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'Small' cast produces big laughs and life lessons

Although the Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater's (MRPDT) next show has a "small" cast, the laughs...and lessons...are big.

Join the MRPDT children's cast for the delightful comedy, "Junie B. Jones is not a Crook." The show highlights the thinking of Junie B. Jones after she finds her new furry mittens have been stolen. So when she finds a wonderful pen of many colors, Junie B. should be allowed to keep it, right? After all, finders keepers, losers weepers. And maybe the new boy in class will be so impressed with that colorful pen, he will want to be her boyfriend, choosing her over Grace or Lucille.

This hilarious, heartfelt show based on the best-selling book series by Barbara Park appeals to adults as well as children. The script was written by Allison Gregory and offered by Playscripts, Inc. The cast includes: Mattie Whitehead as Junie B. Jones, Cameron Rowe as Principal, Skylar Davis as Grandpa, Drue Guerrero as Handsome Warren, Seth

Guerrero as Jim, Cash O'Conner as Ricardo, Alaina Dinderman as Grace, Rachel Rupnow as "Mrs." and Mother, Emma Aurand as pink fluffy girl, Ashley Rupnow as Grouchy typing lady, and Gynelle Rowe as Lucille.

Join the cast May 31 and June 1 (Friday and Saturday) for a 7 p.m. dessert show. A performance has been added on Saturday at 2 p.m. There will be no dessert offered at this matinee and it will be theater-style seating only. Sunday afternoon, June 2, the dessert show will start at 2 p.m. All dessert show tickets are \$20/person, and \$15 for children 12 and under. The special 2 p.m. matinee show on Saturday will be \$10/ticket.

Get in on the laughs by calling the Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater at 815-819-1310 for reservations. The historic building is located at 203 W. High St. in Orangeville, IL. For more information on the theater, please log on to mightyrichlandplayers.org and also check out their Facebook page.



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The Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater's Children's Cast for the delightful comedy, "Junie B. Jones is not a Crook" are:

Bottom row: Mattie Whitehead -Junie B. Jones, Cameron Rowe - Principal, Skylar Davis - Grandpa

Middle row: Drue Guerrero - Handsome Warren, Seth Guerrero - Jim, Cash O'Conner - Ricardo

Top Row: Alaina Dinderman -Grace, Rachel Rupnow - "Mrs." And Mother, Gynelle Rowe - Lucille

Not pictured are: Emma Aurand - pink fluffy girl and Ashley Rupnow - Grouchy typing lady.

Taste of Lena Sunday Funday

Lena Area Special Event Runners (L.A.S.E.R) will be Rocking Downtown Lena as it hosts the annual Taste of Lena presented by the Village of Lena.. This event will take on a new day of the week. This year, the event will be Sunday, June 2, open to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration for the car show begins at 9:00am at Natural Healing Express, 204 West Main Street. This event will include many fun filled activities for the whole family.

The Rafters Restaurant and Catering Food Village will showcase many area restaurants and food vendors. Families are encouraged to stop by and try a taste of their wonderful samplings. Vendors at press time include: Rafters Restaurant and Catering, Café 217 Espresso and Bakery Shoppe, Stump's BBQ, Benchwarmers, Sullivan's Foods, Hermes' Popcorn, Wicked Pishah Hot Sauces, Huron Market, Rapped with Smoke, Spirits' Pizza, The Brickhouse Restaurant and the Le-Win Athletic and Music Boosters.

Presenting Sponsors include: Citizens Bank, Lena KOA, Adkins Energy and Get-A-Pro. Additionally, non-food vendors will be offering information and fun filled booths. RZ Exteriors, Get-A-Pro, Stateline Solar, The Northwest Illinois Aerial Combat Memorial (F-4 Group), LBPA and the Lena Lions.

Once again, a car show will be held sponsored by the Bocker Auto Group. Classes for the Show and their sponsors include: The Pre 1950's by Pat Brown Realtors, 50's by Wagner Auto Sup-

ply and Sales, 60's by Klein Auto Repair, 70's by Brinker's Tire and Auto, 80's-Skid Steer Specialties and Café 217 Espresso and Bakery Shop,90's + by Buzz Boyz Customs. Hot Rods by Brandon's Hardware, Best in Show by Koning's Precision Paint and Body and Dash Plaques by Natural Healing Express.

Entries can be taken the day of the Show, with Registration beginning at 9:00am at Natural Healing Express or by Calling Ron Fluegel at 815-238-1182. Dash Plaques /Goody bags will be gifted to the first 100 entries.

This year, a Dyno will be onsite and Get-A-Pro will have a large display near the Dyno.

Co-Sponsors Community Bank, FHN, FS Lena Fuels and Pearl City Elevator will host the Entertainment Area. On stage, the headline act will be Just for Kicks, a Rock and Roll band from Lena, Illinois. The entertainment stage will be located close to Beer Garden sponsored by Stateline Solar where you can select beers from local breweries or your favorite on tap.

The Lena Lions Club will be selling tickets for their annual raffle held on Fall Festival Weekend.

Associate Sponsors as of press time are Advance Technologies, Sullivan's Food, Polhill Electric, Brad Moore, Coach's Golf and Grill, Freeport Auto Clinic, Iron Horse Tap, Marvin F.

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Honoring firefighters

Marsha Tessendorf of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary presents a cheese and sausage tray to Brad Strong, Chief of the Lena Volunteer Firemen. The ALA honored the firemen for their service to the community.

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Honoring teachers

(Above left) Marsha Tessendorf of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary presents cookies to the Lena Junior High Teachers and Staff in honor of National Teachers' Appreciation. Pictured with Marsha is the Junior High Secretary Ms. Krogman.

(Above Right) Marsha Tessendorf of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary presents cookies to the Lena High School Teachers and Staff in honor of National Teachers' Appreciation. Pictured with Marsha is teacher Mr. Snook.



Marsha Tessendorf of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary presents cookies to the Lena Elementary Teachers and Staff in honor of National Teachers' Appreciation. Pictured with Marsha are teachers Ms. Price and Mrs. Richardson.

Stephenson County Homemakers annual meeting

The Stephenson County Homemakers will hold their annual International Meeting on May 21, at the Farm Bureau office (corner of Walnut and Spring St.) in Freeport.

The meeting will begin at 1.

The country being studied this year is India. Guest speakers at the meeting will be Ravi Wilson and his wife Esther.

There is NO charge to attend but reservations would be appreciated so there is enough pamphlets. Samples of Indian food will be available to taste.

Call Judy at 815-233-9078 to make reservations.

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Lena Food Drive

Lena Living Center would like to thank all the residents, staff, and visitors for their food donations. The large quantity of food will go to Lena Food Pantry to help area families. We are happy to participate in the Lena Community Food Drive and look forward to doing it again next year.



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60th Wedding Anniversary

Gerald and Carol Zink celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They were wed on May 9, 1959 at the Stockton Church of the Nazarene, Stockton, IL.

They have three children. Lana (Travis) Crandall, Dean (Diane) Zink, Randy (Abby) Zink, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.



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Savanna is turning one!

Savanna Grace Biehl will be one on May 22, 2019. She is the daughter of Eric and Nikkie Biehl of Brighton, MI. Savanna has 2 sisters; Adelynn Rose and Kennedy Nicole. Grandparents are Rick & Deborah Hawk of Michigan, MI. Great Grandmother is LaVonne Schroder of Stockton, IL.

Cancer survivors invited to 2019 Relay for Life

The Relay for Life of Carroll/Jo-Daviess Counties Cancer Survivor celebration will continue at the annual Relay for Life event scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church/Antl Hall in Savanna. The opening ceremony begins at 5 p.m., followed by the "survivor lap". The luminaria ceremony takes place at 8 p.m. and the Relay will end at 9 p.m.

If you are a cancer survivor living in Carroll or JoDaviess County we hope that you are planning to attend. All survivors that have registered previously will have a survivor T-shirt waiting for them that evening.

Everyone is invited to attend the Relay as a participant or just to watch and see what takes place. Mark June 8, on your calendar now and plan to attend! If you have any questions you may contact Bev Lundquist at 815-244-9684.



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Jerry and Kathy Hoff celebrate 50 years

Come and celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Jerry and Kathy Hoff, formerly of Stockton, Illinois. An open house will be held on May 18, from 1-5 p.m. at the Stockton park house, located at 600 N Pearl Street, Stockton. All are welcome.

Jerry Hoff and Kathryn Stephenson, both formerly of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, married on May 31, 1969 in Cobb, Wisconsin. They have two children, Don (Connie) Hoff and Sara (Brian) Harkness. They have been blessed with four grandchildren that keep them busy and they still love to travel. Another trip to Alaska is in the works.

FHN to offer Exploring™ program

FHN is establishing the nationally recognized Exploring™ program for students interested in examining a career in healthcare. Interested individuals can learn more at an upcoming open house.

The free open house event will be held from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport. No registration is necessary.

Exploring is a unique worksite-based career exploration program for young men and women ages 14 - 20. The program provides students with an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of career fields in healthcare and network with professionals already working in those professions. Explorers get hands-on experience to determine whether or not a particular career is right for them. Explorers develop valuable networking contacts with professionals working in a variety of fields, and get to know other youth with the same interests and aspirations. Exploring is the first step in identifying healthcare career possibilities while having fun in an exciting and informal environment.

Explorers benefit from unique real-world career experiences, leadership skills training, networking, and adding Exploring to college, job, and scholarship applications.

For more information regarding the Exploring program, visit www.exploring.org. To find out more about the FHN Exploring Healthcare open house, call 815-599-6890.

Births

Chloe Isabelle Kurth

Bob & Annie Kurth of Lena, IL are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Chloe Isabelle Kurth born on May 1, 2019 at FHN memorial Hospital Freeport, IL. Grandparents are Barb & John Statfield of Freeport, IL and Janis & Wayne Kurth of Lena, IL. Chloe joins a brother Conner at home.

Esmae Anne Villaneuva

Destiny and Valentine Villanueva of Pearl City, IL are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Esmae Anne Villanueva born on May 7, 2019 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. Esmae joins her brother Jordan at home.



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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) has funding available for homeowners of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties through the Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund for the Single Family Rehab Program with Roof Only Option.

The Single Family Rehabilitation Program will assist income eligible homeowners to repair their homes and remove health and safety hazards by replacing costly maintenance items. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$45,000 in assistance as a five-year forgivable loan.

With the Roof Only option, eligible homeowners may address only the roof on their home if no other health and safety issues are present. The program offers assistance to mitigate roof damage and deterioration so the property is insurable. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$16,500 in assistance as a three-year forgivable loan.

To qualify for this program, households must have annual income equal to or less than the following income guidelines:

People in Household	Stephenson Co.	Jo Daviess Co.
1	\$35,800	\$38,750
2	\$40,900	\$44,300
3	\$46,000	\$49,850
4	\$51,100	\$55,350
5	\$55,200	\$59,800
6	\$59,300	\$64,250
7	\$63,400	\$68,650
8	\$67,500	\$73,100

Grant recipients for this assistance are selected by a lottery system. Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to add your name to the lottery list no later than Thursday, May 30, 2019.

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Stockton Jr. Varsity

Stockton's Ian Broshous hits one deep.

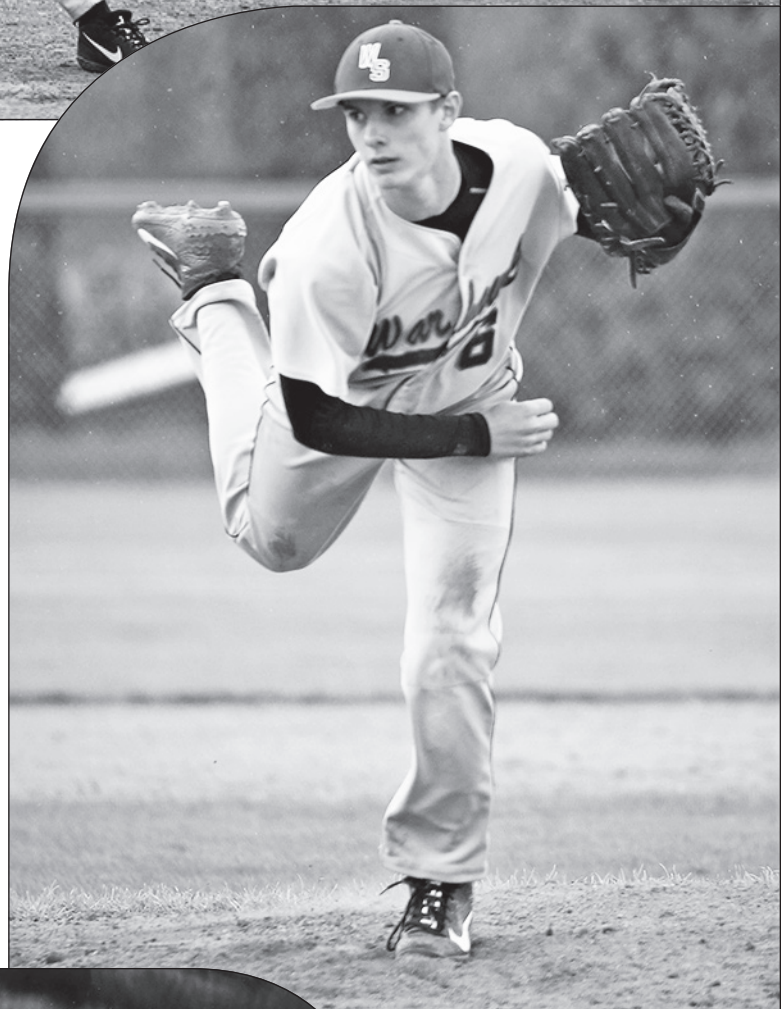


Jared Bergeman makes contact for the Warhawks.



A clean sweep as the Warhawks win all three games at the Byron JV Tournament.

(Right) Caleb Mammoser heads to first during one of the three Byron Tourney Warhawk victories.



Pitcher Austin Chumbler throwing the strikes.



(Below) A great Warhawk attempt to drench their Coach with Gatorade.



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Obituaries

CAROL J. ENDRESS

Carol June Endress, age 89, of Pearl City, Illinois passed away on May 4, 2019 at UW Hospital, Madison WI. Born on March 22, 1930, she was the daughter of Hallie and Martha (Schuman) Kuhlmyer. She graduated from Pearl City High School, Class of 1948. Carol married Dennis Endress in 1953 and had celebrated 65 wonderful years together. They moved onto her family farm where Carol loved raising chickens and milking cows. She enjoyed puzzles, sewing, gardening, and reading. She served as a 4-H leader, played piano for the Sunday School opening exercises, and was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church where she was an active member of the Christian Couples Sunday School Class. She also chaired the Memorial Committee for years. Carol loved her family and supported them in everything they did. In 1984, they received the honor of being selected 4-H Family of the Year which made her very proud.

Carol is survived by her husband Dennis, her children James (Deb) Endress, their children Justin (Kimberly) Diefenbach, Rachel (Shaun) Quimby, Joshua (Tiffany) Endress, Haylee (Lake) Knutti; Christeen (John) Urish, their children Kristy (Randy) Clark, Michael (Lindsey) Urish, Stephanie (Steven) Winter; Denise (James) Musser, their children Joel Musser, Darin (Shannon) Musser, Brett (Aubrey) Musser, Courtney Musser, Brock (Kim) Musser; Bradley (Shauna) Endress, their children Abigail Endress, Mackenzie Endress; Martha (Mike) Palmer, their children Ella Kness, Mikayla Palmer, Allison Palmer, Seth Palmer, Alayna Palmer; daughter-in-law Tina Endress, her children Zander Endress, Lexton Endress, Fallyn Endress; and 16 great-grandchildren, Drake, Peyton, Kayden, Brea, Jace, Kyra, Harper, Gemma, Charlotte, Landon, Shea, Sawyer, Levi, Sloane, Guinevere, and Elias. Carol loved when the family gathered together and there were over 60 people laughing, playing games and enjoying each other. She was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Lynden.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, May 8, at Bethel United Methodist Church, Shannon, IL with Pastor Mike Jones officiating. A visitation was held at the church on May 7, and again Wednesday until time of service. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery, Freeport, IL. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in her memory to include a Highland Community College scholarship. Condolences may be shared with Carol's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.



DEBORAH LYNN WOOL

Deborah Lynn Wool, age 64 of Pearl City, IL passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at home. She was born in Olympia, WA on Dec. 16, 1954 to the late Richard and Arlene (Shauer) Neuman. Deborah married Frank Wool on March 30, 1979 in Freeport, IL.

She had worked as a Teacher's Aide in the Pearl City School District for several years. Deborah loved her animals and plants, but most of all, loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Wool of Pearl City; her daughter, Nicole Wool of Pearl City; her son, Cody Wool (Amy Pierce) of Freeport, IL; her grandchildren, Jakari Wool, Jayvion Wool and Ashton Wool; her sisters, Nancy (Michael) Kohn of Stillwater, MN and Julie (Mike) Epstein of Hugo, MN; and her brothers, Ricky (Laura) Neuman of Stillwater, MN and Robbie (Gay Marie) Neuman of Bayport, MN. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City at 11 a.m. with a visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at Highland Cemetery in Pearl City. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with Deborah's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

DOROTHY DEMETER

Dorothy Demeter, a lifelong resident of Lena, IL passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 4. Born on Jan. 9, and the granddaughter of patriarch cheesemaker Frederick Kolb, she grew up amidst the family dairy and cheese making operations at an early age. She also raised chickens and sat among the beehives which her father hosted in their back yard and enjoyed creating sketches and water colors arts. When she graduated from Lena High School in 1949, her father suggested that Dorothy attend a university for further technical training. One of the best dairy science departments accepted her. Four years later she became an Iowa State graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Dairy Industry and returned to the family factory to improve and direct Quality Control/ Product Development for the Kolb-Lena Cheese Company. She is remembered as the first woman to enter and complete the Dairy Science program at Ames, Iowa. As the program required she had to lift ten gallon milk cans into the pasteurizer as well as other standards required of the "men's only previous curriculum". Dorothy proved her muster and the fellow classmates accepted her and treated her with respect. Some of them became lifelong friends as innovators in the cheese making industry.



Two years after her graduation a fellow Dairy Science Master's Program Graduate arrived at Kolb-Lena Cheese to gain further cheese making experience before returning to his homeland, Greece. He did make a return visit, but not until James C. Demeter had married Dorothy. Both of them devoted their lives to Kolb-Lena's growing production of tasty European styled cheeses, continued the reputational award winning Illinois State Fair Cheese entries and Cheese Displays (Dorothy's specialty). In 1983, these two Iowa State alumni achieved their dream to design and build a state of the art cheese making operation located on Highway 20 and Sunnyside Road in northwestern Illinois. Savencia Cheese now owns the operation and after learning of the Kolb-Renter legacy, inaugurated a branded line of artisanal cheese in Dorothy's honor. It is now sold in supermarkets, specialty stores, and on-line nationwide.

After work hours, Dorothy kept busy with community activities including: Organist at St. John's church, Lena Women's Club, St. John's Women's Society, Stephen's Ministry, Lena Historical Society, the National Cheese Institute, and Lena Library donors. For many years Dorothy and her friend Ester Cox, co-chaired the Lena Combined Fund which they organized to consolidate the many "door to door" fund raising campaigns that were occurring in Lena. The operation was supported by volunteers who walked the blocks to complete the once a year campaign drive.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her father (Karl M. Renter), mother (Frieda K. Kolb), and step-brother (Henry Renter). She is survived by four children; Helen, Fred, Jim, and Katherine. She also adored her eleven grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Dorothy and Jim's dairy industry experience, knowledge, and mentorship yet continues in the professional work of their two sons Fred and Jim, and fifth generation cheese makers, grandsons Darryl and Nate.

Dorothy also has compiled a family history booklet on "The Kolb Family, Pioneers in the Cheese Industry" which will be re-released for sale at the Monroe National Historic Cheesemaking Center. All proceeds are donated to the museum. Visitation services were held on Saturday May 11, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena. Pastor Rick Bader performed the funeral service. A memorial fund has been established for St John's Lutheran Church and the Lena Historical Society.

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

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ROBERT "BOB" MAEDGE

Robert "Bob" Maedge of Lena, Illinois passed away peacefully at Lena Living Center on May 5, 2019 surrounded by his children. He was born in Alhambra, Illinois on July 11, 1914 to Henry and Mathilda (Ims) Maedge. On March 20, 1937 he married Clara K. McCain in Belleville, Illinois. Clara passed away on April 4, 2003 shortly after the couple had celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

Bob was predeceased by his parents, wife, Clara, two brothers—Burnell & Glenn, and his son-in-law Arthur Laufenberg.

He is survived by his son Larry (Ruth) Maedge of Lena, Illinois and daughter, Diana Laufenberg of Clinton, Iowa.

He is also survived by four grandchildren—Kimberly (Kevin) Milder, Ehren (Stacey) Maedge, Rebecca (James) Hayden and Katherine (Jon) Jones and eight great-grandchildren—Noah & Allyson Milder, Mackenzie & Gabriel Jones, Olivia & Cooper Maedge and Theodore & Samuel Hayden.

Besides his family, Bob was most proud of his Happy Aces Band which he formed as a young man. Between the years 1933-1938, the band played for many dances in and around his home town of Marine, Illinois. He played the button box accordion and in later years collected over 20 of them.

Bob & Clara moved to Morrison, Illinois in 1944 where he first operated a Clover Farm grocery store before working 25 years at J.A. Bull & Sons in Union Grove, Illinois.

After retirement, Bob & Clara moved from Morrison, Illinois to



Clinton, Iowa. In 2015, Bob moved to Lena, Illinois.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, Illinois

A visitation was also on Monday, May 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, Illinois.

Rev. Rick Bader performed the services.

A private family burial will be held.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

DORIS ELLA MENZEMER

A memorial service for Doris Ella Menzemer, 92, of Elizabeth, will begin at 11 a.m. on May 18, 2019 in the Elizabeth United Methodist Church.

Doris died on Dec. 6, 2018, in the Elizabeth Nursing Home, where she had been a resident for two years. Law-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Doris was born July 21, 1926, on the family farm east of Elizabeth. She was the daughter of Charles and Winnie (Logan) Prisk. She was a graduate of Elizabeth High School. On Dec. 9, 1947, Doris was married to Blanchard B. Menzemer, in the Elizabeth United Methodist Church. Blanchard died Feb. 29, 2000.

Doris loved the farm and enjoyed raising chickens and caring for her horse, Ginger. She was an accomplished seamstress making and altering garments for her customers. Doris also worked for Sullivan's Insurance in Elizabeth for many years. She was a longtime member of the Elizabeth United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a niece, Becky Pierce, Thomson; two nephews, Robert (Janet) Arnold, Sterling, and James (Deb) Arnold, Stockton; several great nieces and nephews; and a close friend, Art Marcotte, Elizabeth.

Besides her husband, Doris was

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CHURCH NEWS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited on May 19, to Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL as we gather for worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. We continue to hear Easter stories of Peter and his testimonies on God's salvation to the Gentiles. During worship we will give thanks to teachers and helpers who nurtured children's faith this school year. There will be reception for teachers after the service. Sunday school children will gather at 10:45 a.m. It will be the last day of Sunday school. Bring your t-shirt! We will dye t-shirts for summer during Sunday school hour.

On Wednesday May 22, 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!

Our spring Youth OWL Night will be May 31, to June 1. We will stay up all night for games, night hikes, movies, service projects, and other fun activities. Everyone who is fifth grade and older is welcome to join.

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

Salem United Church of Christ (Lena)

"Heaven on Earth" is the title of the sermon, based on Revelation 21:1-6, which Rev. Randal Nicholas will present at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, near Lena, on Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School children and adults will meet at 9:30 a.m. The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group will have breakfast at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 22, at the Spring Grove Restaurant, 1521 S. West Avenue in Freeport. On the afternoon of Friday, May 24, Salem will be hosting the May birthday party at the Lena Living Center.

The Lake Le-Aqua-Na Park Ministry

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May 25	Luann Jordan & Michelle Rothschadl
June 1	The Carlson Family
June 8	Dave & Duska Ruter
June 15	His Angels
June 22	Red Bird Country
June 29	Beloved Church Worship Team
July 6	Tyger Johnson One Man Band
July 13	Professions of Faith
July 20	Warren UMC Praise Team
July 27	Gone Fishin'
August 3	Pilson Family
August 10	Alleluia Quartet
August 17	Set Free
August 24	Grace Free Methodist Worship Team
August 31	Deb Leininger, Freeport

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy these outdoor concerts



St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City to host VBS

You're welcome to attend worship on the Fifth Sunday of Easter on May 19, at 9 a.m. Connor Boop, Cade Knoup, Brooke Hass and Brock and Braden Smargiassi will be recognized for their High School graduation. Sunday School, Confirmation and Young Adult Hour will also meet after worship. The May Grace Meal will be held at 11:30 a.m. on May 19.

The Women's Gathering will be meeting on May 21, for Bible Study and lunch at Logan's in Freeport. They will meet at 10 a.m. for coffee with a Bible study at 10:15 led by Kathy Hillmer. Then at noon they will order lunch from the menu.

Warm weather or not, It's time for the St. John's Brat Stand to resume for the summer. Join us on May 25, to kick off the summer with a Brat or Hot Dog downtown Pearl City at the American Legion Parking Lot from 11 a.m. 2 p.m.

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! St. John's will host a VeggieTales VBS on June 4-8, at 8:30-11:30 a.m. each morning with a program on the night of June 8 at 6 p.m. Registration is now available online at www.StJohnsPearlCity.org/VBS or at the church. You may also contact St. John's and request a registration form sent to you.

Congratulations to Tracy & Lori Getz, Orangeville, IL, for winning the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on May 5.

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.

St. John's to 'Livestream' worship services

There are always times when we can't make it to church and wish we could. Maybe you're ill and just can't leave the house. Or perhaps you're out of town and can't find a church to visit. St. John's, Lena has a great option for you! Now you can hear and watch our services on the internet.

St. John's has begun offering a new service that is available to anyone with a computer and internet access. Using Livestream technology the Sunday morning worship services are broadcast live on the internet at 8 and 10:30 a.m. It is a simple and easy process to view the broadcasts. First, go to the church website: www.stjohnslena.org.

On the left side of the page you will see a highlighted banner "CLICK HERE TO LIVE STREAM." Depending on your internet speed it may take several seconds to begin, so patience is a virtue! Also, you can download a worship folder with the complete service, including hymns, on the "CHURCH NEWS" page in the upper left corner of the website.

The website also offers past services under the heading "RECORDED SERVICES."

These are available to view any time, day or night.

Everyone in the community is invited to join us in person for worship Saturday, 5:30 pm and Sunday, 8 & 10:30 am. Sunday School and Bible Classes are 9:15-10:15. St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena.



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ParVuli Dei award

The Reverend Andrew T. Skrobitt awards Cub Scout Brodie Dahl the ParVuli Dei award on May 5, at St. Joseph's Church, Lena.

The purpose of the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

Dahl is the only member of Pearl City Cub Scout Pack 27 to earn a religious award this year.

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Adisyn Hoff receives Le-Win Music Boosters Annual Scholarship

The community may remember Adisyn Hoff for her participation in marching band and choir, as well as her outstanding performance in LWHS's production of The Drowsy Chaperone two years ago. Since graduating in 2017, the talented musician has gone on to University of Wisconsin-Platteville to major in music education with an instrumental emphasis.

"As an alum, I can look back at my time at Lena-Winslow and truly say that the district did instill foundations for lifelong learning in me, but that could never have been possible without my involvement with the music program. Before joining the music program, I did not truly know who I was; it was as though a piece

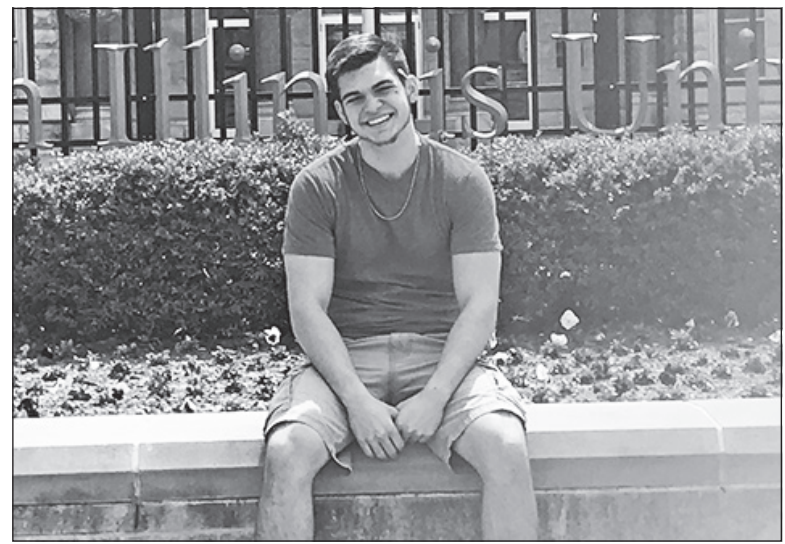
of myself was missing, and I simply as not aware that it was. I will always attribute my growth as a person to the gifts and opportunities I was given through the music program," Ms. Hoff wrote in her application.

After obtaining her bachelors, Ms. Hoff plans to earn a master's in Music Education and eventually teach at a secondary or post-secondary school. The Music Boosters unanimously voted to award Ms. Hoff the \$250 scholarship as she pursues her music education degree.

(Right) The Lena Winslow Music Boosters unanimously voted to award Adisyn Hoff the \$250 scholarship as she pursues her music education degree.



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ACES

Joshua Cassell placed fourth in Computer Science and fifth in Physics at the state ACES competition at Eastern Illinois University on April 22nd. Congratulations Gunner

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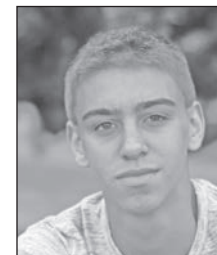
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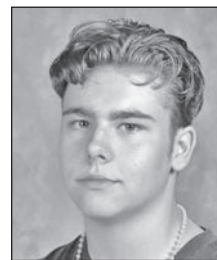
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Exothermic reaction

Pearl City seventh graders Olivia Williams, Ava Bremmer and Katelyn Little conduct an experiment to create an exothermic reaction.



Pearl City seventh graders Jayden Downs, Jacob Lieb, Kyle Niehaus and Weston Gronewold enjoyed an experiment to create an exothermic reaction.

Annual McConnell Strawberry Social

The Annual McConnell Strawberry Social will be held on Saturday, June 1 at the McConnell United Methodist Church Hall located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd in McConnell. The public is invited.

Dinner will be served from 4 until 7 p.m.

The menu will include pork chop sandwiches, BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, Coney dogs, potato salad, baked beans, cheese, homemade pie, cake, beverages, and strawberries and ice cream.

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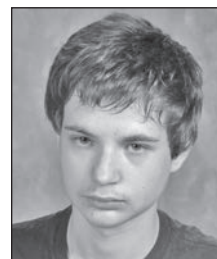
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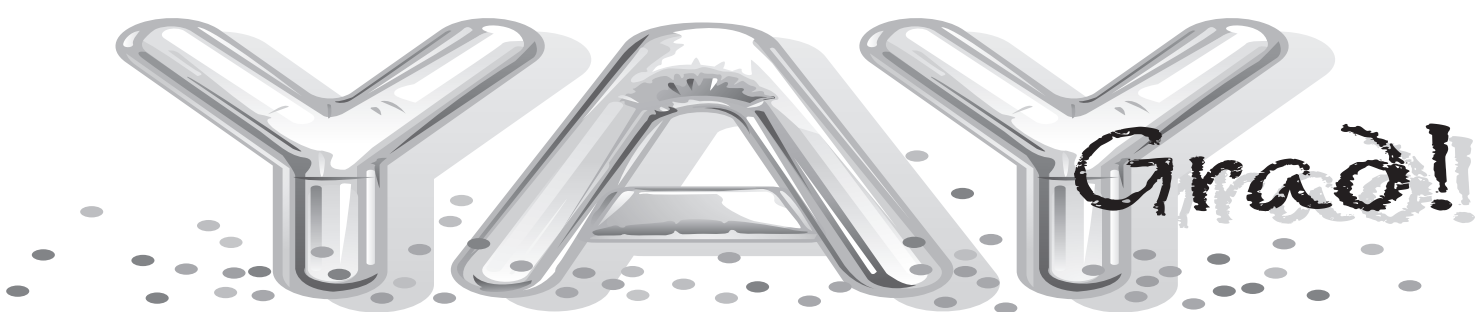
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preceded in death by three sisters, Lois Prisk, Evelyn (Ralph) Arnold and an infant sister.

ROBERT "R.J." SPILLANE

Robert "R.J." Spillane, 75, of Apple River, Illinois, passed away Thursday, May 9, peacefully at home with his loving family by his side. He was born Dec. 9, 1943, in Galena, IL; the son of Vincent and Alberta (Leifker) Spillane. He attended Galena High school, graduating in 1961. He married the love of his life, LaVonne Erner, on April 20, 1963, in Menominee, IL and together they raised three beautiful daughters. R.J. was a truck driver for many years, and loved to tell stories of his days on the road. R.J. owned and operated a fencing and bulldozing business and went on to own and operate Stage Coach Trails Livery, giving stagecoach rides, hosting groups, and telling the story of the Stagecoach Trail. This business later expanded into Stagecoach Trails Limestone, where he worked until he retired. R.J. was a hard worker, who worked his entire life to provide for his family.

R.J. was a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who took great pride in his Irish heritage. He had a giant heart, a love for life and his family, and a great love for the 12 Belgian horses that he raised throughout his life. R.J. loved watching his children and grandchildren in their various activities, could remember all of their accomplishments, and was quick to rattle them off on a moment's notice. R.J. enjoyed watching westerns, reading every Louis L'Amour book written, building stagecoaches, wagons, rock walls, and entertaining groups of school kids that visited the farm over the years. He could talk for hours about his family and businesses, and while he was a generous and proud man, he never expected anything in return from anyone.

R.J. is survived by his loving wife, LaVonne; three daughters Mary (Jerry) Willer of Peosta IA, Patty (Mick) Arand of Stockton, and Connie (Greg) Kruger of Scales Mound; ten grandchildren, Jessica (Winston) Storey, Bobbi (Brandon) Decker, Kevin (Molly) Arand, Jordan (Megan) Arand, Destiny (Whitney) Perkins-Willer, Jenna-Lynn & Paige Willer, and Katie, Ryan, and Kristy Kruger; and five great grandchildren, Stetson, Mayci, Blakely, Brigson, and Griffin. Also survived by four brothers; Ron (Rose) Spillane, Barry (Janet) Spillane, Billy (Judy) Stietz, Bobby (Sue) Stietz; and three sisters, Rosemary Crawford, Mary Jean Maxwell, Diane (Ed) Holland; sister in laws, Leyvi Spillane, Elaine (Clinton) White, and numerous nieces and nephews and faithful friends Kenny Koester and Bob Edge. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, mother & father in law, brothers Jimmy & Joe, sister-in-law Grace (Leroy) Fields. R.J. will be greatly missed by all who knew and

loved him.

A funeral Mass was held on Monday, May 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple River, IL.

A visitation was Sunday, May 12, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren, IL and again until time of services on Monday at the church.

Burial will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Apple River, IL.

Father Andrew Skorbutt will officiate the services.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in his memory.

The family would like to thank Family Health of Lafayette County, UW Madison Hospital and Clinics, FHN Hospice, and especially Dr. Martin Cleary who was not only his trusted physician, but also faithful friend.

As R.J. would say – "We wish you safe journeys and many happy trails."

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

WILLARD "BILL" L. HARBACH

Willard "Bill" L. Harbach, age 76, passed away on Friday May 10, 2019 at Monroe Hospice Home in Monroe, WI, surrounded by his family.

He was born on April 3, 1943 to Lawrence and Mabel (Ferguson) Harbach. He married Barbara Blasing on February 23, 1963 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Lena, IL.

Bill was a Member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, a former member of the Board of Elders and former board member of the Citizens Bank and Trust of Warren.

Bill loved spending time with his wife throughout the years. They enjoyed trips together on their motorcycle, vacations with their kids and grandkids, and holiday get-togethers were always special times. His love of farming began with time spent working alongside his grandpa. He became active in FFA at the local and regional level where he served as President of his local chapter. He started farming on his own as a junior in high school and bought his first farm as a senior. He was an innovator of row crop agriculture in the area. One of his greatest passions in life was harvesting corn, starting with his two row ear-corn picker, to his John Deere S680 with a 12 row head, which he still drove this past fall. He instilled his love of farming to his two sons, who he farmed with until the day he died.

Bill is survived by his wife Barb of Warren; four children- Heath (Barb) of Warren,

Dee Dee (Dale) Calow of Warren, Stephanie (John) Curtiss of Stockton, Dirk (Melissa) of Apple River; twelve grandchildren- Shane (Sarah) Harbach, Cody (Danesa) Harbach, Chelsea Harbach, Analiesia Harbach, Brady (Alisha) Calow, Kyler Calow (fiancée Lindsey Parkinson), Payton Calow, Emily Curtiss, Dylan Curtiss, Adriana Curtiss, Madeline Harbach, Jacob Harbach; siblings- Connie

(John) Aspinwall of Freeport, Valrey Stabenow of Kaysville, UT, Reggie Biesemeier of Lena, Denise (Kirk) Seuring of Lena, Todd Harbach (fiancée Lori) of Las Vegas, NV, Phillip (Stacey) Harbach of AZ; two sister-in-laws- Alice (Leland) Diehl of Virgoqua, WI and Pat Kent of Winslow; brother-in-law LaVern (Phyllis) Blasing of Lena; aunt Lucille Karnatz; uncle Norman Wybourn; aunt Eunice Harbach and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents, step-mother Shirley Harbach, father and mother-in-law Harold and Leona Blasing, brothers-in-law Richard Stabenow, Lee Biesemeier, and Eldon Kent.

Visitation was on Monday, May 13, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, May 14, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Officiating will be Rev. Rick Bader.

Interment will take place at the Lena Burial Park.

Luncheon will follow services at

the church.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

College News

Area student awarded Compeer Financial scholarship

The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America, the corporate giving program of Compeer Financial, has awarded 120 graduating high school seniors with a \$1,500 educational scholarship, including Addison Keltner of Pearl City, IL. Recipients were chosen from across Compeer Financial's three-state territory of Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on their academic achievement, essay writing and involvement in agricultural and community organizations.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We finally are seeing trees budding and flowers getting ready to bloom. Even though we can't get the rain to stop, temperatures are starting to creep up. The greenhouses are busy everywhere. If they can get a rototiller through the garden or flower beds, people will be planting. We are

all trying to get spring started. Everyone is trying to get in the mood for spring cooking. The recipes this week have a little something for everyone.

The first recipe is for a salad with a wine vinegar dressing. The surprise element is avocados and some bacon. Enjoy this salad with some great vegetables, a tangy dressing, and some feta cheese.

Bacon Avocado Salad

- ¾ C. extra virgin olive oil
- ¼ C. red wine vinegar
- 4 t. sugar
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. Dijon mustard

Salad

- 12 C. (about 1 bunch) chopped romaine

- ¾ lb. bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

- 3 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced

- 3 medium ripe avocados, peeled and cubed

- 2 T. lemon juice
- 1 C. crumbled feta cheese

Place the first six ingredients in a jar with a tight-fitting lid; shake well until blended. Refrigerate until serving. In a large bowl, combine the romaine, bacon, tomatoes, and onion. Toss avocados with lemon juice and add to salad. Sprinkle with cheese. Serve with dressing, shaking jar to blend again if needed.

This main dish has all the elements needed for a great dinner. The chicken used has pieces for just about ev-

erybody. There are breasts, thighs, and legs. It has rice and broccoli, so everything for a main meal is taken care of. Enjoy this chicken casserole that is just a little out of the ordinary.

Chicken, Broccoli, and Rice Casserole

- 2 T. oil
- 2 bone-in skin-on chicken breasts
- 2 bone-in skin-on chicken thighs
- 2 skin-on chicken drumsticks
- 2 t. salt, divided
- ¾ t. pepper, divided
- 1 C. chopped onion
- ½ C. chopped celery
- 1½ C. water
- 1 C. long-grain rice
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 T. butter, cubed

- 2 C. fresh broccoli florets

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium high heat. Sprinkle chicken all over with 1½ t. salt, and ½ t. pepper. Add half of the chicken to skillet; cook until lightly browned, about 2 minutes per side. Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining chicken. Add onion and celery to skillet; cook until softened, about 2 minutes.

In a large bowl, whisk together 1½ cups water, rice, soups, butter, remaining salt and pepper. Pour mixture into skillet, and bring to a boil. Place soup and rice mixture, chicken and broccoli in 9 x 13 baking pan which has been sprayed with cooking spray. Cover with foil and place on

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a foil lined baking sheet. Bake until rice is tender, 50 to 55 minutes. Let stand, covered for 10 minutes; gently stir and serve immediately.

I had planned on giving you this tuna casserole during Lent, but other recipes got in the way. I think you will enjoy this new version of the standard tuna casserole.

Modern Tuna Casserole

3 T. butter, divided
4 medium carrots, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium sweet pepper, chopped
1 C. sliced mushrooms
1 cans (5 oz. each) white tuna in water, drained and flaked
2 C. fresh baby spinach
1 C. frozen peas
3 C. uncooked spiral pasta

1 T. flour
2/3 C. chicken broth
1/3 C. half-and-half cream
1/2 C. shredded Parmesan cheese
3/4 t. salt
1/4 t. pepper

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon over butter over medium-high heat. Add the carrots, onion, pepper, and mushrooms. Cook and stir until tender, about 9 minutes. Add the tuna, spinach and peas; cook until spinach is just wilted, about 2-3 minutes.

Cook pasta according to package directions for al dente. Drain pasta, reserving 1 cup pasta water. In a large bowl, place pasta and tuna mixture; toss to combine. Wipe skillet clean. In the same skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour until smooth;

gradually whisk in broth and cream. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes, adding reserved pasta water if needed. Stir in cheese, salt and pepper. Pour over pasta and toss to coat.

My friend makes a really great rum cake, but hers is a little more complicated than this one. The basis of the cake is a yellow cake mix. The glaze makes it extra special. Don't worry about having extra rum left over because you will want to make this cake more than once.

Pecan-Studded Rum Cake

1 yellow cake mix
1 small package vanilla pudding mix
1/2 C. cold water
1/2 C. oil
1/2 C. rum
4 eggs
2 C. chopped pecans

Glaze:

1/2 C. unsalted butter
1 C. sugar
1/4 C. water
1/2 C. rum
Pinch of fine sea salt
Preheat the oven to 325. Coat a 10-cup Bundt pan with baking spray. In a large bowl, stir cake mix, pudding, water, oil, rum, and eggs until blended. Fold in pecans. Pour into prepared pan. Lightly tap pan on the counter to remove air bubbles. Bake 55 to 60 minutes or until center comes out clean.

Glaze: Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over medium. Stir in sugar and water. Bring to a boil; cook, stirring constantly, 5 minutes or until sugar has melted and mixture is syrupy. Remove from heat; carefully stir in rum, mixture will bubble at first, add a pinch of sea salt. When cake is done, cool in pan or a wire rack for 10 minutes. Invert onto a serving plate. Prick top and sides all over with a toothpick. Slowly drizzle some of the glaze all over sides and top of cake. Allow to absorb before drizzling with more glaze. Cool cake completely. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.

This bar cookie recipe has just about all the ingredients to make everything right with the world. It has chocolate chips, caramel and salt. The hardest part of the recipe is unwrapping all the caramels.

Salted Caramel Chocolate Chip Bars

3/4 C. butter
1 1/2 C. firmly packed brown sugar
2 eggs
1 T. vanilla
1 1/2 C. flour
1 t. baking powder
1/2 t. salt
1 C. chocolate chips
1 bag (11 oz.) caramels, unwrapped
3 T. heavy whipping cream
1/2 t. coarse sea salt
Melt butter in heavy 2 quart saucepan over medium-high heat. Contin-

ue cooking 5 minutes or until butter foams and turns a deep golden brown. Immediately remove from heat; pour into large bowl. Refrigerate 15 minutes

Heat oven to 375. Line a 9 x 13 pan with aluminum foil. Spray bottom with cooking spray. Add brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla to cooled browned butter and mix well. Add flour, baking powder, and salt; stir just until combined. Stir in chocolate chips. Spread two-thirds of cookie dough into prepared pan.

Combine caramels and heavy whipping cream in a glass bowl. Microwave one minute; stir. Continue microwaving until completely melted. Pour mixture over cookie dough in pan; spread to within 1/4 inch of the sides. Sprinkle with half of the coarse sea salt. Drop remaining cookie dough by dropping dough over top of the caramel. Sprinkle with remaining coarse sea salt. Bake 19 to 23 minutes or until golden brown around the edges and toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool completely before removing from pan. Peel off foil and cut into bars.

I hope all the Mothers in our reading area had a great day. Perhaps someone cooked for them, or maybe she had people to go to church with her. I read Jane Lethlean's article about her mother in the Journal Standard. It was a beautiful tribute to a wonderful woman, whom I had the pleasure of knowing. Not very long ago, I had a younger woman who asked me if I really believed in eternal life. I told her I did. In fact I talk to my mother often, and it gives me comfort. I ask her help doing lots of things that I used to call her and ask her advice on. I guess she instilled a lot in me because I generally do it right! I remember her infectious laugh, her positive attitude, and her huge heart. She never turned away anyone from her table at meal time; my brother and I would have lots of kids at our house, and there was always room at the table. I know that sometimes she had a lot less to eat. I learned graciousness, loyalty, and faith from this woman. That is why Mother's Day is difficult every year, but it is bittersweet. I was blessed to have a good mother who made our family one of love. I hope if you have a mother, you enjoyed every hour of this special day.

This week brings the end of a lot of things at school, and a lot of work at home. It is time to get things ready for Memorial Day, and to think about summer cooking. I once again put away my snow scraper. I hope this time it is for good. I am looking forward to fresh fruits and vegetables. We continue to look for some spring and summer recipes that include asparagus and rhubarb.

If you have any strawberry recipes you would like to share, send them our way. 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.

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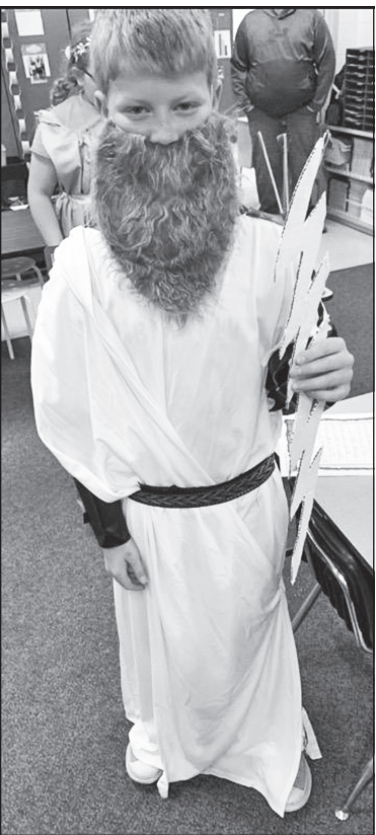
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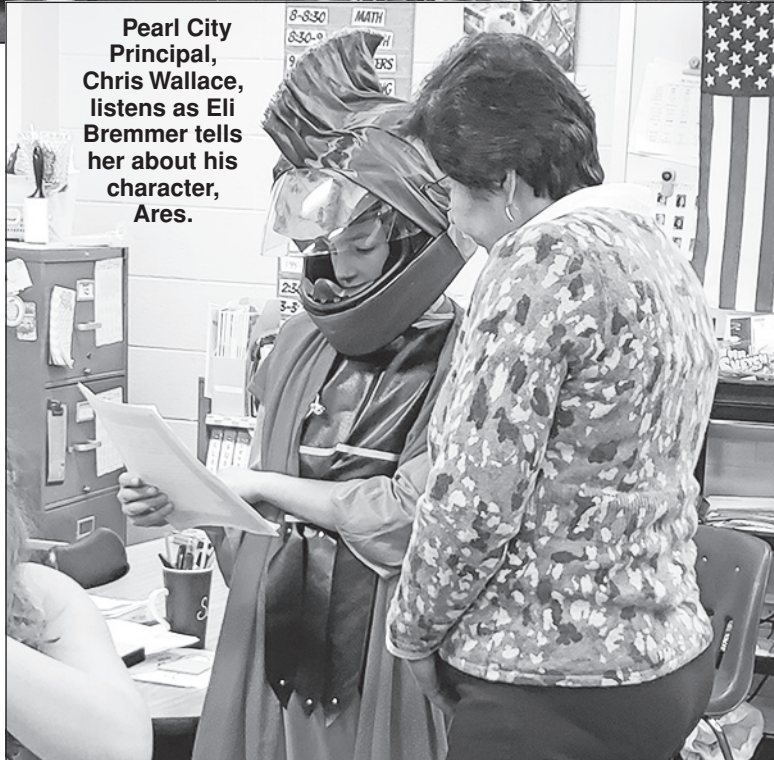
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The Pearl City fourth graders in Mrs. Brouhard's class all dressed up for their Greek Mythology presentations.



Pearl City fourth grader Brycen Voegli as dressed as Zeus to present his information.

Pearl City Principal, Chris Wallace, listens as Eli Bremmer tells her about his character, Ares.



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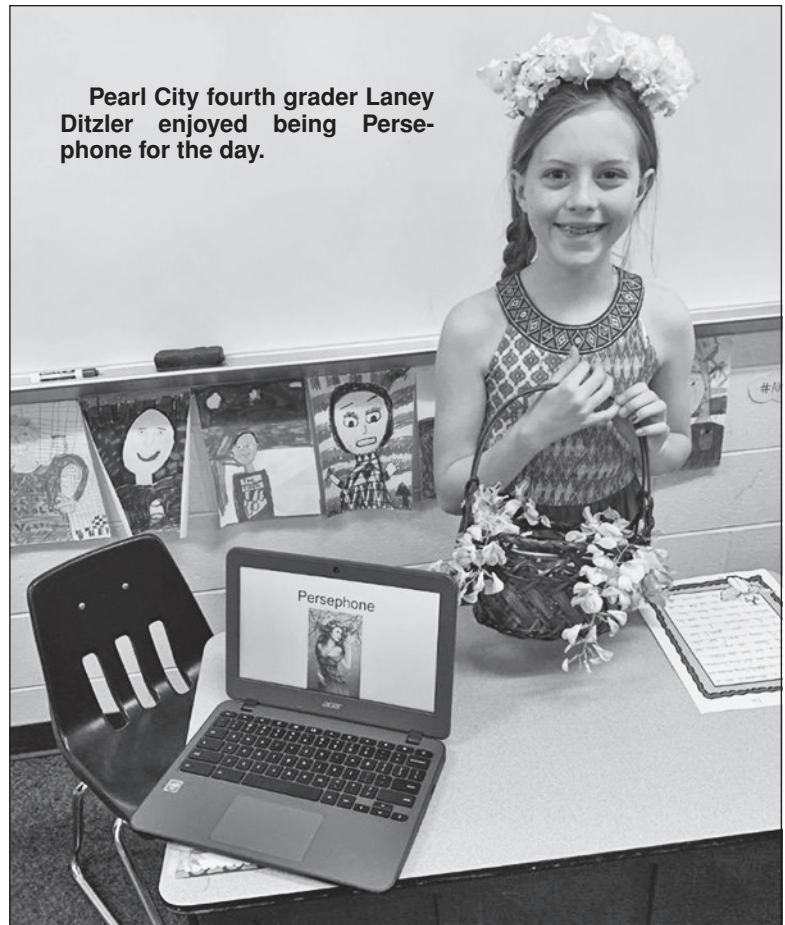
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"It's becoming more common for farm businesses to have a digital presence when selling into the local food system. Consumers are expecting to

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The Deeper Roots: Digital Marketing in the Local Food System

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