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## The what, when and why of permitting

As the spring building season ramps up, the Jo Daviess County Planning & Development Department would like to take this opportunity to provide continuing education to the public regarding the building permit process.

### What Requires Permits

If you live in the unincorporated area of Jo Daviess County, you will need to get your building permit from the County Planning & Development office. If you reside within a municipality, you should always check with your local officials regarding their rules of construction. Some of the things that would trigger a permit in the unincorporated areas of the County are:

- Any New Structure (over 120 Sq. Ft.)
- House
- Accessory Building
- Deck
- Ag Structure
- Remodeling or Additions
- Any structural change or reinforcing
- Any work that involves electrical wiring and/or plumbing
- Finishing the basement

"Although these are good indicators, you should always call the Planning & Development office for direct information", said Jo Daviess County Code Enforcement Officer, Andrew Mensendike.

The office number for the Department is 815-591-3810. Information can also be found on the

County web site at [www.jodaviess.org](http://www.jodaviess.org).

### When You Apply For A Permit

The permitting process can take seven (7) to ten (10) business days to complete a review of your application and our office will need to have a completed application, with owner, parcel and contractor information. In addition, two copies of a site plan showing where the new structure is going on the property and how far it is to lot lines, other buildings, power lines and waterways, along with two sets of building plans, showing size, support structures, electrical informa-

tion, entrance and window information should be submitted. Additional information may be requested during the review process.

### Why Permits Are Required

We understand the investment made when you begin a construction project. The County review and permitting process can help protect that investment through site review, plan review and construction oversight. Code adoption helps to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensure public health, safety and welfare.

## Stockton American Legion Selects Boys and Girls State Representatives

Stockton American Legion Post 449 is proud to announce that Jay Schaney, Jr, a junior class student at Stockton High School, and Derek Lehman and James Allen both juniors at River Ridge will be attending Illinois American Legion Boys State.

Jay, Derek and James will be attending Boys State, June 8-14, at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL.

Post 449 is also proud to announce that Jamie Eden, Alyssa Meade, Kendra Scace and Tessa Tucker, all juniors at Stockton High School, will be attending Illinois Girls State from June 16-22, also at Eastern. American Legion Girls and Boys State is a weeklong event that allows the students a hands-on experience into how the American two party political system works. All elected offices found in Illinois will be offered at the event. Students run for an office, work on someone's campaign or run the election process during the week they are at Eastern. Classes, meetings, conventions, legislative sessions and brainstorming also occupy the students time.

The program provides training in leadership, citizenship, and character development that the students will use for the rest of their lives.



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## 2019 Stockton Prom

The 2019 Stockton Prom Court members are: L to R Zach Cook, Tessa Tucker, Winston McPeek, Lizzie Eisfeller, Kaige Brown, Tyler Barch, Cody Schultz, Katie Wright, Bryant Keeffer, and Haley Brudi.

## Wildcats shutout West Carroll

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats baseball team traveled over to West Carroll's turf for an early matchup. The Wildcats had Jacob Speer on the mound and he brought his A-game in this one.

Speer had it clicking on the offensive side of things as well. With a triple in the second inning he helped himself out and gave the Wildcats an early 1-0 lead. River Ridge-Scales Mound expanded their lead

in the fourth inning when Underwood hit a home run to left field and soon after Reese singled to left field bringing in another run to push their lead to 3-0.

The Wildcats were up 4-0 heading into the final inning but Underwood wasn't done just yet as he hit a double which brought in another run as he gave his team some insurance as they went into the bottom half. They were able to quickly shut down West Carroll in the final inning as the Wildcats walked away with the 5-0 victory and earned the

shutout to kick off their weekend.

Speer and Underwood were the stories of the day as they each provided major uplifts to their team's victory. Speer pitched six innings while striking out seven and allowing just four hits as he got the win. Speer also went one for three at the plate while driving in a run. Underwood went two for four with a homerun and a double while driving in two runs and scoring one of his own as he was a catalyst for the Wildcat offense. The Wildcats are now 15-7 on the season.



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# JDCF announces 'Biggest Tree Contest'

You may hear people speak of them reverently. You might catch word of a "big tree," an important tree, a "Champion Tree." But what does this mean? JDCF is sponsoring a 'Biggest Tree Contest' to celebrate the wonder of Illinois native trees. Gather the family for a hike in your back 40, set aside, or tree stands to discover and record the largest native trees within each of the designated species that grow in Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson counties. For those living in town, take a look in your own front yards, head to public parks and preserves, or take a drive along less-traveled roads in search of big trees. We hope that in your pursuit of these giants, you will become more aware of the beauty and importance of Illinois' native trees. Rules,

species list, instructions, and a nomination form can be found at [www.jdcf.org/events](http://www.jdcf.org/events). The contest will run from April – October, 2019.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a member supported local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking, including a new addition to the popular Horseshoe Mound. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF preserves. For more information about JDCF, please visit their office at 126 N Main Street, Elizabeth IL, or contact them at [www.jdcf.org](http://www.jdcf.org), or [info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org).

# Post Office asks community to stamp out hunger

On Saturday, May 11, the National Association of Letter Carriers, United States Postal Service and other partners are asking the communities to Stamp Out Hunger. This is the 27th anniversary of the food drive, which has grown into a national effort that provides assistance to the millions of Americans struggling to help put food on the table.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation's largest single-day food drive. In 2018, generous Americans donated over 71.6 million pounds of food, feeding millions of people. This brings the grand total to over 1.567 billion pounds of food collected, since the Food Drive began in 1993.

"We're proud to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the food drive," said Postmaster Diana Paulson. "We're asking residents for their support to help make this another successful year. It's easy to make a donation: simply leave a bag of nonperishable food items by the mailbox to help your neighbors in need."

The need for food assistance ex-

ists in every community in America. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 50 million Americans are food insecure, meaning they live at risk of hunger. Perhaps most alarming is the fact that nearly 16 million children in America are struggling with hunger. Additionally, close to 5 million seniors face choices between paying rent, utilities, and having nutritious food.

To participate in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing nonperishable food items such as canned soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 11. Letter carriers will collect these food donations as they deliver the mail and take them to local food banks.

For more information about the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, visit [www.feedingamerica.org](http://www.feedingamerica.org) and [www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive](http://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive).

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

The Stockton Ambulance and Stockton Fire Dept. would like to thank everyone involved in making our Mock Accident a success. Thank you Stockton High School administrators and teachers, as well as the students for their attentiveness. Thank you to Stockton Subway and Casey's Pizza for donating lunch for the student participants and the volunteers. Thank you to Geezer's towing for the damaged vehicles, as well as the transportation of damaged vehicles. Thank you to the Stockton Police Dept., Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Dept. and Illinois State Police. Thank you to Jo Daviess County Coroner's office and Hermann Funeral Home for helping plan and being in attendance. Also, to the UW flight crew for participating in our drill and letting the students explore the helicopter!

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## Outstanding students

The Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy 4th quarter a.m. outstanding students are: Keagan Groezinger - Construction - Stockton; Connor Brown - Auto Tech - River Ridge; James Allen - Computers - River Ridge; Ellyse Winter - Law Enforcement - River Ridge; Jeccaq Sample - Early Childhood Education - River Ridge. Not pictured Linzy Friendlein - Graphics - Stockton



The Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy 4th quarter p.m. outstanding students are: Maggie Huizenga - Early Childhood Education - West Carroll; AJ Bruscato - Computers - Scales Mound; David Garcia - Culinary - Galena; Keiran DuPlessis - Auto - Galena; Brooke Bingham - Health - Galena; Sophie Achett - Law Enforcement - Galena. Not pictured Izaiah Morris - Construction - West Carroll.

## Art blooms and flowers at Galena Center for the Arts

It's spring and the Art in Bloom exhibit will blossom at the Galena Center for the Arts May 10 thru July 6. Flowers have been an important part of art history from Egyptian times to the present. Flowers have been the central feature of still life paintings from the Renaissance to modern canvases from Georgia O'Keefe. Buds and blooms have been sculpted and carved. Flowers have made their mark in jewelry, hairpieces and tattoos. Easter bonnets have always celebrated flowers, while flowered fabrics have created cozy home décor and comfy furnishings. Even more recent history has created the 'flower power' art of the 1960's. The art of flowers can be both captivating and diverse. You're invited to come see the interpretations of regional artists at the Galena Center for the Arts, 219 Summit, Galena, Illinois. The opening reception will be on May 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours run Thursday thru Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Summer hours begin May 10. [www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com](http://www.GalenaCenterForTheArts.com) and 777-214-0261 for more information.

# 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

Location: Dorothy and RC Clock Technology Center, room T-159,

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

Magic and imagination come to life as never before when students are empowered to be as creative as he or she was born to be. Choose from one of our seven Black Rocket STEM course topics.

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

Learn how to create an immersive 3D world. Students will learn the physics behind 3D games, explore beginner event scripting, level design, controlling the flow of gameplay, and storytelling.

### Python Programmers

Class Date: July 8 – July 12  
 Learn the world's fastest grow-

ing programming language favored by Google, NASA, Youtube, and the CIA. Learn Python coding.

### Minecraft® Modders

Class Date: July 15 – July 19  
 Learn the basics of modding and foundations of programming. Learn scripting and logic statements as you create your first mods!

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

Class Date: July 22 – July 26  
 The hottest new Apps are IO apps. If your child likes to play Agar.io or Slither.io they will love this class. Become the creator of the next viral web app.

### Battle Royale: Make Your First Fortnite® Style Video Game

Class Date: July 29 – Aug. 2  
 Calling fans of Fortnite®. Instead of playing the game, design your own. Using professional 3D game development software, build levels and assets inspired by popular games like Fortnite, using wands instead of weapons.

### 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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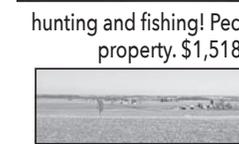
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# HCC's Forensics team places third in regional competition

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 representa-

tive 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; refreshments will be served and 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).

# 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 incon-

sistent with its WTO commitments.

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

## 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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## 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.

# 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.learmonfh.com](http://www.learmonfh.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.

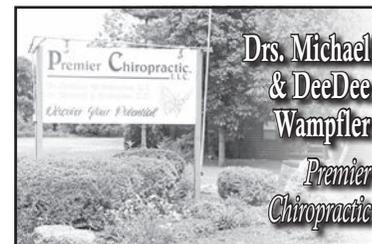
## Friends of the Pec schedule May meeting

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 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 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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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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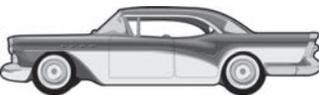
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shaped my voice,  
The spirit within mine.  
Yours the will that shaped  
my choice,  
My fortune, and my sign.

How lucky I was to have  
had you  
At the core of me!  
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always knew  
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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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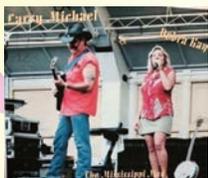
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# Musical celebration at First United Methodist Church, Elizabeth

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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The Warhawks have a meeting on the mound early in the game for a regrouping moment.



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## LeWin v Stockton/Warren

G. Williams connects for a base hit.



WarrenStockton's Cox starts the game on the mound against LeWin Monday night.

## Scales Mound CUSD #211 BOE meeting summary

The following is a summary of action taken at the April 23, 2019, Scales Mound CUSD #211 School Board meeting. For more information please contact Ruth Foley or Dr. Bill Caron at 815-845-2215.

The Scales Mound CUSD #211 Board meeting agenda was to reorganize the Board following the Spring 2019 general election. Members Jeff Bader, Laura Duerr and Ron Babcock were sworn in following their re-election by Mr. Paul Homb. At this meeting Mr. Paul Homb was elected President of the Board of Education, Mr. James Stoewer was elected Vice-President, and Mrs. Staci Duerr was elected Secretary. Mrs. Karen Hesselbacher will remain as the District Treasurer and Ms. Ruth Foley will remain as Recording Secretary. The Board also approved the District architect, law firm, auditor, depository for District funds, and reorganized District committees.

Following the reorganization, the Board heard a presentation from Dr. Matt Wiederholt, Principal, and Mr. Matt Tyson and Ben Graves of TC Networks, on the updated District Technology Plan. Dr. Wiederholt explained the process the technology committee went through to update the plan and thanked the staff and TC Networks for all they did to update this document. The District Technology Plan is updated every three to five years.

In other action, the Board approved a request for continuing education from Mrs. Heather Reese, approved an extended school year program, approve summer maintenance projects, approved summer

maintenance staffing, approved the District Technology Plan, approved the fees for the 2019-20 school year, approved the use of Mystery Science for the District science curriculum for 2019-20, and approved summer library hours.

The Board also had a discussion regarding the development of an insurance cooperative agreement between Scales Mound CUSD #211, Warren CUSD #205, and Northwest Special Education Cooperative. The cooperative is being formed after a series of conversations between the three organizations and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The three districts will join the Illinois Scholastic Cooperative in a subpool contract called the North-West Illinois Insurance Sub-Pool (NWIISP).

Finally, the Board held a discussion regarding Project 2021. The project committee is investigating several concepts for upgrading the agriculture, vocational ed, STEM, and athletic opportunities for students and the community. The Board had a conversation regarding how the project may be financed and provided direction to the committee. The committee will be discussing the wants and needs of the district and will be working with the district architect to design options for the project. Dr. Caron, the administrative staff, and Board will continue to look at the finances of the district for this project.

The next regular Board of Education meeting for Scales Mound CUSD #211 will be held on May 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the District library.

## Academic Challenge

Eastern Illinois University hosted the Division 300 State Finals for the Academic Challenge on Monday, April 22, at Charleston, Illinois. There were 25 teams plus individuals that also qualified for this event. Scales Mound High School had two students that participated. Nic Davis was second in Engineering Graphics. Isaac Stadel placed fifth in both Chemistry and Physics. Pictured are Coach Keith Hesselbacher, Isaac and Nic.



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### LEGALS

#### ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

#### APPLE RIVER TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019 TOWNSHIP - REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes - \$48,877.48; Replacement Tax - \$1,101.90; Interest - \$1,194.31; TOIRMA Dividend - \$557.00; Miscellaneous Income - \$51.00

#### TOTAL REVENUES: \$51,781.69

#### TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Range - Under \$25,000.00: Steve Reynolds; James Goken; Valerie Stocks; William Holland; Todd Cox; Joseph McGivney; Russell Cox. Range - \$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99: None.

#### TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$19,906.00

#### TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Transfer to Road & Bridge Fund - \$16,000.00; TOIRMA - \$3,765.00; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) - \$4,495.66

#### TOTAL VENDORS: \$24,260.66

#### ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes - \$61,768.05; Replacement Tax - \$957.70; Interest - \$2,080.34; Transfer from Town Fund - \$16,000.00; Miscellaneous Income - \$427.78

#### TOTAL REVENUES: \$81,233.87

#### ROAD DISTRICT - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Range - Under \$25,000.00 - Bob White - \$1,255.00

#### TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$1,255.00

#### ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Stagecoach Trails Limestone - \$20,150.76; M & D Equipment - \$51,400.00; Saunders Oil Co. - \$3,734.44; Pax Construction - \$3,280.00; Metal Culverts - \$2850.84; Truck Country - \$3,586.44; Louie's Trenching - \$9,806.33; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.00) - \$11,322.63

#### TOTAL VENDORS: \$106,131.44

#### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION TOWNSHIP

Beginning Balance - \$ 96,144  
Total Revenues - \$ 51,782  
Total Expenditures - \$ 44,167  
Ending Balance - \$103,759  
**ROAD DISTRICT**  
Beginning Balance - \$169,200  
Total Revenues - \$ 81,233  
Total Expenditures - \$107,386  
Ending Balance - \$103,047  
Subscribed and sworn to this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019

James C. Goken - Treasurer  
I, Valerie Stocks, Clerk of Apple River Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

Valerie Stocks - Clerk  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 10-120 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended, the Jo Daviess County Farmland Assessment Review Committee shall hold a Public Hearing on May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting will be the certification of the 2020 farmland values.

Donna M. Berlage  
Chief County Assessment Officer  
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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of Apple River, in the County of Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 & ending March 31, 2020, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Township Building, at 303 Hickory St., Apple River, Illinois from and after May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by appointment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIV-

EN HEREBY that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:15 o'clock PM, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, at the Township Building, 303 Hickory Street, Apple River and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at this time.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

Valerie J. Stocks  
Town Clerk  
(Published in The Scoop Today May 8, 2019)

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#### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection and Ambulance District, Jo Daviess County, IL has set the following schedule of dates for its meetings in FY 2019/2020:

- May 28, 2019
- June 24, 2019
- July 22, 2019
- August 26, 2019
- September 23, 2019
- October 28, 2019
- November 25, 2019
- December 23, 2019
- January 27, 2020
- February 24, 2020
- March 23, 2020
- April 27, 2020

All meetings of the Board shall be held at the District's Ambulance/EMS Building at 113 E. Queen Ave., Stockton, IL commencing at 7:00 PM.

DATED: April 22, 2019.

/s/Ernest Lieb

ERNEST S. LIEB

Secretary - Board of Trustees of the Stockton Fire Protection & Ambulance Dist.

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

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Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019.

James C. Goken  
Supervisor  
Valerie J. Stocks  
Town Clerk  
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#### Notice of Public Hearing APPLE RIVER-THOMPSON MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Apple-River Thompson Multi-Township Assessment District, in the county of Jo Daviess, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019, and ending March 31, 2020, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by appointment at the Apple River Township Building, 303 Hickory Street, Apple River, Illinois from and after 1:00 P. M., on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:30 PM, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Apple Canyon Lake Fire Dept. building, 2085 South Apple Canyon Road, and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held immediately following the hearing.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019.

James C. Goken  
Chairman  
Richard Miranda  
Clerk  
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## Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency to host recycling event

Northwest Illinois residents and businesses are invited to participate in the upcoming recycling collection set for Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Elizabeth Community Building rear parking area just off U.S. Route 20, at 330 N. West Street, Elizabeth, Illinois.

Several categories collected at the event include fees to cover a portion of recycling processing and transfer expense while other categories are free. NO PAINT, NO TIRES and NO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS will be accepted at this collection.

Electronics that have a screen of any kind will be collected for a \$25 fee per item. This would include computer monitors/screens, laptops, and all types of televisions. Large household appliances will be accepted for \$10 per item and include refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, microwaves, etc.

Paper shredding is also being offered with a \$2.00 fee per participating household or business. Unwanted prescription medications will also be collected for free. NO SHARPS will be accepted.

Compact and large fluorescent bulbs will also be accepted for a charge with CFL bulbs costing \$ 0.25 each and larger fluorescent bulbs costing \$1.00 each.

Free recycling categories include most small electronic items such as desktop computer towers (no screens), VCRs, DVD players, printers, keyboards, mice, cords, cables, phones, radios, speakers, copiers, and cell phones.

Small household appliances are also accepted at no charge and include vacuum cleaners, coffee and bread makers, toaster ovens, small saws, drills, holiday lights, hair dryers and more.

Batteries are also accepted for free and include all types of alkaline, lithium, rechargeable, and large lead-acid vehicle and machinery batteries.

Small and large metal items are eligible for drop off for free including bicycles, swing sets, metal shelving, metal cabinets, lawn and garden tractors, lawn mowers, metal furniture, outdoor grills, and more.

For more information or questions, please contact Mark Maidak, at 815-718-0238, or via e-mail at mwmaidak@gmail.com.

## USPS Stamp Out Hunger Drive

Mark your calendar for the Annual Stamp Out Hunger Drive sponsored by the US Post Office. The drive is officially May 11. Other drop off point, besides your own PO box, can be your local church, the Elizabeth Township Library, our local Post Office or call 815-990-3128. With summer and school out there is a need for chunky soups, cereal, and more. We appreciate any and all things donated on behalf of our clients. Monetary donations are also extremely helpful. Thank you in advance.

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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

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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

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**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

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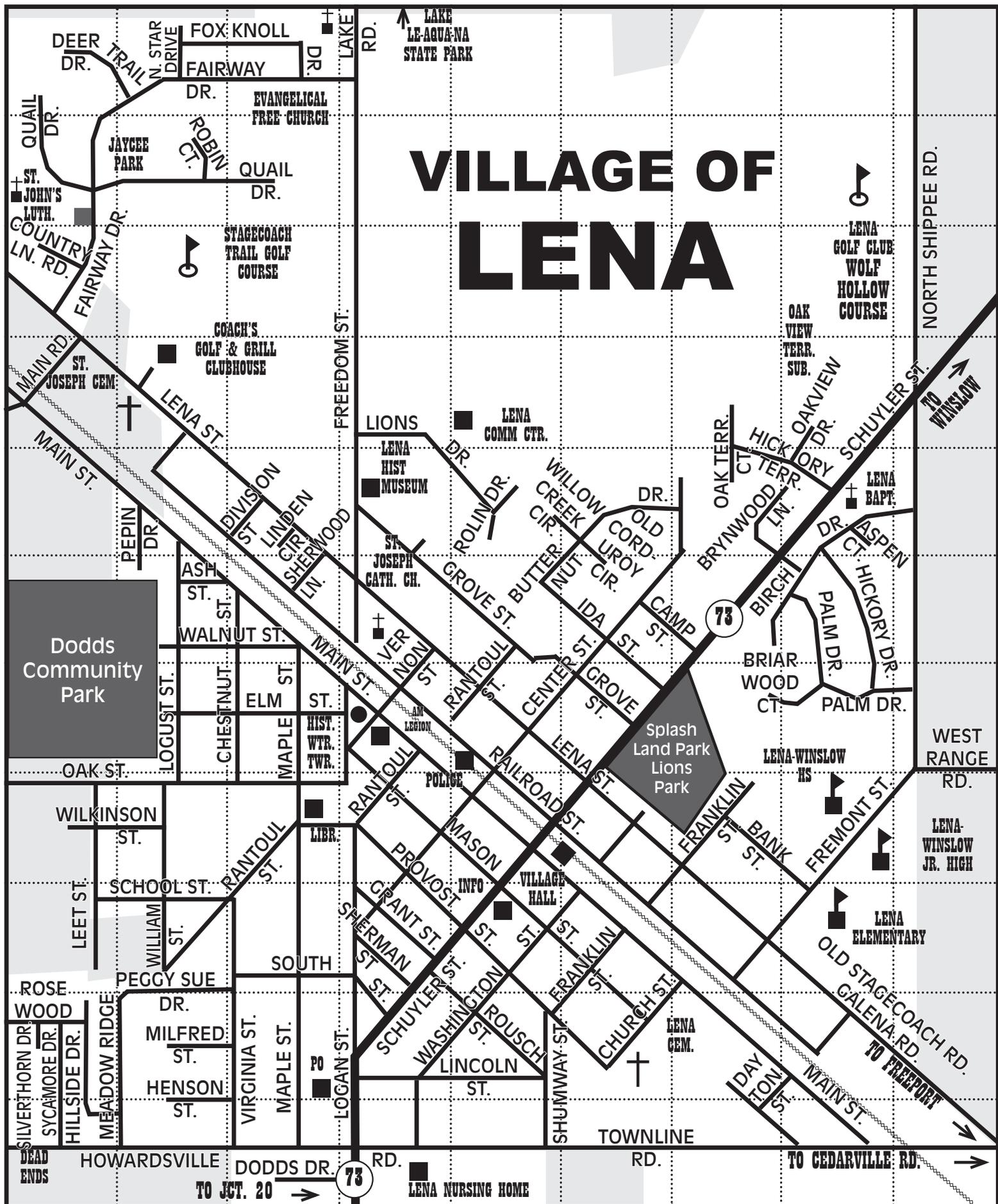


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Tristan Rood hustles to first base for the out.



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.

# FHN offering Safe Sitter® class for teens

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Safe Sitter® Essentials teaches child care skills, safety skills, and first aid and rescue skills as well as life and business skills. The instructor-led class features games and role-playing exercises, and students will use manikins to practice rescue skills. Registration is open for the next class, set for 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 25 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport.

The full-day course is \$45, which includes a Safe Sitter Essentials Student Handbook and completion card. Financial assistance is available for eligible students; call 815-599-6707 for more information and to determine eligibility. Students may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch at Café FHN.

Another Safe Sitter class will be offered June 29. For more information or to register for either of the Safe Sitter Essentials classes, visit [www.fhn.org/safesitter](http://www.fhn.org/safesitter).

# Massbach Ridge Winery and Apple River Fort Foundation sponsor wine label contest

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wine in 2008 to commemorate the courage of the women in the Fort and celebrate the strength of all women who helped to settle the frontier. Entries are due by June 15th and the winner will be revealed June 26th.

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

The May meeting of Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held Thursday evening, May 16, at 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Schlachter of 2609 North Crossroads, Lena, Illinois. Janet Ferguson will be her co-hostess. Roll call will be "My Favorite Childhood Game"

with the major lesson "Engaging Children in Something other than Screen Time" to be given by Jo Wenzel. Kim Plantz will give the minor lesson on "Healthy Snacks for Children". We will be collecting coins for Friendship Project Funds. All are welcome to come and join us.

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# HCC announces 2019 Visual Arts Scholarship Exhibit at Freeport Art Museum

Freeport Art Museum (FAM) hosts the Visual Arts Scholarship Exhibit to showcase the most recent visual arts recipients of the Buss and Ferguson Fine Arts Merit scholarships.

The exhibit will unveil during the Friday, May 3 reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Freeport Art Museum, 121 N. Harlem Ave., Freeport, Ill. The exhibit will remain on display

through July 27.

Highland students included in this exhibit, Hayden Hayes, Hailee Lenz, Dulce Lopez, Madison Pitts, and Shelby Rathje, showcase a sam-

pling of some of their most successful works of art created during their studies in the visual arts program at Highland. Two scholarships are offered to full-time Fine Arts students. Students receiving an award in either of these two distinguished scholarship programs must meet specific criteria in the study of music, theater, or visual arts.

"Their work serves as visual examples of their explorations answering academic concerns unique to specific studies," said Robert Apolloni, Instructor of Visual Art at Highland. "To be included in this scholarship exhibit, however, works must go beyond simply meeting required academic standards. They must arrive at a unique, poignant, and many times, personal level of rest or completion. Each of these works of art has a history concerning their progress and development reaching that comple-

tion. The relationship each artist/student has with that experience of creation encompasses a myriad of personal and professional growth."

After analytical and intuitive discussions, each student settled on their final selections for the exhibit and began preparing those pieces for viewing. For many students, choosing, preparing, and titling a work of art, along with documentation, such as an artist's statement, is a facet of working as an artist they may not have previously experienced. This exhibit provides them with insight concerning exhibiting.

Scholarship opportunities are provided to the students through the Highland Community College Foundation. Freeport Art Museum is providing the venue for this exhibit. The museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Illinois Agriculture Coalition unveils Monarch Conservation Action Plan

Monarch butterfly populations have been declining, but efforts by Illinois agriculture are working to reverse that trend. A diverse coalition of sixteen organizations and agencies with ties to agriculture unveiled an action plan for monarch conservation on Earth Day.

The agriculture action plan is part of a larger effort of the Illinois Monarch Project (IMP), established to bring together representatives of various sectors, including natural lands, rights-of-way, urban and agricultural sectors, as well as scientists and educators. The mission of IMP is to identify the stressors on monarch butterfly habitat, to enhance existing habitat on the ground, and to plan additional conservation actions for monarch butterflies.

"Illinois agriculture has been working for more than two and a half years to develop a practical plan for monarch conservation," said Rich Guebert, President of the Illinois Farm Bureau. "While there is no single solution to the decline of the monarch butterfly population, by working together, we can help increase monarch populations to sustainable levels."

The action plan highlighted numerous successes that Illinois agriculture has had in sustaining monarchs in the recent past. These successes have centered around education, outreach, habitat work, science, and research. For example:

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners have established 1,740 Monarch Waystation certified gardens across Illinois, which is the second highest number in the U.S.

In the last five years, Illinois farmers have installed pollinator habitats to support bees and butterflies that are the equivalent to more than 93,412 football fields.

Illinois farmers rank second in the country for acreage of pollinator habitat through the Conservation Reserve Program.

In 2018, Ag in the Classroom reached 106,717 students and 4,977 teachers with pollinator educational resources.

Farmers have converted more than 875,000 privately-owned acres of cropland to conservation cover that improves water quality, prevents soil erosion, and creates pollinator and wildlife habitat.

Dr. David Zaya, with the Illinois Natural History Survey, is conducting a study to better understand milkweed density in agricultural settings.

"Illinois farmers have been installing and improving pollinator habitat on their farms for years," said Don Duvall of Carmi, IL. Duvall is also the Illinois Corn Marketing Board Chairman. "We have added pollinator areas on our farm and the mon-

archs and many other pollinators are benefitting from those actions. The best part is that we get to see the difference we're making in agricultural landscapes and that those efforts are part of a larger plan to conserve monarch and other pollinator habitat. It will take all of us doing what makes sense as individuals, whether on the farm or in a home garden, to support the monarch population."

The monarch's habitat needs are specific. Monarch caterpillars can only survive if they have milkweed, and the adult butterflies need nectaring plants and wildflowers. The report also identified challenges for reaching the ambitious goal of adding 150 million stems of milkweed in Illinois over the next 20 years and the strategies needed to overcome these challenges through a variety of avenues, including:

Developing an effective and flexible mowing and haying strategy

Encouraging more native plantings of pollinator habitats and supporting farmers and rural communities with information to help them

Utilizing signs to educate farmers and the general public about planting pollinator habitat or altering mowing practices

Improving education and outreach to pesticide applicators about stewardship of pollinators

Increasing confidence in seed mixes through improved labels for pollinator habitat mixes

Tracking pollinator research developments in agricultural settings

Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) held a ground-breaking ceremony for new pollinator habitat plots located on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. "The IDOA is proud to partner with ag and conservation groups on the Illinois Monarch Project. This is the first of many pollinator plots which will be placed around the Illinois State Fairgrounds," said John Sullivan, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. "We will use the pollinator plots to educate visitors to the fairgrounds about the importance of creating monarch butterfly habitats."

Ideas for ways to get involved and support monarchs include:

Plant a pollinator habitat (on your farm, in your garden, along roadsides), include milkweed and flowering plants

Adopt monarch-friendly mowing practices

Publicize your pollinator habitat with signage to educate neighbors and your community

Contact any of the groups listed below for assistance or more information

"As part of our leadership role in the Illinois Monarch Project and coordinating monarch butterfly conser-

vation efforts in the state, we salute the coalition of agriculture organizations and agencies that have signed on to help expand available habitat for monarchs and other pollinators," said Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Director Colleen Callahan. "In state government, the IDNR is pleased to join with the IDOA, IDOT, IEPA and other agencies in working closely with agriculture and conservation groups, utility and railroad companies, and interested citizens on monarch conservation."

Groups involved in the Illinois Agriculture Monarch Action Plan include:

- \* Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- \* GROWMARK, Inc.

- \* Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom
- \* Illinois Corn Growers Association

- \* Illinois Department of Agriculture
- \* Illinois Department of Natural Resources

- \* Illinois Farm Bureau
- \* Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association

- \* Illinois Milk Producers' Association
- \* Illinois Natural History Survey

- \* Illinois Pork Producers Association
- \* USDA Farm Service Agency

- \* USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- \* United States Fish and Wildlife Service – Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

- \* University of Illinois Extension
- \* University of Illinois Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program

- \* Waterborne Environmental

"Illinois agriculture has been a leader on the monarch issue and will continue to play an important role in the future, while providing ideas for all citizens to become more involved in making a positive difference in pollinator conservation," said Guebert.

To read the full Agriculture Action Plan go to – [www.ilagformonarchs.org](http://www.ilagformonarchs.org)

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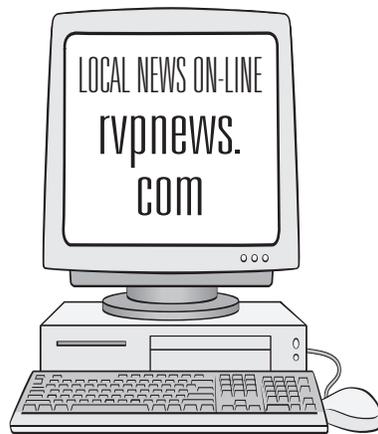
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# Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette Eggers

**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

membership.

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.

You can cast your vote by going to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XR7ZZSV>.

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Annette Eggers

With spring being here, you will be seeing farmers heading to the fields. I promise this rain will be ending soon! At least, I hope! On a serious note though...the farmers will be on the roads more as they head to the fields. This equipment is slow moving so keep these things in mind as you see farm equipment on the roads:

Pass with care: Pass farmers with caution. Be observant of oncoming traffic and of other vehicles that may try to pass. Never pass when curves or hills block your view of oncoming vehicles, in a no-passing zone or within 100 feet of an intersection, railroad crossing or bridge. Also be careful that the farmer is not pulling to the right to make a wide left turn.

Be Patient: Farmers are not operating equipment on rural roads to slow other drivers down intentionally; they are working to provide a safe food supply. Whenever possible, farmers will pull off the road to allow others to pass.

Slow down: The orange triangu-

lar Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem warns drivers of a slow vehicle. All farm equipment travelling at speeds of 25 mph or less are required to be marked with an SMV emblem. Once you see it, slow down immediately.

Remain visible: Don't assume the farmer knows you are driving near his vehicle. Although most farmers check behind them whenever possible, they are concentrating on keeping their equipment on the road and avoiding oncoming traffic.

Yield to wide vehicles: Sometimes farm equipment is wider than travel lanes. If you approach wide equipment and cannot safely pass, stop.

**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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