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## A fairy garden becomes a family project

By Tony Carton  
EDITOR

A six-years-young woman, her grandmother and great grandmother experienced the privilege of being this summer when they joined behind an idea to create a thing of beauty, a fairy garden.

"We had a good idea that we might be able to build a fairy garden and when we found some fairy garden stuff at the Dollar Store and we decided we could go ahead and make one," said Kaylie.

She said they gathered a lot of houses and churches and buildings and fairies and stuff and she knows the fairies are happy in their little village.

"They always have smiles on their faces," she said.

Kaylie said plans are already underway for the addition of flowers that will bring color to the garden village.

"There are a lot of flowers here at our house that I really want to plant around the fairy garden," Kaylie said. "I mostly like pink so we will be planting a lot of pink flowers."

She said pink flowers smell espe-

cially nice.

"The fairies always fly over to the flowers," Kaylie said. "That's when they really smile."

Kaylie's grandmother Diana Henderson said her granddaughter had been noticing fairies and little fairy things in the stores for about a year.

"We finally began gathering some of those items and we started really working on it as a project in the garden about three months ago," said Henderson. "Kaylie had been reading about fairies in her little story books and it seemed like a really fun idea."

She said she and her mother, Kaylie's great grandmother Wanda Finch believe strongly in the importance of maintaining a strong connection between children and their grandparents and great-grandparents.

"We are both a big influence in her life," said Henderson. "We get together with our grandkids a lot. We try to focus on reading and crafts and coloring."

She noted the importance of strong family bonds and the critical

role milestones like building a fairy garden as a family project plays in forming those bonds.

"We try to just sit down with them sometimes when they're having a bad day and we share ideas about morals and values," she said. "We are a big part in their lives and they're a big part of our lives. We wouldn't have it any other way."

Kaylie is six now and she has always loved fairies," said Finch. "Originally the idea was to build the fairy village in the garden, but then we decided to do it up on the porch to keep it out of the weather and keep it safe.

Originally the idea was to build the fairy village in Finch's garden, but then they decided to do it up on the porch to keep it out of the weather and keep it safe. They took their time gathering the materials for their garden village and when they thought they had gathered enough, the project moved forward.

"Kaylie put the houses where she wanted them and we couldn't let her use the hot glue gun because she might get hurt, so we helped her with that," said Finch. "She just loved the little things we put together and it seems as if one of her biggest concerns is whether somebody will like the project when it's finished. I told her there would definitely be a smile on anyone's face that saw her little fairy garden."

She said grandkids are great and the fairy garden project is an opportunity to share her years of experience with them..

"I always used to do crafts," said Finch. "But, I'm slowing down now and I'm glad I had the chance to work with the kids on this.

She said it's important to keep kids busy and happy.

"It was a lot of work, but it was



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Kaylie, her Grandmother Diana Henderson, and Great Grandmother Wanda Finch created a beautiful fairy garden village over the summer.

well worth it," Finch said. "We really have to make time to enjoy our little people because the way things are right now, a person never knows. We have to try and make them happy and keep them busy and safe from harm because they are precious."

## Stewart bill requires out of state vehicles on Illinois roadways carry liability insurance

Legislation sponsored by State Representative Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) was signed into law on Monday and requires out-of-state vehicles operating on Illinois roadways to carry liability insurance. House Bill 4472 was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner on Monday, creating Public Act 100-828.

"Illinois courts have ruled that Illinois law does not require a defendant to provide proof of insurance if the vehicle is properly registered in another state," said Rep. Stewart.

"This bill remedies that situation and requires the same of out-of-state drivers as is required by drivers of vehicles registered in Illinois."

The Illinois State Police as well as the Illinois Sheriff's Association supported HB 4472 to improve the safety of Illinois' roadways and provide uniform enforcement of our laws. Under the new law, no person shall operate a motor vehicle registered in another state upon Illinois highways without a liability insurance policy.

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Pearl City fifth graders Kenadee Schreck and Gracie Kerr are securing their tower built using 15 raw spaghetti noodles and one meter of masking tape.



5th STEM Pearl City 5th graders Kip Martens and Xander Krolow are hard at work designing and building their tower.

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## Pearl City Fifth Graders learn scientific method

This week the fifth graders in Mrs. Visel's class at Pearl City School recently studied the scientific method. Their hands-on task was to build a spaghetti tower using 15 raw spaghetti noodles and 1 meter of masking tape. This STEM activity had minimal directions in order that the students could collaborate. Partners tackled the problem using a variety of strategies to build their structures. They came up with many different ways to resolve their dilemma. Some worked and others failed, but the students persevered through it all and had fun learning at the same time.



(Above) Pearl City School Reading Teacher Shauna Endress helps families enjoy reading activities on the first day.

## Kindergarten boot camp

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(Right) Dana Kiem from the AOK Network looks on as families work with numbers during K Bootcamp where families from Pearl City Kindergarten received tools to use at home to help build their child's reading skills the first day of school. The activities were sponsored by the All Our Kids Early Childhood Networks.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Summer is back with a vengeance. School has started, so there has to be some really hot days. Hopefully fall will be a real season; it is one of my favorite times of the year. Labor Day signals the end of summer, and we will be able to check that off the list. The recipes this week are still wrapping up summer.

The first recipe is for those who love pickled things. I had a request last fall, and didn't find a recipe. This one makes one jar, and is really easy. Save those rinds and enjoy these unique pickles. No canning is required!

## Watermelon Rind Pickles

- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. water
- ½ C. red wine vinegar
- ½ C. white wine vinegar
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 2 t. mustard seeds
- 1½ t. kosher salt
- 1 t. black peppercorns
- ½ t. crushed red pepper
- 2 whole star anise
- 4 C. peeled watermelon rind

In a medium sauce pan, bring sugar, water, both vinegars, lemon, mustard seeds, salt, peppercorns, red pepper and star anise to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Add watermelon rind, and simmer until tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes.

Transfer mixture to a 1-quart glass canning jar. Seal jar and let cool to room temperature. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving or for up to one month.

This great and refreshing summer salad is a good way to take a winner to the last picnic of the year. It is easy to make but does require some make ahead preparation.

## Perfect Summer Fruit Salad

- ½ C. packed brown sugar
- 2 t. cornstarch
- 4 oranges
- 2 lemons
- 1 t. vanilla
- 2 C. blueberries
- 2 C. chopped fresh pineapple
- 2 C. sliced strawberries
- 3 kiwi, peeled and sliced
- 1 C. Seedless grapes, halved
- Mint for garnish

Mix together brown sugar and cornstarch in a small saucepan. Zest and juice 2 oranges and the lemons. Stir in 2/3 C. orange juice and 1/3 C. lemon juice; cook, stirring over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Continue to cook, stirring, 1 minute more. Transfer

mixture to a small bowl and stir in vanilla and ½ t. each of orange and lemon zest. Chill, covered, for at least an hour.

Peel and section remaining oranges. Put orange sections, blueberries, pineapple, strawberries, kiwi, and grapes in a very large bowl. Pour cooled sauce and gently toss to coat. Chill, covered, 3-4 hours. Top with mint for garnish.

One of my friend's husbands asked for a meatloaf recipe that was different. This one has a great flavor with the ketchup and cheese. I often top my meatloaf with bacon, but this recipe wraps the meatloaf in bacon. What is better than bacon and cheese?

## Cheesy Bacon-Wrapped Meatloaf

- 2 eggs
- ½ C. bread crumbs
- ½ C. diced onion
- 3 T. ketchup
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1 t. pepper
- ½ t. salt
- ½ t. dried oregano
- ½ t. dried basil
- 2 lb. ground beef
- 4 oz. shredded cheddar cheese (1 cup)
- 6 slices bacon

Stir together eggs, bread crumbs, 2 tablespoons ketchup, garlic powder, pepper, salt, oregano, and basil in a large bowl. Add ground beef and half of the cheese; mix well. On a jelly roll pan, fold an 18 x 36 sheet of heavy foil in half crosswise. Arrange bacon in center of foil with long sides touching. Put beef mixture crosswise onto bacon; shape beef into a loaf. Pull bacon ends up and around the loaf. Fold sides of foil twice on each side; fold in corners to form a shallow part; transfer to a baking sheet.

Preheat oven to 375. Bake for 65 to 70 minutes. Spread remaining tablespoon of ketchup on top of meatloaf; sprinkle with remaining cheese. Place meat back in oven

about 10 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 160. Let rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

For those people who are not red meat eaters, this easy chicken casserole will be a winner for you. You use a Jar of Alfredo sauce and rotisserie chicken. I don't discard the chicken as the recipe says. I boil it for chicken broth. Enjoy this easy main dish during the week.

## Chicken Caprese Casserole

- 1 box (16 oz.) penne pasta, cooked according to package directions
- 1 rotisserie chicken, meat shredded, skin and bones discarded
- 2 C. mozzarella, divided
- 2 C. cherry tomatoes, halved and divided
- 1 jar (15 oz.) Alfredo sauce
- 1 C. whipping cream
- ¼ C. chopped fresh basil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1¼ t. salt
- ½ t. pepper
- ½ t. crushed red pepper

Preheat the oven to 425. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large bowl, stir together cooked pasta, chicken, ½ cups mozzarella, 1½ C. tomatoes, Alfredo sauce, cream, basil, garlic, salt and pepper, and red pepper. Pour into prepared pan. Top with remaining mozzarella and tomatoes. Bake until golden brown and bubbly, about 30 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

There are some great peaches out there as well as blueberries. This dessert combines both of them. Enjoy this tasty fruit dessert.

## Blueberry Peach Buckle Cake:

- 4 T. unsalted butter, room temperature, plus more for dish
- 1 2/3 C. flour
- 1½ t. baking powder
- ¼ t. salt
- ¾ C sugar
- ¼ t. grated orange zest

- 1 large egg
- ½ C. milk
- 2 C. blueberries
- 1 large peach, chopped

### Topping:

- ¼ C. sugar
- 2 T. packed light brown sugar
- 3 T. flour
- ¼ t. nutmeg
- Pinch of salt
- 2 T. unsalted butter, room temperature

Cake: Preheat the oven to 375. Butter an 8-inch square baking dish. Whisk the flour, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl. Beat the butter, sugar and orange zest in a large bowl with a mixer on medium-high speed until fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the egg until combined. Reduce the mixer speed to low and gradually beat in the milk—it may look curdled. Add the flour mixture and beat, scraping down the bowl occasionally, until smooth. The batter will be thick. Stir in the blueberries and peaches and spread on the batter.

Topping: mix the granulated sugar, brown sugar, flour, nutmeg and salt in a small bowl. Work in the butter with your fingers until clumpy; scatter over the batter.

Bake until the top is golden and set and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about an hour. Let cool at least 30 minutes. Serve with ice cream.

I have had Mountain Dew cake and Coca Cola cake, so why not root beer cake. I would suggest using a really good root beer in a bottle rather than a can. Bloomers is a great root beer as is IBP. Enjoy this unique tasting bundt cake.

## Root Beer Bundt Cake

- 1 box white Cake mix—Betty Crocker super Moist works best
- 1¼ C. root beer room temperature
- 1/3 C. oil

3 large egg whites

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 12-cup bundt pan with baking spray with flour. In a large bowl, beat cake mix, root beer, oil, and egg whites in mixer for 30 seconds at low speed; increase mixer speed to medium and beat for 2 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Spread batter into prepared pan. Tap pan on counter twice. Bake until a wooden pick inserted near the center comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Remove from pan, and let cool completely on a wire rack. Serve with Root Beer Whipped Cream.

## Root Beer Whipped Cream

- 1 C. heavy whipping cream
- ½ C. cold root beer
- ¼ C. firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ t. vanilla

In a medium cold bowl with cold beaters, beat all ingredients at high speed until peaks form. Serve on Root Beer Bundt cake. Garnish with pecans.

I hope you all have a great Labor Day Weekend; it is hard to believe summer will be over. I guess baseball games ending and football starting makes it really seen real. Just a reminder that the Farmer's Market is again open on Wednesday evenings—stop by for some great vegetable and fruit buys. Last week they had squash, cucumbers, peppers, onions, tomatoes, kale, green beans, broccoli, cabbage, herbs, and fruits. There is also some great home baked goodies and jams and jellies.

You can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

## Troopers remind motorists that school is back in session

Illinois State Police are reminding communities and motorists to take the necessary safety precautions in preparation for the start of the new school year.

Illinois State Police District 16 Interim Commander, Lieutenant Carl Heintz, is reminding motorists many schools are back in session. "With the school year starting, that means an increase in pedestrians, especially younger pedestrians, as well as more traffic around schools," said Lt. Heintz. As schools throughout Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago and Boone Counties open their doors for a new school year, Illinois State Police want to remind everyone that their focus should be on traveling at a safe, legal speed and eliminating distractions. Drivers should heighten their

awareness in and around school zones to help avoid a crash. District 16 troopers will be increasing their presence in school zones helping to ensure the safety of everyone present. "Troopers will be focusing on speeding; distracted driving; seat belt and child restraint violations; as well as illegal passing of stopped school buses," Lt. Heintz stated. "These violations are serious and can result in hefty fines and license suspensions."

Lt. Heintz would also like to remind parents that it is illegal for a driver under 19-years of age to operate a phone while driving, whether handheld, or hands-free, outside of an emergency situation. "New drivers have enough to worry about," stated Lt. Heintz. "Phone calls and texts are just not that important."

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# Madigan calls on U.S. EPA to abandon proposed rollback of safety protections

Attorney General Madigan and 11 other state attorneys general today called on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to abandon a proposed rule that would roll back regulations that protect communities, workers, and first responders from dangerous chemical accidents.

Madigan and the other attorneys general submitted extensive comments on the EPA's proposal to rescind key provisions of 2017 amendments to its "Risk Management Program" (RMP) regulations. The "Accident Prevention Amendments" rule made critical improvements to the RMP to safeguard against explosions, fires, poisonous gas releases, and other accidents at facilities that store and use toxic chemicals.

Prior to the proposal to roll back these critical community safety protections, the EPA sought to block the

rule by delaying it by 20 months. In response, Madigan and a coalition of state attorneys general filed a lawsuit challenging the delay and, last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit struck down the delay, ruling that it violated the federal Clean Air Act and was arbitrary and capricious. The appellate court called the regulations "life-saving protections" and stated in its opinion that the delay made, "a mockery of the statute."

"The EPA is proposing to roll back a critical safety measure for workers, first responders and the environment from very dangerous chemical accidents," Madigan said. "The EPA is ignoring the serious risk that chemical disasters pose to communities across the country."

In their comments, Madigan and the other attorneys general charge that the proposed rule would "eviscerate" the safeguards added by the

Accident Prevention Amendments rule, and represent a "step backwards in preventing and mitigating harms to public health and the environment from chemical accidents." The coalition also argues that the proposal, if adopted, would be "inconsistent with the Clean Air Act" and "arbitrary and capricious."

According to the EPA, in the last 10 years, there have been over 1,500 accidents at chemical plants, including 100 accidents in Illinois. Nationally, these accidents caused 58 deaths; 17,099 people to be injured or seek medical treatment; almost 500,000 people to be evacuated or sheltered-in-place; and over \$2 billion in property damage. High-profile incidents included those at BP Refinery in Texas in 2005 (15 people killed, 170 injured), Chevron Refinery in California in 2012 (19 workers endangered, 15,000 people sought medical treatment), Tesoro Refinery in Washington in 2010 (seven people killed), West Fertilizer Facility in Texas in 2013 (15 people killed), and Williams Olefins Plant in Louisiana in 2013 (two workers killed, many more injured).

Illinois has over 900 facilities that have prepared risk management plans pursuant to the RMP. According to the five-year accident histories for these facilities, there have been 85 accidents resulting in five deaths and 452 injuries. Outside this

## Highland athletes receive Academic All-American recognition

The tradition of high quality student-athletes participating in Cougar athletic programs continued in 2017-2018. Twelve Highland Community College student-athletes were named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American teams.

Receiving first team honors with a GPA of 4.0 are:

Matthew Pfeiffer, men's bowling, Freeport

Makenzie Robieson, volleyball and softball, Orangeville

Receiving second team honors with a GPA of 3.80-3.99 are:

Kelsey Bollon, softball, Orangeville

Receiving third team honors with a GPA of 3.60-3.79 are:

Brandon Brown, baseball, Elizabeth

Allison Weegens, volleyball, Lena

Courtney Haas, volleyball, Stockton

Brandon Brown is a repeat NJCAA Academic All American. More information can be found by visiting: [www.njcaa.org/awards/student-athlete-awards](http://www.njcaa.org/awards/student-athlete-awards) or contacting the Athletic Department at 815-599-3465.

time frame, a significant release occurred on April 23, 2004 - an explosion and fire destroyed the Formosa Plastics plant in Illiopolis. The accident resulted in the deaths of five workers and serious injuries to three others. In addition, an estimated 150 people were evacuated to avoid contact with toxic fumes and smoke.

The number and severity of accidents over the last decade make clear the need to update the safety and security of the nation's chemical facilities. On Jan. 13, 2017, the Chemical Accident Safety Rule was finalized to update RMP regulations mandated by Congress in 1990 amendments to the federal Clean Air Act. The amended rules would necessitate additional safeguards in accident prevention programs to protect communities and prevent future accidents - requiring "root cause" analyses and third-party audits following accidents, as well as

analyses of safer technology and alternatives; emergency response procedures, mandating annual coordination with local first responders, annual notification drills, and periodic field exercises; and increased public access to facility chemical hazard information, in addition to public meetings within 90 days of an incident. In fact, despite the attempts by the EPA to delay and roll back the regulations, the agency published a June 2017 fact sheet that outlines the pressing need and dramatic safety benefits of the rule.

The more than 12,000 facilities covered by the regulations include chemical manufacturers, petroleum refineries, pulp and paper mills, chemical and petroleum wholesalers and terminals, wastewater treatment plants, agricultural chemical distributors, midstream gas plants, and food storage facilities with ammonia refrigeration systems.

## Governor signs ag-boosting measure legalizing industrial hemp

Gov. Bruce Rauner signed the Industrial Hemp Act, Senate Bill 2298, adding Illinois to a growing number of states that permit growth of cannabis cultivated for non-drug uses such as paper- and fabric-making, biodegradable plastics, construction materials and health food.

The governor also signed House Bill 5749 today, easing weight-limit restrictions on state highways during harvest time, improving the competitive outlook for Illinois farmers and agricultural commodities haulers. Both measures will enhance one of the state's leading industries: farming.

"Legalizing the farming of industrial hemp just makes good sense," Rauner said. "Roughly 38 states - including our neighbors in Wisconsin, Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri and Tennessee - have allowed or are considering allowing cultivation of this crop for commercial, research or pilot programs. Our farmers should have this option as well. This new state licensure program begins that process."

"The Illinois Farm Bureau appreciates Gov. Rauner signing SB 2298 which legalizes the growing of industrial hemp by Illinois farmers," said Richard Guebert Jr., president, Illinois Farm Bureau. "Illinois Farm Bureau policy, developed by our grassroots members, has long supported the production, processing, and utilization of industrial hemp. Illinois farmers will now have new opportunities to diversify their farms by growing this versatile crop."

"We are excited that Gov. Rauner is signing into law a bill that will bring a new sustainable agriculture industry and millions of dollars in

investment and economic growth to Illinois," added Jen Walling, executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council. "Industrial hemp will bring new opportunities to Illinois farmers. We are very grateful to the elected officials and advocates that worked so long to pass the right bill for Illinois."

The Industrial Hemp Act, effective immediately, creates a state licensure program through the Department of Agriculture that enables those who desire to grow the crop to do so. The state Department of Agriculture shall establish rules for THC-level testing of industrial hemp crops.

"Today, hemp products are sold on store shelves throughout Illinois, but our farmers are not able to grow hemp in their fields," said Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti, who chairs the Governor's Rural Affairs Council and attended today's bill signing at the State Fair in Du Quoin. "Our farmers lead the nation in corn and soybean production. In signing this bill, Gov. Rauner is providing our framers another crop for their fields and another opportunity to compete nationally."

"Gov. Rauner knows the importance of agriculture to the Illinois economy and I truly appreciate his approval of this legislation," said Rep. Tim Butler, R-Springfield, chief sponsor of SB 2298 in the House. "The production of industrial hemp has broad support among our farmers and rural families, as they know this will add another potentially significant crop that can be grown in our state. In the early 20th century, Illinois was a national leader in hemp production and I look forward to us returning to that position."

## Notice of Supervisor of Assessments examination

The Department of Revenue, Springfield, Illinois has fixed Monday, September 10, 2018, as the date for an examination for the office of Supervisor of Assessments. The examination will be held in Room 303 in the Winnebago County Administration Building located at 404 Elm St., Rockford, Illinois, at 10:30 a.m.

Application forms and information may be obtained at [www.wincoil.us](http://www.wincoil.us), or by contacting the Stacy Mullins at (815) 319-4236 or [smullins@wincoil.us](mailto:smullins@wincoil.us). Individuals interested in taking the examination should contact the same by 10:00 am of the day before the examination to register.

To be eligible for election or appointment to the office of Supervisor of Assessments, an individual must

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## Obituaries

### ARMIN R. GROEZINGER

Armin R. Groezinger, 78, of Shannon IL, passed away with his family by his side on Aug. 17, 2018 following a short battle with cancer. Armin, the son of Arthur and Louise (Miller) Groezinger, was born June 25, 1940 in Freeport, IL.

Armin married Joyce Helms on March 12, 1965, she passed away in 1995. He married Sandra Horstmeier on Feb. 14, 1997, whom he spent 21 of his golden years with. Armin was baptized and faithfully attended St. John's Lutheran Church in Massbach. Later in life he became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lanark and was active there until his death.

Armin attended Mt. Hope and Massbach Schools, and graduated from Stockton High School in 1958. After high school, he attended UW-Platteville, was drafted into the United States Army and Honorably Discharged. He received his Associates Degree from Highland Community College in 1985.

Growing up on the family farm, Poverty Acres, in Massbach, he decided Massbach was the place to raise his own family. He acquired the Massbach Cheese Factory and renovated it from a town gathering hall to a home in which his kids were raised. His family has great stories to tell of living in the country.

Armin held several jobs in his lifetime including Boyle Dairy Equipment, Atwoods Automotive, Leslie-Locke, E.S.Lieb Excavating, Martin Marietta, and finally retiring from Woods Equipment Company as a maintenance supervisor. Not only did Armin provide for his family, he also farmed with his dad and rented several pieces of farm ground.

Known for his ambition, desire to provide for his family, and strong work ethic, he purchased the first round baler in the area, and had a custom baling business. In addition, he remodeled homes for friends and neighbors.

Armin had a talent to be able to build and fix just about everything, and has passed his handyman and craftsmanship skills down to his son. He built his family a summer home at Lake Carroll in the early eighties where weekends were spent with family and friends.

After retirement, he became an avid John Deere Collector, and spent many days at his shed, working on

restoring his tractors, and taking the time to spend with anyone that dropped in to talk. He also enjoyed going to farm auctions and looking for the parts he needed to fix his tractors.

Armin wasn't happy if he wasn't working, so during his retirement years, he spent his falls chisel plowing for Schoeny Farms, and his winters plowing snow for Cherry Grove and Shannon townships. In the summers, he had a lawn mowing business in Shannon and Lake Carroll.

Most of all he loved spending time with his kids and grandkids. He enjoyed helping his son in his construction business. He had amazing relationships with all of his grandkids. He taught them how to drive tractors, and play euchre. He became a high school sports fan, and loved watching his grandkids compete. He never missed their FFA banquets, theatre & speech performances, concerts, spelling bees, and sporting events.

Armin is survived by his wife, Sandra, son, Daryl (Pennie) Groezinger of Stockton, daughters, Amy (Doug) Lieb of Pearl City, and DeAnne (Blake) Voss of Pearl City, Stepsons Ray (Sharon) Horstmeier, Brodhead, WI, and Chad Horstmeier, Conway, AR. Grandchildren, Drew (Stockton), Clayton, Zachariah, Jacob, Lincoln, Lucy, and Hudson (Pearl City). Step Grandsons Noah Horstmeier (Machesney Park), Tyler (Kerrie) Brugger, Monroe, WI, Ryan (Marci) Brugger, Albany, WI. Step Great Grandchildren Aubree, Kelsee, Brynlee, Morgan & Grant and brother, Marlo Groezinger of Freeport. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, wife (Joyce), and sister (Donna).

At Armin's request, a private family service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lanark. Interment will be at Stockton Ladies Union Cemetery.

A Celebration of Armin's Life will be held on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Armin's Shed (a qtr mile south of the Shannon Casey's). Please join us from 1-4 p.m. for lunch and to share

memories with Armin's family.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with Armin's family at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

### CAROLE POUZAR

Carole Pouzar, 77, of near Scales Mound, IL, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018 at the Finley Hospital in Dubuque, IA.



She was born on July 2, 1941 in Cicero, Illinois as the second daughter of George and Anne (Gorup) Zoubek, both deceased, and the sister of Georgene.

She raised her son Tom as a single working mother and rose to management in information technology at the University of Illinois, before retiring with her second husband Richard to their tree farm in Guilford Township. She pursued organic gardening and organic living with a passion as a Master Gardener, making numerous presentations throughout Jo Daviess County.

During her life, she was an animal advocate, boxer, musician, and scuba diver, with a curiosity for science that she passed on to her son. She was an incredibly talented and creative cook and passed her love of cooking down to her granddaughter. In the words of her grandson, "She made the best breakfast and always was a fun person to be around. She always knew how to put a smile on all of our faces with her crazy sense of humor." Her daughter-in-law "was always amazed at her honesty, love of life and her ability to engage anyone and everyone in a conversation. She acted as she wished." Her generosity in providing time, information, and gifts to others was remarkable.

She is survived and will be sorely missed by her husband Richard, her

son Tom (Linda) Cervenka, and her grandchildren Caitlin Cervenka and Thomas R. Cervenka.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date for the family. Donations in memory of Carole can be made to the animal shelter of your choice.

The Miller & Steinke Funeral Home of Scales Mound is serving the family.

### MARY ANN (MOKROS) MERRILL

Mary Ann (Mokros) Merrill, 85, passed away Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at Azura Memory Care in Monroe.



She was born to Lester and Deila (Massey) Tietjen on May 16, 1933. Mary Ann married James Mokros on Oct. 25, 1950. She and James farmed for many years in the Lena area. James passed away on Oct. 19, 1986. She then married Donald Merrill on June

10, 1989.

Mary Ann enjoyed gardening, tending to flowers and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Donald, of Sterling, IL, four children: Greg (Melody) of Freeport, IL, Dianna (Harry) Unzicker of Oregon, IL, Lyle (Kristine) of Platteville, WI, and Albert (Ann) of Lena, two step-children: Michael Merrill of Davenport, IA and Sarah Merrill (Maurice Bell) of Sterling, IL; She is also survived by twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, James, her parents, brother, Lester Tietjen and sister, Helen Franz.

A visitation was at the Leamon Funeral Home on Saturday, Aug. 25.

A funeral service was held at the Leamon Funeral in Lena on Saturday, Aug. 25.

Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Garden in Freeport.

A luncheon will follow burial at the Faith United Methodist Church in Freeport.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

## Chipping Away at Sexual & Domestic Violence Golf Outing scheduled

Join Riverview Center at Woodbine Bend Golf Course & Restaurant for the Chipping Away at Sexual & Domestic Violence Golf Outing, featuring 18 hole, four Person, best shot, heavy appetizers, and prizes/raffles on Wednesday, Sept. 5. All proceeds will support survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

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For more information, contact Gwen at 319-290-7661 or [Gwen@riverviewcenter.org](http://Gwen@riverviewcenter.org).

## Reunion

### 94th Annual Bonjour Reunion

The 94th Annual Bonjour Reunion will be held on Sunday, Sept. 2, at Meridian Park, Clinton St., Warren IL, at the Lutheran shelter house. Pot luck luncheon will be at Noon. Please bring table service and dish(s) to pass. Water and Coffee are provided. If any questions call: 815-291-9831



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

**IFB releases the 2018 Livestock Report.** Illinois Farm Bureau, along with Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Milk Producers Association and Illinois Pork Producers, released this report to show the four truths regarding livestock production in Illinois.

**Truth one:** Environmental issues are uncommon on Illinois Livestock

**Farms**

**Truth Two:** Illinois livestock farms are environmentally sustainable

**Truth Three:** Illinois livestock farms are economic engines for Illinois

**Truth Four:** Livestock farms create opportunities to bring the next generation back to Illinois rural communities. All these areas are backed up by

facts that were assembled to dispel the misinformation and incorrect material that is spread by many. If you would like to see a copy of this publication, you can go to:

<http://www.ilfb.org/livestocktruth>.

**Farm to Table dinner scheduled.** The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau and Apple Canyon Lake are joining forces to bring to the area our first Farm to Table dinner, Saturday, Sept.

22. This joint venture is open to ACL and Farm Bureau members and the public as well. We are excited to use this opportunity to showcase our area's local producers. Tickets are available for purchase at the farm bureau office in Elizabeth or at the Apple Canyon Lake property owners club. Tickets are \$30 per person. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. There are a limited

amount of tickets available so stop in today to get yours!

The Young Leaders Committee will have their next meeting this Sunday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. here at the farm bureau office in Elizabeth. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 and has an interest in agriculture is welcome to attend. For more information, call our office at 815-858-2235.

**Mark your calendars.** The cover crop field day is set for Friday, Sept. 14, from Noon to 3:30 p.m.

\* Date: Friday, Sept. 14

\* Time: Noon - 3:30 p.m. with lunch being provided to those who pre-register by Sept. 10, Call 815-858-3418, ext 3 to RSVP

\* Location: South side of Stockton on Route 78. Head south of Stockton on Route 78. The plots are on the south edge of town on the west side of the road.

\* Speakers include:

Jim Isermann with the Soil Health Partnership

Host Greg Thoren

Dr. Jerry Hatfield with the USDA

Dr. Dennis Busch with UW Platteville

**Ag Fun Fact:** The world's food supply depends on pollinators.

## NWILDD August 2018 winners

Twelve organizations plus five additional subcontracting organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County sponsor the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing, a cooperative fundraiser.

In the Daily Drawing cash prizes between \$50 and \$250 are awarded for 365 days from October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018 to those donating for a ticket. A ticket can win multiple times throughout the year.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Freeport Dance Team, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters. Sub-contracting organizations include: Elizabeth Historical Society, Galena Elks Scholarship Committee, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Scales Mound Travelers and Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois.

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- 8th . Wednesday . \$50 - Shelia Schultz, Dubuque, IA

- 9th . Thursday . \$50 - Stephanie Dagle, Warren
- 10th . Friday . \$50 - Angie Roberts, Elizabeth
- 11th . Saturday . \$50 - Roger Grenoble, Nora
- 12th . Sunday . \$50 - Pat Ertmer, Galena
- 13th . Monday . \$150 - Karen Feldman, Freeport
- 14th . Tuesday . \$50 - Jeff Erbsen, Pearl City
- 15th . Wednesday . \$50 - Al Hendren, Apple River
- 16th . Thursday . \$50 - Kevin Paul, East Dubuque
- 17th . Friday . \$50 - Erin Murphy, Hanover
- 18th . Saturday . \$50 - Victor Hansen, Stockton
- 19th . Sunday . \$50 - Sam Stoddard, Stockton
- 20th . Monday . \$50 - Janet Carlson, Galena
- 21st . Tuesday . \$50 - Steve & Janelle Keeffer, Galena
- 22nd . Wednesday . \$50 - Paul Mangin, Clinton, IA
- 23rd . Thursday . \$50 - Becky Huttenlocher, Lena
- 24th . Friday . \$50 - Susan O'Connor, Mt Carroll
- 25th . Saturday . \$50 - Sandy Offenheiser, Elizabeth
- 26th . Sunday . \$50 - Dave Sendt, East Dubuque
- 27th . Monday . \$50 - Donna Cox-Rodriguez, Freeport
- 28th . Tuesday . \$50 - Jerry Biederman, Thomson
- 29th . Wednesday . \$50 - Darrel Niemann, Stockton
- 30th . Thursday . \$50 - Ronda Toepfer, Gratiot, WI
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# Wildcats claim first with season opening win

By Chris Johnson  
REPORTER

Friday night's win over the Ashton-Franklin Center Raiders, 22-0, moved the River Ridge Wildcats into a very strong position. The team, with its 1-0 record, stands atop the NUIC-Upstate. They have company though.

Over the next few weeks, that situation is expected to simplify. Currently, as week two begins, it is the River Ridge Wildcats, Stockton Blackhawks and Polo Marcos taking early control in the Upstate with identical starts.

River Ridge, with its 22-0 victory, may have secured the "biggest win" of the weekend. Stockton was favored to topple the short-handed Warren Warriors, while Polo was thought to have a chance to slip past the upstart Orangeville Broncos.

Stockton won 46-6. Polo had to fight all the way through their 34-31 success story.

Running the ball helped keep both co-leaders in their game. But for the Wildcats, it was a designed shared assignment. The aerial assault found many willing recipients and secured a six-point tally. The ground was

covered, twice for scores.

This Friday night, the Wildcats open the home portion of the fall sports schedule. The Orangeville Broncos visit and hope to move back into conversation circles regarding conference chases.

River Ridge hosts Galena next Friday night, before heading north to Warren for a key, Upstate-impacting head-to-head battle in their week four game.

In week five the Stockton Blackhawks travel to Hanover for what has the potential to be a playoff-influencing occurrence.

Another current conference leader appears on the schedule in the week six match. Polo follows Stockton to Hanover.

It doesn't let up as the season winds down for the Wildcats. Aquin hosts game eight and Milledgeville could be fighting for a playoff-position when they host River Ridge to close down the regular season on Oct. 12.

Stockton's running clock win over Warren in the season opener pushed the team into the first-place tie with their neighbor River Ridge.

They will look to move to 2-0 this

week as they play host to non-conference familiar South Beloit. As the numbers are compared, it appears that as the first third of the season comes to a close, a much more serious test will arise for Stockton.

Milledgeville travels north on Sept. 7 and brings a lot of hope with it. The week three game could be one that truly impacts the race for the conference championship. At least in the early season, positioning race for Stockton.

It is quite clear that Freeport Aquin isn't going anywhere anytime soon, neither is Polo. Stockton will have plenty of time to get even stronger before they prepare to close the season on the road against two of the expected conference challengers. The Blackhawks face off against both the Marcos and Bulldogs during the final stretch.

Polo hosts the week eight affair and could be looking to lock down a home game in round one of the Class 1A Tournament. In week nine, the Bulldogs could also find themselves in a very strong position, with a win over their chief rival Blackhawks.

By then though, Aquin may have already punched its ticket to the post-season.

The final battle during the final week of the season could be one which finally determines which team of the many talented programs climb out of the Upstate and into the IHSA Class 1A Tournament, with the best chance to win.

No matter what happens, it is pretty clear that the Upstate Champion may still have to deal with their sister-conference Champion, the Northwest's best, which includes four of the last five Class 1A State Champions, if they have any designs on a march that leads to DeKalb and the 1A Title Game.

# Top ranked Panthers silence 2A Thunder

By Chris Johnson  
REPORTER

The champion took the field against the West Carroll Thunder on Friday, Aug. 24 and came away with the first statement win of the season. The 2017, 2A Quarterfinalist managed one score against the best team in the Class 1A world, Lena-Winslow.

Winning in the opener is something that many felt could be a bit of a challenge for the Panthers. It wasn't the easiest starting game, given how far the Thunder have grown as a program and how well the team has acclimated to power football, weekly, in the State of Illinois' best small-school conference.

Winning the NUIC has been a very good indicator of which team has the best chance to win it all at State. Four of the last five seasons, the team that survived nightly battles found a path that led to DeKalb and the State Title Game.

Just seasons back, both Forreton and Eastland-Pearl City hoisted championship trophies. The Cardinals were the 1A's best. The Wildcats ended 2A play as the top program in the State, just one game later. The NUIC-Northwest had two State Champions that time around.

West Carroll's hopes to upend the

Northwest race were halted courtesy of the 30-point loss to Lena-Winslow in the game one meeting on Friday.

The Panthers are home this Friday night to face a team that had to be beaten twice last season, before the path leading to the 1A Championship Game was cleared. Forreton is 1-0 and tied with Lena-Winslow and Pearl City-Eastland for first place in the NUIC-Northwest.

The Cardinals rolled the Rivermen in their own season opener last Friday. The second-year Pecatonica and Durand coop held ground early, before succumbing to the constant attack by the Cardinals' backs.

The 2017 1A Semi-Finalist Cardinals won by three scores, 30-6. They moved to top billing in the Northwest with the Panthers.

Pearl City-Eastland moved to the top at 1-0, with Le-Win and Forreton, after shutting down the East Dubuque offense in a 28-0 decision.

The Wildcats hope to continue the on-field success this Friday night following an appointment with the Clippers in Amboy. First place will remain in control for Pearl City-Eastland with a win. Similar success might be found as the season moves up to one-third completion on Sept. 7.

Pearl City Eastland plays host to

the Du-Pec Rivermen in the week three game and look at the chance of remaining perfect and in first as the season approaches the midway point.

With Forreton facing Lena-Winslow this Friday night, with anything other than a tie in the outcome, one team will drop from the leadership commission with its first loss of the year. Pearl City-Eastland will stay at the top with a win over Amboy.

Orangeville athletes worked this week on forgetting the season opening three-point loss to the Polo Marcos, 34-31. The comeback by the potential Upstate challenger saw a 16-0 run that led to the victory on opening night. Now the Broncos get the chance to get things back to .500 this Friday night as they host Upstate co-conference leading River Ridge.

The Wildcats shut-out Ashton-Franklin Center 22-0 to move into a first place tie with Stockton and others in the NUIC's small-school conference.

The numbers seem to indicate a little easier stretch for Orangeville beginning with its week three meeting with Galena. They follow up the match with a Sept. 14 showdown with the Warren Warriors. A chance to move to possibly 3-1 or at least 2-2 does seem to exist for the 2017 play-

off-visiting Broncos.

In weeks five and six, it could be a rough go for Orangeville. They do have the slight advantage of playing at home when Stockton and Polo visit in back-to-back fashion beginning Sept. 21.

Meetings with Aquin Catholic and Milledgeville are also still on the schedule for Orangeville. They face both Upstate threats following action with Polo in the week six match.

## Millie's quote of the week

"We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced, but their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it."

*Pope Francis on Pennsylvania priest abuse.*

## College news

### Upper Iowa University Honors and Awards recipients

Upper Iowa University has announced its 2018 Scholarships and Awards Recognition Banquet recipients. The honorees, selected by the UIU Honors and Awards Committee and the University academic divisions, included the following students:

Elizabeth, IL - Emily Frank, Thomas Parker Goebel and Helen Goebel Scholarship;

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Come hear Lonely Goats

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businesses including Stockton Service Center, Brewster Cheese, Apple Canyon Lake Golf Course, Hartzell's IGA, and Timber Lake Playhouse. Also included in the auction is a watercolor from J. Eric Anderson and many other great items! Try your luck on a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds go to support area social service agencies such as food pantries and other assistance programs. This event is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton, "where all are welcome." They extend special thanks to concert sponsors: Illinois Bank and Trust, Apple River State Bank, First Community Bank of Galena, and Council Hill Station. For family fun and feeling good for helping, come to Council Hill Station at 6521 N. Hill Rd., Scales Mound, IL. That's Saturday, the eighth of September. And bring your dancing shoes.

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### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship with Holy Communion on Sept. 2, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. Reading is from Mark 7:1-23. There will be a time for fellowship after the service. Choir rehearsal will resume at 11 a.m., and new singers are always welcome.

On Monday, Sept. 3, church office will be closed. We wish you an enjoyable Labor Day Holiday. On Wednesday Sept. 5, at 8:00am 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 Thursday Sept. 6, at 9 a.m., Hannah Circle will meet at the home of Rene' Johnson. This will be potluck; we will not have a hostess. We will begin a new Bible Study on "Repentance" from the Sept. 2018 copy of "Gather Magazine". Rene' will be the Bible study leader. Women of any walk in life are welcome to join.

Good Shepherd will have hospitality tent at the Lena Fall Festival on Sept. 7 and 8. Stop by for water, quilt raffle, and GIANT JENGA.

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

### Lena United Methodist Church

Lena United Methodist Church has planned Sept. worship and activities with a continued strong emphasis on serving and involving the church's youth.

Rally Day will be held during regular worship Sept. 9. Teachers for grade levels will be blessed for their service for Sunday school classes which begin Sept. 16. Teachers have adopted a new curriculum with family themed Bible stories, service learning, science activities, arts and crafts and animated video storytelling. Deep Blue Shores, the curriculum, assists teachers in working in a one-room school situation suitable for various grade levels. It is aimed toward younger grade levels. High school students will continue with regular instruction as in the past.

The church added a part-time youth coordinator in the spring to assist in planning activities for young people and to share life experiences with them. Pastor Roger Bronkema, part-time minister at Warren United Methodist Church, will help the youth of LUMC plan service projects, fund raisers, and other church related activities. He said he especially wants to help the youngsters be involved in church services. Many of the planned activities are done jointly with the youth of the Warren church. Heavy emphasis is on group building, worship, discipleship, missions and outreach. Pastor Roger and Pastor Keri Rainsberger of LUMC led joint confirmation classes throughout the spring and finished this summer. Youth from both churches were confirmed as members to their respective churches.

Some church members have been busy readying a float for the Lena Lions Fall festival. Several youth volunteered their time to assist in this activity. They also enjoyed a weekend church campout at Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park. Pastor Keri, Pastor Roger, and Roberta Rogers, Sunday school teacher, accompanied the group and shared activities with them.

Church service is held each Sunday at 9 a.m., with a fellowship time following. Sunday school begins at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Keri is planning a series of messages based on the Letter of James. James is a book that emphasizes putting faith into practice.

People wanting more information about LUMC should call the church office at 815-369-5291, or stop by the office at 118 W. Main Street, Lena. Website address is [www.lenaumc.org](http://www.lenaumc.org). Information is also available on Facebook at Lena United Methodist Church. Both the Website and the Facebook page are updated regularly. Need a ride to church? Call church office weekday mornings at 815-369-5291.

### Salem United Church of Christ

Open communion will be offered at the 9:30 a.m. worship service of Salem United Church of Christ at 8491 West Salem Road on Sunday, Sept. 2, at 9:30 a.m., and the monthly offering in support of the Osterloo family will be gathered. "You Tube It!", the sermon by Rev. Randal Nicholas, will be based on scripture from James 1:17-27. Breakfast for the Wednesday Morning Group will be at Country Junction in Freeport at 8 a.m. on Sept. 5.

### St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City

You're invited to join us at Worship at St. John's on Sunday, Sept. 2. The service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand. Following worship, refreshments will be served in Luther Hall. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet after worship also.

Congratulations to Kim Lorig, Lena, IL, for winning the the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on Aug. 22.

The Men's Breakfast will be held at Little John's on Sept. 7, at 7:30 a.m. You're welcome to join the fun and play Mexican Train Dominoes on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

It's not too early to make plans for your children to attend Sunday School at St. John's this year. The Sunday School year will start on Sept. 9, with Rally Day after worship. This year's Sunday School features a new curriculum focused on Discipleship.

All those attending Confirmation this year and their parents should attend an acolyte training and confirmation informational meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. Confirmation classes will begin Sunday, Sept. 23 at 10:15 a.m.

Bible Studies are resuming this Fall! The Monday Evening bible study will begin on Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. and focus on "Apocalypse: Daniel and Revelation." The Thursday morning Bible Study will begin on Sept. 13, at 9:30 a.m. and focus on "The Prophet Imagination of Jeremiah." Members and non-members alike are welcome to attend the bible studies. Both bible studies are held in the Conference Room on the Lower Level. You're welcome to use the East entrance with stairs to the Lower Level or the Front/West Door and use the elevator.

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](mailto:prshadmin@gmail.com).

### Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

The Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches will worship together Sunday, Sept. 2, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be bringing the message from the Holy Bible. All are invited and welcome to stay for fellowship.

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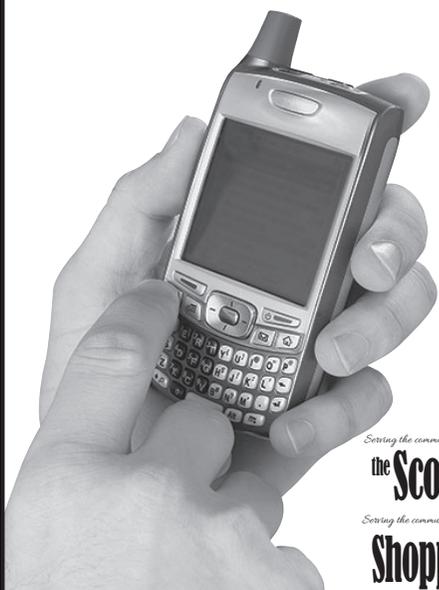
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## Scholarship presentation

Orangeville Lions Club Scholarship Committee Chairperson Kim Green, presents a check to Orangeville graduate, Ashley Knipschild. Ashley is receiving a \$500 scholarship from the club and is currently attending Madison College to get a culinary degree.

## GCGS to highlight early Green County cheese making

"Early Cheese Making in Green County" is the topic for the Green County Genealogical Society September meeting. Donna Douglas from the National Historic Cheese Making Center will share with us the history of cheese making in Green County.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, 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.

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## LEGALS

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Public Notice is hereby given that on **August 7, 2018**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Panther Club Baseball** located at **11120 W. Pin Hook Rd., Lena, IL 61048**.

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### NOTICE

Lena-Winslow CUSD #202 Board of Education in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties announces the availability of the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. The budget will be available for public inspection online at Le-Win.net or at the District Office, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL during normal school hours beginning on Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

The Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Le-Win Junior High School library at 517 Fremont Street, Lena, Illinois.

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## Highland's Early Childhood Education coordinator featured in national magazine

Melissa Johnson, coordinator for Early Childhood Education at Highland Community College, is featured in the July/August Exchange magazine for her designation as an Exchange Leader. In a feature story for Exchange magazine, Pam Boulton, coordinator for the Exchange Leadership Initiative, writes about the important work of educating children. Johnson joins more than 250 current Exchange leaders from around the world. The Exchange Leader-

ship Initiative launched in November 2014, with the intention of creating leadership in the field of Early Care and Education. In the article, Johnson speaks of her mission to guide with a positive attitude and be a motivated and engaged leader in the field of early childhood and higher education. She adds she celebrates and champions the field of early childhood, and empowers involved advocates for children and families.

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"I am humbled and honored, and this is a way to demonstrate to students the advocacy of Early Childhood Education," Johnson said. "It's a way to demonstrate by modeling how to get involved. It's important to those coming up to know that we need to build strong leadership. We have a strong program at Highland and a strong belief in what we do and what we do for families. It all comes back to the bottom line which is to help build quality for families."

Boulton said, "As we sought candidates to join the ranks of the Exchange Leadership Initiative, we looked for individuals with a passion for our field. We asked them to write about their knowledge, vision, and dreams, and to show us their persistence, determination and willingness to lead. Melissa's passion and dedication to our field came through."

Johnson's initiatives and accomplishments made during her tenure at Highland include the creation of an online Early Childhood Development degree, the creation of an Early Childhood transfer degree option, and the improvement of access to educational opportunities for working professionals. Through Johnson's efforts, Highland obtained Entitled Institution status through Gateways to Opportunity to offer ECE Credentials, and was one of five institutions selected to pilot a new state credential. Johnson achieved her Master of Online Teaching certificate through the Illinois Online Network, serves as co-chair for Illinois Associate Degree Early Childhood Teacher Educators and as vice-president for Early Childhood Consortium within Stephenson County.

For more information on Early Childhood Education at Highland, call 815-599-3484 or visit [highland.edu/academics](http://highland.edu/academics).

## American Legion Family sponsors fall fest parade float

In recognition of The American Legion's 100th Birthday in 2019, The American Legion Family will have a float in the parade at the Lena Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 8. Anyone who would like to ride or walk in the parade is welcome to. Please meet at the Old School on East Mason Street no later than 11:30. We would like a huge group to show our support of The America Legion Family. Please call 815-369-4684 if you plan to ride.