Civil War has been in his blood as far back as one can imagine....and if you were fortunate enough, you may of had the privilege of taking one of Gordon Dammann's numerous Civil War bus trips to the battlefield in Gettysburg, PA. Dr. Dammann began collecting in 1971. He is the founder of the National Museum of Civil War

Medicine, Frederick, MD. Dammann is a licensed guide at Antietam National Battlefield and has participated in Civil War programs throughout the United States, including West Point and the Smithsonian Institution.

Dammann, retired from his private dental practice in Lena, IL and is very active in several Civil War and historical societies. He is the author of a three-volume Pictorial Encyclopedia of Civil War Medical Instruments and Equipment, co-author of Images of Civil War Medicine—A Photographic History, and editor of the reprint Memoirs of Jonathan Letterman, MD Surgeon of U.S. Army 1861-1864.

Doctor Dammann will put a new twist on the ever popular program

of the Civil War by introducing us to what dentistry was like during the Civil War days. He will have stories to tell and artifacts to show. It's another SOS day you won't want to miss.

Please join us on Thursday, August 10, at 2 p.m. at Calvary. Following the program, the group will enjoy delicious refreshments provided by the seniors along with some good fellowship time.

All seniors of the area are cordially invited to this informative meeting. SOS+ is an outreach ministry with the purpose of providing educational and entertaining programs and a time of fellowship that are free to all seniors of Stockton and surrounding

areas (SOS+). We extend a cordial invitation to all. The meeting starts at 2 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. In its thirteenth year, SOS+ is made up of area volunteers from all our area churches. Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like be a part of the committee that plans the monthly programs or if you have a program or talent you would like to share, please let us know.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

INFORMATIONAL DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.

Tom Green Village Attorney will be here to discuss a proposed drainage ordinance for funding upcoming projects along with Fehr Graham to discuss the proposed project areas.

The meeting will be held at Lena Village Hall
122 E. Main Street. Lena, IL 61048

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Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners to host tea party

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 3-5 p.m. the Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners will be holding a Tea Party at the U of I Extension Office located at 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL. To register or for more information about this program please call us at 815-858-2273 or visit us online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Pre-registration for this

program is requested by Monday, Sept. 18, to ensure we have enough supplies.

During the Tea Party, participants will learn a little about how they can grow their own herbs to make tea, how to dry these herbs then use them in tea, along with some other creative ideas for tea that you may never have thought

of! After the classroom portion of the program, the Master Gardeners will demonstrate how to make the tea and participants will be able to enjoy tea and sweets while visiting amongst themselves and the Master Gardeners present. There will also be an opportunity to win a door prize for those who attend.

We hope to see you there.