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Tomori Salon and Spa formally opens in Stockton

By Tony Carton
Editor

STOCKTON — Tomori Salon & Spa is a Stockton family-owned salon offering beauty salon and day spa services to its clientele. The Tomori staff is experienced and sure to leave you excited about the way you look and feel. It's no wonder Tomori Salon & Spa has quickly become one of Stockton's beauty salon favorites.

"We are a full service salon," said Tomori Salon and Spa owner Karli (Dower) Weltzin. "We do hair coloring and cuts and nails. We use the no-chip polish with our manicures, and we do pedicures."

She said their spa pedicures feature hot towels and warm soothing oils.

"We have a massage therapist and we do facials," Weltzin said. "We have a tanning booth and we do air brush tanning."

Weltzin took ownership of the salon in early November, 2015 and hosted a formal ribbon cutting in early January.

"It was already in existence before I took it over," she said. "I just took the reins from Brooke because she was ready to step down and wanted to spend more family time. Running a salon is something I've always wanted to do and when the opportunity arose I went ahead."

There is history and a story behind her choice for a name for the salon.

"It all started with my dad's mother," said Weltzin. "Her name was Mieko Tomori. She lived in Japan before she met my grandpa and had already attended beauty school when



Courtesy photo

Members of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce celebrated a formal ribbon cutting with the folks at Tomori Salon and Spa on January 8, in Stockton.

they met. She got her degree from the school and I actually have her diploma hanging here in the salon."

Mieko knows of Weltzin's salon and of the diploma which is now displayed in the new business.

"I think she is honored," said Weltzin. "She is quiet and hasn't said much about it. She is shy, but I think she is happy about my moving ahead with a salon."

Her future intentions for the business involve increased interaction within the Stockton community.

"We've just recently joined the Stockton Chamber of Commerce," she said. "They

are becoming more involved with the community and I like that. I've offered to serve on committees with the Chamber and I'm looking forward to being involved and getting other businesses active here too."

She said her team and the atmosphere they've built is their secret for success.

"There is a new feel to the salon," said Weltzin. "I think the people feel more pam-

pered when they come in and making sure everyone feels relaxed has been our goal since the beginning. Part of that atmosphere is the result of our introducing oil diffusers at various locations in the salon so our clients can unwind in a calming atmosphere with aroma therapy."

If you are looking for a hair salon in Jo Daviess County, come to Tomori Salon & Spa where they specialize in body

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Stockton High School students sneak preview Fiddler on the Roof for SOS+

STOCKTON—Mark your calendars and be sure to join the fun on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 2 pm at Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for a sneak performance of scenes from the Stockton High School upcoming musical “Fiddler on the Roof”.

Lana Crandall, high school music and play director, shared a little glimpse into the background of this Broadway musical. Fiddler on the Roof took place in 1906 at the time of the Russian revolution. Tevye, played by Drew Groezinger, is a poor

Jewish milkman. He and his wife, Golde, played by Nikki Bourland, explain the Jewish customs to their five daughters. Their lives are as precarious as the perch of a fiddler on a roof. Yente, the village matchmaker, played by Lauren Schubert, appears

to Golde to inform her of a wealthy butcher who wants to wed the oldest daughter. The five daughters are challenging their father’s traditional ways and Tevye struggles with the change from his customary Jewish life. Come join SOS in getting a glimpse of the upcoming live performance of this spectacular musical to be performed both Friday & Saturday evenings, March 11 and 12, at 7 p.m.

What a better way to spend a cold winter’s day by coming and getting a sneak preview by Stockton’s talented high school students. Please join us in fellowship with our area seniors of Stockton and surrounding areas (SOS+). All are invited. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. in Stockton’s Calvary’s UM Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments made by the seniors will conclude the day’s activi-

ties. SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton & Surrounding Areas) is an active outreach ministry with its main purpose to provide interesting programs, entertainment and fellowship to our area seniors. SOS+ is made up of area volunteers from all denominations who work diligently to bring fun and educational programs each month. An array of fun and exciting programs for 2016 are being planned, all in celebration of SOS+ 11th year of ministry. All seniors are invited. A freewill offering is taken to offset program costs.

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.

Warren Library’s annual ‘Stuff the Bag Sale’ dates announced

WARREN — The Warren Township Public Library staff has worked throughout the winter to clear out our many bookshelves and make room for new material. This means it’s time for the annual Stuff the Bag Sale at the library. Included in this year’s sale of both fiction and nonfiction from the adult and children’s departments are beloved authors Mary Higgins Clark, John Grisham, Kim Vogel Sawyer, and James Patterson. For just \$3 per bag, you can take home as many books as the bag will hold. We even

supply the bags, so why stop at just one?

The sale will be held the third Saturday of the month, from February through April. The Stuff the Bag Sale will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, Feb. 20
Saturday, March 19
Saturday, April 16

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Tracy Siegner photos

Staying warm and cozy for the winter

Tim and Dawn Thyberg of Twisted Metal Collision Center collected dozens of lightly used coats and comforters to be donated to the My Friends Closet resale shop where they will be sold with the proceeds going to the Friendship Center.



Collecting food stuffs for the Food Pantry

Laverne and Marcia Pax owners of AJ's Lena Maid Meats featured a food drive on Thursday of Winterfest week and anyone who made a food donation received 10% off their retail purchase.



Who's driving?

The Old Broads bed racing team takes an early lead in their first heat of Saturday's Winterfest Bed Races and they never looked back.



Keep 'em coming

The pancake crew at Saturday's Lena United Methodist Church Country Breakfast was kept busy flipping cakes for the nearly 200 area residents that came to the Lena Winterfest event.

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Aiven Dean Tyler

FULTON — Adam and Sarah Tyler of Fulton, are the proud parents of a son, Aiven Dean Tyler, born Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at Genesis Medical Center, Davenport, IA. Aiven was welcomed home by sister Marika Brynn (8yrs), and brothers Maddex Jay (6yrs) and Saige Galen Tyler (4yrs).

Grandparents are Bill and Kim Heid of Thomson, IL; Dave & Connie Tyler of Fulton, IL. and Steve and Jennie Myers of Fulton, IL.

Great-Grandparents are Dean & Ruth Wright of Stockton, IL; Betty Gallentine of Thomson, IL; Galen & Linda Heid of Stockton, IL; Paul Tyler of Rock Falls and Jay and Lottie McKenzie of Albany, IL

Thank you for the cards, calls and acts of kindness to our family in the loss of our sister,
Delores Leibert
Gerald & Carol Zink & Family



INVITATION TO BID

The Village of Stockton is accepting sealed bids for a 1991 Chevy 1-ton w/dump box equipped with a snowplow. Truck can be seen at Village Garage, 106 Cherry Street. Bids will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, at Village Hall. The Village reserves the right to reject any and all bids and will be sold in "as is" condition. Contact Village Hall, 815-947-2515 with questions.

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VIEWPOINT

SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW: JAN. 18-22, 2016

From the offices of State Senator Tim Bivins
SPRINGFIELD — As the need for government restructuring grows increasingly critical, Republican legislative leaders and the Governor continue to offer reform proposals intended to help right the state's fiscal course.

Such reform is particularly important, according to a recent Chicagoland Small Business Economic Outlook Survey that indicates while most employers are planning to grow their business this year, they continue to lose confidence in local, state, and national economies.

Gov. Bruce Rauner is expected to once again stress the need for economic recovery and comprehensive government reform during his second State of the State address on Jan. 27.

Survey shows most small businesses planning to grow

The annual Chicagoland Small Business Economic Survey has good news for job seekers and local economies, with 76 percent of respondents stating that they plan on growing their business in 2016. In addition, 38 percent expect to hire more workers, and 52 percent plan on expanding within Illinois, up from 45 percent last year.

However, business owners report that they are also losing confidence in local, state, and national economies. Just 28 percent of business owners think Chicagoland's economy will strengthen over the next

year, down from 42 percent the year before. Also, nearly half of respondents feel negatively impacted by local taxation.

The survey shows the need for structural reforms to state government, reforms that bring confidence to the state's economy, create jobs, and allow Illinois to be more competitive.

State of the State address

On Jan. 27, Gov. Rauner will deliver his second State of the State address. Like 2015, the Governor's address is expected to focus on job creation, making Illinois more competitive, boosting the state's economy, and stressing the need for a balanced budget and structural reforms to state government.

Gov. Rauner's speech comes as the state is operating without a budget and is on pace to spend \$4.6 billion more than it's expected to take in for the fiscal year, which began July 1, 2015. Much of state government has remained operational due to spending authorized by court orders and consent decrees.

Republicans have joined the Governor in calling for structural reforms to state government and passing a balanced budget as soon as possible. Democrats, however, have refused to compromise on reforms, instead focusing on another tax increase as a way to fill the budget hole.

During the State of the State address, the Governor generally reports on the condition of the state and outlines his top priorities. It differs from the Budget

Address, which is scheduled for Feb. 17.

Overhauling Chicago Public Schools

A proposal introduced by Republican leaders during the week would give the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) system the tools to fix its serious fiscal crisis—without bailing out the system at the expense of taxpayers in suburban and downstate communities.

CPS are facing a \$480 million budget shortfall, a fiscal crisis that the state's leading Republicans say demands an overhaul of the current system. Repub-

lican legislative leaders introduced a proposal on Jan. 20 that allows for the creation of an independent authority to assume control over the school district.

The proposal is consistent with current state law governing all other school districts in Illinois, which allows the State Board of Education to remove the current CPS Board of Education and establish an independent authority to run the district. The independent authority would run the district until the State Board of Education determines that CPS is no longer in financial difficulty. The legisla-

tion makes it clear the state is not liable for the school district's debt.

Despite a substantial financial advantage of about \$600 million dollars in state funding, CPS and its leadership—buoyed by years of support from the state's Democrat legislative majority—have dug a financial hole for the district that isn't easily overcome. In response, CPS hopes to rely on long-term bonds to pay for hundreds of millions of dollars in short-term operating expenses, a response Republican leaders say is no solution to the district's fiscal woes.

From the Desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE — This week in Springfield Governor Bruce Rauner delivered his State of the State address. This annual speech gives Illinois Governors the opportunity to share their policy initiatives, past accomplishments and future plans.

He made it clear that despite the budget impasse, he plans to take action by moving forward with an innovative transformation agenda that builds on turning Illinois around; making government more efficient and effective.

At the same time, he was hopeful that compromise on fundamental reforms and the budget are within reach. He was clearly interested in compromise and bipartisanship – if there's a willingness on the other end to meet him halfway.

The transformation reforms included pension reform, education reform, procurement reform, health and human services transformation, criminal justice reform, the information technology revolution and an economic development initiative.

God Is Watching

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a parochial elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only one. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

His focus on these initiatives was important, but at the end of the day we still need a budget. The speech makes it clear that there is a lot of common ground between the Governor and the General Assembly – and he's clearly willing to move our state forward when Democratic leaders are willing to work with him.

The last day of session this week included a disingenuous piece of higher education legislation. House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2043 would make appropriations of \$721 million for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) and community colleges' programs. The funding levels for these programs are the same as those contained in last year's General Assembly-passed unbalanced budget.

The appropriations bill provides no funding source to pay for the additional spending as it is not tied to spending reductions, revenue or cost-saving reforms. The bill would add \$721 million to the deficit, increase the state's bill backlog by the same, and delay state payments to providers, vendors and contractors.

The students that benefit from MAP are an investment in Illinois' economic future. I do not disagree that we should fund the program, but we have to make sure the money is actually there. Passing legislation with no funding mechanism and then letting these kids think the money is coming is shameful.

House Republican's offered an alternative to this legislation that was ignored. The appropriation bill (House Bill 4539) would provide \$1.6 billion dollars for all programs included in Senate Bill 2043 and Illinois' public universities' programs.

The legislation is tied to another bill, House Bill 4521 and Senate Bill 2338, which would grant the Governor authority to respond to an unbalanced budget by reallocating funds and reducing spending in various ways.

When House Republican Leader Jim Durkin asked Senate Bill 2043's sponsor to consider the Republican legislation, take theirs out of the record and work together to find a bipartisan solution, they refused. They wanted this bill passed to say Republicans voted against MAP funding even though there was no money to pay for what the bill appropriated. It's unconscionable to think we would promise these kids something and then tell them the money is not there.

Governor Rauner is scheduled to give his budget address on Wednesday, February 17. It's time that Springfield leadership starts doing their job and work together to find common-ground. We don't need any more broken promises without the money. Irish Statesman, Edmund Burke understood that early in his career as he once said, "Hypocrisy can afford to be magnificent in its promises, for never intending to go beyond promise, it costs nothing." This limited higher education bill intends to fund critical services for students with a promise. I cannot advocate for a bill that gives false hope to the kids that need our help the most and that is why I voted no.

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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DUWAYNE AND PEGGY SCHULTZ

Schultz fiftieth anniversary

FREEPORT — DuWayne and Peggy Schultz of rural Freeport, Ill. will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Friday February 5, 2016. The couple has two children Kenen and Melissa both of rural Freeport. Cards and well wishes may be sent to the couple at 5967 W Stephenson Rd, Freeport, Ill. 61032.

Jo Daviess County 4-H foundation schedules beef weigh-in and ski trip

By Hunter Trueblood
Federation Reporter

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — At our December meeting for the 4-H federation, we had Dan Irwin come in and speak to the group. He is the president of the Jo Daviess County 4-H foundation. He explained that they help with the scholarships that Jo Daviess County 4-H presents. After that the date that the beef had to be weighed was set. It will be Saturday Feb. 6. Next we set the date for the annual ski trip, it will be Sunday Jan. 17, be sure to get your registration in. That was it for the December meeting. To start off our February meeting we had a clinical dietitian

come in for a program on how to eat healthy, here name was Sara Todd, after that we set a date for the upcoming bowling trip and went over the ski trip information.

Volunteers needed at Corps of Engineers parks

STATELINE — The Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project is seeking volunteers to fill positions in parks located along the Mississippi River in Thomson, IL, Hampton, IL and Rock Island, IL. The volunteer positions will run from May through Oct. 2016. Positions include Campground Host, Maintenance, Mowing, Administrative and Visitor Center Volunteers. Volunteers will work an average of 21 hours per week and be provided all the equipment and supplies needed to complete work in the parks. Volunteers will be provided a site with electric hook-up and water service with use of the dump station. Personal vehicle usage may be used for the positions and mileage will be paid. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering with the Corps of Engineers, please call 815-259-3628 or visit <http://www.missriver.org>.

OBITUARIES

Marion Parker

STOCKTON — Marion Parker, age 98 of Stockton, IL, died January 27, 2016 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. She was born on April 23, 1917 to Fred and Eda (Hartsough) Scace, she was the last to be born on the Scace family homestead in Warren.

On May 18, 1940, she married Rex Parker in the Grandview Methodist Church in Dubuque Iowa. After several years living in Rockford, the couple spent their entire life in Stockton. Rex preceded her in death on March 7, 1998.

She graduated from Warren High School in the class of 1935 and Platteville Normal School (now the U of W at Platteville.) She taught in Equal Rights, Pucket and Kent Country schools, as well as the Stockton School district, and she retired from the Warren School District. She also was an assistant librarian at Highland Community College.

She was a member of the Stockton Woman's Club, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, and the Stockton Universalist Church (now the Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton,) where she served as a Sunday School

Superintendent and sang in the choir.

She is survived by her son, Dennis Parker (Betty Woodburn); daughter, Melody Heidenreich; 5 grandchildren: Todd Heidenreich, Derick Parker, Angela Heidenreich, Leann (Brian) Fischer, and Rachel Wilcox, as well as eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Hugh; and her siblings, Marlow, LeRoy and Helen Scace, and Aileen (Kenneth) Kerlin.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment will take place at the Morseville Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with her family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Raymond Clifford Plum III

WARREN — Raymond Clifford Plum III, age 75 of Warren, IL (formerly of Fox Lake, IL) passed away Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 at the Stephenson Nursing Center in Freeport, IL. He was born June 14, 1940 in Chicago, IL; the son of the late Raymond Clifford Plum, Jr. and Dorothy (Grossinger) Plum. He was a 1959 graduate of Chicago Vocational High School. Ray married Lynn Drachenfels on May 25, 1979 in Long Lake, IL.

He had 37 years of active service on the Fox Lake Fire Department where he was known as "The Crazy Ball Man." He also served as a

photographer for the Fox Lake Police Department, the Fox Lake Press, the Monroe Fire School, and the Flash. Ray also worked for Baxter Health Supply and Dura Automotive.

He loved fishing, taking many fishing trips to Canada and belonged to the Chain of Lake Ducks Unlimited Chapter. He also enjoyed hunting, collecting model scale fire trucks, and going to Las Vegas. He was known to go miles out of the way for a White Castle.

Ray is survived by his wife, Lynn Plum of Warren; daughters, Nancy (Kevin) Russell of Bradenton, FL, Debbie Clavey of Round Lake, IL,

and Laura Turner of Fox Lake, IL; sons, Raymond (Rachel) Plum IV of Argyle, WI and David (Tina) Plum of Onoko, IL; grandchildren, Brittney, Sarah, Candice, Cory, Caitlin, Rachel, Bailey, Hunter, and Austin; and great grandchildren, Jayden, Easton, and Cheyenne.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service and visitation were held Jan. 30, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

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Sen. Bivins: Governor Rauner remains committed to new direction for Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Bruce Rauner remains committed to a new direction for Illinois, asking lawmakers again to work with him to achieve fiscal responsibility and a fundamental change in the way state government works, according to State Sen. Tim Bivins (R-Dixon).

Rauner issued his call for change during his second "State of the State" address, presented to a joint session of Illinois lawmakers Jan. 27 in the House of Representatives chambers.

"A new legislative year is a good time to renew our pledge for fiscal responsibility and to end years of spending beyond what taxpayers can afford. Those who insist on maintaining the status quo have got to come to terms with some harsh fiscal realities. Illinois' finances are a mess and the decisions we face are tough," Bivins said. "As I said in September 2015 — and it bears repeating — '\$38 billion in spending, \$32 billion in revenue, vote no.'"

To overcome years of economic stagnation and loss, Illinois' legislative leaders must move beyond outdated policies, partisan differences and power plays. Bivins said the state's fiscal forecast is bleak if the legislative majorities refuse to come to the table. With no meaningful reforms,



STATE SEN. TIM BIVINS

Democrats leaders keep their iron grip on the status quo and continue to play their power games, agencies like Lutheran Social Services of Illinois are forced to make terribly difficult decisions that affect senior citizens, the homeless, and people with mental health issues," Bivins said. "Our state's safety net is failing the people it is supposed to serve."

Bivins said the Rauner Administration has been working to bring a new direction to Illinois, but are dealing with the cumulative effects of years of tax-and-spend policies and questionable budgeting practices. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget recently released three-year fiscal projections mandated by state statute, and those numbers are even more disturbing. The projections show that under "auto-pilot" budgets over the next three years, the state's backlog of bills could reach \$25 billion by June 30, 2019.

Bivins said key to turning Illinois around is promoting the kind of economic climate that encourages job creation

and growth. Other legislative issues that should be part of the conversation this year are property tax relief; education funding and reforms that prepare young people for careers; workers' compensation and regulation reforms that encourage business growth and jobs; and reining in state spending.

"I am a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility. My

Senate district office has consistently come in under budget each year — by as much as 34% one year. What we did not spend, we returned to the state's General Revenue Fund," Bivins said "The money spent by my office is provided by the hard-working taxpayers and I have a responsibility to manage it prudently."

The 45th District Senator

said he stands ready to work with Gov. Rauner and his fellow lawmakers to find solutions for the many problems facing Illinois.

"I remain committed to passing a balanced, constitutional state budget, as well as fundamental reforms to boost jobs creation and economic prosperity," Bivins said.

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Freeport Public Library to host Lectures in American History Series

FREEPORT, IL — The Lectures in American History Series, hosted by the Freeport Public Library and sponsored by the Freeport Public Library Foundation, will begin its 2016 season with a presentation by Dr. Edward Finch, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. Dr. Finch will speak on the topic: The Arthurian Legend in American Culture." Dr. Finch is a retired instructor of English at Freeport High School and past Director of the Stephenson County Historical Society. All lectures in the series will begin at 7 p.m. and be followed by a brief question and answer session.

"The Development of American Political Parties" will be the subject of a presentation given by Jim Winker when the series continues on Thursday Feb. 18. Mr. Winker has been an Instructor of History at Freeport High School since 1991. His presentation will outline the history of party

development in the United States, and the changing role that parties have played in American political history.

The 2016 Series is pleased to welcome back Dr. Martin Quirk on Wednesday Feb. 24. Dr. Quirk, an Instructor of History at Rock Valley College, will be giving a presentation titled: "The Caissons Go Rolling South: The United States Punitive Expedition to Mexico in 1916." Dr. Quirk has been a yearly participant in the Lectures in American History series, which began in 2002.

Dr. Andy Dvorak from Highland Community College will be discussing the role of Stephenson County's own Jane Addams in his lecture on Tuesday March 1 entitled "Jane Addams' Vision for Human Rights, Democracy in Crisis, and World Peace: Why Her Message Still Speaks to Us."

The Green River Ordnance Plant, Northern Illinois and World War II" will be the topic of Mr. Aaron Sterchi's presentation on Thursday, March 10. Mr. Sterchi is a graduate of Northern Illinois University, with degrees in both History and Sociology. He is an instructor of both subjects at Freeport High School, where he also serves as an assistant coach on the speech team.

The concluding lecture of the 2016 Series will take place

on Thursday March 17 and be presented by Mr. Mike Banghart of Freeport, Illinois. He will be speaking on the topic of "Exclusion Laws in American History." Mr. Banghart is an instructor of History at Freeport High School, where he teaches African American History and AP European History.

The Lectures in American History Series is presented by the Freeport Public Library

Foundation. All lectures begin at 7 p.m. and are open to the public free of charge. Cookies, coffee and hot tea will be available at each lecture. A question and answer session will follow each lecture. The Lecture Series is organized each year by Jim Winker and Edward Finch, with the assistance and cooperation of the Freeport Public Library.

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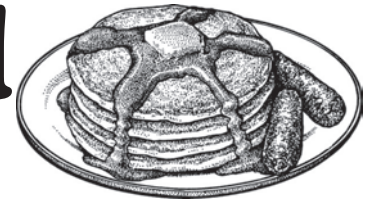
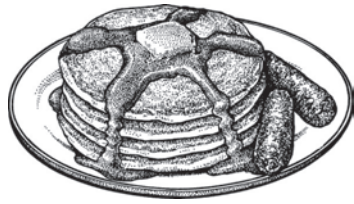
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 • *Sunday School 10:15 a.m.*



CHURCH NOTES

St. John's Lutheran Church Pearl City Pancake Supper

PEARL CITY—You're welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, Feb. 7 for the Transfiguration of Our Lord worship service. Pastor Ekstrand will lead the worship service that will include the Chancel Choir. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet after worship. The Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet at 10:15 a.m.

St. John's will host their Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on Feb. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cookies, cheese, milk and coffee. Tickets are sold at the door for \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for youth (three-ten years-old) and two and under are free. Carry-outs are available. The hall and church are handicap accessible. The church is located at 229 S. First St., Pearl City, Illinois.

Pastor Ekstrand will host a Men's Breakfast at Little John's (Main Street, Pearl City) on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 a.m. Take a break from your busy day and join them. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 also. The Worship and Music Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4.

Ash Wednesday services will be at Noon (Imposition of Ashes only) and 7 p.m. on February 10. Pastor Ekstrand will hold Stations of the Cross at Noon on Fridays during Lent starting on Feb. 12.

We are embarking on a new Lenten ministry from the ELCA focused on 40 Days of Giving. A significant component of this Lenten ministry is the daily devotion for each of the 40 days. You have two options for participating in the daily devotions. You may receive an email daily (from St. John's) with the daily devotional included or you may utilize one of the desk top flip-calendars that are available in the Narthex. Please emailprshadmin@gmail.com to be included in the Lent Daily Devotions email. Another part of the ministry is coloring sheets for youth. Three different coloring sheets are available. The coloring sheets will be hung in the Narthex. This ministry also includes giving to World Hunger. You're welcome to take home a "Feed the World" coin box to use at home. There are plenty, so kids are welcome to take their own. They are located in the Narthex by the devotional flip calendars. St. John's goal

is to raise \$500 for World Hunger with the 40 Days of Giving ministry.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The Monday evening Bible study is at 7 p.m. and features a discussion titled "The Book of Job". This spring, our Monday night group will study the tragedy and restoration of Job, and perhaps even test our own sense of faith, piety and devotion to our Lord. The Thursday morning Bible study is held at 9:30. The discussion continues to focus on "Genesis." A Narrative from the Mouths of the Hebrew People of God. You are welcome to join in on any or all of the Bible studies! Both Bible studies are held in the Conference Room of the Lower Level. The door on the east side of the building will be open for the Bible studies.

St. Paul's in Kent celebrates Transfiguration Sunday

KENT—Sunday, Feb. 7, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord at the 10 a.m. family worship service. This marks the last Sunday after Epiphany and the last Sunday we will sing "Alleluia" until Easter Sunday.

The Old Testament reading relates how Moses' face shone so brightly with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai that he wore a veil. Jesus' disciples see the unveiled glory of God when Jesus is transfigured before them, according to Luke's gospel. And Apostle Paul

contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ in his letter to the Corinthians.

Please join us at the little church with the big heart. We are located at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, one-fourth mile north of Kent. All are welcome. For more information, please call 232-4010.

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Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church announces February event schedule

STOCKTON—Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church has many events scheduled for February.

Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25: Adult and Youth Bible Studies will be at 6:30 at the church,

Feb. 11, 18 and 25: Ladies Study at the Parsonage at 10 a.m.,

Feb. 10: Ash Wed. service will be at 7 p.m.

Feb. 14: We will share a Lenten Service at Calvary UMC at 7 p.m.

Feb. 17 & 24: will be Family Connections at 5:30 at the church.

Feb. 21: We will share a Lenten Service at Willow UMC at 7 p.m.

Feb. 28: We will share a Lenten Service at Calvary UMC at 7 p.m.

Please feel free to join us in any or all of these events.

For more information please call 815-601-6742 or our website stocktonwumc.org. We are also on Facebook, check us out there.

Regular worship times are: Spark 9:30 and worship 10:45

The church is handicap accessible and is on the corner of Benton and Hudson Streets.

Our doors are open and we welcome all those who wish to enter in at any of these times.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

WILLOW/KENT—Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" and will also be offering "Holy Communion" to all; no one is turned away. All are welcome and invited. Also to stay for the fellowship following. Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. using the lessons from the devotional "The Upper Room" all derived to use the Holy Bible for all references. Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. For more info call 815-601-6742.



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Jesus Changes Everything

By Gary Rich
Lay Servant, Lena United
Methodist Church

LENA—One of my favorite movies is "Back to the Future" with Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly, a young boy who accidentally gets sent back in time to when his parents were young. While there, he changes what happened in his parent's past. This makes for a good story and movie but this does not happen in real life. We don't get the opportunity for a do over; although, we all have some things we would like to change. Our lives are shaped by what happens around us. Do you ever wonder what today would be like if our parents had never met? Wow, that could give

you an Excedrin headache! What would today look like if God had not sent his son two thousand years ago to bring us God's grace? Now, that is a scary thought.

Jorge Acevedo in his book Sent tells us that we are sent to make the love of Christ visible in our own time. After Paul's first missionary trip, he wrote the book of Galatians. Paul does not talk much about Jesus' birth but in Galatians 4:4 he tells us, "When the right time came God sent his son born of a woman." There was not anything accidental about the birth of Christ. God sent his son at the exact time and to the exact parents of God's choosing. The time was right for the world to be introduced to the son of God. I

don't know how God decided this was the right time. Some historians would say it was because the Greek language had become the common language used by a great portion of the world, or because Rome had created an amazing systems of roads (some of which still exist today) that allowed the message of Christ to rapidly spread throughout the area. I don't know about the timing of the birth of Christ, but it did happen for a purpose. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus influenced what people think and believe for the next twenty centuries. The Gospel of John tells us Christ came for those who believe in him, and those who accept him will become children of God. Let Christ enter your heart this year so you can feel his unfailing love and faithfulness.

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.

Pearl City First United Methodist Church to host soup and sandwich luncheon

PEARL CITY—The Pearl City First United Methodist Church will hold a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon at 411 S. Main St., in Pearl City on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of soup choices of vegetable beef, bean soup, and chicken rice plus ham and egg salad sandwiches. To top the meal

there will be various desserts to choose from. Carry outs will be available. Cost of the meal is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children (ages 5-12 years) and children under 5 are free. The meal is hosted by our First United Methodist Women.

Please join us each Sunday for morning service at 8:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Four Guys in Dinner Jackets to appear at Apple River Stagecoach Event Center

APPLE RIVER—Do you enjoy reminiscing and listening to music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's? If you do, then mark your calendar for Saturday evening, March 19 when the

District #205 Education Foundation will be sponsoring Four Guys in Dinner Jackets at the Apple River Stagecoach Event Center. Come and enjoy a night of music and fun.

CTE Academy in Elizabeth to host Career and Technical Education week activities

ELIZABETH — You are invited to visit the CTE Academy, learn about our programs, and meet our staff!

The CTE Academy provides excellent instruction in Career and Technical Education for area students from River Ridge, West Carroll, Galena, Stockton, Warren, and Scales Mound.

Courses taught at the CTE Academy are: Law Enforcement, Graphic Arts, Health Occupations, Culinary Arts & Restaurant Management, Early Childhood Development, Construction Trades, Automotive

Technologies, Computer Networking & Security, and Auto Body.

The facility will be open to the public on Feb. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. The instructional staff is eager to discuss our programs, community connections, and college credits available for each of our program offerings.

We welcome your participation in the following:

Vote for our new logo

Enjoy refreshments prepared by our Culinary students

Discover our new "Little Learners Academy-Preschool"

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, Feb. 24 and plan a visit to the CTE Academy in Elizabeth.

Quote of the day

"High school athletics: because it's important that you experience the humiliation of adolescent boys at the hands of bitter adults trying to rewrite the failures of their youth."

Dick Solomon

A little levity to lighten your day

Q: How do you tell if a cowboy driving his pickup truck is married?

A: There's tobacco juice on both side mirrors.

Afternoon Coffee Break

Wednesday, February 3rd ~ 2:00 p.m.
at Lena Mercantile Eatery.

Program: What's new in Life Long Learning.
RSVP to 815-369-4561.



Card Making Class

(Sponsored by Lifelong Learning at Highland Community College)

Tuesday, February 16th ~ 1:00-3:00 p.m.

at the Doll Apt. Community Room.

Register through Highland Community College by Feb. 8th by calling 815-599-3403, cost \$10

Community Supper

Wednesday, February 17th ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
All ages welcome! No cost - no obligation.

Senior Bingo

Thursday, February 25th
Complimentary Lunch at 12:30 p.m.
Bingo at 1:00 p.m.
Both events at Lena Living Center



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\$5 Fee for late registration after the Feb. 17th registration

No registrations after Feb. 29th

Questions call Patti Adleman at 815-541-8435

or Becky Cahill at 815-858-4008



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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY -
GALENA, ILLINOIS
DUBUQUE BANK AND
TRUST
Plaintiff,
-v.-
ANTHONY J. NATALE, et al
Defendant

15 CH 00020

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered in the above cause
on October 15, 2015, an agent
for The Judicial Sales Corpo-
ration, will at 1:30 PM on Feb-
ruary 24, 2016, at the office of
Vincent Roth Toepfer & Leinen
PC, 122 1/2 N Main St, Gale-
na, IL 61036, sell at public auc-
tion to the highest bidder, as set
forth below, the following de-
scribed real estate:

LOT ELEVEN (11) IN
SHENANDOAH UNIT NO.
9 OF BRANIGAR'S THE
GALENA TERRITORY, AC-
CORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF RECORDED IN
THE RECORDER'S OF-
FICE, JO DAVIESS COUNTY
ON DECEMBER 3, 1974 IN
BOOK 14 OF PLATS, PAGE
43, ALL IN JO DAVIESS
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 246
BLACKHAWK TRACE, GA-
LENA, IL 61036 Property In-
dex No. 08-109-011-00. The
real estate is improved with a
single family residence. Sale
terms: 25% down of the high-
est bid by certified funds at
the close of the sale payable
to The Judicial Sales Corpo-
ration. No third party checks
will be accepted. The balance,
including the Judicial sale fee
for Abandoned Residential
Property Municipality Relief
Fund, which is calculated on
residential real estate at the
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ceed \$300, in certified funds/
or wire transfer, is due within
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estate pursuant to its credit bid
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lienor acquiring the residential
real estate whose rights in and
to the residential real estate
arose prior to the sale. The sub-
ject property is subject to gen-
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assessments, or special taxes
levied against said real estate
and is offered for sale without

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estate after confirmation of the
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monished to check the court
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unit, the purchaser of the unit
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than a mortgagee, shall pay the
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suant to the Fair Debt Collec-
tion Practices Act, you are ad-
vised that Plaintiff's attorney is
deemed to be a debt collector
attempting to collect a debt and
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be used for that purpose.

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MWD 19918/59021

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
RIDGESTONE BANK,
Plaintiff,

v.
BLUE TREE INVESTMENTS
LLC, BP EVERGREEN LLC,
NAFEES USMANI, F & B,
MANAGEMENT, INC. a/k/a
F & B MANAGEMENT,
INC., KENNETH GOMES
UNKNOWN OWNERS, and
NON-RECORD CLAIM-
ANTS,
Defendants.

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Commercial Foreclosure
Property Address: 2501 US
Hwy 20 West

Elizabeth, Illinois 61028

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
TO UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON RECORD
CLAIMANTS

The requisite affidavit for
publication having been filed,
notice is hereby given to you,
Unknown Owners and Non Re-
cord Claimants, Defendants in
the above entitled suit, that the
said suit has been commenced
in the Circuit Court of Cook
County, Illinois, by RIDGE-
STONE BANK, against you
and other Defendants, praying
for the foreclosure of a certain
Mortgage. The Mortgage con-
veying the premises described
as follows, to wit:

Parcel 1: Lot 1 in Henry Wand
Subdivision, located in a part of
the Northwest Quarter of Sec-
tion 22, Township 27 North,
Range 2, East of the Fourth
Principal Meridian, Jo Daviess
County, Illinois, according to
the plat thereof recorded De-
cember 5, 1972 as Document
No. 127710 in Plat Book 3,
Pages 100 and 101, and now
located in Plan Hold 5 of Plats
Nos. 83 and 84 in the Recor-
der's Office of said Jo Daviess
County, Illinois.

Also part of the Southwest
Quarter of Section 15 and a

part of the Northwest Quarter
of Section 22, all in Township
27 North, Range 2, East of
the Fourth Principal Meridi-
an, bounded and described as
follows, to-wit: Commenc-
ing at the Northeast corner of
the Northwest Quarter of said
Section 22; thence West on
the North line of the North-
west Quarter of said Section
22, a distance of 184.95 feet
to a point in the centerline of
a public highway designat-
ed SBI Route 5 (marked U.S.
Route 20 and Illinois Route
84), said point being the point
of beginning of the hereinafter
described tract of land; thence
Southeasterly on the centerline
of said SBI Route 5, at an an-
gle of 79 degrees 26 minutes 08
seconds as measured clockwise
from the last described course a
distance of 396.97 feet; thence
Southwesterly on the Northerly
line of Lot 1 in Henry Wand's
Subdivision, at an angle of 89
degrees 18 minutes 25 seconds
as measured counter-clockwise
from the last described course,
a distance of 220.00 feet; thence
Northwesterly, at an angle of 90
degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds
as measured counterclockwise
from the last described course,
a distance of 200.00 feet; thence
Northeasterly, at an angle of 89
degrees 18 minutes 25 seconds
as measured counter-clock-
wise from the last described
course, a distance of 20.00 feet;
thence Northwesterly, at an
angle of 270 degrees 41 min-
utes 35 seconds as measured
counterclockwise from the last
described course, a distance of
20.00 feet; thence Northeaster-
ly, at an angle of 134 degrees
39 minutes 12.5 seconds as
measured counter-clockwise
from the also described course,
a distance of 281.13 feet to the
centerline of said SBI Route 5;
thence Southeasterly on said
centerline at an angle of 45 de-
grees 20 minutes 47.5 seconds
as measured counter-clockwise
from the last described course,
a distance of 23.03 feet to the
point of beginning.

Parcel 2: A part of the South-
west Quarter of Section 15,
Township 27 North, Range
2, East of the Fourth Princi-
pal Meridian and a part of the
Northwest Quarter of Section
22, Township 27 North, Range
2, East of the Fourth Principal
Meridian, Jo Daviess County,
Illinois, bounded and described
as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northeast
corner of the Northwest Quar-
ter of said Section 22; thence
West on the North line of the

Northwest Quarter of said Sec-
tion 22, a distance of 184.95
feet to the centerline of U.S.
Route 20 and Illinois Route
84; thence North 10 degrees
33 minutes 52 seconds West on
said centerline of U.S. Route
20 and Illinois Route 84, a dis-
tance of 23.03 feet to the point
of beginning of the hereinafter
described tract of land; thence
South 34 degrees 46 minutes
56 seconds West, a distance
of 281.13 feet; thence South
10 degrees 33 minutes 51 sec-
onds East, a distance of 20.00
feet; thence South 80 degrees
07 minutes 44 seconds West, a
distance of 20.00 feet; thence
South 10 degrees 33 minutes
51 seconds East, a distance of
200.00 feet; thence South 80
degrees 07 minutes 44 seconds
West, a distance of 187.49 feet;
thence North 01 degrees 18
minutes 1 second East, a dis-
tance of 428.09 feet; thence
North 80 degrees 07 minutes
44 seconds East, a distance of
219.45 feet to the point of be-
ginning according to the survey
recorded July 14, 1976 as docu-
ment no. 138730, and located
in Plan Hold 2 of Plats No. 21-
B.

Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 now
more particularly described
as follows: A tract of land lo-
cated in part of the Southwest
Quarter of Section 15 and also
located in a part of the North-
west Quarter of Section 21, all
in Township 27 North, Range
2, East of the Fourth Principal
Meridian, Elizabeth Township,
Jo Daviess County, Illinois, the
boundary of said tract being
more particularly described as
follows: Commencing at the
North Quarter corner of Section
22, Township 27 North, Range
2, East of the Fourth Principal
Meridian; thence South 89 de-
grees 39 minutes 06 seconds
West, along the North line of
the Northwest Quarter of said
Section 22, a distance of 193.49
feet to a point on the Westerly
right-of-way line of U.S. Route
No. 20, said point also being
the point of beginning; thence
South 08 degrees 42 minutes
00 seconds East, along said
Westerly right-of-way line, a
distance of 174.47 feet; thence
South 39 degrees 10 minutes
15 seconds East, along said
Westerly right-of-way line, a
distance of 109.53 feet; thence
South 10 degrees 49 minutes
34 seconds East along said
Westerly right-of-way line, a
distance of 100.00 feet; thence
South 06 degrees 59 minutes
06 seconds East, along said

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LEGALS

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Westerly right-of-way line, a distance of 105.33 feet; thence South 15 degrees 35 minutes 35 seconds East along said Westerly right-of-way line, a distance of 209.01 feet; thence continuing Southwesterly along said Westerly right-of-way line along a circular curve concave to the West, an arc distance of 334.85 feet; said curve having a radius of 895.44 feet, a central angle of 21 degrees 25 minutes 33 seconds, and whose long chord bears South 08 degrees 14 minutes 18 seconds West, 332.90 feet from the last described course; thence South 221 degrees 55 minutes 16 seconds West, along said Westerly right-of-way line, a distance of 22.42 feet to a point on the South line of Lot 1 of Henry Wand Subdivision, as recorded as Document No. 127710, in Plan Hold 5, Pages 83 and 84, in the office of the Jo Daviess County Recorder; thence North 75 degrees 03 minutes 58 seconds West, along said South line, a distance of 84.32 feet to a found iron rod; thence North 16 degrees 56 minutes 03 seconds West, along the Westerly line of said lot a distance of 572.72 feet to the found iron rod at the Southwest corner of Penoyer's Addition to Elizabeth Township, as shown on the plat recorded in Plan Hold No. 2, Page 21-B in the office of the Jo Daviess County Recorder; thence North 01 degrees 04 minutes 54 seconds East, along the West line of said Penoyer's Addition, a distance of 427.93 feet to the Northwest corner of said Penoyer's Addition; thence North 79 degrees 52 minutes 26 seconds East, along the North line of said Penoyer's Addition, a distance of 113.83 feet to a found iron on the Westerly right-of-way line a distance of 5.82 feet to the point of beginning, all being situated in Elizabeth Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois.

Note: For the purposes of this survey, the North line of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, is assumed to bear South 89 degrees 39 minutes 06 seconds West.

All situated in the county of Jo Daviess, and the State of Illinois.

Commonly Known As: 2501 US Hwy 20 West, Elizabeth, Illinois 61028

PIN: 07-000-236-12

The Mortgage was made on June 3, 2014 by BP Evergreen LLC, as Mortgagor to Ridge-stone Bank, as Mortgagee and

recorded on August 11, 2014 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in Jo Daviess County, Illinois as Document Number 381010. Summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County against you as provided by law, and that suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the above Defendants, file your answer to the complaint in this case or otherwise file your appearance in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk, on or before February 26, 2016, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE MAY BE REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, PURSUANT TO LAW, COMMENCES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

Clerk,
Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County, Illinois
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Chicago, IL 60606
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Pleasant Valley and the Road Commissioner have passed a Road District Resolution to post weight limitations upon certain township roadways to prevent damage to surfaces and shoulders in accordance with Chapter 625 Illinois Compiled Statutes, paragraph 5/15-316. Prohibitions and limitations shall be designated by appropriate signs placed on such roadways.

Dated: January 29, 2016
Rena Eden, Clerk.

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River Ridge Middle School second quarter Honor Rolls

ELIZABETH — 4.00+ Mary Scott, Libbey Shellenberger, Colin Greiner, Leanna Scott.

3.50-3.999 Lydia Groezinger, Madeline Klipert, Julianna Kuzniar, Andrew Merkle, Tayden Patterson, Abby Richmond, Nicholas Rosenbaum, Joseph Tippet, Kathryn Walters, Bryton Engle, Ayla Jones, Kathryn Kaage, Danae Kloss, Sarah Pratt, Harlie Stage, Caden Albrecht, Brian Cahill, Maggie Cahill, Ashley Carroll, Breyton Fry, Dominic Geerts, Olivia Leonard, Steven Moris.

3.00-3.499 Liam Cahill, Dylan Landwer, Derek Lehman, Sara Miller, Jecca Sample, Riley Wolter, Andrew Wurster, Xavier Bryan, Hunter Coker, Greta Dittmar, Julia Finazzo, Riley Finn, Trevor Grube, Livia Haas, Kylie Hiher, Adam Holcomb, Ethan Jensen, Emma Kloss, Ethan Koch, Hampton Petsche, Andrew Pratt, Charlie Schnitzler, Conner Tippet, Jacob Veltkamp, Kari Conklin, Bethany Diederich, Logan Johnson, Ajdar Limani, Fallon Miller, Keagan Schoenhaar, Travis Slattery.

River Ridge High School Second Quarter Honor Roll

4.00+ Brandon Brown, Lukas Karuza, Kyle Ludwig, Kayshe Miles, Jamie Nobis, Cassidy Potter, Noelle Reese, Hannah Schnitzler, Anastasia Veltkamp, Daniel Bellich, Caroline Kuzniar, Brianna Lehman, Nicole Nesbit, Elizabeth Scott, Devin Koester, Sydney Thorsen, Madelyn Walters.

3.50-3.999 Melissa Callan, Noah Haskin, Aaron Holcomb, Konnor Kiley, Allison Klecan, Michaela Kuzniar, Anton Landau, Donna Massey, Jordan McLane, Zoe Pearce, Mia Valladares, Kylyn Allen, Jessica Miller, Ryan Tracey, Eric Avila, Brittney Brown, Rhett Geisz, Thomas Gorgosz, Liana Haas, Carly Hayes, Patrick Holcomb,

Cheyenne Martelle, Christopher Schnitzler, Clarissa Veltkamp, Tristen Angell, Brea Christopher, Benjamin Crist, Kameron Kiley, Micah Knauer, Lizime Limani, Megan Ludwig, Reese Miller, Maya Nicholas, Nicholas Parr, Wyatt Potter, Allison Sollars, Mary Frances Tracey, Laura Wills.

3.00-3.499 Nathan Brown, Taylor Brown, Grace Massey, Taylor Winter, Bradley Bell, Anna Crist, Claire Ketelsen, Carter Wild, Paige Christopher, Delaney Durham, Rachel Gabel, Victoria Luckey, Garrett Mulholland, Nathan Pratt, Kally Richmond, Kylie Smith, Kara Conklin, Kaeshawn Diaz, Aidan Greiner, Alexander Nesbit, Bailey Palmer, Bennett Reese, Jacob Speer, James Sullivan, Tabria Thomas, Ellyse Winter.

River Ridge High School Semester First Honor Roll

4.00+Lukas Karuza, Jordan McLane, Kayshe Miles, Jamie Nobis, Cassidy Potter, Noelle Reese, Hannah Schnitzler, Anastasia Veltkamp, Daniel Bellich, Caroline Kuzniar, Brianna Lehman, Nicole Nesbit, Elizabeth Scott, Liana Haas, Sydney Thorsen, Madelyn Walters.

3.50-3.999 Brandon Brown, Taylor Brown, Melissa Callan, Noah Haskin, Konnor Kiley, Allison Klecan, Michaela Kuzniar, Kyle Ludwig, Zoe Pearce, Kylyn Allen, Jessica Miller, Eric Avila, Rhett Geisz, Thomas Gorgosz, Patrick Holcomb, Devin Koester, Cheyanne Martelle, Christopher Schnitzler, Clarissa Veltkamp, Tristen Angell, Brea Christopher, Benjamin Crist, Kameron Kiley, Micah Knauer, Lazime Limani, Megan Ludwig, Nicholas Parr, Wyatt Potter, Allison Sollars, Mary Frances Tracey, Laura Wills, Ellyse Winter.

3.00-3.499 Aaron Holcomb, Donna Massey, Grace Massey, Mia Valladares, Bradley Bell, Anna Crist, Laney Koch, Ryan Tracey, Carter Wild, Brittney Brown, Rachel Gabel, Nicholas Girot, Carly Hayes, Garrett Mulholland, Nathan Pratt, Kally Richmond, Kylie Smith, Kara Conklin, Kaeshawn Diaz, Aidan Greiner, Reese Miller, Alexander Nesbit, Maya Nicholas, Bailey Palmer, Bennett Reese, Parker Reese, Jacob Speer, Tabria Thomas.

Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA— Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Elizabeth, IL - Codie Geisz, Culinary Arts - AAS

Stockton, IL - Chelsea Davis, Liberal Arts - AA

Citizens State Bank announces Pearl City School Pride Debit Card donation

PEARL CITY — Citizens State Bank is pleased to announce the third of this year's School Pride Debit Card donations! On Jan. 22, CSB Chief Financial Officer Amy Baker presented a donation of \$100 to Pearl City Schools Superintendent Tim Thill. The donation was made possible by the many customers who signed up for a School Pride Debit Card commemorating the Pearl City Wolves. If you've purchased a School Pride Debit Card, thank you for supporting your local schools.



Courtesy photo

Singin' her way to state

Congratulations to Jill Harmston who participated in the All-State Choir in Peoria, IL on Jan.30. Harmston is a junior at Stockton High School and the daughter of Greg and Peggy Harmston.



Tracy Siegner photo

Rested and ready to race

The team sponsored by Natural Healing Express showed off its form in the Winterfest Bed Races staged in downtown Lena Saturday morning.

Citizens State Bank announces Stockton School Pride Debit Card donation

STOCKTON—Citizens State Bank is pleased to announce the first of this year's School Pride Debit Card donations. On Jan. 21, CSB Vice-President for Commercial and Consumer Lending Mike Mammoser presented a \$100 donation to Dr. David Gilliland, Superintendent for the Stockton School District. This donation was made possible by our customers who signed up for a School Pride Debit Card commemorating the Stockton Blackhawks. If you have a School Pride Debit Card, then we thank you for your support.



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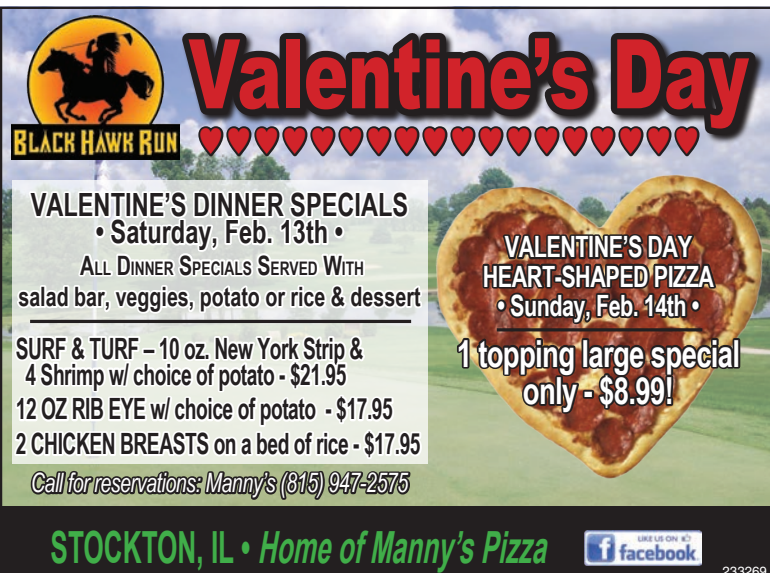


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Sunday, February 14, 2016

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Tracy Siegner photos

May we take your order?

Pastor Brian LeBaron of the Lena United Methodist Church and a great volunteer crew served nearly 200 country breakfasts in conjunction with Winterfest on Saturday morning.



Tracy Siegner photo

Going for the strike

Hayden Fryer could barely lift the 5 lb "turkey bowling ball," but she knew enough to push it down the alley and she got a strike.



Kayla Bastendorff photo

And the winners are...

Twenty-two children from the Lena-Winslow school district entered the Winterfest Prince and Princess and Little Miss and Mr. Winterfest Contests sponsored by the Lena Living Center and the winners are Little Mister Winterfest Maddox McGinnis, Little Miss Winterfest Breelynn Fields, Princess Layla Mattson and Prince Wes Offermann.



Racing for the finish

Four-year-old Veyah Scheider had some help getting into the gunny sack, but once she was in, it was all about hopping and getting to the finish line on Saturday morning in the Winterfest Kids Games events at Lena's Lions Park.



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Benton/Scales Mound football earns Academic All-State recognition

SCALES MOUND — The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association has recognized Benton/Scales Mound with its prestigious Academic All-State Award. In order to qualify for this inaugural award, a football team must have a minimum of

Courtesy photo

(At left) Congratulations to Benton Scales Mound seniors Tyler Hilby, Harrison Jakel, Jack Korte, Jalen Phillips, Kyle Pulvermacher, Kyle Wienen, and Alex Wright for their academic excellence with special recognition to Jalen Phillips and Kyle Pulvermacher for making the Academic All-State Team as individuals with a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

five seniors with a combined GPA of 3.33 or higher. There are 450 high schools in Wisconsin with a football team; however, only 25 high school football teams across the State were recognized for the Academic All-State Award and only four at the Division Seven level.

Not only was Benton/Scales Mound the only team in the conference to earn this award, it was the only football team of any size to earn Academic All-State recognition in the area with the next closest team being Madison Edgewood. In addition, no other public high school team in the state at the Division Seven level had a higher GPA among their senior football players than Benton / Scales Mound this past season.

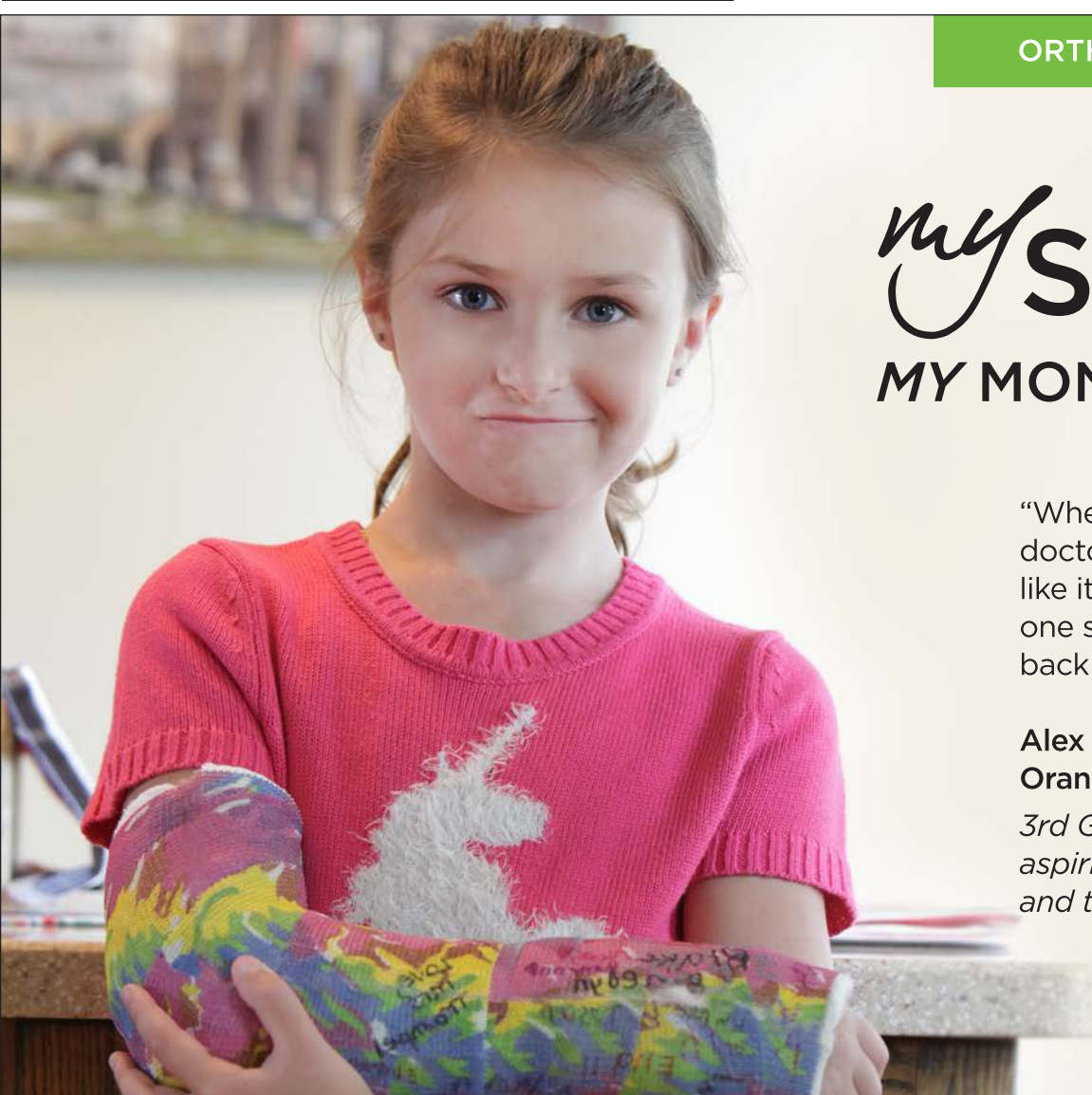
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COLLEGE NEWS

UW-Whitewater announces Deans List

WHITEWATER, WI—The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester.

Savanna, Ill. - Joseph Sullivan.

Orangeville, Ill. - Lisa Lang.

Davis, Ill. - Daytona Bryden.

Davis, Ill. - Bethany Johnson.

Davis, Ill. - Rianne Lund.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in the semester.

Area Wartburg students named to Fall Term Dean's List

WAVERLY, IA — Wartburg College has recognized 489 students who were named the 2015 Fall Term Dean's List. Those honored include:

Garrett Heidenreich of Stockton

Chase Wilhelms of Shannon

Victoria Soat of Hanover

The list cites students who earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during the term.

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Stockton shuts down the West Carroll Thunder

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

STOCKTON — The “on the road” portion of the regular season is over for the Stockton Lady Blackhawks.

Following a 58-23 silencer over the West Carroll Thunder, Stockton made it home to host

JDCF sets new date for Luminaria Night Hike at Casper Bluff

STATELINE—The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) has moved the date of its annual Luminaria Night Hike & Cross Country Ski event to Saturday, Feb. 6. The event runs from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve, 870 S Pilot Knob Rd, Galena.

Casper Bluff is an 85 acre preserve overlooking the Mississippi River, and is home to Native American mounds, scenic vistas, oak savannas, and the only known intact Thunderbird Effigy Mound in the state of Illinois. The Luminaria Night Hike and Cross Country Ski will offer the opportunity to see Casper Bluff as never before. Come hike candle-lit trails, watch the beautiful sunset, warm up by the bonfire, sip hot chocolate, and listen for owls. Please check www.jdcf.org or our Facebook page two days prior to the event for any weather cancellations.

JDCF asks for a donation of \$5/person to help with stewardship costs at Casper Bluff. Snowshoes and cross country skis can be rented in advance by contacting Fever River Outfitters at 815.776.9425.

Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District offers

Lester A. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is taking applications for a \$1,000 Scholarship in the memory of Lester A. Johnson. This will be awarded to a Jo Daviess County youth who is or has graduated from a Jo Daviess County school to further his or her education beyond high school in agriculture, soil, fisheries, or a wildlife field. All completed forms must be received by March 31, to the SWCD office at 227 North Main Street, Elizabeth, IL 61028. Applications may be obtained from any of the high school guidance counselors, by calling the SWCD office at 815-858-3418, extension 3, or emailing mindy.pratt@il.nacdn.net.

Pearl City, on Monday, Feb. 2. Details of that contest are unavailable at this time.

Balanced scoring by Courtney Haas, Kara Wright and Sidney Kuehl helped Stockton put 25 points on the board in the opening minutes, in their win over the Lady Thunder.

For the game, West Carroll only scored 23.

The second quarter seemed to ease by for Stockton, as they scored ten points and held West Carroll to just three.

At the half, Stockton held the 35-13 lead.

The Lady Blackhawks collapsed the Thunder in the third, allowing zero points.

The controlled shooting helped the Lady Blackhawks push out to a 45-13 advantage, with minutes to play.

West Carroll scored ten

points to close the game, but could never survive the opening assault.

Stockton closed the fourth quarter with 13 points, claiming the 35-point NUIC victory.

Wright led Stockton with 13 points as Kuehl and Shayna Bowser added eight. Haas finished with six points for Stockton.

For West Carroll, Skiles scored seven.

On Friday, Feb. 5, the regular season is over, as the Lady Blackhawks host the Eastland Lady Cougars.

The Class 1A Playoffs begin on Monday, Feb. 8.

Administrators with the IHSA, on Thursday, Jan. 29, selected the top teams in the northern third of Illinois, in the Small-School Division.

Durand and Galena, accord-

ing to those findings, will be the teams to beat.

Both the Lady Pirates and Lady Bulldogs were issued the top seeds because of their regular season performance.

Each team was then given a field of teams, which will try to play through them, in order to move on to the Sectional, beginning Monday, Feb. 15.

In Stockton, on Monday, Feb. 8, a few of those teams begin their journey to seek a State Title, as they play in the Sub-Sectional.

Squads from Galena, Pearl City, River Ridge, Stockton and East Dubuque will battle for the chance to move on to Lanark and the Second Round, the Sectional.

The Stockton Sub-Sectional

Winner will be greeted by the winner from the Lena-Winslow Sub-Sectional.

Those teams are headlined by Pecatonica and Freeport Aquin, with Warren, Orangeville, Lena-Winslow and Dakota expected to influence the outcome.

The Sub-Sectional winners will move on to the field of four, the Class 1A Sectional in Lanark, beginning Feb. 15.

The winner there will be given their ticket for a one-hour bus ride to Illinois Valley Community College for the Class 1A Super-Sectional, on Monday, Feb. 22.

The winner leaving Oglesby plays in the State's Final Four at Redbird Arena just three days later.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA—We again had some warmer weather, but the forecast says maybe some rain and snow is coming. I guess we need a friendly reminder that we are still in the middle of winter. We will be given a diet of football hype this week as Super Bowl Sunday looms ahead. This week will feature several party appetizers, a great tasting sandwich, a tasty salad, and a yummy dessert. These recipes are good ones to keep on hand for occasions other than a Super Bowl Party.

The first recipe features an actual football cheese ball. You form the cheese into a football and roll it in chopped pecans. The Swiss cheese is used for the laces, and then you have a great presentation for any football party! I think you could make it into a basketball for those play-offs—not sure about a baseball though.

Ham and Cheddar Cheese Ball

1/2 lb. thinly sliced deli ham
1/2 medium onion, cut into wedges
2 C. finely shredded cheddar cheese
1 pkg. (8 oz. each), cubed
1 C. chopped pecans
1 Slice Swiss cheese

Assorted Crackers

Place the ham and onion in a food processor; pulse until finely chopped. Add the cheddar cheese; pulse until blended. Add cream cheese and process until smooth.

Shape cheese mixture into a football; press pecans into cheese mixture. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cut Swiss cheese into strips and arrange over the top for laces. Serve with crackers

This great dip will be a hit at any Super Bowl party. If you like to think your are eating something healthy, it does have spinach in it. One of my friends uses this recipe as a topping on a potato bar with chopped bacon right beside it for garnish. Another friend adds jalapenos into the dip for a little zip.

Slow Cooker Spinach and Artichoke Dip

2 cans (14 oz. each) water-packed artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
1 jar (15 oz.) Alfredo sauce
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, cubed
2 C. shredded Italian cheese blend
1 C. shredded mozzarella cheese
1 C. shredded parmesan cheese
1 C. milk
3 garlic cloves, minced
Tortilla chips

In a greased 4-quart slow cooker, combine all the ingredients. Cook, covered on low 2-3 hours or until heated through. Serve with chips.

This great little appetizer uses the little tassie cups as its crust. I have made the pecan tassies at Christmas, but have never used them for a savory recipe. The shells will melt in your mouth, and the stuffing is pretty good also.

Broccoli-Cheddar Tassies

1 C. butter, softened
6 oz. cream cheese, softened
2 C. flour
Filling:
1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli
1 large egg, lightly beaten
2 cans cream of celery soup
1/4 C. milk
1/4 C. mayonnaise
1/2 shredded sharp cheddar cheese
Topping:
1/4 C. dry bread crumbs
1 T. butter, melted

In a bowl, cream butter and cream cheese until smooth. Gradually beat in flour. Divide dough in half. Shape each into a disk; wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour or until firm enough to handle.

Preheat the oven to 350. Shape dough into 1-inch balls and place in greased mini muffin cups. Using floured fingers, press evenly onto the bottoms and up the sides of the cups.

Cook broccoli according to package directions and drain. In a bowl, mix the egg, soup, milk and mayo; stir in cheese and cooked broccoli. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of filling into each cup. Mix bread crumbs and melted butter; sprinkle over the filling.

Bake 18-22 minutes or until the edges are golden. Cool in

pans for 2 minutes and remove to wire racks.

This recipe uses the prepared phyllo shells—they come in several sizes—use the minis for this recipe. The appetizer is bite sized and delicious. The brie cheese with the apricot topping is a great mix of sweet and savory. If you would prefer peach preserves, they work just as well.

Baked Brie

15 Mini Phyllo Shells
3 oz Brie
3 T. apricot preserves
Chopped nuts

Bake the mini phyllo shells on a parchment lined baking sheet at 375 until browned and crisp, about 5 minutes. Fill shells with cubed brie; top each with 1/2 teaspoon of apricot preserves. Bake at 375 until bubbling, about 15 minutes. Top with chopped nuts.

I love the taste of the Hawaiian rolls. For years I have carved out the Hawaiian bread and filled it with spinach dip. The rolls are a great addition to cooking—no need to prepare, just open the package. These slider sandwiches are great for any party, and you can easily make them for a crowd. Enjoy this great ham and cheese sandwich. The salad that follows is an easy way to serve with a meal or to have for those who want a little vegetables with their appetizers and sandwiches.

Cuban Sliders

2 pkg. (12 oz. each) Hawaiian sweet rolls
1 1/4 lbs. thinly sliced deli ham
9 slices of Swiss cheese
24 dill pickle slices
1/2 C. butter, cubed

2 T. finely chopped onion
2 T. Dijon mustard

Preheat the oven to 350. With-out separating the rolls, cut each package of rolls horizontally in half; arrange the bottom halves in a greased 9 x 13 pan. Layer with ham, cheese and pickles; replace the top halves of rolls.

In a microwave, melt the butter and stir in onion and mustard. Drizzle over the rolls. Bake, covered, for 10 minutes. Uncover and bake 5-10 minutes longer or until golden brown and heated through. Cut the rolls in slider sandwiches and place on a serving platter.

Tangy Tossed Salad

1 C. canola oil
1/3 C. white vinegar
3 T. minced green onion
2 T. sugar
1 1/2 t. salt
3/4 t. pepper
12 C. salad greens
1 1/2 C. chopped fresh grape tomatoes

In a jar with a tight lid, add the oil, white vinegar, green onions, sugar, salt and pepper. Cover and shake well. Combine the salad greens and tomatoes in a large serving bowl. Toss with dressing.

This beautiful and tasty bundt cake can be used for any party or save it for a special occasion like Valentine's Day. It looks beautiful on a pedestal cake plate. I have used the gel food coloring and think it is easier to control than the regular food coloring. You can buy it in most grocery stores.

Red Velvet Cream Cheese Bundt Cake

Swirl
2 pkgs. (8 oz. each) cream cheese
2/3 C. sugar
2 large eggs

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Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter has three students move to district competition

LENA — Many people fear the prospect of giving a presentation or speech in front of a group of people. Not so for FFA members who competed at the section FFA public speaking CDE. Three students from the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter moved on to district level competition after winning their respective categories at the contest. Greenhand Meagan Mader recited the five-paragraph FFA

Creed (by E.M. Tiffany) in a competition restricted to first-year FFA members. After her recitation she was asked a series of questions about her interpretations on parts of the Creed. This was her first public speaking competition. Senior Jordon Oellerich won the prepared Speaking category with a speech about GMO's. Her speech was submitted ahead of time and awarded points for

following the correct format as well as its mechanical content. Her delivery was then graded the night of the contest based on her speaking tone, command of audience, eye contact, being detailed orientated and other factors. She was also graded on her ability to answer questions that the judges posed to her about her topic.

Chapter president Kendra Snyder won the Extemporane-

ous category. In this competition she drew an agricultural topic and then had thirty minutes to write a speech about it. The topic she drew this year was: "How Companion Animals benefit the health of Humans." There was a ques-

tion and answer session for her as well after she delivered her speech.

All three members, as well as the second place finishers in each of their categories, will move on to the district competition on April 6, in Geneseo.

• KITCHEN

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3 T. sour cream
3 T. heavy cream
1 t. vanilla
Cake
2½ C. flour, plus more for dusting
1¾ C. sugar
2 T. unsweetened cocoa powder
1 t. baking soda
1 t. salt
1½ C. oil
¾ C. sour cream
2 eggs, at room temperature
1½ t. red gel food coloring
1 t. vanilla
1 t. distilled white vinegar
Glaze
4 oz. cream cheese
½ C. powdered sugar
½ C. sour cream
1 t. vanilla
Pinch of salt

Swirl: Combine the cream cheese, sugar, eggs, sour cream, heavy cream and vanilla in a food processor and puree until

smooth; set aside.

Cake: Position a rack in the lower third of the oven and preheat to 350. Generously coat a 10-15 cup Bundt pan with cooking spray and dust with flour, tapping out the excess. Whisk the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. In another bowl, whisk the vegetable oil, sour cream, eggs, food coloring, vanilla, vinegar and ¼ cup water. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk until just combined.

Spread 3 cups of the batter into the prepared Bundt pan. Pour in the cream cheese and swirl the mixture, then spoon the remaining cake batter evenly over the top. Bake until the top is cracked and a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean, about 1 hour and 10 minutes. Transfer to a rack and let cool about 20 minutes in the

pan, then carefully invert onto a plate and let cool completely, at least 2 hours.

Glaze: Combine the cream cheese, powdered sugar, sour cream, vanilla, and salt in a food processor and puree until smooth. Pour and spread on the cooled cake.

We are wrapping up the girls' basketball season this week, and the boys will be playing for two more weeks. Valentine's Day will be in a week, and then February is half gone. We will have an extra day because of Leap Year. We will also be starting Lent. We are looking for some meatless meals and some St. Patrick's Day recipes. If you have some good recipes, 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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Lena-Winslow FFA members Freshman Meagan Mader, Senior Kendra Snyder, Senior Jordon Oellerich and Junior Brock Gobeli competed at the section FFA public speaking

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Midwest Medical Center receives Acute Stroke Ready Hospital designation

GALENA — Midwest Medical Center, Galena, recently received designation as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (ASRH) from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"This designation ensures that all stroke patients, regardless of where they live, have access to rapid care within the narrow treatment window," said Midwest Medical Center CEO Tracy Bauer. "Prior to receiving this designation, patients would have had to travel a long distance to receive assistance, losing precious time. They can now receive the lifesaving treatment they need within 60 minutes of entering our doors."

In 2009, the Illinois General Assembly passed MB2244, allowing the creation of stroke systems of care in Illinois. The law identifies hospitals capable of providing emergent stroke care and directs EMS to transport possible acute stroke patients to these hospitals. If, however, the closest hospital has not received its Acute Stroke Ready Hospital designation,

EMS personnel is relegated to bypass that hospital en route to a Primary Stroke Center or ASRH that could be miles away.

In response, the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) created its Stroke Initiative in March of 2010, to increase the number of small and rural hospitals achieving the designation.

"In order to gain the ASRH designation, the hospital must meet specific criteria and Midwest Medical

Center has diligently worked to achieve this," said Peggy Jones, ICAHN Stroke Consultant. "Our hospitals are prepared, so now we just need people to know the signs of stroke, act in time by calling 911 immediately whenever these signs appear, involve EMS and get these patients to the hospital as soon as possible.

"With stroke, time is brain...Each second a patient waits to be treated denies the brain of much needed blood and oxygen. The cells and tissues in the brain begin to die, causing what can be irre-

versible damage resulting in disabilities like paralysis on one side of the body, loss of speech, and many other deficits," said Jones. "Getting to an acute stroke-ready hospital faster will greatly increase their chances of avoiding irreparable damage or even death."

The ICAHN Stroke Initiative utilizes the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's "Get With

The Guidelines-Stroke" program to address six key elements that provide both immediate access to care for acute stroke patients in rural areas as well as a smooth transition of quality stroke care along the stroke chain of survival.

The six key elements involved with the initiative include professional education on acute stroke care; performance measures and continuous quality improvement; cross-functional stroke teams and review committees to provide effective stroke care; collaboration with regional and state EMS partners and

primary stroke centers; community education for stroke awareness; and resources and tools to support hospitals as they develop their stroke system of care.

"Get with the Guidelines-Stroke" was developed to help hospitals employ proven science-based treatment guidelines, including those developed by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and the Brain Attack Coalition. These guidelines address acute stroke management, primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases, secondary prevention of strokes, and the establishment of primary stroke centers.

Through "Get with the Guidelines-Stroke," the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association provides participating hospitals with training, discharge protocols, standing orders, data collection, and measurement tools. The program also facilitates creating and sharing best practices among participating hospitals.

For updates on new acute

stroke ready hospital designations, visit the IDPH website at

<http://www.idph.state.il.us/ems/StrokeCenterListing.pdf>.

About ICAHN

ICAHN is a network of 54 small rural Illinois hospitals dedicated to strengthening the operations of its member hospitals through collaboration. The organization is composed of Illinois hospitals who have earned critical access hospital designation by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. ICAHN is recognized nationally for its work with rural healthcare and administers several state, federal, and private healthcare programs.

About Get with the Guidelines

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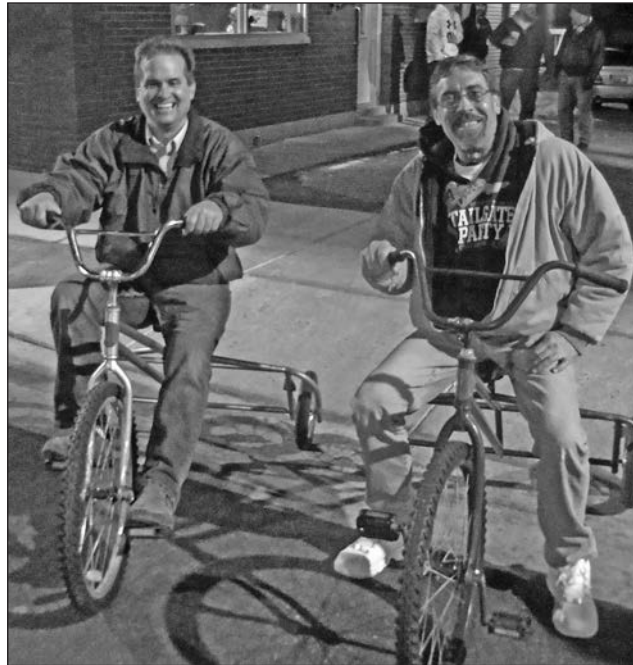
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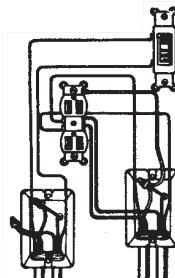
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Lions Club holds spouse night dinner meeting at the Lena Community Center

LENA—The Lena Lions Club held their dinner meeting on Jan. 27, at the Lena Community Center, this was a spouse night and we had 60 people in attendance. There were several guests present including IPG Jim Kloepping and his wife Pat. Our club presented checks, to the Regional Office of Education, the Civil War Monument in Freeport, the Lena Area Ministerial Association. We also inducted new member, Ken Fiedler, and we presented the Citizen of the Year award, and Lion of the Year awards.

Lena student participates in Carthage College study tour to Nicaragua

KENOSHA, WI — Nicholas Bussian of Lena participated in a J-Term study tour to Nicaragua with Carthage College.

The Biology and Geography of Nicaragua study tour provided a unique opportunity for students to experience clinical work or work on water projects. Both aspects provided students first-hand knowledge of the rural volcanic island of Ometepe, Nicaragua. Students also learned about the interplay of culture, medicine, landscape, flora and fauna of Nicaragua and saw how all of this has affected the land and people. The tour also had a significant service component. Students were challenged to integrate, use, and reflect on knowledge from disparate sources during their clinic work and travel in the country.

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