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Lena revitalization project nears completion

By **Elijah MacDougall**
Reporter

LENA — The downtown construction has been an inconvenience lately: roaring machinery ripped up roads, and single lane traffic. To some, the construction is problem for everyday life, but for others, the construction is a saving grace for Lena.

Whichever way one approaches the construction, Lena's local businesses is caught in the middle. The construction began to revitalize the downtown area, and save it from becoming a shadow of its former life, but at the same time the project nearly shut down the downtown.

Tyson Terhune, Coordinator of Economic Development and Support Services for the Village of Lena, views the construction as a chance to restore what has been lost: a cultural center for the town.

"A big part of this is that it's a project for the residents of Lena. The downtown is a cultural center--but people were seeing that disappear," Terhune said. "This is a way to revitalize downtown and give businesses a chance. We want to see it as a cultural center again."

According to Terhune, funding for the revitalization project comes from a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund.

"Back in 2000 property tax prices were frozen, and any time those prices increased, the extra money was put away into the TIF, so that it could be used to help Lena in the future," he said.

Connie Sorn of the Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the goal of the construction is to make the business are beautiful again.

"The project is designed to

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Help L.A.S.E.R. promote your business or organization

LENA — Our newly revived organization, L.A.S.E.R. (Lena Area Special Event Runners) is currently seeking promotional items from our area businesses and organizations to help us promote Lena and the surrounding areas. As many of you know, due to the street construction project, Taste of Lena has been postponed for this year. We will be holding a similar event on Wagner Road (Rafters/Lena Brewing) this year on August 15th called the "Lena Shakedown". This event will include four area bands, food from our Lena vendors, a BBQ competition and a Classic Car Show.

As we have for our Car Show

the past two years, we will be giving away 125 "goody bags" to the first 125 registered entrants. Thanks to your awesome support in the past, we have had a nice variety of items to put inside these bags and we are hoping to do the same this year. Business cards, coupons for discounts, brochures, small items such as keychains, can coozies, snack items, bottled water, or any other novelty item of your choice. This is an excellent way for you to promote your business and bring people back to Lena year after year.

Another option is to donate

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One side of the Lena downtown is returning to normal as the sidewalks, curbing and newly blacktopped street are ready to go.

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5 year old Carsyn Saunders of Warren spent most of Kid's Day at the fair climbing the ladder to the inflatable slide. His energy is boundless.



Popcorn was a hot commodity during the IPRA sanctioned rodeo competition on Saturday night at the fair in Warren.

Jo Daviess County Fair



Emily Slichenmyer of Warren was kept busy all weekend tending the animals in the Friendly Lakeside Critters of Apple River petting zoo at the Jo Daviess County Fair

Tracy Siegner photos

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help draw in those who travel, and even motivate residents of Lena to shop in town more often," Sorn said.

It seems that with these substantial changes, something has to give while the repairs are underway. Many local businesses are on board with the final product, but some have taken a hit to their business while the construction continues on.

One such business is the Lena Family Restaurant, which tends to have an older clientele. An employee of the restaurant, Michelle Zier, said the construction has made things difficult.

"There have been times where the construction has made it impossible to get into the store through the front," Zier said. "Our older clientele have trouble with the construction. There were three days where the front was unusable."

The Lena Family Restaurant has seen an estimated 20 percent

drop in clientele because of the construction. Luckily, the road work is nearing an end, which means that the back entrances will no longer have to be used.

Owner of The Mercantile, Ruth Maedge, sees the overall benefit of the work, and looks forward to seeing the final result.

"The workers have been very good about letting me know when they will be working outside my store," said Maedge. "They have been working to replace a 100 year old water main that runs under our street, which is a great thing. They also have made the sidewalk handicap accessible, which will hopefully bring in more business."

When all is said and done, the construction will undoubtedly benefit Lena. Slower traffic and loud machines can be tolerated, but if the construction were just for new sidewalks, all of the work would be pointless.

Not only is downtown getting new sidewalks and black top, but there is a new water main, and new light posts. All of the work is going to help Lena evolve, and gain a newfound beauty.

Terhune said the construction is slated to end in time for Fall Fest, with a ribbon cutting set for Saturday, August 29.

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larger items for door prizes that will also be given away randomly during the course of the day, with your business name announced as the sponsor. We would like to showcase the Lena Car Show as one people want to come back to year after year. The success of our Car Show depends on you! We also have some trophy sponsorship opportunities! If you would be interested sponsoring a class, call 815-369-9747.

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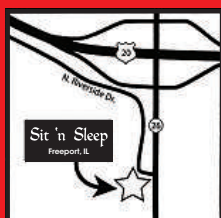
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Second annual 5K Fun Run/Walk at Blackhawk Run golf course in conjunction with Mat Paisley Open

STOCKTON — The Mat Open "Blackhawk" Fun Run/Walk will take place Friday, Sept. 11 at Blackhawk Run Golf Course in Stockton. Registration is at 6pm with the race starting at 7 p.m. Children can run the kid's course at 6:30 p.m.

This 5k cross country course will begin and end at the golf course club house. Organizers encourage runners and walk-

ers to have fun! There will be prizes awarded for the best dressed "Blackhawk." Registration before Aug. 15 is \$25. There is also a discount for Mat Paisley Open golf tournament participants. Like the proceeds from the Mat Paisley Open, the proceeds from this event will benefit local non-profit and youth organizations.

The Mat Paisley Open is in its fourteenth year and will be held Sat., Sept. 12. This event was created to celebrate the memory of Mathew Paisley of Stockton, IL. Over the years, the Mat Paisley Open has raised funds for organizations such as: The Smile Train, Stockton EMS, Stockton Fire Dept., Tyler's Justice Center for Children, Stockton/Warren track

team, Stockton Youth Football, the Mat Paisley Memorial Scholarship, Stockton Park District/Stockton Athletics as well as other charitable organizations.

To obtain race and golf registration information, please visit TheMatOpen.com or Facebook.com/theMatOpen. Questions? Call Marty Paisley at 573-375-0573.

Lena Library says goodbye to July and hello, August

LENA — July is going out with lots going on here at the library! Summer Reading is winding down. The big finale of the carnival was Friday, July 31. We are looking forward to a great time of games, fun, and prizes.

If your child was not involved in summer reading this year these are some of the neat things he or she missed out on in the past two weeks: July 20-24 the preschool-kindergarten classes made harmonicas. They also made drums for in class. They beat the rhythm to "If You're Happy and You Know It". Mrs. Kathy talked to the class about music and rhythm and everyone had lots of fun.

The first - second graders designed their own guitars and posed as Rock Stars. There were some great looking stars!

The Third through fifth graders made harmonicas and maracas. They all performed with their instruments. What a band! I am sure some of the parents are still enjoying the great sounds of the homemade instruments! The children also played team Outburst. Lots of

things going on for just one class!

July 24 the movie Big Hero 6 was shown and very well attended. Popcorn and juice was enjoyed by all of our moviegoers.

July 27 - 30 Preschool-Kindergarten made a beaded jingle bell bracelet.

Kylie Zimmerman entertained the class with her violin. A "drum stick" snack made with rod pretzels and large marshmallows was enjoyed by all. Sounds yummy!

First - Second graders designed and made a beaded jingle bell bracelet and made harmonicas. The class was also entertained by Kylie Zimmerman on her violin. They also enjoyed the rod pretzel and marshmallow drum sticks.

Third - fifth graders had scavenger hunt fun.

All in all the children participated and made it a very successful program! Mrs. Kathy will look forward to seeing you all in the fall for story hour and after school programs.

On July 23 the book discussion group met. Some of the books discussed were:

The Ghost Ride by Yangsze Choo, St. Odd by Dean Koontz, Reluctant Midwife by Patricia Harmon, Ashfall by Mike Mullen, Bridge to Haven by Francine Rivers, Dancing on Broken Glass by Ka Hancock, and Still Alice by Lisa Genova. It was a very interesting discussion and lots of good books.

New Summer Fiction: Who Let the Dog Out? by David Rosenfelt, Speaking In Bones by Kathy Reichs, Badlands by C.J. Box, Circling the Sun by Paula McLain, Forgotten by Heather Gra-

ham, Grey by E L James, Naked Eye by Iris Johansen, Never Die Alone by Lisa Jackson, Refining Fire by Trade Peterson, War Room by Chris Fabry, and Wishes for Christmas by Fern Michaels.

New Non-Fiction Dancing Through Life by Candace Cameron Bure, and Let God Fight Your Battles by Joyce Meyer.

One new Juvenile book: Grace Makes it Great by Mary Casanova.

New DVD's Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel,

and The Longest Ride. Lots of new things coming in all the time so stop by and look around!

The adult summer reading drawing winners for these past two weeks were:

Karen Spinhirne and Kathy Talley.

Winner of the "Guess How Many" was Evie Karnatz. Congratulations to all of our winners.

Remember to watch the Shopper's Guide for future events at the library.

Enjoy these beautiful summer days!

Discovery Center will be FROZEN August 7

ROCKFORD — Discovery Center will be the "cool" place to be on Friday, August 7 for the event "Frozen." Liquid nitrogen, dry ice, and instant snow are just the beginning of this chilly experience from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visitors will even get the chance to meet some famous female characters from the movie with the same name as this event!

Check yourself for brain freeze, toss a snowball at the target, make a melty masterpiece, and see what Olaf can teach you about science!

Come in costume! Bring your gloves! All activities are included with Discovery Center admission.

Frozen is part of Discovery Center's summer Family Friday series. Family Fridays focus on a specific subject matter and then explore that subject through various means, including activities, demonstrations, make-and-take projects, performances and the

like.

All activities are included with general admission to Discovery Center. General admission: \$8 adults; \$8 children ages 2-17; free to Discovery Center Members and children age 1 and younger. Family Fridays are made possible by presenting sponsor Meijer with additional support from the Illinois Arts Council, a State Agency.

Lena Community Park District hosts catfish tournament

LENA — The Lena Community Park District will host its bi-annual catfish tournament Saturday, August 8, 6 a.m. -2 p.m.

Entry fee: \$20 per boat. No more than 2 people per boat. Pre fishing boat inspection begins at 6 a.m.

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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

July 27-31, 2015

SPRINGFIELD — The Senate is scheduled to reconvene Aug. 4 in the Capital City as Illinois enters its second month of the new fiscal year without a balanced state budget.

One of our top priorities will be to reject a cost-of-living pay increase for Illinois legislators. House Bill 576 was approved by the House of Representatives July 28, and is now pending in the Senate.

Tourism is on the rise in Illinois, as the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Office of Tourism reported 3.5 percent increase in 2014. With the

Illinois House passes bill repealing legislator's cost of living increase

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois House today approved legislation to repeal the automatic cost-of-living adjustment that lawmakers recently received according to State Rep. David McSweeney (R-Barrington Hills), one of the lead co-sponsors of the legislation. Legislators recently received a two percent automatic cost-of-living adjustment, which amounts to about an additional \$1,563 annually. HB 576 eliminates the automatic COLA. The Senate must now pass the bill.

"Repealing the automatic pay increase is the right thing to do," McSweeney said. "Giving legislators a pay increase when we have not passed a permanent budget is unconscionable. Now that we have rejected the

annual Illinois State Fair just weeks away, this increase in visitors could mean big crowds in Springfield.

In other news, a recently-released Department of Corrections' quarterly report on the state's prison population revealed that though still overcrowded, the prison population is the lowest it has been in almost five years.

Pay hike rejected

After extensive criticism from Republican lawmakers and Gov. Bruce Rauner, a two-percent pay hike for lawmakers that took effect on July 1 was rejected in the House on July

pay increase, let's finish doing our job and pass a permanent budget without raising taxes."

Legislators are required by law to accept the COLA, which began on July 1st.

Lance Trover, Director of Communications for the governor's office said, "Governor Rauner appreciates today's action in the House and thanks all those members who showed leadership on this issue. We encourage President Cullerton to swiftly move this legislation to the governor's desk for his signature. Governor Rauner is ready to work with Speaker Madigan, Leader Durkin and all members of the General Assembly to pass true structural reforms and a balanced budget."

28 by a vote of 101-1. House Bill 576 could be considered by the Senate when they reconvene on Aug. 4.

Because of the way that state law is written, legislators are automatically given a cost-of-living adjustment—essentially a pay increase—each fiscal year. Though lawmakers rejected these automatic pay increases in past years, the Democrat-controlled Legislature failed to stop the automatic pay increase

from taking effect in Fiscal Year 2016.

In response, Senate Republican lawmakers joined together to sponsor Senate Bill 1083, which removed the cost-of-living adjustment; however, that bill was not called by Democrat leadership for a vote in the Senate.

Republican legislators joined Gov. Rauner in criticizing the pay hikes, and called for Democrats to take action on Repub-

lican legislation to eliminate the cost-of-living adjustment for the next fiscal year.

The original salary increase called for an additional \$1,600 for cost-of-living expenses to be added to legislators' base salaries. If allowed to go into effect, the automatic pay increase would cost the state approximately \$283,200 per year.

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Budgets, Bill Signing and Youth Activities

I have nothing new to report as we wrapped up the fifth week of the new fiscal year without a balanced budget in place. Instead of voting on a balanced budget the House Speaker once again issued his talking points for another round of show-trials. This is a continuation of the "gotcha politics" at the expense of families who need us to put differences aside and pass a balanced budget. The right thing is usually the hardest thing to do and this week was full of easy things.

Speaking of budgets, I wanted to share with you our district office budget information. Since being elected into office in 2014, I have given money back from the district allotment every fiscal year. In FY 2014 I returned \$21,314.45 to the state and in FY15 I returned a little over \$13,000 which represents 19% of our annual office allotment.

I believe legislators and other elected officials should be leading by example if we are asking everyone to share in the sacrifices needed to get our finances in order. For months now, Democrats in Illinois have known legislators were going to receive a pay raise, and they did nothing until mounting pressure from the taxpayers finally woke them up.

House Republicans filed legislation (HB 4225) to reject the pay raises two months



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

ago. The Democrat majority had repeated opportunities to deny the COLA in a timely fashion. Rather than doing the right thing, they waited until the last minute; a time when many would say it is too late.

Now, no matter what we do, the pay raise will go through for at least the next paycheck, as the Senate won't be here to act on the House bill until at least next week. So while it's better late than never, the Democrat majority should have allowed a vote on HB4225 before it got to this point.

This past week was more than just budgets. I had a very important piece of legislation signed into law by Governor Rauner that is important to remember. House Bill 246 designates December 23 of each year as "Scott's Law Day" to honor public safety workers and to remind motorists to slow down, change lanes away from a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, and proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

As a former law enforcement officer, I have seen firsthand how dangerous it can be during

a traffic stop. Each year we are reminded of this danger with the names of fallen officers who were killed in-the-line of duty during a traffic stop, assisting a motorist or working an accident scene.

Scott's Law Day is to remind us and never let us forget the public safety workers whose lives were taken by a motorist passing by. It's simple, change lanes away from a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, and then proceed with caution to avoid an unforeseen accident that could occur while driving.

If you're looking for something to do this weekend with your kids, the Illinois Conservation Foundation will be hosting a free Open House at the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center which is a 750 acre youth outdoor education property in Pecatonica to highlight conservation activities this Sunday, August 2nd from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

The event will have kid-focused hands-on activities for a fun family event. There will be a live animal show, archery range, crafts, free lunch and more. Additional organizations that will be on-site include the National Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and more. In addition to scheduled events, the ICF is also offering tours of the full property to see the new catch-and-release fishing pond, the beautiful 11,000 square-foot log cabin and archery range.

This event will occur rain or shine, and food will be provided in return for donations to the ICF and Torstenson Center. The Torstenson Center is located at 13735 Cook Road just east of Pecatonica, IL. You may visit www.ilcf.org or call (217) 785-2003 for more information.

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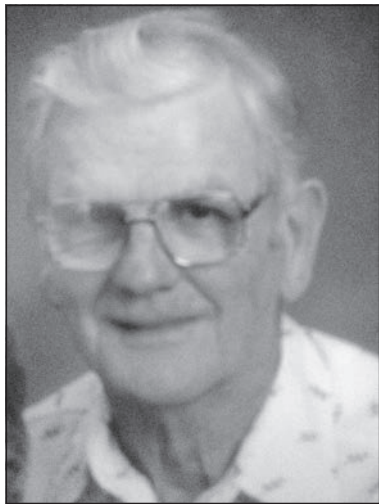
OBITUARIES

Edward J. Levins

Born in New London, Iowa, Mr. Edward J. Levins was raised in Stockton, Illinois, where he was active in the sports program at Stockton High School. He attended The University of Illinois and Northwestern University night school. Prior to joining McDonald's he worked at Kraft Foods, Magnavox TV and Illinois Tool Works for eight years. Mr. Levins started at McDonald's first store in Des Plaines in 1957, part-time, moved to Florida in October 1957, and began work with the Vineyard Family in their first McDonald's in St. Petersburg as an assistant manager. In 1958 he became the manager of Lakeland, a bankrupt store at the time. Four years later it was the top store in the United States. Later he simultaneously managed Sarasota. He then became a supervisor over five stores and was advertising and publicity director for nineteen stores running a house agency that did advertising for stores ranging from Orlando to Daytona to West Palm Beach to Fort Myers to Clearwater to Ocala. Ed graduated from Hamburger University in 1962, Class 4, with the Golden Hat, Summa Cum Laude, and Seminar Awards. He also attended Graduate Class, No. 8, as well as a Master's Class. While speaking at the first national convention in Hollywood, Florida, Ed Levins and Max Cooper met. Late in 1965 they became partners, along with the late Ben Pastko, forming CLP in Birmingham Alabama. Ed had five children, one deceased. He was happily married to Faye Vise, who has been his companion and wife for 13 years. His hobbies included boating, photography, swimming, waterskiing, and astronomy, walking, trav-

eling and being with his family. He thoroughly enjoyed his career as a partner and president of CLP. The family received friends for visitation at Morgan Funeral Chapel. Funeral service was held on Sunday, July 19 at Morgan Funeral Chapel & Crematory (Attalla) directing.

Gerald D. Earlenbaugh



PEARL CITY — Gerald D. Earlenbaugh, age 91 of Pearl City, IL passed away Thursday, July 23 at Liberty Village in Freeport, IL. He was born July 23, 1924; the son of the late Irving and Nellie (Anderson) Earlenbaugh. He graduated from Forreston High School and went on to serve in the United States Army during WWII. Gerald married Evelyn Koertner on March 28, 1948; she died June 30, 2012.

He worked as the Postmaster

in Pearl City until retirement. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Freeport. His memberships also include the Pearl City American Legion and he was a 50-year member of the Freemasons. Gerald had also served as president of the Illinois division of the National League of Postmasters. After retiring, Gerald and Evelyn loved to travel together. He also enjoyed having coffee with his friends.

He is survived by his sons, Donald (Kim) Earlenbaugh of Plainfield, IL and Eric Earlenbaugh of Pearl City; daughter, Karla Munson of Pearl City; nine grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Evelyn; brother, Charlie; and sisters, Margaret and Ester.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 1 at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Freeport. There was visitation before the service. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport at a later date. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Viola Albrecht

ELIZABETH — Viola Albrecht, age 86, of Elizabeth, Illinois, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, July 29, while at the Elizabeth Nursing Home, Elizabeth, Illinois. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 3 at

Faith Lutheran Church, Elizabeth. Burial will take place in Woodbine Cemetery, Woodbine, Illinois. A visitation was held from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, August 2 at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Elizabeth. A memorial fund has been established in Viola's memory for Faith Lutheran Church. Family and friends are invited to share in Viola's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Viola was born May 9, 1929, in Winslow, Illinois, the daughter of Karl Sr. and Martha (Streff) Knutti. She attended Winslow schools. On June 14, 1947, Viola married Glen Albrecht in Hanover, Illinois. They celebrated 67 years of marriage before Glen's death on October 30, 2014.

Viola worked as a clerk at Bishop's Busy Big Store in Elizabeth for 5 years. She also worked at River Ridge and Elizabeth Schools as a teacher's aide for 30 years. Viola enjoyed cooking, ironing, refinishing furniture, and playing cards. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Elizabeth and a member of Faith Dorcas Circle.

Viola is survived by her two



sons, Bruce (Nancy) Albrecht of Miami, Florida, and Dennis (Denise) Albrecht of Stockton, Illinois; two daughters, Carol (Larry) Elliott of Elizabeth, Illinois, and Barbara (Jerry) Hatfield of Dixon, Illinois; eleven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and a sister, Hattie Clark of Woodford, Wisconsin. Viola is preceded in death by her husband, Glen; her parents, Karl Sr. and Martha; three sisters, Marguerite, Gladys, and Clara; and five brothers, Clarence, Walter, Karl, Ralph, and Benjamin.

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Summer has arrived for a lengthy period of time. The sun has been beautiful, and the skies have been blue. We are now waiting for rain. Seems funny that a month ago we were waiting for the rain to quit, and we now want some. As a people, I guess we always want what we don't have. This week we do have some recipes for some good summer cooking.

The first summer salad for this week is a cucumber salad. My grandmother used to make a salad much like this one with some of the first "slicers" of

the season. It was a family favorite of ours because my great aunts and uncles loved it at family reunions. Enjoy this ethnic take on cucumber salad.

German Cucumber Salad

2 medium cucumbers, thinly sliced

4 green onions, thinly sliced

3 small tomatoes, sliced

2 T. snipped fresh Italian parsley

Dressing:

¼ C. sour cream

¼ C. yellow mustard

2 T. minced fresh dill

1 T. vinegar

1 T. milk

1/8 t. pepper

In a bowl, combine the cucumbers, onions, tomatoes, and parsley. Combine the dressing ingredients; pour over the cucumber mixture and toss gently. Cover and chill for at least 1 hour.

At the Farmer's Market, zucchini and summer squash are now available. The yel-

low small summer squash are a great vegetable. Some people like it sliced and sautéed in olive oil. Add some zucchini and green beans, and it is a great side. If you want to zip up yellow squash, this next recipe will fill the bill. You can make it with low fat milk and cheese to make it less in calories. You can also substitute crushed cornflakes instead of the crackers and sub in zucchini in place of the squash.

Yellow Squash Casserole

2 lbs. yellow squash, sliced ¼ inch thick

1 C. chopped onion

½ C. water

1 sleeve crushed Ritz crackers (30 crackers)

1 C. shredded cheddar cheese

2 large eggs

¾ C. milk

¼ C. butter, melted, plus 2 tablespoons cold butter, cut into bits

1 t. salt

¼ t. black pepper

Preheat oven to 400. Combine the squash and onion in a large heavy pot. Add water and cook, covered, until the squash is tender, 5-8 minutes. Drain well in a colander, and transfer to a large bowl.

Mix the cracker crumbs and cheese in a bowl. Stir half of the cracker mixture into the cooked squash and onions. (About 1 cup). Whisk together the eggs and milk in a separate bowl, then add to the squash mixture. Stir in ¼ cup melted butter, salt and pepper. Spread in a 9 x 13 baking dish that has been sprayed with cooking

spray. Sprinkle with remaining cracker mixture and dot with cold butter bits. Bake until lightly browned, about 25-30 minutes.

Want a different kind of stuffed tomato? This next recipe is one that gives stuffed tomatoes a real kick. It has good and healthy ingredients because it is a vegetarian stuffed tomato that you can use as a main entry. The multi grain tortilla chips are the ones that are the best in this recipe. Add a green salad and some good bread, and you have a light supper. Enjoy the taste of the garden in this special stuffed pepper recipe.

Mexican Stuffed Tomatoes

4 large tomatoes

Salt

1/3 C. diced red onion

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced

2 t. minced fresh garlic

2 t. canola oil

1 can vegetarian black beans or pinto beans (15 oz.), drained and rinsed

½ t. salt

¼ t. ground cumin

¼ t. ground coriander

¾ C. crushed tortilla chips

¾ C. shredded pepper jack cheese

Lime zest and sour cream

Slice ½ inch from the top of tomatoes. Core the tomatoes by scooping out the seeds and flesh into a separate bowl and set aside; reserve ½ C. of the tomato flesh and ¼ C. of the juice. Sprinkle the insides of the tomatoes with salt and invert them on a paper-towel-

lined plate to drain excess liquid. Sweat the onion, jalapeno, and garlic in oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-low heat until the onion begins to soften. Add the beans, salt, cumin, and coriander; stir to coat the beans with the spices. Add the reserved tomato juice and cook to heat beans through. Mash about ¼ of the beans in the skillet with a potato masher. Be sure to leave some of the beans whole. Off the heat, stir in crushed chips, cheese, zest, and reserved tomato flesh. Divide filling among the tomatoes and top each with a dollop of sour cream.

The next recipe is a lighter version of Chicken Cordon Bleu. This dish is a great one for company. Add some good bread and some steamed vegetables, and you have a meal fit for royalty.

Chicken Cordon Blue

6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (4 oz.) each

¼ t. salt

¼ t. pepper

6 slices deli ham

3 slices Swiss cheese, halved

1 C. Japanese panko bread crumbs

Cooking spray

Sauce

2 T. flour

1 C. milk

½ C. dry white wine or chicken broth

1/3 C. finely shredded Swiss cheese

¼ t. salt

1/8 t. pepper

Preheat the oven to 375. Sprinkle the chicken with salt and pepper; arrange in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Top each with a slice of ham and ½ slice cheese, folding the ham in half and covering chicken as much as possible. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Carefully spritz crumbs with cook spray, keeping the crumbs in place. Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown and a thermometer inserted in the chicken reads 165.

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Bustos reiterates call for long-term highway bill & reauthorization of export-import bank

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17), a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, reiterated her call for a long-term, bipartisan highway funding bill to protect Illinois jobs and critical transportation projects. Earlier today, the House passed yet another short-term extension of the Highway Trust Fund. This short term bill to fund the program through the end of October did not unfortunately include a reauthorization of the job-creating Export-Import Bank, which creates jobs and economic growth throughout Illinois. It has been expired since the end of June.

"It was with great frustration that I voted for yet another short-term extension of the Highway Trust Fund," said Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. "While this action is better than allowing the Highway Fund to expire, our local communities, businesses, and hard working families deserve more than short-term patches that kick the can down the pothole-ridden road. I was also disappointed that today's bill did not include a reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank, which has created and supported over a million American jobs since 2009." "Over the next three months, I

will continue to advocate for a long-term solution to strengthen our nation's transportation networks and make the needed down payment on our region's future economic well-being. I will also continue to push for a reauthorization of the job-creating Export-Import Bank," Bustos continued.

Bustos is a strong proponent of investing in transportation and infrastructure priorities. Earlier this month, she joined a bipartisan coalition to promote a plan to break the highway funding impasse in Congress. Bustos also held events to call for a long-term highway bill with local officials in Rockford, Peoria and Moline. Earlier this year, she sent letters to Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, outlining her transportation priorities and advocating for expanding passenger rail service from Chicago to Rockford to Galena. She is also fighting to expand local control over federal transportation dollars by joining with Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13) and introducing the bipartisan Innovation in Surface Transportation Act. This bill would create a competitive in-state grant process in which eligible local entities may compete for a larger portion of federal transportation funding.

On 50th anniversary, Bustos renews pledge to protect Medicare

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) released the following statement on the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the Medicare program into law in 1965:

"50 years ago today, our nation made a solemn promise to our seniors, a promise that I will fight my hardest to

keep for future generations. Medicare is absolutely vital to the well-being of seniors across our region of Illinois who have worked hard their entire lives and deserve the security of knowing they will have access to health care when they need it. I strongly

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For the sauce: in a small saucepan, whisk flour and milk until smooth. Bring sauce to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until thickened.

Reduce to medium heat. Stir in the wine or broth and shredded cheese; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until cheese is melted and sauce is thickened and bubbly. Stir in the salt and pepper. Keep warm over low heat until ready to serve the chicken. Serve the sauce with the chicken.

As peaches begin to ripen, different ways to serve them are cropping up. This easy summer recipe uses prepared pie crust and serves it in a paper cup (you can use a glass one for a more elegant presentation.) Enjoy this seasonal fruit dessert.

Summer Peach Pie Twisters

Refrigerated prepared pie crust—2 crusts

3 medium peaches, pitted and chopped

2/3 C. tiny marshmallows

1/2 t. cinnamon sugar

1 T. cinnamon sugar

Vanilla Ice Cream (optional)

Let the piecrusts stand at room temperature according to package directions. Preheat the oven to 400. Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper or foil. Lightly grease the foil if using foil. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the peaches, marshmallows, and the 1/2 t. cinnamon sugar

Unroll the pie crust. Cut crust in 6 wedges 1/2 inch from the edge of the crust. Spoon a scant 1/4 cup of the peach mixture along one long side

of each wedge 1/2 inch from the edge of the crust. Brush the edge of the long sides of the crust with a little water. Fold the crust over the filling. Using the tines of a fork, press a long the sides together to seal. Fold the top edge of the crust back to expose some of the filling.

Place the pies on the prepared baking sheets. Prick the top crusts of the pies two or three times with a fork. Sprinkle with the 1 tablespoon of the cinnamon sugar. Bake 15-18 minutes or until the filling is bubbly and the pastry is golden brown. Cool the pies on pans slightly to serve warm or cool completely.

Serve standing upright in paper cups or glasses with a scoop of ice cream.

In keeping with our tour of raspberry recipes, this bar is easy to make, and you won't have a ton of them because they are made in a 9 x 9 pan. Enjoy these decadent raspberry bars.

Raspberry-kissed Coconut Bars

25 square shortbread cookies

2 2/3 C. angel flake coconut

2/3 C. sugar

6 T. flour

4 egg whites

1 t. almond extract

1/4 c. raspberry jam

Preheat the oven to 325. Line a 9 x 9 square pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides; spray with cooking spray. Arrange cookies in a single layer on the bottom of the prepared pan.

Combine the coconut, sugar and flour in a large bowl. Add the egg whites and extract; mix well. Carefully spread

over the cookies. Drop small spoonfuls of jam over the coconut mixture; swirl gently with knife to marbleize.

Bake 28-30 minutes or until the center is almost set and edges are golden brown. Cool completely. Use foil handles to remove dessert from the pan before cutting into bars.

Can you believe that we are now in August? Time has flown by since the Fourth of July. This past week we had a blue moon—two full moons in the same month. It was a beautiful moon on Thursday night. Several places had "blue moon" celebrations. I was driving home on Thursday evening and got to see the full effect of the blue moon. I probably would not notice these things, but they do tell us this info on the weather reports. It is good thing I get some information with the weather because their predictions are not always correct. I guess with their tidbits of info, they are making up for the forecast that isn't right on the money. At the Farmer's Market there were lots of great vegetables—yes, sweet corn has arrived. Everyone loves the first bite of the summer's first corn on the cob! We do know that with the coming of sweet corn summer will begin to wind down. Don't forget to support our local Farmer's Markets on Saturday mornings. Remember if you have some summer recipes to share, 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.



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Learning about the love of Jesus at 'Live It Up Luau VBS'

LENA — Children, Youth, and adults from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena United Methodist Church, and the community gathered for an amazing week of learning about the love of Jesus during Live It Up Luau Vacation Bible School July 26-July 31. It was a fun and full week with energetic worship, outside games, Bible Study time, great snacks, and creative crafts. A tasty kid-friendly family meal was served at Lena UMC each night, and then the group headed to Good Shepherd for worship and learning. The theme comes from John 10:10 where Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!"

Each day the participants learned a truth about the full life that Jesus came to give and learned a theme verse through song and dance. On Sunday the kids learned that Jesus Knows Us; and they read about the Woman at the Well in John and memorized Psalm 139:1 as a rap, "O LORD, you have searched me and you know me." On Monday; they learned that Jesus Speaks to Us and Leads



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Us, and they read about God calling Samuel and memorized John 10:27 to the tune of "Lollipop" where Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." On Tuesday, children and youth learned that Jesus Saves Us; and they learned about Jesus' death and resurrection and memorized John 3:16 to the tune of "Jer-

emiah Was a Bullfrog", "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". On Wednesday, kids learned that Jesus Goes With Us in life and as we share Jesus' love with others; they learned about Jesus' promise to be with us always and memorized Matthew 28:20b

week from John 10:10b, learned as a call and response with cool and crazy clapping actions, "I have come that they may have, and have it to the full!"

On Thursday night families and friends were invited to a special closing worship service at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd, where the children and youth had fun worshipping God and

to the tune of the "Itsy Bitsy Spider", "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." On Thursday night children and youth explored more about what this full life with Jesus is all about, and reviewed the theme verse for the whole

singing the many songs and theme verses they had learned. There was also a closing visit from the characters that had been sharing interactive skits each night of VBS; Detective Clueless and Abundio (Super Hero in Training) had another case to solve, although they learn that this adventure of learning more about Jesus has just begun! After closing worship the groups walked to Splashland Waterpark for a Family Luau Pool Party. It was a wonderful night of fun, fellowship, and friendship as the kids, youth, volunteers, and families celebrated the week and the Life that Jesus came to give! Live It Up!

A huge thank you to all of the dedicated youth and adult volunteers that made the week possible; to all of the parents, grandparents, and neighbors who invited and transported children to VBS each night; and to the amazing kids that made the week such a fun and meaningful time of worship and learning about the love and life that Jesus gives!

St. John Lutheran hosts outdoor worship service at Blackhawk Monument

PEARL CITY — The August 9 Worship Service will be held at 10 a.m. at Blackhawk Monument near Kent, Illinois. The morning will begin with Coffee and Rolls at 9:30 with the service starting at 10 a.m. Please bring lawn chairs and bug spray. Coffee with Council will be held during coffee and rolls at 9:30 a.m. SPOTS Youth Group (fifth and sixth grades) will be held at 11 a.m. and the Property Committee will also meet at 11 a.m.

SCRIP orders will be due on August 9. We're excited to announce \$50 and \$250 Discover® Universal Gift Cards are now available. It's accepted anywhere Discover is, so you can earn rebates almost anywhere you shop. Plus, you can earn 5% back on the card when you use it at participating retail-

ers.

The Genesis Youth Group (high school) will meet on Friday, August 7 from 11 - 1 pm at the Youth and Family Center. 5th Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will resume on August 12.

The next Brat Stand will be held on August 15 adjacent to the Pearl City Post Office. The brat stand includes a bratwurst or hot dog sandwich, chips and drinks.

The menu will be pork loin with apple chutney sauce (side), Au-gratin potatoes, tossed greens with vinaigrette, salted caramel brownie, lemon pudding pie and beverage for \$10 including tax and tip. A musical/comedy skit titled, "Is There a Doctor in the House?" will be the entertainment provided by

the St. John's players. Come and laugh with us. Sign-up on the bulletin board by Thursday, August 20.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: We have some tickets available for "The Talented Templetons" at White Pines in Oregon on Thursday, October 15. The tickets are \$29 which includes a buffet lunch with beverage, dessert, tax, gratuity and the performance. We will carpool from the church at 10:45 a.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m. "The Talented Templetons" are a family of Mom, Dad and their nine children harmonizing and

playing a variety of instruments. The family showcases their abilities through country favorites, bluegrass, gospel, classics, old time tunes, Celtic reels and jigs. The deadline has been moved up to September 13 or when all 40 tickets have been paid for. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board. Please make checks to St. John's Women's Gathering and give to Lynda Palmer, Kris Eden or Karen Bremmer. Members and guests are welcome to join us.

Don't forget to take Flat Jesus with you on your summer activities or trips. You may

find a copy of our Flat Jesus on the website at <http://www.stjohnspearlcity.org/flat-jesus-project> or there are additional copies on the table by the office. The Flat Jesus project is for all to participate in!

Check out the new, St. John's website at www.StJohnsPearlCity.org. You may view it on your mobile device and see what's going on at St. John's.

Broege Sisters will sing at First Presbyterian Church

APPLE RIVER — On Sunday, Aug 9, 2015 7:00-8:30 p.m. the Broege Sisters will be the featured musicians at the monthly gospel Night at the First Presbyterian Church of Apple River. Glenda Linneman and Gloria Bower will be bringing a variety of musi-

cal instruments for your enjoyment. The second portion of the evening is open mic for anyone wishing to share their talents. The last portion is a sing-a-long for everyone to enjoy. Please direct comments or questions to Terry and Nancy Ingram 815-594-2445



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PASTOR'S CORNER

Will it make an eternal difference?

By Pastor Rick Bader
St. John's Lutheran Church

LENA — "Jesus declared, 'I Am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never go hungry, and He who believes in Me will never be thirsty.'" (John 6:35)

Like most of you, I'm looking at my calendar and wondering what happened to the beginning two-thirds of the summer. I have my list of things that I usually try to get accomplished during the summer—clean the garage, wax the vehicles, trim the shrubs, plan sermon themes for the fall, reorganize my office so it doesn't look unorganized. I've got a million of them and I can count on one hand what I have gotten done.

Honestly, it probably won't matter much to anyone else if I don't get around to cleaning

out the garage. It won't matter to anyone other than me and my car if I don't get around to that wax job. My office? I guess it will just look unorganized until I get around to it next summer. I've seen offices worse than mine, and I've seen offices that I think were just designed for show—they couldn't possibly have done any work in them. The President of our Northern Illinois District e-mails video messages to all the pastors in the district. His backdrop of bookcases and wall décor look exquisite, but I've always wondered--what's out of view of the camera?

In the perspective of spiritual things, our lives can get quite messy as well. We crave for, chase after, and consume the everyday things of life. When we are mind bent on this and that—most times it comes at the expense of leaving Jesus in the dust. We're chasing after

the proverbial rabbit—activities, events, things—that more often than not take us further and further away from Jesus. We hunger for things that bring fleeting pleasure; things that like the smell of a new car—don't last long and things that distract us from the real priorities of life.

We need Jesus who satisfies our hunger with the spiritual food that keeps us on track. We need the food that makes an eternal difference—God's love and grace in Jesus Christ! Will it make an eternal difference if I don't wax my car? The body may rust sooner! Will it make an eternal difference if I don't trim my shrubs? The neighbors may complain that I'm letting my place get rundown! Will it make an eternal difference if I don't get my office organized before the fall schedule kicks in? Others might think that pastor is getting lazy and messy!

Will it make an eternal difference if I put my faith on the back burner of life so I can pursue the things I want to do? Will it make an eternal difference if I can't make time to be with Jesus in His Word? Will it make an eternal difference if I'm not in worship to receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion? Will it make an eternal difference if my prayer life suffers because I'm too busy to take time during the day to pray and too tired at night to spend time talking to my Lord? Will it make an eternal difference if my activities don't reflect Jesus in word and action as a priority in my life? Am I starving myself to spiritual death without even knowing it?

"For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association will tour Schapville furniture restoration workshop

SCHAPVILLE — The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will tour Duane Mitch's furniture restoration workshop in Schapville on Saturday, August 8, at 1 p.m. Participants can also visit the adjacent Bushel and a Peck Country Store & Antiques, operated by Duane's wife Donna. Duane Mitch has been building and restoring furniture for over 40 years, and will open his workshop and discuss custom furniture restorations, his on-site service touch-ups, and complete strip and re-finishing of all wooden objects.

Mitch grew up in rural Indiana, served in the US Army, and graduated from Eastern Illinois University. His career began in the 1970's in Bedford, New York, as Curator of Prints, for Tyler Graphics, a fine art print studio. Back in the mid-west in 1984, he was employed with Business Interiors in Des Plaines, Illinois, as a cabinet-maker and shop finisher. Then, he combined his woodworking skills with Donna's design background and formed Mercury Art and Furniture Service in Wheaton, Illinois. Later

in the 1990's, he joined Toms Price Furniture as a furniture technician, and discovered his skill and passion for repair and restoration. Now, Duane and Donna have taken a life time of experiences, relationships, and skills and put it all under one roof in the unlikely place of Jo Daviess County.

On this tour, Mitch will describe the tools that he uses, some joinery and adhesive techniques, repair and fabrication methods, his finishing room, touch-ups, and his processes for custom-finish match projects.

The Bushel and a Peck Country Store & Antiques offers fresh eggs, food and drink, a variety of unique items for the home, and a selection of antique furniture, some of which have been restored by Duane. The Country Store is in the building originally used by pioneer Anton Schap as his blacksmith shop in the 1800s.

From Route 20, drive north on Elizabeth-Scales Mound Road about nine miles and take Schapville Road about

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McConnell United Methodist Church hosts backpack blessing and new KidZone

McCONNELL — McConnell United Methodist Church invites all area children to bring their school backpacks to

church at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 9 to be blessed before the start of a new school year. We will pray and bless each bag and each student will receive a memento for their backpacks.

Also, on August 9, we will baptize Colton Krumm and welcome everyone to a potluck lunch following the service in Fellowship Hall.

KidZone is our new children's church ministry during

our 10:30 a.m. worship service each Sunday. It is for all children from nursery level on up. Games, crafts, movies and a lot of other fun activities will be available for them so parents can enjoy the worship service.

We welcome all families to join us at McConnell United Methodist Church. We are located in the center of town at 211 N. Hulbert Rd. Two blocks north of Main St. For information, please contact us at 815-868-2324, or email us at mconnellumc@yahoo.com.

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LENA - SPACIOUS RANCH HOME IN BUTTERNUT WOODS SUBDIVISION. This 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,472 sq. ft. home has generous sized rooms. There is a living room plus a family room, kitchen has an abundance of cabinets, dining room with patio door to the deck. Two stall attached garage with another 2 possible. New roof in 2013. Priced below appraisal and assessed value. Priced at\$115,000

LENA - COUNTRY FEEL IN TOWN! This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home sits on .68 of an acre at the edge of Lena. Spacious eat in kitchen, living room, main floor master bedroom and laundry. Covered front and back decks are perfect for relaxing or outdoor entertaining. Newer updates include kitchen countertop, sink and faucet, main floor bathroom vanity, sink, medicine cabinet, riser stool and floor. Priced at\$69,900

LENA - COZY BUNGALOW HOME with beautiful wood floors and trim. This 2 bedroom, 1 bath has plenty of charm to go around. Dining room with gas fireplace in one corner, living room has french doors out to the front porch. Walk up attic, lots of storage space and cabinets in the basement, oversized two car garage and garden area. Priced at\$49,900

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VILLAGE OF LENA REQUEST FOR BIDS

Bids are invited for removal or trimming of trees within the village limits.

A list describing tree locations and work needed is available by request to the Village Clerk at 122 E. Main Street, PO Box 607, Lena, IL 61048 or by telephone 815-369-4016.

Tree contractors must be licensed and insured and be prepared to provide a certificate of Liability with limits of \$500,000 CSL or higher, and, if applicable, Workers Compensation insurance prior to award of the work. Successful bidder would be required to comply with the prevailing wage rates established for Stephenson County.

The closing date for receipt of sealed bids at Village Hall is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2015.

The bid offer opening will be Monday, August 24, 2015 during the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Bidders need not be present.

Lynn Polhill, Village Clerk

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PET TALK: BUILDING THE IDEAL DOG HOUSE

NATIONAL—For many centuries dogs have been referred to as “man’s best friend”. Many of us consider our dogs a part of the family and would do anything to protect them. Whether your dog stays primarily outside or takes regular naps on your bed, a dog house is essential for your pet’s protection outdoors.

Providing a safe outdoor place for your dog is important, especially if they live outside or are going to spend long periods of time outdoors. Portability, durability, and size are all factors to consider when purchasing or building an outdoor shelter for Fido. An effective dog house will protect your dog from extreme temperatures, wind, rain, snow, and even potential predators.

Dr. Sarah Griffin, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explains why a dog house is essential for Texas dog owners. “Dogs dissipate heat by convection (fan or wind blowing), radiation (through their skin), conduction (laying on something cool), and evaporation (panting). On a summer day in central Texas when the temperature is 100+ degrees, 60 percent humidity and 5 mph wind, the dog can only dissipate heat effectively by evaporation. The dog needs a shelter to help him stay cool,” she said.

So how might an owner choose the most ideal dog house for their pet? The easiest way is to know your dog. For instance, breeds with thicker coats and shorter snouts are more susceptible to heat exhaustion. A dog house that will provide enough shade and air flow will work best for these breeds. You should also consider the adult

size of your dog’s breed and provide just enough room for your dog to make a complete turn on the inside. For owners who prefer a portable shelter for their pet, a plastic dog house is a great option that also features easy clean-up. Owners can also purchase portable tents and pop-up play pens for dogs that only spend limited time outside.

Choosing the material and location of the dog house is another important factor to consider. If your dog is more susceptible to heat exhaustion, a dog house that is made of wood rather than plastic or metal will

keep your dog cooler in the summer heat. “Wood can be painted with enamel or epoxy paints to make it easier to clean and more durable,” said Griffin. “The roof can be made of wood too but covering it with metal or fiberglass shingles will make it more durable.” Owners should also move the dog house to the driest and shadiest part of the yard to avoid an uncomfortable living environment. Keeping your dog house shaded from the sun and bad weather will also preserve the materials. If you plan on building your own dog house, you should consider lifting the

floor of the house off the ground to prevent the shelter from sitting in mud, rain or snow. This will also promote more air flow, keeping your dog cooler in the summer and drier in the winter. Lastly, a slanted and hinged roof is ideal for an easy clean-up. Choose metal or fiberglass shingles to protect your pet and preserve your dog’s house through any bad weather storm.

While many of us prefer to leave a safety light on in our house during the night, this is not necessary for our dogs. In fact, it is estimated that dogs can see in light that is five

times dimmer than what the human eye can see. “Dogs’ eyes are made differently than people’s eyes. The dog’s retina is made of more rods which need much less illumination to detect the gray spectrum,” explained Griffin. “The rods are also sensitive to motion, allowing dogs to detect smaller movements and quickly sense a stranger or predator.” Griffin adds that she does not recommend providing a steady light for dogs at night. Instead, a motion sensor light placed away from the dog house may be a better option for owners who still desire some outdoor lighting at night.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.

• SENATE

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Illinois sparks tourists’ interest

Illinois continues to welcome growing tourist numbers and their economic benefits for the fourth straight year in a row.

According to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity’s Office of Tourism, Illinois witnessed a 3.5 percent increase in visitors from 2013, hosting approximately 109.4 million tourists in 2014.

These tourism figures and travel expenditures have been linked to the generation of more than \$36.3 billion for the state’s economy, a total of \$2.7 billion in state and local tax revenues and the creation of 5,000 new jobs throughout Illinois.

State Fair set for Aug. 13-23

Started originally as a showcase of Illinois’ agricultural industry, the annual Illinois State Fair has evolved throughout the years to include a variety of exhibits and activities.

Scheduled to run Aug. 13-23, the State Fair promises something for everyone to enjoy. From the iconic butter cow to favorites like the high-dive show and the agriculture tent, the State Fair has attractions

for every taste and interest. For a full list of available attractions, <http://www.illinois.gov/statefair/ridesattractions/Pages/default.aspx>

The State Fair is also host to a number of entertainment options such as tractor pulls, horse racing, the Twilight Parade and well-known performers in the Grandstand, including Sammy Hagar, Rascal Flatts, The Fray and Austin Mahone. From 7:00 a.m. to midnight, visitors are welcome to come out and enjoy some good food, fun rides and great entertainment.

To read more about the daily schedule and pricing discounts for groups such as veterans, senior citizens and Family Day, please visit <http://www.illinois.gov/statefair/info/schedules/Pages/default.aspx>

Prison population lower, but still overcrowded

The Department of Corrections is reporting its lowest inmate population in almost five years, yet facilities remain overcrowded and population numbers continue to be a concern as state resources are stretched.

According to the Department of Corrections’ quarterly

report, Illinois’ prisons had 47,483 inmates in custody as of May. Although a decline in population figures is promising, state prison facilities are only designed to accommodate 32,000 prisoners.

To combat overcrowded prisons, Gov. Rauner issued an Executive Order in February creating a commission charged with identifying ways to reform the criminal justice system of Illinois and reduce the prison population. The commission’s goal is to have the prison population drop by 25 percent over the next 10 years.

To read the full quarterly report, visit the Department of Corrections’ Website https://www.illinois.gov/IDOC/report-sandstatistics/Documents/IDOC_Quarterly_Report_Jul_2015.pdf

COLLEGE NEWS

Spring 2015 University of Dubuque Dean’s List

DUBUQUE, IA — The University of Dubuque congratulates the following student on being appointed to the Spring Semester 2015 Academic Dean’s List, Payton Nevills of Savanna, IL.

To be named to the dean’s list, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

The University of Dubuque, founded in 1852, is a private, coeducational, professional university with a focus in the liberal arts.

• STEWART

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While we work on finding a bi-partisan solution to fix the budget I would implore each and every one of you to send me an email or contact me on my website with your thoughts. Thank you to those who already have.

“In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing,” Theodore Roosevelt. The right thing to do is to pass a balanced bipartisan budget, but again we did nothing.

As always, you can reach me or Sally at 815/232-0774 or email us at repstewart@gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbrianstewart.com or follow me on Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus.

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Brett Meador named 2015 Earl Passwaters AgVenture Scholar

KENTLAND, IN — The third annual Earl H. Passwaters Scholarship was awarded this week to Brett Meador of Lena, Illinois. Brett, the son of Rick and Mary Meador, is a sophomore at Iowa State University, majoring in agronomy. The one thousand dollar scholarship is awarded annually to a college student with plans to pursue a career in agriculture working on a farm. Full-time students with a 3.0 grade point or higher are eligible.

The scholarship recognition luncheon was held at the AgVenture, Inc. corporate offices at Kentland, Indiana. Meador and his parents were welcomed by Beth Passwaters and the AgVenture staff. The Earl H. Passwaters Agricultural Scholarship was established in memory of Earl Passwaters, owner of East Coast Seed, who passed away suddenly in

2011. Throughout his career, Passwaters was passionate about working directly with young farmers. With a strong belief in the value of education supported by experience, he remained committed to supporting their efforts. Through the scholarship, his legacy endures.

The 2015 scholarship was offered by Earl's wife, Beth Passwaters, and their children, Brian and Mandy. At the recognition program, Passwaters said, "We are thrilled to award this scholarship to such a hard-working, dedicated young agriculture professional. Brett shows diligence in his studies, dedication to community service, and active participation in a variety of endeavors. His passion for agriculture and enthusiasm for learning make us very proud to present this scholarship to him. We are confident he'll put this to good



work to further his agriculture experience and education."

This summer, Meador is participating as an intern with

AgVenture PureLine at Princeton, Illinois. His supervisor, Marketing and Sales Manager Todd Ashpole noted, "Brett's parents have provided him with a great foundation to advance his career and agriculture's future. It's obvious, working on a day-to-day basis with him, that he's a high quality individual. It's been a great experience to mentor him, and foster his growth this summer. He will go far in this field."

Meador added, "I am honored to receive the Passwaters Scholarship. I appreciate the financial support. I am also very grateful for the fellowship and knowledge that I have gained throughout this summer working with AgVenture. The scholarship will go a long way toward helping support my education, and helping me continue to work together with my dad on our farm."

AgVenture, Inc. is the nation's largest network of

independently owned regional seed companies. Based in Kentland, Indiana, AgVenture provides this growing network of independently owned and managed seed business owners with seed products meeting exacting standards for quality, together with leading-edge genetics and technology. Since 1983, this unique marketing approach has allowed each individual company to match the hybrids and varieties it sells to the specific needs of the geographical area it serves. Combined with professional seed representation at a local level, AgVenture strives to help every grower realize more profit from every field.

Photo submitted

Jo Daviess County Health Department immunization clinic schedule for August 2015

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — There is a charge of \$13.00 per clinic visit per client that covers RN review of immunization records, assessment of child's health prior to vaccination, education on individual vaccinations, answering of questions and official documentation of vaccines received. In addition a \$7 fee per vaccine is charged. Please call for an appointment, 815-777-0263 or toll free 1-877-777-0263 Available times are: every Tuesday 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or afternoons 1 - 4:30

Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25

Please note: The Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program is provided through federal funding for children meeting the following eligibility requirements: enrollment in Medicaid or All Kids; are American Indian or Alaska Native; are "underinsured" (health insurance does NOT pay for vaccinations); or have NO health insurance. If unable to pay, clients will be charged on a sliding fee schedule after bringing verification of income. No client will be refused due to

inability to pay.

If a parent is unable to accompany a child, the parent must complete a parental consent form for immunizations. The form can be found at the website: www.jodaviess.org. Print and complete the form and bring the form with the child. Parents may also stop at the Health Department in advance of the appointment and fill out the necessary forms. Previous immunization records must be presented to clinic personnel for verification or child will be rescheduled for a later date

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Jo Daviess County Fair

Kip Sabinson and Jason Hartzell dish up a platter of the best darn cheese curds at the fair for the Warren Chamber of Commerce

Late Summer Field Days continue in Freeport on Thursday, August 13

ROCKFORD — After a successful field day last week, University of Illinois Extension's Late Summer Field Days Series continues in Freeport.

"We had great turn out last week for our visit to Sunrise Market Farm in South Beloit. Jan and Tom Thornton showed us their blueberry and raspberry operation, and we had the chance to look at some seasonal pests with which they are currently dealing," states Grant McCarty, U of I Extension local foods and small farms educator. "The field days series continues next month in August."

Join U of I Extension at the Freeport High School Student Vegetable Farm from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 13. "The agriculture teacher, Monica Pierce, guides the students on how to grow vegetables and fruit during the summer. The students also operate a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) venture and a vegetable stand during the week," continues McCarty.

Attendees can expect to receive a tour of the operation and an overview of the CSA marketing model. The student vegetable farm is located behind Freeport Junior High School, 701 W Empire St, behind the tennis courts and adjacent to the soccer fields along S Locust Ave.



Photo submitted

Grant McCarty, U of I Extension local foods and small farms educator, participants a Spotted Wing Drosophila trap, which controls the invasive pest. The next Late Summer Field Days event is scheduled for August 13 in Freeport.

Late Summer Field Days are free and open to the general public, although information will be geared toward beginning and experienced growers. To register for this event, visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>. Registration is requested to get an accurate attendance count before the event. For more information, contact Grant McCarty at gmccarty@illinois.edu or 815-986-4357.

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Tracy Siegner photos

Leslie Coppes (formerly Leslie Millerschone) of Stockton and her daughter Elsie survey the exhibits in the agriculture building at the Jo Daviess County Fair.



(Right) County fair royalty Miss Congeniality Meranda Breed, 1st runner up Jenna Bennett, Queen Kirstin Enright, Junior Miss Kaitlin Enright take a break from their fair duties on Saturday night to sit and watch the rodeo



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Movies at Mame's looks at Hitchcock 1940 classic, 'Rebecca'

Hitchcock's classic Gothic Horror opens in Monte Carlo, where our heroine, Joan Fontaine is employed as a "paid companion" by the snooty socialite, Mrs. Van Hopper (played with delightful snobbiness by Florence Bates).

Our lead female (Fontaine), known only through the film as our Narrator, meets the handsome Mr. de Winter, a widower, played with charm and glowering intensity by Laurence Olivier, and a whirlwind romance follows.

After an elopement in the South of France, our Narrator and Maxim de Winter travel back to his sprawling English countryside estate, Manderley. It is here that we first see how well-loved Maxim's first wife was. The house is a shrine to Rebecca. Her presence is everywhere, from her portrait that hangs in the gallery, to her perfectly preserved quarters, the linens still monogrammed with Rebecca's initials, to the fierce devotion of the head housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers, played by a chilling Judith Anderson. We also start to see Maxim's fierce temper, his lashing out at his new, young wife as she, in her clumsy, unsophisticated way, tries to adjust to her new role as Mistress of Manderley, a role that Rebecca seemed to fill, by all accounts, with elegance and poise.

We meet Maxim's right hand man, the devoted Crawley (Reginald Denny), "Barmy Ben", the aged caretaker of Rebecca's boathouse, who is terrified that Rebecca may return, and we also meet Rebecca's "favorite cousin" Jack Favell (played by one of my all-time favorites, George Sanders, in a winking, teasing role that makes you think of a wolf in sheep's clothing).

During a masquerade ball one evening, a nearby ship signals distress and the attendees of the party race to Manderley's cove to assist the foundering vessel. A diver is employed to assess the damage to the ship and makes a startling discovery; Rebecca's boat at the bottom of the cove, and shockingly, a body within it. The body is not immediately identified, and why should it be? Rebecca's body had been identified by Maxim himself a year before. But Maxim reveals to his new bride that the woman buried in the family plot is not Rebecca. Why did Maxim lie about the identity of his wife, a woman he was plainly devoted to and

who's death caused him such heartbreak? His reasons only become clear when we learn that all was not well between Maxim & Rebecca. He tells his bride that he, in fact, *hated* Rebecca. As the mystery unfolds as to what actually happened the night of Rebecca's death, our heroine begins to realize the depth of her love for Maxim and the lengths she will go to protect it.

Friends, I love this movie. It is a true mystery, done by the Master himself, Alfred Hitchcock. There are enough twists and turns in the plot to keep even the most attention span-challenged interested. Fun fact; Olivier was so against casting Fontaine over his then-girlfriend Vivien Leigh, that he treated Fontaine horribly. Hitchcock capitalized on this by telling Fontaine that *everyone* on set disliked her, which made her shy and uneasy – just what he wanted from her performance.

Meet Movies at Mame's, a welcome addition to The Scoop Today and Shopper's Guide

Greetings and salutations! My name is Angel, but my family calls me Mame, so I invite you to too.

I should tell you a little bit about myself; I live in New Orleans, LA, which I almost always love (the 'almost' part is in the middle of summer when that sno-ball just isn't doing its job of cooling me off). I live in a very old part of the city, with my very old dog, Bart and my not-quite-as-old cat, Gus. I love coffee, and wine, all the delicious food that I can get my hands on, and I love movies- all movies. I love watching them, I love reading about them, and I love talking about them. There are few, if any, movies that I've seen that I can't find something good about. I have a very large collection and I'm constantly adding to



it. That's why I'm here.

I'd like to invite you to join me. I'd like to share what I love about movies with you. This little article is called Movies at Mame's because, well... I'm Mame, and also because

I want to invite you, friends, to sit down with me, in my home, while I watch the movies I love. I'd like to share my enthusiasm for them with you. I'd like to tell you things about them that you may not have known (and when you win that pie piece for entertainment in Trivial Pursuit, maybe we can share that little victory, yes?). I'd like to hear from you about movies I may not have seen yet. I'd like to hear interesting bits of trivia that I may not know.

So, please, have a seat with me on my couch, grab the popcorn, put your feet up and press 'play'!

Learn to protect yourself from identity thieves

Information compiled by Tony Carton
Scoop/ Shopper's Guide Editor

Area police departments are reporting an increase in the incidence of identity theft and urging consumers to exercise caution.

As law enforcement and security teams uncover their methods thieves are forced to employ new tactics and consumers need to double their efforts to protect themselves.

A card skimmer is typically a small electronic reader (which can be seen if closely observed) on the existing card reader. This additional illicit reader will store your credit card information as you swipe your card to activate the gas pump. The thieves will return later and pick the reader up to use stolen credit card information.

The Gas Pump: Thieves often target gas stations for placement of skimmers. This is because there are a number of credit card slots sitting unattended outdoors.

ATM Machines: Cash machines are also a popular

choice. The machines are often in an unattended area allowing identity thieves the opportunity to leave a skimmer on a card again, returning later to pull the fake reader and collect your information.

Restaurants/Bars: Usually the theft is pulled off by one of the actual employees of the establishment. Either utilizing a small, mobile card reader, or by waiting until you open a bar tab, a skimmer will either scan or otherwise store your credit card number in order to run up illicit charges in the coming days and weeks. Most of us never think twice about leaving our cards unprotected in the hands of an employee at the restaurant or bar we frequent; and the majority of servers and bartenders are honest, hardworking people. But beware those few bad apples. Pay attention to what your server does once they walk off with your card.

Department Stores: The next time you go shopping, pay close attention to the clerk who swipes your card. Department stores can be potential hot spots for

skimming because much like a restaurant or bar, it is not unusual for a clerk to leave your sight to process the transaction, making the successful completion of the scam easier.

The same concerns exist if you use a debit card. However, the risk of damage to you is greater with a debit card, since you don't have the same legal protections as a credit card. Skimming a debit card requires that the thief also get the security PIN for the card, which does make it more difficult. However, crooks can and do also seek debit card information. So, you should be very careful of any transactions requiring use of your debit card PIN where clerks or other bystanders could gain access to the card and the PIN at the same time.

If you suspect you've become a victim of credit card skimming, contact your credit card carrier and your bank and inform them of the fraud. Check your statements regularly, so you can catch fraudulent activity as soon as it happens. In some cases you may be required to file a police report, but most complaints filed with your bank or credit issuer within 30 days of the fraud will be forgiven.

While credit cards lend convenience, if a situation just doesn't feel right, go with your instincts and just use cash. It saves the hassle of disputing a credit card charge in the future and eliminates the risk of putting yourself at risk of long-term credit damage.

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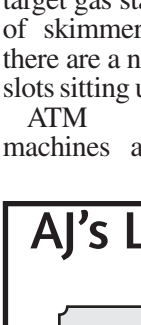
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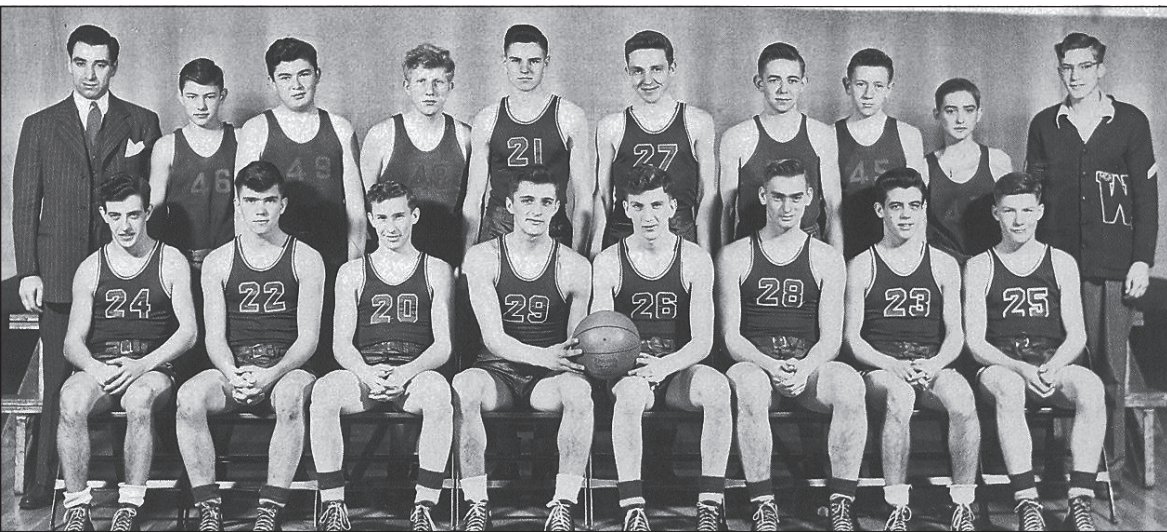


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The Winslow High School basketball team of the 1948 season: Top row: Mr. McKenna, Duane Drye, Leslie Graham, John Jordan, Robert Robb, Wesley Wessels, Delbert Rohde, Darrell Rakowska, Ronald Streckwald, James Holloway First row: Marilyn Mani, Joe Larson, Lee Eels, Dick Miller, James Mani, Glenn Shippy, Bob Bamni, James Albrecht.

Antique Days recalls the Winslow High School basketball team of the 1948 season

McCONNELL — Former McConnell resident, Roger Russell, who now lives in Florida, shared some early photos of Winslow's athletic

teams. This week we offer, in recognition of antique days, the Winslow High School basketball team of the 1948 season.

Bustos seeks interns for fall semester in Illinois & Washington, D.C. offices

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) announced that her office is currently accepting applications for fall semester internships in her offices in Rock Island, Peoria, Rockford and Washington, D.C.

"Internships are an invaluable opportunity for young people across our state to learn more about the legislative process and constituent services," said Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. "I encourage all those interested in gaining a firsthand experience in public service to apply for an internship in one of my offices today."

In Washington, D.C. both legislative internships and press internships are available, and interns' responsibilities vary. They may be asked to research legislation, attend hearings and briefings, draft press releases and constituent correspondence. In Illinois, interns will also perform a variety of tasks including assisting with case work and event

planning. As a result, interns gain valuable work experience and learn about the legislative process and the many other functions of a Congressional office.

Fall internships will be available in Bustos' district offices in Rock Island, Peoria and Rockford, and in her Washington,

D.C. office. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but interested candidates are encouraged to apply by August 14th. Information on how to apply for Bustos' internship program can be found online at <http://bustos.house.gov/helping-you/internships>

Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District offers its fall fish sale

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for the Fall Fish Sale and will continue to take orders through September 16th. Delivery is planned for Monday, September 28, 2015 at 8:00 A.M. at the Elizabeth Community Building. We are

offering Hybrid Sunfish, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Hybrid Redear, Largemouth Bass, Channel Catfish, and Fathead Minnows. Please note that Grass Carp must be ordered by September 4th. If you wish to order fish call our office at 815-858-3418 ext. 3 or email mindy.pratt@il.nacdn.net.

Jo Daviess County Retired Teachers to meet at St. Paul Lutheran in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — A special invitation is extended to all newly retired teachers or administrators or retired teachers or administrators new to the area when the Jo Daviess County Retired Teachers Association meets on Wednesday, August 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 411 W. Catlin Street in Elizabeth. Spouses or others interested in the work of the Association are also invited to attend.

President Bob Thorsness will lead the meeting. The speaker will be John Flaherty who is Chairperson of the Illinois Retired Teachers Legislative Committee. John recently spoke at the Area One Confer-

ence and had much information for the group present.

Following the meeting a lunch will be held at 12 Noon. Cost of the lunch is \$10. The menu consists of chicken salad, a variety of other salads, desserts, and beverages served by members of the church. This meeting is hosted by the Galena area teachers. To make reservations for the meal, please contact Mary Ann Fisher at (815) 777-8336 by Monday, August 10.

The final meeting of the year will be held on October 21. It will include election of new officers, memorials for deceased members, and dues payment for the 2016 year.

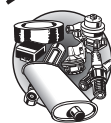
CONTACT of Northern Illinois is looking for Volunteers

STATELINE — CONTACT of Northern Illinois is looking for a few good men and women to volunteer for the local helpline. Training consists of communication and listening skills. Those taking the training will also become Certified in Mental Health First Aid

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Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Director McLane

JO DAVEISS COUNTY — Congratulations to the winners of the kiddie tractor pull! Last weekend was the kiddie tractor pull at the Elizabeth Community Fair. We had a great turnout with about 40 kids trying their best to advance down the track.

Farming in today's new era of watchful people, plant nutrients are on the radar here in Illinois.

With the new Illinois Nutrient Reduction Stagey to go

into place soon, Jean Payne from the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association will be coming to speak on the issues. The meeting will take place on Aug 6th at 7:00 pm at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau building in Freeport. Her talk will be around the use of the 4R (Right source Right rate Right time Right place) and how water quality issues are being worked on throughout the state.

John Musser will talk about

how Stephenson Service Company has been using the NWatch program to see how nitrogen is working in the corn fields in Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.

This meeting is sponsored by the Jo Daviess County Ag Coalition, the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau, and the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

There's no more debate -- sweet corn is officially the state vegetable, as decreed by unanimous support in the Illinois legislature as well as a signature by Governor Bruce Rauner. This new designation actually started with the fourth-grade students at Cha-

tham Elementary School. They wondered why sweet corn wasn't the official state vegetable, which makes sense since we are up to our ears in corn in Illinois! This act by these fourth grade students reminds me of the policy making process of Illinois Farm Bureau. The great thing about our organization is that all of our policy starts at the grass roots level directly from our members. If any of you have ideas for policy submittals for Illinois Farm Bureau, please feel free to contact our office to discuss further.

Farm Fun Fact: July is National Baked Bean Month.



ANNETTE MCLANE

REUNION

Albright and Jordan reunion scheduled for Dodd's Park

LENA — The Albright & Jordan reunion will be at Dodd's Park in Lena on Saturday August 8th at 12:30 p.m. Bring your own table service, dish to pass and drink.

• WORKSHOP

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nine miles east into Schapville. Look for the "Fresh Eggs" sign on the south side in the middle of town. The address is 1009 East Schapville Road. To contact Duane Mitch for more information, call (815) 845-2620.

For parking, please follow the signs on the driveway to a field near the workshop. Do NOT park on the road or in front of the store. This tour is free and open to the public.

If you have a chance, please go to our website www.nifa-trees.org/events and register so that we know how many will be attending.

NIFA is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating both private woodland owners and the general public about the environmental and financial benefits of sustainable forest management.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of JANICE NICKEL. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2015, to Candice Kehl whose address is 1500 S. Adams, Freeport, Illinois, and whose attorney is William E. Sisler, 10 N. Galena Avenue, Suite 210, Freeport, Illinois 61032.

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Elizabeth Municipal Building (300 N. West Street) in Elizabeth on Wednesday, August 12. The focus of the meeting will be a conversation about best practices for water resource management for landowners. The committee's October 14 meeting will focus on best practices for local governments. All meetings are open to the public. Please direct questions to Beth Baranski (beth@bhms-arch.com, 563-580-6192).



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USDA announces \$18.1 million to help rural businesses create jobs

WASHINGTON D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced loans and grants for 92 projects worth \$18.1 million to help support the start-up or expansion of rural small businesses. These funds are part of more than 20,000 grants and loans to more than 85,000 rural businesses USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service has awarded since the start of the Obama administration.

"I am proud of the work USDA has done to help small businesses grow in rural America because they are the engine that creates jobs," Vilsack said. "These funds will allow small and emerging businesses and the organizations that support them to get the financing they need to strengthen their operations, create jobs and expand economic opportunities. Thanks to the 2014 Farm Bill, we can continue this work in a more streamlined and efficient way to benefit small businesses and the American taxpayer."

USDA is awarding the funds through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program, the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) and the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) program.

USDA provides grants or zero-interest loans through the REDLG program to utilities that in turn fund projects to create and retain employment in rural areas. Vilsack announced \$11.7 million in REDLG loans and grants for 18 recipients.

One of the organizations receiving funds under the REDLG program is the South Mississippi Electric Power Association, which has been selected for a \$2 million loan. It will lend part of that to the city of Greenwood, which will buy and renovate a building for the Milwaukee Tools company. This project is expected to create more than 100 jobs in Lenore County. Lenore is one of many counties across the nation USDA has targeted for special assistance through the StrikeForce Initiative for Rural Growth and Opportunity. USDA launched StrikeForce in 2010 to increase investments in rural communities through intensive outreach and stronger partnerships with community leaders, businesses, foundations and other groups that are working to combat poverty.

In the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP), Vilsack announced \$2.5 million for three IRP recipients. Colorado's First Southwest Bank is receiving a \$1 million loan for business and community development in 11 counties in the southwest part of the state. The IRP program provides 1 percent loans to non-profit groups, cooperatives, federally recognized tribes and public agencies.

USDA is awarding 71 Rural Business Development Grants totaling \$4 million. Congress established the RBDG program in the 2014 Farm Bill by combining the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program and the Rural Business Opportunity Grant program. One of the RBDG recipients, the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Morristown, will receive a \$110,020 grant to buy state-of-the-art equipment to train students in advanced manufacturing. The Northern Community Investment Corporation in Vermont is receiving two grants totaling \$454,892 to establish a revolving fund and to provide technical assistance and professional consulting to help small businesses.

Past examples of how these awards have helped grow the economy in rural America include:

Sisters Kim Brigham Campbell and Terrie Brigham, in Oregon's Hood River County, used part of an IRP loan awarded to the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District to open a retail store. They sell salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and other fish harvested from sites that have been passed down within this Native American family for generations. The store opened in May 2014.

USDA's REDLG program is fueling the growth of a firm in

Eastern Kentucky. USDA awarded a \$740,000 REDLG loan to the Jackson Energy Cooperative in FY 2011. The Cooperative, in turn, loaned a portion of those funds to Senture, which constructed a building where it provides call-center and support services for private companies and government agencies. Senture is a family-owned business headquartered in London.

In FY 2014, USDA Rural Development awarded a \$64,990 Rural Business Enterprise Grant

to Sustainable Northwest, a non-profit in Portland, Ore., to find commercial uses and markets for Western Juniper. It is a widespread and often problematic species in central and eastern parts of the state. Sustainable Northwest is using USDA's grant to help create timber and forestry jobs in rural Oregon and contribute to ecosystem restoration by identifying additional uses for Western Juniper wood products.

The funding for today's awardees totals \$18.1 million and is

contingent upon the recipients meeting the terms of the loan and grant agreements.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's 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.

Freeport musician Glenda Linneman to entertain at SOS+ August meeting

STOCKTON — On August 13 at 2 p.m., Glenda Linneman, a talented musician from Freeport will entertain our seniors with variety of mix music, in song, on the keyboard and accordion. Mark your calendar and join us on Thursday, August 13 at Calvary UM Fellowship Hall. Glenda (Broege) Linneman was born and raised in Warren, IL.

She has played in bands, entertained in nursing homes, retirement homes and area churches. Her love for music and entertaining folks is what brings her to SOS+. It is a special day of merriment you won't want to miss... filled with entertainment, fellowship and refreshments.

All seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas (SOS+) are invited. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in Stockton's Calvary's UM Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided by the seniors will conclude the day's activities. SOS+ is an outreach ministry commemorating its tenth year. Our purpose is to provide interesting programs and fellowship to our area seniors. We are made up of area volunteers who

work diligently to bring interesting, light hearted and educational programs to all. A free will offering is taken to offset program costs. All seniors are invited.

For more information on

SOS+, please feel free to call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If you are in need of a ride to the church, we would be more than happy to accommodate you.



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Marching Band and local youth from Hanover. The Friends of the Hanover Land & Archaeological Reserve volunteer group was on hand to fundraise by selling root beer floats and the prairie was in full bloom creating the perfect backdrop for a beautiful summer evening.

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Jo Daviess Fair

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