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## Pearl City chef cooks up a TV appearance

By John Day  
CORRESPONDENT

Cory Oppold grew up on a dairy farm near Pearl City. He graduated from Pearl City High School and went off to college in Phoenix, Arizona to pursue a career in architecture. Along the way, Oppold had his first fine dining experience and knew immediately that he had to shift gears in his life and become a chef. That shift led Oppold to the Scottsdale Culinary Institute where he would graduate with honors. Today, Oppold is the Executive Chef with Atlas Bistro in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Oppold's professional reputation and image continue to grow. On May 14, Oppold will be appearing as a contestant on the Food Network television program Chopped.

If you're a Foodie, a person that has become hooked on fine dining, then you will have tuned into the Food Network channel to watch Chopped, a reality cooking competition. Chopped, premiering in 2009, is one of the Food Networks longest running and most popular programs. The competition is a contest between 4 chefs who must prepare an appetizer, entre' and dessert using secret and unusual ingredients from baskets that are given to the chefs just prior to creating each course of the meal.

Each course, when completed, is tasted by a panel of judges who are renowned chefs themselves. The judges appearing on the show have been the likes of Bobby Flay, Alton Brown and Martha Stewart. As the courses of the meal are sampled one of the chefs is eliminated, or, chopped. The last chef to avoid being chopped is the winner of the contest and a 10 thousand dollar cash prize.

There's much more involved in the production of this reality television program than that which is seen in its one hour broadcast length. Most episodes take 12 hours

or more to film. During the broadcast of an episode the judges render their decision within minutes. In actuality, the judges often take 20 minutes or longer to deliberate and come to the decision of who will be chopped in each round.

In Oppold's home town there's an eatery that is becoming well known in its own right. The Route 73 Brew and Chew has become well celebrated for its menu of gourmet burgers. In fact, in August of 2017, the Brew and Chew was rated number 1 with the best all beef burger in the State by the Illinois Beef Association. Just recently, the Brew and Chew announced its latest burger creation, the Chicago Slam. The Slam is a 100 percent all beef hamburger covered with cheese and a Chicago style hot dog. In addition to the slam there are more than 20 gourmet burgers on the menu. The eatery has, in addition to other menu items, a selection of fine beers on tap..

To honor Chef Oppold, Route 73 Brew & Chew in Pearl City will be having a special event on the night that Oppold appears on the cooking competition. During the broadcast of Chopped there will be a live podcast of the event, streaming on the internet from within the restaurant. There will be ample opportunity for the crowd to cheer for the hometown favorite. Refat Hasankolli, owner and manager of the Brew and Chew said, "I have a bit of inside knowledge about this, so, we'll be putting a special burger selection on the menu as well as some drink specials from the bar."

Chopped will air on the Food Network at 8 pm on May 14. Check listings for which channel broadcasts the Food Network on your cable or satellite system. The Route 73 Brew and Chew is located at 201 E. Main St. in Pearl City. 815-443-3222. There is also a Facebook page.



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## Ag Adventures

Pearl City fifth grader Max Freier holds a pig at Ag Adventures.

## 100 Women Who Care meeting set for May 9

Our next 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County quarterly meeting will be Thursday, May 9 at Wayside Saloon (1802 Crossroads Lane N., Freeport), Social Hour/new member registration 5:30-6:30 p.m., Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to the Dakota PTO! Last week they were presented with \$13,650 to go toward their summer Bookmobile. Dakota's Bookmobile was organized by Shelby Bordner in the summer of 2017 when the school's library was under construction and inaccessible to

students. One day each week a truck was rented, filled with books and driven to seven stops within the Dakota School boundaries. Each week they would serve 50-80 students. Throughout the summer of 2018, the Bookmobile was continued with even more success. Thanks to the donation from 100 Women Who Care members, the Dakota summer library program plans to improve the Bookmobile with the purchase of more books, a checkout system, and sound system. Plans will also be made to improve the current method of de-

livery. Congratulations once again to the Dakota PTO. And thanks to Maime Curry and Heidi Ludolph for presenting on their behalf.

As always, you can follow us on Facebook and we love new members so bring a friend to the meeting. Since the initiation of 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County in February of 2015, members have donated \$194,950 (including the \$10,000 private family foundation matching donation) to local non-profit organizations. Thank you for being a part of it.

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## Thank You

The Lena Historical Society would like to thank everyone that contributed to their Annual Dinner: the people that attended the event, businesses and individuals that generously donated money and items for the silent auction all made the event a great success.

The Society is run completely by volunteers and funded entirely by donations and fundraisers. This event will help to pay for their major project this year which is the restoration and painting of the Illinois Caboose that is displayed on the museum grounds.

The museum will be open on Saturdays 1-4 this summer. Private tours can be arranged by calling 815-369-4030.

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# Panthers bounce back against Eastland

By Trenten Scheidegger  
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Last Friday the Lena-Winslow Panthers baseball team hosted Eastland for a double header after our rough stretch of rainy weather. The Panthers suffered a tough loss in the first game of the double header as Eastland took a 10-1 blowout victory over Lena-Winslow. The Panthers came out as an entirely new team in game two,

however.

Eastland jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning but it became a pitchers battle after that as each team went scoreless until the sixth inning. Things got exciting near the end of the game. In the top of the sixth, Max Amendt hit a double to left field which brought in Ethan Fye to score and tie things at 1-1. Soon after the Panthers got their first lead of the day when Bra-

dyn Almsy hit a sacrifice fly to left field which Hunter Greene tagged up and scored on to go up 2-1.

Eastland quickly answered in the bottom of the sixth when they put up two runs to take back the lead and go up 3-2 as they went into the final inning.

In the top of the seventh the Panthers forced the final lead change, however. Following a pair of walks, Cade Benson came in and singled to left field which brought in Colton Lane to score and tie the game at three. Soon after Amendt hit a ground ball and forced an Eastland error which allowed the Panthers to score two more runs as they looked to close things out.

Eastland put some pressure on the Panthers with two base runners in the bottom half, but they were eventually able to get out of it as they split the double header with a 5-3 victory.

A trio of boys led the way offensively as Fye went one for three with an rbi and scoring another two runs, Greene went one for three and scored a run, and Amendt went one for four with an rbi.

Almsy was tremendous on the mound as he pitched 5.2 innings while striking out seven and allowing just two hits, all three runs he allowed were unearned as he got the win on the day. Following the win, the Panthers are now 6-10 on their season.

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# Lifelong Learning to offer summer camps for ages 8 to 18

Lifelong Learning will provide a summer filled with camps for children and older youth that include STEM computer programming and game creation, plus theatre, comedy improvisation and auditioning skills workshops for kids at Highland Community College located 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

To register and view the complete Lifelong Learning schedule, visit [highland.edu/lifelong](http://highland.edu/lifelong) or call 815-599-3414. For more information about Lifelong Learning and to find out the latest in new course offerings, call 815-599-3403.

Camps are:  
**Summer Theatre Day Camps**  
 Location: Ferguson Fine Arts Center

Registration Deadline: June 1; Instructor: Laura Early

Explore the world of comedy improvisation by playing fun and active improvisation games geared to help gain confidence and think on your feet. Participants will develop auditioning skills and confidence speaking in public with activities and tips for successful theatre, film,

## Stockton Heritage Museum opens 2019 Season

The Stockton Heritage Museum is gearing up for our 2019 Season. We hope you are looking forward to our season also. For our current members, it is the time of year to renew your membership. For persons and families who wish to support our Museum, the following membership form is below.

We hope you continue to support your Museum, which highlights the history of Stockton and the surrounding area. Join us this year for our programs, which start on May 5. Stockton native Jake Crome sharing his experiences as he hiked the Appalachian trail, from start to finish! Program will be on May 5, at 3:30 p.m., at the Stockton Heritage Museum. Follow us on Facebook at Stockton Heritage Museum.

Thanks to all for your on-going support.

Program schedule for the 2019 season is as follows: all at the Museum

May 5- Jake Crome- Hiking the Appalachian Trail- 3:30

June 1- Mark Petersonn- Civilian Conservation Corps- 2 p.m.

June is Dairy Month- check out our milking machine and Kraft exhibit

July- Pilots Reunion TBA

August- Fall into Stockton- Aug. 17

September- Homecoming; Walking Tour of Downtown TBA

October 12- District Unit 206-Rural Schools -2 p.m.

November- Annual Meeting and Program

December 7- Christmas Walk and Festival of Trees

Check our Facebook page for other events.

and television auditions.

**Comedy Improvisation and Auditioning Skills for Middle School Students ages 10 to 13**

Class Date: Saturday, June 22; Class Time: 10 a.m. to Noon; Fee: \$14

**Comedy Improvisation and Audition Techniques for High School Students ages 14 to 18**

## Bethesda Auxiliary Scholarships

The Bethesda Auxiliary, in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities, is offering \$30,000 in student scholarships for the 2019-20 school year. The scholarships are for undergraduate- or graduate-level students, including seminarians.

"We're excited to support youth who hope to put their talents and energy toward enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities," said Karen Carter, president of the Bethesda Auxiliary. "Recognizing the achievements of students who have a shared interest in supporting our mission elevates us all. It's gratifying to support these students in such a direct way."

The deadline to apply is May 17, 2019, with results to be announced by July 1, 2019. To download an application, go to <https://www.bethesda.org/get-involved/scholarships/>.

Seminarian/Post-Graduate Students: Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to a Lutheran seminarian or post-graduate displaying interest in service to people with intellectual

Class Date: Saturday, June 29; Class Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fee: \$19

The class will include a session on acting resumes and other special acting tips. Bring a sack lunch.

**Creative Tech Camps for Kids for ages 8 to 14**

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and developmental disabilities in a congregational setting. The scholarship application is open to all eligible seminary/post-graduate students.

Criteria:  
 Be an active, communicant member of a Lutheran congregation.

Be a current college senior, accepted to begin seminary studies in the fall, or currently be classified as a first-year or second-year student at any seminary affiliated with the WELS, LCMS, ELCA, LCMC, ELS or NALC. Students going on to their internship/vicarage year do not qualify.

Have a commitment to inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities within the local parish.

College and University Students: Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to junior and senior students pursuing undergraduate degrees in any academic area that will prepare them to serve and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Registration Deadline: At least one week prior to camp start; Camp Dates: Each camp has listed dates; Instructor: Doug Meyers; Class Time: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday; Fee: \$150

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See below for class dates and descriptions:

**Minecraft® Designers**  
 Class Dates: June 17 – June 21

Learn how to create a custom map, and the basics of creating 3D models using software to design your own objects.

**Make Your First 3D Video Game**

Choose from two sessions: June 24 – June 28 or August 12 – August 16

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**Python Programmers**  
 Class Date: July 8 – July 12

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**Minecraft® Modders**  
 Class Date: July 15 – July 19

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**App.10: Make Your First Multiplayer App**

Class Date: July 22 – July 26  
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**Battle Royale: Make Your First Fortnite® Style Video Game**

Class Date: July 29 – Aug. 2  
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**Roblox® Makers**  
 Class Date: Aug. 5 – Aug. 9

Unlock the power of ROBLOX® Studio, the world creation tool used by real-world developers. Learn to build 3D models and create an adventure in your ROBLOX® world.

## PCEF offers \$8000 in upperclassman scholarships

Pearl City Education Foundation announces the availability of \$8000 to fund Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarships for College or Trade School students for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

Applications are available at the Pearl City School office or the School website [www.pcwolves.net](http://www.pcwolves.net) and also at the Pearl City Public Library and the State Bank of Pearl City.

The deadline for returning completed applications to the Pearl City School is July 01, 2019.

Since its 2010 inception the Pearl City Upperclassman Scholarship program has awarded 80+ scholarships with over \$35,000 having been distributed. This program is designed to be perpetual.

The Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) welcomes additional donations to help increase the number, size, and scope of scholarships as well as helping to provide funds for learning experiences for students beyond the regular academic programs. These donations are tax deductible as PCEF has a 501(c) (3) tax status.

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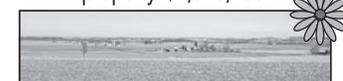


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# HCC's Forensics team places third in regional competition

The Highland Community College Forensics Speech & Debate Team placed third in the Regional competition from March 23-24 at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Ill. This was their final preliminary tournament before Nationals on April 5 in Reno, Nev.

Of the 12 schools in attendance, Highland earned a Silver Trophy in both individual events and overall team sweepstakes. The Regional Tournament is the last stop before traveling for the end-of-the-year National Tournament. Coaches from across the region often provide the competing students with quality feedback on judges' critiques to help

prepare students for the competition. "We really like to make sure we bring our 'A Game' to Regionals," explained Brit Williams, a coach. "This is how our students receive the best quality critiques, so we can use all the suggestions other coaches and judges made and incorporate that feedback into their final performances."

When asked about their favorite moments of this tournament, team captain and sophomore Alec Aurand stated, "It was awesome to see all my teammates break their events into finals and it was even better to see Highland do so well."

"To me, this tournament is more

than performing well competitively," state Bill Lucio, Highland Forensics Coach, and Speech Instructor. "It's about making memories and meeting new people."

Lucio urges his students to make friends with their fellow competitors all year, but particularly at Regionals. Then, when competing at a large tournament like Nationals, students not only see a familiar face but also someone from the region to cheer on and encourage.

The Student Fellowship Award is voted on by the students for the best representation of Forensics. Highland Sophomore, Luthien Jonis was the 2019 recipient of the award,

which was named after a student who previously competed for Highland Community College, so Jonis was proud to bring the award back home where it originated.

"I couldn't believe it when I won. Everyone always tells me to just be myself, to believe in myself, and good things will happen. And that's what I always try to do. It feels amazing to have been recognized for doing just that," said Jonis.

Lucio is proud to represent and promote the success of the Midwest. "At Nationals, if any of our regional school's success, we succeed because we go from a team of nine to a huge team of 60 as we try to beat the

other regions."

Regional Tournament Results:

Luthien Jonis: The Student Fellowship Award for best representative of Forensics in our Region

Alec Aurand: 2nd Place/Silver Award in Extemporaneous and Impromptu Speaking

Michelle Johnson: 2nd Place/Silver Award in Informative Speaking

Maggie Finazzo: 3rd Place/Bronze Award in Poetry Interpretation

Payton Demichele: 3rd Place/Bronze Award for Prose Interpretation

## Community forum: stress and your health

The May Community Health Forum from the Stephenson County Health Department and FHN will focus on stress.

Stress may be related to a range of conditions, from sleep disturbances to obesity and even some types of diabetes. Dr. Jack Herrmann will present the latest research on how stress affects your health and will discuss ways to mitigate its effects.

The program will begin May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street in Freeport. It is free to attend; no registration is necessary. The audience is encouraged to take part in the discussion and there will be time for questions.

The series will continue through November with the following programs:

June 11: Get Moving I: Exercise and Cancer

July 9: Get Moving II: Exercise and Your Brain

August 13: Get Moving III: Everyday Exercise

Sept. 10: Chemicals' Effects on Your Health

Oct. 8: Addicted to Our Devices: Is Addiction Affecting You?

Nov. 12: The Pot Puzzle: Medical & Recreational Cannabis

For more information on any of the Community Health Forums, visit [www.fhn.org](http://www.fhn.org).

## American Legion Auxiliary schedules May meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet on May 8, at the Lena American Legion Home at 6:30 p.m. We will crowning Miss Poppy who is Riley Durling, discussing the Memorial Day breakfast and will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans. We will also be planning Poppy distribution and honoring Gold Star Members. We will also be collecting boxed cereal for the Food Pantry. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome. Rose Marie Bruegger is in charge of the social hour.

Junior Members will meet May 11, at the Warren American Legion at 10.

## United States wins China tariff-rate quotas dispute

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced today that a World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement panel found that China has administered its tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for wheat, corn, and rice inconsistently with its WTO commitments. Contrary to those commitments, China's TRQ administration is not transparent, predictable, or fair, and it ultimately inhibits TRQs from filling, denying U.S. farmers access to China's market for grain.

This panel report is the second significant victory for U.S. agriculture this year, and, together with the victory against China's excessive domestic support for grains, will help American farmers compete on a more level playing field.

"This second important victory for the United States further demonstrates that President Trump will take all steps necessary to enforce trade rules and to ensure free and fair trade for U.S. farmers. The Administration will continue to press China to promptly come into compliance with its WTO obligations," said Ambassador Lighthizer.

China's grain TRQs have annually underfilled. USDA estimates that if China's TRQs had been fully used, it

would have imported as much as \$3.5 billion worth of corn, wheat and rice in 2015 alone.

"Making sure our trading partners play by the rules is vital to providing our farmers the opportunity to export high-quality, American-grown products to the world," said Secretary Perdue. "Today's announcement is another victory for American farmers and fairness in the global trade system. We will use every tool available to gain meaningful market access opportunities for U.S. grains and other agricultural products."

Background:

Upon accession to the WTO, China made commitments specific to its administration of TRQs, including the commitment to administer its TRQs in a transparent, predictable, and fair basis, using clearly specified administrative procedures and requirements that do not inhibit the filling of each TRQ. In August 2017, the United States requested that the WTO establish a dispute settlement panel to consider whether China administers its TRQs for long-grain rice, short- and medium-grain rice, wheat, and corn in a manner inconsistent with its WTO commitments.

Today's panel report agrees with the United States that China administers its TRQs in a manner incon-

sistent with its Accession Protocol obligations, through its eligibility criteria, allocation and reallocation procedures, public comment process, and processing restrictions. In addition, China allocates a significant portion of each TRQ to a designated state-trading enterprise (STE) and does not subject the STE to the same rules applied to non-state trading en-

## NRCS sign-up for updated CSP

State Conservationist, Ivan Dozier announced the next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year (FY) 2019 is May 10, 2019. Nationwide USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest up to \$700 million for new enrollments and contract extensions in fiscal year 2019. The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this critical conservation program, which helps agricultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm to the next level.

"CSP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to achieve their conservation and management goals," said Ivan Dozier, NRCS State Conservationist in Illinois. "It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled."

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by May 10, 2019, to ensure their applications are considered for 2019 funding.

### Changes to the Program

The 2018 Farm Bill authorizes NRCS to accept new CSP enrollments from now until 2023, and it makes some important improve-

ments to the program. These updates include:

- NRCS now enrolls eligible, high-ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. For fiscal year 2019, nationally NRCS can spend up to \$700 million in the program, which covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.

- Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities, including cover crops and resource conserving crop rotations.

- CSP now provides specific support for organic operations and those transitioning to organic production activities as well as a special grassland conservation initiative for certain producers who have maintained cropland base acres.

### About the Program

CSP is offered in Illinois through continuous sign-ups. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, and nonindustrial private forest land.

### More Information

For additional information about CSP, contact your local USDA service center.

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# ON THE RECORD

## Obituaries

### CARL ROBERT KELTNER

Carl Robert Keltner, 88, of Pearl City, IL passed away on Monday, April 29, 2019 at the Lena Living Center. He was born on Dec. 23, 1930 in Freeport, IL to Perry O. and Bessie E. (Wolfe) Keltner. He graduated from Boop Grade School and as Valedictorian of Pearl City High School, Class of 1948. Carl had a great passion for farming and did so with his father, he loved to watch the crops grow. On Sept. 14, 1958 he married Ruth Boltjes and they continued farming the family farm and raised their family.

Carl received an American Farmer Degree, as well as outstanding young farmer in state. He served on Pinecrest Manor Board of Directors, Brown Swiss Canton II, State and was a National Director for six years representing Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The family showed their purebred cattle at local, state, and national shows, as well as exporting to numerous foreign countries. For 25 years he served on Stephenson Service FS Board, 12 years as president. He sang with Green County Harmony Chorus for many years after retiring.

Carl was a member of Lena Church of the Brethren, and now for 20 years, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Lena, where he served on the building committee.

He is survived by his wife Ruth Keltner of Pearl City, their children; Kevin (Sandy) Keltner, Kathy (Don) Vasi, John (Janet) Keltner, and Ryan (Nikki) Keltner, their grandchildren; Chad Harding, Bryce and Brock Keltner, Kyndra, Kade and Grant Vasi, Perry, Troy, Brandin (Brittany), Jacob (Jenny), Brooke, Hayden, Addison, and Brogan Keltner, two great-grandchildren; Alden and Talan Keltner, a sister Lois Wiele, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Marie and Boyd Boyer, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Perry and Bessie Keltner, and his brother-in-law Sherril Wiele.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 2, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL.

A visitation was May 1, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL.

Pastor Rick Bader will officiate the services.

A memorial has been established for St. John's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leadmonfh.com](http://www.leadmonfh.com).

### BRUCE B. BIRKETT

A Celebration of Life Memorial in honor of Bruce B. and Gerry (Lee Armstrong) Birkett was held in Pahrump, Nevada at the home of his sister-in-law, Nancy Birkett. The occasion was hosted by Bruce's daughter, Wendy, and his sister, Barb. Family and friends from Nevada, Ar-

izona, California, and Wisconsin attended, and the afternoon featured a ceremony where some of Bruce and Gerry's ashes were spread under the "Memorial Tree" to join with ashes of his brother Bill. As people shared memories of Bruce and Gerry, they forged new connections and

strengthened former ties with one another. The fact that several men who had worked with Bruce confided that they had considered him as an "older brother" or a "second Dad" spoke volumes about Bruce's personality, the strength of his friendship and the influence he had on other people.

Bruce Bion Basil Birkett was born on Sept. 11, 1943 in Coleman, TX to Army Lt. Bion and Marie (Langan) Birkett. He grew up in northern Illinois, graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1960, and attended Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. In 1963 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War. He held several jobs in his younger years, including a construction worker in the late 1960s on the Coronado Bridge connecting San Diego to Coronado Island.

In 1970 he married Christine Beckley and in September of 1971 his son David was born. In 1976 he married Gerry Lee Armstrong, a widow with three children, and together they raised Troy, Scott, Wendy and David.

Bruce owned and operated E. Keenan Trucking in City of Industry, CA for many years. Then in 1991 he, Gerry and Wendy moved to Las Vegas, NV, where they owned and operated a Postal Center business. In 2000 Bruce and Gerry moved to Pahrump, NV and he began commuting to San Diego on a weekly basis to work as dispatcher for Able Transportation, a position he held until he retired in 2016. In 2012, they moved to Henderson, NV to be closer to their daughter Wendy and granddaughter Meghan.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Gerry (2017); oldest son Troy (2010); brother Bill (2008); parents and grandparents. Survivors include

his daughter Wendy Armstrong, son David, granddaughter Meghan Armstrong Franky, stepgrandson Chase Forrest, granddaughter Rebecca Armstrong, granddaughter Ashley, sister Barbara (Roy Scheidel), Bill's widow Nancy Birkett, Aunt Stella, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Contact: Barb (robar72@aol.com)

### CONNIE GRITTON WINTER

Connie Gritton Winter, 65, of rural Winslow, IL passed away on May 3, 2019 at UW Hospital in Madison WI. She was born in Rantoul, IL to Marvin and Elizabeth (Higdon) Gritton on Sept. 6, 1953. On December 28, 1999 Connie married Wes Winter in Rockton IL. She graduated Paxton High school in 1971, and then attended the University of Illinois in which she graduated in 1974 with degrees in Ag Communications and Dairy Science. She was a long time editor for the National Brown Swiss Bulletin, as well as the Illinois Holstein Herald. Connie started Gritton Graphics in 1991, and it is still up and running today. Along with writing and running her business, Connie was a secretary of Rockford Area Illini Club. In 2013 she received the Illini Spirit Award, she was a charter member and secretary of the Brown Swiss Historical Society, and found time in her busy schedule to do various types of charity work. In 2014 the Illini Pipeline was dedicated in her name. Connie loved Illini Basketball, knitting, English Shepherds, Holsteins, Brown Swiss, making coffee cakes, and spending time with her family. She has made a tremendous impact on the lives she has touched, and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband Wes Winter of Winslow, IL; mother Elizabeth Gritton-Paxton; sisters Julie (Mark) Lundvick of Jenison MI and Lisa (Dennis) Upah of Austin, TX; nieces and nephews- Brad (Amber) Lundvick of Hudsonville MI,

Alison (Ryan) DeVries of Hudsonville MI, Megan Upah of New York, NY, and Drew (Elizabeth) Upah of Houston TX.

She is preceded in death by her father, and her beloved English Shepherd dogs.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday May 8, from 4 till 7 PM with a Memorial Service at 7:30 p.m. at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday May 9, at the Bailer Funeral Home in Paxton, IL with a visitation preceding from 12 till 1 p.m.

Burial will be following the service on Thursday at the Glen Cemetery in Paxton, IL.

A memorial has been established for the National Brown-Swiss Historical Society, or your favorite charity in Connie's name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leadmonfh.com](http://www.leadmonfh.com).

### DONALD E. CATRON

Donald E. Catron, age 85 of Stockton, IL passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at home after a short battle with cancer. He was born on February 23, 1934 to the late Rev. Morris and Tressie (Doss) Catron.

Don was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in both Stockton and Freeport, and also the Stockton VFW. He had served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and had worked at Structo/Thermos. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, and watching the Green Bay Packers.

Don is survived by his sons, Donald (Sandee) of Joelton, TN and John (Cheri) of Winnebago, IL; his step daughters, Debra (Ed) Heim of Darlington, WI and Cheryl (John) Yeager of Stockton; his three daughters from his first marriage, Susan, Betty, and Rose; his brothers, Forrest and Duane (Mary); his sisters, Ruby (Joe) Fuller, Juanita Pieper, Darlene

McCormick, and Patricia (Curtis) Post; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Richard and William; and two sisters, Margaret and Wanda.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with Don's family at [www.leadmonfh.com](http://www.leadmonfh.com).

### FREDERICK J. HAAS

Frederick J. Haas, age 86 of Warren, IL, passed away on May 1, 2019, after a short illness. He was born at home in rural Stockton along with his twin sister Frieda on June

8, 1932, to John and Elsie (Wurster) Haas. On April 22, 1967 he married Beverly Sigafus, she passed away on June 8, 1990, his 58th birthday. He served in the U.S. Army from November 6, 1952 to November 5, 1954. Frederick was a military policeman first at Fort Riley, Kansas, then at Fort Sheridan near Chicago. He received a National Defense Service Medal. Frederick returned home to the farm that he, his parents, and siblings moved to in February of 1945. While he was in the Army his father passed away on October 19, 1953. He farmed mainly with his mother and older brother Richard. Frederick also drove milk truck for Warren Cheese Plant for a number of years, when the milk was picked up in cans, not bulk. He also worked for other neighbors on their farms from time to time he helped at V.S. Balbac and Son, hauling coal in his later years. After semi-retiring from farming himself he worked for a time for Joe and Joyce Green and Brinkmeier

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dairy until the beginning of February 2018 when at the age of 85 his legs told him it was time to retire. He stayed as active as possible until the end, but his heart got weaker.

He is survived by his son Paul; sister Martha (Terry) Love of Freeport, IL; brother-in-law Dale Sigafus of Belvidere; sisters-in-law Darlene Smith of Savanna, IL and Virginia Boelk of Freeport. Numerous nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Beverly, brother Richard, sisters- Evelyn Haas, Emma Sundvall, twin sister Frieda Haas, father-in-law and mother-in-law Edward and Lucille (Appell) Sigafus, brother-in-law John Sundvall, Donald Luy, Jim Smith, and Roger Boelk, sister-in-law Josephine Sigafus, nephew Gerald Boelk, and niece Julie Boelk.

He will be missed. He believed in waving at everyone whether he knew them or not. It was his final request there be no services of any kind just to be cremated and interred in Elmwood Cemetery with Beverly for eternity. Peacefully and quietly with no fanfare and no fuss, no muss, to rest in peace.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leanonfh.com](http://www.leanonfh.com).

## KAREN ANN SPITTLER

Karen Ann Spittler, age 70, formerly of Stockton, IL. Died Monday, April 15, 2019 at Cass Co. Memorial Hospital, Atlantic, Iowa.

Karen had lived in Atlantic, Iowa for the past 41 years working as a Speech and Language Pathologist for Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13, serving several school districts in Cass and Shelby counties, retiring in 2010.

Karen was born in Freeport, Il., Jan. 26, 1949, daughter of Charles and Alberta (Herman) Spittler. She attended Stockton Public Schools, graduating as salutatorian of the Stockton High School Class of 1967. She continued her education at the University of Illinois receiving her BS degree in Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology and her Master's degree in Speech/Language Pathology. She was a member of the University Theatre, member of the national dramatics honor society and Sigma Alpha Eta, national speech correction professional



fraternity.

Karen worked as speech therapist for the Ford-Iroquois Co. Special Education Association from 1972-1977. She continued to follow the Fighting Illini after moving to Atlantic, Iowa in 1977, where she joined Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13.

Karen loved working with students of all ages, preschool through high school, bringing her enthusiasm for learning to help develop their language skills. She initiated a "Baggie Book" program for beginning readers and speech students, gathering books and activities to be sent home to work on skills or to simply develop their love of reading.

She was a life-long learner, combining her love of travel with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association conferences in Florida. Sanibel Island was her favorite beach to visit.

Karen loved her family, enjoyed crafts, weaving, sewing, collecting pottery, cooking, reading, letter writing, and gardening. She spent many years supplying crafts for shops near Atlantic and her mother's shop, Sew Much More, in Stockton, Il. Her lawn was a field of wildflowers and local photographers often used her yard to stage senior pictures.

She was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, Stockton, Il., American Speech-Language Hearing Association, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and National Education Association.

Survivors include her sister, Kay (Mark) Young of Sterling, Il, her brother, Mark (Cindy) Spittler of Freeport, Il. Niece, Melissa (Kent) Lee of Bloomington, Il., niece, Beth (Greg) Bailey, of Palmetto, Fl. Great nieces and nephews, Sophia, Mayah, Josiah Lee, and Benjamin and Caleb Bailey. She is also survived by her aunt Evelyn(William) Herman, uncle and aunt Robert and Tana Herman of Lena, Il, and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her aunts and uncles, Leah and George Erner, Betty and Gerald Dole, Mildred and Earle Drane, Lola and Dr. W. George Sterk, Beatrice and Kenneth Knight, William Herman, and cousins: Kurt Edler and Allen J. Pax.

Visitation will be Saturday, May 18, at 9-11 a.m., followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home, Stockton, Il. A memorial has been established to add books to the

school libraries in Cass and Shelby counties which Karen served, to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, and the Wesley United Methodist Church.

## Stockton Wesley UMC Mother/Daughter potluck

Due to many date conflicts we have had to move the Stockton Wesley United Methodist Women's Mother/Daughter potluck to June 2, at 5 p.m.

Please bring food to share, table service and drinks will be furnished. To make sure we have adequate seating, please call 815-947-3375 to make reservations by May 29.

We hope the date change does not keep anyone away. Hope to see you then. Everyone is welcome, can also be a friend, grandmother, sister etc., anyone you would like to share the evening and a good meal with. A program will follow the meal.

Please join us for Worship at 10:45 any Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

The church is located on the corner of Hudson and Benton Street and is handicap accessible.

For information call Pastor Chuck at 815-947-2541 or check our website [stocktonwumc.org](http://stocktonwumc.org) or Facebook Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church.

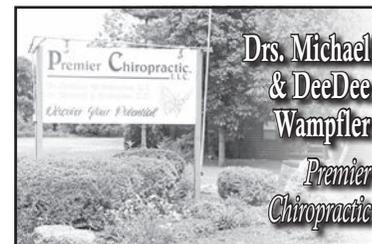
## Friends of the Pec schedule May meeting

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant & Catering, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena, Illinois. The meeting will be held in the Cafe' Dining Room with our President, Joe Ginger presiding. Great atmosphere, great food and POPCORN too!

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit organization that is dedicated to improving all 58 miles of your Pecatonica River experience. This includes access, education, wildlife habitat, log jam extraction and river clean-up for the human communities in Stephenson County.

Would you like to learn more? The FPRF is available to attend your

# Why you should be concerned about a curve in your neck



Some of the strongest and most sturdy structures in the world contain arcs. Buildings, bridges, and doorways often include arches in order to sustain the forces continually acting upon them. The longevity of these structures, both new and historic, depend on sustaining the design for hundreds of years. Structures tend to maintain their strength and resilience until the first signs surface that one of the arches began to weaken.

The model reflects human biomechanics. The most important structures in the body contain arcs. The human spine comprises the most important arches of all. The spine requires three important curves (as viewed from the side) for optimal health.

The curvatures make the spine

stronger and more durable. Losing curves in the spine alters function in the body and predisposes the bones and discs to unnecessary wear and tear making it weaker.

Loss of spinal curves usually occurs slowly over years or decades due to poor posture and ergonomics, but can be rapidly changed from car accidents, and sport injuries.

Abnormal spinal curves create cosmetic changes which affect appearance and posture but the most harmful result of losing curvature degrees comes from the damage done to nerve and blood flow. Loss of neck curve alone associates with decreased vertebral artery hemodynamics. This means a loss of appropriate neck curve reduces blood flow to specific parts of the brain and body.

Patients entering Chiropractic or medical offices with a loss of neck curve experience greater risk for increased spinal cord and nerve tension, pain, disability, poor health, and lowered quality-of-life. The increased stress points stemming from a reduced spinal curvature lead to increased vertebral stress, providing the basis for vertebral compression, osteoarthritis, and even bone spur formation. The muscles and soft tissue which supports the neck must work harder to compensate for biomechanical instability. Soft tissue weakness and damage eventually begin to materialize and amplify the original problem.

Chiropractors pay close attention to the health of spinal curves by evaluating the structure and range of motion of the spine. X-rays prove valuable in locating trouble spots and assessing the need for care. Very few

Chiropractors specialize in evaluating and correcting spinal curvature and motion to restore proper nerve and blood flow. Clinical trials show that correction of the cervical curve improves a vast array of symptoms and conditions. A 2019 study utilized Magnetic Resonance Angiogram (MRA) to measure cerebral blood flow before and after taking steps to improve the neck curve. Decreased neck curvature also reflected decreased blood flow on MRA reports. Correction of the neck curve resulted in an immediate and significant increase in the amount of cerebral blood flowing to and from the brain. The results proved consistent with the notion that biomechanics influence physiology.

Scientific evidence continues to emphasize the value of Chiropractic care for those with or without the manifestation of negative health symptoms. Proactive care for the spine and nervous system prove essential

to long term health care. The curves in the spine play an important role in spinal health, spinal longevity, and whole-body health. Every spine in every person deserves the care and attention needed for a vibrant future full of life and health.

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# Orangeville softball

Tori Plowman shows patience as she watches an outside ball.

(Right) Tori Crop toys with the infield on the lead off from first.

(Below) Katelun Boomgarden pitches a solid game against Verona at the Monroe Softball Invite.



## 2019 Orangeville Prom royalty

Congratulations to the Orangeville 2019 Prom king and queen, Carter Kleckler and Emily George.

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## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY19 LIHEAP and Weatherization Assistance Programs

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

**HOME HEATING ENERGY ASSISTANCE IS STILL AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY 31, 2019**

If you have not applied for LIHEAP assistance during this program year which began October 1, 2018 or were previously denied for assistance, you may call the office to set up an appointment to apply.

If you have received LIHEAP assistance but now have a disconnect notice on your gas and/or electric bill, you may call the office to see if you are eligible for additional assistance.

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

- NICAA Main Office- Freeport • Stockton Banking Center
- Warren Township Library • Hanover Village Hall
- Citizens State Bank of Lena • East Dubuque Library
- Illinois Bank & Trust- Galena Downtown
- German-American State Bank – German Valley

**Income Guidelines:** To qualify, a household must have a 30 day gross income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level shown below for 30 days prior to and including the application date.

- 1 person household - \$1,518      2 person household - \$2,058
- 3 person household - \$2,598      4 person household - \$3,138
- Add \$540 for each additional person in the household

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

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days including the application date including pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Current heat and electric bills issued and disconnect notices you have received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt
- Proof of homeownership, tax bill, or title (for mobile home) is required for weatherization assistance

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## Confirmation Day

The Lord's many blessings to the Lena St John Lutheran' confirmands. Congratulations. May the Lord bless you and keep you always.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited on May 12, to Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL as we gather for the Good Shepherd Sunday worship with Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. Join us for singing Psalm 23 and hearing the story of Peter raising Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9). Choir will sing in the service. There will be fellowship hour with refreshments and treats after the service. Sunday school children will meet at 10:45 a.m. for songs, learning the Bible stories, prayers and fun.

On Monday May 13, The Parkinson Support Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. Stephanie Snider, physical therapist from FHN will present "LVST" Bag Program".

On Tuesday May 14, at 9:45 a.m. Good Shepherd will meet for Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center.

On Wednesday May 15, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

On Thursday May 16, Good Shepherd will meet at 1 p.m. Friendship Center for Devotions and Desert.

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

### Salem United Church of Christ

At Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, on Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day, Pastor Randal's sermon will be "What the Sheep See" based on scripture from John 10:22-30. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday School children continue their "train ride on The Gospel Train," discussing the Rules to Live By that are given in God's Word.

Baby bottles will be available to pick up on Mother's Day May 12, for collecting coins and pocket change to support the Freeport Pregnancy Center and their work in the community. These coin-filled bottles will be returned on Father's Day, June 16.

Bookworms Reading Group will meet at Mary Gerbode's home on Monday, May 13, to discuss "Map of the Heart" by Susan Wiggs, with Sharon Hummermeier leading the discussion.

The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group meets at the Country Junction, 1669 Willard Drive in Freeport on Wednesday, May 15, at 8 a.m.

Cookies and granola bars are being collected at the church in May for the Lena Food Pantry.

### St. John's Lutheran Church (Pearl City) to host VBS

You're welcome to attend worship on the Fourth Sunday of Easter on May 12 at 9 a.m. The Joy Choir will be singing their final songs for this school year and will include a tribute to Moms. The Stewardship & Outreach and the the Memorial & Finance Committees will meet after worship. Sunday School, Confirmation and Young Adult Hour will also meet after worship.

It's time for Vacation Bible School! St. John's will host a VeggieTales VBS on June 4-8, 2018 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](http://www.StJohnsPearlCity.org/VBS) or at the church. You may also contact St. John's and request a registration form sent to you.

The May Grace Meal will be held on May 19. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Luther Hall.

Congratulations to the Brianne Freedlund, Pearl City, IL, for winning the the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on April 28.

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 United Methodist Church

The Willow United Methodist Church will worship Sunday, May 12, at 9 a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be bringing the message on this Mothers Day! All are invited and welcome to stay for fellowship after the message followed by Sunday School at 10:30. We are use the Upper Room daily devotional and God's Word. All are invited and welcome to this time too.

Willow UMC is located seven miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow RD. For more information, please call Pastor Chuck at 815-947-2541.

## First Presbyterian Church of Apple River to stage Gospel Music Night

The First Presbyterian Church of Apple River, Il will be hosting the first Gospel Music Night of the Season, May 12, beginning at 7- 8:30 p.m. The featured musician will be Tyger Johnson "One Man Band". The program will be as usual, with the second portion for open mic, anyone wishing to share their music is welcome.

The last portion of the evening is a sing-a-long, time to sing your favorite songs. This is also Mother's Day; plan a special evening for someone special.

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### Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Single Family Rehab Program with Roof Only Option

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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# Development group hosts informational session in Lena

By Tony Carton  
EDITOR

About 60 area residents were in attendance Wednesday when John Cronin, a founding partner with North Arrow Partners of Villa Park, IL staged an informational meeting to discuss a possible development project in Lena.

North Arrow Partners is a full architectural and general contracting firm specializing in innovative multifamily communities. From new construction to renovation upgrades, we approach all of our work—and partnerships—with technical mastery informed by sound principles and imaginative design.

“We are looking to develop a parcel of property here in Lena,” said Cronin. “It’s across from Sullivan’s Foods and is a vacant parcel of approximately four and a quarter acres. It is currently zoned for multifamily and we are looking at the prospect of building some townhouses there. There will be approximately 31 townhomes and we are applying for financing right now. It is a competitive process.”

He said North Arrow is applying with the Illinois Housing Authority for federal tax credit financing. These nonrefundable federal housing tax credits are awarded to developers of qualified rental projects

via a competitive application process administered by state housing finance authorities. Developers typically sell their tax credits to outside investors in exchange for equity in the project. Selling the tax credits reduces the debt developers would otherwise have to incur and the equity they would otherwise have to contribute. With lower financing costs, tax credit properties can potentially offer lower, more affordable rents.

“That would be one source of financing for the project,” he said. “The residences we are proposing are not apartments. They are the townhouse style. The concept is approximately 4 townhouse buildings each seven or eight individual townhomes.”

Cronin explained this proposed town home style as residence having its own entrance.

“These residences would be one and two story,” said Cronin. “There would be a mix of one, two, and three bedroom townhomes. I am an architect by training and I care very much about how a project looks and how it fits into the context of a community, and how it’s durable, and how it is aesthetically pleasing. That’s important to me and that’s something I would really want to impart on this project should it get

funded and have your support.”

He said four of the units will be specifically designed with full accessibility for persons with mobility issues.

“I think that what we have to offer here is that we really like Lena and think it’s a very nice town with a strong and thriving economy and we would really like to be here, but there is a lack of new and affordable townhomes and rental properties and there is a demand here from what we understand” Cronin said, adding that the data used in their decision was collected by the real estate consultancy Development Strategies, a St. Louis MO. firm formed in 1988 as an interdisciplinary team to provide advisory services in real estate, community and economic development for business, corporate, government, non-profit and institutional

clients; more specifically by Brad Beggs who is principal-in-charge of Development Strategies’ real estate consulting division and also leads the firm’s appraisal practice.

“I’m here to respond to a need that’s here and had been identified,” Cronin said. “There is a lack and there is a demand. These townhomes are for people that are here in Lena already. We are not looking to import people from other communities. There is a need here for new rental homes and we’re here to hopefully deliver something that would be appropriate, tasteful and a benefit to the community.

He said North Arrow does not self-perform and is looking at the project as an investment of approximately seven million dollars in construction costs.

“It’s very important to us that we

have local partners, so we are looking to retain and hire subcontractors and material suppliers all from this area, so we intend to invest in this community in those areas as well,” Cronin said. “We will be paying property taxes which we estimate to be in the area of \$25,000 a year plus utility expenses of another \$17,000 a year. This is an investment in the community that we are excited about the prospect of making.”



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uation. Home schooled graduates must have completed all requirements for graduation.

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

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Aiden Cahill pushes to the end of the dash.



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## Stockton track and field

Zach Cook glides over the hurdles.



Conner Vincent is ready to hand off to Case Harmston.



Patrick Mensendike completes the hand off to Trace Williamson.

## Pearl City softball

(Right) Tia Clark delivers her first K for Pearl City during the Monroe Softball Invite.

(Below) Miss Stagger eyes the location of the ball while rounding second on the passed ball.



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(Above) The 2019 Stockton Prom Court king and queen are Kaige Brown, Tyler Barch.



(Left) Trace Williamson and Kendall Schulz agree, this is going to be a great Prom.



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## 2019 Stockton Prom

Queen Kaige Brown and Abby Weber look beautiful.

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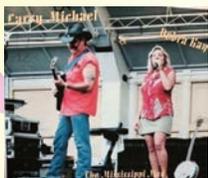
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# Musical celebration at First United Methodist Church, Elizabeth

United Methodist Pastor Rich Rubietta from Park Ridge, Illinois will lead a special musical service of worship hosted by First United Methodist Church, Elizabeth during their 9 a.m. Worship Service on May 12. Rubietta is a songwriter and worship consultant who conducts high-energy, interactive worship experiences which include audience participation and upbeat versions of familiar Hymns and original material.

A graduate of Northwestern University with a degree in Music and an Illinois Arts Council ArtsTour artist, Rubietta has been offering new styles to traditional Church Hymns and songs. "I'm finding that folks in the church of all ages and all denominations are

yearning to sing their faith using music that moves them on a deeper emotional and spiritual level," he says. "My goal is give everyone freedom to try new things or not, without any pressure. As long as the local musicians and I can facilitate an experience that helps people feel God's presence, then it's mission accomplished!"

He and his wife, Jane, have three children together. Jane is the author of popular devotional books like best-seller Quiet Places, Worry Less - Live More (both on UMW Recommended Reading List) and Finding Your Dream, and is an International, cross-denominational speaker.

Rev. Rubietta has produced the CD called Quiet Places: God's Music to Restore Your Soul, which is a companion resource to accompany the book. The songs on the CD are meditative, musical arrangements of scriptures, one for each chapter in the book. His CD for Children and the young at heart, Room 4U & Me received Parents' Choice Approved award and contains Character Education songs from his Public School Music Assemblies.

## Galena Food Pantry is looking for volunteers

The Galena Food Pantry needs volunteers for its food distribution days on the second and fourth Thursdays each month (except holidays). According to Volunteer Coordinator Celeste Mancini, "Some of the long-term volunteers wish to retire, so anyone interested may sign up for one or both days each month."

The Galena Food Pantry is an all-volunteer ministry of the United Churches of Galena that distributes food to individuals meeting low income requirements. The Pantry is located in the basement of Illinois Bank & Trust (rear entrance), 971 Gear St., Galena, and is open Noon - 4:30 p.m. those two Thursdays.

Additional volunteer opportunities are available on distribution day mornings for able-bodied individuals to help retrieve food donations from Piggly Wiggly and Walmart, and on the first Monday morning of each month to help receive food deliveries from Riverbend Foodbank. Individuals with pickup trucks are especially desired.

For details on volunteering for the Galena Food Pantry and more information on the Pantry itself, go to [www.galenafoodpantry.org](http://www.galenafoodpantry.org), or phone 563-590-7064.



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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-08749.

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## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT Road & Bridge Fund

To the Board of Trustees, Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois.

I, Brian Diddens Highway Commissioner of Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

BEGINNING BALANCE

April 1, 2018	\$34,659.44
REVENUES	
Property Tax	82,645.83
Replacement Tax	3,335.33
Stephenson County	244.50
Village of Lena	3,000.00
Fines	408.50
Insurance	2,350.00
TOTAL	
REVENUES	<u>91,984.16</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Roads	63,351.24
Repairs	20,883.52
Utilities	889.85
Fuel & Oil	13,247.83
Wages	5,096.66
TOTAL	
EXPENDITURES	<u>105,300.37</u>
ENDING BALANCE	
March 31, 2019	<u>21,343.23</u>

An inventory of all tools with a present value in excess of \$200, equipment and vehicles owned by the district and state of repair of these tools, machinery and equipment.

Any additional matter concerning the roads.

The Highway Commissioner shall present this report to the Board of Trustees within 30 days before the Annual Town Meeting. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/6-201.15)

Subscribed and sworn to this 3rd day of May, 2019.

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## ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT Town Fund

To the Highway Commissioner, Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois.

I, Brian Diddens Supervisor of Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

April 1, 2018	\$73,862.40
REVENUES	
Property Tax	54,601.59
Replacement Tax	3,449.86
Interest Income	181.70
IRS	508.47
Susan Mendosa	387.26
County Board	320.00
Misc.	934.50
TOTAL	
REVENUES	<u>60,383.38</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Administration	
Wages	39,819.49
Publishing	631.36
Misc.	893.96
Accounting	2,779.86

TOTAL	
EXPENDITURES	<u>44,124.67</u>
ENDING BALANCE	
March 31, 2019	<u>90,121.11</u>

The treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/66-205)

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## HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT Relief Fund

To the Board of Trustees, Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois

I, Brian Diddens Highway Commissioner of Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

BEGINNING BALANCE	
April 1, 2018	\$38,871.78
REVENUES	
Property Tax	4,463.08
Interest Income	77.66
transfer to CDs	
TOTAL	
REVENUES	<u>\$4,540.74</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Maintenance Relief	896.25
Bank CD	30,000.00

TOTAL	
EXPENDITURES	<u>\$30,896.25</u>
ENDING BALANCE	
March 31, 2019	<u>\$12,516.27</u>
CDs	\$30,000.00

The estimate of undetermined liabilities: \$42,516.27

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Any additional matter concerning the roads.

The Highway Commissioner shall present this report to the Board of Trustees within 30 days before the Annual Town Meeting. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/6-201.15)

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## ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT Liability Fund

To the Highway Commissioner, Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois.

I, Brian Diddens Treasurer of Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

BEGINNING BALANCE	
April 1, 2018	\$9,570.37
REVENUES	
Property Tax	6,414.63
Interest Income	9.41
Miscellaneous Income	
Refund	767.00

Transfer to CDs	
TOTAL	
REVENUES	<u>7,186.04</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Insurance	5,079.00
TOTAL	
EXPENDITURES	<u>5,079.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	
March 31, 2019	<u>11,677.41</u>

The treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/66-205)

Subscribed and sworn to this 3rd day of May, 2019.

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## ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT Cemetery Fund

To the Highway Commissioner, Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois.

I, Brian Diddens Treasurer of Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

BEGINNING BALANCE	
April 1, 2018	\$14,823.65
REVENUES	
Property Tax	1,736.87
Interest Income	14.86
TOTAL	
REVENUES	<u>1,751.73</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Administration	
Cemetery	1,000.00
TOTAL	
EXPENDITURES	<u>1,000.00</u>

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## LEGALS

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**ENDING BALANCE**  
 March 31, 2019 15,575.38  
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### HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT Culvert Fund

To the Board of Trustees, Erin Township, Stephenson County, Illinois  
 I, Brian Diddens Highway Commissioner of Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

**BEGINNING BALANCE**  
 April 1, 2018 \$27,847.85  
**REVENUES**  
 Property Tax 4,366.02  
 Interest Income 60.96  
**TOTAL REVENUES** \$4,426.98  
**ENDING BALANCE**  
 March 31, 2019 \$32,274.63

An inventory of all tools with a present value in excess of \$200, equipment and vehicles owned by the district and state of repair of these tools, machinery and equipment.  
 Any additional matter concerning the roads.

The Highway Commissioner shall present this report to the Board of Trustees within 30 days before the Annual Town Meeting. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper. (605 ILCS 5/6-201.15)

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### ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

**Building & Equipment Fund**  
 To the Highway Commissioner, Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois.  
 I, Brian Diddens Treasurer of Erin Road District, Stephen-

son County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

**BEGINNING BALANCE**  
 April 1, 2018 \$7,888.72  
**REVENUES**  
 Interest Income 13.38  
**TOTAL REVENUES** 13.38  
**ENDING BALANCE**  
 March 31, 2019 7,902.10

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### ROAD DISTRICT TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

**Street Maintenance Fund**  
 To the Highway Commissioner, Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois.

I, Brian Diddens Treasurer of Erin Road District, Stephenson County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

**BEGINNING BALANCE**  
 April 1, 2018 \$40,101.61  
**REVENUES**  
 Interest Income 97.18  
**TOTAL REVENUES** 97.18  
 Transfer to 2 -  
 \$15,000 CD's 30,000.00  
**ENDING BALANCE**  
 March 31, 2019 10,198.79  
 C.D. 30,000.00  
40,198.79

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## Blenders and More!

According to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturer, 90 percent of households report owning at least one personal or full-sized blender. With blenders continuing to be a staple in many homes and the use of blenders becoming more frequent, many are wondering how to get the most out of their blender.

If you enjoy pureed soups and smoothies, or are thinking about making your own baby food, then this class may be for you! Or, perhaps you are simply looking for fun and healthy ideas on how to use your blender.

Join University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for Blenders and More! During this workshop, we will explore how a tried and true kitchen appliance continues to be a versatile staple in the kitchen. Participants will learn food safety, the difference between juicing and blending, we will look at different blending appliances as well as sample delicious and fun recipes!

This program will be held Wednesday, June 5, from 1-3 p.m. at the Senior Activity Center, 216 E. Stephenson Street, Freeport. There is a \$5 fee which will cover the educational supplies. Pre-registration is required by Monday, June 3. To register or for more information call our office at 815-235-4125 or visit us online at [web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw).

## BEACH'S SUPPER CLUB

Sunday, May 12

# Mother's Day

Limited Menu Featuring  
**STUFFED PORK CHOPS & PRIME RIB**

Serving 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Call 815-369-4630 for Reservations

Mother's will receive a Complimentary Piece of Cake

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The Le-Win Boosters Present

# The PANTHER OPEN

In Memory of Dr. Morrison

## June 15, 2019

Each participant will receive 18 holes of golf, a cart, drinks, door prizes, free food on the course, brisket dinner after golf, great raffle prizes and more!

### Contests & Awards

Putting Contest  
 \$10,000 Hole-in-One  
 Longest Drive  
 Closest to the Pin  
 Hole Contests  
 Flight Awards

Cost - Before June 1st

\$75 per person

\$55 for members

After June 1st

\$85 per person

\$65 for members

Must be 18 to play

All proceeds from the Panther Open will benefit the Le-Win Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, and the David Morrison Memorial Scholarship

This year we will be offering additional dinner tickets at \$20 per person for anyone who wants to join us for great food and music after golf.

Questions?? Contact Michelle Weegens  
 815-291-9946 or [lweboosters@le-win.net](mailto:lweboosters@le-win.net)

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## Monroe Clinic to hold 'Art of Healing' art reception

On Thursday, May 16, the Monroe Clinic is hosting an art reception featuring Sarah Aslakson. Alakson began watercolor paintings in the late 70's, exhibiting throughout the US. "My exhibit at the Monroe Clinic is a retrospective of my journey throughout my art career, representing the themes and styles I have used along the way," said Aslakson.

The reception will take place in the Monroe Clinic Hospital Lobby from 4:30 to 6 PM with Gallery Talk at 5:15 PM. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Monroe Clinic's "Art of Healing" exhibit provides patients and visitors with an enriched visual experience proven to advance healing through opportunities for reflection and artistic interpretation. The art will be on display until August 15.

Monroe Clinic and the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation have partnered with the Monroe Art Center since 2013 to provide patients, visitors and staff with quarterly exhibitions in the Hospital building. "Art can aid in patient recovery, reduce the need for pain medication, promote shorter hospital stays and reduce patient and caregiver stress," said Jane Sybers, Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation Executive Director.

For more information about the Monroe Arts Center Gallery Program visit [www.monroeartscenter.com](http://www.monroeartscenter.com).

## College news

### Broge chosen to participate in Monmouth College's Honors Program

Kenneth Broge, from Lena, who is majoring in elementary education, was chosen to participate in Monmouth College's prestigious Honors Program. The Honors Program is designed for intellectually curious, motivated and disciplined students who are seeking an intellectual community in which they can thrive.

Founded in 1853, Monmouth College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement, the college offers 38 majors, 42 minors, 17 pre-professional tracks, and two innovative Triads in Global Food Security and Global Public Health.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The snow is gone again. I picked my asparagus before the snow, and it was delicious. I am hoping some more will come. I had put away my snow scraper, but it is in my front seat once again. Perhaps if I keep it there, the snow will stay away. If the weather turns warmer, we can enjoy some of the spring recipes in this week's column.

The first recipe is a different take on cabbage slaw. You will like the easy preparation because it uses prepared raspberry vinaigrette. The color of this is fantastic if you are serving a dinner. Enjoy this unique cabbage slaw.

## Ruby Raspberry Slaw

2 C. shredded red cabbage  
2 C. shredded green cabbage  
1 C. shredded carrots  
¼ C. prepared raspberry vinaigrette  
3 T. mayonnaise  
¼ t. pepper

In a large bowl, combine the cabbages and carrots. In a small bowl whisk the vinaigrette, mayo, and pepper until blended. Add to cabbage mixture and toss to coat. Refrigerate mixture, covered for at least 10 minutes and up until 2 hours. Top with fresh raspberries if desired.

This recipe should have been given to you during Lent. It is tasty and easy to make. Thaw the cod and trim the asparagus; add the cherry tomatoes (Most of the time I use grape tomatoes when they call for cherry.), add the lemon and cheese and you have a beautiful fish dinner.

## Cod and Asparagus Bake

4 cod fillets (4 oz. each)  
1 lb. fresh thin asparagus, trimmed  
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved  
2 T. lemon juice  
½ t. grated lemon zest  
¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 375. Place cod and asparagus on a jelly roll baking sheet brushed with oil. Add the tomatoes. Brush fish with lemon juice, and sprinkle with lemon zest. Sprinkle fish and vegetables with cheese. Bake until fish flakes easily with a fork, about 12 minutes. Remove from oven; preheat broiler. Broil cod mixture 3 to 4 inches from heat until vegetables are lightly browned, about 2 to 3 minutes.

This chicken recipe is as easy as the cod one was. You can substitute penne or mostaccioli pasta for the ziti; you just need a tubular pasta. The use of the rotisserie chicken cuts down on preparation time. The original recipe has you discarding the carcass of the chicken. Put it in a pot with some celery, onions, and

carrots. Season with salt and pepper, and bring it to a boil. Simmer the pot for about an hour, and the carcass makes great chicken stock. The fresh spinach with the chicken and pasta makes for a really tasty and "pretty" meal.

## Creamy Chicken Florentine Bake

½ C. whole milk  
1 C. half-and-half  
½ C. mozzarella cheese  
½ lb. ziti pasta, cooked according to package directions.  
2 C. fresh baby spinach  
1 rotisserie chicken, meat shredded, skin and bones discarded  
1 can (14 oz.) quartered artichoke hearts, drained  
2 C. cherry or grape tomatoes, halved  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
½ t. salt  
1 C. shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 400. Spray a deep 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large saucepan, bring milk and half-and-half to boil over medium heat; cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Stir in mozzarella until melted and sauce has thickened slightly. Stir in cooked pasta and spinach.

In a large bowl, stir together pasta mixture, chicken, artichokes, tomatoes, garlic, and salt until well combined. Pour into prepared pan and cover with foil. Bake until hot and bubbly, about 20 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake until cheese is melted, about 10 minutes more. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Serves 8 to 10.

Do you still have some ham in the freezer from Easter? These sandwiches are a great meal for company or Sunday night supper. I have used this recipe with Hawaiian rolls, and it is really good.

## Hot Pineapple Sandwiches

2 cans (20 oz. each) unsweetened crush pineapple, undrained  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
¾ C. packed brown sugar  
¼ C. Dijon mustard  
2 T. cornstarch  
2 T. water  
2½ lbs. thinly sliced ham  
10 slices Swiss cheese or cheddar cheese

10 Kaiser rolls, split  
Mix pineapple, onion, brown sugar and mustard together. Place half of the mixture in a 5-quart slow cooker; top with half of the ham. Repeat layers. Cook, covered, on low until heated through, 3-4 hours. Using tongs, remove ham from slow cooker, leaving pineapple mixture behind; keep warm. In a saucepan, mix cornstarch and water until smooth. Stir in pineapple mixture and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered until mixture is slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Serve ham, pineapple mixture and cheese on rolls.

This rhubarb recipe makes a really nice and moist bread. Just a reminder that if your rhubarb leaves

have had any frost on them, cut them down and throw away the leaves. Let the rhubarb grow new. The frosted leaves are poisonous, so please do not eat them. Also, rhubarb can be used all summer long if you cut it off before it turns to seed. If you have been to a Farmer's Market in August, this is what the growers did to keep getting fresh rhubarb.

## Rhubarb Cinnamon-nut Bread

½ C. sugar  
½ C. finely chopped toasted pecans or walnuts  
2 t. cinnamon  
2 C. flour  
1 t. baking powder  
½ t. salt  
1 egg  
1 C. milk  
⅓ C. vegetable oil  
1 C. chopped fresh rhubarb

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease and flour bottom and ½ inch up sides of 5 x 9 baking loaf pan. Stir together ½ cup of sugar, the pecans and cinnamon in small bowl. Stir together the flour, baking powder, salt and remaining cup of sugar in a large bowl. In another bowl, beat egg with a fork; stir in milk and oil. Add egg mixture to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter will be lumpy). Fold in rhubarb. Spoon half of batter into prepared pan, then sprinkle with half of cinnamon mixture. Repeat with remaining batter and cinnamon mixture. Using a table knife or thin metal spatula, cut down through the batter and pull up in a circular motion to marble the cinnamon mixture.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 55 to 60 minutes. Transfer pan to a wire rack and let cool 10 minutes. Remove bread and let cool completely on rack. Wrap with plastic wrap and let stand overnight at room temperature before slicing. It will keep up to 3 days wrapped and at room temperature or

frozen up to 3 months in a zip-top plastic bag.

If you need a small batch of soft cookies in a hurry, this peanut butter recipe is a good one to have on hand. Use creamy peanut butter instead of crunchy. The recipe says to use Skippy; our family was a Skippy family, but I think you could use Jiff if you are a Jiff family. Do not use natural or homemade peanut butter. I think you will like the taste of honey in these cookies.

## Chewy Peanut Butter Cookies

½ C. flour  
1 t. baking soda  
½ t. salt  
½ C. packed brown sugar  
1 C. Skippy Creamy Peanut Butter  
2 eggs  
4 T. unsalted butter, melted and cooled  
2 T. honey  
1 t. vanilla  
½ C. dry-roasted peanuts, finely chopped

Preheat the oven to 350. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk flour, baking soda, and salt together in a medium bowl. In a large bowl, whisk sugar, butter, peanut butter, eggs, melted butter, honey and vanilla until smooth. Add flour mixture and stir with a rubber spatula until soft dough forms. Stir in peanuts until evenly distributed.

Working with 2 tablespoons, place dough into balls and evenly space on prepared sheets (12 balls per sheet). Using your fingers, gently flatten dough balls until 2 inches in diameter. Bake cookies, one sheet at a time, until edges are just set and just beginning to brown, 10 to 12 minutes, rotating sheet after 6 minutes. Let cookies cool on sheet for 5 minutes. Using wide metal spatula, transfer cookies to wire rack and let cool completely before serving.

Makes 2 dozen.

I know that everyone I talk to is bored with the weather. We are still looking for some sunshine. I don't know if my asparagus will recover from the snow; I am hoping so. This past weekend was the Kentucky Derby. The favored horse was pulled, so people who have already made bets are scrambling. It is good that I am not a betting person because as the saying goes: if I had any luck at all, it would be bad. Sometimes the TODAY show will have a preview of the Derby, and I love to look at hats. The race is very short, and it really doesn't interest me to watch it. The rerun of the race is really good enough for me. Next weekend is Mother's Day. Time got away from me, so you will get some brunch recipes in the future. Maybe by the time the column comes out, we will be thinking about planting flower pots and some vegetables in a garden. The soil will have to dry up for those things to happen. We continue to look for some spring 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

## FHN offering Heartsaver® First Aid Class

Learn how to be prepared for an emergency with FHN's hands-on Heartsaver® First Aid, CPR & AED class.

The course is designed for anyone who wants to learn the critical skills needed to respond to and manage an emergency until emergency medical services arrive. Skills to be covered include first aid, adult CPR, choking relief, opioid-related life-threatening emergencies, and proper Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use for adults, children, and infants based on the American Heart Association guidelines.

The course will be held from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. The cost is \$60, which includes a student workbook and a CPR certification card that is valid for two years. Registration is required. For more information and to register, visit [www.fhn.org/heartsaver-first-aid-cpr-aed.asp](http://www.fhn.org/heartsaver-first-aid-cpr-aed.asp) or call FHN's Center of Innovative Learning at 815-599-6707.

## Adult Programming at Elizabeth Township Public Library

Starting in April, the Elizabeth Library will begin a series of programs for adults. The first and third Thursday of each month will be open for adults to come into the library for community chats and scheduled programs from 5 to 7 p.m. The first Thursday of each month will be an open forum, a chance for people to come in, relax and discuss community events and activities. We encourage everyone to bring a hobby or pastime with them. If you knit or crochet, bring it along. There may be a person who wants to learn how to do that. Play checkers? Bring your checkerboard and a partner for some out-of-house fun. The Elizabeth Library encourages community members to attend these programs and engage in local conversation or share a joke or two.

"We had intended to start this sooner but the brutal winter weather held us off. Because the winter was seemingly so long, we want people to get out, come into the Library and discuss current events, community activities and just spend an enjoyable hour or two with neighbors and friends" explains Deb Wunsch, Director of the Elizabeth Township Public Library.

On the third Thursday of each month, the Library will have a planned program. Bob Winter will host the first event on April 18, with his vintage phone display. Come in for a look at nostalgia and listen to Bob's commentary on the history of telephone communication in this area. It is fascinating, funny and sure to entertain.

Please attend the first session on April 4, for a fun time planning future programs.

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# Lena Townwide Garage Sales

**107 Grove St.** (in the alley) Thurs 12-5, Fri 7-4, Sat 8-12. Multi family sale, boys/girls clothing, bedding, toys, books, sports equip, Casio keyboard, household items, fresh farm eggs. Much More Added!

**12051 W. Galena Rd** Fri. & Sat. 8-5. Multi Family. Household, furniture, kitchen, dishes, tupperware, collectables, retired PartyLite 12 pcs. Mosaic, clothes, books, vintage toys, outdoors: garden, lawnmowers, snow blower, patio table & 4 chairs, farm primitives, horse tack

**197 Palm Dr** Antique baby bed, cross-cut saws, c-clamps (large & small), c-clamps (large & small), Playing Horse-shoes, new ramps, 13' long galvanized pipes, pipe wrenches, antique surveyors chain, cherry & walnut lumber, bottle capper, Ford Model A Jack, license plates 1934 - up. Cash Only

**201 South St.** May 10th & 11th 7am-2pm. newborn boys clothes, 4t girls clothes, baby swing, furniture, home audio equipment, car audio equipment, snowboard, animal gate, and much more!

**203 E Briarwood Ln** Friday & Saturday - crocks, carnival glass, beer signs, prints, household items, John Deer riding lawnmower, snow blower, chain saw, Nascar items, small tools, power washer, bug zapper, copper boiler, toys and much more

**204 Oak Terrace Ct.** Boys clothing, shoes, baseball cleats, boots, junior adult clothing, 4 wheeler, mine bike, golf cart, 5th wheel camper, guitar stands, razor scooter, like new hoverboard. Too many items to mention! Thurs 4-6, Fri 8-5, Sat 8-12

**205 Chestnut St** Fri & Sat 8 am -?. Many many household items, Christmas decorations, dishes, pots, pans, comforter sets, curtains, hunting items, clothing, tools, misc. Many things!

**211 Lincoln St.** Garage sale located behind house in garage. baby clothes boy NB-5T, girl NB- 2T crib, toys, girl crib bedding, boy toddler bedding, small locking safe, patio set, elliptical machine, snow village houses Fri. 8:15a.m.- 3p.m. Sat. 8a.m.-noon

**214 E Main St** Fri & Sat. Armoire for 43" TV, living room set, table & chairs, stove, lamps, end table, pictures, yarn, electric blower & hedge trimmer, jewelry, baked goods, tire for truck, Lots of stuff! Too much to mention!

**300 Locust ST.** Huge Multi Family 1st Time Sale! Thur 4-6 Fri 8-3. Name Brand clothes! Boys NB-4T, Women, Men, Maternity M-XL, stroller, crib, toys, riding toys, high chair, books, purses. Too Much To List! Adding new Things As We Make Room!

**316 Valley View Drive** SATURDAY ONLY. 9:00 AM -2:00 PM Hunting clothes, decoys, camping gear, furniture, sectional, home decor, boys clothing, misc items.

**4147 N. Sunnyside Rd. Lena** (Rt 20 & Sunnyside) Thurs-Fri-Sat. 9-5 all 3 days. Lots of women's clothes, household items, furniture, lawn & garden, automotive, power & hand tools, 2 power wheel chairs, handicap items, Aluminum cage and hauler for chairs, equalizer hitch, 2000 Chrysler Town & Country

**502 N. Schuyler St.** Fri. & Sat. Antiques, antique knick knacks furniture, drums timbale congas etc., kids vhs tapes, camper, Weber grill

**506 N Center St.** 5/10 9-3 & 5/11 9-1. Tons of boys clothes (10-12) - young men, brand name clothing/shoes, Underarmour, Hollister, AE, JR./women sz Sm- up, Maurices skinny jeans, mens ties, Michael Kors & Coach purses, cleats (football, soccer, baseball), VR glasses, home/yard decor, and tons more.

**548 W. Quail Dr.** Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-12. Household goods, ladies bike, vacuum cleaners, luggage, books, woodworking and wooden boat magazines. And Much More!

**560 W. Fairway Dr.** Thurs. 8-6, Fri. 8-5, Sat. 8-4. Multiple Family Sale. Jewelry, ski machine, weight bench, household items, linens, decorations, pans, rotisserie, women's clothes M-XXL, young men's M-L, men's M=XXL, shoes

**576 Quail Dr.** Fri. 7:30-5 Sat. 7:30-11. area rugs, small oak rocking chair, pack -n -play, pictures, jewelry, purses, clothes, shoes, decor, dishes, queen bedding, books, ready made crafts. Come have a look. Many odds & ends.

**602 Oak St.** Friday & Saturday 8 am - 5 pm. Boat motor, mini-bikes, clocks and clock parts, tools and gun manuals, books, welder, jig saw, grinder, frames, chairs, book case, power tools, ladder, and lots of misc.

**728 Schulyer** Fri. 7:30-5 Sat. 8-4, Large Sale. Disc golf basket, couch, collectibles, vintage items, new crafts, tools & shop supplies, household goods, bedding, DVD's, pictures, jewelry, books, cookbooks, toys, games, infant - adult name brand clothing, MC nursing uniforms

**750 Meadow Ridge LN.** Thurs. 8-4 Fri. 8-4 Multi Family Sale. Way too much to mention! Housewares, clothing kids-adult, toys, games, and more!

**8001 N Rt 73** Thurs. Fri. Sat. 9-5 Antiques, vintage glassware, cookbooks, cake decorating supplies, holiday decorations, kitchen appliances, dishes, Simplicity lawnmower, golf bags/clubs, old coins & currency. 3 miles north of Lena, corner of Manny

**804 S. Logan Street** 5/9 6pm-8pm, 5/10 8am-5pm, 5/11 8am-11am. ANTIQUES: 1800s cradle; Oak Plant Pedestal; Oak Double Bed with dresser w/mirror; Treadle Sewing Machine in oak carved cabinet; ¾ Walnut bed with custom mattress; Oak Blanket Chest; Pine Commode. MISCELLANEOUS: Cook books, kitchen items, Leather purses (Dooney, Coach); White Cradle; Plastic storage bins; New interior paint, new paint supplies EXERCISE: 2 girls roadmaster Bikes; Bowflex Treadclimber; Total Gym- NIB; Pilates Pro Exerciser- NIB YARD: shovels, rakes, gardening tools,

**8795 IL RT 73 N.** No Early Birds! Fri. 8-5 Sat. 8-3. Multi-home Crafts, Tupperware, Rubbermaid storage units, glassware, lawnchair cushions, lots of misc.,

**9358 W. Cedarville Rd.** Antiques, glassware, Vintage lamps, steel wheels, primitives, skis, airhockey table, barn finds, live edge boards, Amish oak chairs, planters, trunks, plants & bulbs, old oil cans, sony tv, Lots More. Half mile east of Lena. Fri. 8-6, Sat. 9-1

**HUGE 3 Family Sale** May 9th-10th. 9-5 May 11th 9-12. 518 W. Fairway. Name Brand Sm Jr clothes, misc. clothes, jewelry, decorations, household, vintage, crafts, puzzles, DVD's, books, boys toys galore, 18" doll clothes, Paris room decor, nice Barbie dolls, greeting cards. Garage Full & Beyond

**Sugarbaker's Boutique** 130 W. Main St. Boutique Business Sale. Overstock sidewalk sale. Also in store sale. 20% off all merchandise. Both days Friday and Saturday 10-4 PM Rain or Shine

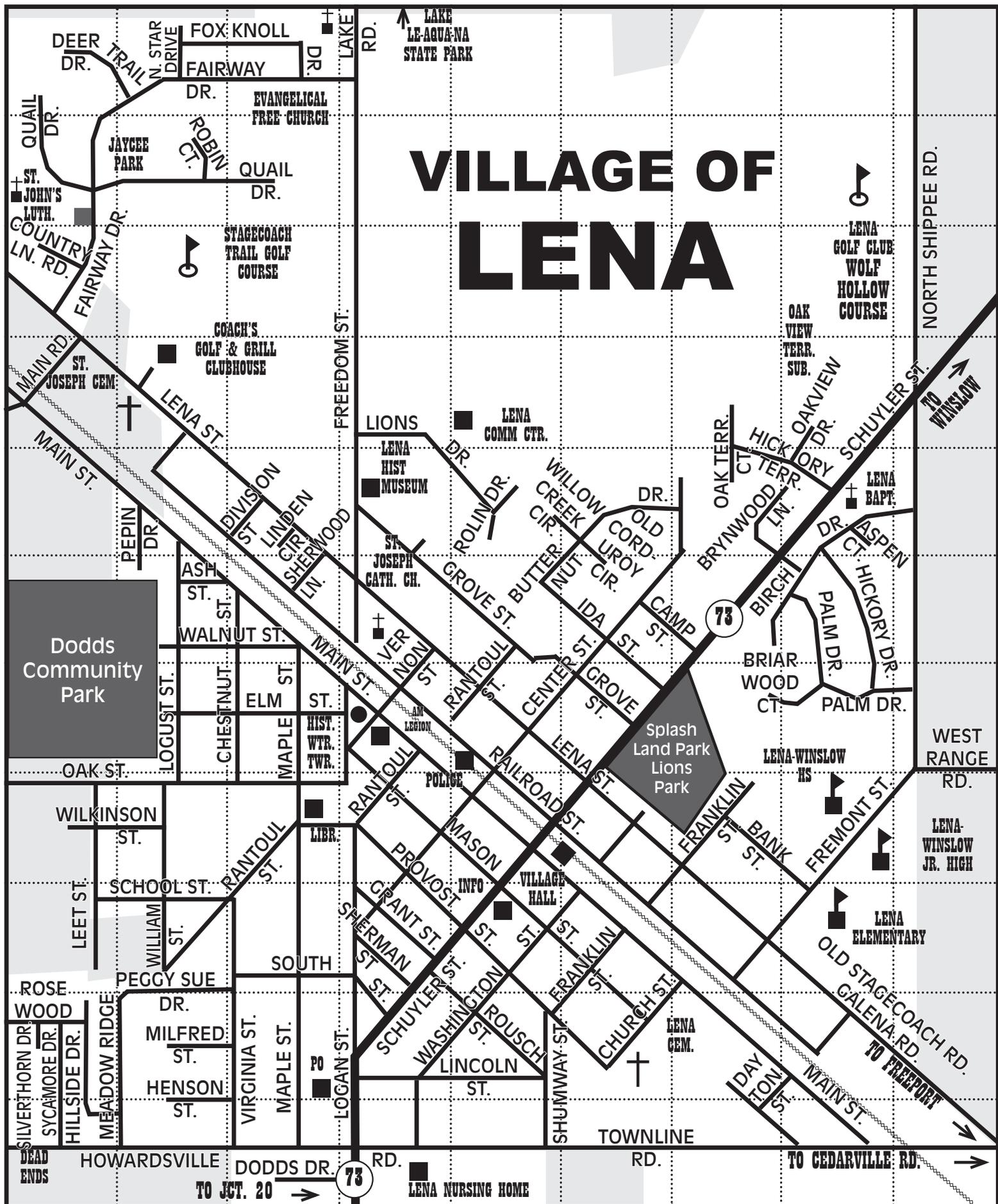


**Garage Sale Shoppers Are On The Move**

**Friday, May 10th  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 11th  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

# Lena Townwide Garage Sales



**Friday, May 10th**  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturday, May 11th**  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Tristan Rood hustles to first base for the out.



Panthers Bradyn Almsy takes the mound Monday against Warren-Stockton.



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## LeWin v Stockton/Warren

Max Amendt applies the tag at home plate for the out.



First baseman Schultz scoops up the groundball to make the out at the base.



Brody Mahon gives a little jump back to pull in the infield fly.

## Lady Panthers fall to Eastland

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

Last Friday the Lena-Winslow Panthers softball team hosted Eastland for the second straight matchup between the two teams. This one was an offensive battle that came down to the end as both offenses put up big numbers.

The Panthers found themselves trailing Eastland 3-0 as they went into the bottom of the second, but they quickly responded and captured the lead for themselves. A double from Kamryn Cain got it all started and eventually brought Ella Brunner to the plate in a run scoring opportunity. She came through with a single to left field which brought in two runs to cut the Eastland lead to one. Soon after a ground ball from Jenna Bidlingmaier forced an Eastland error which allowed another two runs to score and gave Lena-Winslow the 4-3 lead.

Eastland tied things up with a run in the third and eventually put some space between them and the Panthers with four runs in the fourth inning as they went up 8-4. The Panthers would slowly climb back when Jordan Streckwald drove in a run in the bottom of the fifth and they made one last push in the bottom of the seventh when Jaiden Rakowska drove in a run and Ashlyn Almsy hit a line drive to left to bring in a run. Unfortunately, a runner was thrown out when trying to advance which put an end to their comeback hopes as the Panthers eventually fell by a score of 10-7.

Brunner was nearly impossible to get out and led the way offensively going one for two with two rbi's and scoring another run while walking three times. Zoe Johnson pitched all seven innings and struck out three. The Panthers defense was a bit spotty as Johnson allowed only four earned runs which means the other six scored off errors. The Panthers are now 10-8 on their season.

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For more information or to enter the contest, please contact Kathleen Morgan at

[Kathleen@ewtravel.com](mailto:Kathleen@ewtravel.com) or visit [www.appleriverfort.org/wine\\_label\\_contest.html](http://www.appleriverfort.org/wine_label_contest.html).

## Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension schedules May meeting

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# Disney favorites to headline TLP's 2019 season

Timber Lake Playhouse (TLP), the premier professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, opens its 58th consecutive summer season for 2019 on May 11 with the ABBA Tribute Band, Dancing Queen. Artistic Director Paul Stancato and Executive Director Dan Danielowski are busily making preparations for the opening.

The subscription series will begin on May 30 with Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, *Disney's The Little Mermaid* is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages. With music by eight-time Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World." *Disney's The Little Mermaid* is directed and choreographed by Paul Stancato and stars Anna Catherine Smith returns to TLP in the title role.

Following on June 20 is Michael Frayn's *Noises Off*. This farce takes a fond look at the follies of theatre folk, whose susceptibility to out-of-control egos, memory loss, and passionate affairs turn every performance into a high-risk adventure. This play-within-a-play captures a touring theatre troupe's production of *Nothing On* in three stages: dress rehearsal, the opening performance, and a performance towards the end of a debilitating run. Brimming with slapstick comedy, *Noises Off* is a delightful backstage farce, complete with slamming doors, falling trousers, and - of course - flying sardines! Kevin Theis, last summer's director of *Baskerville*, returns to direct *Noises Off*.

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite Brother's Grimm's storybook characters and bring them together in *Into the Woods* for a timeless, yet relevant, piece... and a rare modern classic. The Tony Award-winning book and score are both enchanting and touching. The story follows a Baker and his wife, who wish to have a child; Cinderella, who wishes to attend the King's Festival; and Jack, who wishes his cow would give milk. Will everyone live 'happily ever after'? Find out when TLP's Artistic Director, Paul Stancato, directs this fantastical fairytale of dreams opening on July 5.

In *Mamma Mia!* with book by Catherine Johnson and music by Benny Anderson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. This sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. *Mamma Mia!* is directed by Timothy Hall. Felicia Finley with Broadway credits including *Aida*, *The Wedding Singer* and *Smokey Joe's Café*, will star in the TLP production.

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The summer season will conclude with *Steel Magnolias*, by Robert Harling. *Steel Magnolias* is one of the most popular and successful plays in recent memory. Truzy Jones runs a successful beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies in the neighborhood have a standing

## Orangeville softball player commits to Rockford College

Katie Boomgarden has been a member of the varsity softball team for four years and three years as a starter. In her freshman year Katie was used mainly as a pinch runner. As a sophomore she played primarily as an outfielder. During her Junior and Senior seasons she has played catcher, shortstop and pitcher. Katie was a part of the conference championship teams in 2016 and 2017. She also was a key member of last years regional and sectional championship team. As a junior Katie was 1st team

Saturday appointment. As the women of Chinquapin makes their ways over life's many hurdles together, they find comfort (and a fair amount of verbal ribbing) in one another. Dana Iannuzzi, last summer's director of *Beehive*, returns to direct *Steel Magnolias*. Michelle McKenzie-Voigt (Jeannette in TLP's *The Full Monty*) returns as Clairee and Felicia Finley takes on the role of Truzy.

In September, TLP will bring *Disney's Newsies* with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman and book by Harvey Fierstein to the stage. Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." This Disney film turned Tony-winning Broadway hit inspires everyone to fight for what's right and "Seize the Day." *Disney's Newsies*

NUIC East all conference player and was also named to the 3rd team for the all state team. During that season Katie batted a team high .427 and had a team high 47 hits including 16 doubles. This season Katie is continuing to excel both in hitting and pitching for the Broncos and is planning to continue her softball career at Rockford College next year.

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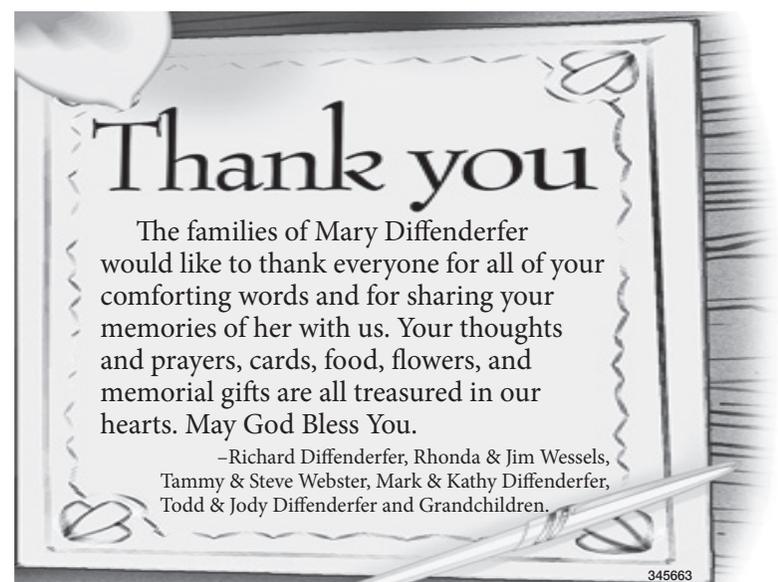
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**Thank you**

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

**The Quest for Jo Daviess County's Best Burger**, sponsored by the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Young Leaders is now underway.

This is how the contest works. Participants can nominate their favorite burger from a restaurant or food service establishment located in Jo Daviess County now through May 15th. The top three restaurants will be announced on May 16, and a second round of online voting will be held to determine a winner. The overall winning restaurant will win a plaque and a Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

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Each online voter will be entered for a drawing to win a \$50 gift certificate. The winning restaurant will be announced on the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Facebook page as well as other media sources.

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Annette Eggers

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**Farm Fun Fact:** May is National Hamburger Month.

## IDOA receives over 350 hemp applications

At 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced it would begin accepting applications for growers and processors of industrial hemp. Almost immediately, a steady flow of applications began coming in to the department's website with more than 350 applications being received in the first two days. IDOA staff immediately began reviewing the applications — the first step in the approval process.

"We are extremely pleased with number of applications the Department received in the first two days; the applications were made available to the public," said John Sullivan, Director IDOA. "Pleased, but not necessarily surprised given the incredible amount of interest from potential growers and processors over the last several months. The IDOA staff worked tirelessly to ensure the rules and regulations were finished in time to plant hemp this spring-I appreciate their hard work."

"We predicted there would be a lot of interest, but the turnout has been phenomenal," said Jeff Cox, Bureau Chief of Medicinal Plants at IDOA. "I'm thrilled with how smoothly the application process has gone so far and our staff has been working non-stop to review and approve the applications."



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