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Stockton seniors seek success in the spring

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

This past weekend the boys' basketball State Championship was held for the 1A and 2A schools. Local programs Sterling Newman, which finished with a win in the 1A, third-place game and Winnebago, which fell to now, two-time defending State Champion Chicago Orr in the 2A Title Game, represented the region well.

There was a lot of success in the area a season before that too. Lena-Winslow won the 1A Football Title and Durand got all the way to State in the 1A Volleyball Playoffs back in the fall.

Just a few weeks back the Stockton Lady Blackhawks made it to State and captured second in the Class 1A Girls' Basketball Tournament. As they were winning on the courts, the Le-Win/Stockton Pantherhawk wrestlers collected their honors on the mat. It was a strong winter season.

The completion of the final games in Peoria this past weekend means the winter schedule is officially filed and it's time for the spring and the sports that follow.

Two seasons are complete and seniors made up a big part of the success all of the neighborly northwest Illinois teams have achieved. The final stretch is at hand for Stockton senior student-athletes and the new season means new chances at closing out careers on positive notes.

The senior-athletes on this year's track and field, softball and baseball teams will be suiting up to start their last seasons, playing alongside many of the classmates they've played with since pre-K. The matches next week are scheduled to open things up, conditions permitting, for the baseball and softball teams.

Some indoor meets have already

been run around the area and many softball schedules featured a Tuesday, March 13 send-off. The field games begin on Tuesday, March 20 at East Dubuque for Stockton. The track matches start a day earlier in Morrison.

Both the Lady Blackhawks and their Blackhawk counterparts are scheduling the home openers for Thursday, March 22 with East Dubuque. The boys' track and field team is scheduled to participate in a meet at River Ridge at 4 p.m. on Thursday as well. The Blackhawks take the field at home against Winnebago on Friday.

Some of the early games of the season may be impacted by the weather. It is a reality many teams play around, considering the area where the NUIC's teams make camp. The away and home schedule will be the normal path, as long as the schedule allows.



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Blackhawks of the Month

This year we will recognize Stockton Middle School students each month that are going above and beyond to display our Blackhawk Way expectations. They have been nominated for special acts of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.

Blackhawks of the Month are: fifth grade-Elijah Haas, sixth grade-Bennett Graves, seventh grade-Maddie Harbach, and eighth grade-Callie Roberts

Becca's Closet offers free prom dresses

By Amy Hoening
ROCKFORD AREA LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Becca's Closet, a ministry of Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries, is giving away prom dresses to all area students.

Becca's Closet was created by Rebecca Kirtman, a 16 year old Florida high school sophomore. Becca recognized that there were many girls in her community who were unable to attend their high school prom and homecoming dances because they could not afford to purchase appropriate attire for the events. She launched a drive to provide formalwear and accessories free of charge because of her understanding of this inequity. Becca was tragically killed

in an automobile accident shortly after starting her "closet." Her friends and family continued the mission by forming a national "Becca's Closet" program, with 90 chapters to date, including the one in Rockford.

The Rockford chapter serves as a boutique that collects and distributes formalwear to hundreds of young women of Rockford and the surrounding communities. More than 1000 dresses are given away annually in the Rockford area.

Becca's Closet is located inside Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1829 North Rockton Avenue, situated directly across from West Middle School Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries, your partnership organization of 22 area ELCA congregations, including our congregation has accepted responsibility for oversight and continued operations of the chapter.

Becca's Closet opened Saturday, March 10 for the prom season

and is open through April 28 from 9 through 11:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. An average Saturday morning will bring 100 girls to come and choose a dress. Many of these girls came from Rockford area schools, but some came from the Quad Cities, Wisconsin, and Chicago area. Pictures are attached from homecoming. 2017. Donated dresses and accessories are always accepted; plus-size gowns and short dresses are especially appreciated.



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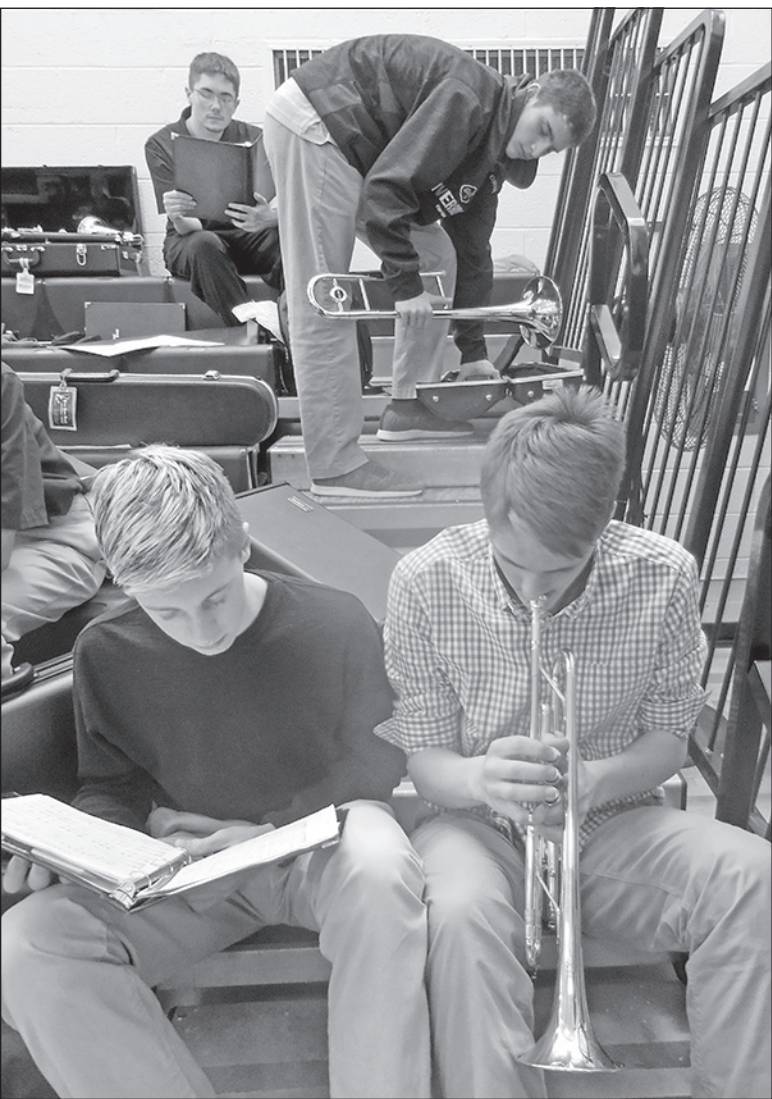
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River Ridge band members Bryton Engle, Bennett Reese and Trevor Grube warm up before performing at the Regional Band Competition held in Stockton over the weekend.



TONY CARTON PHOTOS *The Scoop Today*

Solo and Ensemble competition

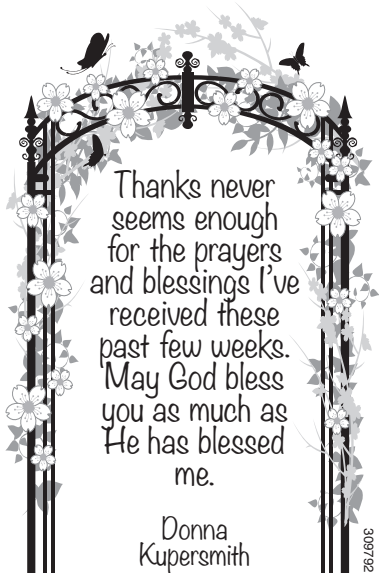
Rebecca and Kimberlyn Raab go over the finer points of their upcoming performance with Warren Band Director Sue Krahe (center).



Stockton musicians Cody Breuer, Luke Huschitt, Aspyn Stewart, and Ramsey Schulz warm up before facing the Solo and Ensemble judges.

25 years ago on
March 14, 1993, a great
woman died. That woman was
my grandmother
ORA LYONS

It's amazing how special people
can make their way into your
heart and memory. I was only 5
years old, but Grandma Lyons
shares some of my warmest
memories. She left a huge
impression on me. Her love &
compassion amazed me and set
a standard for me. Now at the
age of 30
I still think of her and miss
her greatly.
Her Grandson,
Chad Quandt 309743



Thanks never
seems enough
for the prayers
and blessings I've
received these
past few weeks.
May God bless
you as much as
He has blessed
me.

Donna
Kupersmith

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My appreciation
goes out to my
family, friends
and neighbors
who remembered
Don Mueller with
cards, flowers and
memorial gifts
at the time of his
passing. He will be
greatly missed by
all who knew him.
Thank you for
the kindness and
caring words sent
my way.

Edith Bauer

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Ari Nottrott, Logan Pehl, and McKenna Part are among the students representing the Scales Mound Music Department at the Solo and Ensemble event in Stockton.

In loving Memory of ORA Lyons

We do not need a special day to bring
you to our minds. The days we do not
think of you are very hard to find. Each
morning when we awake we know that
you are gone. And no one knows the
heartache as we try to carry on. Our
hearts still ache with sadness and secret
tears still flow. What it meant to lose
you, no one will ever know. Our thoughts
are always with you, your place no one
can fill. In life we loved you dearly, in
death we love you still. There will always
be a heartache, and often silent tears.
But always a precious memory of the
days you were here. If tears would make a
staircase and heartache make a lane, we'd
walk the path to heaven and bring you
home again. We hold you close within
our hearts, and there you will remain, to
walk with us throughout our lives, until
we meet again.

Love, Her Children & Grandchildren

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Donald Thoren and
family would like
to thank everyone
for the cards, calls,
prayers, visits, food
and many other acts
of kindness. Nice to
be home after being
gone 2 1/2 months.
God truly is great.
Each day a little
easier.
Blessings to all.

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Stockton CUSD #206 BOE February regular meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. Members present included Roger Groezinger, Nicole Haas, Todd Vincent, Neill Cahill, and Deb Gille. Member Kirk Schubert entered the meeting at 7 p.m. and member Kim Mapes was absent. The regular and closed session minutes for Jan. 15, 2018 were approved 6-0 following a motion by Vincent and second by Haas. Bills totaling \$237,783.08 were approved

for payment 6-0 following a motion by Haas and second by Cahill. The financial report was approved 6-0 following a motion by Gille and second by Haas. During public petitions and hearings presentations were made to the Board from Bradley & Bradley Architects about electrical updates for Stockton High School, Melissa Harbach and Brett Richardson presented on Lorado Taft overnight trip for fifth grade, and Jesse Snyder presented information about goals and needs for the Physical Ed-

ucation Department.

In his superintendent's report, Dr. Gilliland stated that collective bargaining has begun and will continue next week and that the next School Board meeting is Monday, March 12. In her good news report, Principal Downey congratulated the girls' basketball team for winning the regional championship, Vera McGovern and Ramsey Schulz for winning the speech sectional and advancing to the state competition, the individual state qualifier wrestlers Hunter Luke

and Jaden Rice, Coach Milder for being named the Illinois Coach of the Year for 2016-2017 wrestling season, and Aaron Ponce, Avery Goswick, and Hannah Smith for being recognized as students of the month. In her administrative report, Mrs. Downey reported that she attended the ROE principal meeting on Jan. 18, that NHS and Servant Leadership students volunteered for the Special Olympics at Chestnut Mountain on Feb. 7, and presented the Board with information about Illinois Virtual School. In his good news report, Mr. Fox congratulated the following Blackhawks of the Month: Ethan Stein/fifth grade; Brady Haas/sixth grade; Whitney Sullivan/seventh grade; Maria Bender/eighth grade; and Spelling Bee winners Maria Bender, first place; Kayden Schubert, second place; and Veyah Luke, third place. Maria Bender and Kayden Schubert will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee at Pearl City on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Both receive a one year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online and Maria Bender received a \$25 Chamber Certificate from Illinois Bank and Trust. In his administrative report Mr. Fox stated that Janet Dvorak from the Stockton Dental Center presented to K- sixth grade students on proper dental care, high school mentors have worked with fifth and sixth grades on bullying prevention activities, the eighth grade field trip to Springfield is set for Thursday, March 8, and the PTO Spring Fling dance will be Friday,

March 16, at the elementary school gym. In her good news report, Principal Colleen Fox congratulated all of the students earning Little Blackhawk awards for their efforts in the classroom, behavior, and positive attitudes and recognized the students that participated in Hoops for Heart on Wednesday, Feb. 14th for raising \$3816, surpassing their goal of \$3500. Mrs. Fox thanked the Fire Department for providing fire education to K-4th grade students on Thursday, Feb. 22. In her administrative report, Mrs. Fox reported that third and fourth grade students are preparing for PARCC testing in April and that she has attended meetings at the ROE, NWSE, CTEA, and in Moline on EBF. Mr. Groezinger reported information from the transportation committee and Mrs. Fox reported on the CTEA minutes.

In new business, the board took the following action:

1. Approved food consultant, Melissa McLain at \$40 per hour and mileage to review nutrition mandates with Stockton Food Director, Barb Schultz for 20 hours per calendar quarter 4-2 following a motion by Schubert and second by Cahill. Voting yes was Schubert, Cahill, Haas, and Gille. Voting no Groezinger and Vincent.

2. Approved overnight fifth grade field trip to Lorado Taft 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Vincent.

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Stockton Student Leadership

The Stockton Servant Leaders presented Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois with a check for \$182 after their fundraiser selling cookie plates over the holidays. Pictured are: (back row) Maggie Guenzler, Pauline Craig, Kendall Schulz, Leslie Niemann, Joanne Robinson, Colin Dvorak (front row) Abby Weber, Kali Haas, Megan Gille, Linden Liegel & Hannah Smith. Not pictured: Laurie Gothard-Zueger and Cindy Carton

Stockton Healthy and Active schedules March meeting

Stockton Healthy and Active is a community-based educational series lead by Andrew Gibbs, PharmD and LuAnn Jordan, FNP to provide information on a variety of topics to enhance the health of community members of all ages. Topics include strategies to improve sleep, increase daily activity, attain and maintain a healthy weight and help change

behaviors. The group meets once a month on the third Thursday (March 15) at 6 p.m. at the Stockton Park House. This month's highlight is meal planning and prepping with a cooking demonstration and samples. The meeting will be rescheduled to March 22, in the event of snow. Please call 815-275-7391 for further information.



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Easter crafts

Stockton area residents of all ages took advantage of a day off school to participate in Story Hour at the public library.

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VIEWPOINT

USDA announces more local control for school meal operations

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Secretary Steve Censky today announced two new efforts to provide states and school districts with additional flexibility and support to operate more efficient school meal programs. Censky made the announcement during a speech at the School Nutrition Association Legislative Action Conference in Washington, D.C.

Child Nutrition Hiring Flexibility Rule

In 2015, USDA established education and training requirements for nutrition professionals as part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. While this strengthened many school meal programs, some small school districts faced challenges finding qualified applicants to direct their local food service operation. Today's proposal would provide much-needed relief for school districts with less than 2,500 students, allowing them more flexibility in the

hiring of new school nutrition program directors.

"Small and rural school districts will no longer have to overlook qualified food service professionals because of one-size-fits-all standards that don't meet their needs," said Censky. "We trust our local partners to hire talented school nutrition program directors who will manage the meal service in a way that protects the health and well-being of students."

USDA is providing a 60-day public comment period and will then develop a final rule that responds to the needs of partners and stakeholders.

Child Nutrition Food Crediting Request for Information

To support states' efforts to improve program integrity, USDA also rolled out a suite of customizable resources to help local school districts improve the accuracy of their school meal application processes. These resources include support for online

applications, evidenced-based materials, and best practices to simplify the process for families and ensure that eligible children receive free and reduced-priced meals.

"USDA's goal to do right and feed everyone starts with our children," said Censky. "We are committed to giving states and school districts more tools and options to build a bright, self-sufficient future for America's children through well-managed school meal programs."

As part of this package, USDA is offering guidance to help schools utilize its award-winning, open-source online school meal application model. USDA developed the application with input from local food service professionals. The customer-friendly design of the model is intended to increase the integrity of the application process by reducing common mistakes families make when applying for free or reduced-priced school

meals.

"These tools are the benchmark for future innovation and give schools 21st century resources and strategies to run efficient food service operations, now and into the future," Censky said. "Schools can ensure the proper use of funds for feeding students in need, protecting the taxpayer dollar through high integrity programs."

USDA invites software developers in private industry to join schools in delivering customer service by helping them tailor their own applications.

In other business, USDA is:

Publishing the School Meal Flexibility Rule, which provides local food service professionals the flexibility they need to serve wholesome, nutritious, and tasty meals in schools across the nation.

Releasing "The Food Buying Guide," a mobile app that puts critical information at the fingertips

of food service professionals and makes it easier for them to plan wholesome, nutritious, and tasty school meals.

Selecting Kansas State University to direct the Center for Food Safety in Child Nutrition Programs, which will help improve food safety across all of USDA's child nutrition programs.

Inviting the public to submit ideas on food crediting, the system that defines how each food item contributes to meal requirements under the National School Lunch Program and other federal child nutrition programs.

About 100,000 schools and institutions feed 30 million children through the National School Lunch Program and nearly 15 million children through the School Breakfast Program. Many of these children receive their meals at no cost or for a reduced price according to income-based eligibility.

Election protection available for early voting period in Illinois primaries

Toll-Free Hotline (866-OUR-VOTE) Available Now; Live Assistance on March 20

After a delayed start, the early voting period for the primary election is underway in Illinois, where candidates are on the ballot for lo-

cal and statewide offices including governor, state attorney general, and various judges and district representatives. The Election Protection Coalition stands ready to assist voters with questions and concerns during the early voting period that ends on

March 19.

Voters are encouraged to contact 866-OUR-VOTE if they have questions or encounter problems when seeking to cast their ballots. The Election Protection Coalition will also be available to support voters on Election Day on March 20, starting 6 a.m.

"The right to vote is the most important right in our democracy. In Illinois, voters will go to the polls in an important primary election and the Election Protection hotline will be answering calls to ensure that all eligible voters are able to freely cast their ballots and have their voices heard," said Kristen Clarke, President and Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "The 866-OUR-VOTE hotline is a resource for all voters and

would-be voters in Illinois and across the country who seek to report complaints or otherwise access information needed to meaningfully participate in elections in their community."

Hundreds of attorneys have volunteered to answer calls and monitor the polls in past elections with Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, which leads the coalition in Illinois. In 2016, nearly a thousand calls were made to the Illinois hotline call center.

"The right to vote in this country was not given easily - it was won slowly with great effort by women, people of color, immigrants, and low-income communities," said Ami Gandhi of Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. "Our Election Protection volunteer attorneys are here as a resource for voters facing

barriers such as long lines, language barriers, or improper requests for ID, intimidation, registration hurdles, or language or accessibility barriers."

Election Protection volunteers are currently monitoring the toll-free English language hotline, 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) to answer any questions or concerns related to voting. Spanish-speaking voters may seek bilingual assistance through the 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682) hotline. Additionally, the 888-API-VOTE hotline provides bilingual voter services in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Urdu, Hindi, and Bengali/Bangla.

To vote in the March 20 primary, you must be registered to vote in the state of Illinois, and you can register up until and even on Election Day. Although traditional registration is closed, online registration ends March 4 and grace period registration extends through Election Day at designated locations. Election Day Registration is required to be available in all counties in Illinois and in many counties, it will be available in every polling place. To register online, go to <https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationClosed.aspx> and to check your registration status, go to <http://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx>.

You do not need to join a political party in order to vote in the primary election, but you will be asked to select which party's ballot you will vote on during this election.



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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

JOHN A. PETERSON

John A. Peterson, age 100 of Freeport, IL passed away Sunday, March 4, 2018 at FHN Memorial Hospital. He was born March 10, 1917 at the farm home in Cherry Grove Township to the late Martin and Anna (Gast) Peterson. John married Vera Toepfer on Sept. 28, 1939 in Des Moines, IA.

John was a lifetime member of Ebenezer United Church of Christ. He was a third generation farmer in the Pearl City area and after he retired from farming he worked as a carpenter and a maintenance man at Lake Carroll. John enjoyed playing cards, woodworking and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Vera; his sons, Randall (Joyce), Richard (Janet), Ryan (Debbie), Reginald (Linda) and Rodney (Nancy); his daughters, Ramona Cruse and Rita (Randy) Brinkmeier; his 18 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren. John was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters and son-in-law, Jerry Cruse.

The funeral service was held March 10, at Ebenezer U.C.C. There was a visitation on March 9, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City, IL. Interment will take place at Ebenezer Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for the Ebenezer Cemetery. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

KEVIN L. UPMANN

Kevin L. Upmann, 52, of Warren, IL passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, WI. Kevin was born on April 21, 1965 to Leo and Janet (Koehler) Upmann in Freeport. He graduated from Warren High School in 1983. Kevin married Lori Hawkinson on March 26, 1999 in Elizabeth. Kevin was a truck driver for various trucking companies, even being an owner operator at one point. He was an avid sports fan; especially cheering for the Michigan Wolverine's "Hail to the Victor" and the Dallas Cowboys. Kevin also enjoyed watching NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt Sr., participating in tough man contests, arm wrestling, and farming. Kevin was also on the Rockford Panthers Semipro football team. Kevin also spent a lot of time in his wood shop.

Kevin is survived by his wife Lori of Warren, their four legged children;



Teddy, the border collie, and Tom, the tuxedo cat, mother Janet Upmann of Warren, siblings; Gene (Ann Marie) Koehler of Quincy, MA, Ken Upmann of Dubuque, IA, Kerri (Nicholas) Ruf of Darlingtwn, WI; father-in-law Allen Hawkinson of Lena, brothers and sisters-in-law; Scott (Chris) Hawkinson of Dodgeville, WI, Marsha (Mark) Bosch of Plainfield, IL, Steve (Connie) Hawkinson of Monroe, WI, Rhonda "Weezy" Hawkinson of Nashville, TN, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father Leo Upmann in 2016, mother-in-law Cathryn Hawkinson in 2016, and his grandparents.

A visitation was held Sunday, March 11, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren, IL.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in Kevin's name.

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

LILA L. NOLL

Lila L. Noll, age 78 of Stockton, IL passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at home. She was born Oct. 28, 1939 in Freeport to the late Victor and Nancy (VanMatre) Miller. Lila married Dale Noll on Dec. 1, 1957 in Orangeville. Dale passed away on June 11, 2005.

Lila was a 1957 graduate of Orangeville High School. She had farmed with her husband and worked at Dura Automotive and General Casualty. Lila enjoyed caring for her animals,

solving puzzles and watching game-shows.

She is survived by her sons, Duane Noll of Stockton and Randal (Laura) Noll of Stockton; her daughter, Brenda (Terry) Miller of Stockton; her six grandchildren, Chris, Matt, Erica, Baylee, Loran and Amber; her two great grandchildren, Vada and Jaden; and her sister, Emily Furgenson of Dakota. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one sister.

Visitation and funeral services were held March 12, at the Hermann Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with her family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MARILYN G. HINTZ

Marilyn G. Hintz, 89, formerly of Warren, passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Presence St. Joseph Center Nursing Home in Freeport. She was born on Nov. 6, 1928 to Earl and Iris (Rhodes) Kaiser in Darlington, WI. Marilyn married Clarence M.W. Hintz on Dec. 20, 1947 at the Apple River parsonage; he preceded her in death on May 9, 2002. Marilyn and Clarence farmed in the Stockton and Warren area until their retirement. She enjoyed gardening and working on the farm. Marilyn also enjoyed playing cards, especially euchre.

Marilyn is survived by her two sons; Ronald (Patricia) Hintz of Freeport, Thomas Hintz of Madison, WI, three grandchildren; Rachel Endean, Melissa (Bryan) McDonald, and Amanda

(Donald) Tatham, all of Freeport, five great-grandchildren; Garrett, Griffin, Gracen, Cylie, and Meghan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Clarence, two Sisters Jean Sersch and Jeanette Bourquin.

A private family graveside service will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

MARJORIE M. KLEVER

Marjorie M. Klever, 93, of Lena, passed away on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the Lena Living Center in Lena. She was born on May 21, 1924 to Oliver and Bessie (Brobst) Rees in Freeport, IL.

She married William "Bill" Klever on Feb. 7, 1945. She farmed alongside Bill until their retirement. She worked at Micro Switch prior to her marriage. Marjorie enjoyed baking, especially cinnamon rolls, cooking, and canning,



especially pickles. She shared her baked goods with family and friends. Marjorie's nature was unselfish and she never complained. Bill and Marjorie traveled to Alaska, and went on a cruise. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Marjorie is survived by her son; Jim (Marilyn) Klever of Lena, daughters; Mary (Russ) Hruby of Petersburg, IL and Carol (Rich) Wickersham of Lena, eight grandchildren; Laura (Matt) Morrison, Ryan (Christal) Klever, Sara (Steve) Bonebright, Scott (Carrrie) Hruby, Christopher (Anna) Hruby, Justin Hruby, Megan (Jim) Renner and Cole (Jordon) Wickersham; and 16 great grandchildren, Sister-in-law; Nancy Klever, and an aunt and great-aunt to several.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband Bill in 2009, sister Marian Kiburz, brothers-in-law Paul Klever and Daniel Kiburz.

Visitation and funeral services were held at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Pastor Keri Rainsburger will officiate the services.

Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

Lena Historical Society Train Presentation

Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m.

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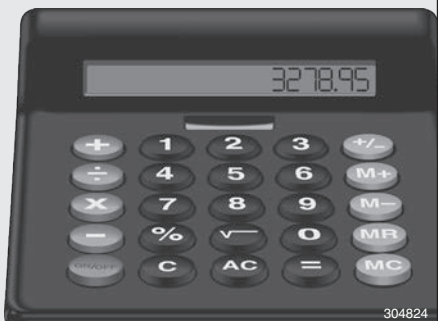


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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance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

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

If you have never applied before or were denied previously this program year, you may call the office to set up an appointment to apply for LIHEAP assistance.

LIHEAP Applications will be taken until May 31, 2018 or until funding is exhausted.

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

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Illinois Bank & Trust- Galena Downtown
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Add \$522.50 for each additional person in the household

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

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household.
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- Current heat and electric bills issued.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services.
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt.
- Proof of homeownership, tax bill or title (for mobile home), is required for weatherization assistance.

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Celebrating 65 years

Mervin (Johnny) and Verla Lobdell are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with their children-Murry and Julie Lobdell, Kayla Lobdell, Karlyn and Jay Kempel and Kelly and Janet Lobdell, 13 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. They were married on March 15, 1953 in Lena, IL at the Lena United Methodist Church. Their address is 5770 N Flensburg Road, Lena, IL 61048 and they would love to hear from family and friends that have been part of their 65 years together.

Country Fair Charities grant applications available

Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities, Inc. will be accepting applications for grants from not-for-profit organizations till May 1. JD-CCFC is a not-for-profit organization

whose purpose is to serve as a fund-raising organization to facilitate and assist charitable causes throughout Jo Daviess County. The goal of the organization is to provide financial

assistance to those in need. This goal is accomplished through the awarding of grants to non-profit organizations who, in their goal to help other people in the county, express a need for financial assistance.

The money for the grants comes from the proceeds of the annual Galena Country Fair. Country Fair is held each Columbus Day weekend at Grant Park in Galena.

Grant applications may be obtained by writing to Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 6394, Galena, IL 61036, or accessing an application online at galenacountryfair.org. All applications must be postmarked by May 1, and grants will be awarded in June, 2018.

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CHURCH NEWS

St. John's Lutheran Church to hold March Grace Meal

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City at 9 a.m. for the fourth Sunday in Lent. The worship service will include the Chancel Choir. After the

worship, Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Memorial and Finance Committee and the Stewardship/Outreach Committee will both meet after worship. The SPLAT youth group will meet at 11 a.m. to deliver Grace Meals. The March Grace Meal menu will include lasagna, tossed salad, vegetable, roll, dessert and beverage. Join us for a meal and fellowship.

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.

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

The 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. 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 pm 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.

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.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on March 18, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fifth 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 21, 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 21, at 12 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, devotions on Jesus' healing the man born blind. (John 9:1-41).

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

On Saturday March 24, Good Shepherd will be at the Lean Food Pantry.

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

St John's

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena, has announced its special schedule for Holy Week worship services. The 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 laid 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 gave us a new commandment—to love one another (John 13:34.) It also when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion.

Good Friday worship service at 7 p.m. is called Tenebrae. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to focus the emotional aspects of the passion story. It is a somber time for reflection, and we leave in silence.

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

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.

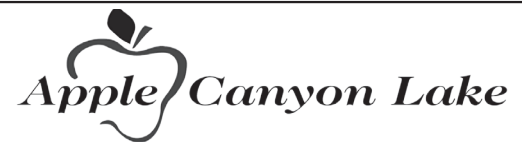
Everyone in the community is warmly invited to attend any and all of our services. St. John's Lutheran is located on the west side of Lena at 625 Country Lane Dr. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 815-369-4035.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday March 18, at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be giving the message "Packing to go to Jerusalem!"; you all are invited and welcome to find out "what" to pack for the journey. And then to stay for the fellowship following.

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

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton IL on Willow Rd. For more info; feel free to call Pastor Chuck at 262-308-2379.



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Having never written any support letter for anybody before running for a political office, but that needed to change for me. I feel it very important in our current State Representative race on the Republican ballot. I am fully supporting Steve Fricke for that position. Why? Let me tell you why. I have known Steve my whole adult life and I hope all voters will look at the experience and resume of Steve Fricke versus his opponent, no matter how many mailers you got! Steve is a 3 generation farmer, 19 year teacher at Freeport High School for Agriculture and Technology, a Realtor for 10 years. He is currently serving his 2nd term on Stephenson County Board, also serves as board member on the Convention & Visitors Bureau, and is current Stephenson County Farm Bureau President. I feel Steve Fricke has shown much more leadership in Community, Education, Agriculture, his church and local political leadership representing N.W.-Illinois. Along with the endorsement of former State Representative Jim Sacia, who I have the utmost respect for and recently gained the endorsement of the Chicago Tribune along with many other endorsements.

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St Patrick

The Holy Cross Religious Education second graders turned their little corner of Stockton green in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day

Stockton Community Choir to perform annual Easter Cantata

The Stockton Community Choir will be presenting the annual Easter Cantata on Sunday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Stockton. The theme will be "Upon this Rock: The Passion, the Question, the Call" by Pepper Choplin. There will be soloists and narrators from the community plus singers from various Stockton area churches, all directed by Lana Crandall. The community choir has been practicing since Jan. 1, for this presentation. Refreshments will be served following in Fellowship Hall. The public is invited to attend. Calvary Church is south of the Middle School at the corner of Rush and Maple Streets.

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Elizabeth Myelle Warren Township Public Library Director Elizabeth Myelle and Diane Ege of Community Bank look through several of the 2018 Summer Reading Program donations.

Warren Library schedules Stuff the Bag II

Did you miss the first round of the Warren Library Stuff the Bag Sale? Or maybe you did come and didn't find anything exciting. Don't worry! We have replenished the sales tables with items from the children's department. The sale at the Warren Township Public Library on Saturday, March 17, will feature American Girl books and beloved characters such as Clifford and Arthur. These books were not of-

fered at our previous sale. Please stop in between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to look over our new selection and stuff a bag full of fiction for just \$3 per bag.

For more information please contact the Warren Township Public Library at 815-745-2076. Follow us on Facebook for the most current news and updates. The Warren Township Public Library is located at 210 Burnett Ave. Warren, Illinois.



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American Legion Auxillary Speech winner

Rebecca Raab of Warren delivered a speech on a Woman Who Impacted Her Life at the Speech Contest held at the American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State program last June. This was the first time a speech contest had been held at the ALA IGS. Rebecca won first place.

Bunny Bowl to benefit hospice training

The Bunny Bowl will be held at Stockton Bowling Lanes on Saturday, March 24. Registration time is 5:30 and bowling will commence at 6. Please call to sign up (individuals or teams). The cost is \$20 per person for three fun filled games. There will be a Silent Auction of treats such as Bunny Cakes, Cupcakes, Pies, Cookies, Breads, Cinnamon Rolls, and more. There will be Raffle Prizes and rumor has it that the Easter Bunny, himself, may pay a return visit. So...start making plans for your team members. Even if you are not a bowler; this is a fun event to watch...mark your calendars and plan to join the fun. Proceeds benefit our hospice training program, our office expenses, and client care materials.

Warren water bills lost in mail

The Warren water bills have been mailed out. They are lost somewhere within the postal system.

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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.

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 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 entrance. 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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Why do we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day?

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: 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 power-

ful 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 Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.



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River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 BOE February meeting summary

Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, President G. Allen Crist called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 6:30 PM. Board Members G. Allen Crist, Barb Schaible, Amy Finn, Diane Haring and Lisa Walters answered roll call. Members Raymie Diestelmeier and Don McLane were absent. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Beau Buchs, Principal Mike Foltz, a member of the RREA and a student.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the minutes of the Jan. 16, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, authorized the destruction of the audio executive session minutes from June 20, 2016 and Northwest Special Education Coop minutes.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of

\$639,913.35 for bills and payroll.

Supt. Albrecht reviewed the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy Board of Control minutes from Feb. 12, 2018.

Administrators News:

- The Kindergarten "Q & U" wedding was quite an affair on Feb. 14. Special thank you to Parker Reese for standing in for Mr. Buchs and teachers, Mrs. Kelzer and Mrs. Wurster.

- Elementary students meeting their 2nd Quarter Reading Goal attended a Dance Party on Friday, Feb. 2. Students received Glow Sticks and were able to dance to some music played by DJ Knauer. Mrs. Ketelsen provided lights and a fogger to make it more elaborate.

- The successful Elementary Open House was held on Jan. 18, in conjunction with the book fair and boys' basketball game vs Galena.

- Congratulations to the WYSE team for placing first in Platteville competition on Feb. 8, moving on to

Sectionals at NIU March 8.

- Thank you to Mrs. Tippet and the speech team for their entertaining public performance evening and a successful year in competition.

- Congratulations to the girls' basketball team on a fine season.

- March 13 & 14 – PreSchool Screening – no preschool attendance

- March 14 & 15 – Parent Teacher Conferences

- Update on Fire Life Safety building projects.

- Negotiations still in progress for the 2019 salary schedule.

- Information on ESSA – Every Student Shall Succeed Act.

- School calendar will be approved in March.

- Graduation – Friday, May 25, @ 7:30 PM

Approved Greg Underwood as Volunteer Baseball Coach – spring 2018

Approved Sara Richmond as Assistant Softball Coach – spring 2018

The Board employed Brad Al-

brecht as interim superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approved extending contract one year for Principal Beau Buchs and Principal Mike Foltz, salary to be determined.

The Board approved the purchase of two 2019 Bluebird 71-passenger diesel buses from Central States Bus Sales, Inc., Big Rock, Illinois for the 2018-2019 school year, as long as they are equivalent to the International-

als.

Approved Diane Allendorf's retirement for the end of 2019 – 2020 with the incentive. 6% increase for the last two years of service. Contract Section: 4.4

There was no executive session.

The regular March board meeting will be held on Monday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Eagle Nature Foundation schedules annual meeting

On April 7, the Eagle Nature Foundation, ENF, will be sponsoring its Annual Business Meeting, Award Ceremony, and Fund Raising Luncheon, in the basement of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple River, IL. The event starts at 11 a.m. with a silent auction, followed by a Pulled Pork Luncheon at 11:30, catered by the Sidetrack Café in Apple River. At 12:30 p.m. a noisy auction will be followed by the winners of the silent auction and the drawing for a 50/50 raffle. Members of the public are invited to attend this \$20 luncheon to learn about the many things that ENF is doing on behalf of the bald eagle

and other endangered species.

The Business Meeting will start at 1 p.m. followed at 2 p.m. with a presentation by Chuck Tennesen, Community Organizer for the Driftless Area Conservancy, Dodgeville, WI. One of the main items of business during the business meeting will be the nomination of three members to ENF's Board of Directors. Other business to be considered is how ENF can promote its Million Dollar Campaign to find out what is causing the downward spiral of the bald eagle population along the Mississippi River, so something can be done to reverse this decline. Proceeds from

both auctions and the 50/50 raffle will help ENF with its ongoing research and educational programs to help the bald eagle and other endangered species.

Anyone interested in attending this April 7, meeting and enjoying the presentation by Chuck Tennesen, should contact the ENF office for prices and information on attending. Please call 815-594-2306, or write ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001



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Aspiring artists

Scales Mound fourth grader, Rori Distler, is thrilled to win first place with her clay cherry cheesecake box sculpture in the elementary division of the annual Aspiring Artists Student Exhibition at the Freeport Art Museum. The Aspiring Artists show will remain on display through April 6.

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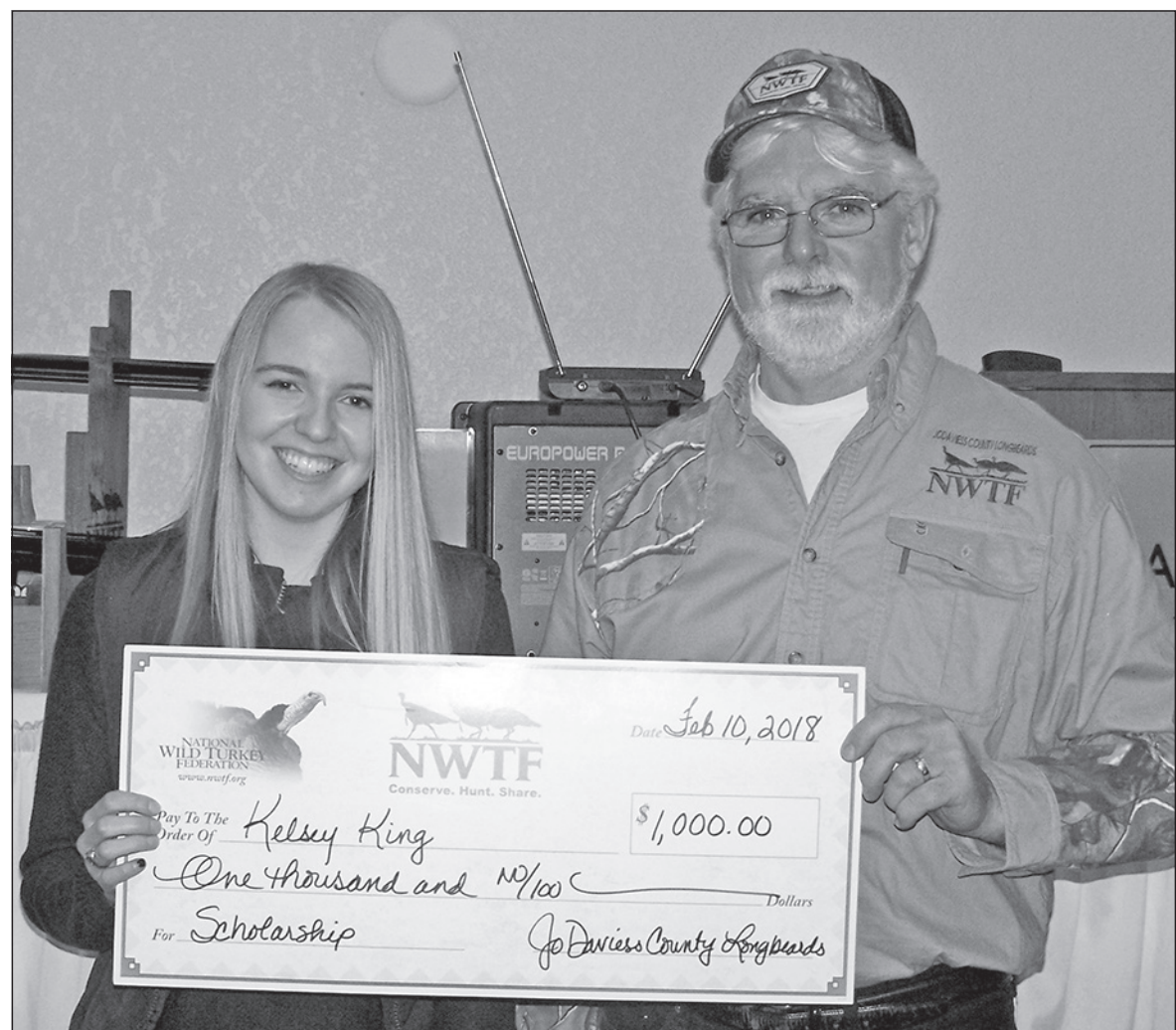
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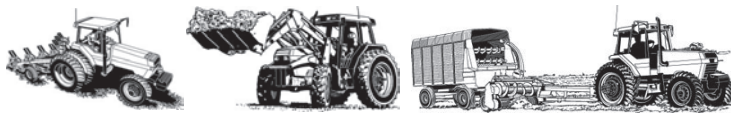
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Thanks to everyone that came out to the Young Leaders Farmer Appreciation Breakfast this past Saturday. This breakfast is the Young Leaders way of saying thank you to the farmers during National Ag Month.

Hey, hey baseball fans. We have our annual baseball trip to watch the Cubs and Brewers play in Milwaukee on June 13th. 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.

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College News

Fall 2017 University of Dubuque Dean's List

The University of Dubuque congratulates the following area students on being appointed to the Fall Semester 2017 Academic Dean's List: Brandi Ernst of Apple River, Rebecca Diffenderfer of Lena, Hope Enck of McConnell, and Kai Bows-er, Peyton Keeffer, Emily Langfield, and Kara Wright of Stockton.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

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Panthers send first fielders into battle

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

On Wednesday, March 7, representatives of the Panthers populous presented themselves and their programs to the parents and supporters of spring sports activities. Media Day helped to "officially" open the spring sports schedule, which includes track and field, baseball and softball at Lena-Winslow High School.

The first steps in the spring track schedule were scheduled to take place as the boys' and girls' teams competed with neighbors in Byron on Tuesday, March 13. Many indoor track-sters had their chances to open their season, some, as seniors, for the last time, this week.

The Lady Panthers softball team had a season-opening match scheduled at home with Rockford Lutheran on Tuesday, March 13 and will play host to the Aquin Lady Bulldogs on Wednesday, March 14, in a varsity-only match.

On Thursday, March 15 the schedule shifts to eastern Stephenson County and a meeting with NIC-10 representative Freeport before Rockford Boylan extends the similar offer to play on Monday, March 19. The match on Tuesday, March 20, puts the Lady Panthers on their fifth scheduled play date in a home match with Pearl City. They will travel to Pearl City on Thursday, March 22, to wrap up the season series with the Lady Wolves.

Visiting Juda stops by Lena-Winslow on Monday, March 26 and the month closes with a home and away series with the co-op of River Ridge and Scales Mound on Tuesday, March 20 and Thursday, March 22. April begins with a road trip west to the Mississippi and a meeting with the Lady Thunder at West Carroll.

Boys' play begins Wednesday, March 14 at home with a season tip-off scheduled against Freeport Aquin. The Panthers head out on the road to Stillman Valley for a Saturday, March 17 meeting after that.

Conference play gets a little extra attention as a home-and-away series begins with Pearl City on Tuesday, March 20. It ends two days later, on Thursday, March 22 at Pearl City.

On Saturday, March 24, the Panthers play host to Big Northern challenger Byron, with first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m. River Ridge/Scales Mound will help open the final week of March game play on Tuesday, March 27, before offering an invitation to play to the Panthers on Thursday, March 29.

Following Easter break, the Panthers open April on the road at West Carroll. Things should get started around 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3. Home field flips on Thursday, April 5, as West Carroll travels east.



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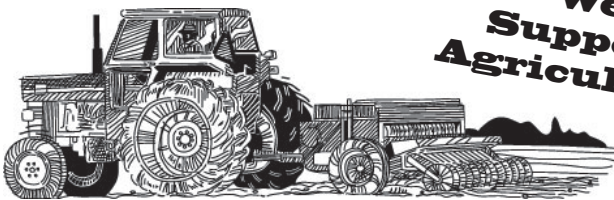
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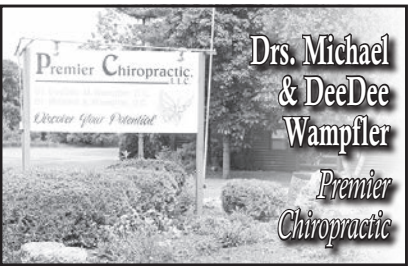
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Chiropractic represents the third largest primary healthcare profession in North America, surpassed in numbers only by physicians and dentists. Chiropractic also serves as the largest, most regulated, and best recognized form of alternative health care. Evidence-based research dating back to the 1800s provides ample details which explain the rapid growth of Chiropractic care for millions of people. Research being done on the spine continually produces new evidence of the connection between the health of the nervous system and the positive effects radiating through the body. Ailments and diseases seemingly unrelated to the spine continue to find healing and recovery in direct proportion to proper health care for the spine. I would read that statement again! Chiropractic delivers results to people of all ages (our youngest patient was 2 days old and our oldest is 97 years old so far) by seeking to get to the underlying cause of sickness and pain. Early detractors attempted to discredit Chiropractic care in favor of medicinal outcomes, although the number of success stories overcame the opposition. New research shows 67% of patients who utilized chiropractic care reported an improvement in overall health. Improvements in sleep, stress reduction, increased performance, and an overall feeling of wellness and improved interpersonal relationships represent some of the many benefits reported by



new Chiropractic patients. Well over half of new patient's report visiting a Chiropractor for the first time in order to treat the root of a health problem rather than just their symptoms. Chiropractic continues to grow among the millions of Americans who wish to improve their health, performance, and function without the use of pills and pharmaceutical products. A time existed when the general public believed that Chiropractic care revolved around relieving back and neck pain, with refined evidence and success stories soon proved that nervous system care offered solutions for the overall health of the entire body. Research conducted in the last ten years details the existence of an intimate connection between spinal health and brain function. Any misaligned or immobile vertebra negatively affects the entire nervous system. Chiropractors do not seek to heal a patient, instead focusing on removing interference from the nervous system by improving spinal health and integrity through an adjustment. Science explains that the

Chiropractic adjustment improves the brain to body communication network and allows healing and rehabilitation to eradicate pain and other symptoms. Chiropractic care quickly earned a special place in the regimen of the world's elite athletes looking to maximize performance. Most sports teams now employ a team Chiropractor to reduce injury, improve reaction times, speed, strength, agility, and recovery. The spine's unique influence on brain and nervous system function combats the stress which impacts the central processing system during physical labor and strenuous activities. Chiropractors assess the spine and posture for areas of nervous system stress and deliver adjustments when necessary to improve the communication from the brain to the body. Elite athletes and performers take center stage with millions of dollars at stake. They trust Chiropractic to give them a performance edge. The hard-working parent and energetic child deserve the same opportunities to achieve their greatest potential through the drugless health and wellness option provided by Chiropractic. Chiropractic notoriety continues to challenge the medical model of health care in favor of a unique approach that favors the health and longevity of family members of all ages. The evidence speaks loudly, and the world continues to respond to the healing message of Chiropractic. Discover Chiropractic and discover your true health potential. "Spine Journal Dec. 2017 Adams"

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Blackhawk unit of HCE schedules March meeting

The Blackhawk unit of HCE will meet Thursday night, March 15, at the Pearl City Public Library in Pearl City. Anita Costello will give the major lesson on "Financial Elder Exploitation" and Jan Wingert will give the minor lesson on "Eggs". Shirley Oppold and Susie Dvorak will serve refreshments. The food collected this month will be taken to the Lena Food Pantry. We will also have a monetary and a favorite recipe bridal shower (postponed from last month) for Rachel Ferguson who was recently married. All are welcome to join us.

Tyler's Justice Center for Children stages Fourth Annual Men Who Cook

Tyler's Justice Center for Children is holding its Fourth Annual Men Who Cook fundraiser on Saturday, April 7, at the Freeport Masonic Temple from 5-8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased ahead of time for \$20 or for \$25 at the door on the night of the event. Children 12 years old and under are free! The event will include a silent auction, cash bar and plenty to eat! Men Who Cook is a casual, family-friendly event featuring local men preparing bite-sized samples of their favorite dishes to benefit Tyler's Justice Center for Children. For more ticket information, or if you are interested in being a cook at this event, please contact Missy Lyons or Kendra Mosley at Tyler's Justice Center at 815-947-6030.

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FHN Early Grief Group scheduled to begin March 21

This spring, FHN Hospice is offering a support group for people coping with the first nine months after a loss.

Managing Early Grief: The First Nine Months After a Loss is a 10-week group that will meet from 6 – 8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning March 21 at FHN Hospice, 773 W. Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 403 in Freeport.

The group is designed for anyone who has lost a loved one in the past nine months. Participants will learn about and share their grief with others who have also recently lost a loved one. This supportive environment will help participants to better understand their grief experience.

Topics to be discussed include how grief affects us; the physical side of grief; moving through grief; coping

skills; growing through grief; coping with holidays and special days; and looking ahead to the future.

There is no charge to participate in the Managing Early Grief group, but registration is required. For more information or to register, call FHN Hospice at 815-599-7240.

FHN also offers two ongoing grief support groups open to anyone in the community who has lost a loved one:

First Steps Grief Group, a bereavement group for anyone who has experienced a loss, meets from 9:30 – 11 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. The group offers support as the first steps are taken in dealing with a loss.

Living Through Grief meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. This group uses

videos, books, speakers and discussions to help participants learn more about the grief process, share their stories of loss and regain hope for healing. This group provides a confidential place to talk about thoughts and feelings as well as to learn about grief.

Both of these ongoing groups are open-ended and new members are welcome at any time. Both groups meet at FHN Memorial Hospital, 1045 W. Stephenson Street in Freeport. There is no charge to participate and registration is not necessary.

• Minutes

(Continued from page 3)

3. Approved electric project at Stockton High School for the summer of 2018 6-0 following a motion by Cahill and second by Haas.

4. Approved field usage agreement between the Stockton Park District and Stockton CUSD #206 effective Feb. 21, 2018 to Jan. 15, 2022 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Cahill.

The board voted to go into closed session under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students at 8:15 p.m. 6-0 following a motion by Haas and second by Cahill. The board voted to return to open session at 9 p.m. 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Haas.

FHN offering free Pre-Diabetes Workshop March 20

Diabetes, a serious disease with complications that can cause disability and death, has reached epidemic levels in the American population. Millions of people considered at risk of developing diabetes could prevent or delay the disease by changing their lifestyle.

Learn how you could prevent or delay some types of diabetes at Small Steps. Big Rewards., a diabetes education program presented free of charge by FHN and Aramark. This

two-hour workshop focusing on the importance of regular exercise and a healthy diet will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the Globe Room on the lower level of FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport.

Registration is required for this program. Call toll-free 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 970 to register. For more information on Small Steps. Big Rewards. and other diabetes education programs at FHN, visit www.fhn.org.

FHN Hospice Volunteer Training sessions begin March 26

A new session of FHN Hospice volunteer training will begin Monday, March 26 in Freeport.

Volunteers are a special and important part of the FHN Hospice team, offering companionship, relief for caregivers, and help with running errands and delivering supplies. Volunteers also have the opportunity to assist with clerical services at the FHN Hospice office in Freeport.

The seven-week, 14-hour comprehensive training course for new volunteers provides information on all aspects of hospice care and hospice volunteering. It will equip volunteers with skills needed to provide compassionate care and companionship to terminally ill patients in their homes or in nursing homes, as well as prepare volunteers to help in the hospice office. Training includes classes on concepts of death and dying, grief, communication skills, stress management, infection control, safety and the bereavement process.

There is no charge for the training, but registration is required. The training sessions will be held Mondays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. beginning March 26 and ending May 7; a light supper will be served at each session. Those who wish to become FHN Hospice volunteers must attend all the sessions, which will meet at the FHN Hospice office, 773 W. Lincoln Boulevard in Freeport. Attending the

training does not obligate you to become a hospice volunteer.

FHN Hospice covers Stephenson, Jo Daviess, Carroll, Ogle and part of Winnebago counties, and volunteers are needed for each of these counties. For more information or to register for the classes, call the Hospice volunteer coordinator toll-free at 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 960.

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College News

861 graduate from UW-Whitewater

The following student earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement on Dec. 16, 2017.

Anna Hoffman of Lena graduated with a Master of Business Administration in business administration

The graduating class included five international students, 44 military veterans and 144 nontraditional students, defined as undergraduate students who are 25 years of age or older. In addition, 69 self-identified students with disabilities received degrees.

LEGALS

The following is a list of the Warren Township monthly meeting dates; all the meetings start at 7:00 p.m. at the Township building except the Annual Town meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday April 10, 2018 –

Annual town meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 8, 2018

Tuesday June 5, 2018

Tuesday July 3, 2018

Tuesday August 7, 2018

Tuesday September 4, 2018

Tuesday October 2, 2018

Tuesday November 6, 2018

Tuesday December 4, 2018

Tuesday January 8, 2019

Tuesday February 5, 2019

Tuesday March 5, 2019

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT

JO DAVIESS COUNTY
NOTICE OF FILING A
REQUEST FOR NAME
CHANGE (ADULT)

2018MR10

Request of:

Bobbie Jo Rogers

There will be a court hearing on my request to change my name from: Bobbie Jo Rogers to the new name of: Bobbie Jo Bahr.

The court hearing will be held on May 29, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., at 330 N. Bench St., Galena, Jo Daviess.

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Bobbie Jo Rogers

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is Hereby Given

To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Warren, in the County

Of Jo Daviess

And the State of Illinois that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take

Place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

Being the second Tuesday of said month

At the hour of 7:30 p.m. at the Warren Township Building

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

Roll Call

Nominate a Moderator

Consent Agenda

Public comments

Financial Report

Transfer between Funds

Set Meeting Date for 2019

Adjournment

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters and residents of the Township of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Jo Daviess and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

Being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of said Township; and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

AGENDA

Call to order

Election of Moderator

Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting

Annual Financial Reports

Open forum

Closing

Dated March 5, 2018

Rena Eden,

Town Clerk

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Wolves' Spring sports package opened

By Chris Johnson

REPORTER

The games began on Monday March 12, for Pearl City High School as the spring sports season officially opened. Some games across the area faced weather delays and unplayable field conditions. Even with some milder shifts in the weather recently, some diamonds couldn't find many visitors in the scheduled opener.

The scheduled season opener came against one of the top teams in the area. The Aquin Bulldogs played host and they came into the game on a streak that has seen them win 20 games or more in consecutive years.

The regular season opener opponent has qualified through the Sectional Round in both 2015 and 2016 and hasn't had a losing season since 2009. With deadlines in place, information on the outcome of the season opener in Freeport is limited. A win over the Bulldogs would provide an optimal start to the season and make things a little more interesting by the time game play in March concludes.

Pearl City has a few things they hope to accomplish this season. They'd like to get a few wins under their belts and settle in for some tough head-to-head matches. It is known that little things can sometimes make big differences. Especially in close games when a good pitching performance from your starter is what you are getting.

In 2016 Pearl City's sub-.500 season came at the heels of one that saw them finish just a handful of games under the break even mark, in 2015. They were 12-8 when they closed play in 2014. Streaks form when a team gets things going the right way, right away, weather delays help give them even more time to prepare for the mental battles of baseball and how their own performance impacts the overall success of their team, even in losing situations.

The Wolves play at Lena-Winslow on Tuesday, March 20 and look at a good shot at measuring up with their neighbors. The Panthers won the 1A Sectional in 2014 but then finished the following season just two games over .500 at 15-13. They dropped below .500 in 2015 and stayed their through last season, when they closed their campaign with an 11-14 mark.

Pearl City matches up well with Lena-Winslow in the early season NUIC meeting on Tuesday, March 20. They will play again on Thursday, March 22. Either team has the possibility of looking at a sweep if they get the pitching they need in their weekly meetings.

In between the dates with the Panthers, the Wolves face Milledgeville on Wednesday, March 21. They get a shot at the Pirates the following week. Galena is coming into the season having won four games or less twice, since 2015.



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PantherHawks

Congratulations PantherHawk wrestlers on placing at Fresh-Soph State. Jason Hermann - second, Winston McPeck - fourth, Case Harmston - sixth

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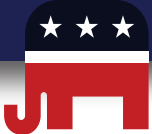
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