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Lena sending delegates to Illini Girls State

LENA — The Lena American Legion Auxiliary is proud to announce the 2015 delegates to Illini Girls State. The young ladies who are finishing their Junior year in High School, and who is sponsoring them:

Peyton Magee-Citizen's State Bank of Lena

Dorothea Fiedler- Lena State Bank

Lana Parkinson- Lena Lions Club

Rachel Wybourn- Lena Volunteer Fire Department

Allison Stockton- Leamon's Funeral Home

Alexandria Seiple- Coach's Bar and Grill

Kylea Wallace- Wal-Mart, Community

Michaela Stich- Sprague-Inman Unit 577 of the American Legion Auxiliary

This 75th Session of Illini Girls State will be held June 21-27, 2015, on Eastern Illinois University campus. Since the first session, the Lena American Legion Auxiliary Unit has sent over 200 young ladies to this week-long program.

The Unit is very appreciative of the organizations and businesses (mentioned above) that help with financial support these delegates. They are investing in their future and giving them an experience of a lifetime that is also life chang-Bank, Adkins ing in many cases.

Lena-Winslow, Pearl City attend State FFA Convention

Lena-Winslow

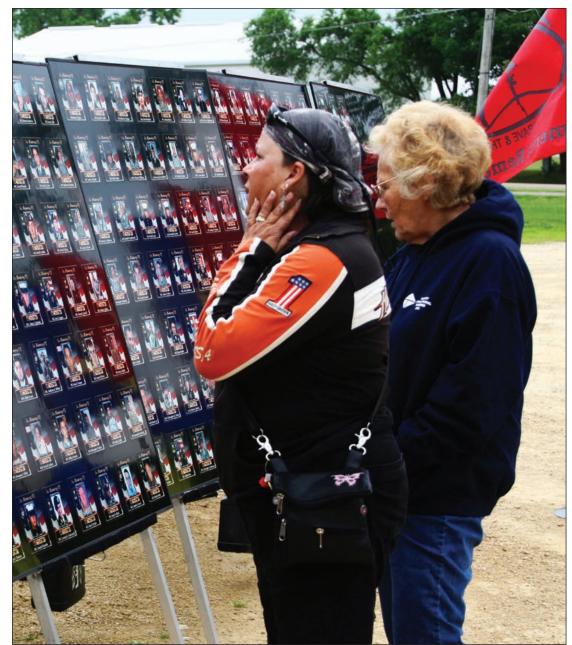
Fourteen members of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter attended the Illinois State FFA convention June 9-11th in Springfield Illinois. The theme for convention this year was "Proud Traditions Sparking Ambitions" to go along with the 87th (four score and seven years ago) convention in Abraham Lincoln's hometown.

Members attended the opening ceremony which included a laser show as well as National FFA Secretary, Victoria Maloch who gave a speech about not giving up and her FFA experiences. After the first session FFA members got their groove on at the FFA dance at the State Fairgrounds. The following two days included a myriad of activities including visits to the Korean War museum, the Old State Capitol building, a Springfield Walking tour on

Abraham Lincoln and a visit to the Abraham Lincoln Museum and Presidential Library. The Keynote speaker on the second day was former FFA member and national speaker Kelly Barnes who spoke of the need for students to "be present" (i.e. get off social media and your phone and experience life.) Students attended breakout workshops given by SIUC students on "Are You an Agvenger, or Just Pitch Perfect?!" and "The Big Three" presented by Mr. Barnes.

While at convention students attended the "Teach Ag" luncheon as well as the "Leadership Luncheon where President Kendra Snyder received the Harvest For All Campaign on behalf of the chapter which recognized the Chapter for contributing the greatest number of

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Larry Nelson photo

Traveling Memorial Wall displayed in Lena

The weather over the weekend made it tough for outdoor activities. But those who wanted to view the Illinois Patriot Guard Fallen Heroes Traveling Memorial Wall in Lena turned out anyway Saturday. The wall featured over 300 Illinois residents who died during or as a result of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.





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Sons of the American Legion sponsor benefit ride





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The Lena Sons of the American Legion's 9th Annual Benefit Ride was held Saturday, June 20. Approximately 125 motor-cyclists and other motorists braved heavy rain and strong winds to ride about 150 miles through five Illinois and southern Wisconsin counties.

Stephenson County Fair Office open now

FREEPORT — The Stephenson County Fair Office will open Monday, June 15, at 9:00 a.m. Pre-fair office hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. thru 12:00 p.m.

Purchase your 2015 Season tickets by July 11, and save. Season Tickets are \$20 thru July 11 and \$25 starting July 12

Tickets for all FHN Grandstand events go on sale. The Midwest Summer Nationals Tractor and Truck Pulls will be held Thursday and Friday, July 16-17. Tickets are \$10 for the 6:30pm sessions each day and \$5 for the 1:00pm session on Friday. Craig Morgan preceded by The Maddmen will be Saturday, July 18. Tick-

ets for Standing Room Only and Reserved Track seating at \$20. Grandstand tickets are \$10 if purchased by July 11, and increase to \$12 starting July 12. Sunday R&M Derby's Demolition Derby will be Sunday at 2:00pm. Tickets for the derby are \$10. Children 7 and under at FREE for all FHN Grandstand events in general/grandstand seating.

Tickets may be purchased in the office or by phone for will-call pick up at 815-235-2918. A \$3.00 phone order fee will apply and no tickets will be mailed, all tickets must be picked up at the fair office.

For more information: www.StephensonCountyFair. org or call 815-235-2918.

Congratulations
Cody and his
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Columbia, SC on
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Cody is the
son of Russell
Wright formally
of Stockton, and
Grandson of Dean
and Ruth Wright
of Stockton.



Summerset Theater 42 tickets for 'Mary Poppins' on sale June 8

FREEPORT — Tickets will go on sale at 1 p.m. June 8 for the Summerset Theater 42 production of "Mary Poppins," which will be presented July 9-19 at the Fine Arts Theatre in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

The musical is based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film, with original music by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, and book by Julian Fellowes. New songs and additional music and lyrics are by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. The story introduces the audience to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Mary Poppins arrives as the new nanny and teaches the family how to value each other again.

The cast is made up of 45 local students and community members. Choreography is by Sarah Long, owner of Studio 121. Sarah Long has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater, with an emphasis in Dance Performance from Northern Illinois University.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students. There is a \$2 service charge per ticket. Tickets are sold at the Box Office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. Reservations made be made online at highland. edu/boxoffice, or by calling 815.599.3718.

Galena is a must visit for art lovers

GALENA — Summer events add to stellar arts and culture experience.

Demonstrations, galleries, museums and events make Galena, Ill. a must for art lovers

It's hard to imagine unless it's seen in person. This little town that time forgot is known across America as a premier leisure vacation destination and it's not hard to see why. With eclectic shopping, fine dining, history, amazing architecture and outdoor adventure there is plenty to see and do in Galena, Ill. One major draw for visitors is

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Delta Dental of Illinois offers five tips to keep teeth healthy this summer

NAPERVILLE — Summer is great for slowing down and relaxing with friends and family, but Delta Dental of Illinois reminds Illinoisans that it isn't the time to take a break from good oral health habits.

"Daily routines usually become more relaxed during the summer months, but keeping up on healthy habits is still important," said Katina Spadoni, DDS, dental director for Delta Dental of Illinois. "Along with continuing to visit the dentist regularly, there are simple ways to have good oral health while still indulging in summertime treats."

Month, and Delta Dental of Illinois offers the following tips to keep your family's teeth healthy this summer.

- Limit sweet drinks. As the mercury rises, it's tempting to sip on cold, sweet drinks to stay cool. Soda, juice, lemonade and sports drinks contain high concentrations of sugar and tend to be acidic, which can lead to tooth decay and enamel erosion. Limit the number of sweet beverages and choose water whenever possible.

- Look for low-sugar options. Like drinks, a lot of summer treats are loaded with sugar.

June is National Smile Popsicles, cotton candy, funnel cakes, and even barbeque sauce, are sugary foods that can contribute to cavities. Look for low-sugar or sugar-free options for your summertime favorites and limit full-sugar foods.

- Pack healthy snacks. A lot of summer activities involve time away from home. For family outings, pack a cooler or bag of snacks, but be selective. Choose tooth-friendly foods like baby carrots, celery and apples or healthy snacks like string cheese, yogurt, whole grain crackers or plain nuts.

- Establish a summer routine. While summer schedules are typically a lot more flexible than usual, it's important to still have a daily routine. Add tooth brushing and flossing to a list of simple tasks, like making the bed and putting away laundry. Have a similar plan as part of a nighttime routine.

- Rinse with water. Families are on the go a lot more during summer, making it difficult to stick to a regular oral health routine. When it is hard to brush and floss after meals and snacks, have water on hand to drink after eating. Although not as beneficial as brushing, water can help rinse away sugars until it's possible to brush.

For more tips on taking care of your oral health, visit YourOralHealthHub.com.

About Delta Dental of Illinois

Delta Dental of Illinois (DDIL) is a not-for-profit dental service corporation that provides dental benefit programs to individuals and more than 5,000 employee groups throughout Illinois. DDIL covers 2 million individuals, employees and family members nationwide. DDIL is based in Naperville, Illinois and offers single-site administration and client services

LENA LIBRARY NEWS

As I write this column I am reminded, this is the second day in a row with no rain. Shhh! The day isn't over yet. Last Monday it rained so hard Mason Street in front of the library looked like a lake at times. I hope everyone has a chance to get everything dried out before the next rain. The lawns are so wet, it is hard to get out there and mow. Probably lots of wet base-

Summer reading sign-up is under way. At present we have 96 children signed up. That is really great for our second week!! Sign-up ends June 30th, so there is still time to get signed up before the fun begins. We will showing Mary Poppins on Friday, June 26th at 12:30. A snack will be provided Summer

Reading Kick-Off will be July 11th at 1p.m. We will be having a concert with Rick Rayburn.

Make sure to attend with your children for a fun filled afternoon of family entertainment. There will be lots of audience participation.

Adults, there is still time for you to sign-up for summer reading. Sign up and begin reading. There are lots of new books! Weekly drawings too!

Book Discussion will be held Wednesday, June 24th at 9:30 a.m. Plan to come and join us. It is a very good time, and there are refreshments too.

New Summer fiction: Finders Keepers by Stephen King,

Royal Wedding by Meg Cabot, Country by Danielle Steel, Little Flowers by Kathryn Lively, and The Rumor by Elin Hilderbrand. New Non-Fiction: 81 Days Below Zero: The Incredible Survival Story Of A World War II Pilot In Alaska's Frozen Wilderness, and The Cost Of Courage by Charles Kaiser.

We have lots of new children's books in. Too many to list! The children have had lots of brand new books to start off summer reading.

Stop by and browse. Have a cup of coffee and a cookie before you leave. Remember to watch the Shopper's Guide for future events.

Girl Scouts to connect interested women to role models

FREEPORT — Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) is partnering with Techbridge's Role Models Matter Project to offer targeted training to women working in the fields of science, technology, and engineering who want to be role models for future generations. Volunteers will receive free training and resources to help them become role models and do not have to be registered Girl Scout adults to take the Role Models Matter Training, nor volunteer with Girl Scouts after receiving training. This training is also open current Girl Scout volunteers.

Techbridge will generously provide grant funds to GSNI for up

to the first 90 volunteers who register and take the training by the end of June 2015. To register, contact Pam Schnecke at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7140, or pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org.

We're Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois We're 20,000 strong—15,000 girls and 5,000 adults who believe every girl can change the world. Our girls develop leadership skills in 16 counties including parts or all of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago. We help girls build courage, confidence, and character, so they can make the world a better place by inspiring them to discover their inner strength, talents, and passions. And with programs from Stomp Rockets to Camp Explorers, there's a chance for every girl to do something amazing! We're Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, visit www.girlscoutsni.org

Veterans invited to join All Veterans Parade

STOCKTON — On July 3rd, The Stockton Veterans Memorial Committee is conducting an All Veterans Parade. The parade celebrates the Dedication of the Stockton Veterans Memorial, in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of Stockton. Starting from the High School at 6:00 p.m. the parade will follow Stockton's normal parade route along Main Street. The parade will be completing back at the High School where all Veterans involved will have the opportunity to be bussed from the High School to the Stockton Veterans Memorial for the Dedication. Immediately following the dedication the Madd-Men, (including members of The NOMADD's), will be performing at the Corner Tap on Main Street. The concert is intended as a fundraiser for perpetual care of the Memorial. All Veterans and Veteran groups are cordially invited to participate in the parade, dedication, and fund-

raiser, to honor all Veterans of Northwestern Illinois (and greater Stockton Area) that have given so very much to this great nation. All participants of the parade are asked to arrive at the Stockton High School by 5:15 pm to prepare for positions in the parade. All veterans are welcome to walk

All entries to the All Veterans Parade are welcome (floats business's etc); however each

T.J. GILLEY

Thank you for the prayers,

cards, flowers, food,

condolences and memorial

gifts for T.J. The outpouring

of love for him and his family

has been a great comfort.

Todd & Jackie (Bass) Gilley

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entry must have a military theme and must be driven by a Veteran or active service member. Any group or individual wishing to participate in the All Veterans Parade should be at the Stockton High School by 5:15 p.m. Please contact LaDon Trost at 815-238-7917 or email ltrost@villageofstockton.com for more details.

Thanks to all those who sent cards and paid visits after my surgery. Thanks to a special neighbor for planting flowers at my house. They are much appreciated. A big thank you for all the work my son and cousin did for me. Bonnie Rillie 209508



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Thank you for all the cards, flowers and money donations given by friends. The money donation of \$2,003.00 has been given to the Winslow American Legion to be used toward the Veterans Memorial begin built in downtown Winslow.

Thank you Dr. Cleary, our doctor and friend, for Orla's care and the guidance for the family during our trying time.

> MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL THE AMMON FAMILY

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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

June 15-19, 2015

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers met for a one-day session June 16, but neither chamber addressed the state's budget issues, focusing instead on college affordability in the Senate, and restructuring the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the House of Representatives.

Also during the week, Illinois Auditor General Bill Holland announced his retirement; Illinois farmers continue to make progress on the state's crops despite a series of torrential rains in nearly every region; and a new report shows Illinois cities are losing population.

Budget showdown now in third week

The state's fiscal year comes to an end June 30, but the Governor and lawmakers are not any closer to a final solution to the Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

Democrat leaders have yet to send most of their budget package to the Governor's desk despite passing it nearly a month ago. However, Gov. Bruce Rauner has indicated he will not sign the Democrat

leaders' budget, which even House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton acknowledge is out of balance by more than \$3

Republican lawmakers have continued a steady drumbeat in their quest for meaningful government reforms to help Illinois move beyond the past 12-plus years of one-party dysfunction. They have joined the Governor in consistently expressing a willingness to work together with their Democrat counterparts on the state's budget, beginning with compromise on job-creating, economy-boosting reforms.

Committee of the Whole on higher education affordability

On June 16, the Senate met for another Committee of the Whole to discuss higher education affordability.

A number of panelists talked about need-based aid, community college funding formulas, and state support of the university system. They noted how much state tuition, fees and other associated costs had risen over the past decade. We asked

witnesses for insight into how to reduce administrative and tuition costs within the state's higher education system as a way to reduce the cost burden on students and parents in Illi-

Senators will return to the Capitol on June 23 for another Committee of the Whole, to discuss the minimum wage and sick leave policies.

Auditor General to step down

On June 17, Illinois Auditor General Bill Holland announced his intention to step down as the state's chief fiscal watchdog on Dec. 31. Holland has held the position for 23 years and has been a wellrespected staple of Illinois government during the tenure of five Governors.

Holland's January 2009 testimony during the Senate trial of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich was seen as key to the nowfelon's eventual removal from office. Holland's service to the people of Illinois was especially critical during the Blagojevich Administration's six years of abject fiscal failure.

His office also handled the

more recent audits of the now infamous NRI-scandal, which former Gov. Pat Quinn's Administration handed out \$55 million in state grants as part of his questionable and poorly managed crime reduction initiative. In 2014, Holland released a scathing audit of the program that Quinn launched prior to the 2010 election for Governor. Since that time, there have been several criminal grand jury probes into the NRI program, as well as a legislative audit.

Illinois farmers continue to battle weather

Rainy weather continues to hamper farmers' efforts to get back into the fields to finish planting soybeans and harvesting hay. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, statewide precipitation averaged 3.24 inches, leaving only 2.3 days rated as suitable for fieldwork. The average temperature last week was 75.8 degrees, which is 4.6 degrees higher than normal.

The state soybean crop is now 90% planted, up just two percentage points from last week, and still below the fiveyear average of 92%. 84% of the soybean crop has emerged from the soil.

Hay producers have finished with 81% of their first cutting of the year, which is identical to the same time period last year, and just one percentage point behind the five-year average.

Illinois losing population

Recent media reports have shown that Illinois is the only state in the Midwestern region that lost population from 2013 to 2014. The Land of Lincoln lost nearly 10,000 residents and an overwhelming number of communities are losing population at an alarming rate. Central and Southern Illinois continues to experience the largest losses, and even Chicago's population has nearly stagnated for the past couple years.

Some suburban communities experienced population increases, but nothing approaching the Great Recession levels of pre-2008. In fact, only the communities of Naperville and Elgin saw meaningful growth. However, even with this growth, the state's overall population decreased overall, especially when coupled with the losses in Decatur and Rockford.

Letting you

ve been inundated with inquiries regarding the L"inside" happenings of Springfield. Constituents have seen the news, press conferences, and the attack mailers circulating the state and while two sides initially engaged in

a dialogue, it has devolved into

one side yelling and the other side trying to have a conversation. Some of you reading this have questioned, why the Republicans keep voting "present" on the "Governor's legislation." Well, Democratic leadership continues to play games with the lives of our

citizenry by creating a budget that is \$4 billion over projected tax revenue. When the government doesn't have the money, it means a tax increase on all of us. Governor Rauner and many Republicans across the state have refused to consider a tax hike without structural reform. This means Republicans refuse to vote for a tax increase until the Democrats will implement changes to our system that would drive Illinois back to more prosperous times. My friend, colleague, and House Minority Floor Leader, Representative Ron Sandack, recently wrote an incredibly succinct synopsis of the shenanigans in Springfield.

Rep. Sandack is excerpted below:

"Illinois' voters elected a Republican Governor and a Democrat-controlled and Senate. That means there are Democrats who voted for Bruce Rauner because they want the state's fiscal crisis addressed once and for all. Divided, or I prefer shared, government is still very new in Illinois and there have definitely been some growing pains. Because the majority party has



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

controlled the House, Senate and the Governor's office for the last 12 years, there formerly was a noticeable lack of checks and balances. Democrat lawmakers could push their agenda through knowing former Governors Quinn and Blagojevich would likely sign it. Simply put, they've been used to getting their way. Now, the majority party must deal with a Republican Governor who has pledged to veto bills that keep Illinois on a bad financial path. This is not sitting well with House Speaker Madigan and Senate President Cullerton. Governor Rauner came to Springfield on January 12 ready to tackle important issues, and formed numerous bipartisan working groups which included Republicans and Democrats from both the House and Senate. He wanted these bipartisan

all know what is really happening in Springfield and bicameral groups to negotiate and compromise until common ground could be found in several areas. Governor Rauner's plan to turn things around in Illinois includes several reform initiatives that aim to reduce fraud, waste and abuse, and make Illinois a businessfriendly state to increase job growth. The Governor also said he would entertain an increase in revenue, but only after some of his reform initiatives were approved by lawmakers. To that end, the following reform bills were filed in the House in May Republicans:HJRCA39: by Term Limits; HJRCA40: Fair Maps; HB4223: Workers Compensation Reform; HB4224: Property Tax Freeze and Voter Empowerment for Local Collective Bargaining; HB4214: Allowing for Municipal Bankruptcy; and HB4222: Lawsuit (tort) Reform. Speaker Madigan has said

he does not think budget talks should be tied to non-budget issues, but the Governor is adamant that they be discussed together. Why? Because Illinoisans need only look back at

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ON THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

Gerald Werkheiser

Gerald "Jerry" Werkheiser, 54, of Fulton, Ill., died at home Tuesday, June 16, 2015. He was born May 9, 1961, the son of James and Mary (Sauer) Werkheiser. He was at 1979 graduate of Stockton High School.

Jerry loved fishing, especially trips to Canada when he was younger. He also enjoyed golfing, gardening and spending time with his son. He was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. Jerry worked for Ag. Tech and Fulton Fertilizer for over 30 years, where he was devoted to providing the best for his customers.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Demerley; parents, Jim and Mary Werkheiser of Lena, Ill.; son, David; daughters, Sara and Sandra; step children, Meghan and Riley Stephens; brother, Robert (Gail) Werkheiser of Lena; and sister, Jean (Jeff)Zieber of Arkansas. He is preceded in death by his sister, Caro,l and niece, Mellissa Shumaker.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial fund has been established. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.

James Haug

James Haug, 78, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at his home following a long illness. Jim was born on September 20, 1936 in Oak Park, Ill. He was the son of Norbert and Lillian (Belgin) Haug. He served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1955 to 1957 where he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

Jim married Norma Meyer in 1961 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Chicago, Ill.

During most of his life he worked as a lobbyist for the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, Ill. Jim loved his country and the military men and women that served. He was a member of the V.F.W. in Freeport, Ill. He really enjoyed playing golf, playing the horses, a good card game, yard work, coin collecting and most of all, spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; three sons, Doug Haug of Lena, Curtis (Shannon) Haug of Yorkville, Ill. and Matt (Katie) Haug of Batavia, Ill.; and grandchildren, Kiley, Kendall, Maddie, Morgan, Henry, Jimmy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carolyn O'Hara.

Cremation Rites were accorded and a private family celebration of life will be held at a later date with burial to follow in Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, Ill. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in his name for the FHN Hospice Freeport, Ill. Friends may send condolences to the family at www. leamonfh.com.

Stephen Rowe

Stephen "Steve" Rowe, 60,

of Stockton, Ill., died Thursday, June 18, 2015 at home surrounded by his family after a long courageous battle with



cancer. He was born on July,

20, 1954 in Freeport Ill., the son of Donald Rowe and the late Maxine (Raab) Neels.

Steve was a heavy equipment operator for 10 years and an over the road truck driver for more than 20 years. He was known as a master of "redneck" technology. He loved auctions, horses, gardening, and rescuing animals. Steve had a fantastic time with all of the people he had worked with. He loved his family unconditionally and he was always there to help anyone. He loved to make people laugh and smile and made sure their days were brighter. Steve was a man of many wise words and gave us all strength to get through each day. He loved his kids, grandkids, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, dad and most of all he loved his wife, Diane and all the fun they had with each other.

Steve is survived by his wife, Diane; father, Donald Rowe; children, Jeremy (Jeanna) Tucker, Jena (Marc) Lawson, Angela (Jeff) Scace, Tony (Megan) Rowe, Brooke (Tony) Dickerson, and Zack (Nicole) VanBeek; 23 grandchildren; siblings, Dewey (Jodi) Rowe, Rosemary (Tim) Strong, Christine Oates, and Steve (Rudy) Sersch; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Maxine; and brother, Douglas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. Interment will take place at Morseville Cemetery at a later date. A memorial fund has been established. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

ANNIVERSARY



BILL AND GAYLE LINGLE Lingle 50th Anniversary

Bill and Gayle Lingle of Stockton, Ill. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Derinda, Ill. on June 5, 1965. They have two children, Stacy (Eric) Anderson and Bill (Tina) Lingle. They have six grandchildren, Nick (Amanda), Paige, Megan, Sam, Billy, Lexi, and Izzy. They also have two great-grandchildren, Alayna and Kameron. Please send them a card of congratulations to Bill and Gayle Lingle, 523 W. Hillside Lane, Stockton, IL, 61085.

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ROM LENA'S KITCHE



I am sitting here enjoying some sunshine coming in my window. I think it is short lived, but I am loving every moment I can see it. I am also grateful my sump pump continues to run. Remember to appreciate the small stuff—sunshine and sump pumps! If we get some sun soon, the fruits and vegetables will get a chance to grow. This week's column will feature some fruits of the season made into desserts and a salad as well as some main course options. Enjoy eating and cooking!

The first recipe features a combo of grapefruit and straw-

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ing one that will go with any summer recipe. The dressing is crisp and clean and the fruit combo with the crunch of the celery and pecans will make this salad a keeper for the sum-

Grapefruit and Strawberry Salad

- 1 T. white wine vinegar
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1 T. chopped green onions
- 1 T. canola oil
- 1 t. celery seed

Salt and pepper to taste

- 2 C. red grapefruits, segmented
- 3 C. quartered fresh strawberries
- 1/2 C. chopped celery leaves 1/4 C. chopped pecans, toast-

Dressing: whisk together, vinegar, mustard, onions, oil, and celery seed; season with salt and pepper. Salad: Gently toss the grapefruit segments, strawberries, celery leaves, and pecans with dressing to coat.

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inexpensive salads to make. It uses several mixes so the prep time is very minimal. Enjoy this cool summer salad that you can use as a main entrée—it has vegetables too!

Ramen Taco Salad

- 1 pkg. (3 oz. each) ramen noodle soup mix
- 1 pkg. (14 oz.) coleslaw blend
 - 1 C. thawed frozen corn
- 1 C. canned black beans,
- 1 C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 C. coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
 - 1/2 C ranch dressing
 - 1/2 C. hot sauce
 - 2 T. fresh lime juice

Remove the seasoning packets from the soup mixes; discard or reserve for another use. Coarsely crumble the ramen noodles into a large bowl. Add the coleslaw blend, frozen corn, and black beans. Add the cilantro and mix the ingredients together. In a small bowl, mix the ranch dressing, hot sauce, and lime juice. Add the dressing to the salad and mix lightly. Sprinkle and gently fold the cheddar cheese into the salad. (You can just put cheese on top if you want.)

This pasta chicken dish is a great one for a hot summer night. The prep time is short, and there is no use of the oven. I use penne or mostacioli pasta. Serve it with a salad and some good Italian bread, and you have a quick and easy supper.

Garlic Chicken Rigatoni

8 oz. uncooked rigatoni or large tube pasta

3/4 C. drained canned tomatoes (cut up)

1/2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch

1/4 t. garlic salt

2 T. flour

2 T. olive oil, divided

1 1/2 C. sliced fresh mush-

3 garlic cloves, minced 1/4 C. chicken broth

tional chicken broth

2 T. minced fresh parsley

1/4 t. dried basil

1/8 t. salt

1/8 t. pepper

1/8 t. crushed red pepper flakes

1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese

Cook rigatoni according to package directions. Sprinkle the chicken with garlic salt, and then add the flour and toss to coat. In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium high heat. Add chicken and cook and stir 4-5 minutes or until no longer pink. Remove from the pan.

In the same skillet, heat remaining oil over mediumhigh heat. Add the mushrooms and garlic; cook and stir until tender. Add chicken broth, wine, parsley, basil, salt, pepper, red pepper flakes and chopped tomatoes; bring the mixture to a boil. Stir in the chicken and heat through. Drain the rigatoni and add to the chicken mixture. Sprinkle with cheese and toss to coat.

This next recipe is a takeoff on the popular strawberry pretzel dessert. It adds the cool taste of lime to change it up just a little. You bake the pretzels in a large pan and let them cool. You add the pretzels to the cream cheese and use it as a base. It makes for a great base for the strawberries and lime. Enjoy this great and cool chiller of a dessert on a hot summer night.

Strawberry-Lime Bars

2 C. finely crushed pretzels 3/4 C. sugar, divided 1/4 C. butter, melted

2 C. boiling water

1 pkg. (6 oz.) strawberry gelatin 1 lb. fresh strawberries,

chopped

2 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1 T. grated lemon peel 1/4 C. lime juice

1 t. vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350.

Place crushed pretzels and 1/4 cup sugar in a small bowl; stir in the melted butter. Spread into an ungreased 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking pan. Bake 9-11 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely.

In a large bowl, add the boiling water to gelatin; stir 2 minutes to completely dissolve. Gently stir in strawberries. Cool slightly and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, lime peel, lime juice, vanilla remaining sugar until blended. Stir in cooled pretzel mixture (yes the baked pretzel mixture). Spread into an ungreased 9 x 13 baking pan. Top with strawberry mixture. Refrigerate, covered, for 2 hours or until firm.

The last recipe is for an easy rhubarb cake. You can use all white sugar if you wish, but the brown sugar gives it just a little different flavor. Try yet another rhubarb recipe and let us know what you think.

Grandma's Rhubarb Cake

Batter

2 C. flour

1 C. white sugar

1/4 C. brown sugar, packed

1 t. baking soda

1/2 t. salt

2 eggs, beaten

1 C. sour cream or plain yogurt 2 C. diced rhubarb

Topping

1 C. sugar

1/4 C. butter, softened 1/4 C. flour

Cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease and flour a 9 x 13 baking dish. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt. Add the eggs and sour cream and stir until smooth and fold in the rhubarb. (Batter will be thick and barely cover the rhubarb.) Pour into the baking dish and spread evenly.

Topping:

In a small bowl, stir togeth-

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er the sugar and butter until smooth. Add the flour and stir until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle on top of batter. Dust lightly with cinnamon.

Bake until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Cool the cake for 1 hour before cutting.

Want to jazz up the plain old grilled hamburger? Here are some suggestions: Make a bacon cheddar burger by grinding up 4 slices of cooked bacon in a food processor. Mix the bacon with ground chuck and season with salt and pepper. Form patties and cook. Top with grated cheddar cheese. Stack two burgers between the cheddar cheese for the "whopper" feeling. Serve it up with BBQ Ranch Mayo. In a small bowl, place ½ cup mayo, 2 tablespoons (or more) of Sweet Baby Ray's barbeque sauce; add 2 t. dry ranch dressing mix. Combine to blend the ingredients. Use it to top your favorite grilled sandwich.

We continue to hope for sunshine and drying out! I hate it when we get floods so early (I don't much like it later in the summer either!) because it takes the entire summer to get rid of the whole flood thing. Here is to sunshine! Don't forget to stop at the market on Saturday mornings to get good fresh produce. There are some beautiful fresh strawberries up there. They are sweet and hardly need sugar. Remember if you have some good strawberry, a favorite rhubarb or asparagus recipe, or just something that reminds you of summer cooking, send these our way. You can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@ rvpublishing.com.

Annual Farm Progress Show to be held in Decatur in September

who I am.'

DECATUR — The Farm Progress Show, along with Richland Community College and sponsored by Syngenta, featuring Golden Harvest and NK seed brands, once again hosts a concert featuring country music recording artist Craig Morgan on Wednesday, September 2.

Known as the nation's greatest ag showcase, the 62nd annual Farm Progress Show runs September 1, 2 and 3, at its Progress City location in Decatur, Ill.

"The Farm Progress Show is delighted to offer a concert again in Decatur," says Don Tourte, Penton Agriculture, vice president and market leader. "The concert is a great addition to the jam-packed schedule of the Farm Progress Show. It's a perfect way to share an enjoyable evening with Farm Progress Show exhibitors, visitors and members of the Decatur and surrounding communities."

Craig Morgan isn't your typical country music star. His music ties to his varied life experiences as a soldier, sheriff's deputy, EMT, adventurer, TV host, motocross racer, outdoorsman, farmer and family man. Morgan's hit songs

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include "Almost Home," "Redneck Yacht Club," "International Harvester," and "That's What I Love About Sunday." "I'm an American country boy who loves his country, his family and his God," says Morgan, "and all of those things collectively dictate

"We are pleased to showcase Syngenta and, for the second year, our Golden Harvest and NK seed brands during this year's 2015 Farm Progress Show," said Melissa Lord, customer event & tradeshow lead, Syngenta. "We are thrilled to welcome Craig Morgan as the featured artist. Customers and fans alike are looking forward to a special evening of entertainment, which Syngenta is happy to provide alongside its mission to deliver top-performing hybrids and varieties that will help them grow more corn and soybeans."

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the temporary tax hike of 2011 to see that simply pouring more money into the state's coffers does nothing to fix the structural reforms that have driven the state into the ground. Budgeting without reforms means the status quo continues. The voters of Illinois sent a clear message in November that the status quo is no longer acceptable. Governor Rauner and Republican lawmakers have shown [their] willingness to compromise. Empowerment Zones, or right to work zones, were an initial element of the Governor Rauner reform agenda, but he has since agreed to remove that item from the table for consideration. In fact, recently the Governor unilaterally removed other items from the table too. These compromises were met by Speaker Madigan with more digging in of his heels and a renewed refusal to budge. Democrats ultimately walked away from the bipartisan working groups and said they are not interested in reforms. In fact, in spite of the Governor's clear directive of reform before taxes, Speaker Madigan has held all six reform measures in the Rules Committee and has refused to bring them to the House floor for full consideration. By not allowing the reform bills to be heard, Speaker Madigan, by his own actions, took discussions of reform, and therefore new revenue too, off the table. [Democrats created passed a] budget with zero input from the Republicans and zero input from the Governor's Office. Speaker Madigan said "no" to bipartisanship and "no" to reforms, but now he wants bipartisan votes on a tax increase that he knows will be incredibly unpopular. Without reforms, the Republicans are not going to support an increase in rev-

to raise taxes, they have the supermajority votes in both chambers to make it happen. With the normal session adjournment date of May 31 now passed, the Speaker is calling the Representatives back to Springfield one day each week. Are we being called down so we can negotiate a balanced budget prior to the end of the current fiscal year on June 30? No. Are we being called back to consider the reform bills that represent the Rauner plan to help fix our state? No. We are being called to Springfield for a series of show trials where the Speaker is making a mockery of the process, and is collecting sound bites and roll call votes for the next election cycle where he hopes to strengthen his super-majority. It truly has been Springfield at its absolute worst. What you're seeing on the House floor right now is insincere legislation, sponsored by Speaker Madigan's leading allies and masked as "Rauner bills," that are part of a plan to thumb their noses at bipartisanship and reform. Their bills are not just insincere; they are sham legislation meant to embarrass the Governor. As a House Republican Caucus we are not supporting the sham legislation that is being sponsored by the Democrats that Speaker Madigan controls. We are standing together and refusing to be bullied into

enue. If the Democrats want

maintaining a status quo that has all but destroyed our state. At this point we have a spending plan of \$36 billion, projected revenues of \$32 billion, and a controlling party that has said no to spending discipline, no to job-creating reforms, no to fair maps/redistricting and no to term limits, while asking for bipartisan votes on a tax hike. In a negotiation, each side needs to give something up. Governor Rauner took several of his reform measures off the table; now let's see the Democrats give something up. Republicans remain ready to negotiate, and hope the Democrats return to the table so we can engage in an honest discussion about compromise and get past this stalemate. The citizens of Illinois voted for shared policy-making and lawmakers now need to work together to make that happen."

Asking the people of Illinois for an additional \$4 billion in tax dollars reminds me once again of a quote by Thomas Jefferson, "I predict happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

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Concert location and timing

The concert will be held near Richland Community College, just south of the Farm Progress Show exhibit field. Concert goers will park in the same lots used for show visitors. The concert gates will open at 4:00 p.m. with the opening act beginning at 5:30 p.m. and Craig Morgan taking the stage at 6:30 p.m. The opening act will be named closer to show time.

Concert ticket information

Advance tickets are \$25. Order tickets online at etix. com, richland.edu, and farm-progressshow.com. All tickets are general admission and lawn seating. There will be no ticket refunds or exchanges.

Show information

The Farm Progress Show is the nation's leading outdoor farm show and features the most extensive state-of-the art information and technology available for today's agricultural producers. The country's top agribusinesses, plus many regional and local manufacturers and suppliers, are regular exhibitors. Farmers and ranchers from across North America and around the world visit the Farm Progress Show to see agriculture's latest product introductions, meet face-to-face with agribusiness professionals and gain hands-on knowledge.

The 2015 Farm Progress Show is located in northeast Decatur, south of I-72 and west of Richland Community College. The show is open to visitors September 1, 2 and 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Admission at the gate is \$15 for adults, \$8 for ages 13 to 17. Adult ticket discounts are available online. The concert is a separate event and a separate admission ticket is needed. The public is welcome at the show and concert. For additional information, visit farmprogressshow.com.

About the Farm Progress Show

Farm Progress Show, www. farmprogressshow.com, the nation's largest outdoor farm event, annually hosts more than 600 exhibitors displaying new farm equipment, tractors, combines and farm implements; seed and crop protection products; and many additional farm supplies and services. The 62nd annual event will be held in northeast Decatur, Ill., Sept. 1-3, 2015.

Producers from the U.S. and around the world attend this industry-leading annual agricultural event. Ag manufacturers and suppliers from across the country and around the world are exhibitors. Field demonstrations are a show mainstay. Field demos include side-by-side tillage techniques, GPS and precision equipment, and tractor and combine performance comparisons, when weather allows.



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BIRTHS

Kayleigh Moore

Stephanie and Ronnie Moore II of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a daughter, Kayleigh Lynn Moore, born Thursday, June 18, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Kayleigh has two brothers, Ronnie Lee III, and Alexander Lynden, 5. Grandparents are Sam and Joe Luy of Freeport, Richard Taft of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Ronnie and Lori Moore of Winslow, Ill. Great-grandparents are Mary and Don Morgan of Orangeville, Ill. and Darlene Morhardt of Freeport.

REUNION

Lobdell Reunion to be held June 28

LENA — The Lobdell family reunion will be held Sunday, June 28, 2015 at Dodd's Park in Lena, Ill. at noon.

Justin Moore, Jr.

Jessica Musser and Justin Moore, Sr. of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son, Justin Le'Dale Moore, Jr., born Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Grandparents are Willie and Kevlyn Moore and Michelle Musser, all of Freeport, and Brent Musser of Stockton, Ill. Great-grandmothers are Virginia Shumaker and Ellinoir Musser, both of Freeport, and Lillie Fox of Chicago, Ill.

Emmett Reese

Amy and Koltyn Reese of Dakota, Ill. are the parents of a son, Emmett Randall Reese, born Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Emmett has a sister,

Kaylee Reese, 5. Grandparents are Randi Cary of Dakota, Wesley Cary of Oregon, Ill., Teresa Reese of Warren, Ill., and Jeffrey Reese of Monroe, Wis. Great-grandparents are Randy and Helen Willhite of Freeport and Ed and Linda Schwoob of Warren.

Greyson Williams

Jacob and Amanda Williams of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a son, Greyson Karter Williams, born Thursday, June 11, 2015 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Greyson joins a sister, Harper, 22 months. Grandparents are Todd and Lori Workinger and Dennis and Jill Williams, all of Freeport. Great-grandparents are Kenneth and June Eden of Stockton and Dale and Joyce Williams of Freeport.



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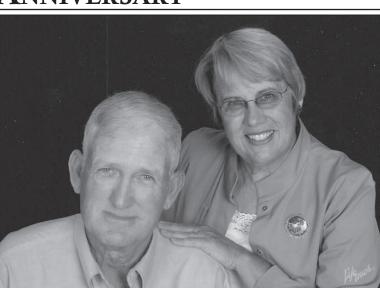
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TOM AND JUDY (DITTMAR) SCHULDT Schuldt 45th Anniversary

Tom and Judy (Dittmar) Schuldt were married June 27, 1970 at Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton, Ill. The couple have three children, Terry (Scott) Haas of Elizabeth, Ill., Jeff (Heidi) Schuldt of Stockton, Ill. and Chris (James) Blanton of Lawrenceville, Ga. They are blessed with five grandchildren, Alex, Jenna and Kyle Haas and Lydia and Max Schuldt. Tom and Judy live in rural Stockton.

CHURCH NOTES

Pastor's Corner

Are You Building Your Ark?

> By Sid Kemmis Lay Minister

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

"All these animals went into the boat in groups of two, just as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord closed the door behind Noah." (Genesis 7:16)

With all the rain recently I overheard one man ask a friend if he had started building his ark. They both had a good laugh while they discussed the wet weather. As they continued talking, however, their smiling faces turned more serious. One had several acres of beans that were under water. The other had a flooded basement which ruined carpeting, appliances and family photos.

On May 28th, CNN reported, "At least 37 people have died in the severe weather over the past five days, from either tornadoes or flooding brought on by epic rainfall. Those deaths include 17 in Texas, 14 in northern Mexico and six in Oklahoma. One Texas flood victim said. "It turned the living room into a gigantic washing machine" The Associated Press reported, "Recordings of 911 calls reveal frantic requests for help from people staying in homes along the flooded Blanco River in Central Texas, including a woman who said the house she was in was "floating."

Imagine how horrible it must have been for people experiencing nature's fury in Noah's Then reflect on how grateful Noah and his family were for having the protection and presence of God and his ark. Remember, Noah was shut in with God. The Lord said to them, "Come into the ark." By this invitation, God clearly showed that He Himself intended to dwell in the ark with Noah and his family.

Water and wind can damage property and can be hazardous to life and limb. But extreme weather is not the most dangerous thing to our wellbeing. No, our greatest ememies are Sin and Satan. Sin surrounds us and Satan seduces us into thinking that it's harmless--even fun. "Just dip your toes in to see how good it feels. Now just slide off the wall and wade in a little farther." Before you know it, you're drowning in sin and can't swim to safety. You need HELP! You need an ark. You need someone to save you.

Jesus took our sins on himself to the cross and paid for them once and for all. He died for us, and even more, He rose from the grave and lives for us, so that we, too, can live with him forever. He invites you into the ark of faith and promises his Spirit, the Comforter, will dwell with you.

God invited Noah into the

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Someone has---that someone is

ark, then closed the door behind him so that no evil could reach him. Floods simply lifted him closer to heaven, and the winds merely moved him to the place God wanted him to be. Outside the ark all was ruin, but inside all was rest and peace. Listen to the invitation God gives you in his Word. That same Word



eight teachers and 18 helpers.

hrist Lutheran Church holds VBS

STOCKTON — Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton held their Vacation Bible School from June 1-5 with a program on Sunday, June 7. The program was followed by a picnic and fellowship with parents. The theme for this year's VBS was Camp Kilimanjaro. Lessons for each day came from the Book of Proverbs. Day 1: Listen

Up! Have ears that hear and do God's word! Day 2: Check Up! Have a heart that trusts in the Lord! Day 3: Speak Up! Have a tongue that speaks in a God-honoring way! Day 4: Wake Up! Have hands that get to work! Day 5: Wise Up! Have feet that walk with the wise.

Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on June 28th, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, Ill., at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to this special Summer Sunday Worship Service. Tyger Johnsonwill offer special music for worship. Pastor Miranda Klosterboer will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Tena Rackow who will lead on thepiano. Following worship there will be a time of fellowshipwith games for all ages from 11am-2pm and a Grill Out meal hosted by the Men's Group.

On Wednesday, July 1st at 8:00 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is neces-

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sary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

On Wednesday evening, July 1st at 7:00 p.m. Good Shepherd will host an informal summer worship service in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to this Summer Wednesday Worship service! It is for youth and adults of all ages. The theme is Kingdom Community, and the worship services include video clips, discussion, and contemporary worship music. It is a chance to gather together, to sing praises to God, to pray, to hear the Word of God, and to connect that Word to your everyday lives.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

KENT — Kent/Willow UMC Worship together Sunday, June 28th at Kent UMC at 9 a.m.

Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are invited and welcome and

to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Bible, lessons in "The Upper Room" devotional. All are welcome and invited to this study.

Kent UMC is located in the town of Kent. For more info, call 815-601-6742.

St. John's Lutheran Church

PEARL CITY — Please join us on for worship on Sunday, June 28th at 9 a.m. led by Pastor Tom Ekstrand. The SPOTS Youth group will meet at 11

a.m. at the Youth and Family Center. The 5th Quarter (High School) will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th.

The 5th Quarter Youth Group (7-8th grades) will continue meeting on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The Women's Gathering will host a Birthday Party on June 26 at the Lena Living Center.

The next Brat Stand will be held on July 4th adjacent to the Pearl City Post Office. The brat stand includes a bratwurst or hot dog sandwich, chips and drinks.

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ON 6.27 ACRES! Kitchen and baths have been updated, kitchen in 2013 has Schrock mable cabinets, tile backsplash and stainless steel appliances (all but refrigerator). Dining area is open to the kitchen and living room. Hardwood floors

the 3 bedrooms, on the main and upper. Main floor family room and lower level family room with



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vaulted ceiling and gas fireplace, updated kitchen with granite countertop, stainless steel appliances (except dishwasher), pantry and snack bar, office and main floor laundry with 1/2 bath. Exposed lower level awaits your finishing touches. Outdoors you will find covered front porch, screened back porch, stamped concrete driveway and walks and a beautifully landscaped vard. New roof. beautifully landscaped vard. New roof gutter helmets, water heater and carpet.



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Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there! Had a great weekend with "DAD" in our household, took in a Rockford Aviators game on Friday, worked the Pearl Valley Rangers 4-H club "June is Dairy Month" ice cream stand on Saturday (Yes, through all the rain and wind which spoiled the plans to go golfing afterward the ice cream stand), and Sunday attended church and a movie. This Father's Day though very joyous and happy, it did bring some tears. The "Kids" were unable to be here to spend this special day with their "DAD" (each did call their "DAD") but realizing it had been 20 years since "Indiana Dad" had passed away (and with just losing "Indiana Mom") memories and thoughts of each of them and not being able to share these special days with them anymore brought a few tears. So, whether or not its Father's Day or Mother's Day enjoy your parents and tell and show them how much they mean to you!

Remember, to have the news of your event in the "PC News" column either drop off the information at the Pearl City Public Library or send an email to pearlcitypubliclibrary@yahoo. com (Please put "PC News" in subject line of the email).

100 Women Who Care-**Stephenson County**

Kids Coats and Clothes was the recipient of a donation of

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The Women's Gathering has organized a trip to the White Pines Dinner Theatre on July 8th to see "Steel Magno-lias." On October 15th they will be traveling back to the White Pines Dinner Theatre to see "The Templeton's." Women's Gathering has also organized a bus trip to Drury Lane on December 10th to see "White Christmas." See the bulletin board for cost information, times and the sign-up sheets. Payment is needed when you sign-up to guarantee a tick-

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works faith in our souls, leading us to trust in Jesus for our salvation and to live for Him rather than for ourselves.

Without Christ we perish, but in Christ Jesus there is perfect peace and safety.

\$5,100 from the May meeting of 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County. 100 Women Who Care founders met with Cherie Cregan, Ed Stukenberg, and Jennifer Gennusa of Kids Coats and Clothes to present the donation to the organization the helps supply children within Stephenson County with school uniforms, clothing, jackets, hats, mittens, other outerwear, school supplies, toiletries and footwear. Thank you to both Kids Coats and Clothes and members of 100 Women Who Care for making a difference in our area. 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County will hold their next meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at Rafter's in Lena. Registration and social hour is from 5:30 to 6:30 and meeting 6:30 to 7:30 at which our third charitable donation as a group will be voted on.

Ebenezer-Salem UCC

Plan to attend the annual Ice Cream Social held by Ebenezer-Salem UCC on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 from 5 to 8 pm at the church located at 5421 Stone Church Rd, with entertainment, Gone Fishin' at 6 pm. The menu being served is: BBQ's, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, homemade pies and cakes and ice cream. Join us for an evening of good food and great fellowship!

St. John's Lutheran Church - Summer Brat Stand

St. John's "Summer Brat Stand" is in full swing for the summer! Plan to stop by the stand in the lot next to the post office on the following Saturdays this summer: July 4th and 18th, August 1st, 15th, and 29th with serving from 10 to 2. Join us for a quick and easy lunch on these Saturdays!

Pearl City Upperclassmen Scholarship

2nd, 3rd, and 4th year college or trade school students remember to apply for one of the eight scholarships being offered by

the Pearl City Area Upperclassmen Scholarship Foundation. Remember this year qualifying students who complete and submit an application on a timely basis but are not selected for a scholarship will still receive \$100 for their efforts. Deadline for submitting completed applications is Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Applications are available at the Pearl City School office, the Pearl City Public Library, or by contacting Stan Lott at 815-443-2407.

Pearl City Public Library District

SUMMER READING COL-ORING CONTEST-The following kids were the weekly winners of the coloring contest in May: Xander Krolow, Emma Derrer, Addison Bremmer, and Maya Youtzy. Each winner received a reusable cloth book bag. All coloring contest participants names were entered in a final drawing for 2 ticket vouchers for a Rockford Aviators baseball game and those winners are: Caleb Derrer, Porter Krolow, and Xander Krolow. Congratulations to our Summer Reading Coloring Contest winners and thank you to all the kids that participated in the coloring contest!

One month of reading has been completed in our Summer Reading Program "READ TO THE RHYTHM!" and several of our summer reading band members has logged their reading. All the kids who had logged their reading names were put into a drawing for 2 ticket vouchers for a Rockford Aviators baseball game and those winners are: Kip Martens, Theresa von Schrött, and Megan Snetcher. Congrats to these kids for reading and logging early! Remember readers you have until July 28th to log your reading and meet your reading goal. Pearl City Public Library Dis-

trict, 221 S. Main, PO Box 158, Pearl City, IL 61062; phone: 815-443-2832 or email: pearlcitypubliclibrary@yahoo.com. We're on Facebook, too!

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Cover Crops program to be held in Freeport

FREEPORT — Paths to successful cover crops in Northwestern Illinois will be the focus of a summer workshop. Offered at two locations, the workshops will feature discussions lead by University of Illinois Extension, IL Council of Best Management Practices, and local practitio-

'Successful Cover Crop Strategies for Northwest Illinois' will be presented June 30, 6-9p.m. in Freeport and July 1, 9 a.m. - noon in Shabbona. Topics will include:

- · Reasons for Considering Cover crops
- · Northern Illinois Cover Crop Research
- Working Cover Crops, for livestock Opportunities
- · Putting Cover Crops in the Crop Plan: Herbicide, timing and management concerns
- Local Practitioner Panel (farmers / applicators)

The June 30 workshop will be held 6-9 p.m. at Highland Community College Student Conference Center, H210 (use parking lot A), 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, Ill. The July 1 workshop will be 9 a.m. to noon at the Northern Illinois Agronomy Research Center, 14509 University Road, Shabbona, Ill.

Pre-registration for the free workshop is encouraged to insure seating and materials. Register for the Freeport workshop at web.extension.illinois. edu/jsw/ or by calling (815) 235-4125. Register for the Shabbona workshop at web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/ or calling (815)

The varied benefits of cover crops have been widely touted. None of the benefits can be realized without first getting a crop to grow. Ideas for overcoming the unique challenges of Northern Illinois will be the common thread to all the presentations.

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canned goods to local food pantries in the section. The 2015-2016 Chapter reporter Hope Enck and Treasurer Shianne Stietz competed in the scrapbook interview where they advanced to the second round. Last year's chapter president, Jordon Oellerich, received a silver award for her outstanding chapter President application and the Chapter also earned a Bronze emblem for the National Chapter application. Morghan Scace served as a member of the State FFA Band while playing her flute.

Kenzie Kaiser, who graduated from Lena-Winslow in 2014 and is currently a student at Highland Community College, also attended the convention with her parents to accept recognition for her American Degree, the highest honor which an individual can earn in FFA. She is the first female from Lena-Winslow to achieve this great honor and our entire FFA chapter is proud of the results of her hard work and dedication! Her SAE was on Beef Entrepreneurship.

Jordon Oellerich competed in the STARS over Illinois category for Star Farmer. She was ranked as one of the top

five FFA members in this category in the state of Illinois! Although she was not the winner, we are extremely proud of her accomplishments. The last session of the convention also includes the awarding of the state FFA degrees. Jordon Oellerich received her state degree (SAE on Dairy Entrepreneurship) during the ceremony after attending the State Degree luncheon at the Hilton Hotel. Jordon also officially began her year as section One FFA President by being sworn in by the retiring President from River Ridge, Taylor Meneguin.

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It proved to be a record breaking year for the Pearl City FFA Chapter as six FFA Members earned their State FFA Degree. That is the most members from Pearl City to earn their degree in a single year. The previous best was five in 1998. The State FFA Degree is the highest degree of membership given out by the Illinois FFA. Selection for the degree is based on FFA participation, academic achievement, community service, and supervised experience program. The degrees were given out dur-



Photo submitted

Lena-Winslow FFA members just before a tour of the Lincoln Museum.

ing the Illinois State FFA convention held in Springfield at the Prairie Capital Convention Center June 9-11. Earning the Degree from Pearl City were:

Abby Endress, Bannon Fuchs, Nathan Lott, Whitney Runkle, Nicole Simler, and Jennifer Thomas.

Justin Lott, a 2014 graduate

of Pearl City, was nominated for the American FFA Degree by the Illinois FFA Association. He will receive his degree at the National FFA Convention this Fall in Louisville, Kentucky.



Greenhands Sam Gobeli, Miranda Luke, Laurel Flynn and Logan Klentz with the Harvest For All Award.

Village of Winslow Notice Please Keep Lawns Mowed

According to the Village Ordinance, Section 14-3, you need to keep your property mowed on a regular basis and properly maintained

It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds or grass to grow to a height exceeding 8 inches.

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be fined \$100 for each offence

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter Village President Terri Rose Village Police Department



State FFA Degree recipients from Pearl City pictured left to right: Bannon Fuchs, Abby Endress, Nathan Lott, Jennifer Thomas, Whitney Runkle, and Nicole Simler.

Village of Winslow Notice Please Keep Grass Clippings Out of the Street

When it rains, the grass clippings can block the catch basins and cause drainage issues.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter Village President Terri Rose Village Street Department



Jordon Oellerich receives her State Degree.

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Girl Scouts announce cookie contract through 2018

FREEPORT — Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) has entered into a new three year contract with Little Brownie Bakers (LBB) of Louisville, Kentucky, continuing a partnership that began in 2010–11. Currently, two commercial bakers are licensed to produce Girl Scout Cookies—ABC Bakers and LBB. The decision to remain with LBB was made by a committee consisting of local Girl Scout volunteers and GSNI business staff.

LBB has been baking Girl Scout Cookies for over 35

years and is licensed by Girl Scouts of the USA to provide eight varieties of cookies for the Girl Scout Cookie Program including Samoas, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, and Trefoils. In 2015, Girl Scouts of the USA worked with LBB to launch the revolutionary Digital Cookie platform allowing Girl Scouts to set up their own personalized sales webpages, take credit card payments, and ship cookies directly to their customers. The company also added two new cookies to the Girl Scout Cookie lineup-

Rah-Rah Raisins and Toffeetastic. Toffee-tastic is the firstever gluten-free variety sold by GSNI.

Why the Girl Scout Cookie Program Matters

The Girl Scout Cookie Program helps girls develop the five key leadership skills of goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Proceeds benefit girls in northern Illinois by supporting Girl Scout programs, camp scholarships, volunteer train-

ing, membership assistance, and outreach programs. Each troop also receives a portion of the proceeds as discretionary funds for troop activities.

We're Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

We're 20,000 strong—15,000 girls and 5,000 adults who believe every girl can change the world. Our girls develop leadership skills in 16 counties including parts or all of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee,

McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago. We help girls build courage, confidence, and character, so they can make the world a better place by inspiring them to discover their inner strength, talents, and passions. And with programs from Stomp Rockets to Camp Explorers, there's a chance for every girl to do something amazing! We're Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. To volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, visit www. girlscoutsni.org or call 1-800-

Arts Council Grant provides employment for teens at TLP

MOUNT CARROLL — The Illinois Arts Council has awarded Timber Lake Playhouse a grant to create a paid apprentice program for area teens interested in pursuing careers in theatre arts. Four teens have been selected for the inaugural year. They are Contessa Ehlers of Mount Carroll, Levi Skoog of Chadwick, Kaitlin Triplett of Byron and Clarissa Worcester of Sterling.

Timber Lake Playhouse, opening its 54th season June 4-14 with Hairspray, hires performers, directors and designers from around the country each year. The new apprentice program is designed to immerse pre-college teens from Northwest Illinois in all aspects of professional theatre production. Rather than volunteering

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Stockton: Aleah L. Bauer, Shawn D. Haas, Alyssa D. Polhill, Kiley J. Schulz

Warren: Jordyn N. Hicks
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time, the grant provides an hourly pay rate comparable to other summer work.

"It's a remarkable investment in the cultural life of the region," said Artistic Director James Beaudry. "To go into a university program with existing professional credits gives these artists a huge advantage. Combining that with a salary says that we believe in the value of the theatre arts and in you, as the next generation of artists from Northwest Illinois"

The teens were chosen out of over twenty applicants based

on an artistic statement, letter of recommendation and interview. Priority was given to upperclassmen, those already accepted to university programs and those who've demonstrated a clear commitment to pursuing a career in theatre.

The program lasts ten weeks and will provide immersion in theatre design, costuming, sound and lighting, directing, management and marketing. The final three weeks will be spent in a single area of focus.

"The talent and intelligence the interviewees demonstrated made our decision very difficult. While the grant and matching funds only cover four teens, we've actually opened up the program to all of our interviewees on a volunteer basis."

The 2015 season at TLP is filled with shows that inspire audiences to "dream bigger." Following Hairspray, the playhouse presents The Big Meal, a stunning, big-hearted play about modern families by Dan LeFranc. Peter Pan, Greater Tuna, Big Fish and Big River round out the lineup. The Magic Owl Children's Theatre at TLP will also present a stage adaptation of James and the

Giant Peach.

Subscribers can see all six mainstage shows for \$119, which is less than \$20 a ticket. Regular tickets are \$25 with discounts available for groups, students, seniors and active duty military personnel.

For subscriptions, tickets to Hairspray or any shows in TLP's 2015 season, visit www. timberlakeplayhouse.org. You may also call the box office at 815-244-2035 or visit them at 8215 Black Oak Rd. in Mount Carroll during business hours. All performance dates and times are available online.

New tobacco free policy to be implemented at HCC

FREEPORT — The State of Illinois passed the Smoke-Free Campus Act banning smoking in both indoor and outdoor spaces on state-supported college and university campuses beginning July 1, 2015. In keeping with their commitment to health and wellness, the Highland Community College Board of Trustees approved a smoke-free and tobacco-free policy in April.

The new policy, which applies to students, faculty, staff, on-campus partners, and community visitors on campus, prohibits the burning of any type of cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other smoking equipment in both indoor and outdoor spaces within the campus boundaries. The policy also prohibits the use

of smokeless/chewing tobacco and e-cigarettes. Smoking and tobacco use inside private vehicles is permitted.

"Highland Community College is committed to maintaining a healthy, productive environment for all of its students, faculty, staff and visitors," Executive Vice President Tim Hood said in an email to the campus community announcing the policy. "Complying with the new state law, as well as becoming a tobacco-free campus, offers support for this commitment."

The smoking and tobacco free policy will go into effect July 1, 2015. College officials have offered smoking cessation assistance to students and staff since the new policy was announced in February of this

vear.

According to the Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative, 1014 college campuses in the U.S. are tobacco-free or will become so in the near future. These campuses include the City Colleges of Chicago, Danville Area Community College, McHenry County College, Madison

Area Technical College, North Iowa Area Community College, as well as a large number of four-year colleges and universities in the Midwest.

For more information about the Smoking and Tobacco policy at Highland Community College visit www.highland.edu.



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University of Illinois Master Gardener Program accepting applicants

 The University of Illinois Extension is accepting applications to participate in the 2015 Master Gardener Training Program. Those interested need to complete an application form and return it to their local county extension office.

Master Gardeners are individuals with an interest in horticulture willing to participate

in 60 hours of classes taught by University of Illinois Educators. Then they agree to volunteer 60 hours of time through their local office to teach others about gardening.

Training classes will be held at the Extension office in Elizabeth (204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL) beginning August 5th, 2015. Classes will be 9:00am 3:30pm every Wednesday through October 14th.

Class topics include botany, soils and fertilizer, trees and shrubs, vegetables, fruits, insects, turf grass management, disease control, pesticide safety and others. Class fee is \$150, and this includes materials, but not lunches. All quizzes and tests will be "take home".

Those interested can call the

University of Illinois Extension Office in Jo Daviess County at 815-858-2273 for more information or to receive an application form. Forms can also be printed from the Extension website home page under "Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners". Go to http://web. extension.illinois.edu/jsw/ and look for the link in the upper right corner of the main page.

Please complete and return application forms to the Extension office. All applications are due by July 1st. Send form to: U of I Extension - Jo Daviess County, P.O. Box 600, Elizabeth, IL 61028. After all forms are submitted, applicants will be contacted individually for an "interview" conducted by Master Gardener Coordinator, Maggie Guenzler.

USDA seeks applications for grants to help repair housing in rural communities

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to make housing repairs for lowand very-low-income rural residents. The grants are being provided through USDA Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant program.

"These grants help rural homeowners and rental housing owners repair and improve

properties," Vilsack said. "Funds may be used to resolve health or safety issues, make accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, or make energy-efficiency improvements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lower utility costs."

Eligible applicants for Housing Preservation Grants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and nonprofit and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. For additional eligibility information, see page 28943 of the May 20, 2015 Federal Register.

USDA is making up to \$3.3 million in grants available in Fiscal Year 2015. Pre-applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 6, 2015.

Last year, USDA provided

Housing Preservation Grants for 107 projects in 46 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. For example, four Vermont organizations received a total of \$250,000 to help rural families repair and rehabilitate their homes. Southeastern Vermont Community Action Program, the Vermont Center for Independent Living, Northeast Employment and Training Organization, and Rural Edge each received a grant. The

funds helped 118 rural Vermont families

President Obama's historic investments in rural America have made our rural communities stronger. Under his leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

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the arts and culture experience. Watch real blacksmiths at work in the Old Blacksmith shop or stop by a museum and take in the history and heritage. Witness a pottery throwing demonstration or visit with an artist during a meet and greet at a local art gallery. Galleries line Galena's historic Main Street and showcase paintings, photography and pottery by locals as well as national and international artists. The Galena Center for the Arts also features rotating exhibits throughout the year, so there is always something new

Adding to the year-round

experience, Galena hosts events that cater to arts and culture lovers. The Galena Festival of the Performing Arts - July 8, July 10-11 and July 17-18 - features live performances by My Sweet Patootie, The Hunts, Tallymoore and Lincoln Trio. Or check out the Market Square Arts Festival, Aug. 8-9, where dozens of area artists showcase their work.

Details, other area offerings and lodging options can be found at http://www.VisitGalena.org or call 888.942.5362. While in town, stop by the Welcome Center in the Old Market House, 123 N. Commerce St., Galena IL 61036.

USDA announces restart of Biomass Crop Assistance Program for renewable energy

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that incentives will resume this summer for farmers, ranchers and forest landowners interested in growing and harvesting biomass for renewable energy. The support comes through the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP), which was reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. BCAP provides financial assistance to establish and maintain new crops of energy biomass, or who harvest and deliver forest or agricultural residues to a qualifying energy facility.

Financial assistance is available through BCAP for costs associated with harvesting and transporting agriculture or forest residues to facilities that convert biomass crops into energy. Eligible crops may include corn residue, diseased or insect infested wood materials, or orchard waste. The energy facility must first be approved by USDA to accept the biomass crop. Facilities can apply for, or renew, their BCAP

qualification status beginning today. \$11.5 million of federal funds will be allocated to support the delivery of biomass materials through December 2015. Last year, more than 200,000 tons of dead or diseased trees from National Forests and Bureau of Land Management lands were removed and used to produce renewable energy, while reducing the risk of forest fire. Nineteen energy facilities in 10 states participated in the program.

Farmers, ranchers and forest landowners can also receive financial assistance to grow biomass crops that will be converted into energy in selected BCAP project areas. New BCAP project area proposals will be solicited beginning this summer and accepted through fall 2015, with new project area announcements and enrollments taking place in early spring 2016. The extended proposal submission period allows project sponsors time to complete any needed environmental assessments and allows producers enough lead time to make informed decisions on whether or not to pursue the BCAP project area enrollment opportunity. This fiscal year USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will allocate up to \$8 million for producer enrollment to expand and enhance existing BCAP project areas. Additionally, in accordance with the 2014 Farm Bill, underserved farmers are eligible for a higher establishment cost share. BCAP projects have supported over 50,000 acres across 74 counties in 11 different project

BCAP was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for ruralmade products; and investing in infrastructure, housing, and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

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Sign up now for Fourth of July 3-on-3, 5/10

for the 11th Annual Stockton 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament that will be held on July 4 and for the 7th Annual Stockton 5K/10K Run/Walk that will be held Sunday, July 5. The events, sponsored by J3 Events, have become staples of Stockton's annual Fourth of July celebra-

The 3-on-3 tournament will be held in the elementary, middle school and high school gyms. The tournament attracts talent from throughout the tri-states.

"It's become a who's who

By Todd Nielsen

just brought a bunch of bums

to the NBA Finals and, impos-

sibly after the injuries to Kevin

Love and Kyrie Irving, some-

how actually had the Cavaliers

be competitive with the much

more talented Golden State

Warriors. Statistically, it may

have been the greatest NBA

Still, for all the LeBron haters

and the weird cult of Michael

Jordan, that wasn't enough. It

was just another strike against

LBJ, another reason he never

be MJ. After all, Jordan would

never have lost, or at least that's

what all the fanboys would have

you believe. Never mind that

Jordan never won a title with

a team as talentless as the one

LeBron just played with in the Finals. When Jordan quit bas-

ketball abruptly after the 1993

season and eventually found his

way to Minor League Baseball,

the Bulls didn't crumble. Jor-

dan's supporting cast won 55

games in 1994 without the best

player on the planet. Yeah, they

But all of that aside, why

the constant need to rank LeB-

ron (or Kobe before him) with

Michael? And why are Jordan's

fans so hesitant to even admit

that LeBron is great? LeBron

were still really good.

Finals in history.

greatest

eBron James is the

player in the world. He

No need to constantly

basketball

compare MJ and LeBron

the names of the best players in the area for the last ten years, whether it be Willie Veasley or Sophie Brunner or whoever and they're here," said Steve Jordan, who along with his brothers Tom and Andy plan the 3-on-3 and 5K/10K.

Jordan says the tournament, which has had around 80 teams for the past few years, is only possible because of the volunteers and their relationship with

"We're lucky to have the relationships that we do to get

being great takes nothing away

from MJ. Both can be true, and

both are. Michael Jordan was

In baseball, when Mike Trout

does something amazing (which

happens very, very often),

there isn't a crowd immediate-

ly shouting about how Willie

Mays would have done so much

better. When Jonathan Toews

racked up another big accom-

plishment a week ago, people

weren't rushing to see how far

he has to go to catch Wayne

Gretzky. People have com-

pared Tom Brady and Peyton

Manning for years, but they're

contemporaries. Rarely do you

hear people trying to rank every

accomplishment with John

Maybe it's the new world we

live in where everyone has a

voice and everyone gets to put

their opinion out for the world

to see. Internet trolls get some

strange fascination is writing

idiotic things and seeing the

reaction and it's much easier to

spit vitriol on a keyboard and

with the anonymity afforded by

one just needs to sit back and

enjoy the current greatest bas-

ketball player on the planet.

Root for him or don't, I really

don't care. But there's no rea-

son to not respect what he's

already been able to do at only

Whatever the reason, every-

the internet.

Elway or Joe Montana.

great. LeBron is great.

tournaments (for different ages) end at different times, so we can stagger the clean-up work."

"The first year we did the tournament, we planned to have it outside. Then, that morning, it rained. We called up the Superintendent and he said we could use the gym and we've been there ever since. Without the cooperation of the school, there's no way we could get this done.

100 teams, so sign up early.

The 5K/10K, which will be held on July 5th, has gotten bigger each year and had about 400 individuals last year.

adding 80-90."

The current route of the run hit three specific criteria the Jordans

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Jordan says runners should bring any feedback or sug-

Registration fee is \$80 per team (3 or 4 players). The tournament will be limited to the first

"We've had a pretty consistent rise in participants of about 30-40 per year, with one year

were hoping to meet.

for miles with a great view."



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result of some past feedback, the Stockton Pool will be open after the run to participants for free. Also, the Stockton Band will be playing in a few spots on the

Like last year, race bibs and t-shirts will be available at a table by the entertainment stage on July 4, allowing runners to forego standing in line early on the fifth. New this year, participants will be able to sign up

to have their time automatically uploaded to their Facebook page upon finishing the race.

Cost of the 5K for pre-registered participants is \$18 and \$25 on the day of the event and cost of the 10K is \$25 (\$30 on the day of the event).

For more information on these events or to obtain a registration form, log on to www.j3events. com or contact Steve Jordan at (815) 541-8286 or via email at SJORDAN@WIPFLI.COM.



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The Peanuts Gang is coming to the Orangeville Community Theater

ORANGEVILLE — The Richland Players (MRP) are singing and dancing their way through rehearsals for their early summer show, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The 1967 Broadway show received a revamping in 1999 and burst back on the Broadway scene with such stars as Anthony Rapp (Rent) and

Kristin Chenoweth (Wicked). of local actors for this pro-"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" was originally directed by Michael Mayer and originally produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson. The play is produced by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

Mighty Richland Players are lucky to have a talented group

11th '8 Miles of Ag-tiques'

ORANGEVILLE — The 11th year of "8 Miles of Agtiques" will be held on July 3rd, 4th, and 5th, Fri. and Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 9 a.m.

The event is held along Hwy 26N to Hwy 69S between Orangeville, Ill. and Monroe, Wis. All along the highway are different shows with different colors and brands of tractors, machinery, etc. There's food, machinery, crafts, tractor drives, and lots of "Do you remember this's?"

Also part of the show is our 12th annual "Briggs' John Deere Days" Two-cyclinder and New Generation John Deeres are featured, but we welcome any brand and color. We have lots of homemade brats, pies, meats, salads, etc. Craft show. Sunday morning we have a 2-hour tractor drive from 10:00-12:00, then an exhibitor's picnic with everyone welcome to come.

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DEFENDANTS

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duction. They include: Sandy Sweitzer as Sally (Pearl City), Amy Jo Beightol as Snoopy (Orangeville), Craig Downing as Linus (Freeport), Nick Krogull as Charlie Brown (Lena), Mary Backus as Lucy (Freeport), Sam Wool as Schroeder (Freeport), and Glenda Adams as Woodstock (Orangeville). The show has a wonderful crew including pianist Sheri Novak (Monroe), drummer Matt Ostergard (Orangeville), and choreographer Carolyn Mysliwiec (Stockton).

Kim McIver is the show's director. She has been seen in local area productions both on and off the stage, and has written and/or directed several shows for The Mighty Richland Players.

"The audience will love this high-energy show," she says. "We are having a lot of fun bringing Lucy, Charlie Brown, Linus, Schroeder, Snoopy, Sally, and Woodstock to life. Children and adults will really enjoy the production. A wonderful mesh of song and dance, the audience is in for a treat as Snoopy dances and sings for his supper, Charlie Brown laments on how his life is going, and Lucy speaks her mind. A day in the life of Charlie Brown, the show moves effortlessly from scene to scene, bringing the Peanuts Gang to life on the stage."

Performances will be held on Friday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Sunday, June 28 matinee will begin at 2:00 p.m. Dessert will be offered during intermission, except for the 1 p.m. theaterstyle seating on June 27. Tickets are now on sale. They are \$20 and include dessert and coffee, and Mighty Richland Players famous hot cider. The June 27 1 p.m. performance ticket price is \$12 for both children and adults. For all dessert theater performances, the children 12 and under ticket price is \$15. Group prices are available.

For more information on the show or for ticket information, please call 815-819-1310 or log onto www.mightyrichlandplayers.com. Also, check out our Mighty Richland Players Facebook page.

The Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater is located at the historic Masonic Lodge at 203 West High Street in Orangeville. Doors will open a half hour before performance begins. Reservations preferred.

TLP prepares restaurant play

MOUNT CARROLL — Timber Lake Playhouse continues its 54th season with a new kind of play, The Big Meal by Dan LeFranc, which is directed by Chuck Smith. Opening Thursday, June 18th, the play takes place entirely in restaurants and tells the funny, complicated and sometimes heart-breaking story of one big, noisy family over the course of several generations. Eight actors play all the members of the family at various ages in the play that will run through June 27th.

The Big Meal follows Sam and Nicole from first meeting through almost 80 years of moments that define their families. A series of dates, holidays and celebratory family dinners create the backdrop for the extraordinary stories of an ordinary family

Of this, playwright LeFranc writes, "Perhaps because my parents both worked in the service industry, my most vivid memories of family take place around laminated menus and sampler platters. Like many Americans, we spent a lot of time going out to eat. [...] So often, in fact, that many of these places came to feel like an extension of our living room. We laughed, cried, and fought like crazy for an audience of countless waiters and diners."

As the characters age and their families grow, new revelations are brought to light. Artistic Director James Beaudry says, "The play uses those moments we've all experienced in restaurants and family dinners-crying children, a couple clearly breaking up two tables away, the tensions between rival siblings—and makes one family's story feel like everyone's.

LeFranc describes these moments that feel universal and define families—"the great joys and disappointments of my parents' marriages; [...] the wonderful and weird relationships I have with my siblings; how much I look like my dad; the dizzy bliss of falling in love; what happens to parents when their kids become parents; the way the familial pecking order

The Big Meal' shifts; family and friends who

have fallen ill; how death brings countless lives to a halt; how my grandmother lights up when I finally come to visit ... All of this is accomplished in

under 90 minutes, and the effect on the audience is astonishing. Time Out New York says, "You will be amazed," while the New York Daily News called the play, "Packed with humanity and humor." The Big Meal does contain adult language.

The cast includes Brigitte Ditmars, Jaguer Heier, Judy Knudtson, Victoria Kuzlik, Paige ManWaring, Matt W. Miles, Brian Pauley and Cullen Rogers. Acclaimed Chicago director Smith returns to TLP for his fourteenth consecutive season. His previous work at TLP includes Working, An Inspector Calls, Tuesdays With Morrie, Smokey Joe's Café and

Following The Big Meal, TLP will present Peter Pan, Greater Tuna, Big Fish and Big River to round out the lineup. The Magic Owl Children's Theatre at TLP will also present a stage adaptation of James and the Giant Peach in August. Tickets to all shows are available at the theatre box office, by calling 815-244-2035, and online at www.timberlakeplayhouse. org. Show times are available online.

Timber Lake Playhouse is located at 8215 Black Oak Road in rural Mount Carroll. This program is partially sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency, through federal funds provided by the National Endowment for the

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College News

Local students make Carthage College dean's list for spring 2015

KENOSHA, Wisc. — These local students were named to the Carthage College dean's list for academic excellence during the spring 2015 semester:

Nicholas Bussian of Lena, Ill. Elisabeth Rutter of Lena, Ill. Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester.

Carthage College combines an environment of reflection and self-discovery with a culture of high expectation so our students uncover and ignite their true potential. A four-year, private liberal arts college with roots in the Lutheran tradition, the campus has a prime location in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The campus, an 80-acre arboretum on the shore of Lake Michigan, is home to 150 scholars, 2,600 full-time students, and 400 parttime students.

Graves graduates from Clarke University

DUBUQUE — Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa, awarded degrees and honors at its 172th Commencement Ceremony on May 9, 2015.

The following area students were honored at the ceremony:

Kairee N. Graves of Elizabeth, Ill. with a BSN degree in

Clarke University is a Catholic, liberal arts and sciences university dedicated to preparing students to make an impact. Known for superb teaching and academics, Clarke offers more than 30 undergraduate liberal arts and pre-professional programs and six graduate degree programs. Founded in 1843 by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Clarke is located near the Mississippi River in Dubuque, Iowa. Clarke's 55-acre campus is a blend of historic buildings and new, state-of-the-art facilities.

Stier graduates from Edgewood College

MADISON, Wisc. — Emily Stier of Scales Mound graduated Summa Cum Laude from Edgewood College on May 17, 2015. Stier earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. Emily is the daughter of Kevin and Carrie Stier.

About Edgewood College

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Iowa State University students named to spring semester Dean's List

AMES — More than 7,560 Iowa State University undergraduates have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2015 spring semester Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course

Students who qualified for the Dean's List are:

Elizabeth, Ill.

Kelsey Grace Finn, 2, Pre-Dietetics (H SCI)

Lena, Ill.

Brett Richard Meador, 2, Agronomy

Stockton, Ill.

Dillon Meier Bauer, 4, Communication Studies

Kirkwood Community College graduates include

CEDAR RAPIDS — Kirkwood Community College has announced the graduating class of 2014-2015. Among those graduates is Austin Bauer of Stockton, Ill. College faculty and administration joined friends and family in saluting the graduates at commencement ceremonies at the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids,

Northern Illinois University announces spring 2015 Dean's List

DEKALB — Northern Illinois University announces students who have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester.

Josef Edler of Lena, Ill.

Jenny Marie Farmer of Lena,

Lauren Haas of Elizabeth, Ill. Lisa Hackney of Lena, Ill.

Ty Harmston of Elizabeth, Ill. Jessica Zink of Stockton, Ill.

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Best graduates from U of M Crookston

CROOKSTON- The Office of the Registrar at the University of Minnesota Crookston recently announced its list of spring 2015 graduates. Students completed their degree requirements during spring 2015. Eric Best, from Orangeville, Ill., graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources.

The University of Minnesota Crookston enrolls approximately 1,800 full-time students and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The U of M, Crookston is a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution, dedicated to learning, discovery and engagement in northwest Minnesota.

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Summerset Theatre's 42nd season brings 'Mary Poppins' to the stage

FREEPORT — Highland Community College's 42nd season of Summerset Theatre will present "Mary Poppins." Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. on July 9, 10, 11 and 16, 17, 18 and at 2 p.m. on July 19 at the Fine Arts Theatre in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

The musical is based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film, with original music by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, and book by Julian Fellowes. New songs and additional music and lyrics are by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe. The story introduces the audience to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Mary Poppins arrives as the new nanny and teaches the family how to value each other again.

Highland's production features a cast, crew, and orchestra of more than 100 students and community members, as well as, flying effects provided by Hall Associates Flying Effects. There will be spectacular dancing, elaborate scenery and special effects, stunning original costumes, and some of the most beloved and memorable songs ever written for a musical including "Spoonful of Sugar,"
"Let's Go Fly A Kite," "Chim
Chim Cher-ee," "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," "Step in Time, "Feed The Birds" and "Jolly Holiday" as well as several new songs.

Director Mark Jansen, states, "Our production contains original staging and several exciting surprises. Mary Poppins is a heartwarming show with an important message about love and cherishing what really matters. Families in our area will definitely want to experience 'Mary Poppins' on the Highland Summerset stage."

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors and \$8 for students. There is a \$2 service charge per ticket. Tickets are sold at the Box Office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. Reservations made be made online at highland. edu/boxoffice, or by calling 815.599.3718.

Mary Poppins Cast

Bert: Jay Donaldson, Freeport George Banks: Tim Connors,

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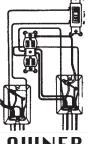
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Stockton to have free 4th of July VIP Shuttle service

STOCKTON — Come enjoy Stockton's very popular Independence Day celebration, and avoid the parking hassles!

Stockton Strong seeks to "Pack the Park" via a remote parking shuttle service. All locals and yokels are invited to be chauffeured to the festivities in style!

The "Chicken Run" will operate 11 a.m.-7 p.m. If supported, service may expand next year.

Pick-up and Drop-off will start at Dura parking lot, 301 S. Simmons, at the top and bottom of every hour.

Drop-off and pick-up at Stockton Park House, at quarter after and quarter of every hour.

No unaccompanied kids. Visit Stockton Strong on facebook for more information. Donations greatly appreciated, and go toward continuing the

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Highland Community College Foundation to host 'Woodstock' fundraiser on August 15 with auctioneer Matt Hart of tions are welcomed.

FREEPORT — Peace, Love, and Music are in the air...as the Highland Community College Foundation prepares for Shindig V: "Woodstock," a charity fundraising event to support Highland Community College.

On Saturday, August 15, guests at Woody Burt's South Park Farm, south of Krape Park, in Freeport, will timetravel back to August 1969, and enjoy food, beverages, music and other treats, games and activities. Woodstock attire is encouraged — including love beads, headbands, bandanas, tie-dye T-shirts, wire frame glasses, fringe vests, cutoffs, jeans, and so forth.

The HCC Foundation will again offer its popular and competitive live and silent auctions.

The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a silent auction. Live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Sycamore.

"Woodstock" Shindig tickets are \$50 per person, and include food, beer, wine, and soft drinks, as well as musical entertainment and mellow hippie vibes. Sponsors and donated auction items will receive special mention in advance publicity, event-night signage and the auction program. Several levels of sponsorship are available, and cash contribu-

For tickets and sponsorship info, call 815.599.3413 or go to highland.thankyou4caring.org .

Proceeds from the event will benefit HCC Foundation's "Growing for tomorrow... Changing lives today" campaign that supports the Ray and Betty Stamm Health Science Nursing Wing and Nursing and Allied Health programs, as well as the Wind Turbine Technology facility and programs.

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HCC Foundation launches Double Play 2015

FREEPORT — The 2015 calendar year marks the third year of the Highland Community College Foundation's "Double Play" appeal. Through Double Play, the Foundation raises funds to support the Major Gifts Campaign (to support nursing and wind turbine facilities at the College) or the College's current "area of greatest need."

In 2013, a generous donor from Jo Daviess County origi-

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for five years in matching dollars, which can only be captured if the Foundation raises the same amount each year in Double Play donations. For 2013 and 2014, the Foundation met or surpassed its Double Play matching goals.

2015, every dollar donated to Double Play, up to \$50,000, will be matched at year-end by this anonymous benefactor. Donations to Douapproximately \$24,000 so far. To donate to this campaign.

donors can contact the Foundation office at 815.599.3413, or they may donate online at highland.thankyou4caring.org.









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SCHEDULE

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3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - 8 a.m. - 3p.m.

Over 50 Arts, Crafts & Food Booths - Open at 9 a.m.

Pearl City Lions Club Mobile Bingo

Stockton FFA Alumni kiddie tractor pull - 11 a.m.

July 3 • 6pm

Bounce Houses

All Veteran's Parade

Beer Tent from 11 a.m. - after Fireworks

Presentation of Color's by the American Legion - 8p.m.

July 5 - 5K/10K Run-Walk - j3events.com

LIVE STAGE ENTERTAINMENT

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