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Lady Panthers fall in Regional Semi-Final

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Basketball activities have ceased for the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers. On Wednesday, Feb. 7, Lena-Winslow fell to East Dubuque in its own Class 1A Girls Basketball Regional, 53-34. The tournament semi-final loss closed the winter campaign.

The Lady Panthers were outplayed in the first period. It was enough to give the number one seed in the north enough to coast, for the most part. Their 15-3 advantage after one grew to 27-13 at the break. The third started out favorably for the top seed as well. They scored 17, additionally.

With the fourth quarter to go, the Lady Panthers were down 44-20. The upset-minded eight-seed would win the final frame, but the five-point tally advantage would fall short of the nearly 20-point loss, 53-34.

Lena-Winslow got to the 1A Regional Semi-Final because they found the offense working well enough on Monday night, to stay in the game long enough, to take down the higher-seeded River Ridge/Scales Mound Lady Wildcats.

The Class 1A opener in East Dubuque played evenly in the opening eight minutes. The Lady Wildcats got more players involved in the offense than Lena-Winslow did, initially. It helped spur the quick start. Four scored for River Ridge/Scales Mound three scored for the Lady Panthers, led by Madilyn Schultz who knocked down six of the team's 13 in the period. After one the Lady Panthers were in front by one, 13-12.

The second quarter was strong for River Ridge/Scales Mound. Six players scored in the period as the team put up 15 total. Lena-Winslow's first quarter edge was gone, they trailed at the break 27-21. They made up the difference after the break.

The pressure put on the Lady Wildcats' defenders was too much to deal with. The step-quickness was there for the lower-seed. They scored 21 points in the period and took control of the

game. River Ridge/Scales Mound countered with 11 of its own. After three, the Lady Panthers had retaken the lead, 42-38.

Free throw shooting won the match for Lena-Winslow. They hit 12-of-16 under pressure and still got the outside shot to fall from Schultz. The Lady Panthers closed the game with 26 points in the fourth. River Ridge/Scales Mound was doubled-in in the period, they tacked on 13 to their game total and faded out of the post-season with the loss, 68-51.

Lena-Winslow fell to East Dubuque before the Lady Warriors took down Dakota, 43-26, to win the 1A East Dubuque Regional Title. They moved on to Freeport Aquin for the Sectional and faced NUIC-Familiar Freeport Aquin on Monday, Feb. 12. The Lady Bulldogs knocked out Forreston in its own Class 1A Regional Final.

Two other NUIC powerhouses joined East Dubuque and Aquin at the 1A Sectional. Eastland beat Prophetstown to claim the Sterling Newman Class 1A Regional Crown and in Warren, Stockton captured the Title with a 19-point win over Galena. Eastland and Stockton played on Tuesday at Aquin. The winners move to the Thursday Sectional Championship to compete for the right to move south to Oglesby and the IVCC Class 1A Super-Sectional.

Lena-Winslow/Orangeville Speech Team moves into state competition

If you've never been to a high school speech tournament, you have no idea what they are like. It isn't just a bunch of kids lined up at some podium taking turns reciting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It's extremely structured and very technical. A well-run tournament with its many comings and goings and its by-the-minute scheduling would impress an air traffic controller on his busiest day.

But something else that's lost upon the uninitiated is the amount of stress, the levels of anticipation and joy, and their evil cousins defeat and disappointment that are ever present



TONY CARTON PHOTO Shopper's Guide

Orangeville IVSAP curriculum

Illinois Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti (center, front row) visits with Orangeville High School students during her visit welcoming the school to the Illinois Virtual School Advanced Placement program.

at the higher levels of competition. Those higher levels are happening now with the IHSA State Series. For local teams, the Series' first stage happened Saturday, Feb. 3, with the Freeport Regional Tournament.

"I tell the kids that the State Series is what it's all about," said Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team head

coach Tom Fore. "All of the kids' hard work builds up to February. The season either continues that first Saturday in February or it ends. And the joy and disappointment is intensified the following week at the Sectional Tournament. That's where we either get the crown jewel of our world, advancing to the State Tournament,

or everything grinds to a halt. I look forward to and dread the State Series at the same time."

The Le-Win/Orangeville squad usually does pretty well at the Regional Tournament where the top four speakers in each of the four-

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Eastern Illinois University offers free summer journalism workshop for high school students

High school students can learn journalism hands-on from award-winning reporters, editors and photographers at the Illinois Press Foundation workshop at Eastern Illinois University from June 19-29.

Applications for the 11-day workshop, which is funded by the Illinois Press Foundation and EIU, will be

accepted through May 20. Eighteen students will be selected to participate in this free journalism experience.

Graduating seniors are eligible for this workshop as are those currently in their sophomore or junior years.

Held in Charleston, Ill., on the campus of Eastern Illinois University, this 11-day residential program provides

students an intimate look at journalism as a career by immersing students into approaches used by modern, digital newsrooms. The workshop introduces students to the complete process of publishing news: gathering and validating information, substantiating and using multiple sources, writing news, editing, designing, and production. In

addition, students are exposed to the concepts of news literacy and how to differentiate and establish fact from fiction in today's sometimes frenetic, rush-to-report news environment.

Students do not need journalism experience to apply.

The first week is devoted to instruction and related exercises, including news-gathering field trips. Professional journalists provide most of the instruction. Dozens of reporters, editors, publishers, photographers and other journalists have taught in the program since 1991, representing more than 50 newspapers and news organizations throughout Illinois and across the country.

Students then practice what they have learned. For two days, students are driven to newspapers, where they

work with reporters and other journalists on assignments. The remainder of the second week is devoted to producing a news website.

Students will also travel to Springfield where they will interview newsmakers and news journalists at the state capitol.

The Illinois Press Foundation has sponsored this event at Eastern Illinois University since its inception more than 25 years ago. All expenses, including housing, meals and tuition, are paid from these funds.

To be considered, students must complete an application form, which is available at EIU's department of journalism website: www.eiu.edu/~journal or by contacting workshop director Joe Gisondi at jjgisondi@eiu.edu.

BLACK HAWK RUN GOLF COURSE MEMBERSHIP LETTER

We are pleased to inform you that the 2018 Black Hawk Run Golf Course Season is right around the corner. With the help of a great community, memberships, and new customers, Black Hawk Run is able to continue to grow. John Warner & Weston Burkholder, course managers, are excited to get the 2018 Season under way.

In 2018, the golf membership prices will remain the same as last golf season. We will be hosting the annual membership meeting [Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.](#); please join us for food and refreshments. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, or any businesses that may like to have a corporate membership, please bring them along!

With many new additions and ideas to make the course better, it's been a success. We have made several improvements during the off season to help make your experience at the course better!

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If you would like to book golf outings, community events, fundraisers, public or private events we will be more than helpful to make these events a success. Call in advance; we have several events booked for 2018.

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Clarence Mitchell Library and Natural Sciences & Mathematics Division present a Science Café

Highland Community College's Clarence Mitchell Library and Natural Science & Mathematics Division are pleased to offer "A Science Café: Giant Pandas" at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 in the Clarence Mitchell Library.

Dr. Sarah Bexell, Director of Conservation Education with the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Chengdu, Sichuan China, will present the natural history, the behavior and the extinction crisis of the giant panda. A question and answer discussion will take place at

the end of the presentation.

Dr. Bexell is a Freeport native who brings a wealth of experience and information from her experience with research and education in conservation education in China.

The event is free and open to all audiences. The Clarence Mitchell Library is located on the second floor of the Marvin-Burt Liberal Arts Center at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, Ill. For more information, contact Laura Watson at 815-599-3456 or laura.watson@highland.edu.

Farm Bureau offers Defensive Driving Course

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau will be hosting a Defensive Driving Course on April 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farm Bureau building in Elizabeth. Both days must be attended to receive certification. The registration fee of \$20 for farm bureau members or \$30 for non-members, covers course materials and lunch both days.

The course is open to people 55 and older who are auto policy holders. Those completing the course are eligible for a discount on their auto insurance.

This program was developed by the National Safety Council and will be taught by safety specialist, Doug Sommer, Pekin, Illinois. The course is very informative, entertaining and relevant to today's driving environment and standards. An examination is not required to complete the course or receive certification.

Reservations are required and class size is limited. Call the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau® at 815-858-2235 to make your reservation or for more information.



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212 degrees

Illinois FFA State Treasurer Chase Clausen, Casey Crain, Maya Curtis, Tristan Rood, Griffin Durham and Braden Baldauf focus on the skills necessary for taking students to the boiling point of personal leadership



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Miranda Luke, Emma Bower, Maleah Linden, Ashlyn Enck, Rachel Young, Sydney Lindquist, Samantha Kempel, and Della Crain (on floor) attended the Highlands mini WCFA (Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference)

Le-Win FFA members learn leadership skills

The Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter has been busy developing leadership skills over the past few weeks! In January eight upperclassmen attended Highland Community College's "Women Changing the Face of Agriculture" (WCFA) Conference. At this conference female FFA members had the opportunity to break out in small groups and hear from local women involved in agriculture as a career. Each professional talked with the members about what they did for a living and the educational and career steps they took to be in the successful position that they are today. There were keynote speakers from the Young Leaders branch of the Farm Bureau as well as the head Meteorologist from WIFR News. This conference gave students the opportunity to see a different perspective of jobs available in the agriculture field and have personal contact with women who were in their same shoes just a few years ago.

Greenhand members from the chapter attended the FFA 212 Conference. This conference is an activity of the National FFA organization made possible by title sponsors as a special project of the national FFA Foundation. This two-day event is focused on student development and helps FFA members become aware of all aspects of personal growth. Students attended sessions on mental, emotional, physical, and social growth and leave this experience with a personal plan for self-improvement. This event also included a dance with other engaging group activities.

On February 2nd and 3rd five

212 degrees – the temperature at which water boils – focuses on taking students to the boiling point of personal leadership. At 211 degrees, water is extremely hot, but just one more degree gets us to the next level. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal success and career growth through agricultural education.



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Winter on the Pec

Winter finally arrived with a vengeance last week and the Pecatonica River froze over near McConnell and is ready for some ice fishing.



Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, and best wishes for our 60th anniversary. A Special Thanks to our kids Barb & John, Brian & Linda, Brad & Shan, our grandkids and great grandkids for a great evening together. Special time to remember. The -60 degrees in Fairbanks, Alaska 60 years ago didn't seem as cold. Gold Bless All, Bill & Helen Heiler

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Thank You

I enjoyed the birthday cards on my 90th birthday from friends and relatives. Each card brought back pleasant memories.

Thank you,

Betty Heer

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VIEWPOINT

Early success of Invest in Kids welcomed

With more than \$45 million in donations and thousands of applications already having been submitted, the state's new Invest in Kids program is off to a great start.

"Thanks to our state's new tax-credit scholarship program, more parents will have greater school choices for their children," said Gov. Bruce Rauner before he toured Jordan Catholic School in Rock Island. "Invest in Kids will open so many doors of opportunity for students to enroll in schools that best suit their needs."

The visit corresponded with Cath-

olic Schools Week, which concludes Saturday, Feb. 3, and was part of the governor's post State of the State tour.

More than 205,000 students attended 892 registered nonpublic schools in Illinois in the 2016-17 school year, according to Illinois State Board of Education data. Jordan Catholic School Principal Jacob Smithers said 385 students presently are enrolled in the pre-K-8 school on 24th Street in Rock Island, and he looks forward to welcoming more as parents begin to access the newly generated scholarship funding.

"Clearly, the need is there for parents to have a choice," Smithers said. "It's not always feasible to have that choice ... due to whatever their economic or financial status may be.

"This opportunity is beneficial for everyone involved, both in and out of the school," he continued. "It's good for the communities themselves."

Invest in Kids, which offers an income tax credit equal to 75 percent of approved contributions, attracted more than \$36 million in its first day early last month, and totaled just over \$45.4 million this week. The money will be funneled through scholar-

ship-granting organizations — one of which fielded more than 11,000 applications on its first day — and offers students in low- to middle-income families the opportunity to attend non-public schools.

Rep. Dan Swanson, R-Alpha, also attended the Rock Island school tour.

"I was proud to support the Invest in Kids Scholarship program because of the increased opportunity this program provides to children who may not otherwise get assistance for their education," Swanson said. "The selection process must be honest and fair, but I believe this will provide

great opportunity to boost a lot of kids and working families in need of a helping hand throughout Illinois."

Rauner said seeing the Invest in Kids program enacted has been a highlight for his administration.

"When we give our students the tools they need to succeed, all of Illinois reaps the benefits," he said. "Our new program brings more opportunities to communities and students in Illinois where they are needed most."

For more information regarding the Invest in Kids program and how to donate please visit https://mytax.illinois.gov/_/

Durbin and Duckworth demand answers on reports of CFPB'S stalled investigation into Equifax breach

U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) joined Brian Schatz (D-HI) and a group of 28 senators in demanding answers on reports that, under the Trump administration, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has halted its investigation into how credit reporting agency Equifax failed to protect the personal data of over 145 million Americans. More than 5.45 million Illinois residents

were affected by the breach.

"We are deeply troubled by recent news reports that, under Director Mulvaney's leadership, the CFPB has stopped its investigation into the Equifax breach," the senators wrote. "The CFPB is currently the only federal agency with supervisory authority over the largest consumer reporting agencies. Consumer reporting agencies and the data they collect play a central role in consumers' ac-

cess to credit and the fair and competitive pricing of that credit. Therefore, the CFPB has a clear duty to supervise consumer reporting agencies, investigate how this breach has or will harm consumers, and bring enforcement actions as necessary."

According to reports, CFPB has not issued any subpoenas, sought testimony from key executives at Equifax, or proceeded with on-site examinations.

The Equifax breach exposed data that included customers' names, Social Security numbers, birthdates, addresses, driver's license numbers, and, for some consumers, credit card numbers. This data could easily be used by criminals to steal people's identity or commit fraud. The impact on consumers whose data has been stolen is potentially devastating. As a result of identity theft and fraud, customers face the risk of having

debt accrued in their name. They could suffer long-lasting damage to their credit, which could lead to them being denied loans, mortgages, employment, or even rental housing. To resolve the damage done by this data breach, they will likely spend months, if not years, trying to correct resulting errors and problems with their financial records.

Joining Durbin, Duckworth and Schatz on the letter to Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney and CFPB Acting Director Leandra English are U.S. Senators Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Jon Tester (D-MT), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Tom Udall (D-NM), Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Jack Reed (D-RI), Ed Markey (D-MA), Joe Donnelly (D-IN), Tina Smith (MN), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Gary Peters (D-MI), Patty Murray (D-WA), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Angus King (I-ME), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Mark Warner (D-VA), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Chris Murphy (D-CT), and Doug Jones (D-AL).

Bustos and Bost introduce bipartisan bill to create a new tool to help farmers conserve their land

The Conservation Assistance Loan Act will help more farmers plant and manage cover crops to improve the soil health and yield of their farms.

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) and Congressman Mike Bost (IL-12) introduced a bipartisan bill that would create a Conservation

Assistance Loan program, modeled after the existing Marketing Assistance Loan, which would offer loan rates that better reflect current market conditions, bolster the loan rate for new and beginning farmers and provide a new incentive to help interested farmers voluntarily adopt

practices like cover crops to improve soil health.

"The Conservation Assistance Loan Act would create a new tool to help Illinois farmers improve soil health and reduce nutrient runoff while still putting the best food on your table," Congresswoman Cheri Bustos said. "Farmers are stewards of the land — it is where they live, work, and raise their family. Most farmers I talk to want to use cover crops and take other steps to be more sustainable and improve soil health, but face challenges that can make it tough to get started. The Conservation Assistance Loan Act would help them overcome these challenges and improve both their operation and land."

"I'm happy to join this bipartisan effort to ensure our farmers have every tool available to improve soil health and reduce nutrient runoff," said Bost. "Cover crops, along with cutting edge technology, benefit the environment, the bottom line of the farmer, and allow for this generation of agriculture producers to pass along the land in better condition than when they received it."

Specifically, the Conservation Assistance Loan Act would:

- Base conservation assistance loan rates on 60% of the 5-year Olympic Moving Average (5YOMA) of the Marketing Year Average (MYA)

prices.

- Bolster the loan rate to incentivize conservation or soil health best practices like cover crops.

- Offer a higher loan rate to beginning farmers to help them start their operation.

The bill is endorsed by the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Cover crops are one of the best ways to improve soil health and reduce nutrient runoff. They prevent soil erosion, cut fertilizer use, and protect water quality.

According to a recent survey of producers using cover crops from USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, more than 86% of respondents reported improved soil health and reported average yield increases for corn were estimated at 2.3 bushels and 2.1 bushels for soybeans.

While an increasingly popular practice, the financial, labor and technical expertise required to plant and manage cover crops poses a major barrier to getting started. Though their benefits are well-documented, returns on the investment are not immediate as the improvements in soil health and yields take time. The Conservation Assistance Loan Act would help farmers overcome these obstacles making it easier to use cover crops and improve soil health.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

EDNA I. MATZ

Edna I. Matz age 90, of Lena passed away on Thursday Feb. 8, 2018 at the Lena Living Center. She was born on Oct. 22, 1927 in Minnesota to Austin and Addie (Garrison) Johnson. She married George Matz on Sept. 6, 1947 in Jackson, MI and together they raised 4 children. She was a Nurse's Aide at Pine River Nursing Home in Minnesota and she worked at Micro Switch for 15 years. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Freeport. She enjoyed crocheting, doing puzzles, making afghans, and many rag rugs. She also made prayer shawls for church. Edna was a member of the Eastern Star. She was a great baker, avid reader, and enjoyed gardening with George. George and Edna also enjoyed canning.

Edna is survived by her husband of 70 years, George of Lena, children; Judy Webster of Lena, James Matz of Culpeper, VA, Donald (Carolyn) Matz of Warren, MN, and Jeffrey (Sue) Matz of Freeport, grandchildren; Jeremy (Stephanie) Matz, Melissa (Shayne) Campbell, Marcus (Kelsie) Matz, Josh (Nikki) Matz, and Kaitlyn Matz, Scott (Jill) Webster, and Aaron Webster (Kris), great grandchildren; Alyssa, Olivia, and Caleb Matz, Carter Campbell, Grayson Matz, Zachary and Kenzee Matz, Nathan, Sarah, and Emily Webster, Gary and Brandy Hunt, brothers and sisters; Carol Gealow, Esther (Dennis) Youngberg, Clifford (Shirley) Johnson, Myrthal (Bill) Brown, and Marilyn Erickson, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and step mother Naomi, son-in-law Charles Webster, siblings Crystal, Maxine, Maynard, James and her twin sister Edvina.

A visitation and funeral services were held Feb 13, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Freeport.

Pastor Eddie Eddy performed the services

Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

JAMES F. HUMMERT

James F. Hummert, 80, passed away on Feb. 4, 2018 at Waverly Place in Stockton, IL. He was the son of John and Kathryn (Drane) born on July 14, 1937 in Chicago IL. James Married Joanne (Dasko) on July 1, 1961 at Saint Simeon Catholic Church in Bellwood, IL. James worked for the United States Postal Service for over 30 years. He started his postal career as a window clerk. He was an active member of the Postal Union, eventually becoming the president. James advanced his postal career to become a Labor Relations Specialist. He was a member of the



Knights of Columbus and the St. Joseph Catholic Church. James was very active in the church, an avid reader, a Chicago Bulls fan, spending time with his family.

James is survived by his five children; Maria (Randy) Schallau of Kalamazoo, MI, Kathleen Blakely-Beukema of Lena, Anita Prindle of Lena, Jenny (Jim) Portincaseo of Alsip, IL, and Steven Hummert of Lena, IL, 12 grandchildren; Jillian, Matthew, Joanna, Rebecca, Joey, Kate, Adam, Ryan, Joshua, Alexis, Jacob and Paige, eight great grandchildren; Sophia, Sydney, Layla, Ava, Charlie, Maisy, Madison, and Luke, one sister Kathryn and several nephews and nieces.

Preceded in death by his; wife; Joanne on Nov. 13, 2012, parents, one brother; John Hummert and one sister; Gloria Neiswanger.

A visitation and funeral service were held Feb. 10, at Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Father Andrew Skrobutt officiated the service.

In Lieu of Flowers a memorial has been established in his memory.

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

JEAN MARIE HEROLD

Jean Marie Herold, 81, of Pearl City, IL, passed away on Feb. 5, 2018. She was born on May 28, 1936 in Sturgis, South Dakota to Alfred and Ruby Gardner. Jean married William A. Herold on Dec. 12, 1954 in Sturgis, South Dakota. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Pearl City, a member of UMW, American Legion Auxillary, and a life member of FFA Alumni.

Survivors include her Husband, William Herold; Son, William (Linda) Herold; Daughter, Diane (Rory) Bardell; Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Sisters, Sally (Jerry) Huffman and Ruby Huck.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Christine, and son Steven.

A visitation and funeral service were held Feb. 10, 2018 at the United Methodist Church in Pearl City, with Pastor Matthew Smith officiating. Burial will

be at Highland Cemetery in Pearl City. A memorial has been established in her memory.

MARLENE M. DAVIS

Marlene M. Davis age 83, of Orangeville went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 7, 2018 at Pleasant View Nursing Home. She was born on Feb. 15, 1934 at her home in Orangeville to Loral and Marion (Ezard) Stites. She married Roscoe Davis on Feb. 5, 1955 in Ft. Wayne, IN and together they raised four children. She was a CNA for 30 years at the Monroe Clinic Birthing Center where she had the joy of giving her grandchildren their first baths. She was a member of the Orangeville United Methodist Church, Home Extension, and United Methodist Church Women and was the Church Secretary. Marlene was a fabulous cook and enjoyed crocheting. She loved dancing especially square dancing, fox trotting, waltzing and the polka. They spent their 40th wedding anniversary in Hawaii and she enjoyed spending time with her family and attending her grandchildren's sporting events.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years Roscoe of Orangeville, Children; Brian (Rosalie) Davis of Harlingen, TX, Mark (Mary Richel) Davis of Orangeville and Lisa (Todd) Flannery of Monroe, WI. Daughter-in-law Lisa Davis of Orangeville. Grandchildren; Brian (Xsenia) Davis Jr, Joe (Ashley) Davis, Rachel (Ryan) Miller, Casey (Cody) Berndt, Rebecca Flannery and Jacob Flannery. 7 great grandchildren; Hailey, Lexi, Jaxsyn, Griffin, Gavin, Lylah and Camdyn Kevin. Brother Ronald Stites of Madison, WI.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son Kevin in 2016 and brother Jim Stites.

A visitation and funeral services were held Feb. 12, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church.

Officiating was Pastor Judy Sherk.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

NANCY LEE BOECK

Nancy Lee Boeck age 70, of Winslow passed away on Monday Feb. 5, 2018 at the Monroe Clinic Hospital

with her family by her side. She was born on Dec. 29, 1947 in Monroe, WI to LeRoy and Marguerite (Knutti) Boeck. She graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1965. She was employed at Advanced Transformer until her retirement. She cooked at the Riverside Inn in Winslow and was known for helping with their Friday Night Fish Fry. She enjoyed baking and spending time with friends and family. She was a member of the Winslow Historical Society and enjoyed cooking brats for the brat stand on Saturday's in Winslow and volunteered her time at Paradise Cove.



She is survived by her sister; Mary Ann (Norman "Bill") Broge of Winslow, IL, nieces and nephews; Teresa (Ric) Joranlien of Browntown, WI, Todd (Kimber) Broge of Durand, IL, great nieces and nephews; Shane (Micki) Lobdell, Cassidy (Weston) Borchert, Hunter Broge and Keagan Broge. Aunt Hattie Clark of Woodford, WI.

A visitation and memorial services were held Feb. 9, at the Winslow Funeral Home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Officiating was Pastor Brian LeBaron.

Burial will be in Rock Lily Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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Stockton Fire Department finds ongoing community support

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

There was a fire in the Stockton firehouse on Feb. 25, 2015. Only a pumper could be saved which was pulled from the building and pressed into service to fight the fire. Most all other equipment, frontline trucks and supplementary vehicles were destroyed.

On Feb. 5, 2018, in an example of continuing community support, Tim Hamilton of the Spahn and Rose Lumber Company in Stockton presented Chief Bruce Marcure with a check in the amount of \$2500 at the opening of the fire departments' February meeting. Hamilton thanked Marcure and Assistant Chief Corey Logemann for their service as well as acknowledging the efforts all the fire fighters.

Chief Marcure said, "Our community has really stepped up to bring the department back. The level of generosity shown by so many has been humbling and it is greatly

appreciated.

"This fire was not just an operational set back, it affected our member's morale. Today, we're 100 percent operational and our morale is as good as ever. One hundred percent of the money donated by the community has been invested in new equipment. With the donations we've purchased a gator and a trailer to haul it. We've also acquired a new grass truck.

"The grass truck is a Dodge pickup with a crew cab that has been fitted with a 300 gallon water tank. It's used to suppress fires that have broken out in grassy pastures or dry crop fields."

Marcure, formerly the assistant chief of the department was promoted to the rank of chief upon the retirement of Randy Baysigner. Marcure believes the Stockton Fire Department will be able to provide a level of safety and security for the residents of Stockton that is second to none.



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Tim Hamilton of the Spahn and Rose Lumber Company in Stockton presents Stockton Fire Chief Bruce Marcure with a check in the amount of \$2500.

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.

Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation welcomes new director

Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation is pleased to welcome Jane Sybers as its new executive director. Sybers, a Monticello resident, has already demonstrated her passion for the Foundation's mission, having served on its board since 2016.

During her 20 years as owner of The Dining Room, a beloved, award-winning restaurant in Monticello, Sybers won the Green County Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

"Successfully running a small business that was dependent on excellent performance and strong community relationships, has helped me

build the skill sets that will also be necessary for my role as an effective Foundation Director," said Sybers. "And as a Foundation board member, I understand the relationship we have with the mission of ministry not only to patients but to the community."

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin. For 18 years, she has served the Green County Food Pantry as a volunteer driver.

As Executive Director of Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, Sybers is responsible for its overall operation and daily management. She

serves as liaison between the community and the Foundation while providing leadership to its Board of Directors.

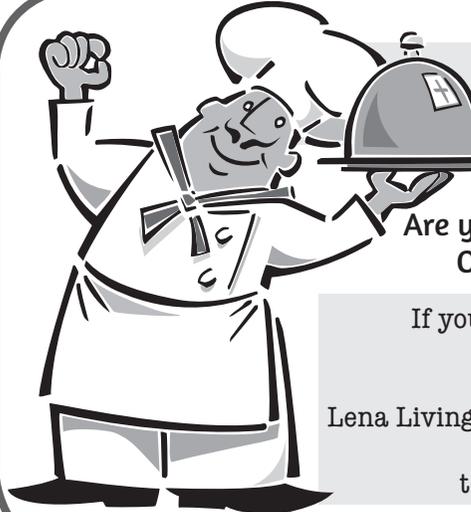


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Jane Sybers is the new Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation Executive Director.

Jo Daviess SWCD opens annual fish sale

The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for the Spring Fish Sale and will continue to take orders through April 13th. Delivery is planned for Monday, April 23, 2018 at 8 a.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building. We are offering Hybrid Sunfish, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Hybrid Redear, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, Albino Catfish, and Fathead Minnows. Please note that Grass Carp must be ordered by April 4. If you wish to order fish call our office at 815-858-3418 ext. 3 or write to the Jo Daviess SWCD, P.O. Box 502, Elizabeth, IL 61028.



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Change to senior citizen income limit for assessment freeze

By Tom Walsh
WINNEBAGO COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

A new law concerning the Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption (Senior Freeze) came into effect for the 2018 tax year, payable in 2019. The new law changes the maximum total household income eligible to qualify for the exemption from \$55,000 to \$65,000. The \$55,000 limit is still in effect for the 2017 tax year, payable in 2018, and earlier years.

This exemption is available to senior citizens (age 65 years and older) who own and occupy their home

as their principal dwelling place and meet the new income requirements.

The past several years the Winnebago County Supervisor of Assessments has sent renewal applications only to the people who qualified for the freeze the prior year. For 2018, the office is making an extra effort to make sure all seniors who might be eligible for the freeze under the new income limit receive notification of the new limit and the proper form to apply. The freeze applications will be sent to all senior citizens who are currently receiving the Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption, whether or not they have

applied or qualified for the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption (PTAX-340) in the past.

Please contact your County Supervisor of Assessments Office for additional information.

The Senior Freeze applications will be sent in early to mid-March.

Farm Bureau to host estate planning session

It's never too early to learn about getting your personal and financial affairs in order. The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau will be hosting, Rick Morgan, Senior Financial Security Consultant from COUNTRY Financial on Tuesday, March 20, 1:30 p.m. for a free, member seminar on farm estate planning, farm continuation, the new tax bill and how it impacts estate planning. Rick has more than 35 years of experience as a trust officer and has been involved in estate, retirement, business, farm continuation and personal financial planning. Questions, call the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau at 815-858-2235.

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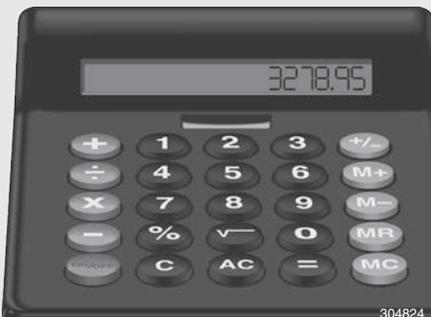
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CHURCH NEWS



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Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton

Randy Downing (on right), from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton, presents a check to Dean Wright, Executive Director of the Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC). Each month the UU Church donates most of the money received in its Sunday collection plate to a charitable organization of its choice; December was the FACC's turn. The UU Church of Stockton also contributes to the FACC food pantry on a regular basis, delivering a substantial number of mostly personal hygiene items. "We think the Freeport Area Church Cooperative does a wonderful job through its food pantry, housing assistance, and homeless shelter programs and are happy to help support its efforts in any way we can", said Downing. "The UU Church of Stockton plans to hold a service within the city of Freeport sometime this spring", he added, "to give those who might be interested an easy opportunity to learn more about the Unitarian Universalist faith". "In the mean time we welcome any and all to our regular Sunday services held at 10:30 a.m. at 219 N. Pearl St, in Stockton."

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Feb. 18, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this First Sunday of Lent with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45am followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

All are invited Wednesday Feb. 21, at 12 p.m. as Good Shepherd host an Ecumenical Lenten Lunch with message from Pastor Miho. The theme for the Lena Area Lenten Lunches is "Seven Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John."

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for a Lenten Supper on Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. and to Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. The service is based on Into the Wild: A Lenten Liturgy and Intergenerational Study on Hunger by ELCA World Hunger. We will explore wilderness in our places and God who walks with us in the wild. People of every age and every walks of their lives are welcome to join.

On Saturday Feb. 24, Good Shepherd will be at the Lena Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

St. John's Lutheran Church

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City for worship on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 9 a.m. The worship will include the Joy Choir. After the worship, Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Memorial and Finance Committee and the Stewardship/Outreach committees will meet after worship. The SPLAT Youth will deliver Grace Meals at 11 a.m. and the February Grace Meal will be served at Noon.

The Fifth Quarter Youth group (Junior High) will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18, upstairs at the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth group (High School) continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All youth groups are open to all area youth and held in the Youth and Family Center.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14. Imposition of Ashes with an abbreviate service will be held at Noon on Ash Wednesday with an additional full service at 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays at Noon during Lent. Mid-week Lenten services will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.

The Women's Gathering will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at St. John's beginning with fellowship followed by a Bible Study and brief meeting. Following the bible a Sit n' Sew will be held. Soup, sandwich and dessert will be provided. Please bring a project you are working on or help with a need of the prayer shawl/quilt ministry. We have several graduate quilts to tie, labels to put on shawls, graduation tags to make or just come for some fellowship. You are welcome to come for a short time or the duration 11 until 3. Hope to see you there. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are attending. You are welcome to call the church office to let

them know you plan to attend.

Rose Marie Schaney, Lena, Illinois, won the \$200 Calendar drawing on Feb. 7. It's not too late. St. John's is selling 2018 calendars with an opportunity to win a \$200 drawing each week. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for \$30, please contact the church office or any member of St. John's. Phone and email information below.

The Monday Evening Bible Study (7 p.m.) and the Thursday morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) continue to meet. The Members and non members alike are welcome.

Need a place to hold an event in Pearl City? The main hall at St. John's is available for rent. Call the church for more information and availability.

St. John's Lutheran Church is at 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, Illinois. The office phone number is 815-443-2215 (mornings). All are invited to our weekly worship services and youth to our Sunday School and youth ministries. You may also email at prshadmin@gmail.com.

St. John's Lena

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena announced its Lent and Easter Worship schedule. Everyone in the community is welcome and invited to attend. The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, with worship services at 7 p.m. Subsequent evening services during Lent will be held on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Good Friday (3/30/18) worship service will also be at 7 p.m.

Our regular weekend worship services are on Saturday, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter weekend there will be no Saturday service (3/31/18), but Easter Sunday (4/1/18) there will be three services at 7, 9, and 10:30 a.m.

Evening Services during Lent will be based on the theme: "Not as I will, but as You will." As we consider the various aspects of that theme in our lives, we pray that we would humbly seek to do God's will in our lives. Sermon titles by date are:

- Feb. 14, God's Will and God's Promise—Abraham
- Feb. 22, God's Will and My Inadequacy—Moses
- March 1, God's Will and My Dreams—David
- March 8, God's Will and My Identity—Mary
- March 15, God's Will and My Worldview—Paul
- March 22, God's Will and My Response—Lydia
- March 29, God's Will and Joyful Service
- March 30, God's Will Is Done

Sunday Worship Services during Lent will also be built on a unified theme, "In Seven Words or Less, Share Your Faith." Each week during Lent our Sunday Lenten services we will work on crafting our own statement of faith.

- Feb. 18, The Gospel in Seven Words
- Feb. 25, Preparing to Confess
- March 4, Captivity and Freedom
- March 11, Death and Life
- March 18, Isolation and Community
- March 25, The Gospel in Your Words
- April 1, Christ is Risen

Please join us for worship during this Holy Season. The whole St. John's family welcomes you.

For more information, please call the church office at 815-369-4035.

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TCEDA Annual Luncheon Meeting features Vicki TenHaken

Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) will be hosting its 2018 Annual Luncheon Meeting at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, 444 Eagle Ridge Drive, Galeana, IL, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15.

TCEDA is honored to host the guest speaker, Vicki TenHaken. TenHaken has been a professor of management at Hope College since 2000. As the Ruch Director of the Baker Scholars program at Hope College, she has guided a select group of honors business students, developing their leadership potential and business professionalism in experiences regionally, nationally and abroad, including trips to Panama, China and India. She led the college's Japan May Term in 2004 where she met Professor Makoto

Kanda who would become her partner in researching long-lived companies.

TenHaken worked in corporate settings for more than 25 years before joining the Hope faculty.

Her positions included executive vice president of strategy, general manager of a successful new business venture, vice president of marketing, director of new business development and corporate planning at Herman Miller, Inc., and human resources management roles at both HMI and General Electric.

Her publications include the 2016 book *Lessons from Century Club Companies: Managing for Long-Term Success*; several papers on topics of leadership and corporate longevity; and a handbook for new managers. In 2007, she received an

award through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program to teach and conduct research in Krakow, Poland.

TenHaken has served on the Board of Trustees for Resthaven Patrons, a health care and housing organization for seniors, and West Michigan Regional Airport. Prior to joining the faculty, she was also a member of Hope College's Board of Trustees.

TCEDA is proud to celebrate the 100-year-old businesses in our region. Our panel of Century Club companies will be moderated by Professor Tenhaken as we celebrate the past, discuss century-long success, and preview future plans.

In addition, TCEDA's fourth annual awards will be presented to honor business collaboration, non-profit collaboration, a communi-

ty collaborator, and the first-ever TCEDA Entrepreneurial Scholarship.

Those wishing to attend the annual luncheon meeting should register by March 1 either online at

www.tceda-nwil.org or by mailing a check to TCEDA, 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 2, Hanover IL 61041.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$225 for a table of eight. Registration is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 815-858-4491.

TCEDA provides development services to support economic opportunity in Jo Daviess, Carroll, and Whiteside counties. For more information about TCEDA, visit www.tceda-nwil.org, or email info@tceda-nwil.org.



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TCEDA is honored to host guest speaker, Vicki TenHaken at its annual luncheon meeting

Curious George, Luke Skywalker, explosions and Japan, Oh my!

Discovery Center Museum will host Family Fun Day events between January and May of 2018. Designed as educational and entertaining programs for families, Family Fun Days focus on a specific subject matter and then explore that subject through various means, including activities, demonstrations, make-and-take projects, performances and the like.

All events are included with general admission to Discovery Center unless otherwise noted. General admission: \$8 adults; \$8 children ages 2-17; free to Discovery Center Members and children age 1 and younger. Imagination. It's alive! Included with Museum admission.

Learn to Draw George and Friends

Saturday, Feb. 17; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Try out drawing techniques presented by professional cartoonist Bruce Quast Practice cartooning skills and pick up new tips and methods for sketching Curious George and other characters. George will stop by to see your drawings at 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. No registration required. Included with Curious George admission: \$1 members / \$11 public.

Discover Engineering

Saturday, Feb. 24; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Crank up your cranium and see how great it feels to solve problems like an engineer! Dozens of engineering professionals are setting up shop in Museum spaces and invite you to participate in hands-on investigations and brain-bending challenges that relate to the jobs they do right here in the Rockford area. Local high school teams are also on hand, showing off their romping robots. Don't miss this eye-opening opportunity to see what engineers

achieve, as you make and take some amazing stuff. This perfect conclusion to National Engineers' Week is included with Museum admission. Sponsored by Huntington Learning Center of Rockford; Advanced Machine/Hennig; and TAC Rockford.

Ag All Around Us

Saturday, March 10; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Roll up your sleeves and get down on the farm! Ask a farmer, peek at live barnyard babies, explore plants and soil, and play with your food. National Agriculture Week is off and running at Discovery Center with cute crafts, earth-loving activities and eye-opening information. Included with Museum admission

Nano Day

Saturday, March 24; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Discover the many devices in your possession that make use of nano science as you bump elbows with real scientists and take part in hands-on activities and science demonstrations. Explore the many shapes of carbon, mimic the iridescence of a butterfly's wing, compare manufactured materials, and understand how science that's too small to see is shaping today's technology! Included with Museum admission.

Spring Into Science

March 26-30; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Hands on science, colorful math, engaging engineering, amazing art, and more!

Included with Museum admission.

Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Member kids: \$3, Public: \$10 adults, \$12 kids

Hop into your favorite Museum and fill your basket with treats as

Discovery Center and Burpee Museum team up for double the fun! Kids ages 9 and under can hunt for eggs at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Kids of all ages get creative with adorable art and spring-time craft fun! Enjoy both museums at one great price. Plan to arrive at least 20 minutes before the hunts begin so you don't miss them!

Astronomy Day

Saturday, April 14; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carroll County Pheasants Forever Longspurs schedule informational meeting

The 2018 Carroll County Pheasants Forever Longspurs Trapshooting team will be starting its new season the first week of April. We will be having an informational meeting on Wednesday Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. at Manny's Savanna. The Scholastic Clay Trapshooting Program is a nationally sponsored youth organization that encourages academics, community service, and marksmanship. Grades 3 through 12 participate in age group and experience group shooting sports. This is all done under the watchful eye of NRA certified shotgun instructors Brock Wackerlin, Greg Harmston, Mike Haring, and Thom Casey. We are looking for in-

terested individuals, both boys and girls from ages 8 through 18 who would like to learn how to trapshoot. We stress safety. We also have equipment available and are able to provide recommendations for purchasing equipment for the new and more advanced shooters.

Future Nurse Academy

Saturday, April 21; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The longspurs were started in 2008 by James Wackerlin, Thom Casey, Greg Harmston, Dan Hartman, and 20 very energetic young shooters. Since that time we have participated in dozens of state level competitions and over 10 national competitions. The shooters have scored numerous top three team and individual scores at the different age levels. We also

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Soil and Water Management Seminar offers continuing education

Soil and water interactions will be the focus of a Soil and Water Management Webinar sponsored by University of Illinois Extension on Feb. 20. The workshop will be held at the University of Illinois Extension in Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Offices. Presentations will be delivered via web conferencing from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

"Those attending will hear about the latest University of Illinois research on soil erosion and how extreme weather affects nutrient transport. Other presenters from Purdue, Georgia and Missouri will discuss cov-

er crop selection, soil microbes, and soil health tests," says Duane Friend, U of I Extension Educator. Certified Crop Advisors will receive 4.5 continuing education units in Soil and Water Management by attending this seminar.

Registration is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. The registration deadline is Feb. 19. Registration can be completed on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw or by calling the University of Illinois Extension: Jo Daviess County 815-858-2273, Stephenson County 815-235-4125, or Winnebago County 815-986-4357.

U of I Extension offers annual Joys of Gardening event

Mark your calendars for the 21st annual Joys of Gardening program offered by the University of Illinois Extension and the U of I Extension Master Gardeners. Slated for Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Highland Community College Student Conference Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, the program will begin with registration at 8 a.m., keynote address at 8:25 a.m., and breakout sessions following the keynote.

Seasons on Henry's Farm and Founder of The Land Connection will give the Keynote address "The Joys and Challenges of Growing Fruits and Vegetables".

Following the keynote presentation will be a series of four breakout sessions. Each breakout session will include unique garden related classes. Session 1: 21st Century Victory Gardens, Cooking with Fresh Produce, Making Succulent Terrariums, Climate Resources for Gardeners,

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Session 4: Providing for Pollinators. Local professionals, Extension Staff and U of I Extension Master Gardeners will lead each of the classes.

Joys of Gardening will again feature the popular Master Gardener Seed Giveaway. Master Gardeners have collected, cleaned, and packaged seeds from their yards and these seeds will be available to participants at no charge. In addition, a silent auc-

tion will be held to support programs offered by the University of Illinois Extension- Master Gardeners. There will be door prizes and educational displays as well.

For more information about Joys of Gardening visit web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw or call (815) 235-4125. The registration cost for the program is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is Feb. 9.

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Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension schedules February meeting

The Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will hold its regular February meeting, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Pearl City Public Library in Pearl City, Illinois. Karen Pohl will give the lesson on "Garden Pest Identification and Control". Refreshments will be served

by Judy Shippee and Marie Boyer. We will be gifting new bride, Rachel Ferguson, with a monetary bridal shower and a favorite recipe from each member. The non-perishable food items collected this month will be given to the Pearl City Food Pantry.

'Prairie Wind' magazine now accepting submissions for 2018 edition

Submissions are now being accepted for the twenty-sixth annual Prairie Wind art and literary magazine. The Prairie Wind is a collection of original poetry, prose, visual art, and recorded music contributed by students, staff, alumni, and other members of the Highland Community College District. All writers and artists residing in the Highland District (Stephenson, Ogle, Carroll and Jo Daviess counties) may submit work to be considered for publication.

The annual magazine publishes in May.

Submission guidelines are available at www.highland.edu/community/prairiewind.asp. The deadline is Feb. 28, 2018. More information is available from the magazine's faculty advisors:

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Highland Community College, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, Ill has published the annual magazine since 1992. It is a cooperative project of the Humanities, Graphic Design, Art, and Music departments in the Division of Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts. The editorial board is composed of students and volunteer community members who are guided by a team of faculty advisors.

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Pet Talk: Pets celebrate Valentine's Day every day

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, many of us can't help but look at our pets and remember the day we fell in love with them. We are fortunate to share our lives with such caring (and cute) animals, which is why we do everything we can to keep our pets happy and healthy.

However, pets do a lot for us, too. They teach us how to love unconditionally and be a good friend. They are also there to lend a comforting paw in times of need.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, Dr. Sarah Griffin, a lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, described some of the ways our furry friends show us love and affection.

"Cats show affection by purring, sitting in your lap, rubbing against your leg, and following you around," Griffin said. "Sometimes, they may even gently nip or bite you."

Cat owners may also find that their

pet brings them toys; random, found objects (such as hair ties); or even a small bird or mouse. This is considered a present and is a sign that your kitty loves and cares for you.

Dogs show affection through tail wagging, licking, and playing with their owners, Griffin said. Dogs may also curl up next to you for a nap, especially after a relaxing walk. When this happens, it is common courtesy to go ahead and take a nap, too.

With all the love our pets show us, it's no surprise that they have plenty of love for other animals.

Both dogs and cats will play, cuddle, groom each other, and nap together. Though dogs and cats are sometimes portrayed as enemies, it is actually common for dogs and cats to

become cuddle-buddies and friends.

There is no doubt that pets are a special part of the family. This Valentine's Day (and every day), appreciate the gift of unconditional love from your pet. Reciprocate love not only to your pet, but also to the family and friends in your life.





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• Competition (Continued from front page)

teen speaking categories move on to Sectionals, and this year was no exception. Orangeville junior Justin Malone collected his second consecutive Radio Speaking Regional championship and finished second in Oratorical Declamation. Lena-Winslow senior Asa Lake tied for first place in Humorous Interpretation while fellow Panther senior John Jurkovic claimed fourth in Original Comedy. Mollee Brumfield, who has seen her poetry selection, a poignant creation that deals with the tragic death of Emmitt Till, climb in the ranks in the regular season's second half, finished fourth in Poetry

Reading.

Two freshman also moved on, Alysse Potter (third in Original Oratory) and Jennifer Swedlund (fourth in Informative) as did sophomore Ashlyn Enck (fourth in Extemporaneous).

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The 2018 Le-Win/Orangeville Sectional Speech Team, from left: Ashlyn Enck, Alysse Potter, Jennifer Swedlund, Justin Malone, Mollee Brumfield, Asa Lake, John Jurkovic.



College News

Orangeville student named to Dean's List at Rockford University

Courtney Thilmany, of Orangeville attends Rockford University and is named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester, earning at least a 3.5 GPA with no grades below "C" and having completed all requirements for the semester.

Rockford University offers approximately 80 majors, minors and concentrations, including the adult accelerated degree completion program for a B.S. in Management Studies. Through its Graduate Studies department, degrees are extended to include the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) and Master of Education in Urban Education (MED).

UW-Platteville announces Chancellor's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville celebrated nearly 300 students who earned perfect 4.0 grade-point averages to earn Chancellor's List honors.

Included on the Chancellor's List were the following local students: Greta Heimerdinger, Agricultural Business and Jacquelyn Purple, Elementary Education, both of Pearl City.

UW-Platteville's 8,400 undergraduate and graduate students may choose from 41 majors, 66 minors and 17 pre-professional programs.

2018 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference slated for March 7

The 2018 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, in Stockton, IL. Plan to join the University of Illinois Extension for this annual conference from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 223 E Front Ave, Stockton, IL

Presenters at the event will include Denise Schwab, ISU Extension Beef Field Specialist, Russel Higgins, U of I Extension Commercial Ag Educator, Teresa Steckler, U of I Extension Commercial Ag Educator, Jay Solomon, U of I Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator, Philip Alberti, U of I Extension Commercial Ag Educator, and Matt Bunker NRCS Grasslands Specialist.

To register for the 2018 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference, call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273 or register on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration fee is \$20 before February 23, \$25 after February 23, or \$30 the day of the conference.

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Freeport celebrates Lincoln-Douglas Debate anniversary

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

A General Discussion, as debates were called then, between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas was scheduled to be heard in Freeport, Illinois in 1858.

Freeport was still a frontier town. The population in 1858 was around 3000 citizens. For one day at least, the population of Freeport would be increased fivefold as fifteen thousand people traveled to this Illinois town to hear a pair of the most eminent speakers of the day engage in debate. Posters and broadsides went up across northern Illinois as well as parts of Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, announcing the Lincoln and Douglas debate. On Aug. 21, an estimated crowd numbering 15,000 people stood in the area now known as Debate Square.

E.A. Washburne reminiscing in 1880's about the debates said, "The Freeport discussion was held in August. The day was bright, but the wind sweeping down the prairies gave us a chilly afternoon."

This year Lincoln will be returning to Freeport. During the 160th anniversary year of the Lincoln - Douglas debates, the Association of Lincoln Presenters will be holding their annual conference in Freeport. The event is scheduled to be held April 19 - 22.

Laura Keyes, head of Adult Services at the Freeport Library, is herself a Mary Lincoln presenter. Keyes, who will be the official hostess of the event, has been instrumental in bringing the conference to Freeport. The scheduled events will make this year's gathering exceptional. Keyes was gripped by the Mary Lincoln character when she first appeared at the Winneshiek Theatre as Mary in 2008, the sesquicentennial year of the debates. Since then, she has appeared in character numerous times, telling Mary Lincoln's Story, a program Keyes has created. Keyes was awarded first prize for her Mary Lincoln Oratory in October of 2017 during Lincoln Days in Hodgeville, Kentucky.

George Buss, a Freeport resident has been a Lincoln presenter for more than 30 years. Buss has had the honor of being invited to Gettysburg National Park a number of times to portray Lincoln and deliver the Gettysburg Address. Buss said, "It will be nice to share the history of the debates in Freeport and its interpretation. I hope that people can realize that Lincoln was a flawed man who did his best to make the world better."

As for appearing in public and recreating Lincoln as a living entity,



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Freeport's Debate Square is an acre plus park with winding walkways, benches, and vivid landscaping commemorating the Second Lincoln Douglas Debate of August 27, 1858.

Buss said, "The most difficult thing in portraying Lincoln are the too many misconceptions people have about who Lincoln was. Lincoln is still relevant. Politics divide us. It's how we as people react that matters. Seeing people experience my interpretation makes it worthwhile."

There will also be presentations of Mary Lincoln by Laura Keyes and others, such as Susan Viola Miller. Miller said, "I have been a member of the Lincoln Presenters since 2010. Presenters must be historically accurate. Presenters keep history alive. Lincoln is still relevant because of his story. Lincoln went from log cabin to the highest office in the United States to martyr."

Keyes and the other presenters are enthusiastic about the conference coming to Freeport. Keyes said, "We're expecting 50 or more presenters, many of whom will be traveling with spouses. In addition to Lincoln presenters there will be Mary Lincoln presenters, civil war re-enactors, a number of Lincoln scholars and some people who simply enjoy learning about Lincoln and history."

"We've made arrangements for bus tours of Freeport, a visit to the Black Hawk Battle Monument, several different lectures and more."

"There's something very gratifying about being a presenter. Beyond educating people, I feel as if I'm sharing something with those who share a common interest in history. I feel as though I'm helping people to better know and understand who Mary Lincoln really was."

For more information look at the



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website, www.lincolnpresenters.net/next_convention or the Facebook page, Association of Lincoln Presenters. Laura Keyes also has a Facebook page, Historic Voices where you can learn more about Mary Lincoln as well as Laura's other presentations.

American Legion Auxiliary announces Pie Baking and Soup Competition winners

The pie baking was held on Saturday, Jan. 27 and on Sunday, Jan. 28, a soup tasting was held. The soups rated the best were Cheesy Ham and Rice, Sauerkraut, Brown Jug and Cheeseburger.

Pie Baking Winners were: first place Shelby Clark of Lena with her blueberry pie, second place Shirley Boyer of Stockton with her peach pie and third place Jean Turner of German Valley with her apple pie.

Maxine Dittmar, Sarah Todd and David Finkenbinder all of Lena judged the recent Pie Baking contest held by the American Legion Auxiliary.



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This year's proceeds will go to the church improvement fund and special project funds.

Cake Walk provided all evening proceeds going to support the Trinity Lutheran Sunday School.

Wildcats late season success overlooked

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The River Ridge Wildcats have been one of the strongest teams in the area since the calendar flip in 2018. They won nine straight down the closing stretch, haven't lost since a Jan. 6 meeting with Lena-Winslow and have taken down eleven of twelve opponents faced since December Holiday Tournament play. In the busy 1A field though, they will still have to "play-in" to see action in the Regional Semi-Final.

In most tournament brackets a team such as River Ridge would not

be required to start the post-season until the Regional Semi-Final level. They were too good during the regular season to be starting in a "play-in" capacity.

However, because the NUIC is loaded with many small schools and the games are played in the winter, the Regional design requires a team such as three-seed River Ridge to get an earlier start. Their action on Tuesday night helps fill the bracket for the Dakota Regional Semi-Final.

The only team already waiting in the second round will be the Lena-Winslow Panthers. They picked

up the two seed. The Wildcats start on Tuesday, for one reason, because of their loss to Lena-Winslow earlier this year.

River Ridge began the final week of the regular season two games off of the lead in the loss column, with an 18-6 overall mark and an 8-3 conference standing. It's a strong position, given how talented the NUIC-West has been this year. They will deal with Scales Mound on Friday, Feb. 16 to close their regular campaign and then get ready for the Tuesday, Feb. 20 opener and the challenges that the 12-seed Durand Bulldogs may provide.

The winners from the matches featuring River Ridge and Durand as well as five-seed Freeport Aquin and nine-seed Dakota on Tuesday, Feb. 20, will meet up on Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the 7:30 p.m. Dakota Regional Semi-Final. The winner in the opener between six-seed Orangeville and eight-seed Pecatonica on Monday, Feb. 19, will play in the 6 p.m. game on Wednesday against the two-seed Panthers.

The Panthers are 9-1 and lead the NUIC-West. They are 19-5 on the year and have a one game "win-advantage" over River Ridge, East Dubuque and Pearl City. All three

of those challengers have eight West wins this season.

The conference race remained intact as the final week of the regular season opened on Monday, Feb. 12. Pearl City and East Dubuque faced off at Pearl City on Monday and the Wolves still have to deal with Stockton on Friday, Feb. 16, before their season comes to a close.

NUIC-West leader Lena-Winslow played host to Eastland on Tuesday night, Feb. 13 and will close the regular season on Friday, Feb. 16 at West Carroll before they head east to Dakota for the Class 1A Regional Semi-Final next Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Wolves look for final shot at conference crown

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Next week the Class 1A Boys' Basketball State Playoffs begin and the Pearl City Wolves get to wait a couple days before they actually have to play. There will be a little more business that has to be handled before consideration of the post-season can truly begin. The Wolves are in the thick of the hunt for the NUIC-West Title.

A lot of things have to happen for Pearl City, before any title can be captured. The first step requires winning their remaining games and it started on Monday in a match

against one of the many teams chasing Lena-Winslow this year, East Dubuque. Details on that contest are unavailable in this week's edition of the Shopper's Guide, unfortunately.

The Wolves opened the final week of the regular season with an 8-1 NUIC-West mark. Their loss total equaled Lena-Winslow's total. The Panthers had one more conference game under their belt, giving them the slight edge with their 9-1 mark. If Lena-Winslow wins out, they'll capture the title.

On Monday, if Pearl City knocked off East Dubuque, they will be fighting Stockton for the right to be no

worse than a co-conference champion by the end of the week. If the Panthers lose once and the Wolves win out, Pearl City will claim the NUIC-West alone this year.

Pearl City entered the final week of the regular season on a hot streak. Prior to a Feb. 6 loss to the Milledgeville Missiles, the Wolves had won five straight. Since then they have run into both Lena-Winslow and East Dubuque, but they are still in the equation, based on how cramped the top half of the conference is. Five teams are within two games of the conference lead with a week to play.

The post-season begins on Monday, Feb. 19, but the Wolves won't have to suit up on opening night. They will begin the 1A Tournament at the Regional Semi-Final and they will face a team they will be favored to beat. This year's design sees seven-seed Stockton taking on 13-seed Scales Mound on Monday, Feb. 19, with the winner moving on to face the four-seed Wolves.

The top half of the East Dubuque Regional bracket features a Monday opener between ten-seed Galena

and eleven-seed Warren. The survivor from Monday will play on Tuesday, Feb. 20, against the home team and overall number one seed, East Dubuque.

The Class 1A Regional Final will be played on Friday, Feb. 23 against the last two teams standing. The numbers seem to indicate that East Dubuque and Pearl City will be on track to a Friday meeting with the winner given a pass to Sectional play at Eastland High School on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

College News

Minnesota State Mankato announces 2017 Fall Semester Dean's List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Marilyn Wells.

Among 3,235 students, a total of 764 students including Rachel Edler of Lena, a Junior, Honor List, Biol:

Biomedical Sciences qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2471 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Minnesota State Mankato, a comprehensive university with 14,712 students, is part of the Minnesota State system, which includes 30 colleges and seven universities.

Pearl City Park District schedules 2018 summer ball registration

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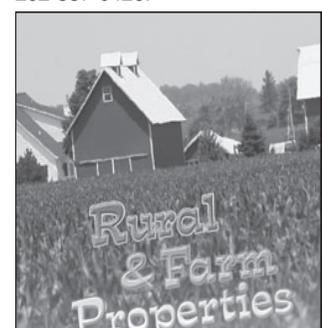
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Commonly Overlooked Tax Deductions and Credits

A reminder from the Illinois CPA Society

While the new tax laws will eliminate many deductions beginning in 2018, taxpayers can still minimize their tax liability by taking advantage of available credits and deductions this filing year. The Illinois CPA Society wants to make sure you are aware of these commonly overlooked items when preparing your 2017 taxes.

Charitable donations deductions

Contributions of cash and goods (such as clothing or furniture) to qualified charities may be eligible as tax deductions. A record of the transaction, such as a canceled check or receipt from the charitable organization, is required for tax reporting. Smaller contributions, such as purchasing stamps for charitable fundraiser mailings or buying ingredients to make treats for a charity bake sale may also count for out-of-pocket charitable donations, if you have receipts and/or a tax letter from the charitable organization.

Stockton Music Boosters herald annual fundraiser

The Stockton Music Boosters are having a fundraiser supper at Stella's Café in Stockton on March 9. There are two seating times of 5:30 and 7 p.m. The meal is \$25 per person with a choice of Prime Rib, Coconut Shrimp, or Mushroom stuffed chicken. There will be students performing solos and ensembles and a sneak preview of the upcoming musical "Hello Dolly".

Please call Stella's for reservations.

Job search tax deductions

Taxpayers may deduct certain expenses incurred while looking for a job in their same line of work – not in a new field of employment. Expenses covering phone calls, resume preparation and career counseling may be deductible. You don't have to be unemployed to claim some job search costs and only expenses that are greater than 2 percent of your current income may be deducted.

Home mortgage deductions

Many taxpayers already take advantage of deducting mortgage interest on their primary residence and up to certain limits on a second home. However, mortgage insurance premiums may also be written off as mortgage interest paid.

Individual retirement account (IRA) deductions

Tax-exempt contributions of up to \$5,500 (\$6,500 for those age 50 and older) to traditional IRAs can be made for 2017 tax filings right up until the filing deadline on April 17.

Choice of standard or itemized deductions

Instead of taking a standard federal deduction, taxpayers may choose to itemize deductions to potentially gain a bigger tax break. If declining a standard deduction, taxpayers may itemize their state income taxes paid or state sales taxes paid, but not both. Also, itemizing state sales taxes can be calculated based on income.

Student loan interest deductions

Taxpayers with a modified adjusted gross income of less than \$80,000 (\$165,000 if married filing jointly) can deduct up to \$2,500 of student loan interest. It must be a qualified student loan for you, your spouse or a dependent. Loans from a qualified employer or private loans from fam-

ily or friends are not eligible.

Self-employed health coverage deductions

Taxpayers who are self-employed or own their own businesses may deduct their health insurance premiums. Those who qualify for Medicare coverage may also deduct supplemental policies if they pay for additional Medicare coverage. To qualify for these deductions, you cannot be covered by any other health insurance policy.

Home office deductions

Eligible taxpayers can deduct \$5 for every square foot of workspace used up to a maximum of 300 square feet. If you use a spare bedroom measuring 270 square feet (18' x 15') exclusively as a home office – multiply 270 by \$5 for total home office tax deduction of \$1,350. Another room used part of the time as a home office, such as a kitchen, would not qualify. What's often overlooked is space in the basement or garage used exclusively for records, tools or product inventory storage.

Teacher tax deductions

Educators who often reach into their own pockets to buy classroom supplies may qualify for up to \$250 in tax deductions.

Dependent child tax credits

A \$1,000 maximum tax credit per child age 17 or younger is available for qualifying taxpayers.

Child and dependent care tax credits – Taxpayers who paid for childcare while working or looking for employment may deduct some

of those expenses based on their adjusted growth income (AGI). Dependent children must be under 13-years-old at the time of care to qualify.

Lifetime Learning credits

Taxpayers and family members may earn a tax credit of 20 percent of tuition expenses, with a maximum of \$2,000 in tax credits on the first \$10,000 of college tuition expenses. Qualifying individuals, spouses or dependents must be enrolled at an eligible educational institution and the taxpayer claiming the deduction must be responsible for paying college expenses.

Green energy tax credits

Those who bought and installed

solar energy panels (also known as photovoltaic systems) or solar water heaters for their homes in 2017 may be eligible for energy tax credits. Certain requirements must be met to qualify. For example, equipment must be used for a "qualifying property" – not including swimming pools or hot tubs. More information is available by visiting www.energystar.gov.

CPAs have the answers

Everyone's tax situation is unique. A CPA can help determine if you're taking all your entitled tax breaks. The Illinois CPA Society has a free "Find a CPA" online directory to help you locate a tax expert in your area that best meets your needs.

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ComEd is proud to once again offer the Green Region and Powering Safe Communities grants for governmental entities in our service territory. We are accepting applications until March 16. Green Region and Powering Safe Communities will award grants - up to \$10,000 - through a competitive grant-application process, with applications reviewed by Openlands and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

Please share the information below with your governmental entities within your respective districts and

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Lt Governor visits Orangeville

The Orangeville High School students had the opportunity to spend an afternoon with Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti when she visited the school Tuesday.



Illinois Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti held an afternoon press conference at Orangeville High School Tuesday to explain the benefits of the school's participation in the Illinois Virtual School AP Program.

2018 election of Stephenson County SWCD Directors held

The Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District held their annual election of Directors on Feb. 8, at the U.S.D.A. Service Center in Freeport. Three directors' terms were available for the 2018 elections. Re-elected to a two year term were current board members Chad Alderks and Seth Wenzel. Joining for his first two year term is Dan Diaz.

Chad, Seth and Dan will join the District Board Members Barb Klinger and Jim Hutchison for the upcoming year beginning in March.

4-H Summer Camp could change your child's life

Registration for 4-H Camp 2018 is open! 4-H Camp is set for June 11-15, at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center, LOMC in Oregon, IL. Sign up today to get your child in on all of the amazing fun!

4-H Camp is a five-day, four-night residential camping experience that is conducted cooperatively by University of Illinois Extension staff in Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago Counties and the professional staff at LOMC.

Historically, parents have sent their children to 4-H Camp for a variety of reasons: to have fun, to make new friends, to develop new skills, to be physically active and to appreciate nature. 4-H Camp is about way more than one week of fun. Sending your child to 4-H Camp will allow them to create memories they will carry with them through adulthood. 4-H camp teaches youth to make good decisions, build their self-confidence, become independent and gain the ability to work well with others. These skills will help youth develop into strong adult leaders. In addition, 4-H camp counselors devote much of their personal time to ensure today's campers have the same great experience they did as children.

Campers at 4-H Camp will check-in from 6-6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, and checkout from 6-6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15. During camp week,

youth will engage in a variety of activities designed to challenge, educate and entertain. Two or three free-choice periods will be offered daily and will include options such as hiking, shooting sports, arts and crafts, canoeing, team building challenges, zip-lining, swimming, and more. Evening activities will be provided by the 4-H camp counselors and include campfires, a games night and a dance. It is guaranteed to be a blast!

4-H Camp is open to ALL boys and girls, ages 8-14 by June 11, 2018. 4-H membership is not required; however, all participants will be expected to comply with the same high behavior standards expected of 4-H'ers. Youth need to be interested and excited to have a week of outdoor fun, away from television and technology.

Cost is \$300 for 4-H members and \$320 for non-4-H members until March 1. After that date, the price goes up \$20. All camp fees must be paid in full by May 21, 2018. Download a camper application on-line at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo> or you can register online at <http://go.illinois.edu/4HSummerCamp>. You may also call an office near you: Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273; Ogle County Extension at 815-732-2191; or Stephenson Counties at 815-235-4125. Slots for boys and girls cabins will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Two new members join SSM Health Ministries and SSM Health Board of Directors

Two new members have been appointed to SSM Health Ministries – Sr. Mary Noel Brown, CSA, of Fond du Lac, Wis., and Fr. Michael Rozier, S.J., of Ann Arbor, Mich. As the health system's sponsoring body, SSM Health Ministries is responsible for preserving the organization's Roman Catholic identity and serving as liaison to the Vatican. With the appointment to SSM Health Ministries, Sr. Brown and Fr. Rozier also become members of the SSM Health

Board of Directors.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Sr. Mary Noel Brown and Fr. Michael Rozier join SSM Health Ministries and our board of directors," said Laura S. Kaiser, FACHE, president/chief executive officer of SSM Health. "Their expertise, vision and leadership gifts will be invaluable as we continue providing exceptional healthcare services to meet the needs of our patients and communities."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM MAY 1, 2018 TO APRIL 30, 2019

LENA COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Park Commissioners, Lena Community Park District, has approved a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, which is/has been on file for inspection at the Office of the Lena Community Park District, 609 North Schuyler Street, Lena, Illinois for thirty (30) days or more, and that a Public Hearing on the proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2019 will be held on March 16th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Office of the Park District, 609 North Schuyler Street, Lena, Illinois.

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By: Ethan Lartz, Secretary
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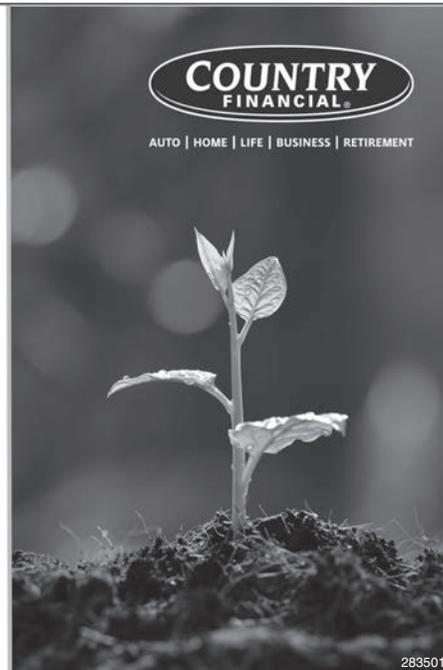
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The Mighty Richland Players in Orangeville will be holding a Trivia Night as a fundraiser for their historic theater. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Route 20 Bar and Grill, 2051 N. AYP Rd. in Freeport, IL. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with trivia beginning at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Teams can range from four to six people, and it is \$10/person to participate. Prizes will be raffled off throughout the evening. There are first and second cash prizes for the winning teams. Register early and earn your team one free answer.

For more information or to register, please call the theater at (815) 819-1310.

100 years since the Flu Pandemic of 1918

Compiled by Dr. DeeDee Wampfler D.C.

PREMIER CHIROPRACTIC

The CDC states that there is no better way to prevent the flu than to get the flu vaccine every year. Yet, a new study out of Canada estimates that this year's flu vaccine is only about 17% effective.

With the growing concern of safety and effectiveness of many vaccines, including the flu vaccine, many question this approach and instead seek out ways to support the immune system.

The spine's intimate relationship with the brain and spinal cord play an important role in better health and disease prevention. A study performed by Dr. Ronald Pero, Ph.D., chief of cancer prevention research at New York's Preventive Medicine Institute and professor of medicine at

New York University showed that people under chiropractic care for five years or more as compared to those in the general population had a 200% greater immune competence than those who had not received chiropractic care and a 400% greater immune competence than people with cancer and other serious diseases. Also important in this study was that the immune system superiority of those under chiropractic care did not appear to diminish with age. Dr. Pero stated: "When applied in a clinical framework, I have never seen a group other than this chiropractic group to experience a 200% increase over the normal patients. The results were astounding and he has never seen such a positive improvement in a group"

Another study, produced by the Dr. Sid Willams Research Center at Life

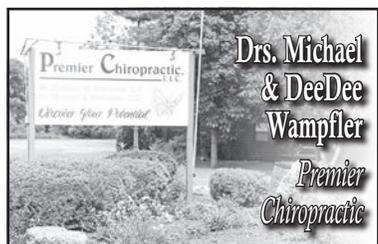
Chiropractic University took a group of HIV positive patients over a six-month period. With chiropractic adjustments, the patients had a 48% increase in the number CD4 cells (an important immune system component).

The control group that did not receive chiropractic adjustments actually experienced a decrease in CD4 cell counts by almost 8%.

The Journal of Chiropractic and Osteopathy published a study in 2010 noting the increased immune response in people who received thoracic (mid-upper back) chiropractic adjustments. Those who received spinal adjustments showed a significant increase in immunoglobulin G (IgG) and immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibodies and an increased production of interleukin 2 (IL-2) – an immunoregulatory cytokine, instrumental in the body's response to microbial infection and for the body's ability to discriminate between foreign (non-self) and self. This is showing significant increased immune response following chiropractic adjustments.

Perhaps the most recognized, wide-reaching demonstration of Chiropractic and increased immune health was during the tragic flu pandemic of 1918.

The pandemic infected almost



one third of the world's population, killing between 20 and 50 million people. More than 25 percent of the

U.S. population was affected and over a half a million Americans lost their lives to the flu – many of whom were young, healthy adults.

During this pandemic, doctors of chiropractic administered spinal ad-

justments that focused on the health and well-being of the nervous system. Medical statistics in Davenport, Iowa, detailed 4,953 cases of flu treated by 50 medical doctors that resulted in 274 deaths. In the same city, 150 chiropractors including students and faculty at the

Palmer School of Chiropractic treated 1,635 cases with only one death.

Only ¼ of 1% (0.0025 percent) of patients receiving Chiropractic adjustments died during the pandemic verses 9.2% of flu cases that received medical attention. Chiropractic patients experienced approximately 1/40th of the death rate experienced by those patients seek-

ing medical intervention.

In this same pandemic, New York health authorities showed that under chiropractic care, only 25 patients died of influenza (the flu) out of every 10,000 cases, whereas 950 died out of every 10,000 patients with the flu who sought medical treatment. Reports from Oklahoma showed that chiropractors treated 3,490 cases of influenza with only 7 deaths and there is a clear record showing that chiropractors were called in 233 cases where medical doctors had cared for the patients and had given them up for lost – the chiropractors saved all but 25.

Medical approaches may have changed in this 100-year period

since the terrible flu pandemic of 1918, but chiropractic adjustments remain the same. Doctors of chiropractic are highly trained and educated. They administer specific chiropractic adjustments to the spine in areas of misalignment to restore the balance and function of the nervous system, which controls the entire body. Chiropractic adjustments have been shown to increase a person's immune system and restore their health without drugs or surgery. It makes sense to arm your defenses with a healthy immune system through regular chiropractic care and to seek the immune boosting benefits of chiropractic care at times of sickness.

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