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## There's no place like Lena for Dorothy cheeses

By John Day  
CORRESPONDENT

There's a long history of cheese making in northwest Illinois. A local cheesemaker that has a recognizable name is Kolb – Lena. Dorothy (Renter) Demeter had been involved with Kolb – Lena, a family business, her entire life. Dorothy and her husband James Demeter grew the company from a small business to what it is today.

The company is now owned by Savencia Fromage. Although the name has changed, making quality cheese continues. Savencia, a French company, is a world leader of quality cheese production. Their blue cheese has been ranked number one in both France and the U.K. Savencia has a reputation for its commitment to local users, while creating new products.

Savencia has invested 12 million dollars in the Lena plant over the last three years. Modern and efficient sanitary control systems as well as computerized quality control monitoring are now being used. A considerable amount of high tech robotics and other equipment, much of it proprietary, now operates the production line.

It has been 35 years since Jim and Dorothy Demeter cut a ribbon opening the plant on Route 20. This year a ribbon cutting ceremony ushers in a new era and a new cheese. A number of dignitaries gathered at Savencia Fromage for the introduction, a tour of the facility and a ribbon cutting. The new product is Dorothy's Cheese. Sebastien Lahembre, Product Manager said, "Dorothy's Cheese is a symbol of respect and admiration for Dorothy Demeter. Dorothy was truly a professional. Come Back Cow is an artisan brie that has rustic fragrant notes. Keep Dreaming is a stronger, robust flavored, soft ripened brie.

A tour of the facilities was given by Gilbert Bourgouin, Plant Manager and Leisa Hubb. Both Hubb and Bourgouin explained each step of the process as well as explaining the chemistry involved in making cheese during the tour.



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Cutting the ribbon in celebration of the new Savencia Fromage Dorothy product line are Fred Demeter, son of the late Dorothy Demeter, Guillaume Lacroix, Consul General of France, Dominique Huth, President/CEO Savencia USA, Dennis Bergman, Lena Village Council President

During a presentation and tasting of Dorothy's Cheese, Dominique Huth, President/CEO of Savencia USA spoke about the overall company philosophy. Huth said, "What is artisanal cheese? It is a high quality cheese made to the highest traditional standards. But how is that done in factory using very sophisticated equipment?"

"We do it by using the most modern techniques while retaining respect for the cheese, milk and the process. We use the best ingredients and although our plant is automated, we still work by hand with those

parts of the process that are most important. The human touch and eye cannot be replaced."

Explaining the idea behind Dorothy's Cheese, Lahembre said, "We wanted to honor Dorothy Dement. She told us several times that it was important to move ahead, following

your dreams. However, it's just as important to remember our traditions and give back to others.

"We looked at Dorothy's amazing life. Her ancestors came to Illinois in 1828. The family started a cheese dairy in 1925 and she spent her life in farming and cheese making. When

she went to college she enrolled at Iowa State, becoming the first woman ever to enter the Dairy Industry Program. She came home to work in the family business and took it from small store to a major producer.

"Comeback Cow is a reference to Dorothy as a young girl who would work late in the family cheese dairy, until dark, when the cows come home. Keep Dreaming refers to Dorothy's dream of making the perfect soft ripened brie. The cheeses which carry Dorothy's name are shaped like her favorite spring flowers found in the Apple River Canyon."

In keeping with Dorothy's reminder to give back, Savencia has spoken with Iowa State University, and Nick Van Berkum, Assistant Director of Development, College of Agriculture said, "We've talked about things like class visits, internships and other kinds of opportunities. I think there are some great possibilities."

Addressing the group, Guillaume Lacroix, Consul General of France said, "I am pleased to see this company doing so well and the relationship it has established with the community of Lena. I'm Sure Lena and Savencia can look forward to working together even more in the future."

Dennis Bergman, Lena Village Board President said, "All of us would like to thank Consul Lacroix as well as Mr. Huth for coming to Lena today. And yes, we look forward to continuing our relationship Savencia."

Lehembre said, "The future holds great promise. This site has room for expansion and we have a great partner in Lena. Right now Dorothy's Cheese is sold exclusively at Mariano's Markets. We want to become a larger part of the community and that would include reopening the cheese shop here so Dorothy's Cheese can come back."

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## Black Dress for a Cause

Featuring a fashion show by local businesses, and billed as the "Women's event of the year," Black Dress for a Cause 2018 did not disappoint.



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Mrs. Wisconsin International Tashona Smith was among the celebrities on the runway at this year's Black Dress for a Cause event. Smith modeled for Juliet's Bridal.



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Karina Tormohlen strolls the Black Dress for a Cause runway wearing something vibrant from Fluegel's Boutique.



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This circle of friends joined with hundreds of others to celebrate Black Dress for a Cause and raise more than \$11K for CONTACT of Northern Illinois, a 24-hour crisis helpline.

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While we didn't spot a single Kardashian, this table of VIPS brought more than simple "street-style" glamour to the 2018 Black Dress for a Cause.

# Madigan issues 2017 Public Access Report

In recognition of Sunshine Week, Attorney General Lisa Madigan today released the Public Access Counselor's annual report detailing nearly 3,900 new matters received in 2017. The Public Access Counselor (PAC) works to increase transparency in Illinois government by resolving disputes regarding public bodies' compliance with the state's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Open Meetings Act (OMA)

Since its creation in 2010, more than 35,000 matters have been submitted to the PAC for assistance by members of the public and the media, and 92 percent of those matters have been closed. Last year, the PAC received 3,888 formal requests for assistance pursuant to FOIA and OMA – or an average of more than 320 new matters per month.

"As Attorney General, I created the position of Public Access Counselor to increase government transparency in Illinois," Madigan said. "The Public Access Counselor has helped tens of thousands of people obtain information from governments. I am proud of the office's success in strengthening the sunshine laws and giving people access to information about how their tax dollars are spent and their government operates."

Since becoming Attorney General, Madigan has worked to make government more open and accessible to the people of Illinois. After taking office in 2003, Madigan created the position of Public Access Counselor in the Attorney General's Office to resolve requests for help from the public and the media when they are denied access to public records or public meetings.

For many years, the PAC's work to increase access to government in Illinois was constrained by inadequate laws. In 2010, Madigan led an effort with advocates to reform and strengthen the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which established the role of the PAC under the law and allowed it to enforce its decisions regarding the disclosure of public records or open meetings complaints.

The Public Access Counselor's determinations have created new and important legal guidance in Illinois to enforce disclosure of records and foster increased transparency in government. The PAC's determinations have successfully clarified the law, especially on issues that have not been addressed by courts.

Among its significant decisions, the PAC helped raise awareness that electronic records sent or received on personal devices can be public records when they pertain to the transaction of public business. The PAC has also required public bodies to broadly disclose records that relate to how taxpayer money is spent and to public employees' qualifications for their government positions. The PAC's determinations have also encouraged public bodies to provide clearer information on their meeting agendas and adopt reasonable rules designed to accommodate the public's right to speak at public meetings.

In addition to analyzing and re-

solving disputes through binding and non-binding opinions, the PAC also maintains a hotline (1-877-299-FOIA) to provide information and informal advice regarding the release of public records and the public's access to government meetings.

2017 Public Access Bureau Activities

The Public Access Bureau received 3,888 new matters in 2017:

3,515 requests for review came from those who were denied records under FOIA:

2,933 from members of the public, 567 from the media or other organizations, and

15 from public bodies.

373 requests for review raised issues under OMA:

306 from members of the public, 58 from the media or other organizations, and

9 from public bodies.

In 2017, the PAC issued 15 binding opinions, which serve to create legal guidance and enforce rulings in court in Illinois to increase transparency in government.

Among the notable matters that resulted in binding opinions last year were the following:

No. 17-001, issued March 14, 2017, concerning a pending criminal investigation: An attorney sought a copy of a police report from a traffic crash from the Illinois State Police (ISP). ISP denied the request pursuant to section 7(1)(d) (i) of FOIA, asserting that disclosure would interfere with a pending review of whether to file criminal charges. The PAC concluded that ISP violated FOIA because its explanation was conclusory and did not detail how disclosure of the records would interfere

with a pending or contemplated law enforcement proceeding as required.

No. 17-004, issued June 6, 2017, concerning imminent litigation: The McLean County State's Attorney complained that the Bloomington City Council improperly used the litigation exception found in section 2(c)(11) of OMA to discuss its continued participation in an intergovernmental agreement with the town of Normal in closed session. The city justified the closed session by arguing that litigation about the 30-year-old agreement was probable. The PAC concluded the closed session discussion concerned the agreement itself – rather than the strategies, positions, theories, or consequences of any probable or imminent litigation. The city filed an administrative review action appealing the decision that is pending in Sangamon County.

No. 17-011, issued Aug. 14, 2017, concerning privacy of recordings: The Will County Sheriff's Office denied a reporter's request for copies of two 911 calls made from a home where a child was later found deceased. The sheriff's office argued that voice recordings are a form of "private information" that are exempt from disclosure under section 7(1)(b) of FOIA. The PAC rejected that argument and concluded it would be improper to construe FOIA as exempting all voice recordings in the possession of public bodies. The sheriff's office also argued that section 7(1)(d)(vii) of FOIA exempted disclosure because it could compromise an ongoing investigation. The PAC concluded the sheriff's office failed to demonstrate that disclosure of the limited information in the recordings would obstruct an ongoing

investigation and directed the recordings be disclosed. The sheriff's office has filed an administrative review action appealing the decision, which is pending in Sangamon County.

Among the non-binding determinations issued in 2017, the PAC addressed the meaning of the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act:

Ill. Att'y Gen. PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 46719, issued August 16, 2017: A member of the public submitted a Request for Review alleging that the City of Bloomington had improperly withheld a body camera recording of an encounter he had with a police officer concerning his business. The City had redacted the recording pursuant to section 7.5(bb) of FOIA, which exempts certain recordings made under the Law Enforcement Officer-Worn Body Camera Act

(Body Camera Act). The City asserted that only recordings that were "flagged" in accordance with the Body Camera Act could be released to the subject of the encounter captured on the recording. The PAC found that the Body Camera Act did not require a recording to be "flagged" to be subject to disclosure under FOIA. The City requested that the PAC reconsider its determination in this Request for Review, which the PAC declined. The City complied with the PAC's determination by providing the requester with the body camera recording.

More information about Illinois' sunshine laws can be found at Madigan's website. For assistance from the Public Access Bureau, contact the hotline at 1-877-299-FOIA (3642) or send an email to publicaccess@atg.state.il.us.

## Carroll/Jo Daviess County Cancer Survivor Dinner

The Relay for Life of Carroll and Jo Daviess Counties Cancer Survivor celebration and dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, at the Mt. Carroll Church of God. Registration and appetizers will begin at 4:45 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

The Pink Heals Sauk Valley, IL chapter will be bringing their "pink" fire truck to the event and will meet and greet our survivors. Judge Val

Gunnarsson, a cancer survivor, will be sharing his story with everyone.

Invitations will be sent out soon. If you are a cancer survivor living in Carroll or Jo Daviess County and do not receive an invitation please call Bev Lundquist at 815-244-9684 and she will get you an invitation.

Reservations are due April 1. If you have any questions call Bev at the above number.

## Spin Supported workshop scheduled in April

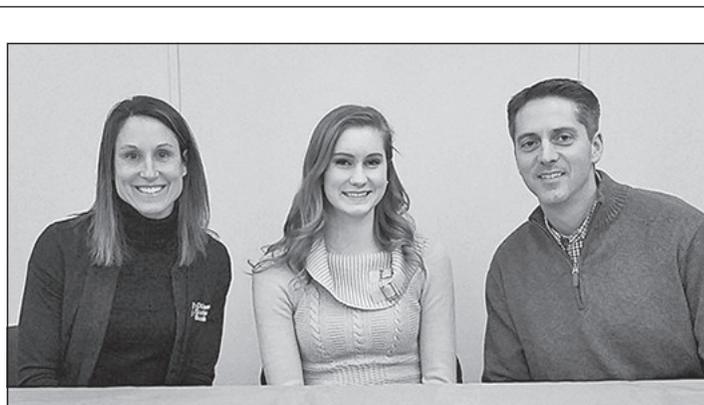
Take a Workshop at the Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair, Saturday, April 14 with John and Cyndy Hunter of Saddle Creek Spins.

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### Top Scholar

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# VIEWPOINT

## Rauner vetoes onerous and duplicative gun store regulation

Governor Bruce Rauner today vetoed Senate Bill 1657 saying that the bill created onerous, duplicative bureaucracy that does little to improve public safety. He noted that Illinois gun dealers are already licensed by the federal government and that 2,700 small businesses in the state would be jeopardized by the unnecessary new layer of state regulations.

As part of his veto message, Rauner was clear that the state is in desperate need of thoughtful, bipartisan public safety solutions to the larger more pervasive problems of crime prevention, school safety and mental health.

"The core issue is not which guns to legally ban or regulate," he said.

"We have ample proof that such narrowly focused legislative responses make for good political cover, but they do little to stop the illegal flow of guns into Illinois or prevent people from committing thousands of crimes in our state each year with illegal guns."

The Governor said that to focus solely on guns exaggerates the divide in society over constitutional rights, when there is actually substantial common ground on which to build comprehensive solutions. He cited two common universal concerns: guns in the hands of criminals; and guns in the hands of the mentally ill.

"These are starting points that ought to bring us together for serious

conversations about how to secure our schools, combat crime, and make everyone in Illinois safer," Rauner said.

Since the tragedy in Parkland last month, Rauner insisted that bipartisan collaboration is the best hope of finding common sense solutions to gun violence.

He acted on that hope this afternoon by calling on the leaders of the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate to each appoint four members of their caucuses to a Legislative Public Safety Group. The Group would work with the administration to develop legislative proposals to support the following initiatives already underway in various agencies and units of the administration:

**School Safety** – The Illinois Terrorism Task Force has convened a working group of officials from schools, police and fire agencies and they are developing strategies to protect against mass shootings. The Public Safety Group ought to be ready to suggest legislative actions to implement their recommendations.

**Mental Health** – The Illinois Terrorism Task Force is also working

to learn more about the complex intersection of mental health and gun violence, so parents, teachers, professionals and others can more effectively assess, detect, and report threats. The Public Safety Group will be valuable in ensuring the mental health community is fully engaged and legislation is sensitive to the complexities of dealing with diagnosis and treatment.

**Interstate Crime Prevention Network** – A wide ranging law enforcement partnership with surrounding states is being explored to clamp down on illegal cross border trafficking and straw purchases, provide enhanced data collection and sharing, and establish protocols for threat detection, surveillance, and criminal apprehension. The Group should be in position to evaluate the arrangements as necessary.

**Repeat Gun Offenders** – We must closely examine sentencing and bonding practices that allow repeat offenders to be released rather than incarcerated. Legislative remedies ought to be part of the Public Safety Group's effort.

**Concentrated Crime Force De-**

ployments – The state needs to expand its program of deploying law enforcement resources in high crime areas so that they can mobilize for all-out attacks on the crime industry. The Public Safety Group ought to be ready to endorse funding requirements for a larger force of state police officers.

**Economic Revitalization** – The state's most violent neighborhoods are also commercial deserts where the only discernible "business" is crime. As expanded force deployments push crime out of these neighborhoods, the state can direct focused business development resources on legitimate enterprise and job creation. The Group can accelerate the adoption of incentives to attract needed economic development programs.

"We have to work together to develop public safety solutions that truly make a difference," Rauner said.

"Safety is not a partisan issue. It is an obligation, and we owe it to our citizens to come together to ensure their protection. I urge our legislators to join with me so we can get to work on this critical mission."

### Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich on Governor Bruce Rauner's veto

The governor's decision to veto a bill that would have required firearms dealers to be licensed by the state is deeply disappointing. No one believes that this or any one bill can be a comprehensive solution to the plague of violence afflicting our nation, but licensing these dealers, would have been one step in the journey toward making our state safer. The incremental benefits of this and other legislation under consideration that limits the size of magazines, the availability of devices to make weapons automatic, and access to assault weapons, along with other proposals, will add up to lives saved. Our families and those who protect us should not be forced to endure more fear, anxiety and heartbreak on the premise that we have to wait for our elected officials to provide a "comprehensive" solution, all the while relegating our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to second place.

The voices of children demanding action now cannot be ignored and it is up to the adult world to stand with them and the families devastated by loss by pressing our elected leaders to adopt laws, which might be less than comprehensive but are more than nothing.

## USDA decides against regulatory organic requirements

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the decision to withdraw the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices (OLPP) final rule published on Jan. 19, 2017. The rule would have increased federal regulation of livestock and poultry for certified organic producers and handlers. The withdrawal becomes effective May 13, 2018.

Significant policy and legal issues were identified after the rule published in January, 2017. After careful review and two rounds of public comment, USDA has determined that the rule exceeds the Department's statutory authority, and that the changes to the existing organic regulations could have a negative effect on voluntary participation in the National Organic Program, including real costs for producers and consumers.

"The existing robust organic livestock and poultry regulations are effective," said USDA Marketing and

Regulatory Program Undersecretary Greg Ibach. "The organic industry's continued growth domestically and globally shows that consumers trust the current approach that balances consumer expectations and the needs of organic producers and handlers."

According to USDA reports for 2017, the number of certified organic operations increased domestically by seven percent and globally by 11 percent. Industry estimates show that organic sales in the United States reached almost \$47 billion in 2016, reflecting an increase of almost \$3.7 billion since 2015.

The Department carefully considered public comments and the relative costs and benefits for both producers and consumers of imposing the proposed additional regulations.

More information on the OLPP final rule is available in the March 12, 2018, Federal Register, and on the USDA National Organic Program web page.

## 4-H and Extension Foundation announces pork chop dinner

The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation announces its Annual Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser, which will be held on Sunday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Eagles Club in Freeport, 1200 W. Galena Ave and feature a 6 oz. pork chop sandwich. The Stephenson County Pork Producers will be doing the grilling, featuring their special seasoning. Potato salad or chips, cheese from local cheese producers, applesauce, drink, and dessert is also on the menu. Two serving lines and special carry out line will be available.

The dinner is planned by a committee of Foundation members and other 4-H volunteers, and donations from local businesses and restaurants

help make it possible and profitable. "For the past ten years, this dinner has been one of the major fundraisers for the Foundation, and it is a special, very social event," stated Bonnie Campbell, President of the Foundation Board and Davis Rockets 4-H Leader. "Each year," she continued, "4-H members and volunteers work together serving food, running the silent auction, and talking with supporters." In addition to providing a delicious meal, supporters of 4-H and Extension have an opportunity to learn more about activities and programs in the county, and see many of their friends.

Advanced tickets are \$6 and may be purchased from members of Stephenson County 4-H Clubs or at the

U of I Extension Office, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport, until March 23. After that, tickets will be sold at the door for \$7 and hot dog meal tickets will be available at the door only and not sold prior to the event. Many area restaurants and businesses have provided items for the meal and silent auction, and the Foundation appreciates their support.

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

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# ON THE RECORD

## Obituaries

### IOLA M. CLINE

Iola M. Cline, 96, passed away on Tuesday, Feb., 27, 2018 at the Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County in Darlington, WI. She was born on May 26, 1921 in Freeport, IL to Melvin and Gladys (Mammoser) Piefer. Iola graduated from Gratiot High School in 1939. She married Lawrence Cline on Aug. 10, 1940 in Dubuque, IA. Lawrence and Iola were married for 53 years, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 21, 1994. Iola farmed alongside Lawrence and worked several years at the Apple River Middle School serving lunches. She was a member of the Apple River United Methodist Church, and a past member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Stockton. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards; especially 500, playing bingo at the nursing home and watching her beloved Chicago Cubs. Iola loved getting to watch the Cubs win the 2016 World Series. When Lawrence was alive, they enjoyed going dancing together.



Iola is survived by her children; Janice (Richard) Geach of Palm Bay FL, Karen (Marty) McKee of Stockton, IL, Jeff (Monica) Cline of Apple River, grandchildren; Traci Geach, Tony (Kerri) Geach, Betsy (Ryan) McGranahan, Abby (Ron) Crooks, Ben (Danielle) Cline, Alan (Krystal Francis) McKee, great-grandchildren; Cassidy, Jackson, McKenna, Tori, Erin, Sean, Kate, Bella, Morgan, and Ryker, sister; Carol Koeller, and brother; Ronie (Donna) Piefer, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence on Aug. 21, 1994, and brother Wayne Piper.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Apple River United Methodist Church in Apple River, IL. A visitation will be from 10 a.m. at the church until time of services.

Pastor Libby Rutherford will perform the services.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Private family burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her name, for the Apple River United Methodist Church.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Lafayette Manor and the Lafayette Memorial Hospital for the care and compassion towards Iola.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

### LINDA L. RUNKLE

Linda L. Runkle, 72, of Darlington, WI passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at her home. She was born on Oct. 14, 1945 to Elmer and Cecil (Boelk) Krupke in Apple River, IL. She married Melvin Runkle, and together they raised six sons. Linda worked for Barbara Coleman, doing assembly work. She was also a baker's assistant at a local bakery.



She was also a personal care worker for Caring Hearts, and Homeward Bound for the past 10-15 years.

Linda is survived by her children; Ken (Kirsten) Runkle of Texas, Don Runkle of Oklahoma, Tom Runkle of Oklahoma, Jon (Joette) Of Dodgeville, WI, Lee Runkle of Oklahoma, Roy (Aldina) Runkle of Darlington, WI; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sister Lila Hellwick.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

A visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, March 24, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Pastor Randy Nicholas will perform the services.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park in Lena, IL.

A memorial has been established in her name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## Hanover Senior Resource Center offers Tuesday appointments

Effective immediately, appointments will be offered every Tuesday at the Senior Resource Center in Hanover to help people with issues ranging from Medicare and Medicaid questions to applying for various discounts available to seniors.

Appointments are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the office, 500 Fillmore St. in Hanover. People should call 815-777-1316 for appointments, which are requested to ensure that you bring any needed supporting documents.

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Center will be available to help with the following:

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- Medicaid applications.
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If you have questions, please call the Hanover Senior Resource Center at 815-777-1316.



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## Domberger celebrates 60th anniversary

Fred and Donna Domberger are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday March 29, 2018. Fred and Donna (Nowak) were married March 29, 1958 in Stockton, IL. They have a daughter Vicki (Roger) of Kent and a son Fred Jr. (Earlene) of Pearl City. There are 3 Granddaughters and 5 Great Grandchildren. Cards can be sent to PO Box 15 Kent, IL 61044

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# CFNIL awards Lyme disease research grant to Rockford University professors

Three Rockford University professors have received a \$14,000 grant to study the spread of Lyme disease in northern Illinois from the Community Grants Program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL).

Associate professors of biology at RU -- Troy Skwor, Ph.D.; James Marshall, Ph.D.; and Chemical and Biological Sciences Department Chair Sean Beckmann, Ph.D. -- are collaborating on "Lyme Ecology in Northern IL: From Voles to Birds to Humans." Funded for two years by the CFNIL, the project is an expansion of Dr. Beckmann's research into how rodents can spread the disease, which yielded two previously unknown carriers of

Lyme -- meadow jumping mice and 13-lined ground squirrels.

"Ticks themselves are not born with Lyme disease," Dr. Beckmann said. "They have to acquire it by feeding on the blood of another animal that is infected. We call this a reservoir. For Lyme disease the traditional reservoir has been the white-footed mouse, *Peromyscus leucopus*. However, Lyme exists in areas and ecosystems outside of the range of this mouse."

Reports of Lyme disease have doubled in northern Illinois in the last 15 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Beckmann describes the region as "one of the hotspots for the disease in Illinois."

"This increase in cases alone demonstrates a need to identify the reasons," said Dr. Skwor, who wrote the grant proposal. "People who spend any time outdoors with prairie or wooded areas are at risk of acquiring Lyme disease, and with climate change the numbers could increase even more."

In the majority of Lyme cases affecting humans, patients develop a bullseye rash with a fever, headache and chills. However, in 20 to 30 percent of instances, the rash is not detected, allowing the disease to progress with severe complications in the heart and joints, as well as neurological damage. Traditional medical treatments currently have little effect in the chronic stage of the illness, with symptoms known to arise even six months after the use of antibiotics.

Most studies involving Lyme, including previous research done by Rockford University's professors, focus on identifying the tick-borne illness' first or second animal carriers -- typically the white-footed mouse and deer, respectively. Very few have expanded to test animal reservoirs' blood serum for the

presence of antibodies against *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacteria that indirectly causes the disease.

The University's research team will broaden its focus to birds with the hope of understanding how Lyme spreads within northern Illinois -- whether birds are bringing the disease into the area and infecting ticks, or are being bitten and infected after arriving in the region.

"Little is known about what other mammals can serve as reservoirs of Lyme, particularly the role of birds," Dr. Beckmann said. "This is important, as birds can move from place to place and cover long distances much better than mice and may serve as mobile reservoirs."

The researchers will partner with undergraduate students to trap and obtain blood and DNA samples from hundreds of animals to test for the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi* in the spring, summer and fall months over the next two years. With Dr. Marshall leading efforts to capture, test and release birds and Dr. Beckmann continuing his focus on rodent carriers while analyzing DNA and blood samples for the presence of Lyme-causing

bacteria, Dr. Skwor will search for antibodies against *Borrelia burgdorferi* in the animals' blood. Trap sites will include Rockford University's campus and Severson Dells Nature Center in Winnebago County, as well as Boone County's Distillery Road Conservation Area.

Collaborating with Texas A&M University Lyme expert Dr. Jon Skare, professor and associate head of the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis and Immunology, Rockford University's team will further explore whether robins -- identified by the CDC as having only transient infections of Lyme -- and potentially other species produce antibodies that could help make them immune to the disease. Dr. Skwor says although it's "very hypothetical," these birds' natural ability to fight off Lyme could point to a potential human treatment.

"We are thrilled to receive funding for this exciting project. It addresses Lyme disease in a holistic fashion, researching multiple vectors involved in the transmission of the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*," Dr. Skwor said. "Most studies analyze only one vector at a time from various parts of the world, making it difficult for scientists to understand the pathogen in a defined ecosystem. Our research study includes numerous vectors -- some of them being new -- as well as an additive feature assessing whether birds have been infected locally or outside northern Illinois."

## Tour FHN's GI Lab – and the inside of a Giant Colon

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths, but with screening, it is highly preventable. In observation of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, learn more about preventing, screening – and beating – colon cancer at a special FHN open house March 28.

Join providers and staff of the FHN Gastrointestinal (GI) Lab at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport from 4 – 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 to learn about our capabilities and how we can help find colorectal cancer while it's still highly treatable.

Tours of FHN's high-tech GI lab will be available, as well as demon-

strations about why there's no need to dread a colonoscopy. Visitors will also be able to walk through a giant colon to see what the inside of this important internal organ looks like, including how polyps and other potential problems appear. Attendees will receive handouts including tips on how to prevent cancer, delicious recipes to incorporate fiber into your family's diet, and more.

This event is free and open to the public. No registration is required; simply enter FHN Memorial Hospital through the east (atrium) entrance and follow the signs to the GI Lab.

## FHN celebrates its dentists, doctors throughout March

FHN is proud to celebrate our healthcare providers throughout March, the month of Dentists' Day and Doctors' Day.

National Dentists' Day is March 6. It was established as a way to show appreciation for dentists and spread the word on how to keep your mouth healthy.

The anniversary of March 30, 1842 – the first time ether was used to anesthetize a patient for surgery –

is National Doctors' Day, a chance to acknowledge all that physicians do for their communities.

All month, FHN is offering the chance to send a message to your healthcare provider – simply click on the "Happy Doctors' Day" tab in the center of the FHN website, [www.fhn.org](http://www.fhn.org). Messages will be shared with providers and may be featured online with personal information removed.

## U of I Extension offers Heart Healthy workshop

The U of I Extension will be offering the Meals for a Healthy Heart workshop, Thursday, April 5 and 12, at Highland Community College, Building R, Room 153, from 5:30 – 8 p.m.. To register, call U of I Extension at 815-235-4125 or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>. There is a \$20 registration fee, which covers participation in both sessions, handouts and educational materials.

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# Lifelong Girl Scout leaves legacy for area Gold Award Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is excited to announce establishment of The Elizanne Gold Award Scholarship Fund. Financial support to start the fund was generously provided by the family of lifelong Girl Scout Elizanne Hanitz Lewis. At the time of her death in 2017, Elizanne was identified and recognized by Girl Scouts of the USA as the oldest living recipient of the Golden Eaglet, Girl Scouting's highest award available from 1916 to 1939.

Now named the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouting's highest award recognizes girls who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through remarkable Take Action projects which have sustainable impact in their local and global communities. The Gold Award encourages girls to explore many facets of leadership today's so-

ciety needs, including leadership of self, leadership by influencing peers, and leadership as mentor/coach. Gold Award projects help girls develop project management skills, solve a community need, and are designed to be sustainable.

Elizanne shared our vision that every girl can change the world. With us, Girl Scouts develop the independence and confidence to guide their own lives and make the world a better place. We put girls in the driver's seat and encourage them to customize their own experience. And with programs focused on the outdoors, career and interest exploration, travel and the global community, and practical life skills, in addition to community service projects, every girl has the opportunity to unlock her full potential and be amazing.

Elizanne was an exemplary woman with an admirable history as a trailblazer. She became a Brownie Girl Scout in 1928, as a member of Rockford Council of Girl Scouts Brownie Pack 1. She went through all levels of Girl Scouts and completed requirements for the highest Girl Scout Award, the Golden Eaglet, and the precursor to the Gold Award, in 1937. She continued as a lifelong Girl Scout, volunteering in many different adult positions, including as Rock River Valley Council President from 1968-1969, where she believed that the "mission critical" of Girl Scouting was to teach girls group decision-making skills and self-sufficiency so that they can become active citizens of the world.

To achieve the Golden Eaglet, Elizanne needed 21 fields of skill

(similar to Girl Scout badges), her extensive camping experience, proof of community service, recommendation by the national headquarters, and recommendation of the members of her troop. Her fields of skill included birdfinder, citizen, cook, craftsman, dressmaker, electrician, first aid, home nurse, journalist, and athlete among others. She received her award around a campfire at Sinnissippi Park in front of a crowd of nearly 1,500 in June of 1938.

After a lifetime of service to others, Elizanne died at the age of 97, on May 6, 2017. It was her desire to leave a legacy to current and future Gold Award Girl Scouts for the furthering of their life ambitions. Thanks to the generosity of Elizanne and her family, an endowment has been started to provide funds to support Gold Award

Girl Scouts throughout the years.

Girls who have earned a Girl Scout Gold Award will be eligible to apply for a Gold Award Scholarship. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is proud to provide The Elizanne Gold Award Scholarship Fund in addition to other Gold Award scholarships to help positively impact the future of these bright and magnificent young women. If you would like to donate to this fund or Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, please contact Lynn Mombberger at 844-476-4463.



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**In recognition of Elizanne Hanitz, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is proud to provide The Elizanne Gold Award Scholarship Fund in addition to other Gold Award scholarships to help impact the future of these bright and magnificent young women.**

## Take the challenge and support Girl Scouts throughout Northern Illinois

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) would like to invite you to take part in a unique fundraising opportunity.

GSNI builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. In 2018, GSNI is taking fundraising to new heights through the Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts event on Friday and Saturday, June 1-2, at Pheasant Run

Resort in St. Charles.

Over the Edge is a unique fundraising event, providing participants the thrilling opportunity of rappelling down a building in an exciting environment. At 16 stories up, participants will have the distinction of rappelling over 140 feet! If you love outdoor adventures or want to challenge yourself to new levels, this is definitely an experi-

ence you won't want to miss!

This event also presents a unique opportunity and challenge for media outlets to partner with GSNI and gain exposure, increase sales and raise awareness through a trusted organization. All funds raised through the Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts goes directly to support GSNI's Financial Assistance program. We want to make Girl Scouts available to all girls and volunteers, regardless of their financial situation. Financial assistance is a supplementary way for girls, demonstrating need, to participate in Girl Scouts. Financial assistance is available for

girls in traditional troops and it also supports GSNI's Outreach Program.

Not sure what Over the Edge 4 Girls Scouts is all about? Check out our video: <https://youtu.be/eFCiK-kuAf1Q>

If you have any questions, GSNI is here to help. Give us a call or email us - we would love to hear from you and we would especially love your support. So what do you say? Let's all go Over the Edge 4 Girl Scouts together. Please contact Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Marketing Manager Lynda Fillip at 844-476-4463 or 815-275-8730 (cell)

## Regional Transportation Committee Meeting Notice - Region 1

The next Regional Transportation Committee meeting for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 10 a.m. at Boone County Council on Aging located at 2141 Henry Luckow Lane, Belvidere, IL. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in public transit.

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

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

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

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# Clarence Mitchell Library at Highland Community College presents 'Palindrome'

To celebrate National Poetry Month, Highland Community is hosting guest speaker, Matt Muse, a teaching artist from Young Chicago Authors (YCA), to lead a poetry workshop, "Palindrome," at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in the Clarence Mitchell Library at Highland Community College, 2998 West Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

YCA Teaching Artists show students different approaches to writing, often using pieces by acclaimed contemporary poets and lyricists as a starting point, and give students writing prompts to begin the work of crafting individual and group pieces. All of YCA's work asks students to approach writing as experts of their own experiences.

Matt Muse is a Hip-Hop artist, producer, and songwriter born and raised on Chicago's South

Side. He started his musical career as a student at Northern Illinois University, performing at multiple shows on the schools' campus and other Illinois colleges. He graduated with a Bachelor's in Corporate Communication in May 2016.

Matt's music has been featured on Sway in the Morning and Vocalo FM Chicago. Performances throughout Chicago include AAHH! Fest 2016, TIP Fest, CiMM Fest, and many other venues and shows. Matt was a featured speaker at the NIU TedX event on April 23, 2016, where he did a 'TED Talk' discussing Hip-Hops impact on his life and how it can change the world artistically and socially.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For questions about the event contact Laura Watson at 815-599-3456 or [laura.watson@highland.edu](mailto:laura.watson@highland.edu).

# JDCF annual meeting to feature past President of the Ho-Chunk Nation

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites the public to attend our annual meeting on Saturday, April 7, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Chestnut Mountain Resort. There will be an interactive social hour with artist Richard Pearce and Collections Specialist from The Field Museum, Jim Louderman. We will also be honoring Joan Harmet as the recipients of the 2018 Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award. The cost of the event is \$45/per person and includes a buffet dinner with a vegetarian option. Reservations can be made by calling 815-858-9100 or emailing [info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org).

Keynote speaker will be Jon Greendeer. Jon is a proud member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, a student of the Ho-

Chunk language, and traditional way of life. A musician, cyclist, woodworker, drone pilot, and bow-hunter, Jon believes in building a life around activity and the outdoors. Jon is a former President of the Ho-Chunk Nation. He currently serves as the Nation's Executive Director of Heritage Preservation.

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

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Church Notes

### Evangelical Free Church

The Evangelical Free Church of Lena will present an Easter Cantata "Road to Calvary" on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10 a.m. We invite the community to come, sit back and enjoy the message of Easter through music.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on March 25, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Procession of Palms Sunday of Lent with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday March 28, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

All are invited to join The Lena Area Lenten Lunch on Wednesday March 28, at 12 Noon at the Lena United Methodist Church for lunch and devotions hosted by Salem UCC & Beloved churches. Devotions will center on raising Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:1-44).

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for Maundy Thursday Worship Service March 29, at 7 p.m. and Good Friday Service March 30, at 4 p.m.

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

### McConnell United Methodist Church

**Palm Sunday** Worship - March 25, 10:30 a.m. at McConnell UMC Parade of the Palms

**Holy Thursday** - March 29, 6:30 p.m. at Pearl City UMC Reflect on the Last Supper while hearing devotions of Jesus' last meal.

**Good Friday** - March 30 7 p.m. Joint Service at Grace Free Methodist Church

**Easter Worship** and Breakfast - April 1

Worship at 8:30 a.m. at McConnell UMC and Community Breakfast following the service at 9:15 a.m.

All of our services are open to all faith believers. Come and celebrate the Risen King

### Pearl City First UMC

Join us at Pearl City First United Methodist Church, 411 S. Main St, at 8:30 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 25, for a special cantata service, "The Road to Calvary". During Holy Week, our Maundy Thursday service on March 29 will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. On Good Friday, the service will be held in McConnell at 6 p.m. On Saturday March 31, we will hold our "Resurrection Egg Hunt" from 2-4 p.m for children ages preschool-sixth grade. The kids will participate in a short lesson about Jesus' resurrection, play a few games and then be set loose for an egg hunt. All are welcome.

Our Easter service will be held on Sunday, April 1, at 7 a.m. with a breakfast following.

### St. John's Lutheran

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City

for Palm Sunday worship on Sunday, March 25, at 9 a.m. The worship service will include the Joy Choir and Chancel Choir. After the worship, Sunday School will meet at 10:15 a.m.

The SPLAT Youth Group of St. John's will hold their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday March 25, from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. The menu will be scrambled eggs, sausage, cheesy potatoes, apple sauce and beverages. Cost is \$7 per person and \$3.50 for children 3-10 years of age (two and under are free). Tickets may be purchased at the door. All proceeds will benefit the youth going to the National Youth Gathering in June of 2018.

On Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be held at Noon. Mid-week Lenten services are held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Community Lenten Lunches are served at Noon on Wednesdays at the Pearl City United Methodist Church. All are welcome. St. John's will provide the meal on March 7, at the Pearl City United Methodist Church. Tim Aurand, Kent, IL, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on March 14.

The Women's Gathering will be meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at Coach's Golf and Grill, Lena. The morning will include a bible study, a brief meeting and order off the menu lunch. The Women's Gathering is also planning a bus trip to Circa 21, Moline, to see "Rise Up O' Men with the Church Basement Ladies." Cost is \$65 per person and include the show, coach bus transportation and a choice of lunch. Please sign-up and make payment at St. John's by March 31.

It's not too early to plan to worship at St. John's for Holy Week.

The Maundy Thursday worship service will begin at 7 p.m. on March 29. The Good Friday worship will be at 7 p.m. on March 30, and the Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil Service will begin at 8 p.m. on March 31. The week will conclude with Easter morning worship will be on April 1, at 9 a.m.

Do you 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.

### Stockton Wesley UMC

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be having a special Palm Sunday service at 10:45 on March 25. Please feel welcome to come and share this meaningful time

## McConnell schedules Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual McConnell Easter Egg Hunt will be held rain or shine on Saturday, March 31, at the McConnell United Methodist Church Hall, 211 N. Hulbert Road, McConnell.

All children up to age eight may participate. Registration begins at Noon and the egg hunt will begin at 1 p.m. sharp.

Come and see the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs.

The event is sponsored by The McConnell Area Historical Society.

of Lent with us.

March 29, at 7 p.m. we will be joining Willow and Kent UMC's for Maundy Thursday service at Willow.

March 30, we will join Calvary UMC at 7 p.m. for Good Friday service. April 1, we will join with Willow and Kent UMC's at 7 a.m. for sunrise service at Willow and they will join us at 10 a.m. at Wesley UMC for the Easter service.

Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all of these times or any other time also.

We have Thursday morning Book Study at 10 a.m. and Wed. night Bible Study at 6:30.

We have an active Youth Group, call for meeting times.

Wednesday mornings from 8-11 the Sanctuary is open for anyone that feels the need to pray during some quiet time in God's house. Come and stay as long as you like.

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## Stockton UUC

David Stocker (on right), led the sing-along at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton which followed the March 4, service at which David presided. Members of the church who joined him were (l. to r. Dan Metzger, Tyler Rockwell and friend Mike Barr. The UU Church of Stockton will be featuring another well-known singer, Jim Mantey, as part of their famed Italian Dinner on April 21.

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# What is the origin of the Easter Bunny and its eggs?

The Easter Bunny (also called the Easter Rabbit or Easter Hare) is a folkloric figure and symbol of Easter, depicted as a rabbit bringing Easter eggs. Originating among German Lutherans, the "Easter Hare" originally played the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or disobedient in

behavior at the start of the season of Eastertide. The Easter Bunny is sometimes depicted with clothes. In legend, the creature carries colored eggs in his basket, candy, and sometimes also toys to the homes of children, and as such shows similarities to Santa Claus or the Christkind, as they both bring gifts

to children on the night before their respective holidays. The custom was first mentioned in Georg Franck von Franckenu's De ovis paschalibus ('About Easter Eggs') in 1682, referring to a German tradition of an Easter Hare bringing Easter eggs for the children.

## Rabbits and hares

The hare was a popular motif in medieval church art. In ancient times, it was widely believed (as by Pliny, Plutarch, Philostratus, and Aelian) that the hare was a hermaphrodite. The idea that a hare could reproduce without loss of virginity led to an association with the Virgin Mary, with hares sometimes occurring in illuminated manuscripts and Northern European paintings of the Virgin and

Christ Child. It may also have been associated with the Holy Trinity, as in the three hares motif. Eggs, like rabbits and hares, are fertility symbols of antiquity. Since birds lay eggs and rabbits and hares give birth to large litters in the early spring, these became symbols of the rising fertility of the earth at the Vernal Equinox.

Rabbits and hares are both prolific

See EASTER, Page 11

# easter egg hunt

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**Holy Saturday**  
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**Easter Sunday**  
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## Holy Week and Easter



**Palm Sunday - March 25**

Worship at 10:30 am  
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Parade of the Palms

**Maundy Thursday - March 29**

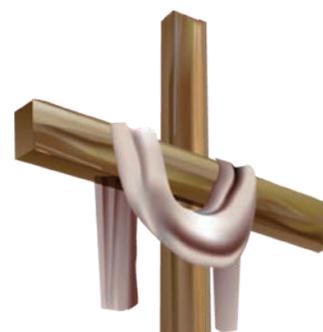
Service at 6:30 pm  
Pearl City: First United Methodist  
Learn about the Passover Meal

**Good Friday - March 30**

Service at 7:00 pm  
Grace Free Methodist Church  
Service of Mourning

**Easter Sunday - April 1**

Worship at 8:30 am  
McConnell United Methodist Church  
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• **Easter** (Continued from page 10)

breeders. Female hares can conceive a second litter of offspring while still pregnant with the first. This phenomenon is known as superfetation. Lagomorphs mature sexually at an early age and can give birth to several litters a year (hence the saying, "to breed like rabbits" or "to breed like bunnies"). It is therefore not surprising that rabbits and hares should become fertility symbols, or that their springtime mating antics should enter into Easter folklore.

**Easter egg and Egg decorating**

In addition, Orthodox churches have a custom of abstaining from eggs during the fast of Lent. The only way to keep them from being wasted was to boil or roast them, and begin eating them to break the fast. [citation needed] As a special dish, they would probably have been decorated as part of the celebrations. Later, German Protestants retained the custom of eating colored eggs for Easter, though they did not continue the tradition of fasting. Eggs boiled with some flowers change their color, bringing the spring into the homes, and some over time added the custom of decorating the eggs. Many Christians of the Eastern Orthodox Church to this day typically dye their Easter eggs red, the color of blood, in recognition of the blood of the sacrificed Christ (and, of the renewal of life in spring-time). Some also use the color green, in honor of the new foliage emerging after the long-dead time of winter. The Ukrainian art of decorating eggs for Easter, known as pysanky, dates to ancient, pre-Christian times. Similar variants of this form of artwork

are seen amongst other eastern and central European cultures.

The idea of an egg-giving hare went to the U.S. in the 18th century. Protestant German immigrants in the Pennsylvania Dutch area told their children about the "Osterhase" (sometimes spelled "Oschter

Haws"). Hase means "hare", not rabbit, and in Northwest European folklore the "Easter Bunny" indeed is a hare. According to the legend, only good children received gifts of colored eggs in the nests that they made in their caps and bonnets before Easter.



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March 30 - Good Friday  
6:00 p.m. with Grace Free Methodist  
at Grace Free

April 1 - Easter  
Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. at Pearl City  
Easter Sunrise Service at 8:30 a.m. at McConnell

## *Good Shepherd ELCA, Lena*

March 25 - Palm Sunday  
Worship at 9:30 am.

March 29 - Maundy Thursday  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

April 1 - Easter Sunday  
Worship at 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## *Salem United Church of Christ, Lena Ebenezer/Salem United Church of Christ, Pearl City*

March 29 - Maundy Thursday  
7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion at Lena

March 30 - Good Friday  
7:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Church

April 1 - Easter Sunday  
Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.  
at Salem/Loran  
Breakfast at Salem/Loran - 8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast at Salem/Lena - 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Worship at 9:00 a.m. at Salem/Loran  
with Holy Communion  
Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m. at Salem/Lena  
with Holy Communion

## *Grace Free Methodist Church, McConnell*

March 25 - Palm Sunday  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

March 30 - Good Friday  
Worship at 6:00 p.m. with the First United  
Methodist Church of McConnell, at Grace Free

April 1 - Easter Sunday  
Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
Easter Worship at 10:00 a.m.

## *St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Lena St. Ann's Catholic Church, Warren St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Apple River*

March 29 - Maundy Thursday  
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m. at Warren

March 30 - Good Friday  
Passion of the Lord  
Noon at Lena, 3:00 p.m. at Apple River

Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m. at Lena  
April 1 Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of Our  
Lord 7:00 a.m. at Apple River  
9:00 a.m. at Warren - 11:00 a.m. at Lena

## *Lena Evangelical Free Church*

March 25 - Palm Sunday  
Cantata "The Road the Calvary" at 10:00 a.m.

March 30 - Good Friday  
7:00 p.m. with Communion

April 1 - Easter  
Easter Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m. with the Lena Parks  
Department

## *Lena United Methodist Church*

March 25 - Palm Sunday  
"The ABC's of Easter" Children's Program

March 29 - Maundy Thursday  
7:00 p.m. table service & communion

March 30 - Good Friday  
7:00 p.m. Service of Shadows

April 1 - Easter Sunday  
Worship at 9:00 a.m.

## *St. John's LCMS, Lena*

March 29 - Maundy Thursday  
Service at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

March 30 - Good Friday  
Service at 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

April 1 - Easter Sunday  
Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.  
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Public Notice is hereby given that on **February 27, 2018**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Urban Beauty** located at **240 W. Main Street Suite D, Lena IL 61048**. Dated February 27, 2018

*VICIR. OTTE*

Stephenson County Clerk  
by *MELISSA LUY*  
Deputy

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY-  
IN PROBATE

In Re the Matter of the Estate  
of:

Virginia Grace Tuell  
Deceased.

No. 2028 P 2

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION  
- CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Virginia Grace Tuell, of Freeport, Illinois. An Order was entered February 26, 2018, admitting the Will of the decedent, dated 03/27/2012, to probate, and issuing Letters of Office as described herein and requiring the representative to file an inventory within 60 days. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2018 to Sally Tuell, as independent Executor of the Estate of Virginia Grace Tuell, whose attorney is

Darin R. Doak  
Attorney At Law  
1203 Navaho Drive  
Brentwood, Tn. 37027  
815-235-9678  
615-540-1950

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 26, 2018, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed

with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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16-079565  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE 15TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY,  
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS  
PHH MORTGAGE  
CORPORATION  
PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
JANET L. YOUNG A/K/A  
JANET YOUNG A/K/A J.  
YOUNG A/K/A JANET L.  
HARMS; UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NON-  
RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S  
SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on December 19, 2017; David Snyders, Sheriff, 15 N. Galena, Freeport, IL 61032, will on April 19, 2018 at 9:30 AM, at Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Stephenson County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

LOT 7 IN BLOCK 1 OF SCHMELTZER'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW VILLAGE) OF ROCK GROVE, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF ROCK GROVE, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS; ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED

MARCH 2, 1857 IN BOOK Y OF DEEDS, PAGE 134.

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Permanent Index No.: 15-05-31-351-005

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The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$60,869.33. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE 15TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY -  
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS  
Wilmington Savings Fund  
Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana  
Trust, not individually but as  
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Acquisition Trust  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.

Robin Cooley; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/23/2018, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on April 27, 2018 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-17-04088.  
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Loran Township Notice for Bid  
Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Loran Township, Stephenson County, Illinois will receive bids for mowing and trimming at Babbs Grove Cemetery, Grace ME Cemetery, Lieboldt Union Cemetery, and our Township buildings. All bids are to be  
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# Lady Panthers leap into spring season

By Chris Johnson  
REPORTER

As the weeks unfold teams from around the area will be closing in on regular-season form. Starting a game early in the season with temperatures hovering above the magic-40 degree level doesn't always facilitate the type of start a team hopes for, when they suit up to play.

The spring sports calendar has flipped open and the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers have begun getting things lined up for a flurry of activity. Recent matches against non-conference opponents Freeport and Stillman Valley have helped the team understand where it stands, as things begin.

On Thursday, March 15 everything got started and the host Freeport Pretzels didn't waste any time finding footing for the start they'd wanted. The hosts scored ten runs in the first inning and immediately went into prevent-mode. Lena-Winslow

couldn't respond in their first at bats. Freeport added to the onslaught in the second. They scored eight runs and held an insurmountable 18-0 edge with a majority of the game to play. Rules-shortened action was imminent. The Pretzels tacked on a single run in the fourth on their way to the 19-0 decision.

Lena-Winslow had some good showings though, given the early nature of the game. Ella Brunner collected two walks in the match. Zoe Johnson was 1-2, as was Jordan Streckwald. Kierra Lynn Schulz was 1-3 in the 2018 opener. Maleah Linden walked once for the Lady Panthers.

On Saturday, March 17, the Lady Panthers entered day two of the spring 18 season. They got to play at home for the first time too and got off to a better start, than they had experienced earlier in the week. Stillman Valley was held to 1-0 advantage after the first period of play. The fortune didn't remain for Lena-Winslow.

The Big Northern visitor opened up the Lady Panthers defense and started placing shots between ex-

tended gloves. The shots led to a five-point showing and a 6-0 lead after two.

Stillman rolled in the third and added seven runs additionally. The 13-0 lead would be in effect until the fifth, when the Lady Cardinals collected their final two. The Lady Panthers fell 15-0 and moved out on the road for another meeting with a strong out-of-area opponent.

On Monday, March 19, Lena-Winslow played just off south Main in Rockford, in Titans territory. Details of that contest as well as the Tuesday, March 20 meeting with Pearl City are unavailable at this time.

The Lady Panthers continue NUIC-action this week as they wrap up their home-and-away series with the Lady Wolves. Pearl City hosts the Thursday, March 22 meeting. Rockford Lutheran is in on Saturday and the home stand continues on Monday with Juda, before the season-series first pitch with River Ridge/Scalles mound on Tuesday, March 27. Lena-Winslow is on the road March 29 at River Ridge/Scalles Mound.

## 2017-2018 Northwest Upstate Illini West Division All Conference Team

<b>1st Team</b>	Dubuque	Dubuque
*Layne Boyer (JR) East	Conner Einsweiler (JR) Galena	Sam Townsend (JR) Scalles
Dubuque	Mound	Luke Huschitt (SR) Stockton
*Hunter Sherman (JR) East	Kolton Kaiser (SR) Warren	Kaleb Plattenberger (SR) West
Dubuque	Carroll	Kody Plattenberger (SR) West
Ty Chrisman (SR) LeWin	Carroll	Dawson Wurster (SR) West
Isaiah Bruce (SO) LeWin	Ridge	Carroll
*Lucas Petersen (JR) Pearl	Alex Staver (JR) Stockton	Carroll
City	*Unanimous selection	
*Trey Thomas (SR) River		
Ridge		
<b>2nd Team</b>		
Ethan Christians (SR) Eastland		
Payton Heller (JR) East		
Dubuque		
Parker Magee (JR) LeWin		
Jayden Kempel (JR) Pearl City		
Brock Smargiassi (JR) Pearl		
City		
Jacob Speer (JR) River Ridge		
<b>Honorable Mention</b>		
Nicholas Kluesner (SR) East		

**Final Varsity Standings**

LeWin 11-2 (Conference Champion)
Pearl City 11-2 (Conference Champion)
East Dubuque 10-3
River Ridge 10-3
Eastland 6-7
West Carroll 6-7
Galena 4-9
Stockton 3-10
Warren 3-10
Scalles Mound 0-13

## LEGALS

Continued from previous page received on or before April 1, 2018. Requirements consist of mowing, trimming, and blowing off all monuments only on an as needed basis, and before holidays like Memorial Day. Each bid should include the amount for the 3 cemeteries and the amount for the Township Building grounds separate. Use of chemicals is prohibited. Proof of insurance will need to be included. The Board of Trustees will open bids at the April 10, 2018 meeting. Notice will only be given to the accepted bidder. Payment will be monthly and only when an invoice is provided to the Loran Township office at 215 E. South St., Pearl City, IL 61062 or calling (815) 443-2880. Loran Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Public Notice for Loran Township of Stephenson County For the Fiscal year of 2018-2019 Loran Township's regular board meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the following location: Loran Township Building, 215 E. South Street, Pearl City, IL.

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Deb Foust  
Township Clerk

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## Pearl City prepared for quick start

By Chris Johnson  
REPORTER

Throughout the season the Pearl City Lady Wolves are going to have to worry about a lot of tough nights and figuring out ways to beat some of the strongest small-school

softball programs in the State. The thing that can't be forgotten is that Pearl City has to be considered one of those teams and they are going to win their share of games.

Since the 2013-2014 school year, the Lady Wolves have claimed the Regional Crown four times. They were Sectional Champion in Pecatonica during the 2015-2016 season. During that span they carried an overall mark of 71-13.

The 2017-2018 NUIC-season opened on Tuesday, March 20 as the Lady Wolves took the short trip north to Lena-Winslow. The Lady Panthers have not had a good opening stretch. They were outscored 34-0 in losses to Freeport and Stillman Valley to start their season.

The chances for a quick start were in place for Pearl City as the first game got underway on Tuesday. A scheduled season opener with Freeport Aquin was slated for Monday, March 12.

Pearl City returns home on Thursday, March 22 to see if they can work past the Lady Panthers once more. The away-and-home series will be the trend across the NUIC this season, weather permitting.

The possibility to keep a strong start going moves through Fulton this Saturday. The Lady Steamers

are similar to Lena-Winslow and haven't had a lot of recent noted successes, involving conference races or Regional Title shots. The Monday, March 26 meeting with Forreton could provide a better test for where the Lady Wolves stand in the early stages of the 2018 spring season.

Games return for Pearl City with Polo on Tuesday, March 27 and the Lady Marcos will provide a bigger test. They've won and lost big already this season. They knocked off Paw Paw by 13 runs a little over a week and fell to Orangeville this past weekend, by eight, 15-7.

April games for Pearl City start on the road with out-of-conference foe Erie-Prophetstown on April 7. The Lady Prophets co-op have pushed the 20-win, season total plateau, twice in the past three seasons.

By the time the games are pushing two and three a week, Pearl City should be able to find itself in a good position in the NUIC-North. They will have to deal with East Dubuque, Galena and Durand through the first full month of play, but should be able to find ways to win the close games along the way, in their pursuit of some district hardware and conference honors.



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## NUIC - West Division 2017-2018 Girls Basketball All Conference Team selections

**First Team**

*Emily Offenheiser, Stockton
*Skylar Culbertson, East Dubuque
*Sydney Schuler, Galena
*Lydia Coatney, Eastland
*Erin Henze, Eastland
Tyra Clark, Pearl City
Tiana Timpe, Stockton
<b>Second Team</b>
Sami Wasmund, Galena
Madilyn Schultz, Lena-Winslow
Katie Krogman, Eastland
Reese Miller, RR/SM
Madison Feyen, East Dubuque
Gwen Heimerdinger, Pearl City
<b>Honorable Mention</b>
Brynn Bohnsack, Warren
Aspyn Stewart, Stockton
Anna Hulscher, Galena
Elizabeth Eisfeller, Stockton
Madison Tesmer, Warren
Mackenzie Muehleip, Galena
Megan Gille, Stockton
Maddie Meek, West Carroll
Anna Riedl, Warren
Liana Haas, RR/SM
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# Schedule filling in for Scales Mound/River Ridge

By Chris Johnson  
REPORTER

Conference affiliation is a major factor in helping to fill in a season schedule and that means a few out-of-conference matches can be acquired to fill in the blank spaces to wind up a season plan.

When non-conference affiliation becomes a bigger player, the game schedule reflects the reality. A lot of games can be pushed into a week and at times, delays mean more

double-header opportunities. Sometimes a lot more work has to be put into finding games.

Determining the need to coop efforts with neighboring school districts is a big factor in the NUIC. Scales Mound and River Ridge High School have decided to partner up and join efforts on the softball diamond again this year. They've gotten their season underway and it's against some area familiar.

The season was to open against

Oregon on Tuesday, March 13, however the ever-present winter weather made the decision to play, unattainable. The delay pushed game action to this past weekend with Fulton and a meeting with the Galena Lady Pirates scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, on the road.

Galena returns the favor on Wednesday, March 21, as they travel to River Ridge/Scales Mound for a second shot this week. Galena has seen itself trapped in a non-success pattern, in place for many seasons, not far removed from spring 2018. The opening schedule does provide

a shot at a boost for River Ridge/Scales Mound, as they hope to get things moving in the right direction in the spring.

If a couple wins can be collected this week, a trend could be put in place as Scales Mound/River Ridge looks to move out of March play well above the .500 mark on the season. The Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers are scheduled to play host on Tuesday, March 27 and they will visit two days later to help open the Easter weekend break.

When classes resume on Monday, April 2, Scales Mound/River

Ridge will travel north for a match at Shullsburg. They will head west to East Dubuque a day later before they get back home for a day-game with the Lady Warriors on Thursday, April 5.

One of the strongest teams on the Scales Mound/River Ridge schedule invites the team in on Friday, April 6 for tournament action. The Orangeville Lady Broncos play host to the weekend event and they enter the second full week of play with a perfect 4-0 mark. Tournament games continue on Saturday, April 7, for Scales Mound/River Ridge.

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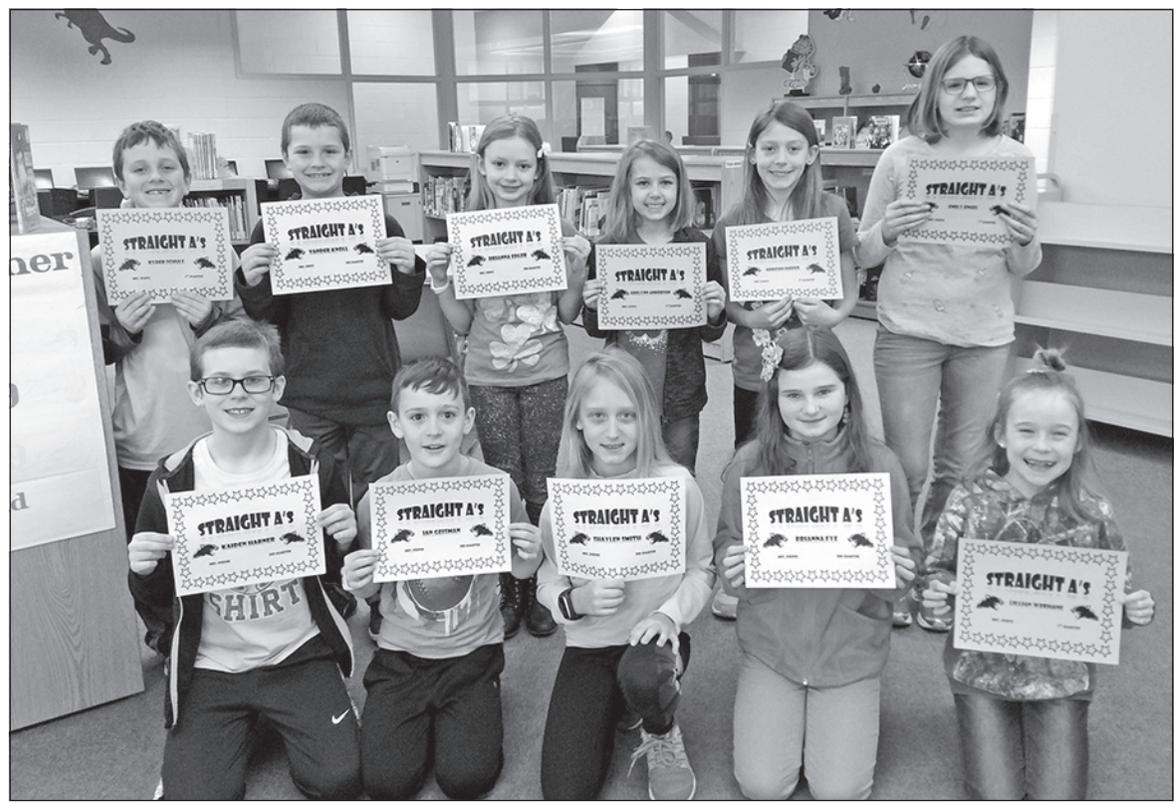
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## Perfect attendance

Congratulations to Lena-Winslow Third Grade Third Quarter perfect attendance recipients: Back Row L to R: Jakeb Daschner, Dane Rose, Jackson Noller  
Middle: Lila Grindye, Brianna Edler, Kadyn Goeke, Taylynn Havens, Jax Korte  
Front: Persy Dykstra, Addison Pieper, Jacob Rolando, Ryder Schulz, Emily Engel



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## Straight A students

These Lena-Winslow Third Graders achieved straight As in the third quarter: Back Row Left to right: Ryder Schulz, Vander Knoll, Brianna Edler, Adelynn Anderson, Addison Pieper, Emily Engel  
Front Row: Kaiden Harner, Ian Geiseman, Shaylen Smith, Brianna Fye, Lillian Werhane

# Save the Date for Spring Break Gardening

The Jo Daviess County Extension Staff along with the Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners are busy planning their annual Spring Break Gardening Day. This year the event is being held on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. The event is being held at the CTE Academy, 950 US HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL. There will be a \$20 registration fee that will include refreshments, lunch and handouts. For more information or to register for this program please visit us online at [web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw) or call us at 815-858-2273.

This year the keynote address will be given by Brittany Demezier, Food Systems Coordinator for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Dubuque County, on Hydroponics. Brittany is a homegrown Iowa girl, who obtained her undergraduate degree in Ag Education from University of Wisconsin-Platteville

and a Master's of Science degree in Sustainable Food Systems from Green Mountain College. She has also worked with her own horticulture enterprise, as a Horticulturalist at Walt Disney Parks and Resorts in Orlando, Florida, and as a Hydroponic Greenhouse Specialist at FarmTek in Dyersville, Iowa. Brittany enjoys baking, going out for walks, and all things Disney! Her favorite vegetables are cauliflower and tomatoes.

Following the keynote address there will be several breakout sessions on topics that include: Home Hydroponics, Monarchs, Selecting and Preserving Culinary Herbs, Bluebirds, Soils, and Victorian Landscape Legacy. Over the lunch break the Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners will do a short session on their help desk and what information you need to provide when presenting a question for them to answer.

There will also be a silent auction taking place. Bidding will open at 8:30 and will close at 1. Silent auction items will include a monarch house, a bat house, a wren house, a purple martin house, plant stands, and more.

# College News

## Lena student named to U of I Dean's List

Dorthea Fiedler of Lena was named to the fall 2017 Dean's List at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the College of Applied Health Sciences. Recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.78 or above to receive this honor. Dorthea is a sophomore majoring in Applied Health Sciences and Nursing. She is the daughter of Ken and Diane Fiedler.

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# Center for Rural Affairs releases wind energy ordinance guide for local officials

When county or cities elected officials are approached about a wind energy farm, what are the first steps in creating an ordinance? What kinds of things need to be considered?

"Wind Energy Ordinances," an information guide by the Center for Rural Affairs, may help.

Released today, the guide contains recommendations for new zoning regulations or ordinances, common application requirements, and key definitions for wind energy. The information was gathered by reviewing county ordinances from different states across the country.

"Wind ordinances on the city, county, and state levels may be hard to understand, whether you are an expert or just becoming familiar with the industry," said Lu Nelsen, policy program associate with the

Center for Rural Affairs. "This guide is useful for people with all levels of wind energy knowledge."

The publication also includes common requirements for siting, construction, and operation, as well as sample maps demonstrating various setback requirements.

"Wind turbines are multiplying across the U.S., and most are installed in rural areas overlooking crops, cattle, timber, and lakes," Nelsen said. "Rural communities have experienced several benefits from the development of wind energy, but the growth of the industry has also presented a challenge in the form of local regulations that may be insufficient or out of date."

The guide can be found online at [www.cfra.org/publications/WindEnergyOrdinanceGuide](http://www.cfra.org/publications/WindEnergyOrdinanceGuide).

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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Permanent Index No.: 15-05-31-351-005

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The judgment amount was \$60,869.33. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY -  
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,  
d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually  
but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage  
Acquisition Trust  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.

Robin Cooley; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/23/2018, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on April 27, 2018 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codliss & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-17-04088.  
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# Lady Broncos' successes form early indicator

By Chris Johnson  
REPORTER

There are some early indicators that the pieces are in place for what could be a very successful spring season for the Orangeville Lady Broncos. As week two of the regular season begins, different ways to win are already appearing and they've got a perfect record to show for it.

Game play began on Monday, March 12 and the Lady Broncos

didn't hold back in a 12-7 win over West Carroll. They put the bats into motion early and often and pulled out the season-opening victory.

The 7-0 scoring stretch over the first three held up against a strong comeback attempt by West Carroll. Hannah Holland picked up the win and connected for three hits in the 2018 premiere. Katie Boomgarden was 4-5 and Tori Plowman added two hits of her own.

The Lady Broncos did it a little

differently Thursday night in their game two winner over Milledgeville. They dug-in and pulled it out late, to claim the 5-4 decision.

Orangeville held Milledgeville down through the early innings. The Lady Missiles tried to live by the same rules, but came up a little short of their goals. Orangeville put one on the board in the second and found ways to maintain control into the fifth, before things leveled. Milledgeville tied it up at one with two at-bats to go.

The Lady Broncos responded in the bottom of the fifth and reclaimed the one-run advantage, 2-1. They added insurance in the bottom of the sixth and moved in front 4-1. The visitors got a few things going and scored three times. The game was tied at four as Orangeville bat-

ted in the home half of the seventh.

A one-run final frame gave the game to the home team and moved them to 2-0 on the season; just in front of a Saturday double-header with the Polo Lady Marcos.

Much of what they had learned in the season's first two games was put to immediate use as the Lady Broncos faced off with Polo. They didn't mess around in the first contest and paired what they had done in the season opener against West Carroll.

Orangeville scored twice in the first and had a 6-0 lead before Polo got on the board in the bottom of the second. The Lady Broncos continued their scoring trend and would not experience a shut-out inning through the game. As the fifth began, Orangeville was in control 8-2.

Seven more runs were scored

over the final three as game one went to the visitors, 15-7. Game two mirrored the experience Orangeville had with Milledgeville earlier in the week. Polo jumped in front and found ways to stay in control, until late.

The Lady Marcos held leads of 1-0 after one, 3-0 after two and 4-1 with only the Lady Broncos bottom half of the seventh to go. Teamwork and shared responsibility got it done for the hosts in game two though.

Plowman, Kiersten Jordan and Kirsten Frautschy helped assure victory would be achieved. Frautschy's triple in the bottom of the seventh brought two runners home as the Lady Broncos scored four times to capture the comeback win 5-4 and move to 4-0 on the season.

## Stockton battles Byron in season premiere

By Chris Johnson  
REPORTER

The 2018 spring sports season has begun for athletes engaging in baseball at Stockton High School. On Saturday, March 17, the Byron Tigers played host and the schedule determined it would be a good day to shoot for two.

There will be a heavy schedule setting up as the first month of games continues through the Easter break. As is the case, if weather plays its hand, there could be even busier weeks ahead for pitchers and fielders.

Stockton traveled to East Dubuque on Tuesday, March 20 for the first of five games scheduled this week. Most of those games will be played at home however. East Dubuque comes in on Thursday, March 22

before the Winnebago Indians visit on Friday, March 23. Dakota is in on Saturday for two, beginning at 11 a.m.

Leading into the Easter break a bit of a break can be enjoyed. Stockton faces Eastland on the road on Tuesday, March 27 and then plays host to the Cougars on Thursday, March 28. They will not take to the field again until after the brief respite on Tuesday, April 3, as they take the short trip west to Galena.

Softballers just got their season started on Wednesday, March 14 and it was re-scheduled due to the Wednesday weather influence. They played on Thursday, March 15 at Rockford Jefferson instead of opening at home.

On Tuesday, March 20, the ladies traveled with their baseball

counterparts to East Dubuque for an NUIC-meeting. They return the favor on Thursday, March 22 and then, similar to the boy's team, gets a break in scheduling until after Easter, when they resurface in the land of the Pirates on Tuesday, April 3.

There are going to be a few variables in place this season for Stockton athletes spending time outdoors. It is known that if strong pitching is achieved, given the relative parity of much of the competition playing in the NUIC, there will be a lot of wins that follow. The teams that make the fewest mistakes are going to find themselves also in the front of the pack.

How a team starts the season can often indicate how strong they are going to be, as they battle through a spring campaign. The success that is built in the early season can have an effect of making a team seem a little tougher to beat, especially in close, one or two run games. A lot of those footprints are first noticed in opening week's play.

Based on the opening schedule for both the boys and girls teams at Stockton, the first few weeks of 2018 should provide the time to help fans see how good their favorite team is going to be. There is no doubt that a quick start will give the team a boost right out of the gate this spring.

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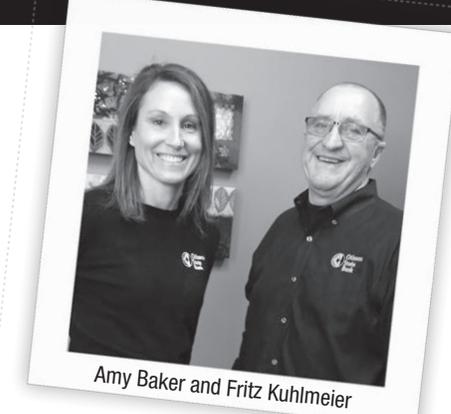
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