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JDCF opens Wapello Pavilion to public

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

South of Hanover between Route 84 and the lower Apple River is a long stretch of prairie known as the Wapello Land and Water Preserve. The preserve is one of several local properties under the control and management of the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF). For ten thousand years this strip of land had been home to Native American people. The land, now acquired by JDCF, is restored to its natural state as Illinois prairie and opened to the public.

On May 7, JDCF held a grand opening to present the specially designed Wapello Pavilion to the public on this historic site. It was also to announce the acquisition of a large parcel of land south of the existing prairie.

Heading the program were JDCF Executive Director, Steve Barg and Dr. Phil Millhouse, a local archaeologist who spearheaded extensive research on the site. On hand to take part were members of the Friends of Wapello, members of the Illinois Nature Preservation Commission, JDCF Board of Directors and staff as well as people associated with a number of other conservation organizations. After a picnic luncheon, Barg addressed the gathering and acknowledged the grant received from the Illinois Clean Ener-



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John Liberg, Maureen Bardusk, Ellen Liberg, Fran Peterson, JDCF Board President, Richard Speer, Irene Wolter, Gene Basten and others ceremoniously observe the opening of the Wapello Pavilion near Hanover, IL.

gy Community Foundation. Barg said the grant has made the building of this structure possible. JDCF also acquired more than 90 additional acres at the south end of Wapello which now creates a land and water preserve of more than 170 acres. This combined with the other properties which they hold or manage in the county represents approximately 1500 acres of protected land.

"On June 2 we'll be opening the Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary near

Stockton which is truly a birders paradise," Barg said. "We continue to expand our partnership with the city of Galena at Gateway Park and we're in the process of planning for the soon to be public opening of the Portage near Galena which in addition to its conservation importance, is an archaeological site that is as significant as Wapello. Thanks to our partners, members and volunteers we are truly making a difference."

Dr. Millhouse, whose doctoral thesis

was based on his work and research doing excavations at Wapello, explained the history and value of preserving the site.

"This location has seen human habitation for 10,000 years," Millhouse said. "Two native cultures came together here to become a new culture. In addition to learning about the day to day lives of people that once resided here, we've developed some better ideas about their spiritual beliefs and practices. There is a large burial

ground resting on this prairie that gives meaning to the idea of this land being sacred."

The new pavilion is an octagon shape open on all sides. The frame rests upon recently poured concrete footings. Soon, a floor will be laid down and the roof, when finished, will complete the structure. Joe Bardusk, who designed the pavilion, refers to himself as an Architectural Advisor to JDCF.

"The inspiration for this building came from the past," Bardusk said. "Native people typically built structures in this shape whether it was for common use or a simple dwelling. In fact, buildings of very similar design have been found all across Europe that date back to the earliest inhabitants."

Although the building is eight sided, Bardusk said the configuration is called a round house.

"Eventually we're hoping to put up a visitors building combined with an interpretive center," he said. "The basic design would be the same as the Pavilion allowing for visual continuity across the landscape."

For those interested in visiting the Wapello Land and Water Reserve, or any of the other JDCF properties, memberships or volunteering, the foundation can be reached through Facebook, JDCF.org or call at 815-858-9100.

Elizabeth logs record sales year through economic development program

Retail Sales numbers recently released by the State show that the Village of Elizabeth did a record \$13,427,945 in retail business last year (2017), increasing sales over 2016 by 18.4%.

More importantly, the amount of business surpassed the previous all-time Elizabeth record of \$11,546,741 set in 2015 by 14%, according to Village President Mike Dittmar.

Additionally, Dittmar explained, the Village's BBD, which is a tourist based tax on goods, increased by an amazing 31% over 2016.

"We have concentrated on GROWTH through Economic Development for the Village the past three years and this is a real indication that the planning and program

execution is paying off," Dittmar said in announcing the record numbers.

"Our team includes the Village Board, the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Committee, and our Economic Development Consultant, and they really are doing the job."

Recent growth indicators include the additions of a "Dollar General", an FS Gas and Convenience Station, and the main Street store 'Dejawood'; reopening under new found management of three very popular restaurants- Shark's, now Cajun Jack's, E-Town and Small Town Saloon; and addition of new businesses Galena Jeep Adventures and Dittmar Orchard Station.

The Village also annexed additional land east of Elizabeth that is immediately adjacent to Route 20, and the Growth continues in 2018 with the announced addition on Main Street of a Women and Children's Boutique, the opening of a Main Street Tele Pharmacy, and the planned shift of the Jo Daviess County Health Department to the Village in October.

Among the successful 2017 initiatives were the Chamber's programs

to repopulate Main Street, aiding in bringing Fiber to the Village, and the presentation of a variety of special events that drew record attendance.

The Economic Development Committee worked to gain the Tele Pharmacy, and supported and integrated with the Chamber programs.

The Economic Development consultant prepared the Village's 2017, and now 2018, Economic Development Marketing Plans with the May-

or and the Village Board, established and executed a multi-release public relations program, and helped update the Village's website, including the addition of four broadcast quality videos.

"Elizabeth celebrates its 150 Anniversary this year," Dittmar said in announcing the good news. "We had a great 2017, and today we have a great team in place to "Grow Elizabeth" for the next 150 years."



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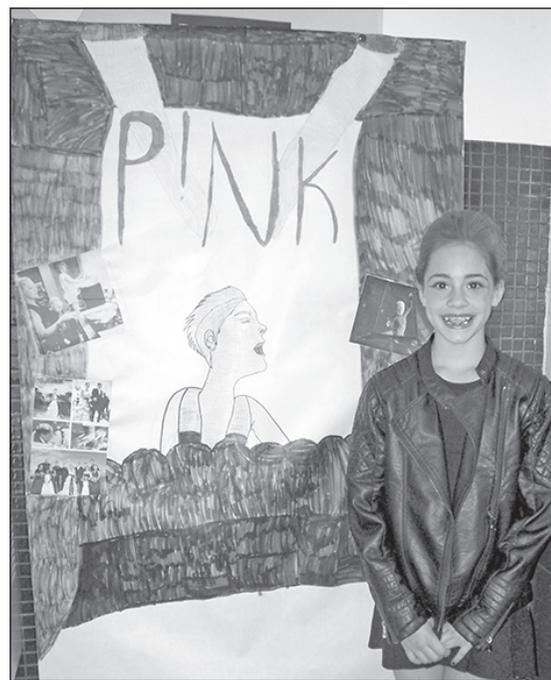
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Ellen DeGeneres was portrayed by Olivia Ernst when the stars took the stage at the Stockton Elementary School Wax Museum night.



Emma Aurand represented pop performer Pink for the Sixth Annual Stockton Elementary School Wax Museum.



Hungarian inventor, architect and professor of architecture Erno Rubik is depicted by Rece Demeter for the 2018 Stockton Fourth Grade Wax Museum event.



Oliver McPeck played the Stockton Elementary School Wax Museum as New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski

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Stockton Elementary hosts annual Wax Museum

The fourth graders at Stockton Elementary School hosted their Sixth Annual Wax Museum on Thursday, April 26. This event gives the students an opportunity to research and become a famous American of their choice. Part of the student research involved writing letters to the famous person or their organization of who they were portraying. Several students have started to receive their letters. There was a great turn out again this year and the fourth grade teachers would like to thank all who attended and saw all the hard work that the students put forth.

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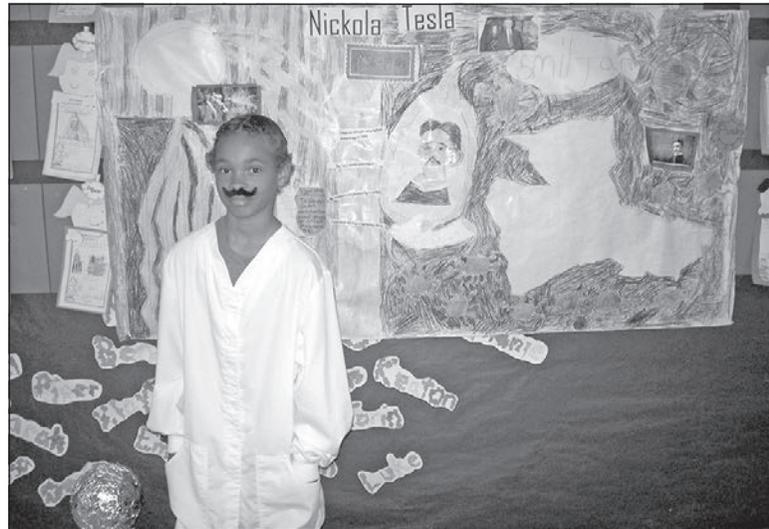
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Safe Haven Humane Society announces annual meeting

The Safe Haven Humane Society invites the public to its annual meeting on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at Horsepower Farm, 3431 W Longhollow Road, Galena. A free chili lunch will be served and all who attend can learn about the exciting year ahead for the shelter. Friendly dogs on leash are welcome and Safe Haven alumni will be recognized! If you have an alumni cat, please bring a picture for our bulletin board.

Safe Haven is a county wide humane society located in Elizabeth, IL, supported by community donations and dedicated volunteers. We believe that together, we can make a difference in the lives of adoptable stray and unwanted companion animals and the people who open their hearts to them. Please visit safehavenforpets.org when looking for your next furry family member.



During the annual Wax Museum event at Stockton Elementary fourth gradier Mauricior Glass portrayed Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, physicist, and futurist Nickola Tesla



Gavin Offenheiser portrayed Donald Trump at the Stockton Elementary School Wax Museum.

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Friends of Wapello

At the May 9, Hanover, IL Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Friends of Wapello were presented a \$1,200 check from the chamber to help fund a new picnic pavilion at the Wapello Land & Water Reserve, south of Hanover. The funds were proceeds from the Hanover Chamber of Commerce's Annual St. Patrick's Supper. Pictured left to right are the Friends of Wapello: Walt Johnson, Michele Brueggen, Christie Trifone-Simon - Associate Director of Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, Stefanie Johnson - Hanover Chamber of Commerce Vice President, Mary Beyer, Richard Speer and Gene Basten.



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Sheriffs' Association Scholarship

On Friday, May 11, Sheriff Kevin Turner presented Madelyn Walters, daughter of Cory and Lara Walters of Elizabeth, with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Award for 2018 - 2019. This scholarship has been awarded to Madelyn for demonstrating outstanding scholastic, extra-curricular, and character qualities. Madelyn is a 2018 graduate of River Ridge High School in Hanover. Madelyn plans to apply her scholarship towards her education majoring in Economics/Pre-Law.

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Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful receives Perks Family Foundation challenge grant

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful has received a Challenge Grant from the Perks Family Foundation in the amount of \$35,000 in support of KNIB's Capital Campaign and Environmental Education. Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful must raise \$35,000 by June 30, 2018 in order to receive the match of \$35,000. KNIB has raised \$4,050 since the Challenge Grant was launched on April 1st and is seeking public support to raise the additional \$30,950 to meet the \$35,000 Challenge.

The Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful Capital Campaign, "Beautiful Today, More Beautiful Tomorrow" needs to raise \$890,113 to renovate the former Continental Body Shop to not only to serve as the Rockford Recycle Center, which it currently does, but to also house the administrative

offices, an Environmental Education Center, and a Crayon Recycling area. To date KNIB has raised \$545,791.88 with plans to begin the build out this summer, with occupancy before the end of the year.

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful's Mission is to improve our environment through education, public awareness and community involvement. In addition to other programs,

KNIB operates the Recycling Center in Rockford at 4665 Hydraulic Road, open Tuesdays from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon; and in Roscoe at 13125 North 2nd Street, open Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. For other information about Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, visit knib.org, email bev@knib.org, or call 815-637-1343.

Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension schedules May meeting

The May meeting of Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held May 17, at 7 p.m. at the home of Colleen Brown of Kent with Paula Gerke as her co-hostess. Paula Gerke will be giving the lesson on "Meals in a Mug". "Coins for Friendship" will be collected and given to help other women in foreign countries better their lives. Also the Pearl City Food Pantry will be the recipient of the non-perishable food items collected that night. The state president has announced the theme for the coming year is "Celebration at the Crossroads". More information will be forthcoming. Come and join us as we learn together.

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Gov. Rauner announces sweeping \$2 billion behavioral health initiative

Gov. Bruce Rauner today announced that Illinois has received federal approval to launch a sweeping \$2 billion behavioral health initiative designed to deliver better outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries suffering from mental health and substance abuse disorders.

The Better Care Illinois Behavioral Health Initiative is the culmination of a 30-month long Rauner administration effort to involve state health agencies, legislators and behavioral health organizations in a coordinated plan to help people with disorders that require treatment of the whole person.

"The Better Care Illinois effort is one the most significant developments in the history of Illinois' health programs," Rauner said. "For the first time here in Illinois, we are in a position to devote massive integrated resources to the devastating effects – personal and societal – of behavioral health problems."

"This effort puts a strong new focus on prevention and public health; pays for value and outcomes rather than volume and services; makes evidence-based and data driven decisions; and moves individuals from institutions to community care, to keep them more closely connected with their families and communities."

"The waiver will allow the state to care for its most vulnerable citizens earlier and more efficiently," Rauner continued. "Better Care Illinois will use an integrated approach, so we can focus on helping the whole person and get the right services to the right person in the right setting at the right time."

The waiver is not a grant but rather an opportunity to use \$2 billion Medicaid dollars differently to increase the efficiency and quality of care for Medicaid populations. The state got the go-ahead to launch the initiative from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which approved the state's application for a 1115 Waiver.

The waiver means that beginning July 1, 2018, Illinois can begin investing \$2 billion of federal funds in 10 pilots to demonstrate better care alternatives and outcomes. The pilots

will feature newly created delivery systems designed to improve care, increase the value of patient experiences, and produce better outcomes for the dollar. The federal government has also been approving related innovations called state plan amendments.

Better Care Illinois is a win for state taxpayers who over time will see better health outcomes without spending more state dollars. The demonstrations will result in more early help for beneficiaries, so savings can eventually be invested in more cost-effective services. More than 750,000 beneficiaries, 25 percent of Illinois' Medicaid population, have behavioral health conditions, and they account for 52 percent of Medicaid spending.

The application process was led by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), the state's Medicaid agency. Thirteen state agencies participated in the development of the approved application.

"The opioid crisis and violence in our communities call on us to find better ways to help those in need, and that is what we are accomplishing with this transformation," said HFS Director Felicia Norwood. "Smarter spending will lead to healthier lives and safer communities. By bringing state agencies and medical providers into closer cooperation for our members, we ensure stronger whole-person care for vulnerable individuals."

"There is enormous evidence that treatment for substance use and mental health disorders is effective and that these services help individuals recover and have full lives in their communities," said Secretary James Dimas of the Illinois Department of Human Services. "Ensuring that people with substance abuse and mental health disorders have access to and receive appropriate evidence-based treatment is critical to solving the state's opioid crisis and to supporting a strong system of care for those struggling with addiction and mental health problems."

"The 1115 Waiver will go a long way in improving access to care by allowing Medicaid to pay for critical services that until now have not been reimbursable through Illinois' Medic-

aid program," he said.

According to the Governor, the pilots will help Illinois address a variety of vexing societal problems that are impacted by behavioral disorders: mental health, violence, public safety, and opioid abuse among them.

"Prevention is one dimension of the opioid crisis," said Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti, co-chair of the Governor's Opioid Task Force. "The other is treatment and recovery. Better Care Illinois gives us some of the tools we need to investigate every possible answer to opioid abuse."

"CMS applauds Illinois' efforts in designing this demonstration, as well as its ongoing commitment to improving the health and well-being of Medicaid beneficiaries," CMS Administrator Seema Verma said in the letter approving the waiver. "CMS is dedicated to empowering states to better serve their beneficiaries through state-led reforms to improve health outcomes. We expect this demonstration to produce compelling results."

The 10 CMS-approved pilot projects involve a variety of treatment, intervention, case management and home health programs. Summaries of the 10 pilots in the Better Care Illinois Behavioral Health Initiative can be accessed here.

"I would like to thank the Governor for having a real team to be se-

rious about the needs of the people. This waiver is the change we have been waiting for. It is the change in our communities that we have needed. When you bring physical health and mental health together to be integrated we can really help people. So today is the change we need," said Rep. Lashawn Ford (D-Chicago). "We should see a change in the homeless populations, a change in the people addicted to heroin and opioids and a reduction in the prison population. The Governor has a plan to safely reduce the prison populations and this is part of that plan. So, our communities have been waiting for this. I am so thankful to be here today and am committed to make sure the 1115 waiver works for the people of Illinois."

"The approval of this waiver provides Illinois with significantly greater flexibility to deliver vital health care services for our most vulnerable population," said Rep. Patti Bellock (R-Hinsdale).

"I congratulate the Governor and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for working together to make this achievement possible on behalf of our seniors; those who suffer from mental illness; individuals living with physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities; medically-fragile children and all who depend upon Medicaid," said Sen. Heather Steans

(D-Chicago). "The 1115 waiver provides desperately needed resources to build out our community behavioral health services. This effort will help Illinoisans receive all their health care needs through a single health home."

"I want to thank the Governor and his team for putting together a successful federal waiver application, which is never an easy process," said State Sen. Dave Syverson (R-Rockford). "This waiver will give our state the flexibility necessary to design our mental health programs to serve people better."

"The waiver allows the state to be more creative in providing Medicaid services that will, in the end, bring down the costs of the Medicaid program and be beneficial for the program's enrollees," said State Sen. Dale Righter (R-Mattoon). "Thanks to the Governor and his team's leadership, we have a major win for taxpayers and Medicaid participants."

"This waiver will help strengthen and expand our critical behavioral health infrastructure," said Rep. Tom Demmer (R-Dixon). "We'll bring new approaches and new tools to communities across Illinois as we strive to meet the needs of those with mental health and substance use challenges. I look forward to continuing to work with the administration and with local providers to build an even more robust network throughout the state."

"The devil is always in the details, but the long-awaited waiver has finally arrived. I look forward to sifting through it to strengthen health care delivery and our safety net," Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) concluded.

Congresswoman Bustos statement on Trump administration undermining farmers

A year and a half into the Trump Administration and they still haven't kept their promise to protect hardworking ethanol producers

Following a closed door White House meeting between President Trump, E.P.A. Director Scott Pruitt, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and four Republican Senators, it's become clear that the Trump Administration still has no clear strategy when it comes to Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) rules. With millions of hardworking families depending on a robust production of corn-based ethanol to fuel cars across the country and economies across the heartland, the Administration's ongoing schemes to undermine the RFS, while giving handouts to oil companies, is creating uncertainty and hurting rural America's ability to succeed.

"We've had to fight hard several times in the last year to protect a Renewable Fuel Standard that puts farmers to work while helping reduce our dependence on foreign fossil fuels," said Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. "While I am pleased to read that the Administration is committing to year-round sales of E15 and is rejecting a cap on Renewable Identification Numbers, this has gone on too long. Further, I am alarmed that Senator Cruz and Administrator Pruitt are advocating a 'new plan' to undercut this progress and put billionaires before hardworking American farmers. As we have seen over the last year and a half, actions speak much louder than words. I hope President Trump follows through and holds Scott Pruitt accountable rather than breaking his promise to hardworking farmers across the heartland."

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau offering \$250 towards R.O.P.S. purchase

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing ROPS (Rollover Protective Structures.)

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS will receive a reimbursement of \$250 towards the purchase of a ROPS (Six rebates are available). To receive the \$250, members would need to bring in their paid invoice to the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Customers would be responsible for the cost, freight, and installation which are available through the dealer.

If you have been thinking about putting a ROPS on one of your tractors – now is the time! For more information about this program, or to become a member of our organization, contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office at 815-858-2235 or email jdcfbmgr@blkhawk.net.



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Obituaries

DALE R. STADEL

Dale R. Stadel, age 90, of Lena, IL passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2018 in Monroeville. He was born in Woodbine Township, IL on July 4, 1927 to the late Charles F. and Elizabeth A. (Brashaw) Stadel. Dale married Geneva Imel on Sept. 14, 1957 in Lanark, IL.



He was a 1945 graduate of Stockton High School and farmed six miles west of Stockton until retiring to Lena. Dale was a hard working farmer for most of his life. He served in the Army, played saxophone in the Stockton Town Band, was a long-time member of the Plum River Masonic Lodge and the Farm Bureau. He and Geneva also enjoyed the Good Sam Camping Club. He was passionate about farming, liked traveling, and was fascinated with airplanes.

Dale is survived by his two daughters, Joetta Stadel of Seattle, WA and Renee (Robert) Stadel Napper of Burbank, CA; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Geneva; and brother, Beuford Stadel. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton, IL and family will receive visitors beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will occur at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

EDITH MENSENDIKE

Edith Mensendike, age 90, of Stockton, Illinois passed away Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Waverly Place Nursing Facility, Stockton. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 16, at the Calvary United Methodist Church, Stockton. Inurnment will take place in the Elizabeth Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Church prior to the service. Memorials may be given in Edith's honor for the Stockton Library or Calvary United Methodist Church. Family and friends are invited to share in Edith's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.



Edith was born June 4, 1927, in Quincy, Illinois, the daughter of John and Ruth (Reuter) Schmiedeskamp. She graduated from Camp Point High School, Camp Point, Illinois and attended Culver Stockton College, Canton, Missouri. On July 9, 1950, Edith married "that tall, handsome boy with the thick black hair", Ray Mensendike, at Camp Point, Illinois. They enjoyed 64 years of marriage until Ray's death

in 2015.

Edith taught at a Lutheran Elementary School, and after marrying Ray, she became a homemaker to raise her children. She was very involved in the Stockton community and in the Calvary United Methodist Church. Edith was a volunteer and helped establish the library in Pecatonica, Illinois and served several years as the substitute librarian in Hanover, Illinois. She was an active gardener and enjoyed trimming and landscaping with her husband. She was also well known in the family for her poetry and clever birthday cards and letters.

Edith will be dearly missed by five children, Alice Mensendike of Stockton, Ray "Dick" (Teri) Mensendike of Elizabeth, Jane (William) Powell of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Willa (Tim) MacKenzie of La Crosse, and John (Denise) Mensendike of Harvard, Illinois; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Edith is preceded in death by her husband, Ray; her parents, John and Ruth; a brother, William Schmiedeskamp; and two sisters, Mary Ellen Doyle and Ruth Jean Schmiedeskamp.

LOIS B. WICHMANN

Lois B. Wichmann, 84, of Cedarville, IL passed away on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Manor Court in Freeport. She was born on April 12, 1934 to Alfred and Florence (Fryer) Schulz in Stephenson County. Lois graduated from Orangeville high school in 1951. On Dec. 27, 1952, she married the love of her life, Claire Wichmann, they have one daughter, Diane. Lois was employed at Microswitch Honeywell for eleven years, and was also a hairdresser for 35 years. She enjoyed flower gardening and home decorating. Lois was a member of Cedarville Emmanuel Church. She was also the proud grandmother of three grandsons and their great-grandchildren.



Lois is survived by her husband Claire of Cedarville, daughter Diane (Terry) Kerchner of Dakota, three grandsons; Joseph (Megan) Kerchner, and their daughters Hailey and Lily, of Dakota, Kevin (Jennifer) Kerchner, and their son Tucker, of Freeport, and

Bradley Kerchner of Platteville, WI, and a brother Delmar (Belva) Schulz of Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at Cedarville Emmanuel Church in Cedarville.

A visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, at the Cramer-Leamon Funeral home in Orangeville.

Craig Conners will perform the services.

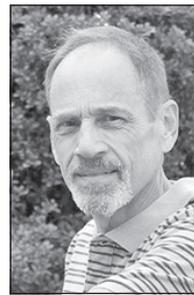
Burial will be at Grandview Cemetery in Freeport, IL.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

RAYMOND W. WARNER

Raymond W. Warner, age 59 of Huntsville, AL passed away on May 6, 2018. He was born in Freeport, IL on Feb. 11, 1959 to Wallace and Catherine (Read) Warner.



He graduated from Lanark High School where he played football and was crowned Prom King.

Before Ray graduated he started working with local carpenters, which led to 40 years in the industry. Building in Lake Carroll, Lanark, Shannon, and later in Huntsville, AL. His hobbies included flying, motorcycle courses, WWII, and the Cubs. Ray thoroughly enjoyed his trip to Costa Rica.

He is survived by his daughter, Tara (Dustin) Hormann; his grandchildren, Breylan, Presley, and Sutton; his mother, Catherine Warner; his brother, Rick (Katie) Warner; his sisters,

Penny (Jerry) Fink and Peggy Pannell; his four nephews, Rod (Renee) Fink, Matt (Layla) Brennan, Shane (Mallory) Pannell, and Austin Warner; and his two nieces, Rae (Andy) Bardell and Madison Warner. He was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Warner; Nephew, Michael Fink; his grandparents, John (Edna) Warner and Ray (Lexa) Read.

There will be a funeral service on Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m. at St. Wendelin Catholic Church in Shannon, IL. There will be a visitation on Friday, May 11, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Shannon from 5 to 8 p.m. with a scripture service at 4:30 p.m. Interment will take place at Lanark Cemetery in Lanark, IL. A memorial fund has been established for Cancer Research and Hospice Family Care of Huntsville, AL. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com

Timber Lake Playhouse books Andrea McArdle, Broadway's original Annie

Timber Lake Playhouse (TLP), the premier professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, welcomes Broadway's Andrea McArdle on June 2, to kickoff TLP's First Annual Broadway Concert with the Stars. Best known for originating the title role in the Broadway musical Annie, Ms. McArdle continues to thrill audiences on stages the world over.

Ms. McArdle brings her award-winning vocal talents to Timber Lake Playhouse for a one-night only concert experience not to be

missed. Tickets for the concert are \$50.

Join us on Friday night, June 1, for an intimate dinner with "Annie" and the staff and board of Timber Lake Playhouse. The dinner is at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse. Tickets for this dining event are \$75.

For more information, visit our website at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or call the Box Office at (815) 244-2035. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 - 3.

Birth



Xavier James Jeffrey Bonnet

Jeff and Stephanie Bonnet of Highlands Ranch, CO are the parents of a son born April 28, 2018. Maternal grandparents are Rocio Ramirez and Rogelio Soto of Denver CO and Larry Blanco Sr. of Orlando Florida. Late great grandparents are Edith and Ralph Ramirez and Juanita and Adam Blanco. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Cindy Bonnet, Lena, IL. Great grandparents are Robert and the late Dorothy Bonnet, Lena, IL and June and the late Dalvin Dittmar, Lena, IL.

The family of Bob Harbert would like to thank all who thought of us in prayer, sent a card, food, and all that came to his celebration service. Take time to see the memorial trees, spend time with your family and see the beauty at Apple River Canyon State Park.



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The family of Dorothy Eden
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Karen and Ron Bremmer
Karla and Rick Hendee
Kristine and John Zajicek

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Data collection on violence against LGBTQ youth is critical

Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined with nine other attorneys general in submitting a comment letter to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) opposing a proposal that would end data collection related to violence against LGBTQ youth.

The letter from Madigan and the other attorneys general is in response to DOJ's announcement that it plans to revise the National Crime Victimization Survey to eliminate the information collection about sexual orientation and gender identity from youth under age 18. The confidential and voluntary survey is an important source of national data on violence against LGBTQ youth and a critical tool to learn whether crimes are being reported and how the criminal justice system is responding to young LGBTQ victims.

The Justice Department, along with the U.S. Department of Education, published a report in March finding that LGBTQ youth were almost twice as likely to be bullied and threatened or injured by a weapon at school, almost twice as likely to be in a physical fight, and more likely to be offered, sold, or given illegal drugs at school.

"LGBTQ youth have historically faced much higher rates of harassment and violence," Madigan said. "These students deserve to have their voices heard and know that we are doing all we can to protect them from hatred and violence."

Joining Madigan in filing today's lawsuit were the attorneys general of California, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Virginia and Washington.

Illinois launches telemedicine task force

Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti joined IL Dept. of Healthcare & Family Services Director Felicia Norwood to announce the formation of a new state task force to develop a comprehensive telemedicine strategy for the Medicaid program to help improve access to healthcare for Illinois residents in rural areas.

Co-chaired by Lt. Governor Sanguinetti, Director Norwood, and Medicaid Advisory Committee Chairman Howard Peters III, the Illinois Medicaid Telemedicine Task Force held its inaugural meeting Wednesday and immediately began identifying ways to expand the use of telemedicine in Illinois to assist the state in its goal of integrating physical and behavioral health services. The 18-member task force is comprised of health professionals and advocates from all areas of Illinois.

"Unfortunately, too many residents of our state go without needed

access to health services because of where they live," said Sanguinetti, who also chairs the Governor's Rural Affairs Council. "The good news is that the use of telemedicine and other forms of virtual care – such as remote monitoring, online care, direct-to-consumer care, and the use of self-management apps – is increasing rapidly in Illinois as the need to solve health care disparities increases. It is our goal to expand telemedicine to deliver better care at a lower cost throughout Illinois."

Norwood added, "Illinois Medicaid is committed to ensuring that all our members have access to quality healthcare, wherever they live. Through the use of today's technologies, we are going to help our members connect to care more effectively than ever."

Water & Environmental Program Funds are in

The USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) have been funded at larger-than-expected levels.

If you have been looking for funding opportunities for those needed infrastructure improvements (new water tower, replacement of old water transmission or sewer collection lines, update treatment facilities), now is the time.

Applicants:

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Public entities (special purpose districts)

Non-profit organizations

Federally recognized Indian tribes

Communities:

Populations of 10,000 or less

Need more information?

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Go directly to the USDA RD Illinois website

Locate the Illinois Field Office nearest you

Having trouble opening the above links? Call our IL State Office at 217-403-6202

ACL fitness center approved

As Recommended by the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, meeting of April 25, the Jo Daviess County Board approved an ordinance to amend a Special Use permit to include a fitness center for the Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association, commonly known as 14A159 Canyon Club Drive, Apple River. Recommended by

the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, meeting of April 25.

Experience Smoke on the Water at Apple Canyon Lake

Do you think you have what it takes to claim a prize in the first annual Smoke on the Water Barbeque Cook-off at Apple Canyon Lake? Well, if you take your grilling to the extreme here's an opportunity to show what you've got.

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CHURCH NEWS

Church Notes

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on May 20, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. At worship we will read a story of Jesus' ascension into heaven from the Gospel of Luke. All are invited to worship with Holy Communion and fellowship after the service.
 On Wednesday May 23, 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!
 On Saturday May 28, Good Shepherd will be at Lena Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please call the church at 815-369-5552.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday, May 20, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be bringing the message (all based on the Holy Bible). You all are invited and welcome to hear an inspiring message. And then to stay or the fellowship following.
 Sunday School is at 10:30 am studying from the Holy Bible. All are invited to stay for this time too.
 Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL. For more information, please call the Pastor at 262-308-2379.

St John's Lutheran Church, Lena

Lena Living Center worship—Pastor Bader will hold a worship service at 2:30 p.m. on May 27, at the Lena Living Center nursing home. Everyone is welcome to attend, and we can always use a little help bringing residents to and from their rooms.
New opportunity to worship begins May 24—St. John's will hold worship services on Thursday evenings at 6:30 for the summer months. This service will be a little less formal than our regular services. It will use piano music, last approximately 45 minutes, and held in the Hannah meeting room. Worship is very important, and regardless of the season or our family schedule we should put God first and include regular worship in our plans.
My Friend's Closet (Thrift Shop) - Remodeling and expansion are complete, and My Friend's Closet is again open for business! Come in and check out our new look!
Vacation Bible School (VBS) - This year's theme is: "Splash Canyon—God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride." Dates and times are July 30-Aug. 3, 2:30-5 p.m.
Worship Schedule—Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.; Sundays at 8 and 10:30, with classes for children and adults from 9:15-10:15. Thursday evening services at 6:30 begin May 24. The church is located on the west side of Lena at 625 Country Lane Drive. Please join us for worship this weekend.

St. John's Lutheran Church-Pearl City

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City for worship on Sunday, May 20, at 9 a.m. for Graduation Sunday and Pentecost. The worship will include the recognition of this year's graduates from high school: Amber Baumgartner, Abbey Goldsmith, Garrett Handsaker, Gwen Heimerdinger and Kayla Niehaus. After the worship, the Sunday School students will meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPLAT youth will meet at 11 a.m. to deliver Grace Meals.
 The May Grace Meal will be served in Luther Hall at Noon on May 20. The menu will be grilled pork chops, hashbrown potato casserole, vegetable, applesauce, orange delight dessert and beverage. All are welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship.
 Dan & Missy Evans, Pearl City, IL, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on May 9.
 The Women's Gathering will meet at Logan's in Freeport on Tuesday, May 15, at 10:15 a.m. Carpooling available from the church. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.
 St. John's will once again have the Pearl City Brat Stand during the summer beginning on May 26, at 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come out and have a Brat or Hot Dog Meal Deal.
 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 South 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.

Holy Ghost Court #228 to stage bake & rummage sale fundraiser

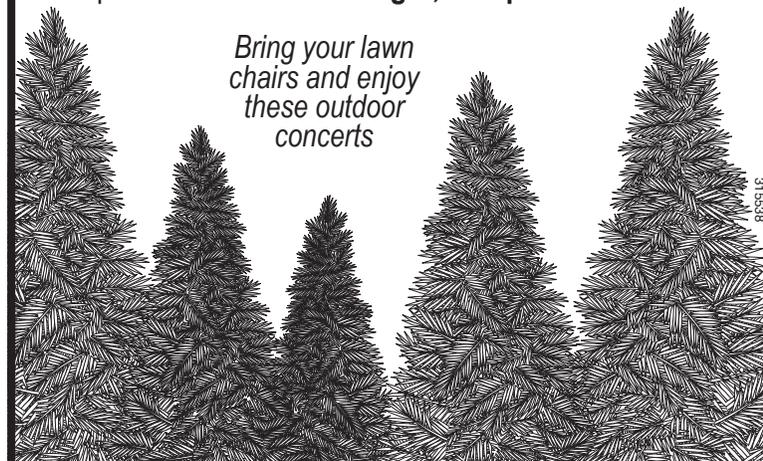
Bake & Rummage Sale Fundraiser sponsored by Holy Ghost Court #228 of the National Catholic Society of Foresters at the Holy Ghost church basement, Dickeyville during Memorial Day weekend.
 Friday through Monday, May 25, 26, 27, and 28. Hours are 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Saturday will be until 5 p.m.
 Funds raised will be matched through the "Hearts & Hands Program" to a maximum of \$1500. Proceeds will go towards the Grotto's Patriotic Shrine Fountain repairs for it to hold water once again.
 Please contact Karen Reese at 608-568-3124 dkrees@tds.net for more information.

The Lake Le-Aqua-Na Park Ministry

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- May 26 Praise Team, McConnell
- June 2 The Carlson Family, Monroe
- June 9 UMC Prairie Team, Warren
- June 16 EFC of Lena Worship Team
- June 23 Dave & Duska Ruter, Freeport
- June 30 Professions of Faith, Rockford
- July 7 Tyler Johnson One-Man Band, Dakota
- July 14 Red Bird Country, Pearl City
- July 21 Beloved Church Worship Team
- July 28 Set-Free, Shannon & Freeport
- August 4 Christ Country Choir, Kent & Stockton
- August 11 His Angels, Pearl City
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- September 1 Deb Leininger, Freeport

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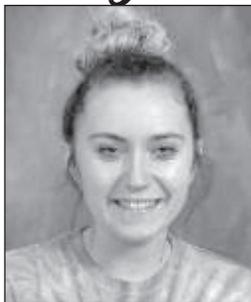
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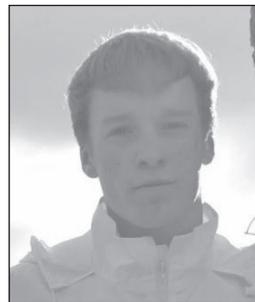
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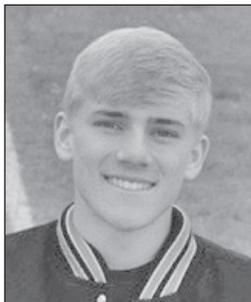
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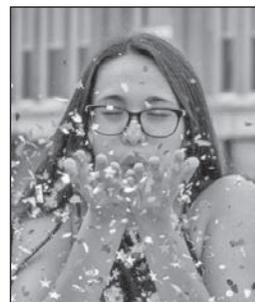
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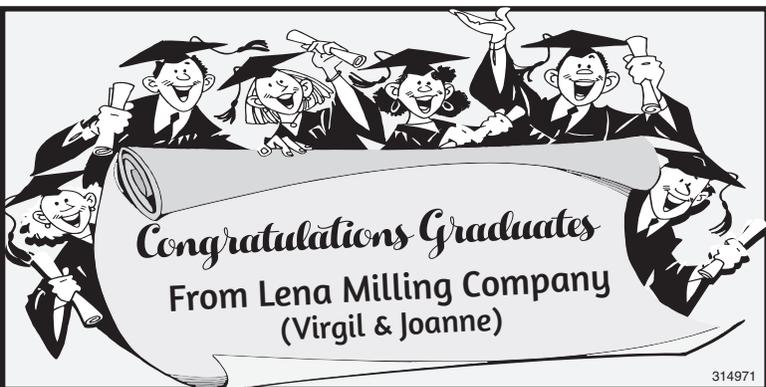
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ComEd offers relief to struggling customers

Spring weather in northern Illinois has been a roller coaster, with temperatures reaching unseasonable highs and lows. Whether people are firing up their furnaces again or switching on their air conditioners, those who face financial hardship

may find it harder to keep up with their energy bills. Customers who struggle to cover their energy expenses have a growing range of assistance options from ComEd. The company offers financial assistance programs, flexible

payment options, and programs to reduce energy use and costs, all of which can help eligible customers reduce budget strain and avoid disconnection of service. "We take our responsibility to all of our customers and communities very seriously," said Val Jensen, ComEd's senior vice president of customer operations, "and we know circumstances can make it hard for families, individuals, and nonprofit organizations to pay their bills. Tens of thousands of customers benefit from our financial assistance programs every year to help make ends meet when they need it most."

ComEd customer offerings include: **Financial Assistance Programs** Under the Residential Special Hardship program, customers who face financial hardship such as job loss, illness, or military deployment, or senior or disability hardships, may be eligible for grants of up to \$500 once every two years based on need. The CHAMP (ComEd Helps Activated/Veteran Military Personnel) program allows activated and deployed members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, and Reserves and honorably discharged veterans to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 once every two years, deferred payment plans, cancellation of late charges, and other benefits. Under the Nonprofit Special Hardship program, nonprofit organizations that struggle to pay their electric bills may be eligible for grants of up to \$2,000 once every two years, to help them cover their expenses and continue to fulfill their missions and serve the community.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allows low-income households to apply for assistance paying for winter energy services. Administered by community agencies throughout ComEd's region, LIHEAP is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the state of Illinois. **Flexible Payment Options** ComEd may be able to make special payment arrangements and offer extensions to eligible customers who are having difficulty paying their electric bills. **Ways to Save Energy and Money** Homeowners, multifamily property owners and managers, public housing authorities, and affordable housing developers who qualify can take advantage of ComEd offerings that are specifically designed to help customers who are income eligible improve home and building energy efficiency – and save money. "We make every effort to empower customers who face circumstances that make it hard to cover their energy expenses," Jensen said. "In addition to connecting them with assistance, we offer payment plans that help them manage their household budgets."

Dairy by Design: the transition to dairying in the Badger State

Dave Driscoll of the Wisconsin State Historical Society will present the "Dairy By Design" program for the Saturday, June 2 Green County Genealogical Society meeting. He will address the fact that Wisconsin became the Dairy State not by fate or accident, but by the sustained actions of dedicated promoters and risk-taking farmers over several decades. The results transformed the economy of the state and the lives of Wisconsin farmers. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. in the second floor meeting room of the Monroe Public Library at 925 16th Ave. Light refreshments are available 15 minutes before the meeting. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and there is no cost to attend. Call Sharon Mitchell (815-868-2416) or Donna Kjendlie

(608-921-1537) if you have questions. Please leave a message if we are not available to answer. The GCGS Research Center (located in lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is available to the public for research. Research Center hours are: Tuesdays and third Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and first Saturday after the meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday summer hours June through September at the Research Center are 1 to 4 p.m. Main holdings are on Green County. Both Rock and Lafayette Counties are well represented as well as several other counties, states, countries, and ethnic groups. A large clipping collection of births, marriages and obituaries is available. Volunteers are on staff to help with your research.

Learn about customer assistance programs at www.ComEd.com/CARE. Learn about energy efficiency offerings at www.ComEd.com/Ways-toSave.

NIPE receives grant for Hanley Savanna work

The Northwest Illinois Prairie Enthusiasts (NIPE) has received a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation to further its prairie restoration efforts at Hanley Savanna in Hanover, Illinois. This 18-month stewardship challenge grant began May 1, giving NIPE the opportunity to receive up to \$27,000 in cash disbursements and up to \$5,000 in equipment purchase

matching funds. NIPE in turn must continue its prairie restoration and management efforts; obtain private cash donations to take advantage of the three dollar grant match for every one dollar donated; increase its volunteer work efforts at Hanley Savanna; and increase its publicity and community outreach efforts.

Since 2003, NIPE has been bringing back varied native ecosystems in

the 160-acre Hanley Savanna. Areas that had been farmed as row crops or tree plantations have been restored to dry and wet sand prairies, sand savanna, oak woodland, and sand blowout areas. Hanley Savanna also provides a vital link between Lost Mound Fish and Wildlife Refuge and Hanover Bluff Nature Preserve; adjacent protected properties complete an extensive conservation corridor

of over 10,000 acres – the largest in northwest Illinois.

Acquiring or setting aside land is only an initial step in restoring or preserving a natural area of special significance. Ongoing management and stewardship are also needed, efforts that NIPE undertakes as a fundamental part of its mission. NIPE not only continues restoration efforts at Hanley Savanna, owned by NIPE's parent organization, The Prairie Enthusiasts, but also has preserved an original prairie remnant in Elmo, south of Stockton, also owned by The Prairie Enthusiasts. In addition, NIPE helps create, restore, and manage other area prairies owned by private individuals and organizations.

NIPE's success thus far and continuing efforts helped secure the grant, part of the Illinois Clean Energy's Natural Areas program that supports the care and management of natural areas in Illinois. Laura Dufford, the President of NIPE's Board of Directors, is pleased that NIPE was awarded the grant. "NIPE is very grateful to receive the Illinois Clean Energy grant. It gives us opportunities to further our stewardship activities at Hanley Savanna, and also allows us to purchase some much needed equipment to help

maintain fire breaks and control invasive plants."

NIPE schedules specific events at Hanley Savanna, including bird watching and prairie seed picking. Hanley Savanna is currently open to the public for walking and birding from dawn to dusk, April 15 – November 15, although visitors should exercise caution when hunters are active in the adjacent properties. Parking and a covered shelter are located at 9417 S. Whitton Road in Hanover. Take Route 84-South off of US Highway 20 to Hanover. Turn right on Fulton Road and bear left onto S. Hanover Hill Road (which becomes gravel) to the end. Turn left on S. Whitton Road, and the shelter and parking area will be on the left. The mowed walking paths start across S. Whitton Road.

NIPE welcomes volunteers and contributions to further its restoration efforts at Hanley Savanna and other prairies.

"We look forward to sharing the unique habitats of Hanley Savanna with the public and invite anyone interested in helping with stewardship opportunities to contact us for information," Dufford said. For more information, contact NIPE at info@NIPES.org.

U of I Extension to hold Pasture Walk

On Saturday, June 9, University of Illinois Extension will hold a pasture walk from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Greg and Janis Thoren farm located at 5156 S. Ridge Rd. Stockton, IL 61085. The cost for this program will be \$5. For more information or to register please visit us online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw or call us at 815-858-2273. Between the overgrazing last fall, current hay shortage, and a delayed spring, producers are left with a shortage of options for the upcoming grazing season. The combination of these issues have left pastures ragged and in need of restoration, if not a complete renovation.

Presenters for the day will include U of I Commercial Ag Educator Travis Meteer who will talk about

overgrazing and the slow start to the grazing season and how all of this ties into nutrition and body condition scores of cattle. Travis will also talk about where to go from here to best optimize this grazing season in terms of meeting the needs of your cattle.

Phillip Alberti, U of I Commercial Ag Educator will talk about soil sampling and how to implement that in a pasture setting. When considering pasture improvement, soil conditions are at the heart of the decision making process and will require some testing and interpretation to achieve your goals. Land use, management practices, and plant species will all influence the proper soil testing procedures such as: when to sample, sampling depth, where to sample,

and number of samples to be collected. Test results will influence many decisions including fertilizer and amendment applications as well as plant species selection; importantly, knowing which soil characteristics to assess are a vital part of the soil testing process. While soil testing does provide its own challenges, taking the time to do it properly will save time and money in the long run while improving pasture productivity now.

Jay Solomon, U of I Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator will talk about grazing systems and management. Within this Jay will discuss forages and how to manage them for what you need now at the start of the grazing season and what you will need later towards the end of the grazing season. Jay will also talk about options for overcoming fencing and watering challenges when subdividing pastures.

To follow this up, U of I Extension will also be holding a two part classroom style series on June 19 and June 26 and will discuss these topics in further detail. Look for more information to come on these nights soon.

Murphy's Gardens plant sale to benefit JDCF

Imagine what it would look like if all homeowners planted native species. More than adding characteristic Midwest beauty to your yard, adding

even small pockets of native prairie plants can help to replicate the habitat that is needed to sustain many critical species.

You can learn more or start your own mini wildlife preserve by visiting Murphy's Gardens during their native perennial sale from May 18 - 20. A portion of the proceeds from the sale will be used to help grow JDCF nature preserves, such as community favorites Casper Bluff and Horseshoe Mound, while also helping people like you to plant biodiversity-friendly plants at home!

Murphy's Gardens is located at 12550 W Norris Lane, Galena.

Additionally, workshops will be hosted during the sale to help answer any questions you may have regarding landscaping with native species.

Why native plants? Lots of reasons! Native plants are low maintenance, provide food and shelter for wildlife, add to your curb appeal, aid in water conservation, and help increase the diversity and overall populations of pollinators.

Murphy's Gardens is a friendly, family-owned, greenhouse, garden center, and fresh produce farm in Galena. Their 8 greenhouses are bursting with a vast & diverse collection of perennials, ornamental grasses, perennial vines, native plants, specialty annuals, culinary herbs, vegetables, hanging baskets, container gardens, flowering shrubs, and a small selection of flowering trees. Their mission is to grow the healthiest, highest quality plants available.

Please call Murphy's Gardens at 815-541-4274 with any questions or visit www.murphysgardens.com for more information.

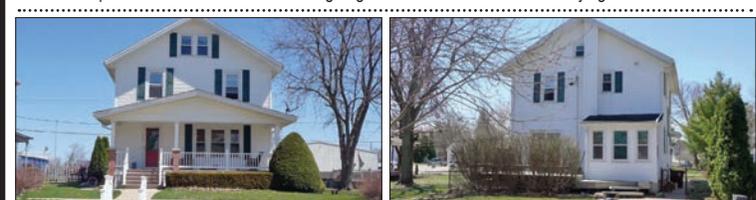
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Enclosed front porch welcomes you into this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home that also features a living room, dining room as well as a partially finished walk up attic. There is a deck, fenced in back yard, extra garage in the back plus an area behind the attached garage which has a hot tub that is staying in "as is" condition.



305 W. Mason • Lena

Home features main floor living room, formal dining room, and large eat in kitchen. The upper floor has 3 bedrooms and 1 full bath. Attic and basement has additional finished sq. ft. Outside the home features a front covered porch with maintenance free flooring and railing, in the back of the home there is a deck, detached 1 stall garage, and storage shed.

New Listing



Lena • \$84,900

Updated brick home within walking distance to downtown. Open floor plan on the main level, kitchen, dining and living room. Upstairs are the three bedrooms and bath. The master bedroom has a walk in closet. The whole first floor had been gutted to the outside walls, new studs, insulation, wiring, plumbing, new furnace and air in 2012 and house & porch roofs in 2017. Two stall garage off of the alley has a concrete floor, electric and heat.

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Master Gardener Helpline helps home gardeners

The University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County Master Gardeners offers a helpline every growing season. The helpline is designed to help the home gardener with their horticulture questions.

Master Gardeners volunteer their time on the helpline which is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., May through September. Each year the Master Gardeners field a variety of questions from across

the county. During the 2017 growing season, the Master Gardeners answered 175 horticulture related questions providing research-based answers.

Master Gardeners are volunteers that go through horticulture training led by University of Illinois Extension Educators. During the training they learn about all aspect of horticulture but they also receive training about the resources that the University of Illinois Extension has available for them to use. A Master Gardener has the ability to find research based information from the University to provide to homeowners when they call with a question.

"Each year the calls to the helpline are documented so that we know the types of questions are coming in and where in the county the questions are coming from" stated U of I Extension Program Coordinator Nikki Keltner "it helps

us to identify trends and key issues for that particular growing season." From the 175 questions fielded in 2017 the majority of the questions were about trees and shrubs. Vegetable related phone calls were a close second. Master Gardeners also answer questions about bugs and other pests and are happy to identify that pest if the homeowner brings a sample to the office.

At the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County we

are proud to work with 61 Master Gardener Volunteers. In 2017 the Master Gardeners contributed nearly 2,500 volunteer hours to the community. In addition to the helpline they also offer educational programs to the community, beautiful display gardens at many public locations, and much more.

To contact the Master Gardener Helpline please call the University of Illinois Extension-Stephenson County at (815) 235-4125.

Food preservation workshop offered

Wouldn't it be nice to enjoy your garden or farmers market produce all year long? Whether just starting out or updating your food preservation knowledge, join University of Illinois Extension's Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for a seasonal program titled: Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely-Water-bath and Pressuring Canning Basics. Besides receiving the latest, most up-to-date food preservation information, you will also be able get your dial gauge pressure canner tested for accuracy.

Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely-Water-bath and Pressuring Canning Basics will be held on Thursday,

May 31 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. and again on Tuesday, July 31 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Both class will be held at the Illinois Extension Office located at 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport, in the Community Services Building at Highland Community College (use parking lot B). Pre-registration is required to attend. To register, call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>. There is a \$5 registration fee which will cover the educational session and pressure canner gauge testing. Space is limited, so register today.

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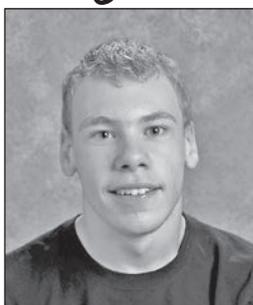
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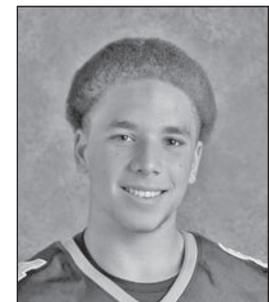
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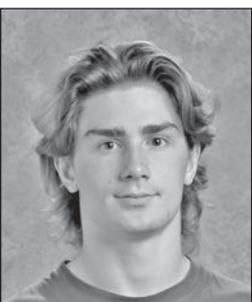
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Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District offers scholarship

The Stephenson Soil & Water Conservation District is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year. The student must be a resident of Stephenson County and have a junior or senior standing in an accredited college or university with a career in agriculture, natural resources, or a related field. For further details and an application

form, please call 815-235-2141 Ext. 3. Applications must be received at the SWCD office by 3:00 p.m. June 8, 2018. Applications are available on our website www.stephensonswcd.org or may be picked up at Stephenson SWCD, 1620 South Galena Avenue, Freeport IL 61032.

The Scholarship application deadline is June 8.

FHN calendar of events

- Thursday, May 17
 - 10 – 11:30 a.m. Perinatal Loss Support Group
 - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening - Freeport
 - 6:30 – 8 p.m. Perinatal Loss Support Group
- Saturday, May 19
 - 10 a.m. – noon Blood Pressure Screening - Freeport
 - Tuesday, May 22
 - 10 a.m. – noon Blood Pressure Screening - Pecatonica
 - 3 – 6 p.m. Free Vein Screening
 - 5 – 9 p.m. Prenatal Class
- Wednesday, May 23
 - 6 – 8 p.m. Managing Early Grief: The First Nine Months after a Loss

Elizabeth schedules Memorial Day events

The Elizabeth Historical Society will coordinate the celebration of Memorial Day on Monday, May 28, beginning with an Open House at the Elizabeth History Museum, located at 110 E. Myrtle Street in downtown Elizabeth at 1 p.m.

At 2 p.m., participants will gather at the Elizabeth Veterans Memorial, located at the corner of Highway 20 and Myrtle Street, where Elizabeth's 13 Gold Star soldiers will be remembered:

- *Private William H. Toms, WWI, died of pneumonia, January 4, 1918.
- *Private James R. Kennedy, WWI, killed in France, July 18, 1918.
- *Private William D. Reusch, WWI, died of measles complicated by pneumonia, August 31, 1918.
- *Corporal Clement Raymond Steele, WWI, killed in action, October 15, 1918.
- *Private John Kellar, WWI killed in November, 1918, several days after the Armistice of November 11.
- *Private Richard C. Allen, WWII, killed in North Africa, April 7, 1943.
- *Staff Sergeant Leland "Bill" Kuhn, WWII, killed in England, December 19, 1943.
- *Private Anthony Alvin Klepack, WWII, killed in France, August 10, 1944.
- *Private First Class Robert Franklin Holcombe, Jr., WWII, killed in Europe, January 27, 1945.

*Corporal Kenneth Charles Ehrler, WWII, killed on the island of Okinawa, March 8, 1945.

*Private Harold E. Young, WWII, killed in the Philippines, April 16, 1945.

*Aviation Radioman Second Class Coleman F. Baumgartner WWII, killed over the Atlantic, August 7, 1945.

*Sergeant Harvey L. Hoppe, killed when his B-29 bomber went down off the coast of Yemen, July 27, 1948

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- Elsie Heidenreich, a nurse in World War I
- Rita Baumgartner Francomb, a WAVE in World War II
- Luella Williams Elliott, A WAC in World War II.

There will be floral tributes and prayers at St. Mary's Cemetery and at the Elizabeth Township Cemetery.

The Elizabeth History Museum will remain open until 4 p.m., with coffee and cookies being served. The general public is invited to participate in this free Memorial Day observance.



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Illinois National Guard

Maj. Gen. Michael Zerbonia, Assistant Adjutant General-Army, Illinois National Guard, of Chatham, Illinois, presents an Illinois Flag to Lt. Col. Donald West, Commander BEST A21, of Petersburg, Illinois. BEST A21 will serve alongside Polish Forces as part of the state partnership program between Poland and the Illinois National Guard which was established in 1993.

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mission allows Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers to train and deploy side-by-side with their Polish counterparts. The Soldiers are from various parts of Illinois and were selected for the mission based on their training and skills. BEST A21 is commanded by Lt. Col. Donald West, of Petersburg, Illinois.

The deployment is in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel, during which the team will assist the Polish Military Contingent in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The partnership between Poland and the Illinois National Guard dates back to 1993. In 2018 the partnership celebrates its 25th year.



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Miss Poppy

Jordan Mills, daughter of Justin and Amy Mills of Lena was selected to represent the Lena American Legion Auxiliary as Miss Poppy for 2018. Evelyn Karnatz, a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary and past Miss Poppy, crowned Jordan at the May 9 meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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Join us at Stockton Christ Lutheran Church on June 4 through June 8, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. To register or to find out more about Rolling River Rampage, please call or Email the church office at 815-947-2033 or clc600@frontier.com

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful is collecting cell phones for soldiers

To honor Memorial Day, Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful will be collecting cell phones for soldiers at its recycle center in Rockford on Tuesday, May 22 and on Saturday, May 26, and the recycle center in Roscoe on Saturday, May 26, in partnership with "Cell Phones for Soldiers," a national campaign. Cell Phones for Soldiers began in 2004 as the idea of two patriotic kids, Robbie and Brittany Bergquist, who wanted to give back to the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting us each and every day. To date the charity has provided more than 300 million "Minutes that Matter" to our troops serving around the world and it continues "Helping Heroes Home" via emergency funds that so far has assisted more than 3,100 veterans and their families.

The powerful gift of a cell phone, any make, model or condition, will be greatly appreciated and will truly help the men and women in the military. This "gift" also has another incredible benefit in that it keeps consumer electronics from being discarded in ways that can harm

the environment. Every year in the United States, people improperly discard 3 million tons of electronic waste, which contains PCBs, cadmium, mercury and lead - substances that are toxic and can even be carcinogenic! If mismanaged, those substances can leach into soil, endangering our precious ecosystem and potentially contaminating our food and water supply.

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful's Mission is to improve our environment through education, public awareness and community involvement. The Recycling Center in Rockford is located at 4665 Hydraulic Road, open Tuesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon; and in Roscoe at 13125 North 2nd Street, open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. For other information about Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful, an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, visit www.knib.org, email bev@knib.org, or call 815-637-1343. For more information about Cell Phones for Soldiers, visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com

Illinois National Guard Soldiers and Airmen mark organization's 295th birthday

Soldiers and Airmen of the Illinois National Guard gathered to celebrate the 295th birthday of the organization, at Camp Lincoln, Springfield, Illinois, on May 9. The Adjutant General, Illinois National Guard, Richard J. Hayes Jr., of Springfield, Illinois, joined one of Illinois National Guard's newest recruits Pvt. 1st Class Cameron Chappell, of Jacksonville, Illinois, to cut the birthday cake as part of a cookout commemorating the history of the Illinois National Guard.

On May 9, 1723, the first militia of colonial troops gathered near Kaskaskia in what was then part of the French colonial empire in North America. Militias organized under the French, British, and then American governments connect those men in 1723 to the Illinois National Guard today. Citizen Soldiers have served for nearly 300 years and answered the call to serve in conflicts from the American Revolution to the Global War on Terror.

American Legion Auxiliary to host Memorial Day breakfast

A breakfast will be offered on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2018 at the Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main Street, Lena, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

It is being served from 7 to 9:30 a.m.—come eat breakfast and watch the parade at 10.

Serving: scrambled Eggs, french toast, Biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee

\$4 under 10 and \$7 over 10, carry-outs will be available

Chappell leaves for Basic Training after he graduates from Jacksonville High School in the coming weeks. Since his enlistment Chappell has been a member of Kilo Company Recruit Sustainment Program as he prepares for basic training.

"I think RSP has really prepared me to go to basic and to be a lot more confident in myself to be able to ship," said Chappell. "I'm excited to see what adventure awaits there, and hopefully what I've learned in RSP will carry me on through my career and I'm excited to serve as a Soldier."

A time to honor American heroes

The Stockton American Legion Post 449 would like your help. Every year the Legion and volunteers place flags on the graves of veterans in local cemeteries. Individuals as well as groups are welcome to be part of this project. If you would like to participate this year, please meet at Ladies Union Cemetery at 9 a.m. Friday May 25.

Other activities for the weekend will be Poppy Days, Friday and Saturday at various places in Stockton, and Brat Fry fund raiser at Sullivan's Foods on Saturday. A Memorial Day service will be held at the Stockton High School on Memorial Day, May 28, at 10 o'clock.

We owe it to the heroes that died and the loved ones left behind to make sure that their sacrifices are remembered and that their service to this nation will always be honored.

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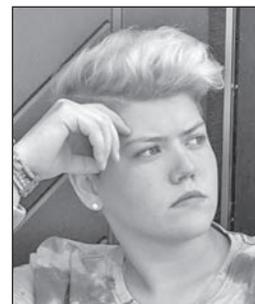
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Ag and Natural Resources Scholarship announced

The R. C. Miller Agriculture Scholarship Fund is seeking individuals interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year. Funds are given to help college and university students who are, or will be, studying agriculture, natural resources, or related programs with an emphasis in conservation. Those chosen to receive the award will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

To be eligible to apply, individuals must be residents of Stephenson County and be enrolled in an agriculture or related degree program with an emphasis in conservation. Applicants must be accepted at their chosen college or university and be a full-time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation Board is responsible for selection of the scholar-

ship winners, and past recipients may re-apply for consideration each year.

The R.C. Miller Scholarship was established by Miller, a life long Stephenson County resident and ardent supporter of agriculture, natural resources and conservation. Miller, who died in 2007, left a legacy in the

community for his support of a variety of programs and efforts, especially youth and conservation causes.

To receive an application, please call the U of I Extension-Stephenson County at 815-235-4125 or can be found on the following website under Scholarships: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/stephenson4h/3253.html>

Completed applications are due by June 22, 2018 to the U of I Extension Office-Stephenson County, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd, Freeport. If requested, the application can be emailed to applicants for completion.

Zweifel scholarship applications are available

The trustees of the Harry R. and Gertrude Zweifel Trust announce that applications for post-high school educational grants are now available for the 2018 - 2019 school year.

Applicants must have resided in the Orangeville Community Unit District 203 and graduated after April 1, 2015 unless they served in the military within the four years immediately following their graduation. Home schooled

graduates must have completed all requirements for graduation.

Zweifel Trust Grants may be used for approved study at technical and vocational schools as well as study at colleges or universities.

Applications may be downloaded from the Zweifel Trust website at www.zweifeltrust.org.

The application deadline is August 1, 2018.

SCAHCE opens scholarship application period

Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education (SCAHCE) will be accepting applications for their 2018 scholarship (\$300). The scholarship recipient must be a current resident of Illinois, regardless of whether they attend a school in Illinois. The applicant must attend a vocational institution or institution of higher learning working toward a vocational certification, undergraduate degree or graduate degree.

The scholarship will be offered in either of the following two categories:

a. Student must be a full time student and majoring in a family related program, such as: food management, textiles, diet, nutrition, child care, marketing, agriculture communications, business management, nursing or so-

cial services.

b. A person returning to the work force or needs to be retrained in another field. If not a full time student, scholarship will be pro-rated and shared with another part time student.

The scholarship recipient must either be an HCE member or related to an HCE member.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 15, 2018
For further information on the scholarship rules and/or an application, contact the Extension Office, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Building R, Freeport, IL 61032 (PH: 815-235-4125) or locate the application on the following website: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/downloads/74705.pdf>

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

Have you always wanted to visit a farm? Take part in our "Beyond the Barn" farm tour on June 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have three operations that have opened their doors for you to get an up-close look at their operations.

Berning Acres – Come visit this family dairy farm outside of

Menominee.

Tony Berning Family/Redington Farms – Learn more about farming techniques are used produce the crops. You can also get a chance to see some beef cows and calves.

Sinsinsawa Mound Gardens – Yes, this is a little different spin on agriculture. Come out and learn

more about their collaborative farm and kitchen garden.

For full details about the tour, go to our website at www.jodaviesscfb.com and click on Beyond the Barn Tour.

Illinois Farm Bureau grassroots policy development process provides every voting member the

opportunity to make known their concerns about issues important to them. When properly supported through the grassroots policy development process, these concerns are considered and may be adopted by the voting delegates at the organization's annual meeting each December.

That delegate action dictates the direction of the organization follows in carrying out its programs each year. It is from this grassroots input and direction that Farm Bureau realizes its strength as an organization serving the needs of our members. These policies become the position for the organization the following year.

If you have any issues or concerns that you think need to be addressed in Illinois Farm Bureau's policy, you are always welcome to address any of our board members or myself. We are always interested in what our members concerns are.

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau would like to offer funds to reimburse farmers for purchasing ROPS (Rollover Protective Structures.)

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members who purchase a ROPS will receive a reimbursement of \$250 towards the purchase of a ROPS (Six rebates are available). To receive the \$250, members would need to bring in their paid invoice to the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Customers would be responsible for the cost, freight, and installation which are available through the dealer.

If you have been thinking about putting a ROPS on one of your tractors – now is the time! For more information about this program, or to become a member of our organization, contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office at 815-858-2235 or email jdcfbmgr@blkhawk.net.

Ag Fun Fact: May is National Hamburger Month.



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Blackhawks of the Month

Please recognize these Stockton Middle School students that each month go above and beyond to display the Blackhawk Way expectations. They have been nominated for special acts of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe.

Blackhawks of the Month are: fifth grade, Masyn Cahill, sixth grade, Robert Ernst, seventh grade, Kyleigh Reusch, eighth grade, Justin Eden

Jams and jellies workshop offered in June

Strawberry season is upon us; wouldn't it be nice to enjoy the great taste of those sweet berries year round?

Jams and jellies are a great way to enjoy the delectable tastes that summer has to offer throughout the year. Whether making strawberry jam, apple jelly, pear preserves or a peach marmalade, to be successful you will need to be familiar with the basic principles of making sweet spreads.

Join University of Illinois Extension's Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for Yes! You CAN: Preserving Practice – Jams and Jellies. This hands-on workshop will begin in the classroom and then head to the kitchen where participants can make their own jar of jam. During the first half of the workshop, we will

explain the various types of sweet spreads, the importance of having the correct ratio of pectin, fruit, acid and sugar and basics of jam and jelly making. The second half will be spent in the kitchen, making jam or jelly. Participants will not only learn a fun new skill, they will then get to take a jar home.

Yes! You CAN: Preserving Practice – Jams and Jellies will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Pretzel City Kitchens, 1 E Spring Street, Freeport (inside Wagner House). Workshop registration is \$25. Registration is required and can be completed by calling the U of I Extension at (815) 235-4125 or online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration deadline is Friday, June 1.

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