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Are you ready for some paddling on the Pec?

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

The Pecatonica River begins its life in southern Wisconsin and meanders for about 190 miles through Wisconsin and northern Illinois before flowing into the Rock River at Rockton, Illinois. The Pecatonica river name is a combination of words from the Algonquin tribe which means slow water. Slow water, the gentle but constant current of a river, is the most suitable for kayaking and canoeing.

Paddling enthusiasts who live near the Pecatonica River and enjoy kayaking and canoeing feel privileged to have such a river nearby. Not only is the river an ideal place for boating, it's a hidden gem appreciated by birders, hikers and cyclists. The Jane Adams Trail follows much of the river's wandering path and its backwaters through Stephenson County. People on small water craft, bicycles or in hiking boots can enjoy seeing birds and other wildlife in a primitive setting.

A group dedicated to the health and preservation of this special body of water is the Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation. Headquartered in Freeport, the Friends of the Pecatonica are kayaking and canoe enthusiasts. From Browntown, Wisconsin to Rockton, Illinois the Pecatonica is a waterway of about 100 miles, all prime for paddling.

Joe Ginger, President of the Friends of the Pecatonica said, "We advocate for the use of the river as recreation for everyone. Right now there are several boat launches on the river between Browntown and Freeport. Damascus Landing, Tutty's Crossing and the Freeport VFW are probably the best known. In addition to offering opportunities to come out on the river we also try being good stewards.

"We're involved with removing debris and log jams from the waters. We also have a great relationship with Karen Rivera, a fish biologist with the Illinois Department of Nat-

ural Resources. Whenever there's a question about fish species or other aquatics Karen provides the necessary information we need.

Karen assures us that the water quality of the Pecatonica is good and that the fish are healthy. Catfish, bass and walleye are pretty numerous. In fact, just a few years ago a record setting walleye was taken on the Pecatonica near Rockton."

Lee Butler, Secretary, Treasurer of the organization is probably the groups' biggest promoter. Butler is out on the river frequently offering tours, boating safety lessons and what he calls a friendly get together. Butler recently offered lessons at the Highland Community College indoor pool covering concerns about your kayak overturning while you're paddling.

Butler said, "I didn't start kayaking until after I retired. About 15 years ago Joe Ginger took me out and I've been in love with this ever since. There's something about paddling down a river taking in so much that you'll never be able to see from a car seat. With a good current an experienced paddler can move along at four or five miles an hour.

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Le-Win third grade spelling bee

Congratulations to the Lena-Winslow third grade spelling bee participants: Front row L to R Kaydan Yount, Gavin Kaiser, Brianna Fye, Kaiden Harner, Jackson Noller
Middle row: Nikolai Cornwell, Chace Krzeminski, Micheal Wise, Adelynn Anderson, Bailey Reed
Top row: Ella Hauch, Brianna Edler, Payton Musser, Lila Grindey, Brendyn Smith

Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Club calls All Aboard

The Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Club proudly announces its 30th Annual Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet on March 17 & 18. There will be over 30,000 square feet of operating displays, railroad memorabilia and model railroad merchandise. Our show will fill three gymnasiums. The Lena-Winslow Elementary, Junior High and High School gymnasiums and cafeterias. This is a great event for kids of all ages.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18. Lunch is available both days in the Elementary School Cafeteria. Lena is located

just one mile north of U.S. Route 20 on Illinois 73. Directional signs will be posted to guide you to 401 Fremont Street in Lena. Lena is approximately two hours west of Chicago, 1 1/4 hours south of Madison, Wisconsin and one hour east of Dubuque, Iowa. Lena is easy to find, but hard to forget.

The Depot Stove Gang Show is

rated as one of the nicest and largest shows in the Midwest. Our 29th year was another great year for exhibits, vendors and operating displays. Rain, sleet, ice or snow, the show will still be a go! The show and parking are free, but we depend upon your donations to bring you this show. Free will donations are greatly appreciated at the Elementary en-

trance. The Depot Stove Gang is an Illinois not-for Profit Organization registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. For further information, as well as, other area information and attractions including lodging, please contact the Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau at [815]-233-1357. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Lena Live Wires hold February meeting

By Krista Keene
REPORTER

The Lena Live Wires Feb. 11, meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church started off with the 4-H'ers making Valentines for the residents at the Lena Living Center. Then the business part of the meeting started. The family we bought Christmas gifts for appreciated them. General Projects Day is June 20 at the fairgrounds. The fair will be

held from June 27 through July 1. We talked about the fair theme, the fundraiser at Papa Murphy's which was Feb. 28, 4-H camp, June Dairy Promo and the Pork Chop Dinner coming up in April. The next meeting will be March 12 at St. John's Church in Lena at 6 p.m. Chloe will bringing snacks to share. Make sure to bring something to put in our raffle basket and ideas for the fair booth.

•Paddling (Continued from front page)

"Kayaking is a great way to see the Pecatonica. We'll be offering classes through the park district in Krape Park in June and July. It's our way of reaching out to local people and giving back to the community." Going beyond kayaking, the Friends of the Pecatonica have recently been involved in a project called Attens Landing near the town of Pecatonica. Ginger said, "This is a five acre site that was donated by the Atten family. In ad-

dition to a boat launch, there are walking paths picnic tables and native plantings. "For anyone who would like to learn more or get involved we meet the third Thursday of each month at Rafters Restaurant on Route 20 near Lena. We're on Facebook and our website is www.pecriver.org. I can be reached at 815-233-2154. We're also having a Flap Jack Fund Raiser at Applebees in Freeport from 8 am to 10 am Saturday, March 10.



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Pantherhawks

Congrats to the future PantherHawk wrestlers on qualifying for the IKWF State Tournament, and congrats to PantherHawk wrestlers Jason Hermann, Case Harmston, Winston McPeek, Simon Rillie, and Gavin Keefer on qualifying for the Fresh-Soph State Wrestling tournament

LAW qualifiers - Marey Roby, Nate Noller, Hudson Nevel, Zach White, Wyatt Raab, Dillon Raab, and Gene Stringini,

American Legion Auxiliary schedules March meeting

By Julia Moore
LEGION AUXILIARY

The March meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on March 14, at the Lena American Legion Home at 6:30 p.m. We will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans. We will also be collecting toilet tissue for homeless veterans. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Judy Oellerich is in charge of the social hour. Junior members will meet on March 10 at 9:15 at the American Legion Home and car pooling to Warren to meet. We will be working on earning patches, doing a fun project and doing a service project.

AJ's winning meat



AJ's Lena Maid Meats is recognized as Grand Champion-Breakfast Links, Grand Champion-Flavored Brats, Grand Champion-Smoked Turkey Breast, Reserve Grand Champion-Dried Beef, and Best of Pork-Breakfast Links at the recent Illinois Association of Meat Processors Convention and Trade Show in Bloomington, IL.

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“Ancient America” portrays the stunning earthworks created by ancient peoples, who several thousand years ago, constructed impressive burial mound groups throughout the Mississippi River Valley and its tributaries.

JDCF presents movie ‘Ancient America’ with commentary by archaeologist Phil Millhouse

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites the public to a popcorn and program movie event on Friday, March 16 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Galena Center for the Arts, 219 Summit Street, Galena. The event will feature the 40-minute film, “Ancient America,” by award-winning producer/director Gray Warriner of Camera One Productions, about the indigenous people who first settled eastern North America, including northwestern Illinois. Before the movie, archaeologist and Galena native Phil Millhouse will talk about his research at JDCF’s Wapello Land and Water Reserve, research which provides dramatic evidence that Wapello was an ancient home to peoples from both the Woodland and Mississippian cultures, whose achievements are showcased in the film. After the movie, Phil along with Gray Warriner, will provide additional commentary and answer audience questions.

With graphic representations and live video, “Ancient America” portrays the stunning earthworks created by these ancient peoples, who several thousand years ago, constructed impressive burial mound groups throughout the Mississippi River Valley and its tributaries. Some were miles long with intricate geometrical designs; some supported settlement rituals or were built in animal forms embodying social and religious beliefs. They also built cities with tens of thousands of people, including the great center of Cahokia, across the river from modern-day St. Louis. Cahokia’s people built immense platform mounds and established trading routes and trading partners throughout the mid-continent. Archaeologists theorize that a village at the site of JDCF’s Wapello Land and Water Reserve may have been along one of those routes. “We had a long and rich tradition of Woodland cultures along the Apple River,” Phil Millhouse says. And just south of Wapello there is strong evidence of Mississippian influence. The result of the interaction between the Woodland and Mississippians, documented by Phil’s work, was the creation of a new culture referred to as the Oneota. The Ho-Chunk and Ioway peoples of today are among those who trace their heritage to these ancient Americans. The event is free to attend and complimentary popcorn will be served. Seating may be limited and will be first come, first served. 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. We also host a series of educational and recreational events throughout the year. For more information about JDCF, please visit www.jdcf.org or contact info@jdcf.org.

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Colon cancer facts

By Adam Schiro, MD
GASTROENTEROLOGIST, MONROE CLINIC

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Two key things to know about colon cancer are: #1 – In the US, colon cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer related deaths. #2 – Colon cancer is one of the few cancers considered preventable.

These two facts about colon cancer seem to contradict each other. If colon cancer can be prevented, why is it one of the leading causes of cancer deaths? One important reason could be the fact that 1 in 3 American adults skip the screening colonoscopy recommended at age 50.

I can’t stress enough how important the screening colonoscopy is to preventing colon cancer. According to the CDC, it’s estimated that more than one-half of all colon cancer cases could be prevented by the recommended colonoscopy screening. Here’s how: the screening colonoscopy is able to identify and remove any polyps that could potentially become cancerous—well before symptoms have had a chance to develop.

So, if you are age 50, or over, and haven’t scheduled your colonoscopy, please do so. If you are younger than 50, speak to your doctor about family history of colon cancer, as well as your own digestive health history. These factors may indicate you should have a screening colonoscopy prior to 50 years old. In addition, pay attention to things you can do to reduce your risk factors for colon cancer: live an active lifestyle, eat lots of fruits and vegetables and limit red meat and alcohol.

Please use this March, Colon Cancer Awareness Month, to start the discussion about colon cancer with your primary care provider or gastroenterologist. It could save your life.

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College News

Lillian Schierloh named to Fall 2017 Dean’s List at the University of Findlay

Lillian Schierloh, of Lena, was named to the fall 2017 dean’s list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and innovative thinkers through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom.

Monroe Clinic achieves Pathway to Excellence designation

Monroe Clinic is pleased to announce it has achieved Pathway to Excellence designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

The Pathway to Excellence designation identifies the elements of interprofessional work environments where nurses can flourish and feel empowered. The designation substantiates nursing job satisfaction at Monroe Clinic and identifies it as one of the best places to work.

“We believe our nurses are professionals and own their nursing practice. We expect them to drive improvements in their practice as well as uphold the highest standards of care. This results in better service and care for our patients and more fulfilling nursing careers that attract and keep the very best and most capable nurses,” shared Paula Elmer, Monroe Clinic’s Vice President/Chief Nursing Officer. “Pathways of Excellence designation is another example of Monroe Clinic’s mission at work.”

The Pathway to Excellence designation is granted based on the confirmed presence of the six Pathway to Excellence Practice Standards:

1. Shared decision-making
2. Leadership
3. Safety
4. Quality
5. Well-being
6. Professional development

For Monroe Clinic to earn the Pathway to Excellence distinction, it had to successfully pass a thorough review process that documents their foundational quality initiatives to create a positive work environment — as defined by nurses and supported by research. It’s mandatory that these initiatives are integrated in Monroe Clinic’s practices, policies and culture. Nurses at Monroe Clinic validated the presence of the criteria through participation in a completely voluntary and confidential online survey. The online survey revealed that Monroe Clinic far surpassed the qualifying threshold—by 50% in some response criteria. Their second designation in a row, Monroe Clinic initially applied and received the designation in 2014. As a Pathway to Excellence designated organization, Monroe Clinic is committed to creating an environment where nurses excel and feel valued as integral members of interprofessional health care teams. This designation confirms to the public that nurses working at Monroe Clinic know their efforts are supported. The honor encourages other nurses to join their colleagues in this desirable and nurturing environment. The Pathway to Excellence designation is perfectly suited to and desired by health care organizations around the world.

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VIEWPOINT

Proposed Illinois budget remains unbalanced

By Tasha Green Cruzat
VOICES FOR ILLINOIS CHILDREN
PRESIDENT

This past week, Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner presented his Fiscal Year 2019 budget. As policy analysts John Gordon and Mitch Lifson note in their review of the document, it could be more than \$1 billion out of balance if the legislature does not enact a set of measures proposed by the Governor. These steps include shifting teacher pension costs to local school districts, shifting state university pension and health care costs to those institutions, and reducing state employee health care benefits. Another measure calls for a 4% cut in the reimbursement rate to most Medicaid providers.

I was in Springfield for the budget address and remain quite concerned

about another budget impasse occurring. Many of the reform measures proposed by the Governor in his budget, including a new means of calculating future pension benefits for current employees in the state pension systems, have not had enough legislative support to pass in past years. If another budget impasse occurs this year, it will once again put a severe strain on the state's human service providers and those Illinois children and families served by them.

In addition, the budget fails to restore funding cuts to state universities that occurred during the last budget stalemate and cuts funding for an array of human services. Voices will be advocating over the next several months for a complete budget that meets the needs of our citizens.

Fair Tax

As of this writing, the state of Illinois still has a bill backlog of close to \$8.7 billion dollars – after borrowing \$6 billion and transferring money out of special state funds to pay old bills. The Governor talks about using savings from his proposed reforms to help pay down the state's bills. Yet, as noted above, many of these proposals have not passed in prior years. Without enough revenue to pay the bills in a timely fashion, many of those bills will continue to accrue additional interest.

Given the current budget shortfall (the Governor is also asking for a supplemental appropriation for this fiscal year), the backlog of bills, the proposed budget cuts, as well as the failure to restore prior cuts, it's clear the state still needs additional revenue.

along with others, believes it's never

too early to start learning. There is a growing understanding that families need to be an integral part of teaching early math. Unfortunately, some families have a lack of confidence that they are able to teach math or are competent in math.

Last month, I had an opportunity to attend a Family Math Convening in New Orleans organized by several national funders to address building awareness and competency of early math with families. The conveners expressed an intention to include a very diverse group of stakeholders for the purpose of co-creating a family math framework. IL Voices has been working in this area and we will continue to build on that work to make sure every Illinois child has the math skills to succeed in life.

Early Math

If you're discussing the budget and revenue, you need to know a little bit of math. Voices for Illinois Children,

Would replacing food stamps with food boxes reduce hunger?

Craig Gundersen, the Soybean Industry Endowed Professor of Agricultural Strategy at the University of Illinois College of ACES, is an agricultural economist who studies the causes and consequences of food insecurity and the impact of food assistance programs on public health. He spoke with News Bureau business and law editor Phil Cicciara about the Trump administration's proposal to replace the benefits of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with boxes of shelf-stable food that would be delivered to recipients.

How realistic is the Department of Agriculture's Harvest Box proposal?

It's dead on arrival, and the main reason why is that it's a policy idea that goes backward in time. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program began in the early 1960s, and before that, it was a commodity

program, meaning you would go somewhere to get surplus cheese or surplus milk. It changed to become a more efficient and ultimately more effective program – people go to grocery stores to get the food that they feel is correct for their family as opposed to what was available at the moment at these distribution centers.

The irony of all of this is, from an administrative standpoint, the Harvest Box idea is a disaster. First of all, you would have to set up an entirely new bureaucracy to figure out what foods you're going to put in these boxes, how you procure those foods and how you distribute the boxes, among many other decisions. Needless to say, the government is not really in the business of shipping food to tens of millions of Americans on a weekly basis.

It just doesn't make any sense, mostly because we already have a

very good system in place. The current SNAP system is more efficient and effective than what the Trump administration is proposing.

Is this idea aligned with the Trump administration's stated intention of cutting SNAP by more than \$213 billion over the next decade?

In the past, a lot of these proposals for giving poor people baskets of food in lieu of food stamps were the province of the political left. There are a number of people in the public health community who argue that SNAP beneficiaries shouldn't be able to choose what to eat, and that they should be prohibited from purchasing certain items – soft drinks, sports drinks, certain cereals.

What happens is, when you stig-

matize SNAP, fewer people sign up for it. So the idea of giving people food baskets and eliminating choice is just another way to insult and disenfranchise people and hope it has the intended effect of fewer people signing up for benefits.

If you want to kill a program without actually killing it, this is how you do it.

What effect would this have on big-box retailers?

Big-box retailers have come out against the idea. Yes, it's in their interests to come out against it because it affects their customer base. But one of the great things those big-box retailers do is keep food prices low. This is one of the reasons why many of their customers are low-income Americans: SNAP

recipients can go to a big-box store and purchase safe, nutritious food at a very reasonable price. But even though these retailers have a customer base of SNAP recipients, it's a fraction of their total sales.

What makes SNAP different from the vast majority of government programs?

SNAP is far and away the most successful government program we have going today. It provides benefits to more than 46 million people, and it does everything it sets out to do in terms of alleviating food insecurity and reducing hunger in our country. It's really the only near-cash assistance program in the U.S. that serves as a social safety net for all Americans who are eligible.

The reason why it's successful is that it gives autonomy and dignity to low-income households to make the choices that they think are best for their families. But this idea of giving a family a box of food takes away their autonomy and treats them like people unable to decide what is best for their families.

That's condescending to people as opposed to giving them dignity. It really is an insulting way to treat low-income households. It stigmatizes being poor.

And people do often treat SNAP recipients differently even though the vast majority of SNAP recipients are taxpayers – either in the past or in the present. Many Americans working full-time at low-wage jobs still struggle to put food on the table for their families. SNAP gives them a little extra boost to purchase the food they need.

There are other groups that benefit from SNAP. There are millions of seniors who are no longer in the labor force – SNAP feeds them. Another group that often gets overlooked are people with disabilities who can work a little but maybe not full-time or don't earn enough in wages to get by. SNAP helps them, too.

IPA to introduce legislation to protect record requestors

The IPA and Senator Chris Nybo (R-Lombard) are working together to introduce legislation that will strengthen the rights of FOIA requestors sued by public bodies.

In what has become an unfortunate trend, local governments across the country have recently turned the tables on FOIA requestors by suing individuals seeking public records. Instead of simply denying a FOIA requests, gov-

ernments are taking citizens and journalists to court at their own expense. Citizens lose even when they win as they are left paying legal fees used to defend their right to public information.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

CRAIG D. BRINKMEIER

Craig D. Brinkmeier age 34, passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday Feb. 22, 2018. He was born to Dan and Lee-Ann (Hughes) Brinkmeier on Feb. 23, 1983 in Monroe, WI. He graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 2001. He went to the Morrison Institute of technology and earned a degree in Engineering and graduated from SIU with a degree in Architecture. He worked at the Stephenson County Highway Department as an engineer and at Lingle Design Group as an architect. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Le-Win Jaycees and the Lena Lions Club. Craig enjoyed photography, drawing, driving around, downhill skiing and golfing. He especially enjoyed spending time with his cousins "little and big".



He is survived by his parents Dan and LeeAnn Brinkmeier of Lena, brother Matt Brinkmeier of Lena, maternal grandfather Harry Hughes, paternal grandfather Virgil Brinkmeier. Aunts and Uncles; Genise (Duane) Tessendorf, Dan (Paris) Hughes, Lori (Dan) Rankila, Linda Korte and Betty Pries. Cousins;

Jeffery Ellis sentenced in Jo Daviess County

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney, John D. Hay would like to inform the public of the following information. On Feb. 14, Jeffrey Ellis of Elizabeth, Illinois pled guilty as part of a plea agreement to the charges of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, which is a Class 3 Felony and Possession of a Controlled Substance, which is a Class 4 Felony. As a result of his plea of guilty, Mr. Ellis was sentenced by Judge Kevin Ward to serve probation for a period of 2 years and 180 days of Periodic Imprisonment in the Jo Daviess County Jail.

The Elizabeth Police Department and the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office handled these cases.

Nicholas, Michael, Cyan, Marshall (Stephanie), Harrison, Morgan (Steve), Saige, Steven, Mason (Taylor) Carmen, Landon, Mitchell (Jordyn), Brandon (Kayla), Jacob, Eric (Erin), Jaxson, Ella, Tiffanie and Austin.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother Nancy Hughes, paternal grandmother Cheryl Brinkmeier, Uncle Dick Korte and Cousin Jennifer Trappen.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday March 10, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Visitation will be held from 4 till 8 p.m. on Friday March 9, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Officiating will be Rev. Rick Bader.

A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

KRISTINE K. MOHRBACHER (NELSON)

Kristine K. Mohrbacher (Nelson) passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 at Waverly Place in Stockton. She was born on Oct. 15, 1953 to Harry and Verda (Peterson) Nelson. She married Warren "Cowboy" Mohrbacher on Feb. 3, 1984. Kristine loved animals and worked with animals throughout her life. She worked alongside her husband Cowboy at the racetracks; she broke horses and trained dogs. Her ability to work with animals was amazing. Kristine assisted in dog grooming, and did house cleaning. She worked hard, and played even harder. She loved all kinds of animals, but she especially loved horses and dogs. There were many pets throughout, but her most loved and her true companion was her precious German shepherd, Harley. Kristine loved music; blues and jazz, and loved to dance and have a good time. She was a loving wife, sister, and friend. Kristine loved many people, and enjoyed living life. She loved her porch parties, and her party lights.

Kristine is survived by her husband Cowboy, sisters; Sandra Marie Nelson of Madera, CA, Marjorie (Ron) Mapes of Stockton, IL, and Julie (Tommie) Nelson of Kiln, MS.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers Harry Ronald (Jackie) Nelson of Apple River,

and Stanley "Bucky" Nelson.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in her name.

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

MARIELLA GUTZMER

Mariella Gutzmer died peacefully from advanced dementia Feb. 27, 2018, three days before her 97th birthday. Hers was a life well lived.

Mariella was born March 2, 1921, in Monroe, Wisconsin, the fifth child of John and Emma (Divan) Reed. Her father died before her birth. Upon graduating from Broadhead (WI) High School, she entered Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Freeport, IL, earning a Registered Nurse (RN) license upon completion. After graduation, she joined the Army Air Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant. She married Harold Gutzmer Feb. 24, 1945 while still in the service. Following her discharge, she moved to Stockton, IL where she and Harold farmed for 50 years. During this time, Mariella did private duty nursing and then worked in the local doctor's office. She was often caring for an ill patient all day and then came home to plow a field for corn. Mariella enjoyed playing cards with friends, deer hunting, woodworking and making homemade ice cream. In retirement, Harold and Mariella spent winters in the Palm Springs, CA area where they played golf, participated in water aerobics and met another circle of friends. Her husband of 52 years, preceded her in death in 1997.

Surviving her are children, Kay Lang, Snohomish, WA/Indian Wells, CA, Dennis (Annelle) Gutzmer, Georgetown, IN, Diane (Gary) Ackerman, Oklahoma City, OK; three grandchildren, Jamie (Brock) Gilman, Seattle, WA, Mike (Michelle) Ackerman, Flower Mound, TX, Mark (Shannan) Ackerman, Bentonville, AR; three great-grandchildren, Christopher Lang, Natalie Lang, both of Bellingham, WA,



Cade Ackerman, Bentonville, AR; two step-grandchildren, Geoffrey (Christie) Lang, Snohomish, WA, Ken (Sas) Lang, New York City, NY; sister, Faith Maddix of Asheville, NC; sisters-in-law, Ruth (Ken) Lawson, Des Moines, IA, Katharine Reed, Waco, TX, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Sat-

urday, March 10, at Christ Lutheran Church, Stockton, IL with visitation at 10 a.m., funeral at 11 a.m. and burial in Ladies Union Cemetery with military honors at 12 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to your favorite charity with a focus on helping those in need. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Births

Brooklynn Andrews

Duane and Laura Andrews of Stockton, Il. are the parents of a daughter Brooklynn Rose Andrews born Tuesday Feb. 27, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Brooklynn has a sister Maddison Taylor Andrews, 6 and a brother Christopher Thomas Lee Hicks, 16. Grandparents are Doug and Margaret Andrews of Woodstock, Ill, Jack and Jackie Lickes of Stockton and the late Chris and Jude Shechy of Las Vegas, Nev.

Joy Black

Jacob and Julia Black of Lena, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Joy Anne Black born Wednesday Feb. 28, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Gerald and Tracy Black of Stockton, Ill. and Lawrence and Kay Race of Lock Haven, Pa. Great grandparents are Nora Black of Downers Grove, Ill. and Dr. Olin and Elsie Race of Anchorage, Alaska.

Deacon Reed

Dustin and Cassandra Reed of Pearl City, Ill. are the parents of a son Deacon Lewis Reed born Wednesday Feb. 14, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Tim and Kris Jansen and Rick and Sue Reed all of Pearl City. Great grandparents are Char Nemeth of Rockford, Ill., Marlene Webster of Davis, Ill., Rod Slamp of Davis, Norman Jansen of Ft. Myers Beach, Fla., Gary Frank of Stockton, Ill. and Raymond and Kathryn Reed of Warren, Ill.

Weston Weier

Jennifer and Brent Weier of Orangeville, Ill. are the parents of a son Weston Allen Weier born Saturday Feb. 25, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Dana and Dale Bastian of Dakota, Ill., Michele Weier and Randy Baker of Orangeville and the late Wesley Weier. Great grandparents are Jerry and Nancy Albertson and Wayne and Nancy Weier all of Dakota.

Senior Brain Games schedule second practice session

If you have a knack for trivia, then grab some friends and come on down to the second Senior Brain Games practice session to be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 1 p.m. at the Volunteer Hospice of NW IL Office - 105 S Main St, Stockton, IL. The Senior Brain Games will be a team trivia event, consisting of 4 rounds of play - each round consisting of five questions. Questions will be from a variety of different categories, similar to the categories in Trivial Pursuit, and teams will have to be strategic with how they earn points with their answers.

The local First Place Winners will advance to compete at the Regional Competition. Regional First Place

Winners will advance to the State Competition, held at the Illinois State Fair on Senior Day - Monday, Aug. 13.

The Illinois State Senior Brain Games competition is an exciting statewide program that provides Illinois adults age 50 and older the opportunity to showcase and celebrate a lifetime of knowledge in an exciting team event. The program is coordinated by the Association of Illinois Senior Centers with the help of the Illinois Department on Aging.

Call Stacy Kutz-Deline at the Senior Resource Center (Freeport) at 815-235-9777, ext. 258 to register or for more information. Come join the fun.



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Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette Eggers

Hey, hey baseball fans.

We have our annual baseball trip to watch the Cubs and Brewers play in Milwaukee on June 13. The tickets are going pretty quickly, so contact our office to sign up if you are interested. The cost for the tickets and bus transportation to the game is \$65 for farm bureau members and \$70 for non-members.

Smartphone 101 class slated.

Join us to on April 20, at the Elizabeth Community Building to learn about the basics of the Smartphone. Ever wanted to know how to send a picture in a text message or how to control notifications? This session will teach you the ins and outs of how to use your Android or IOS Smartphone in a hands-on environment. Topics will include texting,

freeing up storage on your phone, saving contacts, and more ways to make your Smartphone work for you. Please bring your iTunes or Google Play account information as this will help with downloading apps and changing other settings. Two sessions will be provided: 10 a.m. class will cover iPhones phones and 1 p.m. will cover Android devices. To sign up for this class, please call our office at 815-858-2235.

Estate Planning Seminary Planned.

It's never too early to learn about getting your personal and financial affairs in order. The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau will be hosting, Rick Morgan, Senior Financial Security Consultant from COUN-

TRY Financial on Mon-day, March 19, 1:30 p.m. for a free, member seminar on farm estate planning, farm continuation, the new tax bill and how it impacts estate planning. Rick has more than 35 years of experience as a trust officer and has been involved in estate, retirement, business, farm continuation and personal financial planning. Questions, call the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau at 815-858-2235. If you plan on attending, please RSVP with our office.



Annette Eggers

Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship program.

There will be five scholarships, worth \$4,000 each. The scholarship program helps encourage and develop a pool of rural health practitioners to help meet the health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive the scholarship agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois. To be eligible, students must be Illinois residents and be a registered nurse accepted in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Applications are available at www.

rimsap.com and are due May 1.

Ag Fun Fact:

Raising beef cattle is the single largest segment of American agriculture.

College News

Area student named to UW-Milwaukee Dean's List

Brooke Nicole Beverley, AOC-Undergraduate, Freshman of Cedarville is named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2017 semester. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

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CHURCH NEWS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on March 11, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fourth 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 Tuesday March 13, at 9:45 a.m. Good Shepherd will meet for Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center. On Wednesday March 14, 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 14, at 12 p.m. hosted at Lena EV Free Church; devotions on Jesus' walking on the water (John 6:16-25).

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for a Lenten Supper on March 14, at 5:30 p.m. and to Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. The service is based on Into the Wild: A Lenten Liturgy and Intergenerational Study on Hunger by ELCA World Hunger. We will explore wilderness in our places and God who walks with us in the wild. People of every age and every walks of their lives are welcome to join.

On Thursday March 15. Good Shepherd will be at the Friendship Center for Devotions and Dessert at 1:30 p.m.

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

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday March 11, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be bringing the message "Walking What the Greatest Command Meant!" You all are invited and welcome to come in and hear this message. And then also to stay for the fellowship following.

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

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL; for more info feel free to call the Pastor at 262-308-2379

St John's Church

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 25, with special services during the week leading up to Easter. On Palm Sunday we see Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with people shouting hosannas and laying their garments and small branches of trees in front of him to create a sort of "red carpet" to honor his arrival. The Gospel of John states, "They took palm branches and went out to meet him shouting 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (John 12:13)

During this whole penitential season of Lent we reflect on our sinful lives and have a heightened awareness of our need for forgiveness--our need for a Savior. Jesus is that Savior who willingly lay down his life as the Sacrificial Lamb of God to pay the price for the sins of all mankind. During Holy Week we focus on His pain and suffering on our behalf.

Maundy Thursday Worship is at 7 p.m. on March 29. This is called Maundy Thursday based on the Latin word "mandatum" which means commandment. At the Last Supper Jesus commanded us to love one another (John 13:34,) it also when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion.

On Good Friday our Tenebrae worship service at 7 p.m. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to focus the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is not happy. It is a somber time for reflection, and we leave in silence.

The regular Saturday evening service is not held during Holy Week.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, the worship service times are 7, 9, and 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast is prepared and served by the youth group following the 7 a.m. service.

Everyone in the community is warmly invited to attend any and all of our services.

St. John's Lutheran Church to host Dominoes and Euchre Party

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City for worship on Sunday, March 11, at 9 a.m. for the third Sunday in Lent. The worship service will include songs from the Joy Choir. After the worship, Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Property Committee will meet at after worship. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) youth group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

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.

St. John's is hosting a Community Dominoes and Euchre party on Sunday, March 11, at 1:30 p.m. A light meal will be served. Prizes given. Cost is \$5/person. Building is handicap accessible.

Cindy Ditzler, Pearl City, IL, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on Feb. 28. It's not too late. St. John's is selling 2018 calendars with an opportunity to win a \$200 drawing each week. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for \$30, please

contact the church office or any member of St. John's. Phone and email information below.

The 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 \$55 per person and include the show, coach bus transportation and a choice of lunch. Sign-up and make payment at St. John's by March 31.

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

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

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

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Doors will open at 5 p.m. with a complimentary buffet dinner, and the program will begin at 5:45 p.m. Reservations are required and seating is limited – please RSVP to the Stephenson County Farm Bureau at 815-232-3186 or office@stephensoncfb.org by March 14.

Freeport Women's Connection invites area women and men to our monthly meetings at the Eagles Club in Freeport. Each month features a speaker, entertainment, and brunch for \$10.00. We meet the third Thursday at 9:30 - 11 a.m. Reservations by phone 815-871-2209 or email frptcwc@yahoo.com. Please join us March 15th.

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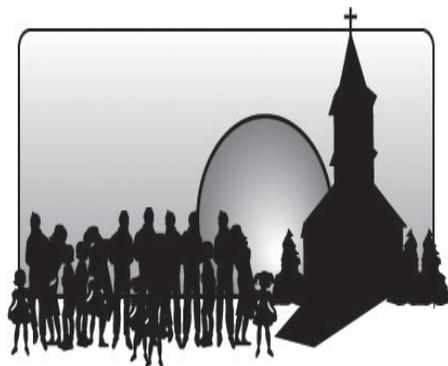
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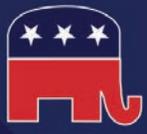
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CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is a global celebration of Irish culture

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

St. Patrick's Day occurs annually on March 17 in observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. What began as a religious feast day in the 17th century has evolved into a variety of festivals across the globe celebrating Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and a whole lot of green.

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all of his prevalence in culture, namely the holiday held on the day of his death that bears his name, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

St. Patrick: taken prisoner by Irish raiders

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious

family. At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. (There is some dispute over where this captivity took place. Although many believe he was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, it is more likely that he was held in County Mayo near Killlala.) During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned

to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

St. Patrick: guided by visions

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo,

where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

St. Patrick: bonfires and crosses

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan

religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Pat-

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Principal of the Day

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Reading together

Family Reading Night was very well attended. The theme this year was "Camp Read-A-Lot." There were numerous activities that centered on a reading/camping theme – making marshmallow words, tongue twisters and mad libs, compound words, a selfie station, a fishing snack, and singing songs around the campfire. A special thank you to Deb Heim for leading the campfire songs and all the parents and students that attended.

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March courses include Integrity Coaching, Spanish Movie Night, Ballroom Dancing, Candle making Basics, and more. Below are the course descriptions and further information.

Integrity Coaching®

Location: Highland Community College, building H, room H-210

Registration Deadline: Feb. 22; Class Dates: Mar. 1, 2; Class Times: Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon; Fee: \$1,295

Instructor: Alan Wenzel and Tom Rutter

This highly interactive course assists managers, supervisors, and leaders in becoming more adept at giving people a sense of purpose and challenging them to reach higher levels of performance. Participants will learn, practice, and implement a simple five-step coaching process that gives others a sense of purpose, challenges them to reach higher levels of performance, and builds confidence and competence in their abilities. Reinforcement follow-up workshops 5:30 to 7 p.m. (seven nights) - in person preferred, conference call-in available. March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19.

Spanish Movie Night-March 1, Violeta Went to Heaven (Chile), adult

Location: Highland Community College, building H, room H-201A

Registration Deadline: Feb.22; Class Date: March 1; Class Time: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Fee: \$5

Instructor: Cristina Sztencus

Become more understanding of diversity and multiculturalism by exploring various aspects of different Hispanic cultures. All movies are in Spanish with English subtitles, internationally acclaimed, and have been chosen very carefully for their cultural and historical significance. There will be a brief introduction before the showing and a discussion afterwards. This is the story of Violeta Parra, famed Chilean singer, folklorist and political activist. Sundance Film Festival winner (2012). Come discuss music, art, and international fame vs. personal contradictions. This CRN number is for students.

Time Out Toolbox for Grown Ups-Sunday

Location: Sycamore Room, White Pines Resort, 6712 W. Pines Road, Mt. Morris, Ill.

Registration Deadline: Feb. 23; Class Date: March 4; Class Time: 4 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$95

Instructor: Jerry Campagna

TimeOut ain't just for kids anymore... spend an afternoon with award-winning author and nationally recognized transformational leadership facilitator Jerry Campagna as he shares his street-smart life skills in an entertaining and interactive workshop that includes a tapas style

sampling of the following: Putting Your BlueShades On!, STCA: Stop, Think, Conclude, Act!, and 7-28-55 Communication Equation.

Assassination of Garfield

Location: Highland Community College, building H, room H-210

Registration Deadline: Feb.26; Class Date: March 5; Class Time: 7 to 9 p.m.; Fee: \$25

Instructor: Mark Peterson

This one-time class looks at the assassination of President Garfield. It first looks at US Culture in 1881, a brief biography of James Garfield, and of Charles Guiteau, who grew up in Freeport, IL. It then covers the details leading up to the morning of July 2, 1881, at the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Station in Washington, DC. It covers the capture, trial, and execution of Guiteau. It covers the poor medical treatment received by Garfield and his death on September 19, 1881. The current status of the Railroad station and the gravesite of Garfield are also explored. This class will be held at the Stephenson County Senior Resource Center, Freeport.

Italian Cuisine II

Location: St. John's United Church of Christ, 1010 S. Park Blvd., Freeport, Ill.

Registration Deadline: Feb. 26; Class Date: March 5; Class Time: 5 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$45

Instructor: Michael Staver

Learn even more traditional Italian recipes. This is a continuation of the earlier Italian Cuisine class, but the first class is NOT a prerequisite. Please bring containers to take food home.

Candle making Basics

Location: Highland Community College, building F, room F-066

Registration Deadline: Feb.27; Class Dates: March 5, 7, 9; Class Times: 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Fee: \$50

Instructor: Brenda Boland

Learn what materials are needed and the methods to complete making candles. You will make one container candle to take home that begins with fresh white wax. Also included in the class will be ways to recycle container candles and leftover wax. Information and links will be provided in a handout for purchasing candle-making materials and other basic information. Cost of the class includes materials for one container candle.

Introduction to Genealogy

Location: Warren Public Library, 210 Burnett Ave., Warren, Ill.

Registration Deadline: Feb.27; Class Dates: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; Class Time: 6 to 7 p.m.; Fee: \$39

Instructor: Gary Price

Learn the basic forms and resources required and available to research the family tree and history. Learn about computer programs and websites. The culminating activity will be the creation of an ancestral chart completed by the student.

Learn Your Smartphone I

Location: Highland Community College, building T, room T-161

Registration Deadline: Feb.27; Class Date: March 6; Class Time:

6:30 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$25

Instructor: Shara Ibalio

Learn more about your Smartphone. Class will include security, how to use contacts, linking your email and more. Time will be reserved at the end of class to have your questions answered.

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Location: Stephenson County Senior Resource Center, 206 E. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Ill.

Registration Deadline: Feb.27; Class Date: March 6; Class Time: 1 to 3 p.m.; Fee: \$29

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Tapping Into Your Inner Voice

Location: Highland Community College, building H, room H-210

Registration Deadline: Feb.27; Class Dates: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27; Class Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Fee: \$60

Instructor: Elias Patras

In this introductory course, we will be discussing a few ways of tapping into our inner voice. We will learn how to ground ourselves to be able to hear more of that intuitive voice, how to sense energy, and how to use different tools to expand this inner knowing. Chakras, crystals, essential oils, and how to start to manifest your heart's desire will be discussed. Time will be allowed for questions, and most of this course will be experiential.

Ballroom Dance-Rumba

Location: Keystone Dance Company, 118 W. Front Avenue, Stockton, Ill.

Registration Deadline: March 1;

Class Dates: Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29; Class Time: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Fee: \$50

Instructor: Dennis and Sandy Scheckel

Learn Rumba, a sequence of 6 steps, which form the shape of a box on the floor. See CRN 6942 for additional information.

Word Introduction

Location: Highland Community College, building T, room T-161

Registration Deadline: March 1; Class Dates: Mar. 8, 15, 22; Class Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$59

Instructor: Shara Ibalio

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Mixology

Location: White Pines Inn, 6712 W Pines Road, Mt. Morris, Ill.

Registration Deadline: March 4; Class Date: March 11; Class Time: 5 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$59

Instructor: Evan Talbert

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Assassination of Lincoln

Location: Highland Community College, building H, room 210

Registration Deadline: March 5; Class Date: March 12; Class Time: 7 to 9 p.m.; Fee: \$25

Instructor: Mark Peterson

This one-time class looks at the assassination of President Lincoln. It first looks at US culture in 1865, a brief biography of Abraham Lincoln, and John Wilkes Booth. It then covers the details leading up to the evening of April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre, the capture of Booth and his accomplices, and the funeral procession of Lincoln. The current status of Ford's Theatre and the gravesite of Lincoln are also explored. This class will be held at the Stephenson County Senior Resource Center, Freeport.

Assassination of Lincoln

Location: Stephenson County Senior Resource Center, 206 E. Stephenson Street, Freeport, Ill.

Registration Deadline: March 5; Class Date: March 12; Class Time: 1 to 3 p.m.; Fee: \$29

Instructor: Mark Peterson

This one-time class looks at the assassination of President Lincoln. It first looks at US culture in 1865, a brief biography of Abraham Lincoln, and John Wilkes Booth. It then covers the details leading up to the evening of April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre, the capture of Booth and his accomplices, and the funeral procession of Lincoln. The current status of Ford's Theatre and the gravesite of Lincoln are also explored. This class will be held at the Stephenson County Senior Resource Center, Freeport.

Spanish Cuisine II

Location: St. John's United Church of Christ, 1010 S. Park Blvd., Freeport, Ill.

Registration Deadline: March 5; Class Date: March 12; Class Time: 5 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$45

Instructor: Michael Staver

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Pearl City FFA

Jazmin Wingert of Pearl City placed first at the Section One FFA Prepared Public Speaking Contest at River Ridge High School on March 1. She will now advance to District Competition in Geneseo on April 4. Also advancing to District Competition from Pearl City was Garrett Handsaker who placed second in Extemporeous Public Speaking.



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Pearl City Biome video

Pearl City fifth grade students did all the recording and video editing on their own to create a YouTube video to teach others about their Biome project

PCEF announces scholarship availability

Pearl City Education Foundation announces new scholarship offerings for eligible graduating Pearl City Seniors. Scholarships will range up to \$1000 per student. Enrollment as a full time student in an accredited college or vocational/trade school in fall of 2018 is required.

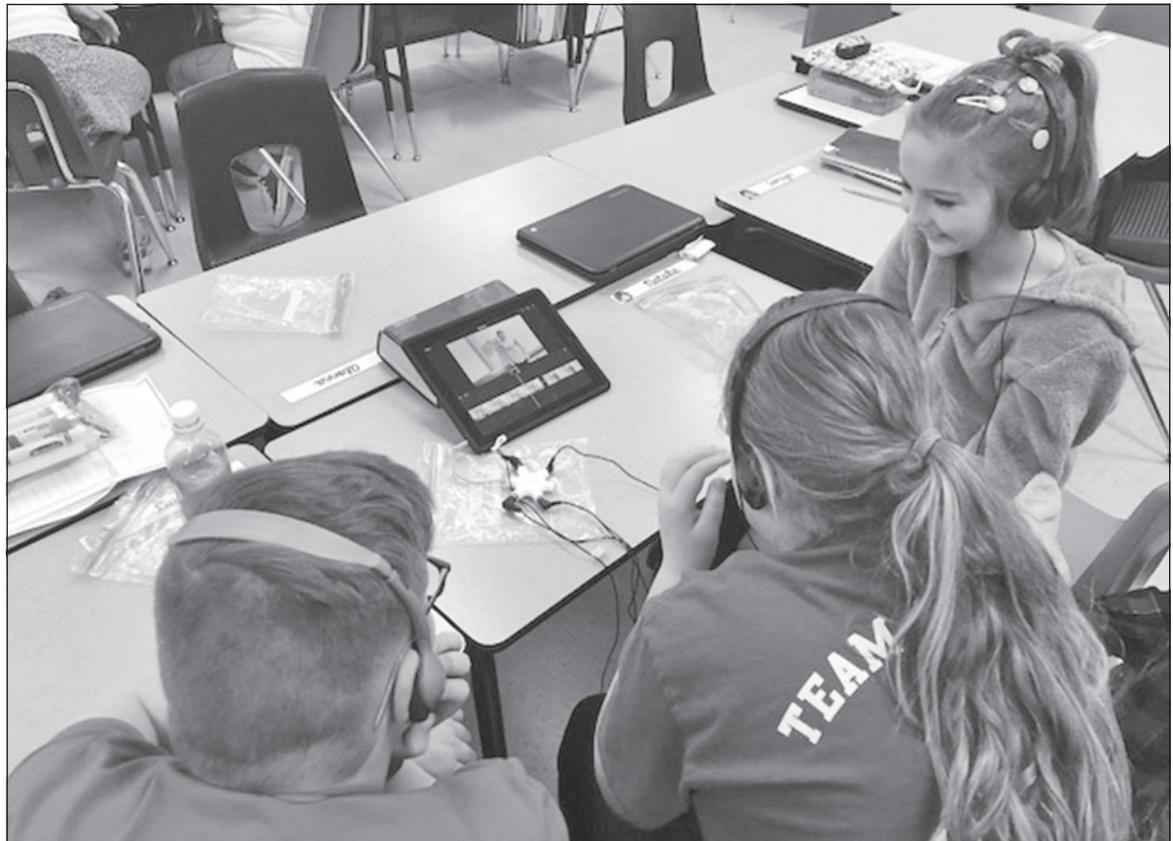
PCEF's "Multiuse Scholarship Application" form must be utilized. Copies of this application form are available via the PC Wolves website or through the guidance counselor's office. In addition PCEF's Scholarship Team will be determining recipients of the Lawler; Litow; and Kampmeier ongoing scholarships. These scholarships will also utilize PCEF's "Multiuse Scholarship Ap-

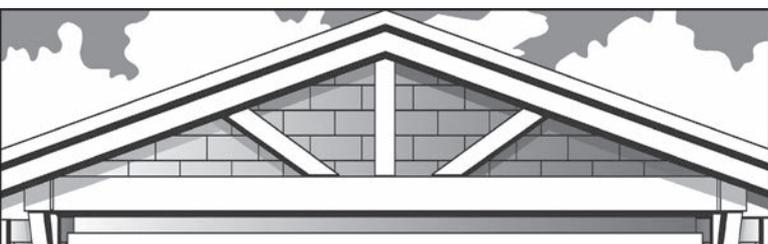
plication" form starting this year.

Completed signed application forms with the required attachments are due at the school no later than April 2. Applications will be reviewed by PCEF's Scholarship Team to determine recipients and award amounts. These PCEF Scholarships will be awarded as part of the May Seniors Honors Night Program.

PCEF thanks those whose efforts and/or donations added to PCEF's scholarship funding capabilities to make our new annual scholarship offerings possible.

This announcement submitted by Pearl City Education Foundation, PCEF Scholarship Team.



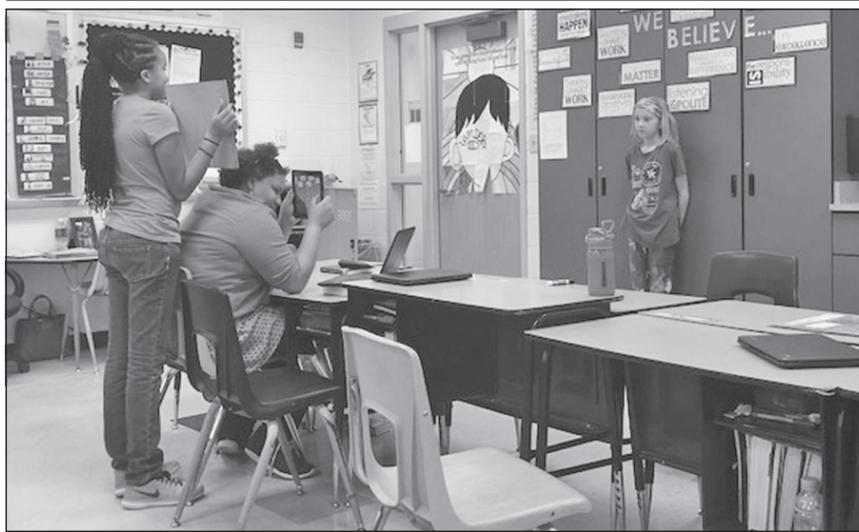


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March 28th in The Shopper's Guide



Pearl City 5th graders Miles Freedlund, Taytum Mullen and Zinnia Larson researched a biome and created a YouTube video to teach others about their Biome research.

Pearl City fifth graders Tomiya Stultz, Jakari Wool and Joely Christiansen have fun creating their Biome video.

• Classes (Continued from page 13)

fall 2017, learn new recipes and methods taking the class again. Spain has a very diverse cuisine, which changes dramatically from North to South. The Basque Region, northern Spain, encompasses both Spanish and French cuisines to the southern region of Spain, Andalusia. Dishes featured will be from the Basque region and from the southern region. Please bring containers to take food home in.

Who Haunts Your House

Location: Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport, Ill.
 Registration Deadline: March 5; Class Dates: Mar. 12, 19, 26; Class Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.; Fee: \$45
 Instructor: Terry Feinberg
 Learn how to trace the history of your house. Who lived in it before you and what were their stories?

When were additions added (or subtracted)? Who paid taxes (or not), how much, and for what? Trace the history of the residents and the house itself. And, if your house is haunted, just maybe you'll learn about the spirits sharing your home.

Cedarville and Addams Family Items

Location: Cedarville Historical Museum, 450 2nd Street, Cedarville, Ill.
 Registration Deadline: March 6; Class Dates: Mar. 13, 27, Apr. 10, 24; Class Time: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Fee: \$50
 Instructor: Jim Bade and Andy Dvorak
 Classes will center around the indefinite loan of items to the museum from the Addams home and family, including the bed Jane Addams re-

portedly was born in.

Learn Your Smartphone II

Location: Highland Community College, building T, room T-161
 Registration Deadline: March 6; Class Date: March 13; Class Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$25
 Instructor: Shara Ibalio
 If you attended smartphone in the past, or know the basics, expand your knowledge with this class.

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Sign Painting Workshop with Sunny Hill Craft Company

Location: This Is It Eatery, 16 N. Chicago Ave., Freeport, Ill.
 Registration Deadline: March 7; Class Date: March 14; Class Time: 6 to 9 p.m.; Fee: \$30
 Instructor: Abby Mielke
 Abby Mielke from Sunny Hill Craft Company will lead this fun,

do-it-yourself workshop where you can paint your own wooden sign. You can choose from any design that Sunny Hill Craft Company has created. After you have registered for the class, visit Sunny Hill Craft Company's Facebook page and look in the Signs photo folder for ideas. Send an email to sunnyhillcraftco@gmail.com at least two weeks before the class begins with your sign choice so she can get it ready for you to paint and stencil. As you know, no two pieces of wood are alike. Grains, texture, and coloring are different on every sign. Sizes vary based on design. Average sign size on a single board sign is 12"x18". Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the start time so we can begin on time.

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 or call us at 815-858-2273.

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

UW Oshkosh announces Dean's List and Honor Roll for Fall, 2017

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have announced the names of students including Kiah Ranstead of Kent who qualified for the University's Dean's List and Honor Roll in fall 2017.

To qualify for the honor roll, a student must take at least 12 credits and earn a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 3.3 (out of a possible 4.0). Those with a GPA of 3.75 or better qualify for the dean's list.

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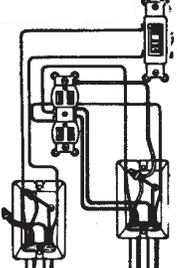


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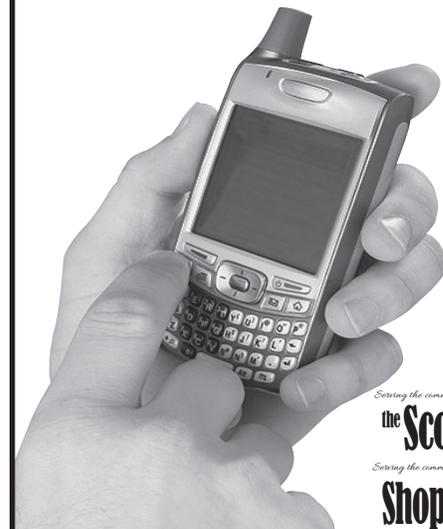
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AUTOMOTIVE

Stockton set to take swing at spring season

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The celebration from the highly-successful winter sports season continues for many residents across District 206. Now many of those same Blackhawks' faithful are hoping new avenues of successes can be found along the lanes and fields of the NUIC, during the upcoming spring sports season.

Practices are underway for spring activities including track and field, baseball and softball. Indoor practice will end after conditions allow for more productive time to be spent outside and then the games will be "on" shortly after that.

Weather will become a greater factor in the need to possibly reconsider scheduled matches at times during the spring season, but accommodations and make-up opportunities are generally accorded.

The Lady Blackhawks open the 2018 softball season on the road in East Dubuque. First pitch against the Lady Warriors as been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. Two days later, East Dubuque visits Stockton for its home-opener.

The away-and-home schedule will continue for Stock-

ton through the month of March with matches scheduled at Eastland Tuesday, March 27 and then back home to host the Lady Cougars on Thursday, March 29.

April opens with spring break for the Lady Blackhawks and the games return the Tuesday they report back to school. Stockton is scheduled to travel to Galena on Tuesday, April 3. before heading back home April 5.

As the Lady Blackhawks entertain their season schedule, the boys' team will be doing the same. Stockton opens the baseball schedule in East Dubuque with their softball-counterparts. The Blackhawks take the field at 4:30 p.m. The will return home on Tuesday, March 22 to host the Warriors as well. On Friday, March 23, the Winnebago Indians travel west to face Stockton.

Games against Eastland and Galena close March and help open April. NUIC battles with Orangeville, Lena-Winslow and Freeport Aquin follow, as the Blackhawks work into their first full month of games.

Track-and-field duties are being assigned this week, as runners, jumpers and throwers refine their skills in time for the 2018 spring-season opener. The Girls track team will open on Tuesday, March 20 in River Ridge and the boys' track team will travel to Hanover two days later.

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Wolves win West and battle south into post-season

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

It was a great year for the Pearl City Wolves boys' basketball team. They battled with some of the most talented teams across the Illinois northwest and throughout the NUIC. Their victories took them east across Winnebago County and towards the Whiteside County Line. They finished with an 11-2 record against some of their "best friends" in the West and were declared "Best-of-Show!" when it was over. They closed game play with the shared distinction of conference champion with the East Dubuque Warriors.

On their way to the West Title, Pearl City took down strong programs and worked their way around the floor in crucial head-to-head meetings. They were the second highest scoring team in the NUIC-West this year and their de-

fense finished in the top-three as well. Their efforts showcased some strong early basketball after surviving a less-than-perfect start to the regular season.

The 0-3 start in early November seemed to have been quickly forgotten as the players turned their attention to tournament play and the regular season games that followed. They discovered ways to win within the conference and in the end, how to win the battles that would lead to the conference title.

The NUIC-West Championship Crown in February confirmed their early thoughts. The Wolves went on one of their many multi-game win streaks after the numbers started coming in, following the 0-3 season send-off.

The Nov. 25 showdown with Orangeville helped ignite the ensuing five-game favorable finding. The Wolves closed 2017 at the start of another

five-game win streak that carried into mid-January games.

The East Dubuque Regional Finalist closed the regular season winning seven of nine games. It was seven of eight before the State-ranked host Warriors collected the 52-37 decision in their own Class 3A Regional this past week.

Pearl City advanced to the 1A Regional Championship after they defeated the Stockton Blackhawks on Wednesday, Feb.21, 40-17. The Blackhawks were issued the seven seed and earned the right to face the higher seeded Wolves when they knocked-off 13-seed Scales Mound on Monday, Feb. 19 47-27.

East Dubuque won its opening round game in the Eastland 1A Sectional with a five-point win over Regional Champion Milledgeville, 52-47. The Warriors fell to top-seed Sterling Newman in the Eastland 1A Sectional Game, 46-43.

4-H Fun Day: doing, thinking, and creating

The 2018 Jo Daviess County 4-H Fun Day will be held on Friday, March 30, at the CTE Academy located in Elizabeth. Sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension, this event will include hands-on learning activities that will have kids DOING, THINKING, and CREATING! 4-H Fun Day is open to any child currently in K-12 grade. Participants do NOT need to be a 4-H member to attend. Everyone is welcome, so grab a friend!

This event will offer three sessions. Each session will include a wide range of topics for your child to choose from. Participants will have a chance to make their own solar-powered car during the "Solar Energy: Racing with the Sun" workshop. Participants who choose the "Spring into Yoga"

workshop will have fun learning spring inspired yoga poses such as the "tree pose" and the "lotus pose". If your child is into art... they can participate in the "Found Art Garden Chimes' workshop" or "Hula Hoop T-Shirt Weaving" workshop. If your child has an interest in natural resources and the environment register them for the "Worm Vermicomposting," or "Feeding Your Furry Friends" workshop. There will also be special activities for participants who are currently in Kindergarten-2nd grade. These are just a few of the many workshops that are being offered during this event. Please visit our website to see a full listing and read the descriptions of the workshops your child can choose from.

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

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 8:00-8:15 a.m.-Check-in
- 8:15-8:25 a.m.-Welcome
- 8:30-9:30 a.m.-Session 1
- 9:35-10:35 a.m.-Session
- 10:40-11:40 a.m.-Session 3
- 11:45-noon-Closing and Pick-up

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required and will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. Space is limited for some of the workshops so register soon. You may register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/> or by calling the Extension Office at 815-858-2273. Registration closes on March 22.

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Regional Spelling Bee

West Carroll seventh grader and Regional Spelling Bee first runner up Aubrey Charles steps to the mic for one of her words during last week's regional competition in Pearl City.

Pearl City Eagle Scout takes a seat

Matthew M. Bronkema chose a community service project that would benefit anyone who comes to the Salem Cemetery, near Loran, IL. He ordered a bench from Doty and Sons, in Sycamore, IL. They gave him a Boy Scout discount and he purchased it with the balance of his Scout account. He was not sure what he wanted the bench to say, but he knew the main message.

In June, 2016, Matthew participated in a former Eagle Scouts funeral. Sam, one of the owners, helped with the wording, honoring Leo. A few weeks later, the bench was ready to be picked up. On December 2, Boy Scouts, neighbors, friends and family, helped put the bench together and plant perennials around the bench. A few days later, Matthew turned in his final Report on his project. On February 12, Matthew finished his final step in the process of becoming an Eagle Scout. He answered many questions during the hour, about his project, his experience with scouts, leaders and his future. He successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review.

When Matthew was six years old just starting kindergarten, he became a Tiger Cub Scout. As the years went by some of the boys dropped out. This past year, Matthew was the oldest member of Boy Scout Troop 27. He would like to thank everyone who helped guide him through the twelve years. The journey to become an Eagle Scout takes time and dedication. It is the highest rank attainable, in the Boy Scouts of America. You also, must earn it before your 18th birthday. To receive the Eagle Scout Rank, candidates must to earn 21 Boy Scout merit badges that demonstrate leadership and service. Eleven must be Eagle required. There are many badges to choose from, for the other 10. Matthew has earned a total of 35 merit badges.

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cafeteria. Along with seven other Merit Badges, including five that he earned from Buffalo Bill Camp in Coty, Wyoming, last summer. Boy

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UNKNOWN OWNERS
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Stephenson County, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of certain real estate mortgages, conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Parcel 1

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in West Point Township, Stephenson County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of said Section, Township and Range aforesaid, thence 285 feet East, thence 170 feet South, thence 285 feet West, thence 170 feet North to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in West Point Township, Stephenson County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along the North line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 11, a distance of 285.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, along said North line, a distance of 98.17 feet; thence South 04 degrees 12 minutes 20 seconds West, 412.64 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 15 seconds West, 355.70 feet to a point on the West line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 11; thence North 00 degrees

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