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Lady Panthers set for post-season tip-off

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER



The bonus games begin on Monday for the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers and they are eyeing their chance to keep the season alive. The Class 1A Girls' Basketball State Playoffs tip-off and Lena-Winslow faces River Ridge/ Scales Mound in game one in East Dubuque. A win lets them take the first steps towards a possible Regional Crown. It's a tall task and the IHSA Selection Committee doesn't feel Lena-Winslow is favored to advance too far. However, they've been in that type of a position before and have proven pundits wrong.

The Lady Panthers were issued the eight seed and they face off against seven-seed River Ridge/ Scales Mound on Monday at 7 p.m. The Lady Wildcats are slightly favored, meaning upsets have to be the norm for any advance. Lena-Winslow enters the final week of the regular season on a positive note. They ended their season-long eleven game losing streak with a single-point win over West Carroll on Saturday, Jan. 27, 57-56.

A quick start helped secure the win, but late play nearly let it slip away. Lena-Winslow scored 21 points in the opening frame and held the Lady Thunder to four. It appeared that a rout was setting up. West Carroll tried to chip away at the deficit in the second as they outscored their guests by a single basket. The Lady Panthers were still in control, in front 29-14 at the break.

Into the third period the victory still seemed to be lining up. The Lady Panthers won the period by a single tally, 16-15. It was an important point and proved to be the difference in the game, in the end. After three the visitors were in front 45-29 and looking to finally get a much needed win, something they hadn't experienced since a Dec. 11 victory

over northern neighbor Orangeville in the Pearl City Holiday Classic.

West Carroll turned up the heat in the fourth. They had one of their best quarters of the season and their defense did its job keeping things under control. They wouldn't allow the Lady Panthers to roll away to the easy victory. Five players scored en route to a 27-point period. They held Lena-Winslow to twelve, but it was one too many to force overtime and two to many to collect the win. The Lady Panthers held on for the 57-56 decision.

Now the regular season ends and it is a busy closing stretch for the Lady Panthers. Pearl City visited on Monday and Warren played host on Tuesday. On Thursday, Feb. 2 it all comes to a close as the Galena Lady Pirates stop by. There were a couple possible wins waiting, as the final week began.

The ultimate goal of playing the best late in the season is at hand and coming out of the eight-spot may not matter in the end, if the team is hot. Win streaks prove they are. Capturing four straight or even three-of-four is a big deal in early February. It could have happened. They've beaten Warren by 15 points already this year. Back in November they took the game 58-43 and followed it up with split games with Pearl City in early December. Galena might be a little tougher. They won by 26 points in their only meeting this year.

In the post-season, if Lena-Winslow beats River Ridge/ Scales Mound and then takes down State-ranked East Dubuque, they will get a bit of a reprieve. They will have to face either four seed Dakota or six-seed Pearl City to capture the 1A Regional Title and earn the right to move to Freeport Aquin for the Class 1A Sectional, which begins on Monday, Feb. 12.



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Adjectives, they're what's for dinner

The Pearl City fifth graders from Mrs. Pauley's class and Mrs. Visel's class created a menu with food from around the world for their language classes. As they were learning about proper adjectives, they gained knowledge about unique cuisine as well. They also practiced using regular adjectives as they described their delectable dishes.

Lights On video wins big for Lena-Winslow schools

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

Back in November Lena-Winslow teacher Joanne Gallagher heard about contest she thought might be of interest and challenge her students. She gathered a team from the fifth grade classes and it was on.

"We launched a contest last fall," said Commonwealth Edison External Affairs Manager Tom Przytulaki. "We invited schools in our service areas, specifically fifth grade students to participate in a contest we called The KidVid."

The competition gave students an

opportunity to create their own videos on a multitude of common topics.

"The students chose from Storm Response, Electrical Safety, Power Reliability, Energy Efficiency as well as what ComEd does in the community," Przytulaki said. "They did really well with their projects."

The Lena-Winslow group decided to enter the "Lights On" category of the available themes within the contest. Next a story line and script had to be developed, so they decided to develop the plot of Com Ed workers getting customers' lights back on after power outages during all kinds of

foul weather as their story line.

With that decision the issue became transforming the idea to video, so Gallagher reached out to Tom Fore who teaches Broadcast Technology at Lena-Winslow High School. Fore and his students brought their equipment and expertise to the elementary school to give a hand to the fifth graders.

Gallagher's team donned raincoats and hardhats to appear in the video as Com Ed workers in snow, rain and other disasters working to get

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These seven members of Mrs Gallagher's Lena-Winslow fifth grade class brought their Lights On dreams to reality with a big win in the 2018 KidVid contest sponsored by Commonwealth Edison



Le-Win fifth grade teacher Joanne Gallagher and Lena-Winslow Elementary School Principal Mary Gerbode join in the celebratory assembly as Gallagher's fifth graders receive the \$2500 prize for their winning "Lights On" video.



Lena-Winslow Kindergarten teacher Matt Blakely hands out light sticks to his students before the start of the assembly recognizing the Le-Win fifth graders' big win in the 2018 Commonwealth Edison KidVid contest.

• **Video** (Continued from front page)

the lights back on. The students used garden hoses and confetti to simulate rain and snow while the high school video crew used lights for effects. And, Gallagher's class finished in first place in the category they had entered.

She said it was a fun experience for her team.

"It was fun to have them work cooperatively with the high school students and I think it was an overall positive experience for everyone," Gallagher said.

Przytulaki said the company took the submissions and posted them to YouTube and other social media outlets so ComEd customers could vote for their favorite.

"Lena-Winslow did very well and we are here today to present the winners with their prizes," he said.

Each member of the team received a \$50 gift card and the school received a check for \$2500.

The winning video, Lights On! can be viewed on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHVBxQZYbzo.

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2017 in Review

Cousins, Emma Bower, of Le-Win FFA and Rebecca Kempel, of Eastland FFA prepare fall produce to be judged at the Sectional FFA Agronomy COE and grain judging. Several varieties of pumpkins, squash, gourds and decorative corn were shown by the girls.

Wish
Pauline Feltmeyer
a happy 95th
Birthday
on February 2nd.

Please help Pauline celebrate by sending her a card.



The family of
NYLA HASSELMAN
wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all the kindness and sympathy expressed to us at Nyla's passing. Thank you for the comfort it brought us.

Tips on how to become a hospice volunteer

By Mary Stayner
CORRESPONDENT

If you were following the Hospice columns in November you are aware of our beginnings, our fundraising efforts and our services. We hope that by reading these articles we may have instilled in you an urge to “reach out and touch somebody”. Do you remember that song? “Make this world a better place, if you can...” That is exactly what we, here at Volunteer Hospice strive to do by following our motto of Neighbor Helping Neighbor.

Joann Robinson, Director of Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois, serving Stephenson, Jo Daviess, and Carroll counties, encourages anyone that is interested or curious about becoming a Hospice volunteer to contact the office to sign up for the training program. That is the first step...our next series of classes will begin on Thursday, March 1, and run for the next five consecutive weeks, concluding on Thursday, March 29. The classes are from 10 until 2:30 each week. Classes are held at the Volunteer Office at 105 S. Main in

Stockton. You can register for this upcoming class by calling us at 815-947-3260 or email us at volhospice@mediacommbb.net.

Each session consists of a series of required classes. The classes contain the following key topics – the Hospice Mission and its History, Confidentiality and HIPPA, Care and Comfort, Death and Dying, Grief and Loss, Patient Rights, Communication, Nursing Homes, Spirituality, Safety, Family, Ethics, and Alzheimer’s Disease. During these classes, a trained Hospice educator facilitates lessons on the necessary components of Hospice training. As you attend the classes, you will have the responsibility of reading materials, viewing educational videos, and completing weekly assignments and reflections pertaining to the week’s focal point. Following the successful completion of these classes and upon fulfilling the state requirements for Hospice volunteerism, you may be asked to serve in various ways, depending on your capacity, skill level, and desire.

Hospice lessons stress, explain, and exemplify the many components

of Hospice. Did you know that you do not have to wait until the very last days to receive support? With Volunteer Hospice your loved one can receive Hospice Care for several months during their illness. When it is determined that a cure is not available and life cannot be prolonged, Hospice is there to provide palliative care (comfort and pain control) respecting and honoring the choices, priorities and values of the patient and their family members with compassion and understanding. This care can range from visits from a caregiver to spiritual aid to compassionate care. Through the training classes a volunteer is taught valuable tools to assist a Hospice patient and their family. As a volunteer, you may be

asked to provide relief for a family member by coming to the home to visit, read, watch TV, or simply be a calming voice or an attentive listener for their loved one. Through Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois, a family and their loved one can experience the final days together at home or in their care facility with no cost – totally volunteer.

Each volunteer brings their own talents and gifts to the program. Our program enhances the quality of care available to our patients and their families. Volunteers are ESSENTIAL to Hospice. There are no restrictions for volunteers based on race, color, religion, gender, handicap, sexual orientation or national origin. Once a volunteer meets all

the criteria, a Hospice staff member will make the assignment based on interest and needs of the program and the families in need. Hospice volunteers feel rewarded as they give of themselves to benefit others and this involvement adds quality to the patient’s life.

If this sounds interesting to you and you would like to give of your time and talent to helping someone who is terminally ill and their loved ones, please call Joann at the Volunteer Hospice office in Stockton. She will be more than happy to discuss the program with you. Call today. You and some special Hospice family will both benefit from your involvement in this caring and giving organization.

Area writing group looking to expand

The Freeport Area Writers group has started off the New Year with hopes of expanding. An established group, they are well into their fourth year. They are looking for writers, published or not, to join them at their meetings which are held at the Freeport Public Library. They meet in the History Room on the main level at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday night, excluding holidays.

An eclectic group of people, some are just starting out on their writing journey, while others are traditionally and indie published. Most are somewhere in between. The group meets and reads their work hoping for feedback or help in a specific area of their story. Others come to listen and pick up information on writing and publishing as a new topic is discussed each week.

The group is led by Kim McIver of McIver Publishing. The Freeport company helps people indie-publish their work as inexpensively as possible. She is a hybrid author who has been traditionally published and indie published.

McIver leads the group into discussion of various writing/publishing topics, and brings answers to the table for those who have questions. The group meets from 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

The Freeport Area Writers group has a Facebook page and can be found under facebook.com/freeportwriters. For more information, please call Kim McIver at 815-297-2293.

Assistance available to agricultural producers through CSP

Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

Through CSP, USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps agricultural operators build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation. NRCS plans to enroll up to 10 million acres in CSP in 2018.

While applications for CSP are accepted year round, applications must be received by March 2, 2018 to be considered for this funding period.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, nutrient management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

Some of these benefits of CSP include:

- Improved water quality
- Improved cattle gains per acre;
- Increased crop yields;
- Decreased inputs;
- Improved wildlife habitat and populations; and
- Better resilience to weather extremes.

NRCS recently made several updates to the program to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their op-

erations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These tools also enable producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process.

Producers interested in CSP are recommended to contact their local USDA service center or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted.

Stephenson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service schedules licensing exam session

Stephenson County Amateur Radio Emergency Service will be holding an Amateur Radio licensing exam session on Saturday Feb. 3, at 12:30 p.m. in the conference room on the second floor of the Freeport Public Library. Ham radio is a great opportunity for meeting great new friends, begin a lifetime new hobby, and if you choose... be a part of a response team to

get involved when public service or emergency opportunities arise. Pre registration with which license level you are seeking is requested. For more information on this session, or Amateur Radio in general, please e-mail statlineradioclub@gmail.com or if you prefer, see, “like”, and contact our Stephenson County Amateur radio Emergency Service Facebook page.



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JDCF announces free winter wildlife and eagle tours: Behind the Gates at Lost Mound

Beginning in mid-February, volunteers from JDCF will be hosting our annual winter wildlife and eagle watching tours at the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge just north of Savanna, IL. All tours begin at 9 a.m. at the Savanna Depot Park (formerly the Savanna Army Depot) on RT 84 South.

In late winter, large numbers of bald eagles head south along the Mississippi River into northwest Illinois. They can often be observed nesting, feeding, and interacting along the secluded backwaters. Our exclusive, small group tours will take you beyond the gates into a part of the former Savanna Army Depot normally

off limits to the public. You will be driven to two different observation areas where telescopes will be set up for viewing. En route, you will learn about bald eagles as well as the fascinating history of the former Savanna Army Depot.

These free two-hour tours will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 10, 17, and 24, and March 3, 10, and 17. Group size is very limited, so advance reservations are required. To make your reservation, call JDCF at 815-858-9100 or email us at educator@jdcf.org. Please provide your preference of dates, number of people, an e-mail address, and phone number where you can be reached in the case of weather cancellations.



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Governor launches Illinois Bicentennial K-12 educational program, 'Illinois Chronicles'

Gov. Bruce Rauner released the first copies of "Illinois Chronicles," the K-12 Bicentennial educational resource that will be offered to schools all across the state.

"Illinois Chronicles" is a timeline book which contains more than 50 news articles and 100 historical moments, presented on a 6-foot-long foldout timeline that charts the history of the state from its birth in 1818 to 2018.

"We are very excited to share with you the 'Illinois Chronicles' in celebration of the Illinois Bicentennial. Illinois is the Land of Lincoln. We are a melting pot of culture and diversity, as seen through our communities, music, restaurants, sports teams and heroes," Rauner said. "I hope this book and our Bicentennial celebration inspire students to think about the next 200 years of our great state and the legacy they will create."

The book and related resources are the result of a collaboration between the Governor's Office of the

Illinois Bicentennial, the State Board of Education, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and What on Earth Publishing

"Illinois Chronicles is one of the signature projects of the Bicentennial Celebration," said Gloria Castillo, Bicentennial Commission co-chairwoman and president and CEO of Chicago United. "The campaign is designed to reach every student in the state, expose them to the many people, places and events that were Born, Built and Grown in Illinois and inspire them to be #IllinoisProud."

"We are very pleased to have participated in the development of 'Illinois Chronicles,'" said State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith. "It is designed to supplement the teaching of Illinois history and is a unique and engaging way for students across all grade levels to learn about the people and events that make up our state's history."

Abraham Lincoln Presidential

Library and Museum Executive Director Alan Lowe, a Bicentennial commissioner, said the book will form a key part of the Bicentennial legacy. "The chronological historical resources presented in an innovative timeline create a remarkable opportunity to teach us about our shared heritage, as well as help us think about the future," said Lowe.

The Educators Guide is available as a free, downloadable PDF to every school in the state on the ISBE website. Developed by a team of Illinois State Board of Education content specialists, it contains a range of cross-curricular activities for K-12 students to help educators incorporate the teaching of state history.

"This is really a complete innovation in the way we can think about teaching the history of our state," said Katie Elvidge, social science content specialist for the State of Illinois. "The 'Illinois Chronicles' and accompanying educator pack will be something any teacher can refer

to for imaginative and creative ideas about how to embed the teaching of our history across all subject areas."

The printed "Illinois Chronicles" book is now available for purchase at www.illinois200.com, Amazon.com and select book retailers across the state. All K-12 schools will be offered a free copy of the book in March as part of the Bicentennial campaign.

ABOUT ILLINOIS CHRONICLES

Beautifully illustrated and hugely engaging, the timeline features more than 100 stunning images and illuminating captions that take readers on the Prairie State's remarkable journey. The "Illinois Chronicles" captures key moments in Illinois history in a newsy and entertaining way. It all adds up to an exciting story of the people and events whose unique legacy can still be felt today in the 21st state of the union.

What on Earth Publishing specializes in creating highly engaging,

non-fiction storytelling books and is a pioneer of the foldout timeline format. Partners include the American Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian and the Magna Carta Trust. Learn more at www.whatonearthbooks.com/illinois.

ABOUT ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL

On Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the union. The Illinois Bicentennial is a yearlong celebration of what has been BORN, BUILT & GROWN in the state and a reminder of why we are #IllinoisProud.

Citizens are encouraged to participate in the celebration by visiting www.illinois200.com and using the hashtag #IllinoisProud. Partners and event and project managers planning activities between Dec. 3, 2017, and Dec. 3, 2018, can apply for endorsement to become an official part of Illinois Bicentennial by visiting the PARTICIPATE page at www.illinois200.com.

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos and Congressman Glenn Thompson introduce bipartisan Farmers of Tomorrow Act

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) and Congressman Glenn Thompson (PA-5) have introduced the Farmers of Tomorrow Act, which is designed to make it easier for

young farmers and veterans to purchase new land to begin a farming career.

"It is more important than ever that we encourage young people and

veterans to pursue a career in agriculture," Congresswoman Bustos said. "Lack of access to land is the top reason that too many aspiring young farmers end up choosing another career. This bill allows more new and beginning farmers to get loans, buy land, and begin their future in farming. I'm grateful to Congressman Thompson for working with me on this bipartisan legislation."

"Access to land is essential for supporting the next generation of farmers and growing American agriculture," Congressman Thompson said. "This commonsense legislation will further encourage new farmers and help strengthen rural communities. I am particularly pleased that the bill increases new farming opportunities for our men and women in uniform who have honorably served. I applaud Representative Bustos on this important bill."

"There's no single way to learn how to run a farm business," Andrew Bahrenburg, national policy direc-

tor for the National Young Farmers Coalition said. "A new generation of farmers is entering the business with a diversity of farming and management experience. This bill gives them the flexibility they need to access capital and launch their careers."

New and beginning farmers can obtain ownership loans through the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) to buy land – but many are excluded due to outdated experience requirements that do not take into account the variety of paths future farmers can take to prepare to run their operation. The Farmers of Tomorrow Act allows new, beginning, or veteran farmers to count any of the following toward the current three year experience requirement to make it easier to access USDA financing.

At least 16 hours of post-secondary education in a field related to agriculture

Successful completion of a farm

management curriculum

At least one year of business management

An honorable discharge from the United States military

Successful repayment of a youth loan

At least one year as hired farm labor with management responsibilities

Successful completion of a farm mentorship, apprenticeship, or internship program

An established relationship with an approved farm or ranch mentor

Successful completion of a military leadership course

Agricultural real estate values doubled between 2004 and 2013. This year, the national average for farmland real estate value was \$3,080. Not only has farmland become increasingly unaffordable, prospective owners are competing against large corporate farms and investors. Roughly a third of American farmland is not even owned by active farmers. Young farmers under age 35 who rent their land are likely to have more debt than farm owners.

Furthermore, America's farmers are aging with few skilled operators to fill the void. For every farmer under the age of 35, there are six over the age of 65. Access to land is the top reason that young farmers leave the industry, and the reason that many aspiring farmers do not pursue a career in agriculture. The affordability of farmland poses a steep barrier to entry and, to attract first-generation farmers, it must be addressed.

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Stockton Youth Soccer Registration

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No registrations after Feb. 28th

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We need parents to volunteer for coaching to keep our program alive!

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

CLARA A. BLAIR

Clara A. Blair, 82, of Warren, passed away at her home on Jan. 24, 2018. She was born on Dec. 25, 1935 to Emmert and Harriet (Deal) Yeager in Rapid City, SD. She married Charles "Jim" Blair on Dec. 28, 1951 in Warren at The First Baptist Church. Clara worked at Atwoods in Stockton, and Microswitch in Warren. Clara was a member of the Ladies Club of Warren. She enjoyed spending time with family, gardening, and collecting knickknacks like cows, pigs, and other farm animals.

Clara is survived by her three children- Ronald (Debbie) Blair of Warren, Jimmy (Debbie) Blair of Freeport, Linda (Loni) Klein of Savannah; seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; sister Lucille (William) Linelsay of East Dubuque, sisters-in-law- Janet Yeager of Freeport, Ruthie Harwick of Warren, and Deloris Scott of Nora.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles on Jan. 11, 2010, and two brothers Herbert and Donald Yeager.

Visitation and funeral services were Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Randy Nicholas performed the services.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

DALVIN EUGENE HELLER

Dalvin Eugene Heller, age 84, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family on Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018. He was born on June 5, 1933 to Leonard August

Heller and Vella Mae (Dode) Bonjour at home in rural Apple River, IL. Dalvin graduated from Warren High School in 1951. Dalvin was drafted into the military and served from 1953-1955 overseas during the Korean War. Dalvin married Shirley Ann Rife on Sept. 3, 1952.

Dalvin worked for the Illinois Central Railroad right out of high school when he was drafted into the military and continued to work for them when he came home. Dalvin then worked for the Frudden Lumber Company in Stockton until he and Shirley started farming fulltime in rural Stockton. Dalvin was an avid dairy farmer and trapper until retirement. Dalvin was known for his love for playing cards and taking Shirley west. Dalvin was the catcher for the Apple River Legion Slow Pitch team for many years. He enjoyed western movies and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He loved to ride his motorcycle and passed this

love onto his family.

Dalvin is survived by his loving wife Shirley of 65 years; children- Mike (Dixie) of Winslow and Steve (Sue), Susan (Bill) Schamberger, and Randy (Kelly) all of Stockton; 11 grandchildren- Nathan Heller, Mark (Tonya) Heller, Joe (Sarah) Heller, Doug (Kira) Aurand, Amanda (Grant) Stocks, Brandon (Kaydra) Heller, David Heller, Jason Heller, Courtney (Max Paisley) Schamberger, Kalli (Eric) Offenheiser and Cole Schamberger; 17 great grandchildren- Nathaniel, Zaiden, Brandon, Ryan, Allison, Blake, Cody, Bailey, Emma, Logan, Erica, Mitchell, Riley, Jamie, Tyler, Jonathan and Paul; 3 great-great grandchildren- Devan, Mason and Brior and 1 great-great grandchild on the way, several in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers DuWayne Heller and Dean Heller.

Visitation and funeral services were held Jan. 27, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Cremation rites accorded.

A celebration of life will be held in June, at the Apple River Canyon State Park.

A memorial fund has been established for the FHN Hospice and Apple River Canyon State Park.



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Campbell 50th anniversary

Craig and Judy (Leverton) Campbell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 27. They were united in marriage on Jan. 27, 1968 at Freeport Free Methodist Church in Freeport, IL. The couple is blessed with four children: Craig (Erin) Campbell, Holly (Mike) Haas, Christal (Ryan) Klever and Marty (Juliana) Campbell. They have six grandchildren: Kelsey, Hannah, Kamron, Casey, Lailah and Braeden. They will celebrate this special event with their family.

The Jo Daviess County what, when and why of permitting

As the cold and snow of winter lingers, the Jo Daviess County Planning & Development Department would like to take this opportunity to provide continuing education to the public regarding the building permit process.

What Requires Permits

If you live in the unincorporated

area of Jo Daviess County, you will need to get your building permit from the County Planning & Development office. If you reside within a municipality, you should always check with your local officials regarding their rules of construction. Some of the things that would trigger a permit in the unincorporated areas of the County are:

- *Any New Structure (over 120 Sq. Ft.)
 - *House
 - *Accessory Building
 - *Deck
 - *Ag Structure
 - *Remodeling or Additions
 - *Any structural change or reinforcing
 - *Any work that involves electrical wiring and/or plumbing
 - *Finishing the basement
- "Although these are good indicators, you should always call the Planning & Development office for direct information", said Jo Daviess

County Code Enforcement Officer, Andrew Mensendike.

The office number for the Department is 815-591-3810. Information can also be found on the

County web site at www.jodavie.org.

When You Apply For A Permit

The permitting process can take seven (7) to ten (10) business days to complete a review of your application, so remember to allow time. Before we can start reviewing the plans, our office will need to have a completed application, with owner, parcel and contractor information. In addition, two copies of a site plan showing where the new structure is going on the property and how far it

is to lot lines, other buildings, power lines and waterways, along with two sets of building plans, showing size, support structures, electrical information, entrance and window information should be submitted. Additional information may be requested during the review process.

Why Permits Are Required

We understand the investment made when you begin a construction project. The County review and permitting process can help protect that investment through site review, plan review and construction oversight. Code adoption helps to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensure public health, safety and welfare.

Births

Andrew Lester

George and Nicole Lester of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son Andrew Allen Lester born Thursday Jan. 4, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Andrew has three brothers Matthew, 6, Bryce, 4 and Mason (heaven). Grandparents are Terry and Sally Brashaw and Laurel Brashaw all of Freeport and Bud and Vickey Lester of Henry, Ill. Great grandmother is Ruth Brashaw of Stockton, Ill.

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The Stockton American Legion Post 449 has chartered a bus to take 30 people to the Tulsa gun show in April. we are using Wiersema Charter Service out of Morrison, IL. the bus will leave Stockton Park House on Pearl Street at 7 a.m. on the 6th. We will have all day on the 7th and until noon on the 8th to see the gun show. We will return home on the 8th at about midnight. We will be staying at the Days Inn Central, Tulsa.

The cost of the trip is \$330. This includes the round trip bus fare, hotel for 2 nights, 2 people to a room with 2 queen size beds, entrance fees to the gun show each day and the tip for the drivers. As you can see it does not include any food costs, that is up to you. The motel fee does include breakfast at the motel.

If you would like to go on this trip or if you have any questions, contact either Mike Beatty, 815-947-2987 or Bill Signer 815-947-2807.

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Mark's Automotive expands reach with Warren U-Haul dealership

U-Haul Company of Illinois, Inc. is pleased to announce that Mark's Automotive has signed on as a U-Haul® neighborhood dealer to serve the Warren community.

Mark's Automotive at 811 Tisdell Ave. Unit 3 will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, moving supplies and in-store pick-up for boxes.

The arrival of U-Haul Truck Share 24/7 is revolutionizing the moving industry through its more convenient, more secure way to pick up

and return a truck. U-Haul live verification technology allows rental transactions to be carried out entirely on a smartphone at any hour – day or night. There are no membership fees. Simply visit uhaul.com to create an online account.

Normal business hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday. After-hours drop-off is available for customer convenience. Reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location by calling (815) 745-4199 or visiting <https://www.uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near-Warren-IL-61087/008627/> today.

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Warren Library Story Hour

Story Hour returns to the Warren Township Public Library on Saturday, Feb. 3, with a Valentine's Day craft and story. Celebrate Love and Friendship at the library on Saturday, Feb. 10 and bring your coziest pajamas for the Hibernation Story Hour on Saturday, Feb. 17. All Story Hour programs begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. and last until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. For more information please follow us on Facebook or call Elizabeth at the library (815) 745-2076. The Warren Township Public Library is located at 210 Burnett Ave. in Warren, Illinois..



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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency 2018 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

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

No new PIPP applications will be taken after December 31, 2017. LIHEAP applications will be taken until May 31, 2018 or until funding is exhausted.

Effective December 1, 2017 all income eligible households may schedule an appointment to apply for assistance with their heating utilities.

Eligible households may call 800-883-1111 or 815-232-3141 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to schedule an appointment to apply for assistance at one of the following locations.

NICAA Main Office- Freeport • Stockton Banking Center
Warren Township Library • Hanover Village Hall
Citizens State Bank of Lena • East Dubuque Library
Illinois Bank & Trust- Galena Downtown
German-American State Bank – German Valley

Income Guidelines: To qualify, a household must have a 30 day gross income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level shown below for 30 days prior to and including the application date.

1 person household - \$1,508 2 person household - \$2,030
3 person household - \$2,553 4 person household - \$3,075
Add \$522.50 for each additional person in the household

**** The following documents will be required to apply for assistance ****

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income.
- Current heat and electric bills issued.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt.
- Proof of homeownership, tax bill or title (for mobile home), is required for weatherization assistance.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois schedules community education meeting

The Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois will be having their monthly Community Education Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at their office in downtown Stockton (105 S. Main) at 10 a.m.

Darlene Collin, of Dakota, Illinois will be the guest speaker. Participants will be making a Valentine Card using the Iris Paper Folding technique, which originated in Holland, and is a fun way to make a beautiful card or gift (suitable for framing). Color coordinated strips of paper are folded and placed over a pattern, creating a spiraling design that resembles the iris of an eye or camera. It's easy to do and the results are magnificent. Please plan to join us. Call 815-947-3260 or email us at volhospice@mediacommbb.net by Friday, Feb. 2, to help us in planning materials and to reserve your spot for this class.

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Geography Bee winner

The winner of the 2018 Warren School's Geography Bee is Teagan Sabinson shown here with his mom. The bee was staged Thursday in the high school gym.

Check Your Heart Health with FHN Heart Month Special

Most heart attacks could be prevented with early diagnosis of risk factors for coronary artery disease (CAD). FHN is offering special pricing on two heart health tests for American Heart Month in February.

Call between Thursday, Feb. 1 and Friday, March 2 to schedule a Standard Walking Treadmill Stress Test or Calcium Scoring CT Heart Scan and pay just \$119 for the test.

"The treadmill stress test is a screening test for determining a patient's heart health when they have no known history of heart trouble," said FHN cardiologist Bhadresh Patel MD, FACC, FACP. "The patient walks on a treadmill while a specially trained registered nurse monitors how his or her heart is working with an electrocardiogram. This test helps determine your exercise capacity and the circulation to the heart, which is helpful in determining the cause of unexplained fatigue, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeats during exercise or existing or borderline high blood pressure."

"Another simple screening test that FHN offers is a CT scan to detect plaque in the arteries," said Dr. Patel. "The test is non-invasive and is used to predict the probability of future heart problems. Like the treadmill test, it doesn't take long to complete."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call toll-free 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 944. Tests must be scheduled between Feb. 1 and March 2 and performed by Friday, June 29 to qualify for the special rate. These tests should not replace consultations with your healthcare provider. If you do not have a primary healthcare provider, FHN will work with you to determine how to handle your test results when they are communicated to you. Payment for the tests is due (cash, checks and credit cards accepted) at the time of service.

Senior Resource Center to host AARP Safe Driving Class

The Senior Resource Center will be holding an AARP Safe Driving Class in Hanover on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The class will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senior Resource Center, 500 Fillmore Street, Hanover

Must pre-register by calling 815/235-9777 or 815/777-1316. The course will provide a review of driving skills and techniques, as well as strategies and tips to help you adjust to normal age-related physical changes

that may affect your driving ability. By taking this class, you may receive a discount on your auto insurance. The cost is \$15 if you are an AARP member and \$20 if non-member. Bring a sack lunch for this all-day class.

Call 815-235-9777, ext. 221, for more information.

FYI-Illinois has mandated an insurance-premium discount for participants age 55 or older, in a driver safety program.

Sheep and Goat Clinic: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

University of Illinois Commercial Agriculture Educator Teresa Steckler will present "Sheep and Goats: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" on Thursday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL. The cost to attend this program will be \$5. To register or for more information on this program please visit us online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw or call us at 815-858-2273.

Do you have pasture land sitting empty or full of brush and weeds and are looking for a way to best utilize this land or help control those pesky weeds that your cattle won't eat? Have you been thinking about the possibility of co-grazing and using sheep or goats to help control those weeds? Or, do you simply want to learn more about sheep and goats and how to best care for them? If so, then this is the perfect opportunity for you to learn more. Dr. Teresa Steckler will cover topics ranging from how to identify a healthy animal when

looking to purchase to why sheep and goats are good for co-grazing to help clean up weed and brush in pastures.

This clinic is open to all ages. Whether you are a young 4-H member or a long time farmer, everyone is sure to learn something new.

U of I Extension to offer lunch and learn mushroom program

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, University of Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty will offer a lunch and learn mushroom program. The program will be held at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This program is being offered free of charge. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to enjoy while hearing what Grant has to say about mushrooms. To register or for more information on this program please

22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference announced for Rockford

Area fruit and vegetable growers will be able to hear about seasonal crop and pest updates this February at the 22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference in Rockford.

"Our regional fruit and vegetable farms depend on campus resources and information to make the right decision in preparing for their upcoming season. University of Illinois Extension specialists will join us yet again this year to provide valuable updates on diseases, insects, and production practices", states Grant McCarty, Lo-

cal Foods and Small Farms Extension Educator. "We'll also be joined by Dr. Christelle Guedot from University of Wisconsin - Madison who will provide an update on Spotted Wing Drosophila, which is an invasive insect on fruits." Dr. Guedot is the Fruit Crop Entomologist and Extension Specialist who focuses on integrated pollinator and pest management in fruit crops.

The 22nd Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference will be held on Monday, Feb. 5, from 9-2 p.m. at Midway Village (6799

Guilford Road, Rockford, Illinois). The registration fee is \$40 per person, \$30 for additional employees of the same farm. This includes a keynote, choice of three breakouts, lunch, and handouts. An early-bird discount of \$5/person for all participants who register before Jan. 16th is available.

For more information or to register, please visit go.illinois.edu/Stateline-Growers2018 or call 815-986-4357.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program please contact the Winnebago County Extension Office at 815-986-4357.

U of I Extension offers Introduction to Hops Production session

University of Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty will offer Introduction to Hops Production on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL. There will be a \$5 charge for this program. To register or for more information

please visit us online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw or call us at 815-858-2273

This course will provide an overview on getting started in hops production, variety recommendations, setting up a hop yard, marketing opportunities, disease/insect issues, and general management of hops.

"Hops are a crop that I get a number of inquiries on and have worked with growers in the Rockford area as well as throughout the state on. For some growers, moving into growing hops may be a natural progression, especially for those growing grapes for wine production" states McCarty. This will serve as an introduction to getting started in hops production. If you are unfamiliar with hops, it is a

perennial plant that sends up annual bines with cones on them. The cones, which look like green pine cones, are used in the beer brewing process. Growers in our area sell to micro-breweries and home brewer groups.

Unlike growing mixed vegetables or fruit trees, a hop yard can be an investment.

A typical growing season begins in the spring once you have planted the hop plants. Once bines are produced in May, you want to pick the most vigorous ones to train on the trellis and remove the other bines not trained. The growing season ends around August when the cones are produced. Adequate yields occur around year 3 as the first 2 years are focused on growing the rhizome.

Warren Library's 'Stuff the Bag Sale' dates announced

The Warren Township Public Library staff has worked throughout the winter to clear out our many bookshelves and make room for new material. This means it's time for the annual Stuff the Bag Sale at the library. Included in this year's sale of both fiction and nonfiction from are beloved authors Kay Hooper, Tom Clancy, Louis L'Amour, and Nora Roberts. For just \$3 per bag, you can take home as many books as the bag will hold. We even supply the bags, so why stop at just one?!

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

Saturday, Feb. 17, Saturday, March 17, and Saturday, April 21

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

Booths available for 2018 Annual Stephenson County Home Show

Reservations are now being accepted for booths at the 2018 Annual Stephenson County Home Show which will take place March 17 and 18, at the YMCA / Highland Community College Sports Complex. Set up for the booths will be March 16. The Home Show will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show annually features area businesses including investment companies, contractors, communications experts, healthcare providers, insurance agents, landscaping contractors, heating and air conditioning contractors, furniture and appliance dealers and many more.

Businesses interested in having

a booth should contact the Home Show Coordinator immediately as the exhibit hall is well over half sold out. The starting price for a 6' x 8' booth is \$235 and larger booths are available while they last.

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

For more information on reserving a booth space, contact Show Coordinator Jen Sheppard at ABC Advertising Specialists, Inc. at 815-232-4616 or 630-643-7438 or by email at jen@abcadsonline.com.

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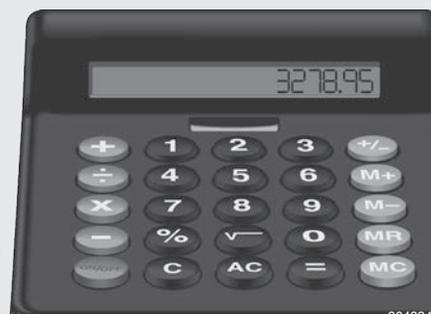
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CHURCH NEWS

Church Notes

Good Shepherd Lutheran

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Feb. 4, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fifth Sunday of Epiphany with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday Feb. 7, 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! At 6:30pm on Wednesday Confirmation students in seventh and eighth grade will meet for learning, fun, prayer, and fellowship.

On Thursday Feb. 8, Friendship

Club will meet at noon for a Potluck Dinner and entertainment with "Music with Steve".

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

Pearl City First UMC

Join us at Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 4, for worship led by Pastor Mathew Smith. Sunday school will be held during worship following the children's message. Our current Sunday School curriculum is based on cereal and the best part is there will be cereal to eat after every lesson! Join us after worship for our Soup and Sandwich Lunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The menu includes chili, bean & ham and chicken & rice soup and ham or egg salad sandwiches plus drink and dessert. Carry outs will be available. Adults-\$6, Children 5-12 \$3 and children under 5 are free.

Willow/Kent UMC

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Feb. 4 at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be giving the message "Good News-Sunday is Super"! All are invited and welcome to this special time. And also to stay for the Fellowship following.

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

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Road. For more info; please call Pastor Chuck at 262-308-2379



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2017 in review

As a result of its recent Council Hill fundraiser, The Stockton Unitarian Universalist Church met its goal of giving 12 "Service Partner" groups an additional donation in 2017.



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2017 in review

St. John's Lutheran Church of Massbach, IL celebrated its 160th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 17

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Lady Blackhawks capture two-seed in State Tournament

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

With a record of 24-2 currently, there is some thought that the Stockton Lady Blackhawks were not truly given the credit that they have earned this season. They are ranked fifth in the Class 1A Polls, yet they were issued the two-seed in the IHSA Class 1A State Tournament. They open game play on Wednesday, Feb. 7 against the survivor from opening round action in Warren. That pits Stockton against either nine-seed and

host Warren or ten-seed Orangeville. East Dubuque, with its current 20-3 mark got the top nod in the Freeport Aquin Sectional Complex. They were issued it because of their current conference mark, 9-1 and the fact that the Lady Warriors beat Stockton by two points on Jan. 5. In their win though, they didn't control the way the game was going. They had to wait until almost the final minute before securing the NUIC-West decision. The end result was Stockton got the two. Since the loss,

the Lady Blackhawks have reeled off eight straight wins. That stretch included knocking off Eastland for the second time this season and it wasn't an easy task.

The Lady Blackhawks took control of the game from the start. By the end of the first period they had a double-digit advantage, up 20-9. They held their edge into the half, even though the Lady Cougars won the period by one, 16-15. At the break the State-ranked Lady Blackhawks were in front by ten points, 35-25.

Things looked to be well under control for Stockton in the third. They stretched their lead to 18 points, 51-33 before the fourth began. Then things got interesting. Eastland stole and ran without concern of capture. The shots were dropping with regularity and Stockton couldn't do much to stop it. As time wound down the double-digit edge was gone and soon the threat of loss appeared.

The Lady Cougars scored 24 points in the final period and held their visitors to eight. However, the three-quarter edge the Lady Blackhawks had built was just enough to stave off the loss. They took the night by two points, 59-57.

It was a statement game for Stockton. They showed the poise to secure the victory and that will be crucial when the post-season begins on Monday. They won the season series over the also State-recognized Lady Cougars. Eastland was the only other team to beat Stockton this year. They won by ten in their Dec. 1 meeting.

The Lady Blackhawks have a legitimate shot to close the season, continuing their current streak of success. However, to get it done, they had to have dealt with Orangeville on Monday, Jan. 29 and then seal the deal in their regular season closer against Pearl City on Jan. 30.

How a team is playing late is a major indicator of success in the post-season, sometimes regardless of the position they start the State Tournament. Some roads can be a lot tougher than others. Even when a team is hot late.

In the greater playoff picture, the starting position, coming out of the two slot, still gives Stockton a very good chance to advance to Freeport Aquin for the second round games. If it occurs, they will collect a Regional Crown before they go. They will have to face either three-seed Galena or five-seed Durand to advance out of Warren though. They haven't seen Durand this year, but they have taken down three-seed Galena twice.

Orangeville set for post-season shot

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The advantage that the IHSA Basketball Playoffs provides is an extra chance. Regardless of how a team performs during the regular season they know they will always have a shot when the second season begins. Everyone gets in. The Orangeville Lady Broncos are in the situation of starting over and it begins on Monday, Feb. 5 in Warren.

They have run into some problems this season and the fact that the NUIC is loaded with talent and the State's Class 1A Polls features four teams from the area in their top-20 rankings didn't help.

Stockton leads the way. They are ranked fifth. East Dubuque comes in at seventh followed by Eastland at 17 and Freeport Aquin one position behind them. Orangeville struggled against each of those programs this year.

The wins haven't lined up as Lady Broncos fans would have liked. On Dec. 9 they defeated Elgin-Westminster Christian, since then they have dropped eleven, leading up to the Monday, Jan. 29 meeting with

the State-ranked Lady Blackhawks. After that they have to deal with Amboy on the road on Wednesday before the season comes to a close on Friday, Feb. 2 at home against the Forreston Lady Cardinals.

They've had some highlights though, including back-to-back wins over Ashton-Franklin Center and Polo. They have won big games and in the post-season, every game is a big game. On Monday, they face Warren on its home floor in the opener of the 1A Tournament and the ten-seed will have to upset the eight-seed to move on.

They haven't had too much success against the Lady Warriors though. They are 0-2 in NUIC-interactions this year. They lost to Warren on Nov. 22 in the Warren Thanksgiving Tournament. On Jan. 8 they met up again with a similar outcome. The Lady Warriors scored 60 to clinch the match by eleven points. However, Warren has had its own issues lately. They've lost six straight heading into game play this week and they are having a difficult time finding enough offense. Since the Dec. 18 win over Oran-

geville they've only scored more than 40 points once.

To pull off the upset in the opening round the Lady Broncos will have to get a solid game from the guard position. They can get it done. Comparing the two teams efforts this season it shows Warren is only percentage points better than Orangeville. In their 24 games played the Lady Warriors are allowing just under 54 points a night and scoring about 41. Orangeville has scored, on average, about 40 points a night and is giving up just over 55 every time out. It's about as even as an opening round game can be.

If they pull off the opening round upset, the Lady Broncos will run into immediate trouble. They will have to deal with two-seed Stockton in the Warren Class 1A Regional Semi-Final on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The winner from Wednesday night gets a pass to compete for the Regional Crown on Friday, Feb. 9 to earn the right to move on to Freeport Aquin for the Girls' Basketball 1A Sectional for second round play on Monday, Feb. 12.

Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing January winners

Daily cash prizes between \$50 and \$250 are awarded for 365 days from Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018 to those donating for a ticket. A ticket can win multiple times throughout the year.

Twelve organizations and five additional subcontracting organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County sponsor the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing, a cooperative fundraiser. Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Freeport Dance Team, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni

Association, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters. Sub-contracting organizations include: Elizabeth Historical Society, Galena Elks Scholarship Committee, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Scales Mound Travelers and Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois.

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WARREN - QUAIN TWO STORY CITY HOME. Beautiful dining room featuring hardwood floors and french doors. Exquisite pillars accentuate the living and family room. Main floor laundry. All bedrooms are on the upper level. Covered front porch and a leveled back deck. One stall detached garage. Priced below assessed value! Priced at \$65,000



LENA - LOCATED NEAR PARK AND SCHOOL - Cute 1.5 story 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Huge 2 stall garage (36'4 x 28'). Big kitchen with sliding door leading to the new beautiful back deck. Fenced in backyard. Main floor master bedroom. Alley access in the back of the property. Listing agent related to seller. Priced at \$109,900



LENA - DOUBLE COMMERCIAL LOT with a 3 bedroom, 1 bath and a 2 stall detached garage on 1 lot. Home has some nice wood floors, eat in kitchen, dining room, living room (1,677 finished square footage). Located near downtown. Home does need some work. Priced at \$58,000



WARREN - REDUCED \$6,000 - COME LOOK AT THIS HISTORIC 3 bedroom, 2 bath Rock home. This home is on the edge of town with some village amenities and a country feel so it has the best of both worlds. It is situated between Meridian Park and the village limits. The home is solid, well built home from the 1800s and has ample room sizes and storage. New roof in May 2017 and new windows at the property but not installed. There is an out building that could stand to be re-sided but is a nice addition to the property. Priced to sell, so don't wait too long. New Price \$89,000



WINSLOW - COUNTRY VIEWS, LE-WIN SCHOOLS! This 3 bedroom, 1 bath home has a spacious living room with wood burning fireplace, den/family room/office and a large dining room with double set of French doors leading to the deck. Kitchen and master bedroom have vaulted ceilings. Built ins in the hallway and den. Master bedroom has double closet. New roof in 2010. Priced at \$72,500



STOCKTON - MANY POS-SIBILITIES with this 5 +/- acre property on Illinois Route 20. There is a 3 bedroom, one bath home, an 80 x 40 cement block building with concrete floor, water, heat and electric and a bathroom with a stool and separate septic tank, an atlas 10,000# overhead automotive hoist, large air compressor, and an overhead door. There is also a wood pole building on the property with a metal roof that is 75 x 40 with a full length 24 foot lean to. Whatever your needs are, this property probably will fit. Priced at \$169,000



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LENA - DON'T MISS OUT ON THE opportunity of owning your own business! Bowling, Food and Fun!! 8 lane bowling alley with lot, building and business. Updates, systems, equipment and more. Brunswick Pro Lanes added in 2011. MOTIVATED SELLER. Contact listing office to set up a time to check this opportunity out. Priced at \$139,900



LENA - BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY PROP-ERTY WITH 4.86 ACRES M/L. If you want peace and quiet, this is the property for you. Home has 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and 1 stall attached garage. Beautiful hard wood floors throughout the kitchen and dining room. Master bedroom is on the main floor. Huge living room with wood burning stove and access to the deck leading to the big backyard equipped with 2 out buildings. Priced at \$169,900



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 \$132,500

OTHER PROPERTIES



SHANNON - THIS HOME IS GORGEOUS!! This premium townhouse located at the entrance of Lake Carroll has everything you could possibly want. The open floor plan has a kitchen, dining room, living room combo that is a huge space with oak hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, and skylights that are upgraded with stained glass accents. Adjacent to this great space is a sun room/enclosed porch with beautiful views that would be the perfect place to unwind. The main floor also has a huge master suite with attached bath and walk in closet and a second bedroom and a second bathroom. There is ample closet space, as a matter of fact, if you fill all the closets in this home, you may have a shopping problem. The finished basement is equally impressive with a family room, a third bedroom, a bonus room, and a second sun room/enclosed porch that leads to a private deck. An added bonus is a large workshop space in the basement. Mechanicals are within 5 years old with the ultra-efficient premium Carrier Infinity heating system. If you're tired of mowing lawns and shoveling snow, the townhouse lifestyle may be for you and this home should be at the top of your list! Priced at \$164,000



LENA - CORNER LOT, SPACIOUS LIVING ROOM, eat in kitchen, 3 bedrooms (2 with walk in closets), bath and loads of storage space. Oversized garage has heat and air vents. Convenient location close to downtown and restaurants. Priced at \$90,000



FREEPORT - REDUCED \$8,100 - 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH CUTE BUNGALOW located in the entrance of the Arcade in Freeport. Spacious kitchen, enclosed front porch, hardwood floors in bedrooms. Partially finished basement. Fenced in backyard. New Price \$24,900



LENA - NICE HOME ON LARGE LOT - 2 - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 stall attached garage. Updates include central air 2014, wood flooring in living room and dining room, covered front porch and sidewalk in 2013, new electric updated to circuit breakers 6/15. Roof 13 years old and furnace 8 years old. Priced at \$105,000



STOCKTON - WELCOME TO THE COUNTRY! This home on 2.7 acres (m/l) has beautiful panoramic Jo Daviess County views that will take your breath away. The home has 4 bedrooms 2 baths. All the rooms are sized generously but the kitchen is absolutely HUGE. The roof was new in 2007, the furnace/AC was new in 2011 with upgraded ductwork in 2014, and the well pump and pressure tank was new in 2015. Some newer windows and a walk out unfinished basement that could easily be finished. There is a pole barn (40 x 62) with electric, and a horse barn (36 x 60), with 5 box stalls, that would make your equine family members very comfortable. Don't hesitate on this home, it won't be on the market long! Priced at \$165,000



LENA - REDUCED \$5,000 - LOCATED IN BEAUTIFUL BUTTERNUT WOODS - Updated 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, eat-in kitchen, formal living/dining room. Two family rooms, wood burning fireplace, large deck and much more. You must see this home to really appreciate all it has to offer. New Price \$169,900



McCONNELL - REDUCED \$3,000 - 3 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH. Open floor plan from living room to dining room. Master bedroom and laundry on main floor. One stall detached garage with extra storage. Beautiful country views. New Price \$44,500



LENA - CUTE 1.5 STORY HOME LOCATED IN LENA featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a living room that is equipped with laminate flooring and a wood burning fireplace. Main floor laundry and master bedroom. Detached 2 stall garage. Out back you will find a wood deck which leads out to the fenced in backyard. Agent related to seller. Priced at \$87,500

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(Above Right) Angie Bauer had her Sugar Bowl and Cream and Sugar Beanery teams percolating through the afternoon and evening last Wednesday for the annual downtown Beverage Sampling Winterfest event.

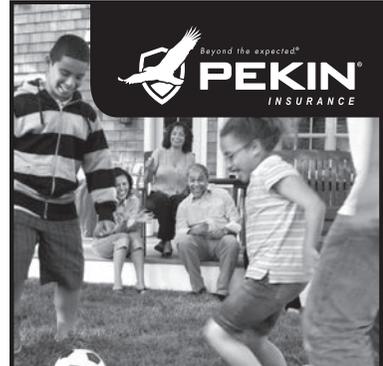
(Above Left) Folks lined up for that special Sweetie Me treatment during the Winterfest Beverage Sampling event in downtown Lena.



(Left) The folks at the Silver Fox Cafe and Healing Touch Express in downtown Lena were kept busy Wednesday evening during the Winterfest Beverage Sampling.

(Below Left) The father and son team of Eric and Jax Korte kept their Lena Fitness Club business up and running during Wednesday evening's Winterfest Downtown Beverage Sampling.

(Below Right) Prince and Princess Tai Kampneier and Alyse Cahoom were crowned 2018 Winterfest Prince and Princess during Thursday evening ceremonies at Coach's Golf & Grill



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High Honors

Jacob Harbach
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Kacy Wright

Honors

Kyla Arnold
Dylann Broshous
Emily Broshous
Masyn Cahill
Jackson Coffey
Shirley Cook
Emma Demeter
Bryce Grube
Elijah Haas
Kyle Haas
Hallie Hackworth
Ava Hess
Samuel Hille
Leighton Krueger
Veyah Luke
Dillon McIntosh
Javier Montalvo
Kendra Robledo
Keagan Steen
Ethan Steien
Landon Warner
Keagen Westphal
Aydyn Young

6th Grade

High Honors

Abby Chumbler
Bennett Graves
Carson McPeck
Ashlyn Schubert
Camerin Vincent
Leah Warner

Honors

Kristian Adleman
Rebecca Dreyer
Jared Dvorak

Addison Ernst
Izabella Ertmer
Braden Freese
Tanner Gile
Brady Haas
Michael Haas
Karl Hubb
Gracie Keleher
Lincoln Legel
Wesley Logemann
Madalyn Marcure
Hope Mulholland
Drake Offenheiser
Gavan Parages
Nevaeh Peterson
Gracie Raab
Lydia Schuldt
Colby Tucker
William Westaby
Mavrick Winters

7th Grade High Honors

Morgan Blair
Dawson Broshous
Katherine Crome
Madeline Harbach
Olivia Harnish
Dayton Julius
David Lancaster
Garrett Luke
Griffin Luke
Dustin Oppold
Jace Phillips
Ryley Schultz
Jadyn Steen
Whitney Sullivan

Honors

Alex Altfillisch
Brady Broshous
Lily Broshous
Hailee Burris

Nathan Coffey
Jackson Curtiss
Skylar Davis
Noah Hess
Olivia Keeffer
Lauren Kehl
Parker Luke
Emily Paul
Kyleigh Reusch
Lita Schmoll
Haylen Scott
Bailey Thornton
Ella Wackerlin
Ivan Wickler
Abigail Wilkinson
Scott Williams
Tyler Williams

8th Grade High Honors

Maria Bender
Joseph Brudi
Ashton Davis
Jenna Haas
Kenze Haas
Caleb Mammoser
Kayden Schubert

Honors

Ian Broshous
Austin Chumbler
Matthew Cook
Hannah Deininger
Julian Deininger
Justin Eden
Austin Eisfeller
Matthew Ernst
Vanessa Ernst
Payton Fulton
Dezireigh Gillen
Keaton Graves
Alexi Haas
Brynn Haas

Braden Jones
Owen Logemann
Cameron Mapes
Cierra Mapes
Morgan McPeck

Andrew Mensendike
Diana Montalvo
Elijah Rice
Callie Roberts
Raeann Roberts

Kassadie Sullivan
Connor Vincent
Trace Williamson



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The Pearl City 2017-18 Volleyball team

Front row (from left): Libby Dixon, managers Lauren Strock and Hannah Cassell, and Kayla Niehaus.

Second row (kneeling): Caitlyn Krell, Riley Wright, Kilynn Perdue and Maddy Brenner.

Back row: Alexis Tollers, Brooke Hass, Tia Clark, head coach Megan Lawler, Tyra Clark, Brooke Youtzy and Jazmin Wingert.

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Stockton High School recognizes Second Quarter/First Semester Honors students

Second Quarter High Honor Roll (All A's)

Grade 9: Lucas Crome, Case Harmston, Jason Hermann, Kaylee Luke

Grade 10: Cody Schultz

Grade 11: Nick Ege, Jennifer Hatfield, Lindan Legel, Abigail Weber

Grade 12: Jeremiah Hermann, Vera McGovern, Shawn Powers

Second Quarter Honor Roll (3.0 Quarter Standard GPA & No D's)

Grade 9: Elise Adleman, Kamden Baber, Wyatt Baber, Taylor Broshous, Mitchel Coffey, Adrianna Curtiss, Madelynn Ertmer, Andrew Haas, Hunter Hille, James Hille, Ivannie Jones, Janet Katzenberger, Connor Laity, Madison Lara, Cheyenne Mapes, Chandler Reifsteck, Steven Ricker, Simon Rille, Bryce Smith, Tiana Timpe

Grade 10: Tyler Bartch, Cody Breuer, Kaige Brown, Haley Brudi, Garrett Buske, Ethan Cook, Zachary Cook, Mia D'Antonio, Elizabeth Eden, Jamie Eden, Kenna Haas, Bryant Keeffer, Drew McGovern, Winston McPeek, Alyssa Meade, Keegan Phillips, Kendra Scace, Rawley Schulz, Austin Senn, Tessa Tucker, Austin Westover, Katie Wright

Grade 11: Walker Arand, Jenna Beneventi, Raeann Bergman, Caitlin Breuer, Colin Dvorak, Ellen Fox, Natalie Freese, Linzy Friedlein, Chaz Guererro, Avery Imel, Zachary Newman, Drake Oppold, Robert Reifsteck, Stanlee Rillie, Chase Rowe, Hannah Smith, Alex Staver, Erin Vanderheyden, Alyssa Vincent, Kiley Wickler, Cecelia Zink

Grade 12: Caleb Bergeman, Kaylee Broshous, Kaitlin Enright, Gabriel Ertmer, Megan Gille, Kali Haas, Hunter Houseman-Eddings, Luke Huschitt, Joshua Kappes, Kelsey King, Bryce Platt, Samantha Schultz, Ramsey Schulz, Aspyn Stewart, Gavin Strain, Caeden Upmann, Brenden Westphal

First Semester High Honor Roll (All A's)

Grade 9: Lucas Crome, Jason Hermann, Kaylee Luke

Grade 10: Haley Brudi, Cody Schultz

Grade 11: Jennifer Hatfield

Grade 12: Jeremiah Hermann, Kelsey King, Vera McGovern

First Semester Honor Roll (3.0 Semester Standard GPA & No D's)

Grade 9: Elise Adleman, Kamden Baber, Wyatt Baber, Taylor Broshous, Mitchel Coffey, Adrianna Curtiss, Madelynn Ertmer, Andrew Haas, Case Harmston, Hunter Hille, James Hille, Hayley Johnson, Ivannie Jones, Madison Lara, Cheyenne Mapes, Chandler Reifsteck, Steven Ricker, Simon Rille, Bryce Smith, Tiana Timpe, Devin Wickler, Kiersten Winters

Grade 10: Blake Altfillisch, Tyler Bartch, Cody Breuer, Kaige Brown, Garrett Buske, Zachary Cook, Mia D'Antonio, Elizabeth Eden, Jamie Eden, Marc Gabel, Kenna Haas, Bryant Keeffer, Drew McGovern, Winston McPeek, Alyssa Meade, Keegan Phillips, Kendra Scace, Rawley Schulz, Austin Senn, Tessa Tucker, Austin Westover, Katie Wright

Grade 11: Walker Arand, Jenna

Beneventi, Raeann Bergman, Caitlin Breuer, Colin Dvorak, Nick Ege, Ellen Fox, Natalie Freese, Linzy Friedlein, Chaz Guererro, Allison Kehl, Lindan Legel, Zachary Newman, Drake Oppold, Robert Reifsteck, Stanlee Rillie, Chase Rowe, Kendall Schulz, Han-

nah Smith, Alex Staver, Echo Taylor, Erin Vanderheyden, Alyssa Vincent, Abigail Weber, Kara Wickler, Kiley Wickler, Cecelia Zink

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Mrs. Brouhard's third graders were fortunate to spend some time with Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gerber of the U.S. Army following a Veterans Day ceremony at the school on Friday, Nov. 10. Lt. Gerber has been serving for 18 years. He has two children enrolled in Pearl City Schools, Lila (third grade) and Ty (first grade). We are very thankful for his service and for coming to speak with our class. Thank you, Lt. Gerber, and thank you to all veterans.



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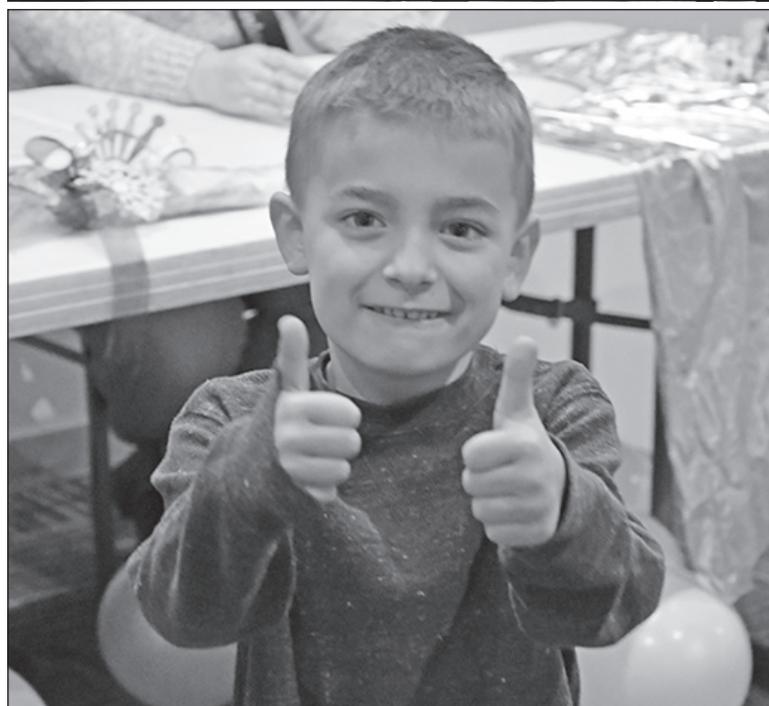
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(Above Left) The Lena Brewing Company crowd is all ears as host Roger Schamberger spells out the rules for the annual Winterfest Scavenger Hunt.



(Above Right) 2018 Winterfest Princess Alyse Cahoon gets a little help with her tiara during royal crowning ceremonies staged Thursday evening at Coach's Golf and Grill.



(Left) Coach's Golf & Grill was overflowing with royals on Thursday evening for the annual Lena Winterfest Prince and Princess competition.



(Right) 2018 Winterfest Prince Tai Kampmeier signals his victory with a thumbs up during the Thursday evening royal crowning ceremonies at Coach's Golf and Grill



(Left Bottom) These contestants struggled but succeeded keeping it between the lines during the tricycle races held Friday night in the Iron Horse parking lot in downtown Lena.



These "trikers" came to their marks and were off during the annual Winterfest Tricycle Races held this year in the Iron Horse Tap parking lot .

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Community Foundation of Northern Illinois awards grant to Senior Resource Center

The Senior Resource Center is proud to announce that it has received a \$23,000 grant for its Information and Assistance Program from the Community Grants Program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois with support from the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund.

The Information and Assistance Program addresses the need for knowledge and resources that seniors, their family members, caregivers and disabled adults lack. The program bridges the gaps between needs and services by using a comprehensive resource directory plus expertise in Medicare and other benefit programs.

"Information and Assistance is a

one-stop opportunity to be informed and prepared for the challenges of aging," said Susan Lambert, Senior Resource Center executive director. "This grant from the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois increases our capacity and enables us to serve even more than the 2,400 unduplicated individuals that are currently receiving help through Information and Assistance. We are so grateful and excited for the support of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois."

The Senior Resource Center provides eight different programs or Pillars of Service from three locations in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. In its 40-year history, the SRC has expanded and serves thou-

sands annually. Its mission is to grow by enhancing and developing services and programs that inspire community involvement, offer support and resources, and advocate independence and well-being of all seniors and disabled adults.

The mission of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to serve as a catalyst for giving in order to attract, preserve and grow an endowment for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois. Since its founding in 1953, CFNIL has granted more than \$65 million for charitable purposes in the region. Learn more about CFNIL's grantmaking and commitment to endowment at www.cfnil.org.

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FOR THE 15TH
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STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Illinois Bank and Trust
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Michelle D. Griffiths; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/19/2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on February 21, 2018 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Adjective menus

Pearl City fifth graders Sylvia Schnoor and Ethan Bremmer share their World menus. Students created their own menu using three proper adjectives to create 15 menu items. They had to use adjectives to describe each menu item.



Lena-Winslow schools schedule annual spelling bee

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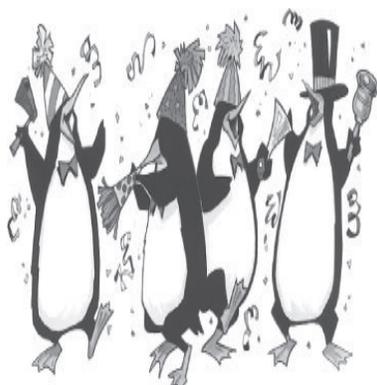
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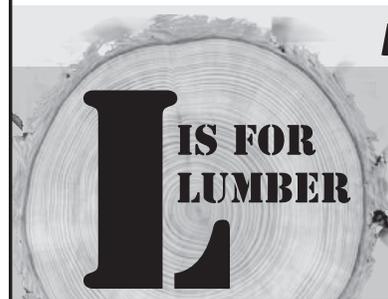
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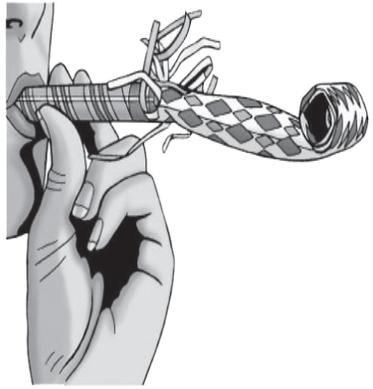
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RR/SM Lady Wildcats succumb to Pearl City Wolves

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Things have gotten a lot tougher for the co-op of River Ridge and Scales Mound over the past week of games. They fell to one of the best teams in the West, Stockton and then lost to the Pearl City Lady Wolves as a follow up. They had won three straight, prior to the recent setback.

Pearl City came in with a lot of its own questions unanswered. They had won three of four, leading up to a 17 point win over Milledgeville on Jan. 8, 51-34. After that, things didn't go well. They lost five straight before pulling out the 48-28 win over the Lady Wildcats.

In the Saturday, Jan. 27 match, Pearl City got off to a quick start. They controlled the flow of the game and applied plenty of defensive pressure. After one the lead was four points, 12-8. That advantage grew to seven at the half, with the visitors in front 22-15. As the game progressed, Pearl City got stronger. They scored 15 in the third and held the Lady Wildcats to five points. With a period to play the lead was 17 points, 37-20. The fourth quarter played fairly evenly with the Lady Wildcats coming out a little bit short. They put up eight points in the frame, which matched their game high total for a period. Pearl City broke its five-game losing streak with the 48-28 decision.

Stockton, with its current 24-2 season mark, had trouble wrestling

early control from River Ridge/Scales Mound in the NUIC-West battle. They trailed the Lady Wildcats after the first and entered the break still down. Adjustments were made in the third and Stockton took off. After scoring 20 in the first half, they put up nearly that mark in the third alone. The 18-4 period winner gave control to the State-ranked Lady Blackhawks. They were even better in the fourth. The Lady Wildcats scored two points in the period. Stockton did ten better and the fifth-ranked Class 1A squad collected the 50-27 decision.

Leading up to the unfortunate run, River Ridge/Scales Mound had played well. Wins over West Carroll, 58-23, Warren 64-30 and Lena-Winslow 54-36 helped the team get things back online for the time. The conference victories helped the team move above .500 in head-to-head battles. As tip-offs occurred this week, the record had dropped to one game under the break-even mark.

Only two games remained on the regular season schedule for River Ridge/Scales Mound. They played at Benton, Wi., on Monday, Jan. 29 and will close the season against West leader East Dubuque on Friday, Feb. 2. It's off to the second-season after that.

The IHSA Class 1A Girls' Basketball State Tournament begins on Monday, Feb. 5 and the Lady Wildcats will play out of the sev-

en-seed position. That means they will have to deal with eight-seed Lena-Winslow in the opener just to get another shot at East Dubuque in

its own Class 1A Regional. The winner from the Regional Semi-Final faces either four-seed Dakota or six-seed Pearl City in the

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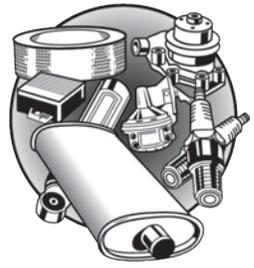
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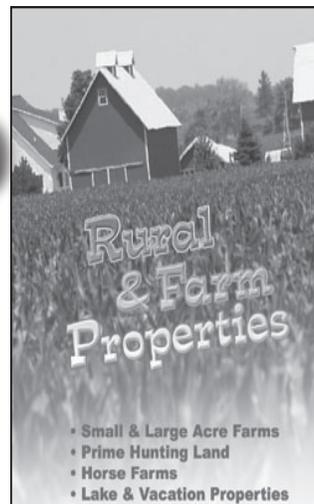
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By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

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This past weekend the squad wrapped up its final Invitational and they had to go a long way to get it done. It took over four hours to get to Litchfield, which is nestled midway between Springfield and St. Louis, Mo. It was worth it for many Pantherhawks.

The team placed fourth in Litchfield and celebrated many strong finishes. Hunter Luke won his weight class at 138 pounds. Elijah Rowe at 185 pounds and Ian Kuehl in the heavyweight division picked up silver honors.

Other top finishers included Jaden Rice at 106, Tanner Kalkbrenner at 126, Winston McPeek at 132 and Jason Hermann at 152. They each nailed down the bronze. Jeremiah Hermann at 145 and Colin Dvorak at 160 pounds finished in fourth place.

While the varsity was competing in Litchfield, the junior-varsity grapplers took a much shorter trip, but still came away with a lot of honors.

Case Harmston and Connor Edge won their weight classes. Jack Setterstrom and teammate Jordan Paisley finished in runner-up position. Chris Hicks collected third place honors. Other top finishers include Gavin Keefler, Brady Stich and Gennings Dunker who collected fourth place awards. Andrew Haas wrapped up his Invitational play with a fifth place finish.

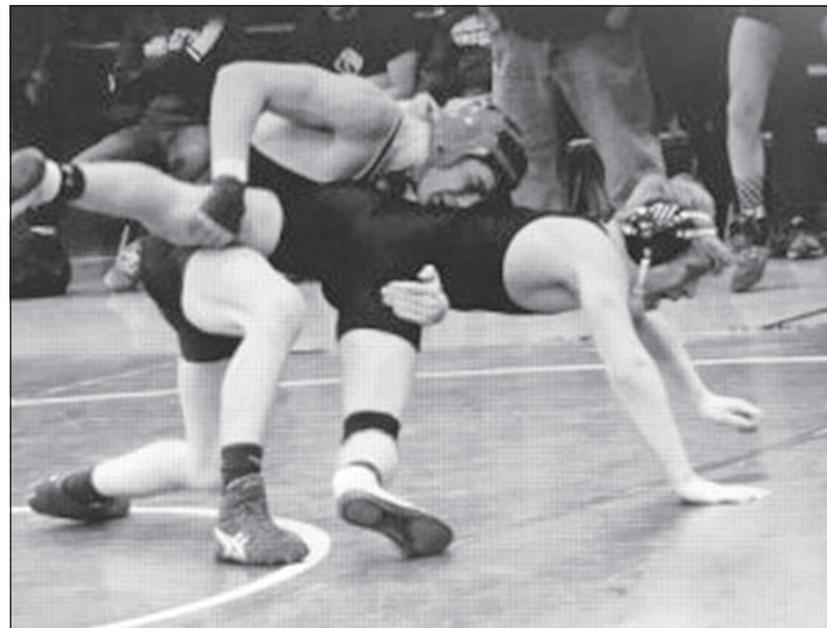
With the regular season action completed the Pantherhawks can put all of their efforts into preparing to defend their 2016-2017 Class 1A State Title. They were 33-1 last year. They haven't been as dominant this season, but still have many teams looking at them as the squad to beat.

In Winnebago, when the Regional opens on Monday, the Pantherhawks will see a field loaded with talent. Squads playing in the opening round matches include powerhouses such as former State Champion Dakota and Big Northern challenger Byron. Other teams participating for the right to move to the Sectional includes Durand, Oregon, Rockford Lutheran, Savanna-West Carroll, Stillman Valley and Winnebago

Team qualifiers from Winnebago will be sent to Morrison for the Dual



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PantherHawk wrestler Elijah Rowe won this match to place second over the weekend at the Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament in Litchfield.



PantherHawk wrestler Hunter Luke won his weight class at 138 pounds at the Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament in Litchfield

Team Sectional. Individual champions and qualifiers will see their season continue in Oregon.

The State Champion for the Dual

Team Sectional winners will be decided at Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington with the Individual Sectional qualifiers moving on to the State Farm Center in Champaign.

•Winners (Continued from page 9)

- NWILDD January 2018 Winners
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6th . Saturday . \$50 – Owen Offenheiser, Elizabeth
7th . Sunday . \$50 – Brenda Ertmer, Elizabeth
8th . Monday . \$50 – Dennis Groezinger, Lena
9th . Tuesday . \$50 – Ben Wurster, Onalaska, WI
10th . Wednesday . \$50 – Jean Jones, Savanna
11th . Thursday . \$50 – Rich Folks, Galena
12th . Friday . \$50 – John Horkay, Hanover
13th . Saturday . \$50 – Jeremy Knauer, Elizabeth
14th . Sunday . \$50 – Gary Scott Law, Savanna
15th . Monday . \$150 – Jaime Capesius, LaMotte, IA
16th . Tuesday . \$50 – Andrew & Jamie Napier, Stockton

- 17th . Wednesday . \$50 – Renee Johl, Peosta, IA
18th . Thursday . \$50 – Allen Hoffman, Savanna
19th . Friday . \$50 – Cindy Brown, Savanna
20th . Saturday . \$50 – Jennifer Watson, Dubuque, IA
21st . Sunday . \$50 – Ruth Ann Pettengill, Colorado Springs, CO
22nd . Monday . \$50 – Jayson & Kim Williams, Pearl City
23rd . Tuesday . \$50 – Lisa Cousins, Apple River
24th . Wednesday . \$50 – Pauline Zigler, Hanover
25th . Thursday . \$50 – Steven Weber, East Dubuque
26th . Friday . \$50 – Steve Allendorf, Galena
27th . Saturday . \$50 – Tom Kocal, Lanark
28th . Sunday . \$50 – Paul Knauer, Elizabeth
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100 days

The Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes at Lena-Winslow Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school with fun hats and other activities.

Lena Library News

By: Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR

I'm hoping to be able to get one more newsletter out to all of you with updates on what is going on around here within the next couple of weeks, but as most of our patrons know I will be heading out on maternity leave here in the next couple of weeks. I would like to say thank you to all of our patrons who have wished me well with good thoughts and con-

gratulations. I am looking forward to showing off the newest member of our library family with all of you when he arrives.

The afterschool kids had a good time this past week with a winter game day. Mrs. Kathy had a few games to choose from and the group chose baseball pitch and Outburst. Not to be left out, the Story Hour groups have also been having a fun couple of weeks. They have been

enjoying quite a few activities to go along with their winter theme. Each of the kids got to put a snowflake up for the wall activity, where they then discuss different types of winter weather. As the kids now know winter weather requires winter clothes, so to play into the theme all of the kids designed scratch off hats, mittens, ice skates, and snowflakes. To finish up that week Mrs. Kathy read *The Biggest, Best Snowflake* and the kids played a winter memory game on the flannel board. This past week the Story Hour groups had winter game days as well, playing mitten matching and Don't Break the Ice. From the sounds of all the cheering and giggles we heard, I think it is safe to say they had a great time. Mrs. Kathy read *Say Hello to Snowy Animals*. I have heard that these two groups love to sing, so they fit in a couple favorites: "We Dress Like That", "Snowman", "Mitten", and "It Is Snowing." After all of that the kids were definitely in need of a snack: Fruit Loops. All of the kids worked hard sorting and counting the different colors.

Our book discussion group met last Wednesday. Some talked about titles were *You'll Think of Me*-Robin Lee Hatcher, *Bound In Love*-Camy Tang, *A Girl's Guide to Moving* On-Debbie Macomber, *Y Is For Yesterday*-Sue Grafton, *The Cape Refuge Series*-Terri Blackstock, *Stars Over Sunset Boulevard*-Susan Meisner, *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*-Jonas Jonasson, *The Life She Was Given*-Ellen Marie Wiesman, and *Wonder*-R.J. Palacio. If you are a person who is looking for something new to read, come join us next month. It is a great way to get into new books. We will be meeting again February 21st at 9:30 a.m.

In December the state of Illinois began a yearlong celebration to commemorate it's admission into the union. You can celebrate too by checking out the Bicentennial Reading List. There is a different title featured for each month of 2018. Read one or read them all. We will have the list posted here in the library; for questions or information about how we can get these titles for you see

one of your librarians. Any of the titles would make great discussions for our book club as well, so if you do get a chance to read any of the titles listed come tell us about them. The next adult coloring night will be February 12th starting at 5:30 p.m. Come join us.

New Books: Year One-Nora Rob-

erts and Oath of Honor-Lynette Eason.

New Large Print Books: *The Stolen Marriage*-Diane Chamberlain and *To Be Where You Are*-Jan Karon. There are a lot of new books coming in February, so call us or stop in so we can place a hold on your favorites.

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FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Illinois Bank and Trust
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Michelle D. Griffiths; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/19/2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on February 21, 2018 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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Principal of the Day

Congratulations to Sally Monigold who has successfully completed the requirements to serve as Principal of the Day at Lena-Winslow Elementary School. To meet this goal, she had to read and pass tests in the Accelerated Reader program and earn 300 points.

Lena-Winslow/Orangeville Speech Team is more than just talk

About a year ago, The Shoppers Guide printed a story detailing the results of the Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team's experience at the biggest high school speech tournament in the state, the two-day endurance test at Downers Grove South High School. The article told how Orangeville sophomore Justin Malone finished a respectable 21st out of 91 participants in the Radio Speaking category.

This year's results were a little different.

Now a junior, Malone climbed a few notches higher at this year's tournament to finish (or tie if one wants to be fussy about it) 7th out

of 93 in that same category. As has been typical for the past few years, the Le-Win/Orangeville squad had an entry in all 14 speaking categories at the contest held Jan. 19 and 20. And, although no other student from the team advanced to the semi-final round as Malone did, this tournament gave the students a chance to experience a level of competition they will see nowhere else.

"We've been coming here since 2004, my second year as speech coach," said head coach Tom Fore. "It isn't easy to get an invitation to this tournament, but because I didn't know any better, I called the Downers Grove South coach fourteen years

ago and pretty much invited ourselves. That little display of brashness paid off because we landed a kid in a final round on our very first try."

Unlike most other high school sports and activities, speech teams in Northwest Illinois do not belong to a conference. They all operate independently and have the liberty to pick and choose what tournaments they wish to attend. Up until a few years ago, most of the contests local teams attended were at least a 45-minute drive from Stephenson County, many farther than that.

Pearl City's last tournament was several years ago, and Freeport hosted one a few years back, but three

local tournaments have been created that not only show off local talent locally, but also save a lot of drive time.

Lena-Winslow was the first to create and sustain a local speech contest, the most recent of which was Jan. 6. River Ridge followed suit a few years later, and Stockton entered the mix this past December.

"As good and valuable as these local tournaments are," Fore said, "They have their competitive limitations. Downers Grove South or Wheaton Warrenville South or Naperville Central or Glenbard West or any of the other massive teams are not going to send their "A" squad to

Lena. That's why we go to them. At a place like Downers Grove, they see the best of the best. We've won our share of awards at DGS including a first place in Prose Reading in 2012. We don't have some 'We're just happy to be here' attitude. We go in thinking we can compete, and when you look at the string of semi-final and final awards we've received in the past 14 years, it's evident we can play as hard as the big boys."

The IHSA State Series begins with Regional competition Saturday, Feb. 3, at Freeport High School, followed by the Sectional contest to be held at Huntley High School a week later.

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Orangeville High School junior Justin Malone relaxing at the piano in Downers Grove South High School's music room after he won his semi-finalist medal at the DGS Speech Tournament, held Jan. 19 and 20.

Lena Live Wires January meeting summary

By Krista Keene
REPORTER

The Jan. 8, Lena Live Wires meeting started at 6:15 p.m. Pledges were led by Garrett Sutter. Roll call was led by Hannah Pecoraro and the topic was, "What was your favorite Christmas present?" Secretary and Treasurer reports were then read. The liability form had to be turned in that night. The last day to enroll for the new year is Feb. 1. Thanks to all the people who walked in the Christmas parade and who helped decorate the Christmas Tree at the nursing home. The fair dates have changed to June 27 through July 1. The next meeting will be Feb. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena at 6 p.m. Snack for next month will be provided by the Sutter family. We also recognized the people in our club who received awards.