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Getting off to a good start at school

Above right, Stockton Elementary School Principal Casey Downey awards prizes to the first Little Blackhawks winners of the new school year last week. Classroom teachers choose to recognize students, shown as a group above left, for the honor based on outstanding behavior and classroom work.

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Theater group eager to get back on stage

Orangeville production was postponed due to pandemic

After a delay of more than a year, the cast and crew of the Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater will present "Blithe Spirit" this month.

Show times are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 10, Sept. 11, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 12 and Sept. 19, at the

Orangeville theater, 203 W. High St.

The production originally was supposed to take stage in early spring 2020.

"The 2020 production was going into its final week of rehearsal when the coronavirus shut everything down," according to a news release.

"Online Zoom rehearsals continued into July, but when it became apparent that nothing was going to be opening up anytime soon, the production came to a complete standstill."

"The theater went dark,"

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PHOTO COURTESY MIGHTY RICHLAND PLAYERS DESSERT THEATER *The Scoop Today*

From left, "Blithe Spirit" cast members Emily Duvall, Sandy Sweitzer, Cole Duvall and Ron Pallek laugh as party guests during rehearsal last week. The Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater product of "Blithe Spirit" opens Friday, Sept. 10, in Orangeville.

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Craft beer interest leads to cousins starting hop farm in Amboy

By Tammie Sloup
FARMWEEK

Brian Dallam and Anthony Welty are playing the long game when it comes to their hopyard.

Luckily, the cousins love a challenge.

Since hop farms are relatively new to Illinois, their growing venture that started with an idea in 2016 and led to construction of a 1-acre hopyard in Amboy the following year was a risk.

Especially since the two didn't know much about growing hops. In fact, when Welty, a homebrewer, posed the idea to Dallam, a lifelong farmer, at an annual party, Dallam replied: "What are hops?"

"I was thinking about the potential in our area for craft beer and the whole ecosystem around that," Welty said. "And joining the ag industry ... I kind of thought of it from that perspective."

By spring, they were putting holes in the ground, driving in posts and building the trellis system.

What they deemed "happenance" led to their unique trellis system and ultimately their business' name: Live Wire Hops. A local utility company was replacing electrical poles, and knowing they were on a shoestring budget, approached the company about repurposing the old poles. Today, the hopyard is lined with about 60 of those poles supporting about 800 hop plants.

"It was pure frugality and



TAMMIE SLOUP PHOTO *The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide*

What started as a chat over beers led cousins Brian Dallam and Anthony Welty to build a 1-acre hopyard in Amboy, where they grow five varieties of hops. To date, Live Wire Hops has worked with 13 customers to sell their Illinois-grown hops.

resourcefulness," Welty said.

As the craft brewing industry continues to grow in Illinois, local hop farms haven't kept pace. The Pacific Northwest holds 96% of the hops market. But as demand for locally grown food has increased, the trend has influenced locally grown hops.

Illinois has about 40 acres of hop farms, but that pales in comparison to Michigan, which has more than 800 acres.

One of the challenges of embarking on producing a specialty crop is the unproven

market in Illinois.

Grant McCarty, local foods and small farms educator with the University of Illinois Extension in Rockford, said interest in hop production education has trended downward since 2017. New hop farmers faced expensive upfront costs and struggled to find a consistent roster of customers.

"The ones that have seen success are aware of the market and have buyers (lined up)," McCarty said.

Michigan has seen greater success as there was a focus on hops education early on—

Michigan State University Extension has been proactive for years with research and guiding a growers association forward.

Dallam and Welty are excited to be a small part of the niche product, even if the venture requires constant TLC.

Dallam refers to the hops growing cycle as a "six-month arm wrestling match."

"Timing is everything," Dallam said. "When the hops break dormancy in early April to mid-April to reaching the 18- to 20-foot mark will happen in 50 days."

"They're monsters," Welty said, adding hop plants are the fastest growing plants in the world behind bamboo, growing as much as 6 to 12 vertical inches in a day.

Growers need to be on their game with their nutrient programs, irrigation system and getting the strings put in in time to train the plants.

"Back to the nutrients and fertilizer, everything has to be timed out correctly, and if



TAMMIE SLOUP PHOTO *The Scoop Today/Shopper's Guide*

Anthony Welty opens a baby Centennial hop bud at Live Wire Hops.

you're too slow or too late on something, the plants aren't going to wait for you, they're taking off," Dallam said. "There isn't a plant on our line of latitude that goes any faster. It's incredible."

During harvest in late August, they recruit help to cut the plants down, which entails cutting the plant at the bottom and then cutting the string at the top.

The leaves and cones are then stripped off, and the cones, which are picked at 75% moisture, have to be dried before Welty and Dallam take them to a Wisconsin plant where they're turned into pellets. Those are then sold in 4-ounce to 11-pound bags.

The growers are after the cone, in which is a little round green ball stuffed with lupulin—the yellow oily powder

that based on its acidity will impart various aromas.

Live Wire Hops has serviced 13 breweries, and while both Dallam and Welty enjoy working the hopyard, marketing their product and working with customers also is an important piece of the business.

"We both really enjoy the sales and marketing end of our business and getting out and meeting new folks and the journey of sharing your story with others and building those relationships," Welty said. "And the industry is so collaborative and so inclusive and people are just willing to try new things."

Ranging from notes of citrus and floral to pine and spice, five types of hops are grown on the plot: Mackinac, Cascade, Crystal, Centennial

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FHN wound center receives patient satisfaction award

The Center for Wound Healing at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport has earned RestorixHealth's Excellence in Patient Satisfaction Award.

The award is presented to RestorixHealth wound center partners "that demonstrate exceptional success by meeting or exceeding a national patient satisfaction benchmark of 96 percent," according to a news release.

"The Center for Wound Healing at FHN Memorial Hospital celebrated 10 years of patient successes in April 2021, with more than 55,000 patient visits and more than 10,000 different "dives" — treating a patient using one of

the Center's two hyperbaric oxygen chambers," the release said.

The center's team includes Medical Director Dr. Rafael Castro, Administrative Director and podiatrist Dr. Roland Tolliver, podiatrist Dr. Richard Bell and nurse practitioner Carrie Wright.

The center has a 97 percent healing rate, and the average time it takes to heal a wound in the care of its experts is 32 days, which is lower than the national average, the release said.

For more information on the Center for Wound Healing at FHN, go online to www.fhn.org or call the center at 815-599-7410.

Pilot combines two passions: agriculture and aviation

By Tammie Sloup
FARMWEEK

Kris Petersen grew up at the airport.

His parents, Scott and Sarah Petersen, started Pontiac Flying Service in 1997, and their young son was often in tow at the Livingston County facility.

"I was at the airport every day, riding my bike, playing with airplane toys, and I started helping on the loading pad, washing windows, scrubbing wings, as soon as I could reach up there to do it," Petersen said.

Today, the University of Illinois graduate is an aerial application pilot and personnel manager for the family business, which has expanded with a second facility in the Cooksville area and services near Champaign.

While in school, Petersen studied crop sciences and agribusiness—education he believes is essential to his success.

Earning his wings may have been a lifelong dream, but Petersen remembers a time his body wasn't on the same wavelength.

"I had a big problem with air sickness and motion sickness," he said. "Eventually I got that worked out of my system when I got a little older."

Petersen's father earned

his pilot's license in 1980, and has been an integral part of his son's journey, serving as instructor and mentor.

Few agricultural flight schools exist in the country, and Petersen estimates a national pool of about 1,500 ag pilots.

"It's not for everybody. ... It's a very niche market."

While an antiquated term, "crop duster" can conjure up images of daredevil pilots haphazardly flying old fighter planes.

But the industry has come a long way.

"Definitely that's been a stigma with the aerial application business for a lot of years — the crazy crop duster cowboy-type flying under power lines, buzzing people, just out there having a good time," Petersen said. "The industry has done a good job getting that image out of people's heads."

"The (National Agricultural Aviation Association) works very hard to present our industry as professional across the nation and world."

Petersen said the rules are firm with his operation: No crazy flying.

That's not to say Petersen doesn't like the adrenaline of being in the sky.

"The freedom of the flying is great, you can go anywhere you want. I enjoy the ag part,



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Pontiac Flying Service has 14 pilots who fly Air Tractors for aerial applications. The planes can hold up to 800 gallons of liquid. Together, the pilots can cover up to 30,000 acres in a day.

to make good applications and we get to be precise with the GPS equipment we have."

Technology has come a long way since ag pilots used paper maps, plat books and highlighters to plot routes.

Record fungicide year

The increase in fungicide jobs this season is not unique to Pontiac Flying Service.

Strong demand for fungicides due to disease pressure, insect pressure, and positive

return on investment have all contributed to fungicide applications nearly doubling from past years, said Jeff Bunting, crop protection division director at GROW-MARK.

"There's a broad spectrum of diseases being controlled from gray leaf spot, Southern rust, etc.," Bunting said. "Tar spot is showing up in some areas too."

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Highland notches high ranking from WalletHub

The personal finance website WalletHub recently ranked Highland Community College fifth out of 40 for best Illinois community colleges. Nationally, Highland ranked 419 of 685. The website ranked the colleges by low cost and high performance during the 2020-'21 academic year.

The Aug. 16 article, "2021's Best & Worst Community

Colleges," used three key criteria to evaluate the colleges: cost and financing, education outcomes and career outcomes.

"This announcement adds to the excitement for the new academic year and the group effort it took to get us here," Chris Kuberski, Highland Community College president, said in a news release.

"This ranking solidifies the hard work made by our faculty and staff to make sure students have the best college experience and outcome no matter what the circumstances."

According to WalletHub findings, the average tuition and fees for full-time, in-state enrollment at a public two-year college are \$3,770 per year at a community college

versus \$10,560 at a public four-year college or university.

Other schools ranked for Illinois are Sauk Valley Community College at number 13, Kishwaukee College at number 18 and Rock Valley College at number 31.

To find a link to the article, go online to highland.edu/news.

Chesney files bill in light of state mask mandate for schools

State Rep. Andrew Chesney, R-Freeport, filed House Bill 4131 on Aug. 20 "to provide that a school board or the governing board of a public or nonpublic school has the authority to determine, in consultation with the local health department, whether to implement

mask-wearing requirements for school staff, students and visitors when the governor has declared a disaster due to a public health emergency related to COVID-19," according to a news release.

Chesney, who represents all of Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties, said in the

release that he urges politicians in Springfield to restore local control.

"I have faith that the health department officials in our counties, the teachers in our classrooms and government closest to the people are perfectly capable of making correct decisions for

the residents they have been duly elected to represent," Chesney said.

"I don't believe that my local administrators are less qualified to make decisions about their students and their classrooms than the Chicago-based Superintendent of Schools for Illinois," he said.

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Slices of life

Embrace trust and you'll never go it alone

A few weeks ago I started a series on seven words that can possibly help us make sense of — and master — the crazy, unpredictable world in which we live.



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

I got two words completed — kindness and compassion.

I wrote about the next two, and before I had the chance to send the columns to editors for publication, my laptop experienced an unfortunate run-in with a glass of water and those newly written columns were gone (at least for the time being, stay tuned on that.)

So much for trying to predict a solution in a world that is unpredictable.

As life often demands, I took a detour. Plan B and

maybe even Plan C or Plan D. (You know the drill.)

I'm hoping to recover those columns, but it hasn't happened yet. So I've decided to do the only thing any of us can do when life throws us a curve ball; I've decided to trust in the future.

For me that means writing something new. I trust the message I'm about to deliver is the one you most need to hear.

And in that I come to one of the seven words (or ideas) I'd originally planned to focus on: trust and/or faith.

I've paired trust and faith because they go hand-in-hand and I'm using them generically. The concept of faith (or trust) is broad. It can be what you make of it. It can involve a higher power, or it can stem from simply and miraculously you. Either works for me as long as it works for the truth inside you.

I'm not here to tell you how to find your faith and trust. I'm here to tell you that you need it, however it comes to you.

And however you discover or find it, faith,

when found, lives deep inside you. At the same time, it is a trust in something bigger than you. It is both within and without. It is a trust in the universe. It is a trust in yourself. And whom can you trust, if not yourself?

Trust is powerful. It gives us strength like nothing else. Trust battles the biggest enemy we all have — fear. Think about it: If you truly trust, if you truly have faith — in the now and in the future — fear is lessened. It is annihilated. It has no stronghold. Fear is not compatible with trust. It can no longer control you because the trust within you is so much bigger and

stronger and powerful than fear.

Fear is unknowing. It is isolation and discord. Trust is also unknowing, but instead of isolation, it breeds connectedness and a sense of inner peace. There is a vast difference between the two. Trust is the we versus the me. It grounds itself in calmness, equanimity and in knowing all is well no matter what. Trust is still waters in the midst of a tempestuous storm at sea. Trust allows you to believe that everything truly can be all right. Because it will be.

Trust is knowing that the good outweighs the bad. That love conquers hate. Trust assures you that you

are not alone in the battle. You are supported. Even on the worst days, trust allows you to put one foot in front of the other and step forward. It allows you to find your path and stay there.

In a world of unpredictability, trust is predictable. It is unwavering and sure.

Trust is freedom to be you. No apologies needed. Trust me. Trust yourself. Trust in life.

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

In my opinion

Plenty of state laws find bipartisan support

Despite what you may see on cable news, politicians do not actually disagree on every issue along party lines. In fact, a strong majority of legislation considered in the state of Illinois is vastly bipartisan and a considerable amount also unanimously supported.

While contentious legislation certainly dominates the news cycles, most bills are passed (with bipartisan support) and with wide consensus among legislators from all corners of the geography of Illinois. Certainly, I have written in past columns about my agreement with progressive Democrats on issues like



State Rep. **Andrew Chesney**

Gov. JB Pritzker working through myriad legislation sent to him this spring, we are reminded of areas of bipartisan agreement. Below are a few bills I co-sponsored or sponsored which you may have missed and were signed into law over the past few weeks:

opposing usurious payday loans and our shared support of companion animals and against animal testing.

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- House Bill 605, signed into law as Public Act 102-268, requires Illinois state flags purchased by state institutions to be manufactured in the United States.

- House Bill 1916, signed into law as Public Act 102-393, initiative of local road commissioners to require the Illinois Department of Transportation to update its policy for providing project notifications to the public.

- House Bill 2776, signed into law as Public Act 102-0384, provides that review and determination of an application for an Illinois professional license to a service member or their spouse shall be expedited by the department processing the application within 30 days (instead of 60) after the date on which the department receives all necessary documentation.

- Senate Bill 58, signed into law as Public Act 102-353, reduces trailer fees for trailers weighing less than 3,000

pounds from \$118 to \$36.

- Senate Bill 1624, signed into law as Public Act 102-404, adds agricultural sciences as a course option for the science category and agricultural education as a course option for the electives category with respect to the high school coursework that a person must satisfactorily complete for university admission.

- Senate Bill 1913, signed into law as Public Act 102-338, provides that, in addition to other penalties imposed for a violation of provisions concerning operation of a vehicle while approaching an authorized emergency vehicle (Scott's Law), the court may order a person to perform community service as determined by the court.

- Senate Bill 2150, signed into law as Public Act 102-375, provides that a person 35 years of age or older who has served a municipality as a regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time firefighter is eligible

to take an examination for a position as a firefighter (removing a requirement the volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time work was five years immediately preceding the time that the municipality begins to use full-time firefighters to provide all or part of its fire protection service).

Again, these are but a few examples of bills that didn't get a lot of press or television time, but are still of interest and benefit to many Northwest Illinois residents. Some of these bills had

Republicans as chief sponsor. Some had Democrats. All are fine pieces of bipartisan legislation that Illinoisans can be proud of, regardless of their personal political beliefs or opinions.

More on legislation still pending executive action which I have sponsored or co-sponsored can be found at my legislative website at repchesney.com.

State Rep. Andrew Chesney, R-Freeport, represents the 89th District, which includes all of Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.

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and Chinook. Growing hops in a new region creates new flavor and aroma possibilities. Their Cascade, for instance, has a more piney and resinous character than a Pacific Northwest grown Cascade.

The plants are perennials, with lifespans estimated at 10 to 15 years.

"We're kind of in a new frontier growing them here in

Illinois. I'll be curious to see what that life cycle looks like here in Illinois," Welty added.

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College reading event focuses on 'A Black Lives Matter Memoir'

Highland Community College's Clarence Mitchell Library will hold the One Book One Highland campus reading program this fall. The featured book is "When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir."

Campus discussions are planned with a variety of speakers throughout the fall semester.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the events via Zoom on Sept. 15, Sept. 23, Oct. 13, Oct. 28, Nov.

10 and Nov. 18. For more on joining the Zoom discussions, visit highland.edu/event-calendar.

"The common read provides a shared experience of intellectual and community engagement by bringing the campus community together to read and discuss one book and its themes," Laura Watson, reference librarian, said in a news release.

The book written by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele touches on

the life, art and activism of Khan-Cullors as a co-founder of Black Lives Matter with themes including mental health, race, criminal justice and activism.

"The book is a poetic memoir about what it means to be a Black woman in America," the release said. "It reflects on humanity with an account of survival, strength and resilience. This is a foundation for a call to action to change the culture of how Black people are viewed in society."

Zoom program explores mid-century food fads

Registration is open now for the next installment of the Living History Series from the Senior Resource Center. The free series is being offered via Zoom.

Leslie Goddard will present "Midcentury Cuisine: Food Fads From the '40s Through the '60s," from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Those who join the presentation can expect to be transported back to the days when "every pantry held Velveeta and all the kids wanted to drink Tang," according to a news release.

"Goddard will take a nostalgic look at the food innovation and marketing

approaches that transformed how we ate at midcentury," the release said. "Using classic cookbooks, advertisements and family magazines, we'll explore how society and technology shaped American food from the 1940s through the 1960s."

To register for the "Food Fads" presentation, email Julie at the Senior Resource Center at jhilliger@srcntr.org.

The Senior Resource Center offers programs, education and activities for older individuals, their families and caregivers in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. Go online to seniorresourcecenter.net for more information.

College gallery highlights student art

The Highland Gallery will showcase the first exhibit of the new school year featuring selected work by previous students from the past 15 years. The exhibit will run Sept. 7 through Oct. 29 in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport.

The pieces on display are from Drawing I and II, Life Drawing, Two-Dimensional Design, Three-Dimensional

Design and Ceramic courses.

"This exhibit showcases the many styles, techniques and approaches students encounter with visual art courses offered at HCC," Robert Apolloni, art instructor and gallery director, said in a news release. "Throughout their studies, students must cultivate stronger and more diverse manners of attaining successful visuals guided by practicum and critical thinking. Their trials and tribula-

tions are documented by their final visual answer(s) in seeking visual communication and literacy.

"This exhibit highlights the above through some poignant and intriguing work."

The Highland Gallery is free and open to the public. For more information about the exhibit or the gallery, contact Bill Buehler at 815-599-3490 or bill.buehler@highland.edu or go online to highland.edu/gallery.



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An aerial application helicopter gets refilled along a country road recently.

• Pilot (Continued from page 3)

Bunting said with increased demand, some farmers struggled to find available pilots.

"I am hearing that some aerial applicators are turning away business because they just can't get to them or won't have the window to make the application in time," he said. "Also, with the increase in demand we are getting a lot of questions about what's going on, why are planes flying and what are they applying? This is about how we work together with the public and the importance around IPM

(integrated pest management) principles and the need for the application."

The Pontiac Flying Service crew was certainly busy in Cooksville the first week of August, with a handful of staff arriving just as the sun peeked over the horizon on a Wednesday morning.

Standing in front of one of the five Air Tractors, Petersen said the planes carry 500 to 800 gallons of liquid, which equates to an hour-and-a-half of spraying before a pilot needs to land and reload.

The pilots can cover 30,000 acres together in one day, with planes traveling 130 to 160 mph.

As his plane was being filled and prepped, Petersen slipped away to grab his lunch box. It would be a long day, but he hoped to wrap up their fungicide applications by the weekend.

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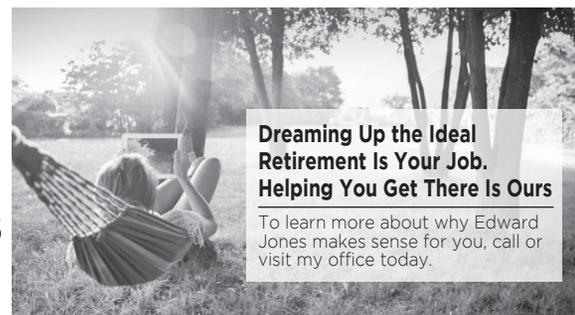


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Obituaries

DONALD A. BRADLEY

Donald A. Bradley, 94, passed away on Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, at his home in Stockton. Donald was born April 3, 1927, in Dubuque, Iowa, the son of Clifford and Clara Bradley. In 1944, at the age of 17, Don proudly enlisted in the Navy to help the World War II effort. Don married Shirley Smith in October of 1948. After his service, Don went to school under the GI bill and ended up wearing many hats — electrical repair, boilerman, welder, a heating and air conditioning business and finding his niche at Atwoods Manufacturing in Stockton, where he retired as one of the plant engineers in 1992 after 30 years.

Don was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton and was very active in the community with the Knights of Columbus and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, always helping out at the 4th of July cookouts and going



around playing taps for other veterans who went before him. Don was very musically inclined; he could sing and play multiple instruments. He loved singing in the Green County Harmony Chorus and in the church choir, where he sang bass and never needed a microphone. He was an avid fisherman and in his younger years, enjoyed hunting. He was also a lifelong Green Bay Packers Fan. Don married Diane Larson in 1998. Don prided himself on being an Irishman and insisted on being married on St. Patrick's Day, even though it was a Tuesday. Everyone attending appreciated the day off.

Don is survived by his wife, Diane Bradley, of Stockton; his daughter, Judy (Dave) Wolfe

of Warsaw; his step-children, Craig (Elizabeth) Larson, Jody Larson and Chris Larson; his granddaughter, Angie (Brad) Marcure of Stockton; his step-grandchildren, Zachary Shippy, Padghan Larson, Kerstan Shippy, Evelyn Larson, Jack Larson and Sam Larson; his great-granddaughter, Madalyn Marcure; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; Shirley, his wife of 47 years; his brother, John Bradley of Aurora; and his half-brother, William Bolton of Nebraska.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. There will be a visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MASON L. BEARD

Mason L. Beard, age 95, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, in Monroe, Wisconsin. He was born March 24, 1926, on the Earl Carpenter Farm in rural Stockton, the son of Harold H. Beard and Helen G. (Carpenter) Beard. He married Joyce L. Ascher on July 26, 1949, in the Stockton Methodist Church with the Rev. Glenn Ames officiating. Together they raised five children.

Mason was a World War II veteran, enlisting in the Naval Reserve in high school and serving in the Southwest Pacific in the New Guinea and Island campaigns as a GM 3/c both in the Sea Bees and aboard ship. He was honorably discharged on May 23, 1946.

Mason and Joyce were married almost 72 years and had traveled much in this country, especially in the west. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church; Stockton Post 449 American Legion since February 1946 and had served as post, county and 13th District commander; life member of Hanover Post 5300 VFW; TREA and NRA. He had been a Boy Scout and was a longtime Scout Master of Troop 31 and helped devel-



op Canyon Camp, and was a member of the Order of the Arrow.

In March of 1955 he re-enlisted in the Sea Bee Reserve and was in Gitmo when Castro made his first move against Batista at Santiago. They also helped build the largest Boy Scout camp in the world in Elbert, Colorado. He later trained Sea Bees for Vietnam and retired as officer in charge of the Dubuque Detachment of the 25th Battalion at Glenview Naval Air Station on Oct. 1, 1980.

Mason is survived by his three daughters, Shannon (John) Taylor of Guffey, Colorado, Sherril (Russ) Reusch of Sabula, Iowa, and Sharon (Brian Johnson) Reid of Madison, Wisconsin; his two sons, Bradley (Nancy) Beard of Rockford, Illinois, and Bryan (Laura Parsley) Beard of Menasha, Wisconsin; his grandchildren, Jody (Darrell) DeBoer, James Hale, Julie McKee, Justin (Ashley) Beard, Andrea (Ryan) Paget, Zachary (Elizabeth) Reusch, Olivia Reusch, Isaac Reusch, Robert (Lisa) Reid, Michelle

(Scott) Reid, Heather Reid, Hiel Mason Reid, Ana Beard and MasonJohn Beard; his great-grandchildren, Crystal, Cody, Corbin, Miranda, Adam, Bridgette, Scotty, Lindsey, Ruben, Jasmine, Matthew, Kyle, Remington, Reeves, Rozyn, Elijah, Ezra, Ezekiel, Gabriella, Giovanni, Jimmy, Parker, Sidney, William, Adam, Cameron, Alexis and Hailey; his two great-great-grandchildren, Noah and Stefanie; his several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his granddaughter-in-law, Tara Hale; his half-brother, George Beard; and his brother-in-law, Jonathan (Judi) Ascher of Mineral Point, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepparents; his wife, Joyce; his infant son; his grandson, Jason Hale; and his brother, James Gardner.

A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton. A visitation was held Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton.

Interment is at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

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KENNETH R. TUCKER

Kenneth Ross Tucker, 62, of Stockton, Illinois, died in his home on Aug. 25, 2021. He was born Nov. 3, 1958, to Harold and Lois (Mitchell) Tucker.

He is survived by his brother, Hal (Cindy) Tucker; his two nephews, Kory Tucker and Jimi (Peggy) Tucker Vantsmeier; his four nieces, Krista Tucker, Amber (Brandon) Hammons, Loran (Tim) Teffeteller and Jody Vantsmeier.



He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Tom Tucker; and his nephew, Kyle Tucker.

Ken was an amazing drum player and always wondered what if he'd have made it a career. He loved music, his drums, his dog, Lucy, and

his 1966 Dodge Charger. He was married to Brenda Booth from May 13, 1994, to 2001. Although they weren't always married she was the love of his life and he spent most of it with her.

A visitation and funeral service were held Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.



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Area teams look to build on success in return to fall ball

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

While the River Ridge Wildcats made the transition to eight-man football, both Warren and Scales Mound have joined new programs just to the north, in Wisconsin. The transitions have panned out for all three schools, as they have

found success from the very start.

Warren went straight to the top as the Black Hawk-Warren Warriors captured a Division Seven State title in their first year of competing together as a co-op in Wisconsin High School football. Including the alternate spring season, the

Warriors have a total combined record of 15-1 since the co-op debuted.

While Scales Mound has been playing with Benton in Wisconsin for quite some time, the co-op evolved into a tri-op with the addition of Shullsburg in 2019. The Benton-Scales Mound-Shullsburg Knights

posted a 7-2 record in their first season, where they appeared poised to make a deep post-season run. They were upset in round one by Darlington, however, leaving the Knights hungry for redemption. After posting a 3-3 record in the alternate spring season, the Knights held a combined record of 10-5 ahead of the 2021 season.

While the River Ridge Wildcats remain in Illinois, they made the transition to eight-man football in 2019. It was a decision that immediately paid off, as the Wildcats have found themselves as one of the top teams in eight-man since they joined. With a 7-3 record in 2019 and a perfect 6-0 record in spring 2021, River Ridge is an impressive 13-3 in their short eight-man history. They were the No. 1-ranked eight-man team following the spring season.

All three programs are hopeful to continue building their success in the fall of 2021.

Junior running backs Lucas Milz and Landen Mahoney lead Black Hawk-Warren. The duo combined for more than 200 yards on Aug. 20, when the Warriors opened their season against Westby. Milz beat out Mahoney in total yards by just 3 feet, as he finished with 12 carries for 86 yards and one reception for an additional 30 yards. Mahoney carried the heavy workload with 16 rushes for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Milz also rushed for one score, which turned out to be the difference, as the Warriors topped Westby 20-13.

Quarterback Brayden Bohnsack struggled offensively, going two for eight through the air with two interceptions. He also had four rushing attempts for 15 yards. Bohnsack was solid on the defensive side of the ball, however, racking up six total tackles. Lane Raab led the team with 11 tackles. After starting the season 1-0 and facing off with Marshall in week two, the Warriors will look to

roll into week three when they face off with an Iowa Grant squad on Friday, Sept. 3.

Benton-Scales Mound-Shullsburg was not so fortunate in their 2021 debut, as they were routed by a Cuba City squad 50-14 on Aug. 20. Cuba City picked apart the Knights' defense through the air as quarterback Beau Kopp was 12 of 15 through the air with four touchdowns and 182 yards. BSMS was able to respond with a passing attack of their own in the second quarter. Junior quarterback Jacob Deurr was nine of 19 with almost 200 yards, two touchdowns, and two interceptions.

Deurr's two touchdown passes came in the second quarter on an 18-yard pass to junior wideout Charlie Wiegel and a long, 82-yard catch and run by Nevada Sandlin. Unfortunately, those two scores were the only time the Knights would reach the end zone in week one. Wiegel finished the night with five receptions for 80 yards and one score. Sandlin led the team with three receptions for 104 yards and a score of his own. Sandlin also added five rushing attempts for 18 yards.

After starting 0-1 and facing off with Westby in week two, the Knights will prepare to square off with River Ridge in Shullsburg on Sept. 3.

With the River Ridge Wildcats playing in Illinois, which starts a week after high school football in Wisconsin, the Wildcats are fresh in their 2021 campaign. After opening the season against the Aquin Bulldogs, the most recent team to switch to eight-man, the Wildcats will host South Beloit on Sept. 3. Quarterback Breyton Fry and senior wideouts Traighton McGovern and Caden Albrecht lead the Wildcats. The wide receiver duo gives the Wildcats a huge size advantage outside, as Albrecht stands over 6 feet, 6 inches and McGovern is close behind at 6 feet, 3 inches tall. Together, the trio of seniors will hope to give the Wildcats a dynamic connection that allows River Ridge to continue dominating in eight-man.

With Doug Nicholas at the helm and 20 players on the roster, the Wildcats have the depth and the wherewithal to compete with the best in 2021.



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Raising green for Stockton greenhouse

Fundraising is underway for the Stockton FFA chapter's greenhouse project. The photo above shows the greenhouse that will likely be completed by the spring of 2023. Community members are invited to help support the greenhouse project by attending a spaghetti supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Stockton High School. A live auction will begin at 7 p.m.; check out auction items online on the Stockton FFA chapter Facebook page.

Briefs

Stockton invites floats for homecoming parade

The Stockton High School homecoming parade is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16.

Any businesses that would like to feature a float in the parade should contact Deb Sullivan at the school at 815-947-3323 or email lindsey.duerr@stocktonschools.com.

ist Church in Stockton. This month's prayer gathering will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6.

"We will pray for our country to return to its foundational roots, for our state, our town and for the safety of our farmers," a news release said. "We will also pray for our schools and for specific needs as requested."

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

The CWA group also will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the church and all area women are invited.

For more information, call Carol Rowe at 815-947-2122 or Pam Hess at 815-947-9154.

Women's group sets prayer gathering, meeting

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Senior group plans Stockton museum outing

SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and Surrounding Areas) has set a meeting for 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Stockton Heritage Museum, 107 W. Front St., Stockton. The meeting will feature an informative and fun program about Stockton's history and its people presented by historian Ann Coppennoll.

"The seniors will have an opportunity to view new and returning displays and hear stories and ask questions

about the artifacts that the museum has collected over the last 15 years along with the inherited collection from the Heritage League of Northwest Illinois," according to an SOS+ news release. "Some of more popular displays are the Kraft wagon, the working milking machine, pictures of the schools which became the Stockton School District, the railroad display and Stockton business display, as well as the miniature diorama of the

Niemeyer Drug Store, which was in the building where the museum is housed."

The program is free and open to all Stockton seniors and those in neighboring communities. Free-will donations will be given directly to the museum.

SOS+ is an outreach ministry that aims to provide educational and entertaining programs and a time of fellowship free of cost for seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas.

For more information about SOS+ or to arrange a ride to a meeting, call Mary Feltmeyer at 815-297-5425, Nancy at 815-275-0303 or Shirley Toepfer at 815-947-3639.

• Group (Continued from front page)

Kim McIver, director and theater board member, said in a news release. "The set was removed for a very small wedding reception that took place in the building later that fall. It was sad to see it go when we had worked so hard on everything."

Now that set is back in place and members of the theater group are ready to present the three-act play written by Noel Coward in 1941.

"The show enters into the life of skeptical novelist Charles Condomine, who invites self-proclaimed medium Madame Arcati to his home for a séance, hoping to gather material for a new book," the release said. "When the hapless psychic accidentally summons the spirit of Condomine's late wife, Elvira, his home and life are quickly turned into a shambles as she torments both himself and his new bride, Ruth."

The cast consists of actors and crew from all over the area.

Emily and Cole Duvall of Monroe, Wisconsin, play Ruth and Charles Condomine. Their daughter, Layla, is the voice of Daphne, and their son, Dorian, is the assistant stage manager.

Mary Jo Frederick of Mount Carroll plays Madame Arcati, and her daughter, Melanie Frederick, is Edith the maid.

Sandy Sweitzer from Pearl City is Mrs. Bradman, and her stage husband, Dr. Bradman, is played by Ron Pallek of McHenry.

Each performance will feature a British dessert and hot apple cider. There will be a regular intermission between Act 1 and Act 2, and a short intermission later.

For more information, go online to mightyrichlandplayers.org or call 815-819-1310 for tickets.

"We are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the theater this year and we can't wait to see our audiences back," McIver said.



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The characters in "Blithe Spirit" hold a séance. From left are Ron Pallek, Emily Duvall, Mary Jo Frederick, Keisha Leehan, Cole Duvall, Sandy Sweitzer and Melanie Frederick.

Farmer's nomination nets \$2,500 grant for Stockton FFA

Local farmer Stephanie Curtis recently directed a \$2,500 Bayer Fund America's Farmers Grow Communities donation to Stockton FFA.

"Since 2010, the America's Farmers programs have awarded more than \$59 million to community nonprofits, aspiring agriculture students and public schools across rural America," according to a news release from the Bayer Fund. "Farmers are leaders in their communities, which is why America's Farmers programs rely on them to help identify the most worthy causes."

Last August, farmers entered for the chance to direct a \$2,500 Grow Communities donation to a local eligible nonprofit of their choice. Farmers

have directed donations to food banks, emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs and many others, the release said.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone, including those in rural regions, and farmers play a critical role in helping communities overcome challenges, like the ones we're currently facing," Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund president, said in the release. "Bayer Fund is proud to work side-by-side with farmers to identify local eligible nonprofit organizations that are able to provide their residents with solutions that leave a lasting impact."

For more information, go online to AmericasFarmers.com.

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Jo Daviess County Assessment Notice

NOTICE TO JO DAVIESS COUNTY TAXPAYERS: ASSESSED VALUES FOR 2021

**Valuation date (35 ILCS 200/9-95):
January 1, 2021**

**Required level of assessment (35 ILCS 200/9-145):
33.33%**

**Valuation based on sales from
(35 ILCS 200/1-155): 2018, 2019, 2020
Equalization 3 year median level of assessments
(35 ILCS 200/9-21) 33.33%**

Publication is hereby made for equalized assessed valuations for real property in the following townships in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/12-10.

Questions about these valuations should be directed to: Sandy Davis (Apple River and Thompson Townships) PO Box 172 Mt. Carroll IL 61063 815.821.1540

Sandy Davis (Berreman, Derinda, Pleasant Valley, Stockton and Wards Grove Townships) PO Box 172 Mt. Carroll IL 61063 815.821.1540

Farmland:

Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the farmland assessments for the 2021 assessment year will increase by 10% of the preceding year's median cropped soil productivity index as certified by the Illinois Department of Revenue with data provided by the Farmland Assessment Technical Advisory Board resulting in a \$35.21 per acre increase for each soil productivity index.

Equalization Factor:

The median level of assessment for the multi-township district of Berreman, Derinda, Pleasant Valley, Stockton & Wards Grove is 30.92%. As required by 35 ILCS 200/9-210 and 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the following equalization factors have been applied to bring the assessments to the statutorily required three-year median level of 33.33%:

A factor of 1.0818 has been applied to the following class of property in Berreman Township:

- Other Land & Improvements (Class 10, 20)
- Farm Homesite & Dwelling (Class 11)

A factor of 1.0818 has been applied to the following class of property in Derinda Township:

- Other Land & Improvements (Class 10, 20)
- Farm Homesite & Dwelling (Class 11)

A factor of 1.0818 has been applied to the following class of property in Pleasant Valley Township:

- Other Land & Improvements (Class 10, 20)
- Farm Homesite & Dwelling (Class 11)

A factor of 1.0818 has been applied to the following class of property in Stockton Township:

- Residential (Class 30, 40)
- Other Land & Improvements (Class 10, 20)
- Farm Homesite & Dwelling (Class 11)

A factor of 1.0818 has been applied to the following class of property in Wards Grove Township:

- Other Land & Improvements (Class 10, 20)
- Farm Homesite & Dwelling (Class 11)

The median level of assessment for the multi-township district of Apple River & Thompson is 31.00%. As required by 35 ILCS 200/9-210 and 35 ILCS 200/10-115, the following equalization factors have been applied to bring the assessments to the statutorily required three-year median level of 33.33%:

A factor of 1.0912 has been applied to the following

class of property in Thompson Township:
Residential (Class 30, 40)

All other Property:

Property in these Townships, other than farmland and coal, is to be assessed at a 33.33% median level of assessment, based on the fair cash value of the property. You may check the accuracy of your assessment by dividing your assessment by the median level of assessment. The resulting value should equal the estimated fair cash value of your property. If the resulting value is greater than the estimated fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. You may appeal your assessment to the Board of Review.

If you believe your property's fair cash value is incorrect or that the equalized assessed valuation is not uniform with other comparable properties in the same neighborhood, the following steps should be taken:

Contact your township assessor to review the assessment.

If not satisfied with the assessor review, taxpayers may file a complaint with the Jo Daviess County Board of Review. For complaint forms, instructions, and the Rules and Procedures of the Board of Review, call (815) 777-1016 or visit www.jodaviess.org for more information.

The final filing deadline for your township is 30 days from this publication date. After this date, the Board of Review is prohibited by law from accepting assessment complaints for properties in these townships. **The filing deadline is October 1, 2021.**

Your property may be eligible for homestead exemptions, which can reduce your property's taxable assessment. For more information on homestead exemptions, call (815) 777-1016 or visit www.jodaviess.org.

Your property tax bill will be calculated as follows:

Final Equalized Assessed Value – Exemptions = Taxable Assessment;

Taxable Assessment x Current Tax Rate = Total Tax Bill.

All equalized assessed valuations are subject to further equalization and revision by the Jo Daviess County Board of Review as well as equalization by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

A complete list of assessments for these townships for the current assessment year, except for those assessments that were changed solely by equalization is as follows:

APPLE RIVER TOWNSHIP

01-000-091-00 MAYBERRY, ZACHARIAH D & JA	32,171
01-000-104-10 NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC	63,394
01-000-104-16 NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS INC	102,889
01-000-130-00 BOURQUIN LIVING TRUST, MAR	30,193
01-000-184-00 ANDERSON, NORMAN F & KIM L	125,865
01-001-056-00 STOCKS, GREGORY A & VALERI	18,123
01-001-156-00 CUELLAR, MELINDA NICOLE VA	34,424

BERREMAN TOWNSHIP

02-000-013-10 SULLIVAN, JAMES S & MAHON	30,869
02-000-017-00 CALVERT, BRENDA E	59,813
02-000-019-00 SCHLAFFER, STEWART	66,359
02-000-083-00 MCINTYRE TRUST, DAVID M &	84,194
02-000-086-00 BONE, EDWARD E	19,060
02-000-105-03 MCALOON, TIMOTHY J & TRACE	7,186
02-000-133-00 ROSENSTIEL, ROBIN K	19,068
02-000-134-03 HOLZKOPF, MICHAEL	46,313
02-000-169-00 ROBERTS, CLINTON A	15,274

DERINDA TOWNSHIP

04-000-003-00 CRONIN, MARK	95,084
04-000-003-10 COOPER, TROY & KYMBERLY	204
04-000-005-00 COOPER, TROY & KYMBERLY	299
04-000-063-03 ARNDT, JOHN C & WIESER,	44,334
04-000-103-10 JONES, H HUGH	11,855
04-000-163-00 BLACK, JACOB E & JULIA	30,835
04-000-168-00 HARMSTON, GREG T & PEGGY A	109,294
04-000-318-00 WALTER FARMS LLC	27,467
04-000-330-00 LUBBAT, CONSTANTINE R TRUS	85,294
04-000-367-00 WALTER FARMS LLC	19,413
04-000-378-12 REYNOLDS, ERIC M & ERIKA J	90,644

PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP

12-000-031-00 BUSS, LORRAINE	17,934
12-000-033-10 WARD LAND LLC	23,995

12-000-037-00 WARD LAND LLC	39,135
12-000-065-00 BROWN, PHILLIP I	30,539
12-000-086-00 GROEZINGER REVOCABLE TRUST	84,829
12-000-106-00 GROEZINGER, ARLENE	46,357
12-000-194-00 VULTURE VALLEY SOUTH LLC	18,171
12-000-337-06 HAAS, SCOTT W & TERRY L	66,781

STOCKTON TOWNSHIP

17-000-001-00 SPIDAHL DJ LLC	167,286
17-000-024-03 FREEPORT REGIONAL HEALTHCA	213,800
17-000-034-06 SPENCER, JAMI	74,410
17-000-069-20 REULAND, JEFF E & SUSANA I	60,953
17-000-072-00 PETSCHKE, CHARLES M & LOIS	76,125
17-000-085-00 COX, LOMETA HUDNALL TRUST	72,063
17-000-143-00 JACKSON, CHARLES C & PATTI	75,035
17-000-167-03 JONES LIVING TRUST, TONY L	142,288
17-000-190-00 ENOS, JAMES R & JO ANN	131,013
17-000-213-00 ERNST, ADRIAN M & ASHLIE N	41,870
17-000-213-07 BERNHARDT, RYAN	80,114
17-000-260-00 CAHILL, NEILL J & REBECCA	104,357
17-000-321-00 OPPOLD, DANIEL J & LAURALE	68,083
17-000-383-00 SIERGIEJ, MITCHELL C & NAN	40,066
17-000-397-00 HOPKINS, NOLA M ESTATE	20,614
17-001-030-00 RHYNER, VERONICA N & KNOP	15,378
17-001-074-00 SCHMIDT, BRANT	25,476
17-001-080-03 MARCURE, BRUCE	36,623
17-001-115-00 WAMPFLER, DALE F & PATRICI	31,658
17-001-151-00 BOLDOCK, WILLIAM G & BREND	27,491
17-001-167-00 STEIEN, CARL J	1,731
17-001-377-00 BROSHOUS, COLTON	50,954
17-001-378-00 VENHUIZEN, CHAD & RUCEL	26,523
17-001-435-00 KRIEBS, HELEN H	23,880
17-001-452-00 SCOTT, JOHN EDWARD JR & JE	29,968
17-001-498-00 CASWELL, AUSTIN J & BRIANA	31,057
17-001-513-03 BLACK, JONATHON JUPITER	12,062
17-001-596-09 JONES, CATHERINE R & OATE	30,282
17-001-618-00 VENHUIZEN, SAM & BROOKE	62,146
17-002-111-00 BREWSTER CHEESE COMPANY	965,018
17-002-111-10 BREWSTER CHEESE COMPANY	142,485
17-002-111-20 BREWSTER CHEESE COMPANY	142,485
17-002-140-18 DIDDENS, DAVID	23,098
17-002-140-84 MILLER, JACK R	30,809
17-002-142-37 WILLIAMSON, SONYA	43,300
17-002-157-03 ERTMER, SANDRA	27,794
17-002-171-00 CURTISS, DYLAN J	60,385
17-002-171-21 CURTISS LIVING TRUST, JOHN	82,260

THOMPSON TOWNSHIP

18-000-066-03 BIRKETT, ASHLEY & AARON	29,440
18-000-072-06 KOESTER, KENNETH J & MARY	85,244
18-000-102-00 HDSP LLC	2,125
18-000-172-03 JACKSON, TED B TRUSTEE	72,969
18-000-235-00 ROWLANDS LIVING TRUST, ANN	61,950
18-000-270-10 FARREY, DAVID	3,638
18-000-271-00 MEKER FARM MANAGEMENT LLC	71,025
18-000-314-15 BOKINA, WILLIAM	26,126
18-001-005-00 VINCENT DECLARATION OF TRU	84,351
18-001-011-00 NOLAN, JASON D & SHARON	139,650
18-002-018-00 DORAN, WILLIAM E & TERI M	101,659
18-003-086-00 EHB TIG PROPERTIES LLC - S	39,521
18-003-091-00 DOBROW JOINT REVOCABLE TRU	110,613
18-003-150-00 MARRON, SUE	52,840
18-005-092-00 GARDNER, THOMAS J & SUZANN	100,859
18-005-101-00 QUINN, TIMOTHY M & SAMEENA	77,713
18-005-103-00 PEARCE, BRETT T & CYNTHIA	72,914
18-005-141-00 LIPINSKAYA, NATALYA	129,689
18-007-026-00 KIMBRO, ALEXANDER & MARGAR	129,002
18-007-049-00 MCDERMOTT, PHILLIP & MIA	62,396
18-007-171-00 FARLEY, JEANNE	46,869
18-008-043-00 SCHROEDER, ROLAND & GISELA	52,296
18-008-178-00 BOS, MARCIN & ANA LILIA	66,421
18-008-197-00 CONRAD, MAUREEN TRUSTEE	158,791
18-008-198-00 THOMAS DECLARATION OF TRUS	61,811
18-008-246-00 LOSASSO, JOHN S & JANE F	60,080
18-008-257-00 HANIACEK, JOHN A & DONNA A	111,142
18-008-276-00 EATON, DAVID E & LEIGH ANN	138,164
18-009-156-00 SCHNEIDER, JAMES L	174,640
18-009-159-00 HAZEN TRUST, VAUGHN & SU	110,974
18-009-170-00 ROSENBERG DECLARATION OF T	104,141
18-010-099-00 HANSON, JOHN A	74,521
18-010-102-00 GARDNER, JAMES R	37,842
18-011-187-00 ATKINSON, MICHAEL & VANESS	76,832
18-011-189-00 MARTIN, SHAUN T & SCHWICH	113,090
18-011-204-00 FURE, KRIS M & MARY J	48,028
18-012-049-00 AUSTIN, MICHAEL J & ARDEN	71,994
18-012-053-00 COCAGNE, WESLEY & STEPHANI	89,072
18-012-070-00 JACKLEY, DOUGLAS & LYNNETT	52,987
18-012-084-00 DALEY TRUST AGREEMENT, TIM	114,693
18-012-128-00 JOHNSON, KEN & ANN NC	636
18-012-132-00 DUDDLES, ARTHUR J & SHAWN	62,671
18-012-320-00 CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST C	39,211
18-013-003-00 PAUL, RICHARD K & TERESA M	192,924
18-013-158-00 DOWNEY, JAMES & HANNAN,	72,728
18-014-100-00 BRECKHEIMER, TROY DONALD &	89,091

WARDS GROVE TOWNSHIP

20-000-057-09 ALTHOFF, DELANO W & DIANA	219,596
20-000-169-00 LAWFER, CURTIS A	68,341
20-000-177-10 GROEZINGER, DARYL A & PENN	107,731
20-000-204-00 HASTING, SHARON R	109,351

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Farm bureau looks to grow connections through food

By Richard Guebert Jr. CONTRIBUTOR

I imagine there are great qualities about living in a big city or suburb, but I would not know. I have lived my entire life in the same rural community. I am proud of my rural, farm roots, but I also recognize the need to better understand the perspectives of others around the state and nation.

In many ways, our state and country have become divided. Politically, certainly, but in other ways, too.

Illinois is home to a major metropolitan city in Chicago. We have many suburbs and smaller cities, large tracts of farmland and small communities. But we are labeled as being from "Chicago" or "downstate."

The Illinois Farm Bureau has identified bridging the urban, suburban and rural divide as one of our board action priorities. We must listen to all perspectives, learn where we have common ground, respect various points of view and help bridge the divide in this country. I am not suggesting we compromise our beliefs. I am suggesting we reach out, listen and seek to understand others.

IFB has a history of reaching outside agriculture to build relationships. The Adopt-A-Legislator program, Ag in the Classroom, Illinois Farm Families and Cultivating Our Communities are all good examples. We intend to build on programs with new partnerships in urban communities.

As a farm organization, food is the link that connects us to all our state's consumers. Food access and assistance impact rural Illinoisans and urban communities. Highlighting those food issues will allow us to work in a space that truly impacts our members and their communities.

Food systems are local, despite Illinois being a part of an international food market. We learned this during the COVID-19 pandemic when disruptions impacted Illinoisans' ability to access food.

We intend to work with county Farm Bureaus to identify community leaders interested in collaborating with us to address their food-related needs. Illinois Farm Bureau looks forward to helping build new partnerships and foster relationships.

Richard Guebert Jr. is president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. This op-ed was distributed through the Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association.

LEGAL NOTICES

Village of Lena Notice of Public Hearing Mobile Storage Containers - Pods

A Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of Trustees of Lena, IL on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 5:45 p.m. at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL.

The Public Hearing shall be for the purpose of passing an Ordinance for the use of Mobile Storage Containers - Pods within the Village of Lena.

Anyone wishing to appear and be heard on the issue of allowing this Ordinance should appear at that time. You are also invited to send letters on this issue to the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., P.O. Box 607, Lena, IL 61048.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, ND, PLAINTIFF,

VS. BERNARD TOMAN A/K/A BERNARD W TOMAN; DOLORES TOMAN A/K/A DOLORES A TRIMBLE; DISCOVER BANK; ABSOLUTE RESOLUTIONS CORPORATION, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 19 CH 56 2182 NORTH FLANSBURG ROAD FREEPORT, IL 61032 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS

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A part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Eighteen (18), in Township 27 North, Range 7, East of the 4th Principal Meridian described as follows: beginning at a point 224 feet south of the northeast corner of said half quarter section, and running west parallel with north line of half quarter section, 818.5 feet; thence north 224 feet to quarter line, thence north 117 feet; thence east parallel with quarter quarter line 256 feet; thence south 117 feet to quarter quarter line; thence east 150 feet to a point 412.5 feet west of northeast corner of said half quarter section; thence south parallel, with east section line, 189.75 feet; thence east parallel with north line of said half quarter section, 412.5 feet to section line; thence south 34.25 feet to place of beginning. Situated in the County of Stephenson and State of Illinois.

TAX NO. 08-13-18-400-016

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2182 North Flansburg Road Freeport, IL 61032

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a several barns garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan.

The Judgment amount was \$32,400.26.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real

estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 20-04727IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

I3174600 (Published in The Shopper's Guide Aug. 25, Sept. 1 & 8, 2021) 402298

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS Dupaco Community Credit Union PLAINTIFF

Vs. Hannah Givler; Walnut Hill Umbrella Association, Inc.; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Gregory C Givler; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS

No. 2021CH34 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Gregory C Givler Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 11 Wedgewood Drive Galena, IL 61036

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Gregory C. Givler the Mortgagor(s), to Dupaco Community Credit Union, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 406677; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Kathy Phillips Clerk of the Circuit Court Jo Daviess County Courthouse 330 N. Bench Street Galena, IL 61036

on or before September 24, 2021, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COM-

PLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-21-02165. NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3174575

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

RUSH TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 2021 TOWNSHIP-REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes: \$61,593.47, Replacement Tax: \$1,368.66

TOWNSHIP-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

TOIRMA: \$2,941.00, Lawn Mowing: \$3,100.00

COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Garrett Toay, Brad Mapes, Ben Wooden, Jase McGivney, Marshall McKee, Diane Rogers, Jeffery Schuldt \$37,070.01

ROAD DISTRICT-REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes - \$112,606.62, Replacement Tax: \$5,382.50, Interest Income: \$937.51

ROAD DISTRICT-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Fuel: \$15,281.69 Maintenance Services Roads - \$48,106.06

Maintenance Services Equipment - \$2,026.76

Subscribed and sworn this 13th day of April, 2021.

Garrett J Toay, Supervisor

I, Ben Wooden, Clerk of the Town of Rush, Jo Daviess County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2021.

Subscribed and sworn to this 13th day of April, 2021.

Ben Wooden, Clerk

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

You can also serve it as a garnish for pulled pork sandwiches. If you are not a big lover of mayo dressing on coleslaw, this sweet and sour cabbage dish will be great for you.

- 1 bag of shredded cabbage
- 1/2 C. thinly sliced green pepper
- 1/2 C. thinly sliced red onion
- 1/2 C. white vinegar
- 1/3 C. shredded carrot
- 3 T. sugar
- 2 T. canola oil
- 1/2 t. kosher salt
- 1/4 t. ground black pepper

In a large bowl, toss together all ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour before serving. You can keep it refrigerated for two days.

Zucchini, Eggplant and Tomato Gratin

If you have a lot of any of the three vegetables that are mentioned in the title (some

people classify tomato as a fruit), this delicious recipe will help you serve them to people who think they don't like any or all of the above. See if you can convert any to the "farm to table" side.

- 3 T. extra virgin olive oil, divided
 - 2 C. sliced yellow onion (about 1 large one)
 - 1 C. diced red, orange or yellow peppers
 - 1 eggplant (a slender one about 1/2 lb.)
 - 1 zucchini (about 1/2 lb.)
 - 2 medium tomatoes
 - 3 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed
 - 1 1/2 t. salt
 - 2 T. chopped fresh parsley
 - 2 oz. provolone cheese, sliced or grated
 - 3 T. grated Parmesan cheese
- Preheat the oven to 350. Place oven rack in the center position. In a large pan, heat 2 T. olive oil. Sauté the onions and peppers on medium high

heat until lightly browned, stirring frequently, about 10 minutes. Transfer the vegetables to a casserole dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray.

Slice the eggplant, zucchini and tomato into thin slices. (If the tomato slices are bigger than the other two vegetables, you may want to cut them in half.) You want the vegetables to be the same size in order to layer them. Place the garlic on top of the peppers and onions in the casserole dish. Layer the eggplant, zucchini and tomato slices on top of the onion mixture, fanning them across the surface of the dish. Top with salt, parsley, slices of cheese and remaining teaspoon of olive oil. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover with foil (spray the underside of the foil with cooking spray) and bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil and turn on the broiler and broil

for five minutes until nicely browned.

MishMash

A reader submitted this recipe to the Shopper's Guide; you will find it very interesting. It uses lots of summer vegetables and uses ground beef. It would make a hearty main dish. Thank you, Rick, for sharing this unique beef recipe with us.

- 2 lbs. ground beef
 - 4 T. Oil
 - 2 medium onions, chopped
 - 4 C. zucchini, cubed
 - 3 C. whole kernel corn
 - 2 cans (6 oz. each) green chilies
 - 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
 - 1 can (16 oz.) diced tomatoes
 - 1 can beef broth
- Brown the meat and add everything else. Simmer for one hour and serve.

Beef, Spinach and Feta Quesadillas

Quesadillas are Tex Mex, and Feta is associated with Greek cooking. This recipe marries the two types of cooking to make a different kind of Tex Mex dish. Just to throw everyone off, there is also spinach. Try this unique combination of flavors.

- 1 lb. ground beef
 - 6 C. baby spinach, coarsely chopped
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1/2 t. dried oregano
 - 1/4 t. salt
 - 1/4 t. pepper
 - 1 C. crumbled feta cheese
 - 4 soft (8 inch) flour tortillas
 - Lemon wedges
- Coat a 12-inch nonstick skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-high heat. Add beef, cooking and stirring until the beef is no longer pink, about eight minutes. Drain off fat, then return beef

to skillet. Add spinach, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper to skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, until spinach is wilted, two minutes; stir in feta. Dividing evenly, spread mixture over half of each tortilla; fold over filling. Recoat the skillet with cooking spray; heat over medium-low heat. In batches, cook quesadillas, pressing lightly with spatula and flipping once until lightly browned and heated through, about two minutes per side. Serve with lemon wedges.

Chicken Supreme Casserole

This is an easy weeknight recipe that can use many shortcuts. You can use any small size pasta instead of elbow macaroni. The frozen stir-fry vegetables come in many flavors, so pick your favorite, and you can use canned or rotisserie chicken. This is a one-pot shot, so just have a salad and a crusty roll and the meal is complete.

- 6 C. water
 - 1 1/2 C. elbow pasta
 - 1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen stir-fry vegetables
 - 1 can cream of chicken soup
 - 1/4 C. milk
 - 3 T. mayonnaise
 - 1 t. lemon pepper
 - 1 C. cubed cooked chicken breast
 - 1/2 diced green onions
- Preheat the oven to 350. In a large saucepan, bring the water to boiling. Add pasta and reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered for six minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in frozen vegetables. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered for five to six minutes more or until pasta is tender but still firm (al dente); drain. Rinse with cold water; drain again and set aside.

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Sweet and Sour Coleslaw

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Take oral health care advice to heart

By Dr. Stephen Petras
Contributor
Research into the oral health/overall health connection is constantly getting stronger because, like most technology, microbiology testing is more advanced than ever. We know that dental problems can have medical origins and medical issues can stem from dental disease.

Research also shows that adequate preventative dental care is linked with fewer hospital admissions, lowered medical costs and reduced complications following surgery. For this reason, many physicians will require a dental clearance for patients undergoing heart surgery, joint replacement, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, organ transplants and other complex medical procedures.

Today I will concentrate on how your oral health can impact your heart health.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both women and men, not just in the United States, but worldwide. When I recommend that you floss and brush twice a day for two minutes, that is not just random advice. The American Heart Association wants you to know that individuals who brush less than twice a day and under two minutes have a "three-fold increased risk of heart failure, heart attack and stroke than those who brushed at least twice a day for two minutes."

Periodontal disease, which includes gingivitis (inflammation of the gums) and periodontitis (inflammation of the tissues surrounding the bones in the mouth), is one of the most common, but preventable, infections in humans. While initially inflammation is a protective mechanism, extended periods of inflammation can damage tissues and organs. Cardiac muscle and arteries are vulnerable to this inflammation, which can cause plaque to build up inside a vessel, narrowing or completely blocking the vessel.

The takeaway: Making your dental health a priority by flossing and brushing for two minutes twice a day and seeing your dentist twice a year can help you avoid or lessen the consequences of heart disease.

Dr. Stephen Petras is an Illinois-licensed general dentist at the Stockton Dental Center.

Virtual program helps gardeners with fall tasks

As the gardening season begins to wind down, the University of Illinois Extension will offering a free virtual program for gardeners.

Falling into the Vegetable Garden will be held at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Preregistration by Sept. 21 is required to receive the meeting link.

Hosted by Grant McCarty, local foods and small farms educator, the program "will help you determine what

or break off, leading to blockage or rupture of a blood vessel.

Adding to this, bacteria from oral disease can enter the bloodstream and cause further inflammation and damage. In fact, research has repeatedly shown that P gingivitis (the most common bacteria associated with gum disease) is the most common bacteria found in coronary and femoral artery atherosclerotic plaque.

People with periodontal disease also do not respond as well to blood pressure medicine. Further complicating the issue is that their heart and blood pressure medications may exacerbate their periodontal disease.

A dental exam before surgery is necessary to rule out or treat any oral infections (abscesses, periodontal disease, etc.) that could allow bacteria to enter the bloodstream and cause serious complications. Timing is critical and necessary dental procedures, especially extractions, should be done as far in advance of your surgery as your health allows.

Patients who received dental clearance prior to surgery are also less likely to develop pneumonia following surgery. Keeping up with your daily oral hygiene will be a major heart health priority after surgery, as you will need to delay any elective dental procedures for at least six months.

Patients who have undergone certain cardiac surgeries and those who have specific cardiac conditions will be prescribed antibiotics before dental procedures to prevent bacteremia and endocarditis. This is just one more important reason to update your medical history whenever you visit your dentist.

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tasks you should do right now, what you should do soon and what you should do later," according to a news release. "The tasks will include planting garlic and cover crops, overwintering perennial vegetables, getting a soil test, orchard management and many others."

To register or receive more information, go online to go.illinois.edu/jsw or call 815-235-4125.

•Kitchen (Continued from page 12)

In a large bowl, stir together soup, milk, mayo and lemon pepper. Stir in chicken and pasta mixture. Transfer pasta mixture to a 2-quart square baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Cover and bake for 30 minutes; stir. Bake, uncovered, for 10 to 15 minutes more or until mixture is heated through and bubbly. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with green onions.

Shrimp and Crab Pasta Salad

Serve this for a luncheon, and it will be a big hit. Have crusty rolls on the side, and serve sherbet for a dessert. You can't make an easier or tastier lunch for several friends.

- 1 C. mayonnaise
 - 2 t. sugar
 - ¼ t. ground mustard
 - ¼ t. salt
 - ¼ t. pepper
 - 4 C. cooked elbow macaroni
 - 2 t. Old Bay seasoning
 - 1 t. garlic powder
 - 6 oz. imitation crabmeat, chopped
 - 1 small cucumber, chopped
 - 1 C. peeled and deveined cooked shrimp.
- Garnish with chopped green onion

In a small bowl, combine the mayo, sugar, mustard, salt and pepper. Add Old Bay seasoning, garlic powder and crab. Toss gently. Add cucumber and shrimp (if it is large shrimp, cut it in pieces); toss and add mixture to a large bowl with macaroni. Mix gently. Refrigerate for at least an hour. Sprinkle with chopped green onion.

Oreo Krispies

It would be hard to find someone who doesn't like Oreo cookies or Rice Krispie bars. In this recipe you have the best of both worlds. It is an easy snack cookie to make; and you probably won't have to worry about packing them up for tomorrow.

- 10 oz. miniature marshmallows
- 2 T. canola oil
- 5 C. Rice Krispies
- 1 C. coarsely chopped Oreo cookies
- 10 oz. pkg. white chocolate chips
- 1 C. coarsely chopped Oreos for garnish

In a large saucepan over low heat, melt marshmallows in oil; stir until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in Rice Krispies plus Oreo cookies. Press mixture into a lightly greased 9-by-13 baking pan using waxed paper or a lightly greased spatula. Cool to room temperature. Melt white chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl, checking every two minutes until chips are melted. Spread over

cooled bars and sprinkle with chopped Oreos. Cut into bars.

Pretzel Cookies

I had a request for these to be reprinted. Do you know when sometimes you lose a recipe, and you have looked everywhere for it? I found the original one I ran a long time ago and even had the intro to it. Enjoy this whole repeat performance.

Into every life some sweet must fall. This recipe takes the taste of sweet and salt and brings them together for a great cookie. You can make these as really big cookies or as a medium-size cookie. Just be sure to adjust the space between the cookies to your size. Enjoy this great way to eat some pretzels and M & M candy!

- 1 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 t. vanilla
- 2½ C. flour
- 1 t. baking powder

- 1 t. baking soda
- 1 t. salt
- 2 C. miniature pretzels, broken
- 1½ C. flaked coconut
- 1½ C. milk chocolate M & M's

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Stir in the remaining ingredients.

Drop cookies onto an ungreased baking sheet. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool.

Final thoughts

The first home volleyball game was this past week. It was about 90 degrees in the gym. I felt sorry for the girls, but they seemed to rise to the occasion and play well. Football has started, and it will be warm on the field. I guess fall has officially arrived.

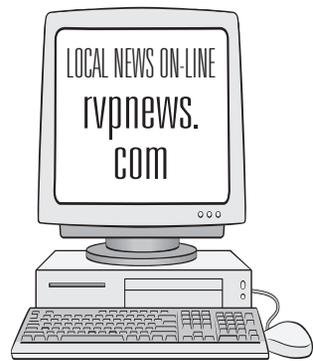
The Lions members are getting ready for the annual Lena Lions Fall Festival. I think we are all excited to have this great outdoor activity back again. Two weeks ago there was a ceremony renaming the parkway road into Lions Park the Ben Mayer Memorial Parkway. Ben was an active Lions Club member with more than 60 years of perfect attendance. He was a great example of community service and a servant leader. Stop by and see the signs at the entrances.

Speaking of parks, my aquasize class finished this week. I will miss the great exercise and the many friends I have made. I reconnected with those with whom I have exercised with for many years and made some new friends. Our instructor, Delia Harmon, was great, and as usual the pool and its personnel were wonderful. Thank you, Sue, and the park board for offering this wonderful (for the most part) senior citizen activity. We are all looking forward to next year.

The other park news is that Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park should be opening by the time you get this paper. A lot of us have been waiting for this news. I think we will wait for the actual lake to fill up, but the beautiful drive around the park along with many activities will be welcome.

I guess it is time to turn our attention to apples and pumpkins, and if it gets cooler, some soup recipes. If you have any recipes you would like to share, contact us in person, by mail at From Le-

na's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 240 W. Main St., Lena, IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.



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Adult education tutors spread love of learning

Students get help with basic education, language skills

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Since 2013, Wendy Heiler has been a tutor with Highland Community College's Volunteer Literacy Program. But her experience with the program has actually taught the McConnell resident something those with a high school diploma or college degree might take for granted.

"I've seen a number of my students obtain their GED, which is very rewarding," Heiler said in an email. "I'm gaining a better understanding of the challenges people face when they don't have the education needed to obtain a good job."

The Volunteer Literacy Program, part of Highland's adult education department, recruits, trains and matches tutors in math, reading, writing or English as a Second Language with eligible adult students.

Those learners can improve not only their skills, but their lives, said Rachel Feldhaus, director of Highland's adult education programs.

"Tutors tutor one or two hours per week. It's a small amount of time for the tutor but makes a world of difference to the student, whether they are learning English, math or reading," Feldhaus said in an email. "Having good written and spoken English skills opens up career and educational opportunities, and earning a GED opens up career and educational opportunities as well."

The program is funded through a grant by the Illinois

State Library.

Over the years, Feldhaus has seen an increase among those who need the services.

"We do have many requests for tutors and are gearing up for more tutors and students," she said. "ESL lessons are quite popular, as well as reading, writing and math."

Participating tutors are a mix of residents throughout the college's district.

"We are actively recruiting for tutors of all ages," Feldhaus said. "Many of our current folks are retired, but we have tutors of a variety of ages and backgrounds, including students. Volunteer tutoring is a wonderful thing to put on a resume or college application."

Tutors don't have to be former educators, but the program's online registration form notes, "Two qualifications that are vital for this program are academic com-

petence and a genuine regard for others."

Tutors can choose their subject areas, the times and days they're able to volunteer, where they'd like to teach and the type of tutoring they prefer. Adult learners are tutored either one-on-one or in small groups. Feldhaus said the college offers on-campus or off-site locations for tutors and learners to meet as well as virtual lessons on Zoom.

Heiler, 66, said she's tutored at least one student every week during the school year since she began volunteering. This summer, she's also tutoring via Zoom classes — a little challenging with her limited internet access, she said. But she is up to challenges.

"I am currently tutoring a young Mexican woman who wants to learn better English — even though I do not speak any Spanish," she said.

One of the tastiest bonuses she received was homemade dishes from a student who loves to cook and brought in samples when the two met for tutoring sessions at the college. Heiler, who retired from Newell Brands in April, finds tutoring a perfect fit.

"In high school, I wanted to be an English lit teacher, so I believe tutoring is fulfilling that dream for me. I am finding great satisfaction in helping my students achieve their goals," she said.

Bernie Hicks, a volunteer tutor at Highland since 2010, said he appreciates the workshops offered for tutors.

"It enables us to interact with one another by sharing tips and ideas, which help us better assist the students," Hicks said in an email.

The Lena resident, 73, has a background in finance.

"Since I'm an accountant by trade, these skills have

enabled me to be able to help people by tutoring basic math and algebra for their GED testing," Hicks said. "I've always thought that a way to make the world a better place is through better communications — people learning to read and communicate."

"When I saw an article in the paper for the literacy program, I decided, OK, time to step up and get involved. When I signed up, I was asked to consider math as my subject to tutor since there was a shortage of tutors in that area. I thought, sure, why not? Algebra has long been considered a foreign language to many."

Hicks, who's made some long-term friendships with his students over the years, said he enjoys watching those epiphanies as a student struggling with a math concept suddenly begins to understand it.

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