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Lena-Winslow Panthers move on to round two

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers have continued their success on the football field in 2021. Head Coach, Ric Arand, expressed worries about the team's depth ahead of the season. Those issues became apparent toward the end of the regular season, when the Panthers faced off with the Forreston Cardinals

in a heavily anticipated matchup.

It was a regular season game that had a playoff atmosphere, and most certainly held playoff implications. On Oct. 22, the Panthers held a record of 7-1, while the Cardinals were close behind at 6-2. Both squads were coming in feeling good as they were fresh off victories in the previous week.

The Panthers jumped out to the early lead when Ethan Fye recovered a fumble and returned it thirty yards for the score. Marey Roby capped off the drive with the two-point conversion as Le-Win went up 8-0 with just over five minutes left in the first quarter.

They would expand their lead in the second quarter when Panther quarterback,

Luke Benson, found Fye on a six-yard touchdown pass with just over three minutes left until half. Up 16-0, the Le-Win defense was hoping to keep the two-score lead until half, but Forreston had other plans.

In the final minute of the second quarter, the Forreston quarterback connected with his tailback on a four-yard passing touchdown. It turned

out to be a crucial moment of the game as that score kept the Cardinals just close enough. Le-Win went into the halftime break with a 16-8 lead.

Although, the Panthers would go on to expend their lead to two scores again in the third quarter. Brady Eilders plunged into the end zone from three yards out, giving Le-Win a 22-8 lead. That was the last time the Panthers would score, however, as the fourth quarter was all Forreston. The Cardinals managed to put up fourteen points, including a last second touchdown run that gave the Cardinals the lead as the game came to an end.

After falling 22-20 in the final game of the regular season, the Panthers saw their record fall to 7-2. It was a game Ric Arand's squad would have to learn from if they wanted to make another deep postseason run.

In the first round of the Illinois State High School Football Playoffs, the Panthers appeared to be back to their usual selves. After suffering a somewhat surprising loss in the last regular season game, the Panthers had to make a statement in round one. They did just that when they faced off with Aurora Christian in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs.

Roby had one of the best games of his high school career as he was off and running from the start. Roby tallied the first score of the day when he broke free on a forty-one yard rushing touchdown. He also capped

off the drive with the two-point conversion, putting Le-Win up 8-0.

Less than three minutes later, Roby was in the end zone again when he scored from thirteen yards out. His scores gave the Panthers a 16-0 lead that would hold until the second quarter. Despite the hot start in the first, it was the second quarter that saw Le-Win truly catch fire.

Roby was not finished, either. The first three touchdowns of the game were credited to Roby, who picked up the hat trick on a forty-two yard scoring run. After putting the Panthers up 22-0, the Panthers decided to start spreading the love. Fye was the second Panther to reach the scoreboard with a ten-yard touchdown run. In a surprise to almost no one, it was Roby who capped off the drive with the two-point conversion.

Two minutes later, Eilders found the end zone on a ten-yard touchdown run of his own. With the 38-0 lead and nearly seven minutes remaining in the second quarter, the Panthers were quickly putting this game out of reach.

After Benson plunged into the end zone from two yards out and Brody Mahon returned an interception sixty yards for a score, the Panthers had a 54-0 lead and it was not even halftime. With the massive lead, the Panthers were able to coast their way to an easy victory in round one.

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Science Students Hard at Work

Pearl City Physical Science students Paige Woolny, Trevor Brenner, Daneli Aya-la, Logan Downs, Austin Gravert and Lily Stichter enjoyed wiring electric circuits through a small town they created.

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Senator Stewart to host free in-person events in November

Medicare Nov. 4, Secretary of State Nov. 9, Listening Tour Nov. 16

State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) will host three free in-person community events to help constituents learn more about the federal Medicare program on Nov. 4, provide Mobile Secretary of State Unit services on Nov. 9, and talk with constituents about their state government concerns on Nov. 16.

Facilitated by the Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program, the Medicare 101 program offers information about eligibility, coverage, help with out-of-pocket expenses, and open enrollment. New and current beneficiaries are welcome. The event is scheduled for Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas St. in Freeport.

The Mobile Driver Services Facility is scheduled on Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the State Bank Community Room, 1005 Cameron Drive in Durand. Services provided by the Illinois Secretary of State's office at the Mobile Driver Services Facility include: renewal/correction of driver's licenses for persons younger than 75, obtaining a state ID, purchasing license plate stickers. NO REAL IDs. Senior citizens ages 75 and older will need to visit a permanent Department of Motor Vehicles facility to renew their driver's licenses. Proper identification will be needed

for all services. Checks or charge cards only. Face coverings must be worn and social-distancing rules must be followed.

Stewart is also encouraging area residents to attend an in-person regional town hall event he is hosting on Nov. 16, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Road in Dixon. Attendees are asked to RSVP at <https://www.ilsenategop.org/stewartrlt2>.

"Ever get the feeling no one is listening? Or that the Springfield power brokers have forgotten they are supposed to represent your best interests, not their own? Well, you are not alone. We understand your frustration, because we know first-hand that those currently in charge are not listening to our concerns," Stewart said. "Let your voices be heard at this in-person town hall event in Dixon."

Stewart will be joined by his colleagues State Sen. Dave Syverson of Rockford, State Sen. Sue Rezin of Morris, and State Sen. Win Stoller of Germantown Hills. They are touring the region seeking to gain a better understanding of issues faced by communities and residents of northern Illinois.

For more information about any of these events, call Sen. Stewart's office at 815-284-0045.



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On Nov. 10, 2021 Cuba City will receive awards from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and Wisconsin Rural partners for its recent Presidential Plaza project. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Cuba City Awards Ceremony Set

On Tuesday, Nov. 10 the City of Cuba City will receive the awards garnered by its recent Presidential Plaza project. The awards are from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Main Street Program Award for Downtown Innovation, and Wisconsin Rural Partners for their Top Rural Development Initiative Award. The short ceremony will include introductions of the many partners involved in the project and will also include a walk through the Plaza. The Ceremony will begin in the Common Council Chambers at Cuba City's City Hall at 108 N Main Street at 1 p.m.

The residents of Cuba City had long expressed their desire for a downtown gathering place. This was noted in the City's 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update as well as in recent high school student surveys. Whether old or young, the community sought a downtown

area to enjoy a cup of coffee, or to just "hang out." Partnering with the University of Wisconsin-Platteville's (UW-P) Senior Design Team program brought the services of four senior engineering students into the project in early 2020. The Design Team provided a vision for how the area around the City's Presidential Caboose on Main Street could be enhanced to create a community space, while also bringing traffic to the City's downtown businesses. Working through the many challenges of Covid 19, the team also assisted in a grant application for AARP's Community Challenge Grant, a program seeking innovative approaches to downtown revitalization that also features multi-generational aspects.

The design team created a vision for the space that included new green space with trees, seating, games, a new bicycle rack and a Bluetooth sound sys-

tem. The Cuba City Telephone Company provided free Wi-Fi service while the UW-P Art Department added a 4,200 square foot, interactive ground mural of the Mississippi River. The mural also includes a salute to the Covid 19 Frontline Workers and a Presidential Hopscotch area. Another key item was the installation of three ADA Compliant sidewalk ramps enabling individuals with disabilities to more easily access the Plaza.

AARP received over 2,800 applications for the Community Challenge Grant and Cuba City was very pleased to be among the 184 communities nationwide to be awarded funding for their project. Between the pandemic and the resulting shortages of construction and electronic equipment, the project did not progress as smoothly as first envisioned. "With considerable help from our many partners, we were able to complete the project before the Dec. 18 deadline from AARP. AARP proved to be an outstanding partner, as were the many other organizations that assisted us in the project," stated Mayor John Van De Wiel. "Among the many partners were UW-P, Cuba City High

School, and the City of Presidents Committee. Thanks to the generosity of these groups as well as the Telephone Company, no City funds were required to complete the project," added Van De Wiel. Other partners included several local businesses and the students and residents who assisted in the project.

Cuba City is understandably proud of these two Awards as it was when the City won the same WEDC Main Street Award in 2017 for its downtown improvement efforts. That project included a highly successful façade improvement program for downtown businesses, new street lamps and planters. Cuba City is also well known for its "Parade of Presidents" Presidential Shields that adorn the street lamps. The City of Presidents Committee is a local philanthropic organization that maintains the City's Presidential theme among other activities. They were a key partner in the Plaza project, providing both guidance and funding for the mural.

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Heath Luke pled guilty to Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony.

Jo Daviess County crime report

On Oct. 22, Heath Luke of Stockton pled guilty as part of a plea agreement to Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, which is a Class 2 Felony. As a result of his plea of guilty, Luke was sentenced by Judge Ward to four and a

half years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. This sentence shall be followed by one year of Mandatory Supervised Release, formerly known as Parole. The Illinois State Police handled the investigation of this case.

Registration now open for the 2022 Agricultural Outlook Forum

Registration is now open for the 98th annual Agricultural Outlook Forum (AOF), the largest annual meeting and premiere event of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The two-day event will be held virtually on Feb. 24-25, 2022.

The 2022 Forum will feature a keynote address by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, a presentation on the 2022 agricultural economy by USDA's Chief Economist Seth Meyer, a panel of distinguished guest speakers, and 30 breakout sessions organized by agencies across USDA covering a range of timely issues impacting the sector. More than one hundred government, industry, and academic leaders will share their perspectives and insights on a wide array of topics including commodity and food price outlooks, U.S. and global agricultural trade developments, climate change, and innovations in agricultural production and sustainability. The 2022 Forum theme and full program will be announced soon.

Registration for the virtual USDA Agricultural Outlook

IN*CI*DENTAL*LY Osteoporosis and Oral Health

Osteoporosis is a skeletal disorder that is characterized by inadequate bone mass. Bone is a living tissue that is constantly being broken down and replaced. When your body makes new bone faster than it breaks down old bone, your bone mass increases. However, in someone with osteoporosis, the creation of new bone does not keep up with the loss of old bone. This leaves their bones weak, brittle and prone to fractures.

Osteoporosis can affect all bones. This includes the jaw bone. Changes to the structure, density and strength of the jawbone make it easier for bacteria to penetrate the bone, increasing the risk of periodontal disease. Periodontal disease further increases the



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loss of bone and other supportive tissues for both teeth and dental implants.

Some people mistakenly believe that osteoporosis is just part of the aging process. While people typically lose some bone mass as they age, there are ways that you can help prevent osteoporosis. This begins by understanding the risk factors and what you can do to promote lifelong skeletal health.

Some risk factors for osteo-

porosis, such as race, sex, age, body frame size and family history, are not in our control. So it is important that we take advantage of those we can. Years of research have shown that adequate bone mass attained during childhood and adolescence is the most critical determinant of lifelong skeletal health. To promote your child's skeletal health start with good nutrition. Those three to five glasses of milk a day that we consumed as children are now more likely to be carbonated beverages, sports drinks or juice drinks. In addition to not getting the calcium and added vitamin D from milk that is crucial to bone growth, carbonated beverages have been proven to be harmful to developing bone. All that sugar and acid is also wreaking havoc on their teeth.

Along with nutrition, you need to monitor the amount of exercise that your child is getting on a regular basis. Starting regular physical activity early in life contributes to greater bone mass. Excessive time in front of the television or computer can lead to a lifetime of back and other musculoskeletal problems. While it is best to start when you are young, adopting a regular exercise program will benefit your bone mass no

matter when you start. Mix it up. Strength training will help your arms and upper spine, while walking, jogging, running, etc. will help your legs, hips and lower spine. Balancing exercises will help reduce your risk of falling as you age.

Other risk factors for osteoporosis include eating disorders, surgery to help you lose weight, excessive alcohol consumption and tobacco use.

It is important that you notify your dentist if you are diagnosed with osteoporosis and if you are taking any antiresorptive medications. It is crucial that you see your dentist regularly for monitoring and treatment to prevent further bone or tooth loss.

High doses of antiresorptive medications are often given to cancer patients to reduce bone pain and abnormally high calcium levels associated with certain cancers. Oncologists will instruct patients to see their dentist before beginning these treatments. Dentists must treat any oral disease before cancer treatment begins. He will also develop a protocol to keep the mouth healthy during cancer treatments, when dental care is contraindicated. This will include teaching patients how to recognize, avoid and manage oral complications associated with these treatments.

Get the Scoop on Winter Squash; A Virtual Workshop

One of the fall's most popular vegetables is winter squash. Winter squash encompasses various squash, such as Acorn, Buttercup, Butternut, Hubbard, Sweet Dumpling, and Spaghetti squash. If you are wondering what to do with all of the winter squash your neighbors keep putting on your front steps, or if you are interested in learning how to make your everyday squash go from ordinary to extraordinary, then check out this fall programming favorite.

Join University of Illinois Extension as they present, Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash! During this workshop, we will discuss a variety of common and not-so-common types of winter squash. As well as how to select and store winter squash, offer great ideas on how to prepare and use these culi-

nary favorites, and best of all, you'll receive some delicious recipes.

If you would like to learn more, please join us for this virtual workshop. Getting the Scoop on Winter Squash! will be held from 1 - 2:30 p.m. on Tue, Nov. 23. To receive your meeting link, register before Mon, Nov. 22. For more information, or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact U of I Extension at (815) 235-4125, or visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

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The Fall burn dates for landscape waste will run from Nov. 5 through Nov. 14, 2021, from dawn to dusk.
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Obituaries

DAVID PEIGHT, 77

David "Dave" Peight, age 77, of Lena, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on January 29, 1944, in Freeport, IL to Phyllis Peight. Dave joined the United States Air Force at the age of 16 and proudly served his country for four years from 1960-1964. After serving, he began his career as a sportswriter for The Woodstock Star. He then became a supervisor at Kelly Springfield and worked there for 35 years until his retirement in 2000. He married Karen Timpe on October 27, 1973, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Freeport, IL. Dave enjoyed traveling. His



favorite trips were two to Europe. In his free time, he liked to golf, read, do crosswords and go out to eat. He was also an avid Chicago White Sox and Notre Dame Fan. Dave was his grandchildren's biggest fan when it came to their school and sporting events.

Dave is survived by his wife; Karen of 48 years, five children; Darin (Jessica) Peight, Tara (Drew) Fitzanko, Brian (Annie) Peight, Deena Lyga, and David (Doreen) Peight. Grandchildren; Noah

Peight, Owen Peight, Alivia Peight, Madalyn Fitzanko, Bryce Fitzanko, Sophie Fitzanko, Avery Peight, Quinn Peight, Brianna Lyga, Hope Minett, and Dylan Peight. His Dog; Molly.

Preceded in death by; his mother; Phyllis Peight, stepfather Ben Stein, In-Laws; Ambrose and Evelyn Timpe, uncles Charles Bratley and Jack Peight, aunts Virginia Bratley and Ruby Peight and his beloved dog; Yogi.

Services will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

ROBERT L. "BOB" PATTERSON, 82

Robert L. "Bob" Patterson, age 82, of Hanover was known as a hero and great man to his family, the best bus driver in the world to many students, and a guy that would help anybody at-the-drop-of-a-hat. At the age of 82, Bob passed away Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Galena Stauss Senior Care Center.

Robert was born February 16, 1939 in Galena, Illinois, the son of Edward Raymond and Luella Mae (Sanderson) Patterson. He grew up on a farm near Hanover attending Black Country School, then graduating in 1956 from Hanover High School. After High school he went right to work at Jo Daviess Service Company and Wayman Cobline Farm Equipment both in Elizabeth.

While working at Jo Daviess Service Bob met his lifelong love, Betty L. Woker. It

didn't take long and they decided to tie the knot on November 29, 1958. Together they have celebrated 63 years and raised five children. Bob and Betty bought land near Hanover in 1963 where they farmed, milked cows, and made a lot of memories until retiring from farming in 2000. Retiring allowed them to pursue a passion for camping, especially with the grandkids. Bob also loved helping his son during truck-pulling competitions. Bob and Betty were members of the Hanover United Presbyterian Church.

Bob drove school bus for 13 years, served as the Elizabeth Township Road Commissioner for several years, worked for the JoDaviess County Highway Department and ran a tire-fixing service for farmers called Area Tire Service. He didn't sit still long.

Bob will be dearly missed by his wife Betty of Ha-

nover; three daughters, Diana (George Turner) Harms, Kay (Bommer) Temperly and Rita (Stephen) Brower, all of Hanover; his two sons, Terry (Lori) Patterson of Elizabeth and Kevin Patterson of Durand; twelve grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Judy Vesely of Hanover and Shirley (Dale) Dodson of Belle Fourche, SD; and a brother, Richard (Deborah) Patterson of Mountain Home, AR. Bob is preceded in death by both parents and a brother-in-law, Vince Vesely.

Visitation will be held 1 p.m - 4 p.m. Sunday, October 31 at the Law-Jones Funeral Home, Hanover. A funeral service will be held 1 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2021 at the funeral home with Jeannie Ohms officiating. Burial will be in Log Church Cemetery, Hanover. A memorial has been established. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com

NANCY C. LEWIS, 76

Nancy C. Lewis, age 76, of Freeport, IL passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Allure of Mount Carroll. Nancy was born in Rockford, IL, daughter of Royal and Dorothy (Anderson) Beck on September 17, 1945. She worked many years at Structo Manufacturing in Freeport. Nancy spent many years attending the Freeport Raceway and was an avid fan of NASCAR. She also enjoyed fishing and camping at



Yellowstone Lake State Park in Wisconsin.

She is survived by her five children- (Kirk) Knoup of Pearl City, Steve (Tawney) Beck of Freeport, Scott Lewis of Freeport, Shane Lewis of Freeport, Sherrie (Angie) Lewis of Florida; fourteen grandchildren; eight great

grandchildren; sister Eva (Milt) Otwell of Rockford; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and special friend Dan Reed.

Private Family graveside will be held at Highland Cemetery in Pearl City, IL. Officiating at the service will be Keri Rainsberger. A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

ROGER LEE ALLEN SR., 67

Roger Lee Allen Sr., age 67, of Stockton, IL passed away Thursday, October 28, 2021 at FHN Memorial Hospital. He was born July 26, 1954 in Freeport, IL to the late Donald and Betty (Smith) Allen. Roger married Jaymie Prowant on November 29, 1980 in Pleasant Valley.

Roger was a 1972 graduate of Stockton High School. He had worked as a carpenter for Lena Builders for 35 years. He loved the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed going to auctions and running a second hand store "Bear's Used" in



Elizabeth. Most of all, Roger loved his family, especially spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Jaymie Allen of Stockton; his daughters, Wendy (Mark) Deininger of Stockton and Diane (Garry Mapes) Randercker of Stockton; his sons, Joe Allen of Bettendorf and Roger "Bub" (Lanette) Allen Jr. of Stockton; his 14 grandchildren, three great grandchildren; his brothers, Rick

(Sherry) Allen of Mt. Carroll and Lyle Allen of Freeport; and his sister, Donna (Butch) Baker of Freeport. He was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mom, Leona Schneider, his brother, Tom, and his granddaughter, Emma-Deininger.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton at 6 p.m. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 3 p.m. Interment will take place at a later date at Ladies Union Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District Tree Sale is underway

Each year Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District sells bare root trees, evergreens, and shrub seedlings to increase efforts to provide energy conservation and habitat cover for wildlife. These plants are for conservation purposes only and shall not be used as ornamentals or for landscaping. The deadline to order is Thursday Mar. 10, 2022. No orders will be accepted after the deadline.

Only one new species was added to our sale this year, the

Canaan Fir. Back by popular demand are Persimmon and Black Elderberry.

Evergreens available include Canaan Fir, White Pine, Norway Spruce, and Colorado Blue Spruce. The evergreen stock is only available in smaller sizes this year. The American Arborvitae, or White Cedar, will not be available this year. The Deciduous Trees include Persimmon, Black Walnut, Quaking Aspen, Shagbark Hickory, White Oak, Bur Oak, Swamp White Oak, and Sugar Maple. The Shrubs available include Black Elderberry, Red Osier Dogwood and Highbush Cranberry.

Additional items for sale include marking flags, Plantskydd Animal Repellent,

tree tubes, tree stakes along with bat houses, blue bird houses and wood duck houses.

Tree Order pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, Apr. 14, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Stephenson County Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Road in Freeport IL. A reminder postcard will be sent to confirm the pick-up date, time, and location.

Order forms will be available in the entryway at the district office or can be printed from the SWCD website www.stephensonswcd.org

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email: rbronkema18@gmail.com
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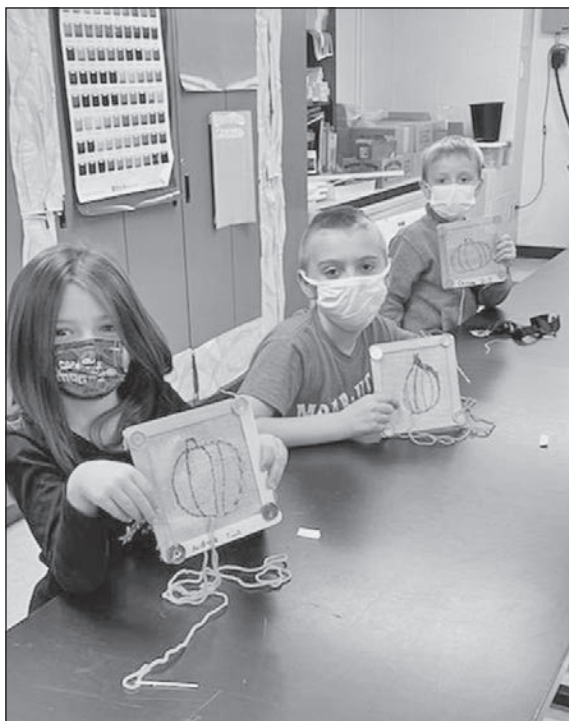
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• *Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.*
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• *Children's Church - during church service*
• *Prayer Shawl Knitting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.*
• *Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*



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Celebrating the season

Arianna Schoenhard, Beau Basara, and Carson Campbell learned about sewing simple stitches onto burlap. They sewed a festive pumpkin and will add designs of their choice around the outside.

Lifelong learning schedule includes in-person and online classes

Highland Community College Lifelong Learning Nov. and Dec. courses include Introduction to Basics of Bridge, Painting and Embellishing Furniture, Herbal and Food Supplements: What You Need to Know, and Introduction to Oxy-Acetylene Welding. Some courses are held in person, while everyone prac-

tices social distancing with masks required. Some classes have the option to attend through Zoom™. To register online and view the complete Lifelong Learning schedule, visit highland.edu/lifelong. For more information about Lifelong Learning and to find out the latest in new course offerings, call 815-599-3403.

FHN offering Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster shots

FHN has opened online self-scheduling for a limited number of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 booster shot clinics. A drive-through event offering both vaccines will be held from 8 – 11 a.m. Sat, Nov. 6 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center at Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport.

At this time, healthcare workers, first responders, persons over age 65 and

persons aged 18 – 64 with medical conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 are eligible for boosters. Only persons who have been fully vaccinated with two doses of Pfizer or Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine are eligible for this booster vaccination. It is recommended that the booster be administered at least 6 months after receiving

the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or the single dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Registration is required. Appointments are available at www.fhn.org/booster-registration_ModernaPfizer.asp. Recipients must bring their COVID-19 immunization card with them to their appointment and plan to stay for 15 minutes after receiving the vaccination (30 minutes for persons who

have had immediate reactions to vaccinations such as flu shots, or regularly need to carry an EpiPen). There is no cost for a COVID-19 booster shot.

Those unable to use the online scheduling page can call 815-599-7183 or 815-599-7184 for assistance. If someone does not answer, please leave a message and someone will return your call.

First Quarter 2021-2022 Pearl City Junior High and High School Honor Roll awards

Highest Honor Roll

Seniors: Benjamin Bremmer, Madilyn Diddens, Jacob Joseph, Oliver Petta, Cody Pitts, Brynn Solt, Sidney Wright

Juniors: Addison Bremmer, Nicholas Polizzi

Sophomores: Natalie Greene, Kendra Kuhlemeier,

8th Grade: Kameron Downs, Tana Gravert, Xander Krolov 7th Grade: Mackenzie Lotz, Scarlett Snyder

High Honor Roll Seniors: Savanah Brandt, Aliya Fischer, Owen Joseph, Audra Lartz, Brianna Stager

Juniors: Nathan Brinkmeier, Jonathan Dinderman, Jor-

dan Johnson, Brea Musser, Tanner Perdue, Laine Rosenstiel, Brooklyn Schreck

Sophomores: Lexton Endress, Kyleigh Gentz, Kyle Niehaus, Ethan Petta, Miranda Posey

Freshmen: Tyler Clark, Paige Hille, Marley Joseph, Alexander Medina, Taytum Mullen, Alonna Posey, Adeline Smith, Talia Stewart,

8th Grade: Gracie Ditsworth, Roy Hackbert, Brandon Hille, Eden Schubert,

7th Grade: Donna Baker, Eli Bremmer, Clayton Downs, Braylon Liebenstein, Brynlee McPeck, Leo Petta, Brycen Voegeli, Sawyer Wil-

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Honor Roll

Seniors: Tyson Clark, Kendall Dixon, Cheyenne Handsaker, Stella Prasse, Riley Schauer

Juniors: Emma Boyer, Aiden Dampman, Blane Foulker, Cade Monks, Dylan Olvera, Hunter Vick Sophomores: Lisa Baker, Jesus Bernal Zetina, Ava Bremmer, Jayden Downs, Jacob Lieb, Katelyn Little, Georgia Shallenberger, Alex Spahr

Freshmen: Brady Boyer, Ayden Bratley, Ethan Bremmer, Kaitlyn Christensen, Jackson Corbin, Anna Damp-

man, Elizabeth Dinderman, Fallyn Endress, Myles Freedlund, Jorja Johnson, Jaxsyn Kempel, Sydni Lower, Paige McClaran, Kaydence Miller, Jacob Runkle, Jared Runkle, Sylvia Schnoor, Lucas Tichler

8th Grade: William Birch-en, Teigan Dyson, Lane Kempel, Kip Martens, Kayden Martine Nakiya Pickard, Kennedee Schreck, Kyri Strope, Brody Voegeli

7th Grade: Parker Allen, Parker Cantwell, Tristan Ertmer, Sherlyn Hernandez, Braxton Kubatzke, Danica Stager, Nevaeh Stultz, Lincoln Voss

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church holds All Saints Sunday Worship

All are invited on Nov. 7 to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. in

Lena for the All Saints Sunday worship service at 9:30am. Holy Communion will be celebrated in worship. You may join the service in-person or via Facebook Live. The service will remember

those who died between 2019 and 2021 and the reading will be from John 11:32-44. Choir practice begins at 11:00am, and chime choir practice will be held at 5:00 p.m.. The state and CDC guide-

lines for gathering will be followed. For the safety for everyone it is encouraged that people wear masks and practice social distancing inside the building.

The following groups will also meet during the month of Nov.

Bible Study: Nov 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Peace Corps Quilting Group: Nov. 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Friendship Club: Nov. 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Please visit the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website www.goodshepherdlena.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL for more information.

For any other questions or additional information, contact the church office at 815-369-5552.

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The newest members of the Honor Society are inducted by Phi Theta Kappa. Photo: (Left to Right) Alyssa Hunziker, Kayla Janssen, Hailey Johnson, Cody Pitts, KieraLynn Schulz, and Kyle Strite.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts 14 new members into International Honor Society

Highland Community College's chapter of the international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), inducted 14 new members during a ceremony held in the HCC Student/Conference Center.

PTK is the official honor society for two-year colleges and is the largest honor society in American higher education. To be eligible for membership, students must complete a minimum of 12-credit hours toward their associate degree while having a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).

"PTK is a great opportunity

for students to showcase their leadership skills in a variety of ways," said Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor/Transfer Coordinator. "PTK members receive opportunities for additional scholarships once they transfer."

PTK does various activities throughout the semester for the college or community. In the past PTK has had a Christmas giving tree for local families and nursing home residents, bake sale for Breast Cancer Awareness at volleyball games, helped with Servant leadership Hearts and Hands

for Hunger, and been part of a highway pick up litter day.

In addition to academic achievement and scholarship, PTK members have conducted voter registration on campus, sponsored poetry reading and essay contests, and held movie and discussion nights throughout the year.

Spring 2021 Inductees:

Sophia Carter (Freeport); Maddie Dauphin (Savanna); Zacharey Green (Orangeville); Alyssa Hunziker (Freeport); Kayla Janssen (German Valley); Jamie Jensen (Freeport); Hailey Johnson (Pearl City); Cali Minkie (Dakota); Cody Pitts (Pearl City); Ciera Schoen (Monroe, Wis.); Madilyn Schultz (Lena); KieraLynn Schulz (Lena); Kyle Strite (Oregon), and Kelsey Turner (Pecatonica)

For more on Highland Community College, visit highland.edu.

•Panthers (Continued from front page)

It was a postseason experience that the Panthers have gotten used to over the past few years. In 2018, Le-Win toppled Aurora Christian 57-14. In 2019 it was much of the same as the Panthers beat A-C 48-8. With the 54-7 victory in 2021, Le-Win has beat A-C by a combined score of 159-29 in their last three postseason meetings.

Roby was the star of the show as he totaled 169 yards and three scores to account for twenty-one of the Panthers' fifty-four total points. Fye was the next leading rusher and the second Panther to reach triple digits

as he rushed for 105 yards and a score. Altogether, the Panthers combined for 352 yards on the ground.

Hudson Nevel and Eilders led the team defensively as they both finished with five tackles each. The Le-Win defense was a complete unit in round one as they held A-C to just eighty rushing yards.

The Panthers earned themselves a rematch with Forreton in round two. Le-Win may be playing with a bigger chip on their shoulder this time around, as they seek redemption from the loss and another postseason victory.

Lena Library news

The Story Hour and After School groups had fun last week celebrating Halloween, playing Halloween BINGO, and winning all sorts of prizes, as well as crafting spooky bat necklaces and of course, plenty of treats. Visit the Lena Library Facebook page to see all of the fun.

Free books are still available. Come by the library to check out the collection of free used books and take as

many as you would like.

New arrivals to the library include:

Fiction: 2 Sisters Detective Agency- James Patterson, Dear Santa-Debbie Macomber, The Lincoln Highway-Amor Towles, The Burning-Jonathan Kellerman, The Butler-Danielle Steel, The Christmas Wedding Guest-Susan Mallery, and The Jailhouse Lawyer-James Patterson

Non-Fiction: I'll Take Your Questions Now-Stephanie Grisham, The Boys-Ron and Clint Howard, The Pioneer Woman Cooks-Ree Drummond.

Call the library or come in person to place a hold. As always, it is encouraged to take advantage of our online catalog by visiting search.prairiecat.info. Ask a librarian for more information on how to use the PrairieCat catalog.



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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Faithe R. Reed, of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 12, 2021, to: Benjamin F. Malsch, MSSC Vice President - Trust Officer of Midland Trust Company

as independent Administrator of the Estate of Faithe R. Reed, whose attorney is:

Anthony V. Coon
Attorney At Law
10 N. Galena Ave.,
Ste. 210

Freeport, Illinois 61032
The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 29, 2022, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENTION TO ADOPT TAX LEVIES NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT:

A tentative *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the Stockton Township Public Library ("Library"), Jo Daviess County, IL, for its Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022 has been prepared and is conveniently available for public viewing in the lobbies of the Library, Citizens State Bank and Illinois Bank & Trust, all in Stockton, IL and online at www.stocktonlibrary.org.

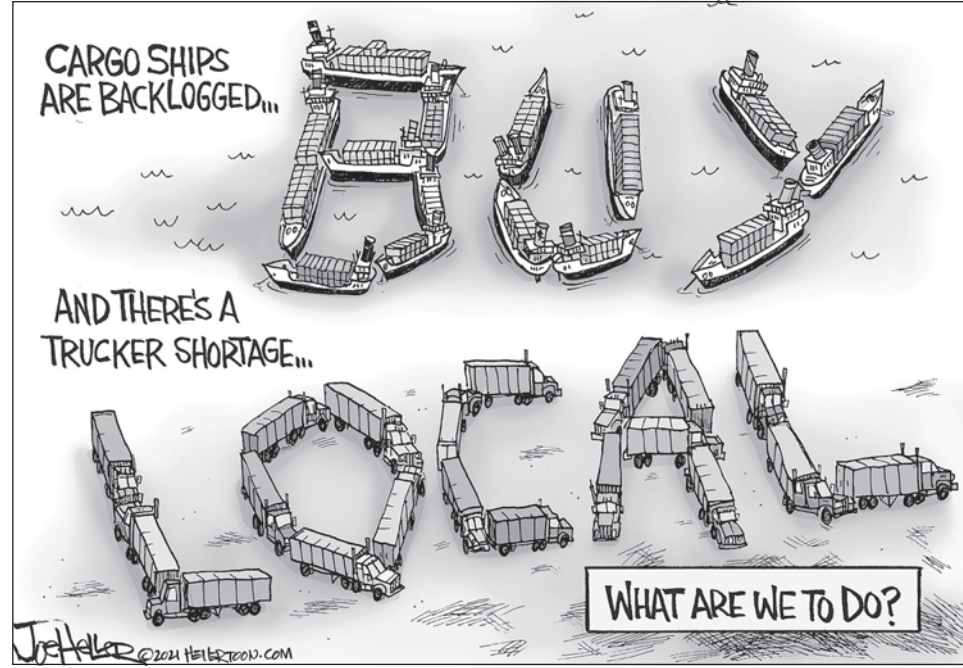
It is the intention of the Library to adopt tax levies for the Library's General Expense (Corporate), Tort Immunity and Liability Insurance, and Social Security Withholding Funds for FY 2021/x2022 that do not exceed the amounts extended for said funds for FY 2020/2021 by more than 105.0%.

A public hearing on the annual *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the Library for FY 2021/2022 will be held by the Board of Library Trustees in the Library at 140 W. Benton Ave., Stockton, IL at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 6, 2021.

DATED: October 13, 2021.

RONALD PAJA
Attorney for the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Township Public Library
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Senator Stewart opposes repeal of parental notice of abortion act

Senate Democrats pushed through an after-hours bill Oct. 26 to repeal parental notification of abortion in Illinois, despite Republican lawmakers taking a strong stand for parental rights in assuring the physical and mental well-being of their minor children.

State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) said House Bill 370 is a direct attack on parental rights and will leave countless young girls vulnerable at a time when they desperately

need support and guidance. The bill passed by a vote of 32-22.

The Parental Notice of Abortion Act of 1995 requires that parents of minors be notified before their child receives an abortion procedure. Currently, the law simply stipulates that a parent be informed of the procedure. Parents are not required to provide consent.

Stewart issued the following statement after the vote, "This

is yet another example of this Governor and other Democrat leaders, and their insistence that they know what is best for our children. This is another overreach by the Governor and his supporters into the lives and homes of Illinois families. Instead of trusting the parents, grandparents, foster parents and guardians who have raised these children, they think they have the right to interfere in things as personal as medical decisions for minor children."

Start your Holiday Shopping at Orangeville Lion's Club Craft and Vendor Show

The Orangeville Lions Club's "Home for the Holidays" Craft and Vendor Show will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Orangeville School, located at 201 S. Orange St.

There will be over 40 booths featuring a variety of

handmade crafts and several different vendors. Food will be available for purchase and a silent auction will be held throughout the event. A \$2 admission donation is requested at the door for everyone over the age of 12. All proceeds from this event

will be donated to the public to fulfill any unmet need this holiday season.

Come on out and start your holiday shopping all while supporting local artisans and vendors and the services provided by the Orangeville Lions Club.

Rock n' Roll Tribute Featuring the Neverly Brothers Nov. 6

Downtown Freeport Events and Greater Freeport Partnership welcome the Neverly Brothers to the Masonic Event Center Ballroom on Saturday, Nov. 6. Guests should be ready to dance to the best in rock n' roll from Elvis to The Beatles with a band that brings old-school cool wherever they go playing tribute to some of rock's greatest stars.

The concert will be held in Masonic Events Center's ballroom. Bringing the event to the ballroom invites guests to dance, enjoy drinks and spend time with friends and fellow music lovers. Doors will open at 6 pm, with the show beginning at 7 pm. Drinks will be available for purchase.

The event is hosted as a fundraiser for downtown Freeport promotions and beautification. Tickets are \$20 or purchase a VIP table for 8 at \$200 and be guaranteed to sit with your entire group. Tickets are available for purchase through The Neverly Brothers event page on the Greater Freeport Partnership's Facebook, greaterfreeport.com/events or in person at Greater Freeport Partnership office (110 W. Main St.) or Rite-Way Furniture and Appliance (17 E. Stephenson St.)

More information can be found at greaterfreeport.com/events.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We did get our rain two weeks in a row. In between we had some beautiful fall weather. Halloween has come and gone, and we are in November, the month of falling leaves and usually falling temperatures. As I write this column, we are still looking for the first really killing frost. The lawns are really green again even as the trees are becoming bare. Cooking is turning to some good warm recipes. This week we have a great appetizer, a healthy salad, two main dishes and two fall desserts.

3 radishes, thinly sliced
1 carrot, peeled and shaved into ribbons
1 small Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced
¼ C. sweetened dried cranberries
¼ C. roasted salted pumpkin seeds

In a small bowl, whisk together the oil, orange juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. In a large bowl, toss together the kale, beet, and two thirds of the dressing. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Just before serving, stir in radish, carrot, apple, cranberries, pumpkin seeds, and remaining dressing. Garnish with shaved Parmesan cheese.

Baked Pasta with Sausage

This casserole is meaty and melty. Serve it with a salad and some good bread, and it will be a hit.

12 oz. farfel pasta
1 lb. ground pork sausage
1 onion, chopped
1 can (28 oz.) diced tomatoes with juices
2 T. tomato paste
1 red pepper, sliced
½ C. shredded mozzarella cheese
1 T. chopped parsley

Coat a 3 qt. baking dish with cooking spray. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Return to pot. Heat oven to 350. Coat nonstick skillet with cooking spray. Heat over medium high heat; crumble in sausage and onion. Cook, stirring until sausage is no longer pink; 10 minutes; drain. Return to skillet. Stir in tomatoes with juice, tomato paste, pepper, and ½ C. water. Bring to a boil; cover. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook for 10 minutes. Toss with pasta. Transfer to a baking dish. Top with cheese; bake until melted, about 10 minutes. Top with cheese.

Honey Mustard Chicken Bake

If you are a fan of honey-mustard sauce on chicken tenders, you will like the taste of this dish. I think chicken thighs are moister and have a lot of flavor. They are much more cost friendly than chicken breasts.

4 (8 oz. each) skinless chicken thighs
1 t. salt
¼ C. honey
¼ C. Dijon mustard
3 t. fresh thyme leaves
1 lb. asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1" pieces
½ C. cauliflower florets
1 medium red onion, cut into 1" pieces, layers separated
1 red pepper, cut into 1 " pieces

1 T. olive oil
Place one oven rack in the center of the oven and the other rack 6 inches from the broiler. Preheat oven to 400. Season both sides of the chicken with ½ t. salt and transfer to a plate. In a bowl, combine the honey, mustard, and 1 t. thyme. In a 9 x 13 baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking spray, toss together vegetables, olive oil and ½ t. salt and 2 t. thyme.

Roast the pan in the oven on the center rack for 10 minutes; remove from oven. Toss the vegetables and then place chicken over vegetables. Spoon or brush half of honey-mustard sauce over chicken. Return to center rack and roast until vegetables are tender and chicken is cooked through, about 30 minutes. Spoon or brush remaining honey-mustard

sauce over chicken. Switch oven to broil and move dish to upper rack; broil until chicken begins to brown 3 to 5 minutes. Serve immediately.

Cranberry Pie

Donna Otte called me with this recipe that she makes all of the time. It is an easy pie that doesn't involve any traditional crusts. Enjoy this unique pie for the holidays.

1 qt. bag of cranberries, washed and picked over
1/3 C. brown sugar
1/3 C. chopped pecans

Batter:

½ C. sugar
½ C. flour
1 egg, beaten
1/3 C. melted butter or margarine

Preheat oven to 350. Place cranberries in the bottom of a 9 inch pie plate. Sprinkle with brown sugar and pecans.

In a bowl, mix sugar, flour, beaten egg and melted butter. Pour over cranberries, leaving around ¼ inch between berries and edge of pie plate. Bake at 350 for ½ hour. Cool and serve

Pumpkin Cookies

It is the season for pumpkin anything. These cookies are soft and easy to make (and easy to eat also). Enjoy yet another pumpkin recipe.

2½ C. flour
1 t. baking soda
1 t. baking powder
1 t. cinnamon
½ t. ground nutmeg
½ t. salt
1½ C. sugar
½ C. butter, softened
1 C. 100% pure Pumpkin
1 egg
1 t. vanilla

Frosting

1 t. vanilla
2 C. powdered sugar, sifted

3 T. milk
1 T. butter, softened
Preheat oven to 350. Grease baking sheets (I use parchment paper and lightly spray the paper). In a bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Beat sugar and ½ C. butter in large mixing bowl until well blended. Beat in pumpkin, egg, and vanilla until smooth. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto prepared baking sheets. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes or until edges are firm. Cool on baking sheets for 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Frosting: Combine sifted powdered sugar, milk, butter and vanilla in a small bowl until smooth. Drizzle over cookies.

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Cheesy Bruschetta Spread

This simple appetizer is big on flavor and easy to prepare. The prepared pesto can be found in the Italian refrigerated section of the grocery store. I usually keep pesto in the refrigerator because you can use it in lots of recipes.

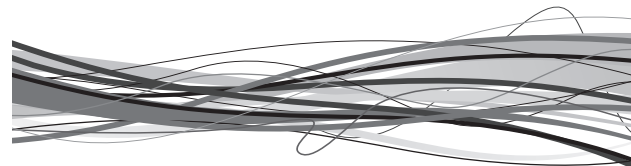
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
½ C. prepared pesto
¼ t. salt
1/8 t. pepper
2 C. grape tomatoes
1 carton (8 oz.) fresh mozzarella cheese pearls, drained
Minced fresh basil
French bread slices (½ inch thick) toasted
In a small bowl, mix cream cheese, pesto, salt and pepper until combined. Transfer to a greased 3 qt. slow cooker. Top with tomatoes and mozzarella cheese. Cook, covered, on low until heated through and the cheese begins to melt, 1½ to 3 hours. Sprinkle with basil. Serve with toasted bread.

Harvest Kale Salad

Kale is a vegetable that is hearty and lasts in the garden even after a light frost. It is also the cooking rage this year as well as last. It is very healthy, and I think it takes a while for many people to develop a taste for it. This kale salad uses a lot of vegetables and that makes it healthier than ever. You can substitute white wine vinegar or rice vinegar for the champagne vinegar.
½ C. extra-virgin olive oil
2 T. fresh orange juice
2 T. Champagne vinegar
1 t. pepper
1 bunch kale, stemmed and sliced ½ inch thick
1 small red beet, peeled and thinly sliced

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

Quick Pickles

This recipe calls for pickle crisp. I had to look up this ingredient. Pickle Crisp is a brand name for food-grade calcium chloride made by the Ball Company. It is mainly used as a firming agent for canning pickles and other fruits and vegetables. It's a convenient and easy-to-use product that replaces the process of soaking produce for hours. The pickles are crisp and tasty. It says to run hot water over the jars. I think you could put them in the dishwasher and take them out right after the dry cycle.

1 1/4 lb. pickling cucumbers, ends trimmed, sliced 1/4 inch thick
 2 T. kosher salt
 1 C. chopped fresh dill
 1 1/2 C. cider vinegar
 1 1/2 C. water
 2 T. sugar
 1 1/2 t. yellow mustard seeds
 1 t. dill seeds
 1/8 t. Ball pickle crisp
 2 peeled and quartered garlic cloves, divided

Toss cucumbers with salt in a bowl and refrigerate for 3 hours. Drain cucumbers in colander (do not rinse), then pat dry with paper towels. Bundle fresh dill in cheesecloth and secure with kitchen twine. Bring dill bundle, vinegar, water, sugar, mustard seeds and dill seeds to a boil in large saucepan over medium-high heat. Cover and let steep off heat for 15 minutes. Discard dill bundle.

Rinse two 1-pint jars under hot running water until heated through, 1 to 2 minutes; shake dry. Add the 1/8 t. pickle crisp to each jar, then pack the cucumbers tightly with dill sprigs and garlic. Return brine to brief boil. Ladle hot brine over cucumbers to cover; distributing spices evenly. Let jars cool completely, cover with lids, and refrigerate 24 hours before serving. Keep jars of unused pickles refrigerated.

Final Thoughts

Thank you for all the concern when my column wasn't in last week's paper. My rheumatoid arthritis reared its ugly head, and I had to be in the recliner or bed for four days. Sitting at the computer typing was not in my game plan. I got a much needed shot, and I am moving better. Regular seasons for football, golf, and volleyball are over. It seems as if school just started, and it is already into the second quarter. The news tells us to shop for Christmas presents early. We will be seeing lots

of Christmas decorations popping up if the weather stays nice. We are looking for some holiday recipes for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, so look over your favorites that use cranberries, apples or pumpkins. We are also in the market for some seasonal side dishes and some soup recipes that use fall veggies. If you would like to share contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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grid. The developments offer residents and businesses an option to a system installed at their location."

These community projects offer homeowners and residents opportunities for participating in renewable energy benefits, including locking in lower energy cost and local energy production. The benefits include the system located away from the residence and managed by someone else. We will look at the economics and policies driving these renewable energy developments.

"How is the energy added into the power grid?" "Who is buying/using the energy?" "How is the land under the project being

utilized and managed?" These are some of the questions landowners and community members will find helpful in making informed decisions. Solomon will share some of the various answers and implication during the workshop.

If you are landowner who has been approach by a renewal energy developer, interested in installing your own renewable project, or just interested in learning more about renewable energy, plan to join us for this workshop.

For more information or to register for this event, contact the University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125 or on-line at go.illinois.edu/jsw.

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