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Abraham Lincoln visits Lena-Winslow Elementary School for a day

By Tony Carton
Editor

LENA — A very small and inquisitive boy moved slowly down the hallway in front of the Lena-Winslow Elementary School Library Monday morning. His eyes were big as saucers as he peered through the glass at the tall lanky man in a silk top hat addressing the fifth graders who were also totally captivated by the man's appearance and stories.

"There's a president in there," whispered the child in the hall to no one. "I can see him. There's a president in our library!"

There was indeed a president visiting the school. Well, not exactly a president, but close. Freeport resident and noted Lincoln interpreter George Buss was relaying stories about the life and passions of Abraham Lincoln and the students loved every word.

"Today's events with Mr. Lincoln came about because we were trying to find more non-fiction novels on history and study Lincoln, and just after we found and finished reading a book titled Lincoln's Grave Robbers we noticed in the paper that George Buss tours schools and speaks as Mr. Lincoln," said Lena-Winslow teacher Holly Chrisman. "Another of our teachers, Mrs. Gallagher wrote a grant for us when Mr. Buss agreed to come to our school and it's been wonderful having him here."

She said the experience brought history to life for her students.

"I think today's experience will mean more and stick in their minds more than the books that we read," said Chrisman.

Mason Smith sat enthralled

through the two and a half hour Buss presentation. Smith said the Gettysburg Address took on new meaning after listening to Buss.

"It took on more meaning for me when I watched Lincoln deliver it," Smith said. "I'm going to try to read it myself now so I can learn still more about what led to the speech."

Kanzas White said she was surprised at the volume of threatening letters sent to President Lincoln during his time in office.

"I was amazed at the number of mean letters people sent him and I liked how he hid them up high on a shelf so his wife couldn't reach them, read them and worry," White said.

Drew Streckwald said he expected to see a Lincoln performance when he attended the session, but he was not prepared for the quality and depth of the presentation.

"He was really interesting and much more than I expected," said Streckwald. "I learned that there were at least two other assassination attempts on Lincoln's life."

One of the points Buss (as Lincoln) made repeatedly was about speaking respectfully when addressing a man or particularly a woman. It was customary in Lincoln's day to always address a woman as Miss or Missus and Buss urged the boys in attendance to adopt the practice. That suggestion made a deep impression on a number of the young men in the class among them Streckwald who said he would be speaking more respectfully as a result of the day's lesson.

Ali Westergaard said she was surprised to learn that the Civil



Tony Carton photo

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ning beekeepers for 50 years, will be teaching a beginning beekeeping course in 2016 for anyone who can answer yes to any, or all, of the above questions. The course will consist of seven classes in beekeeping. The first class will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m. at Apple Creek Apiaries, 8384 North Broadway, Apple River, IL. The rest of the classes will be held at the same location on April 16, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13 and Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. each afternoon. Each class will be two hours in length and whenever possible include hands-on experience with the participants working with live bees in the Apple Creek Apiaries bee yard. A registration form and list of the class topics will be sent to interested parties.

The cost of the entire course

is \$140 with advance enrollment a necessity as a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 students will be accepted. Enrollment in the course includes a one-year subscription to the monthly Small Beekeepers Journal. Enrollment fees may be sent to Terrence N. Ingram, 8384 North Broadway, Apple River, IL 61001. This course is open to people of all ages and backgrounds. Equipment, clothing and supplies are available from Apple Creek Apiaries bee supply store. For anyone interested, a limited number of 3# honeybee packages, with California queens, will be available for purchase.

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Apple Creek Apiaries, 8384 N. Broadway, Apple River, IL 61001 Ph. 815-594-2592.

Shaun Nordlie steps into General Manager role at Apple Canyon Lake

APPLE RIVER — The Apple Canyon Lake Property Owners Association's Board of Directors takes great pleasure in announcing they have hired Shaun Nordlie as the Association's new General Manager.

Mr. Nordlie stepped into the position on Feb. 8.

Nordlie is a graduate of the University of Minnesota - Curtis L. Carlson School of Management with an emphasis in marketing and management.

Nordlie's work experience includes the American Junior Golf Association, Hazeltine National Golf Club, and Tanglewood Resort in Pottsboro, Texas where he served as Golf Director. Nordlie stayed with Tanglewood Resorts after a promotion to Front Desk Manager; he was later promoted to Hotel Director.

In 2012 Nordlie accepted

a position with Lake Carroll Property Owners Association, being named as Facilities Director. During his tenure at Lake Carroll, Nordlie managed indoor/outdoor pools, clubhouse, two marinas with bait store, ski and tube hill, ATV trails, Member Lodge, campground, equestrian area, and 630-acre lake. He also managed the mowing and plowing of 38 miles of roads within the Association.

Nordlie also brings solid lake management skills to the General Manager position. He was instrumental in developing projects with Lake Carroll Association's Lake Manager by creating a five-year plan to maintain the health of the lake through redesigned silt ponds, mechanical and hydraulic dredging programs, proactive rip rap and stream bank stabilization.

Jo Daviess County Beef Association announces candidate call for 2016 Beef Queen

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — The Jo Daviess County Beef Association is seeking a Young Lady (15-19) to serve as the 2016 Beef Queen.

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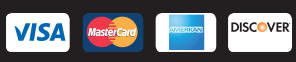
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Boys' pairings locked-in with post-season on full throttle

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

EAST DUBUQUE — The time to think about the playoffs is over. The reality has set in, for all the teams in the NUIC.

The State of Illinois Class 1A Boys' Basketball Championship Tournament has begun.

The first games of the 2016 post-season were played on Monday, Feb. 22.

Teams from Warren, Stockton, Orangeville, Lena-Winslow, Pearl City and Galena, began battling for their chance to get a ticket to the State Championship at Carver Arena in Peoria, on Saturday, March 12.

The rule is simple. If you win, you get to keep playing.

If you lose, the season is over.

Which team is playing the best late? Which team has the most senior leadership? Which squad can hit free throws under pressure? Which team is hosting?

A team with timing, one that can tie one or more tools together, can go a long way.

The teams that are playing their best basketball of the year, right now, are going to be heavily favored, to make a long run, into the post-season.

The team that plays closest to home, to open the tournament, also gets a statistical lift.

East Dubuque is the number-two seed in the Hanover River Ridge Complex. East Dubuque will host the opening round's games.

As a higher seed, East Dubuque will also not have to suit up, until day two of the tournament, in the Regional Semi-Final.

With game play already underway, at this time, we are unable to bring you the most recent information on the 2016 Class 1A Tournament Games.

In the opener, on Monday, Feb. 22, seven-seed Scales Mound faced nine-seed Stockton.

The winner moved on, to night two and a showdown with two-seed, East Dubuque.

A playoff advantage, surfaced for Scales Mound, in

their Regional Quarterfinal.

They knew if they could beat Stockton, they would get a chance at East Dubuque.

The Warriors haven't beaten Scales Mound this year.

A little over a week ago, East Dubuque fell, 50-45, in overtime, to Scales Mound.

Two weeks earlier, it was the same story, albeit somewhat closer. East Dubuque fell 56-54, to the seven-seed Hornets.

Stockton received the nine-seed, but could have been chosen higher.

On Dec. 10, the Blackhawks lost to Scales Mound, 50-43, but on Dec. 17, Stockton rebounded in double-overtime, to win, 53-48.

If the Blackhawks pulled off the upset and defeated Scales Mound in the Monday night, East Dubuque Regional Quarterfinal, they would face the two-seed Warriors

The IHSA Selection Committee, however, gave the Hornets the edge in the opener, as they issued them the number-

seven seed.

Other teams from the NUIC that suited up for the East Dubuque Regional included, six-seed Pearl City, three-seed Freeport Aquin and Ten-seed Warren.

In the Dakota Regional, eight-seed Dakota faced eleven-seed Pecatonica on Monday, Feb. 22.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, four-seed Galena took on 13-seed Durand.

Lena-Winslow, the five-seed, battled twelve-seed Orangeville in the 7:30 p.m. game, on Feb. 23.

If the seeds move through, as the IHSA Selection Committee anticipates, Dakota will face top-seed Hanover-River Ridge, on Wednesday Feb. 24, in the 6 p.m. Dakota Regional Semi-Final.

Five-seed Lena-Winslow would move on to face four-seed Galena, in the Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m., Regional Semi-Final in Dakota.

The Regional winner from Dakota will meet up with the

Regional winner from Forreton, in the Hanover River Ridge Sectional, beginning Monday, Feb. 29.

In East Dubuque, if the seeds play through, six-seed Pearl City would have the edge over ten-seed Warren in their Monday, Feb. 22 contest.

Scales Mound, the seven-seed, could be upset by the nine-seed Stockton Blackhaws.

The winner from the Stockton/Scales Mound match played Tuesday in the Regional Semi-Final, against East Dubuque.

On Wednesday, Feb. 24, three-seed Freeport Aquin faced the survivor from the Pearl City/Warren Regional Quarterfinal.

With the number of quality teams representing northern Illinois still alive, in the 2016 post-season, there is a very good chance, that the NUIC will have a shot at providing a participant for the Northern Illinois Super-Sectional in two weeks.

Regional champion Lena-Winslow sees season end at Eastland

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

LANARK — There was much to hope for in the 2016 Class 1A Girls' Basketball Playoffs for many of the area Regional Champions.

Lena-Winslow, possibly the best story coming from the post-season, won their own Regional Championship, even though they had to find a mini-hot streak and claim at least three straight.

Coming from the six-seed position and having to play on opening night, Lena-Winslow defeated the Dakota Lady Indi-

ans, 43-41.

That win moved them to the Lena-Winslow Regional Semi-Final and a showdown with the number-two seed Pecatonica lady Indians.

Lena-Winslow rolled over the Lady Indians, 55-44 and moved on, to the Championship, where they faced Freeport Aquin.

The Lady Bulldogs were patiently stalked by the Lady Panthers, with small leads growing and control settling in.

Lena-Winslow took down the

nets and claimed the Regional Crown with the 53-45 clincher.

That win moved Lena-Winslow to Eastland and a showdown in the opening round of the class 1A Girls' Basketball Sectional against the Galena Lady Pirates, the top-seed in the Sectional complex.

The Lady Panthers would battle and allow the Galena defense fewer scoring opportunities, then they had been accustomed to, throughout the season.

In the end, though, the Lady

Pirates were too much, as they claimed the Sectional Semi-Final, 47-38.

Kenzie Temperly scored 14 points for Lena-Winslow with Nicole Moest adding 14.

For Galena, Katie Furlong and Olivia Middendorf chipped in 15 each.

Galena moved on to the Sectional Championship where they faced Erie.

After finding a deficit, a familiar friend, the Lady Pirates grabbed control, the loose balls and multiple opportunities to

score, as they worked to a Sectional Title, courtesy the 43-41 win.

Middendorf scored 21 points for Galena, in the win.

In the three-point shoot-out, Abby Peterson of Forreton hit five-of ten tie-breaker attempts to win her position, after a five-way tie with eight-of-15 forced the shoot-off.

One round later, Emma Nelson from Forreton also found her way moving on.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Madison Suttman
admitted to Cornell College

MOUNT VERNON, IA — Madison Suttman of Dakota is admitted to Cornell College for the Fall 2016 semester.

Cornell College, a selective liberal arts college in Mount Vernon, Iowa, is recognized as one of the "Colleges That Change Lives." The academic immersion of its One Course at a Time curriculum allows students to focus on a single academic subject per 18-day block. Since professors only teach one block at a time, students have more access to professors, and professors can teach students off-campus in whatever venue best fits the material.

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VIEWPOINT

President Obama addresses joint session of Illinois legislature

STATELINE — President Obama addressed the Illinois General Assembly last week for the first time. While a number of sitting American presidents have visited Springfield and the Illinois State Capitol Building, only four have given addresses to joint sessions of the legislature. The last President to speak in front of the General Assembly was Jimmy Carter in May of 1978. Herbert Hoover spoke in June of 1931, and William Howard Taft addressed Illinois legislators in February of 1911.

It was a very interesting day in the Illinois Legislature when President Barack Obama came to Springfield and addressed a joint session of the Illinois



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

House and Senate. It is historical in the sense that a sitting President addressed the General Assembly in Illinois or any other state for that matter. Regardless of your politics, party, ideology or whether or not you support his agenda his remarks were insightful as to what is going on in Illinois and in this country for that matter.

Though I may not agree with those policies, I will always

Gov. Rauner fails to put children and families first in budget address

SPRINGFIELD — Following is a statement from Voices for Illinois Children Director of Policy and Advocacy Emily Miller in response to Gov. Rauner's budget address on Wednesday:

Voices for Illinois Children rejects the premise that we must choose between educating our children and investing in the social service infrastructure that helps families and communities thrive.

The Governor rightly identified the importance of public investment in education by announcing his vision to increase funding, but he failed

to propose new revenue necessary to make that vision a reality.

Without significant new revenue, increasing education spending to record high levels means slashing public investments like job training, health-care, public safety, homeless prevention, and countless other services that give children and families the tools they need to pull themselves out of poverty.

Instead of choosing to pit our most vulnerable against each other, the Governor and lawmakers should choose to raise the revenue we need to invest in the priorities we all share.

be respectful to the President of the United States no matter what political party he/she belongs to. For President Obama to come to my desk to shake my hand and those of my colleagues was an honor. A picture of that handshake was the photo of the day for The White House website and Facebook page. If you are wondering what I wanted to say to him and since I am taller than he is I said "I could take him in a pick-up game of basketball and the wager was when I beat him he would promise to provide enough federal funds for 4 lanes from Freeport all the way to Iowa."

In all seriousness, President Obama made some important remarks about bipartisan respect, fair legislative maps, and increased voter participation. I believe with the right approach, legislators can use President Obama's visit to move the needle towards "building better politics" here in Illinois.

The ongoing budget impasse is part of that building process. Time continues to pass as Illinois has now gone 8 months without a budget. The fact remains that the people of Illinois want the status quo to be terminated. Springfield leadership has not been responsible

with taxpayer dollars and passing budgets that spend \$4 billion more than revenues is a major problem.

Governor Rauner outlined his budget options to the Illinois General Assembly during his annual Budget Address this week. One plan involves working together on a comprehensive approach and the other involves deeper cuts. Either way, the Governor is ready to act, and it's time Springfield leadership gets serious about how they plan to balance the budget.

According to the Illinois Department of Revenue, if our revenues grew at the national average since Fiscal Year 2000, we would have generated an additional \$19 billion total in surplus revenue even without the 2011 tax hike. That means with just average growth, there'd be no bill backlog, no budget crisis and more resources for schools, Medicaid and social service providers.

It's not too late to act. According to the Department's projections, if we come together and pass structural reforms, we can still save billions over the next five years. That's more money for our schools, social services, roads and bridges and ultimately, more money for the citizens

of Illinois — in their pockets where it belongs.

The idea that the bigger we grow government the better we can serve taxpayers is erroneous. Illinois could serve as the poster child for bad government. I hope that my constituents and the people of Illinois can understand that no matter how Springfield leadership paints Illinois' budget woes, we need a reformed system and that starts and ends with passing a balanced budget that spends less than what we take in, and from my understanding Illinois has not had a balanced budget in more than 30 years.

In the words of President Thomas Jefferson, "History, in general, only informs us of what bad government is." I implore you to do your research and take a look at what has caused Illinois' financial problems. There are no more warnings. We are living in the mess that the last two decades of bad government created and we are fighting for the future of a better Illinois. Stay tuned!

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.reprianstewart.com or follow me on Facebook, Twitter, and Google Plus.

During annual Budget Address Governor Rauner offers lawmakers two budget options

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Bruce Rauner has offered state lawmakers two options to fix an unprecedented and crippling budget gridlock brought about by a lack of bipartisan cooperation, according to State Sen. Tim Bivins (R-Dixon).

During his annual Budget Address Feb. 17, the Governor outlined two budget proposals for Fiscal Year 2017 to a joint session of Illinois lawmakers in the House of Representatives.

"The Governor wants all lawmakers to work with him, from both chambers, from both sides of the aisle and from all regions of Illinois. We have two options and they are pretty clear-cut. We must break this standoff and make a choice," Bivins said. "We can expand the economy with structural reforms that will help grow jobs, or we can give the Governor the authority to cut spending to address the wide gap between spending and rev-



Courtesy photo
State Sen. Tim Bivins (R-Dixon) and State Rep. Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) (at right) listen to Gov. Bruce Rauner's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2017, presented Feb. 17 to a joint session of Illinois lawmakers in the House of Representatives.

enues."

The 45th District Senator said he stands ready to work with the Governor and his fellow lawmakers to make the kind of tough decisions necessary to deal with the cumulative effect

of 12 years of tax-and-spend government under the Blagojevich and Quinn administrations.

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ON THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

Frank A. Skutt, Jr.

WARREN — Frank A. Skutt, Jr., age 71 of Warren, IL, passed away Monday, Feb. 15, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. He was born January 3, 1945 in Spring Valley, IL; the son of the late Frank and Mary (Muhich) Skutt, Sr. He graduated from Hennepin High School in Hennepin, IL. Frank married Mary LaDow on June 27, 1981 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Warren.



He served in the United States Army as a gunner in a helicopter and was stationed in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. He had worked for Kelly Springfield in Freeport and Dura Automotive in

Stockton. He also worked three seasons at the Swiss Colony. He was a hard worker all of his life and in early years helped out on the family farm. He enjoyed fishing and driving west.

Frank is survived by his wife, Mary of Warren; daughter, Fae Ravenscoft of Columbus, GA; three granddaughters; one great grandson; three step-daughters; one step-son; two step-granddaughters; two step-grandsons; sister, Evelyn (Paul) Bronkema of Stockton; brother, Eugene (Ruth) Skutt of Stockton; aunt & uncle, Lonnie and Elizabeth Napier of Ladd, IL; numerous nieces & nephews; and several cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Jerry Lee Skutt; brother, Jerome Skutt; and infant brother, John Skutt.

A visitation with a Rosary service was held Feb. 18 at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. The funeral Mass was Feb. 19 at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren. Interment took place at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery. A

memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

James E. Vinzant, Sr.

LENA — James E. Vinzant, Sr., 81, peacefully passed away at his home on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016. He was born on Aug. 28, 1934 in Rock Island, IL. to Virgil and Arlene (DePaepe) Vinzant. James served our country in the United States Air Force from 1952-1956. James met Dorothy Rennolet while working at Servus Rubber in Rock Island, IL. They later married on Sept. 4, 1965 in Rock Island. He was a lifelong farmer and also worked at Dura Auto in Stockton, Illinois.

James is survived by his wife; children: David Abel of Kent, IL, Christina Pascoe of Arnold, MO, James Vinzant, Jr. of Lena, and Judith Vinzant of Iowa City, IA; his four legged buddy – "Buster"; grandchildren: Shelby Pascoe, Tyler Vinzant, Edward

Abel, Morgan Vinzant; great grandson, Corey James Vinzant; Siblings: Kenneth Vinzant, Jackie Vinzant, Jane Hill, Donny Leif, Jackie Wubbens, Marjorie Musser, Pamela Leif, and John Leif.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his Ma and Pa Depaepe, sister, Jean Thompson, nephew, Mike Thompson, brother, Wayne Leif, and mother and father-in-law Edward and Dorothy Rennolet.

He enjoyed fishing, gardening, listening to 30's and 40's music, watching classic movies and T.V. shows. He was a history buff and enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs and the local high school sports. James especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

Richard L. Rouse

LENA — Richard L. Rouse, 69, passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at the Lena Living Center after a long illness. He was born on July 8, 1946 to Walter and Lucille (Loomis) Rouse in Freeport, IL. He graduated from Shannon High School in 1964. He married his wife, Dorothy Feiler on July 13, 1965. Richard worked at Micro Switch from 1965-1968 then was employed at Kelly Spring-



field until his retirement in 2002. Richard was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church and the Lena Golf Club. He enjoyed golfing and bowling and was on the Kelly Springfield Golf and bowling leagues. Richard is survived by his wife Dorothy of Lena; Daughter, Robin L. Montgomery (Dana Wybourn) of Lena, grandchildren: Amber and Sarah Rouse of Florida, Saebra and Jade Rouse of California, Cheri (Eirk) Hirneisen of Lena, Matthew Stampfli of Lena, Brett and Brit-tany Rowley Monroe, WI and Michael Brown of Monroe, WI; four great grandchildren, two sisters, Cindy (Randy) Schubert of Lena, and Donna Rouse of Minnesota, one brother Roger Rouse of Oklahoma and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sons: Richard L. Rouse, Jr., and William C. Rouse, his parents, two sisters, Ruth Hillie and Thelma English, two brothers, Russell Rouse and Walter Robert Rouse.

Visitation was Feb. 21, at the Leamon Funeral Home. Funeral Services were on Feb. 22, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Pastor Brian LeBaron officiated. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his name. The family would like to thank Dr. Tawfik, FHN, and the Lena Living Center and all of their staff for the care they gave Richard.

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

BIRTHS

Audrey Schau

SAVANNA — Eric and Erica Schau of Savanna, IL are the proud parents of a daughter Audrey Lynn Schau born Thursday Feb. 4, 2016 at Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa. Grandparents are Dennis and Paula Tessendorf of Lena. and Fred and Kathy Schau of Brodhead, WI. Great grandparents are Fred and Carol Tessendorf of Lena.

Brigson Decker

STOCKTON — Brandon and Bobbi Decker of Stockton are the parents of a son Brigson Michael Decker born Thursday Feb. 11, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Brigson has a sister, Mayci, 5. Grandparents are Mick and Patty Arand of Stockton and Dave and Maryjean Decker of Galena, Ill. Great grandparents are RJ and Lavonne Spillane of Apple River, Janaan Arand of Stockton, Judy Decker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Darlys Schulz of Waverly, Iowa.

Nicholas Lorenz

PEARL CITY — Monica Albrecht of Pearl City is the mother of a son Nicholas Glenn Lorenz born Friday Feb. 5, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Grandparents are Angie Albrecht of Warren. and Tim and Betty Albrecht of Pearl City. Great grandparents are Gary and Pat Miller of Warren.

American Legion Auxiliary Units of the Thirteenth District to host pie and soup events

LENA — On Saturday Feb. 27, the American Legion Auxiliary Units of the Thirteenth District will be hosting the pie baking contest. Fruit pies should be delivered to the American Legion Home in Lena by 10 a.m. Pies will be judged and cash prizes will be awarded. We need ladies and gentlemen to get out their rolling pins and submit a pie for judging.

On Sunday Feb. 28, the Units will sponsor a soup tasting from 11 to 3 p.m. Approximately twenty different soups will be

available for tasting and dessert for \$6.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be holding activities Feb. 27 and 28.

Come join us for a weekend of fun. The American Legion Home is located on West Main Street in Lena, across from the historical water tower.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Pearl City Elevator Inc. announces 'Agriculture First' scholarship

PEARL CITY — Pearl City Elevator, Inc. is proud to sponsor an 'Agriculture First' scholarship program. The company has been sponsoring the scholarship program which has been created to improve and support the agricultural industry for over 10 years. Pearl City Elevator, Inc. will award up to (3) three \$500 scholarships to qualifying students furthering their education in an agricultural field. Any high school senior graduating in 2016, pursuing a two or four year degree in livestock production, crop production, or closely related agricultural field is eligible.

Scholarship applications can be picked up at any of the following locations: Pearl City Elevator in Pearl City, McConnell Coop in McConnell, Dakota Coop in Dakota, Warren Coop in Warren, Baileyville Coop in

Baileyville, Alliance Nutrition or Alliance Commodities in Lena, by calling the Pearl City office at 1-800-851-8584, or on our website at www.pce-coops.com.

Applications must be post-marked by March 4, 2016.

Area student achieves placement on Cornell College's Dean's List

MOUNT VERNON, IA — Christy Ralston of Savanna was one of over 200 Cornell College students named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester. Ralston earned High Honors.

Honors signify a semester grade point average of 3.6 to 3.79; High Honors signifies an average of 3.8 to 3.99; and Highest Honors signifies a 4.0 grade point average.

Highland Community College Trustees pass first reading of tuition increase

FREEPORT — During their Feb. 16 regular meeting, the

Highland Community College Board of Trustees approved the first reading of a \$5 per credit hour tuition increase beginning in Fall 2016. This was the first of two readings required to set the new tuition rate.

If approved, in-district tuition would increase from \$123 per credit hour to \$128 per credit hour. The senior citizen rate would increase from \$92 to \$96 per credit hour. Out-of-district tuition will be set by a formula impacted by other community college tuition rates as they are established.

The increase is a direct result of the State of Illinois budget impasse, according to vice president of administrative services, Jill Janssen. Highland has received no state funding for the current fiscal year and most indications are that the budget will not be passed by the state, leaving all community colleges and universities without state funding for the year.

For Highland, this is a loss of about \$1.5 million, which is 10 percent of the College's operating budget. There is no information about the state's fiscal year 2017 budget at this point, however, most reports indicate that a budget may not be passed until after the November election.

"The College has taken steps to reduce expenses, such as limiting expenses to those that are deemed essential, reducing staffing, reducing employee benefits, and negotiating savings with vendors," said Janssen. "In any fiscal year, the recommendation for any tuition rate increase take into account affordability for students, Highland's comparability to other colleges' per credit hour tuition and fees, and Highland's projected budget."

Trustees discussed the option of revisiting tuition rates prior to the beginning of the spring

2017 semester registration period in September when more may be known about state funding.

The Board of Trustees also approved a resolution providing the issuance of working cash bonds in the amount of \$2,485,000. This was the final step in the bond issuance process. At the January board meeting, Trustees held a public hearing to receive comments regarding the College's plans to sell working cash bonds.

The funds from the bond sale can only be used to support the cash flow of the College and ensure there is cash to make payment on current expenses. Future tax levies could be structured so the College's overall tax rate stays in the same range that it has in prior years. The working cash bonds issuance will add about four cents to the College's tax year 2015 levy, or about \$10 for the a home with an assessed valuation of \$100,000.

"While the College faces a very challenging financial situation, Highland is in a much better position than some other colleges in the state whose budgets comprise 30 percent or more in state funding. The working cash bonds will ensure that there is cash flow available to support operations," Janssen said.

Area student named to Virginia Military Institute dean's list

LEXINGTON, VA—The following Virginia Military Institute cadet is among the 735 cadets who were recently named to the Dean's List for the first semester of academic year 2015-16. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a cadet must have a term grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and no grade below C.

Mark A. Nytko - A senior

from Roscoe, Ill., is majoring in International Studies. Cadet Nytko's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Paul Nytko.

Area student named to Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

WINONA, MN—The following students was named to the first semester, 2015-16 Dean's List at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. The list includes 336 undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.60 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Savannah Uding, daughter of Bryon and Giselle Uding of Orangeville.

Leland and Marjorie Wenzel Kentland Farms Agricultural Scholarship Fund

STATELINE — One or two \$1,500 scholarships are being offered through the Leland and Marjorie Wenzel Kentland Farms Agricultural Scholarship Fund.

The grants are open to graduates of Lena-Winslow or Pearl City High Schools who will be continuing their education in an agricultural discipline for the 2016-17 academic years at an accredited college or university. Applicants can be freshman or upperclassmen in the fall 2016 semester, with the application deadline being April 15, 2016.

Applicants must include three letters of recommendation, along with high school transcripts (for incoming freshmen) or college transcripts (for students with at least 30 credit hours earned) and an essay page highlighting educational and vocational goals.

Applications are available at the guidance offices at Pearl City and Lena-Winslow High Schools.

UW-Platteville awards fall semester diplomas

PLATTEVILLE, WI — The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 500 graduates after the fall 2015 semester. Graduates from this area include Michael Carroll, Agricultural Business and Andrew Graves, Civil Engineering both of Elizabeth, Carrie Carroll of Orangeville in Elementary Education and from Stockton, Ashlynn Wampfler, Chemistry.

Commencement ceremonies were held Dec. 12 on Bo Ryan Court in Williams Fieldhouse, and the university has now officially certified the graduation list.

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Tessa Tucker

Eighth Grade Honors

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Jo Daviess County Beef Association scholarship applications available

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — The Jo Daviess County Beef Association Scholarship Fund has been established to provide financial assistance to Jo Daviess County residents studying agricultural related fields. The Beef Association Scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the scholarship recipients.

Scholarships of \$1000.00 will be awarded as funds permit.

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Please contact your High School Counselor or call Karen Koester, Scholarship Committee Chairperson at 815-858-2318 for questions or an application.

Jim Vondra Memorial Scholarship offered

PEARL CITY — Pearl City Elevator Inc. is committed to the sponsorship of the Jim Vondra Memorial Scholarship. Jim was a highly personable and conscientious employee. His customer dedication was second only to his family. His customers invariably became his friends, and their concerns also became his.

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All applications must be posted marked by March 4, 2016.

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Freeport Community Foundation accepting YAC grant applications

FREEPORT — The Freeport Community Foundation is currently accepting Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grant applications. YAC grant application forms are available on the Foundation's web-

site at www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org, by calling the Foundation at 815-801-3035, or emailing fcfdirector@freeportcommunityfoundation.org. Applications must be received at the Freeport

Community Foundation, 524 West Stephenson Street, Suite 102, Freeport, IL 61032, by 4 p.m. Feb. 29.

Any 501(c)(3) organization with youth programs in Stephenson, Jo Daviess, or Car-

roll Counties may apply for a YAC grant from the Foundation. Grant awards will be announced in April by the Youth Advisory Council at a YAC grant reception.

The Freeport Community Foundation established the YAC in 2009 to train young people about the importance of volunteerism and philanthropy. The YAC is made up of students (ages 14-20) who live in Freeport and the surrounding areas. Students may attend area high schools, Highland Community College or home school programs. YAC members learn about philanthropy

and leadership by attending monthly meetings that focus on the grant process. Members master the components of a good grant, and review the grant applications received and make recommendations for grant awards to the Foundation's Board of Directors. YAC members also learn how to raise funds and improve their public relations skills.

Questions about YAC? For further information about YAC or the grant process, contact the Foundation office at fcfdirector@freeportcommunityfoundation.org or 815-801-3035.

Area churches to serve Lenten lunches

PEARL CITY — Lenten lunches will be served at Pearl City First United Methodist Church on Wednesdays at noon starting Feb. 24. There will be a brief message, music and a free will offering taken. On Feb. 24 the lunch will be served by Ebenezer. Then on March 2, St. John's Lutheran Church will serve the meal. On March 9, Pearl City UMC will be serving the meal, followed by Yellow Creek Brethren on March 16. The last lunch will be served by Zion Church on March

23. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating this Lenten season.

Also during our Lenten season, Pastor DooSoo Lee will be doing a sermon series titled "When Trouble Finds You." Please join us for an inspiring message at the Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. Immediately following the service, there will be Sunday School held in our lower level. We are located at 411 S. Main Street in Pearl City.

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CHURCH NOTES

PASTOR'S CORNER

The "I am" sayings of Jesus

By Gary Rich - Lay Servant
Lena United Methodist Church

LENA — The adult Sunday school class continues our study of Adam Hamilton's new book, *John The Gospel of Light and Life*. This week's study is on the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. Today we are going to concentrate on only two of those sayings. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35) and "I am the light of world" (John 8:12). Let's start with the bread. The Bible contains numerous situations where Jesus feeds the multitudes with only a few loaves of bread. The meal the Israelites ate the night of the Passover included lamb, bread, and wine. This meal became an annual celebration to reenact the Passover story. Bread has been part of every meal throughout history. Bread can sustain us and also binds people together when they share it. When Jesus says "I am the bread of Life", he is talking about spiritual sustenance and bringing people together in community. The other saying we are going to talk about today is about light. Jesus tells that whoever follows him won't walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Jesus came to guide us through our darkest times. Darkness also represents a spiritual blindness. When we believe in Jesus, our eyes are opened and suddenly we see ourselves and the world in his light. Christmas Eve candlelight service is my favorite service. We light the Christ candle to show that Christ is the light of the world, and then from the Christ candle we light all the other candles. This signifies that we all have received the light of Christ.

Jesus wants us to reach out and help those in need. It can be supporting our local food pantry or helping at Rockford Rescue Mission. If you want to reach out across the globe, Compassion International is a very good program: helping feed children all over the world and offering them the message of Jesus Christ's grace. I like this program because it pairs you up with one child. You have the opportunity to interact through letters and pictures. We can't help every child in the world, but we each can help one child learn about Jesus, that otherwise might not have

that opportunity. Lena United Methodist Church will be participating in Compassion Sunday in April again this year. There will be an opportunity for everyone to help support the efforts of Compassion International.

Join us at Lena United Methodist Church on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for the service and fellowship time after. Sunday school is at 10:30.

"Get your sparkle on!"

By Pastor Rick Bader
St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

"Jesus radiance is like the sunlight." Habakkuk 3:4

LENA—Have you lost your sparkle? You know, that gleam in your eyes, your passion for life, the excitement about God's leading in your life? What happened to your smile? What happened to your happiness?

It's not about us, it's about God's Spirit shining through us, breaking through the hurts and pains and dullness of life. We allow ourselves to become dull over time. We let others steal some of our shimmer. We sometimes tone things down so as not to stand out among others that don't have the Spirit's sparkle. We stop acting like God is making things happen in our lives through miracles. We're not as nice as we used to be.

We're missing part of who God made us to be. I googled some Scriptures about "sparkling".

There's this one: "The Lord their God will save His people on that day as a shepherd saves his flock. They will sparkle in His land like jewels in a crown." (Zechariah 9:16)

We are in need of rescuing; rescuing from ourselves and our trail of negative thinking about ourselves and others.

We're tired. We need a shepherd to lead us back to who He knew us to be. We want to be part of a friendly flock.

And His land? Here we're in a new spot. Tons of change has happened in our lives in the last few weeks or months and exciting times around each turn, but we are definitely in a new land that could only be God's.

I love that God had Zechariah use a word like sparkle. And I wonder if the crown He's referring to sits on our Savior's head. We want to adore Him and worship Him and reflect His glory in all we do.

"Jesus' radiance is like the sunlight." (Hab 3:4) Our sparkle doesn't come from us. But what a great reminder when we are feeling bad about ourselves and our situations. Our sparkle becomes dull and our spirit lethargic because we take our eyes off the Son. To reflect and sparkle with His light, we need to quit focusing on ourselves. We need to soak up Jesus, just like being out in the sun on the beautiful summer day—laying still in His peace, feeling His warmth, and letting Him remind us of who we are and whose we are.

We have to embrace how He made us and how we're different for a purpose. Are we doing that? "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky." (Phil 2:14-15)

Often times, grumbling and complaining have become second nature to us, whether it's our spouse, circumstances, our job, our health, you name it. If we're not saying it out loud, we're thinking it. Our hearts become warped and deflated.

What we really desire is to shine: "Let 'my' light shine before men, that they may see 'my' good deeds and praise our Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

We want to be stars that sparkle, burning with a consuming fire for the One we love. We want to sparkle again. Are you allowing what someone else has said to you, your self-consciousness, or embarrassment to lead you away from your unique design? Will you be a sparkling jewel in His crown once again? We need to fully embrace how He made us and how we're unique for a purpose.

So, get your sparkle on and get out there and shine the light of Jesus on everyone!

Christ Lutheran Church to host soup supper

STOCKTON — Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton, Illinois is having a soup supper on Monday, March 7, serving from 4:30 until 7 p.m.

The menu consists of chili, beef noodle soup, ham sandwiches, relishes, cookies and drink.

The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Children under 3 years of age are free.

Proceeds will go to Stockton student Rene Powers. For more information, please call Christ Lutheran Church at 815-947-2033.

Alleluia Quartet to sing at Calvary Church in Stockton

STOCKTON — The Alleluia Quartet from Rockford will be featured in the third joint Lenten Service which will be at Calvary Church in Stockton on Sunday night, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. The Calvary, Wesley, Kent and Willow churches have joined together to present Lenten Services on Sunday nights during Lent. The

Alleluia Quartet features John Vanderheyden, formerly of Stockton. All are welcome to attend this concert.

On March 6 at 7 p.m., the Service will be a Sing-spriation at Wesley Church. And to finish out the series on March 13, the Stockton Community Cantata will be held at 7 p.m. at Calvary Church.

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Wesley United Methodist Church schedules March Senior Connections meeting

STOCKTON — Senior Connections will resume at Wesley United Methodist Church on March 1 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a home cooked lunch prepared and served by volunteers and good fellowship. Please call 815-947-2172 for reservations by Feb. 28 so we will have adequate

seating and food for everyone. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend and enjoy the day.

Family connections will be Feb. 24 at 5:30. Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared and served by volunteers and join in the activities afterward. Everyone is welcome. Come and check it out.

Feb. 28 we will join Calvary UMC for a Lenten service with the Alleluia Quartet.

For information about any of these things call 815-601-6742.

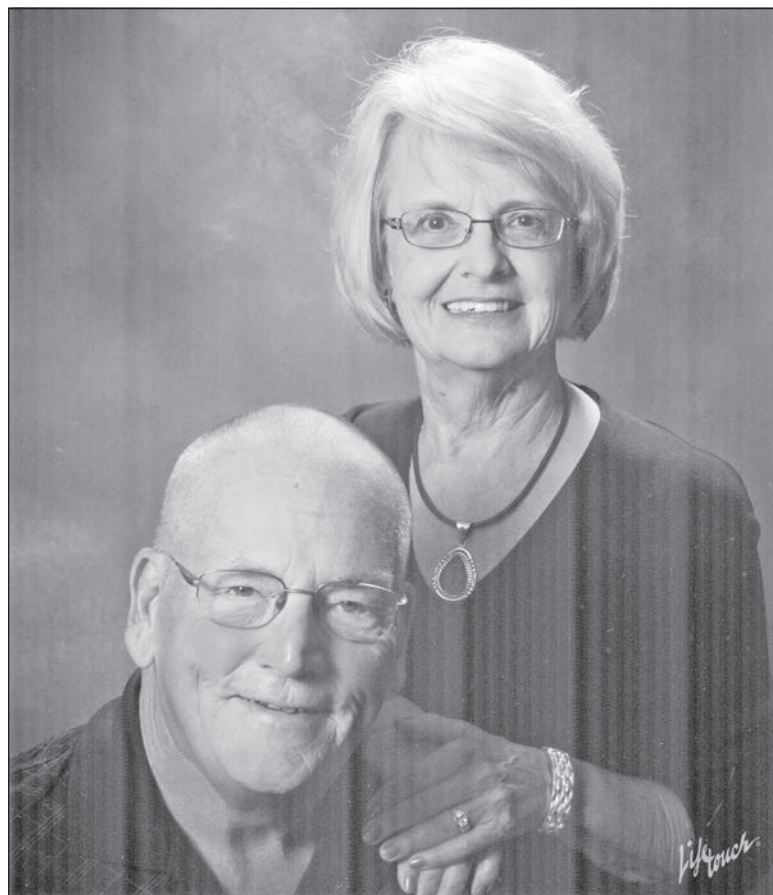
Regular worship service is Spark at 9:30 and Church service at 10:45.

All are welcome to join us. Our doors are open to all who wish to enter in.

Check us out on Facebook and on our website at stockton-wumc.org

We are on the corner of Benton and Hudson St. in Stockton and are handicap accessible.

ANNIVERSARY



JIM AND MARSHA NOLLER

Jim and Marsha Noller to celebrate gold anniversary

LENA — Jim and Marsha Noller, Lena, Ill. will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday Feb. 27, 2016. They were married on a snowy Sunday evening at the Apple River Methodist Church by the Rev. Douglas Bonebreak. Attendants were Nancy Noller Farrington and Barton Macomber.

They have three children, Amy Boeke (Scott) of N. Augusta S.

C, Erin Bidlingmaier (Layne) Winslow, Ill. & Neil Noller, Lena, Ill. Grandchildren are Bryce Boeke, Grace and Jenna Bidlingmaier, and Shannon, Nathan and Jackson Noller.

Jim and Marsha are snowbirds in Venice Fla. and will host a family dinner in June in Lena. Cards may be sent to 20342 Cavallo Ct., Venice Fla. 34292.

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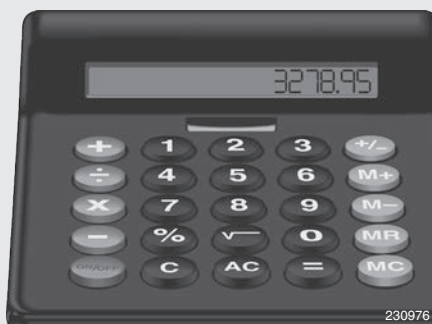
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Jo Daviess County Democrats schedule

March meeting

STATELINE — The Jo Daviess County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, at the West Galena Township Hall, 607 Gear St., Galena. A discussion about the upcoming March 15 primary election will follow the business part of the meeting.

The group meets regularly at 6 p.m., on the first Tuesday of each month at different locations throughout the county. For more information, go to www.facebook.com/groups/JoDems/, or phone 815-777-0533.

Governor Rauner announces support of legislation providing mandate relief to School Districts

LOMBARD — Governor Bruce Rauner today announced his support of legislation that would save Illinois public schools more than \$200 million through unfunded mandate relief.

“Providing districts with this relief costs taxpayers absolutely nothing, but will save districts millions,” Governor Bruce Rauner said. “By freeing districts from these costly mandates, schools will have more flexibility to invest their resources in classrooms and teachers. It’s a win for students, parents, districts and taxpayers.”

The legislation eliminates restrictions on third-party contracting, which eases limita-

tions and financial pressures on school districts. This type of mandate relief is already provided to Chicago Public Schools and this legislation extends this relief to every school district in Illinois. In addition, it eases the requirement on schools to offer drivers education and physical education classes.

Third-party contracting relief, drivers education mandate relief and physical education mandate relief are three of the 27 proposals from the Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates Task Force.

“School district unfunded mandates drive up property taxes and limit local control,” Lt. Governor Sanguinetti

said. “As a mother of three, I think local school districts and parents should be deciding what’s best for our children, not Springfield. We need to give the power and flexibility back to local communities and parents, and this bill does just that.”

Illinois school districts have been forced to comply with nearly 150 unfunded mandates in the past 25 years, with the General Assembly enacting more than 135 unfunded mandates in the last 15 years.

“Mandate relief is an issue of critical importance to school districts across Illinois. Countless state mandates impact nearly every aspect of every district across our state,” said State Senator Jason Barickman (R-Bloomington), the chief sponsor of SB 3098. “Relief from these costly mandates is essential to giving districts the flexibility they need, and allows them to direct their limited resources to the classroom, where they are needed the most.”

“Schools desperately need relief from burdensome unfunded mandates that are passed down to them by the state and federal government,” said State Representative Ron Sandack (R-Downers Grove), chief sponsor of HB 6164. “The provisions of this bill will give our local schools a great deal more flexibility so they can make their educational offerings more student centered and cost effective.”

Make plans now to attend Ladies Day Out in Lena

LENA — Ladies, save the date for the fresh and fabulous spring Ladies Day Out on May 7, at the Downtown Lena, IL from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. We will be hosting a food drive, a variety of raffles and more at Ladies Day Out. As always, admission is free so stop by and support local businesses. Proceeds from our annual raffle will benefit the Lena Area Church Cooperative so make sure you grab a ticket or three on your way into the event. The raffle is the perfect way to help the less fortunate in our community, all the while giving you a chance to win some incredible prizes! Gentlemen are welcome to attend too.

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Location: Downtown Municipal Parking Lot, Lena, IL

Date: Saturday, May 7

Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois celebrates local girls during National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend

STATELINE — This Feb. 26–28, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI), along with its sister councils across the country, will participate in National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, a celebration of all the fun and excitement girls have selling Girl Scout Cookies. National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend gives girls in northern Illinois a chance to show off their cookie-selling skills by participating in booth and direct sales throughout the area!

National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend also gives GSNI an opportunity to highlight its most innovative and successful cookie entrepreneurs and what they plan on doing with their cookie funds to benefit their communities. Through the cookie program’s “5 Skills,” each amazing young #cookieboss develops creative and resourceful ways to sell cook-

ies. The more cookies girls sell, the more money they have to invest in community service projects, learning experiences, and travel opportunities.

Girl Scout Cookies are about so much more than a tasty treat. They are about teaching girls basic business skills and instilling a lifelong sense of civic responsibility that creates leaders. At GSNI, many amazing girls do positive things with their cookie money. During National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend, GSNI celebrates these stories while helping girls meet their cookie goals.

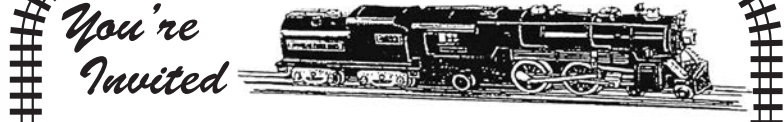
One hundred percent of the net revenue raised through Girl Scout Cookie sales in northern Illinois stays with GSNI and its troops, so customers who purchase Girl Scout Cookies are not only getting a delicious treat—they are also making an important investment in their

communities.

“National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend is one of the most exciting events on the Girl Scout calendar,” said Anna Maria Chávez, CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA. “It’s our opportunity to speak with one unified voice and tell the story of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and everything it does to help prepare the next generation of female leaders. To help girls unlock their own leadership potential and realize the difference they can make in this world is at the heart of the Girl Scout mission. For nearly a century, our cookie program

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Kempel returns to Community Bank as vice president and loan officer

LENA — Community Bank is pleased to announce Jason Kempel of Lena has returned to the banking industry as its Vice President and Loan Officer. Kempel took a hiatus from

the banking industry to work as a financial analyst for architectural firm, Lingle Design Group, Inc. in Lena, from 2011-2015 but recently returned to the bank. As Vice President, Loan Officer

and Director at Community Bank, Kempel will manage agriculture and commercial lending. He will meet with clients to understand their financial objectives and find the best product

alignment to help them obtain their goals. Kempel has ten years of experience in the banking industry.

Kempel is involved in several organizations within the community including the Lena Lions Club, West Point Mutual Insurance Company Board of Directors, Freeport Health Network Foundation Board of Directors and Lena Retreat Board of Directors. He also serves as chairman of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Lena Finance Council.

"It's an honor to return to

Community Bank and work for an organization that truly supports the surrounding region and its people," said Kempel. "I enjoy being part of the Community Bank team and helping my clients achieve financial success."

Kempel graduated from Lena-Winslow High School before attending Highland Community College. From there, he earned his degree in Agricultural Business from University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Kempel and his wife, Jennifer, have three children, Owen, Emma and Luke.

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OTHER PROPERTIES



WINSLOW - COUNTRY - NICE COUNTRY LOCATION on 7 acres M/L. Surrounded by timber on 2 sides, fenced-in pasture, garden and garden shed. Located on hard surface road and asphalt driveway. Several black walnut trees and an abundance of wildlife (turkey, deer, etc.). 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch home, main floor laundry and 2 stall attached garage with a nice amount of storage. Updates include newer hidden fastener steel roof, mudded drywall throughout most of the home, kitchen backsplash, oak window sills, oak beams, oak crown molding and water softener. Property heats very efficiently. This home is in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) call for details. A MUST SEE. Priced at \$157,000



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LENA - BRICK HOME ON CORNER LOT features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, eat-in kitchen plus a dining room, walk-in pantry, living room and an enclosed back porch. Large yard and a detached garage. Many updates to this home include furnace, central air, roof, windows, gutters, water heater, garage siding, roof, overhead and walk in door. Priced at \$69,900

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All Conference Academic Bowl Tournament results announced

STATELINE — The All Conference Academic Bowl Tournament results are posted. Congratulations to Galena on a first place victory! Congratulations also to River Ridge – 2nd place, Eastland- 3rd place and Pearl City- 4th place. Thank you to all the readers, timers, and scorers.

- Pool 1**
1. AFC- 370
 2. Durand- 470
 3. East Dubuque- 560
 4. Forreston- 470
 5. Pearl City- 540
 6. River Ridge- 570
- Pool 2**
1. Aquin- 490
 2. Lena-Winslow- 510
 3. Milledgeville-640
 4. Pecatonica-770
 5. Stockton-426.
 6. West Carroll-390

- Pool 3**
1. Dakota- 730
 2. Eastland- 590
 3. Galena- 700
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- Only top 8 teams: Bracket Play:
- River Ridge vs Milledgeville
 Pecatonica 190 vs Eastland 270
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The ball handling and rebounding were fearless when the Pearl City and Eastland eighth grade girls basketball teams met Tuesday in Shannon



Tracy Slegner photos
Pearl City and Eastland eighth grade teams squared off Tuesday night in Shannon and folks got to see the future of girl's basketball for the two schools.

Pearl City vs. Eastland

The seventh grade Pearl City and Eastland girls basketball teams where no strangers to expert ball handling when the two teams met Tuesday evening in Shannon.

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Lena Living Center is set to open its new therapy and residential wings

By Tony Carton
Editor

LENA — The Lena Living Center, a nursing home and skilled nursing facility has completed a massive expansion and renovation project and will host an open house on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 24.

“Everything is finished and we are waiting for our state certification,” said Lena Living Center co-owner Joyce Ciyou. “There are twenty private suites, a gorgeous therapy area and we will be doing outpatient therapy.”

There is also a new program for the physicians and the therapists to offer, called the Stepping Up Program.

“With the Stepping Up Program they will be able to use a lot of our new state of the art equipment,” she said. “We know that with our outpatient therapy group wants to get in at a convenient time, get their therapy and be on their way



Tracy Siegner photos

The nearly completed construction project at the Lena Living Center will add a roomy new dining area 20 private suites, and a very large and well equipped physical therapy facility.

and we know that many of the admissions that we are getting now are folks that are here for short term therapy. They want to come to a rehab center where they can be comfortable; where there is a home-like environment, but they can get the state of the art therapy equipment to use and they can get great clinical and physician’s services.”

The Lena Living Center caters to several types of patients: some patients require short-term rehab while recovering from surgery; others require long-term nursing and medical supervision. In addition, some nursing homes offer specialized care programs for Alzheimer’s or other illnesses, or short-term respite care for frail or disabled persons when a family member requires a rest from providing care in the home.

The Lena Living Center is also a skilled nursing facility (SNF). Its staff of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and certified nurse aids provide skilled nursing care and related services for residents who require medical or nursing care; or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled, or sick persons.

The Lena Living Center is adding a new Wellness Program as well.

“We will be working with different hospitals and different organizations because we want to offer something to Lena that will allow them to come in and use our Nautilus equipment

for wellness,” Ciyou said. “We are also starting that program for our staff because we really want to encourage our staff to be healthy.”

Her husband Robert is a general contractor and while he is not the contractor for the current construction at the center, he has been instrumental in overseeing the project.

“We decided to go with a local contractor, but Robert has been helping to see things move ahead quickly and according to our plan,” Ciyou said. “We are one of the owners and we’ve been spending more time in Lena to get to know the folks here and get a feel for the community.”

Once the new therapy and residential wings are open, Robert Ciyou will be overseeing the contracting on the facility’s new Memory Care Unit.

“Memory Care is where there is a focus on a lot of the activities of day to day living,” he said. “On the unit we will be helping folks to attain what faculties they have and the staff will work with them to help them maintain a purpose in life.”

There will also be a Life Enrichment Center which is something else that is new for Lena.

“Through our new Life Enrichment Center we want to really focus on those things that enrich the quality of life,” he said. “It will be staffed with a higher staffing ratio and be able to do some programming to help the residents feel that they are as engaged as they possibly can be, and will the enrichment center will also cater to the families of our residents.”

The Lena Living Center operates under the principal admitting the family when they admit a resident.

“We want to be able to cater to the family,” Ciyou said. “We are moving our Social Service area to where there is also a family lounge so a family can wait comfortably while moving through the social services processes.”

And, there are plans underway for the formation of an auxiliary group.

“So often people come and want to help, but say they don’t really do anything that would provide a service,” said Ciyou. “Our residents just love when someone will just sit and talk with them. We need people to come in just to engage with our residents, to talk with them or maybe work a puzzle with them or to walk with them; simple activities that improve the quality of life for our residents.”

Learn more about the services and quality of life at the Lena Living Center and how you can support their work. Visit them online at lenaliving.com or stop by 1010 South Logan Street, Lena, IL or call (815) 369-4561 Get involved, make a difference.



The new Dining Area in the Lena Living Center also houses the Life Enrichment Center home to many activities that focus on improving the quality of life for the center’s residents



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LENA LIBRARY NEWS

By Dixie Althoff
Director

LENA — Did everyone get that special someone something for Valentine's Day? I hope no one got left out. We had a Valentine prize drawing at the library. Gloria Howarth was the winner of a basket filled with lots of goodies. Congratulations to Gloria and we hope you are enjoying it.

Story hour and after school programs have been busy. Last week the after school group had a Valentine's Party. The

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War was fought as much over States Rights as it was over slavery.

Buss, who started performing as Lincoln when he was a young man, said he interprets Lincoln for school groups about a third of the time.

"Mostly I work with high school and middle school groups, so I was intrigued with the invitation for an elementary audience," he said. "Their response was just heartwarming."

He stressed the importance of reading several times during his presentation.

craft was decorating a Valentine's Day bookmark. Valentines Bingo was played and prizes were awarded. Valentine cookies baked at the library and heart shaped cakes were enjoyed by everyone. Juice was also provided. Look forward to seeing them all next week for lots more fun!

The preschool story hour last week enjoyed Valentine's Day parties as well. They placed hearts on the tree in the story hour room, read Froggy's First Kiss by Jonathan

London, and made Love

Bug bookmarks. Busy-Busy! At the end of the hour, the children exchanged Valentines and had a nice treat plus heart shaped cakes.

Everyone left with a cute Valentine bag with all their goodies!

This week snowflakes were placed on the tree and The Hat by Jan Brett was read.

To go along with the book the children made hats. The hats were made from white paper and colored with a couple different colors together-made to look like they were knitted. Cotton balls were glued on the front and on the top to finish them off. They were really cute! Circle time was with the winter songs and finger plays.

New winter fiction: Girls Guide to Moving On by Debbie Macomber, Preachers

Lady by Lori Copeland, Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald,

Room for Hope by Kim Vogel Sawyer, Wedding Cake Murder by Joanne Fluke,

"It is so important, especially for these younger groups to adopt the habit of reading," Buss said. "You are not going to get anywhere without a deep understanding of what you are reading. Reading is a skill you just cannot do too much of. Even as we age, reading remains most important. It never goes away."

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — What a beautiful Saturday we had. The weather was warm, and it was a great day to be outside. I couldn't say the same for Friday because almost everything that wasn't anchored down was blowing around. The wind was so strong in the Sullivan's parking lot that I couldn't get the car door to stay open. I gave up and went back on Saturday—I know you don't fool around with Mother Nature. It is too bad our warmth is short lived, but at least most of the snow and ice are gone. It is great to get out of your car on Main Street and not have to wade through snow and water. If it gets colder, the pavements are clear and everything is much easier. As winter winds down, we are in the middle of Lent and racing towards Spring. This week we are featuring some meatless alternatives and a yummy dessert.

The first recipe is for an easy onion and cheese dip. Keep it

around for Vidalia onion season or just use sweet onions that are available this time of the year. The horseradish gives it just a little kick, and you can put it in the crock pot to serve. It will keep warm for as long as it lasts.

Vidalia Onion Swiss Dip

2 C. chopped Vidalia or sweet onion (about 1 large)
 2 C. shredded Swiss cheese
 2 C. mayonnaise
 ¼ C. prepared horseradish
 1 t. hot pepper sauce
 Black pepper to taste
 Preheat the oven to 375. In a large bowl, mix the onions, cheese, mayo, horseradish, and pepper sauce. Transfer to a deep-dish pie plate. Bake, uncovered for 25-30 minutes or until edges are golden brown and onion is tender. If desired, sprinkle with black pepper. Serve with crackers or vegetables. You can put hot dip in a crock pot to serve and it stays nice and warm.

This meatless soup can be made with vegetable broth as a substitute for the bouillon cubes to make it truly meatless. You will need to adjust the water for the vegetable broth. Lentils are part of the bean group that is a healthy substitute for meat. The Parmesan cheese on the top makes it special. Serve it with salad

and crusty bread, and you have a main course meal.

Italian Lentil Soup

2 t. olive oil
 2 medium onions, chopped
 2 celery ribs, thinly sliced
 1 medium carrot, chopped
 1 C. dried lentils, rinsed
 ¼ C. minced fresh parsley
 1 T. beef or chicken bouillon granules
 ½ t. pepper
 5 ¼ C. water
 1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
 2 T. white vinegar
 2 t. brown sugar
 ½ t. salt
 2 T. shredded Parmesan cheese

In a Dutch oven coated with cooking spray, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, celery and carrot; cook and stir until crisp-tender.

Stir in lentils, parsley, bouillon, pepper and water; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered 20-25 minutes or until the lentils are tender, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the tomato paste, vinegar, sugar and salt and heat. Serve with grated Parmesan cheese.

If you are into just serving vegetables for your meatless meals, this broccoli casserole is one to use. Serve it with a salad and bread, and it will fill you up as a main course meal. (It also is a great side for Easter dinner!)

Broccoli Casserole

5 T. butter
 1 onion, chopped
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 1 C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 1 C. mayonnaise
 2 eggs, beaten
 ½ t. garlic salt
 ½ t. seasoned salt
 ¼ t. black pepper
 1 ½ t. lemon juice
 7 C. (20 oz.) frozen broccoli florets, thawed, thoroughly patted dry with paper towels
 ½ C. Ritz crackers (about 12)
 Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 2-quart baking dish. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté onion, stirring until golden, about 5 minutes.

Stir together soup, cheese, mayo, eggs, garlic and seasoned salt, pepper, and lemon juice in a large bowl. Fold in the broccoli and onion. Spread in prepared dish. Sprinkle crushed crackers over the top and dot with remaining 2 tablespoons of butter

Bake, uncovered, until heated through and browned on top, about 45 minutes. Alternatives: You can top with Cheeze-It crackers; you can also use fresh broccoli and French fried onion rings on the top.

The last main dish for a meatless meal is this rich lasagna. It is made with artichokes, spinach and lots of cheese. Be sure you squeeze the spinach to remove all the liquid. You can use either ricotta for a more traditional lasagna taste or the feta for a different take on a

traditional dish.

Artichoke-Spinach Lasagna

8 oz. lasagna noodles
 2 C. chopped onion
 4 garlic cloves, minced
 1 C. vegetable broth
 1 T. chopped fresh rosemary
 1 jar marinated (12-14 oz.) artichoke hearts, drained and chopped or water-packed artichoke hearts
 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained, and squeezed dry
 1 jar (24-28 oz.) marinara sauce
 3 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

1 pkg. (4 oz.) feta cheese, crumbled or ricotta cheese
 Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add noodles and cook until al dente, 8-10 minutes or according to package directions. Drain well.

In a large skillet that has been sprayed with cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté until tender, 7-10 minutes. Stir in broth and rosemary and bring to a boil. Stir in artichokes and spinach, then reduce heat and simmer, covered 5 minutes. Stir in marinara sauce.

Spread a quarter of artichoke mixture (about 1 ½ cups) in bottom of prepared baking dish, top with 3 cooked noodles, and sprinkle with ¾ cup mozzarella. Repeat layers 2 more

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times, then top with remaining artichoke mixture and mozzarella. Sprinkle with feta.

Bake, covered with foil, about 40 minutes. Uncover and bake until hot and bubbly, about 15 minutes more. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting. Variation: use only ½ cup of broth and ¼ cup whipping cream in the sauce to make it a gourmet dish. You can also add chicken if you need meat.

This next recipe would be great for a brunch or as a dessert treat. It is really easy to make and the taste is yummy—what is better than caramel rolls?

Mini Caramel Rolls

½ C. packed brown sugar
1/3 C. butter, cubed
2 T. light corn syrup
1½ t. milk
1 tube (8 oz.) refrigerated crescent rolls
2 t. sugar
½ t. cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 375. In a small saucepan, combine the brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and milk; cook and stir over medium heat until blended. Pour into a greased 9-inch pie plate.

Separate crescent dough into four rectangles; gently press perforations to seal. In a small bowl, mix sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle evenly over the rectangles. Roll up jelly-roll style, starting with a long side; pinch seams to seal.

Cut each roll into nine slices;

place in a prepared dish, cut side down. Bake 15-18 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 1 minute before inverting onto a serving plate.

These dessert bars will melt in your mouth. They are made with sweetened condensed milk for the filling. If you are not into coconut, you can stop reading. If you like coconut, you will want to make these great bars. I think they would be a good addition to a Christmas cookie platter; however, they will be even better as an Easter dessert.

Buttery Coconut Bars

2 C. flour
1 C. packed brown sugar
½ t. salt
1 C. butter, melted
Filling:
3 large eggs
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
½ C. flour
¼ C. packed brown sugar
¼ butter, melted
3 t. vanilla
½ t. salt
4 C. flaked coconut, divided

Preheat the oven to 350. Line a 9 x 13 pan with parchment paper, letting ends extend up and over the sides. In a large bowl, mix the flour, brown sugar and salt; stir in 1 cup melted butter. Press onto the bottom of prepared pan. Bake 12-15 minutes or until light brown. Cool 10 minutes on a wire rack.

Reduce the oven heat to 325. In a large bowl, whisk the first seven filling ingredients until blended; stir in 3 cups of coconut. Pour over crust; sprinkle with remaining coconut. Bake 25-30 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Lifting with parchment paper, remove from pan and cut into bars.

We are putting February to bed—we do have that extra day at the beginning of next week. I have several friends who are Leap Year babies—one of my friends is 14 this year! I imagine when they were young, it was confusing to them on which day to celebrate their nonbirthday! We will be racing toward St. Patrick's Day, so if you have

any good “green” recipes or corned beef variations, send them our way.

We will continue to look for recipes for Lent and for Easter, which is about a month away. 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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March 3 - Lena Living Center will be doing blood pressures at the Lena Retreat

March 5 - Lena Living Center will be at Lou Bachrodt doing blood pressures from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 12 - Friends of the Pecatonica will be having a Spring Thaw Fund Raiser & Silent Auction. This will be held at Rafters Restaurant. Open 5 p.m., serving at 6 p.m.

Buffet Dinner Menu: Herbed Chicken, Ham, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Roll, Coffee or Tea. Advance tickets or At-The-Door \$20, Children 3 to 10-\$9 and Children under 3 - free. For more info or to purchase advance tickets call Rafters (815)369-5330, or Mickie (815)263-9857, or John (815)238-6895

March 16 - Lena Living

Center will have a ‘Community Supper’ from 5-6 p.m.

March 17 - Lena Living Center will be doing blood pressures at Stella's

March 17 - Friends of the Pecatonica meet at Rafters for the monthly meeting which is held on the third Thursday of every month. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Please contact Joseph Ginger for more information at 815-233-2154.

March 18 - Lena Living Center will start a Coloring Contest for Easter, call for more information

March 19 - Lena Living Center will be at the Home Show in Freeport promoting respite care from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

March 20 - Lena Living Center will be at the Home Show in Freeport promoting respite care from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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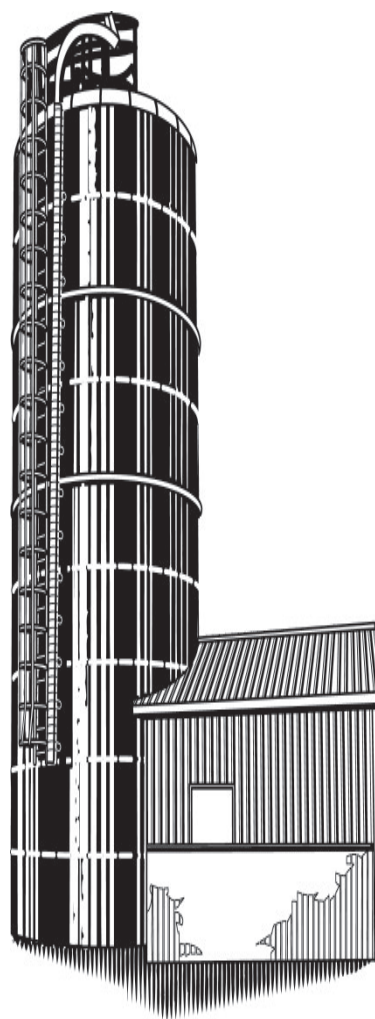


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LENA — Good Ventilation = Good Cattle Performance will be the theme of a Livestock Facility Workshop to be held March 8 at the Lena Community Center, 497 Lions Drive in Lena. This workshop will focus on the interaction of ventilation and herd health issues for beef and dairy cattle buildings. Not getting the performance you expect from a building or planning to build a new one? Plan to attend the 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. workshop hosted by University of Illinois Extension.

Featured speaker on herd health will be Dr. Cliff Shipley, DVM. The University of Illinois Veterinarian will set the stage with a "Diseases Development and Transmission via Aerial Methods" presentation. A U of I Dairy Focus Lab team member, Ines Bixquert, will present findings from the team's evaluation of several barns across the state. The presentation will focus the ventilation discussion on some real world examples.

After a look at the health issues, U of I Agricultural and Biological Engineers will provide information on design and management to achieve the maximum performance within existing buildings or new construction. Consideration on how to manage, control, and improve ventilation will be the topic of a presentation by Dr. Morgan Hayes. "How to choose ventilation fans" will be presented by

Dr. Rich Gates.

"Proper ventilation can improve animal productivity, and poor ventilation leads to poor air quality and higher incidence of disease," shares Dr. Morgan Hayes, University of Illinois Extension Agricultural Engineer.

"People often neglect to consider ventilation, either because they are not sure what can be done or because they consider it a minor issue, but it does affect the bottom line."

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Le-Win/Orangeville speech team recounts a year of success

Information compiled by **Tony Carton**
Editor

LENA — They came from all over Northern Illinois. From Chicago's western suburbs to the Mississippi, speech teams from twenty eight schools descended upon Freeport High School on Saturday, February 13 to participate in the Freeport IHSA Sectional Speech Tournament, the contest to determine who goes to "state". Le-Win/Orangeville was one of those twenty eight teams.

"We've been to the state tournament seven times since 2003, but this year it didn't happen", said head coach Tom Fore. "The kids were great. I can't emphasize that enough. But, this was one of those years when our numbers were down. We didn't have nearly as many kids to draw from this year for various reasons, one of which was an unusually small Lena-Winslow freshman class. We struggled at times to cover all of the fourteen speaking categories this season, but adjustments have been made and plans are already being set in place to bring us up to full strength for next year. We were caught a little off guard due to various circumstances at the beginning of the year. It's my job to make sure that doesn't happen again."

The road to the state tournament is a very tough one. First, a student has to be selected by his/her coach for the post-season State Series Team. Then, at the first State Series tournament, Regionals, the student must compete in two preliminary rounds and finish in the top six out of a field that ranges from 9 to 12. After this, he/she must compete again and finish in the top four to advance to the next round of competition, Sectionals. There, the process is repeated except the competition is more intense. And, assuming the student advances to the final

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Representing the NUIC, Galena played at Illinois Valley Community College in the Oglesby Class 1A Super-Sectional on Monday, Feb. 22.

Details of that contest are unavailable at this time.

If the Lady Pirates win on Monday against Shabbona-Indian Creek, they will move to Redbird Arena in Normal, for the State of Illinois' Final Four and a shot at the Class 1A Title, beginning this Friday, Feb. 26.



Courtesy photo

Orangeville High School student Justin Malone is shown here with his fourth-place medal awarded at the Freeport Sectional Speech Tournament, held Jan. 13. Justin missed advancing to the state tournament by one ranking.

round, the speaker must be among the top three to advance to the state tournament.

But, just because no one from the Le-Win/Orangeville coop is making the trip to the Peoria Civic Center this year, that does not mean that individual successes were not enjoyed. Le-Win seniors Sophia Jurkovic and Rachael Wybourn finished a very respectable

eighth in their category of Dramatic Duet Acting.

"This was Sophie and Rachael's first year working together", Fore said. "It takes a couple or three years to build up the right amount of chemistry and learn to play off of each other with subtleties and nuances. But, for the amount of time they had working together, they did a fantastic job throughout the season, and they have the awards to show for it."

The closest the coop team came to advancing to state this year was Orangeville freshman Justin Malone, and "close" was very close. Again, the top three in each speaking category move one. Justin finished . . . 4th. This is considered by the team's coaching staff as a success for three reasons; 1st, very few freshmen state-wide rank this highly at this level of competition; 2nd, Justin's rank was the highest ever for a Le-Win/Orangeville freshman; and 3rd, he's just a freshman and he finished 4th.

"Justin will be branching out into a second category next season", Fore said. "We're lucky to have him."

Although the speech season has ended for Le-Win Orangeville for another year, preparations for next year have already begun.

"I tell the kids that next year begins now," Fore said. "Some students have their new scripts already, and I'm working on

cutting down some of the longer, more complex pieces for our more experienced team members. Plus, I'm taking a few of our kids to a slam poetry competition at Jefferson High in Rockford this April for additional exposure

to this exciting form of communication. Like any other sport or activity that strives for excellence, we take this seriously and work at it year-round in some fashion. We're looking forward to returning in top form next year."

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Dated February 2, 2016

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Public Notice

A Public Hearing will be held by the Village President and Board of Trustees of Lena, IL

on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL 61048 for the purpose of hearing evidence regarding the request to rezone the following property:

213 Dayton Street, Lena IL (PIN 11-07-33-455-001) from Residential to Industrial

421 E. Lena Street, Lena, IL (PIN 11-07-33-451-006) from Residential to Industrial

201 Dayton Street, Lena, IL (PIN 11-07-33-455-009) from Commercial to Industrial

The rezoning is requested by FS Stephenson Service Company.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Interested persons may present either written or verbal comment at the public hearing.

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