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Members of the Lena-Winslow High School Theatre Department brought real meaning to the lyrics, "All you really need is heart" when they brought down the house opening night with their production of *Damn Yankees*.

Le-Win High School Theatre Department brings 'Heart' to *Damn Yankees*

By Tony Carton
Editor

LENA — If you're one of those people who love a top-notch cornball musical full of vaudevillian shtick and recognizable musical standards like "Whatever Lola Wants" and "(You Gotta Have) Heart," you'd be hard-pressed to find a more likable production of *Damn Yankees* than the antics staged by an entirely loveable crew at the Lena-Winslow Fine Arts Center over the weekend.

A sporting spin on the "Faust" tale, "*Damn Yankees*" tells how Joe Boyd, an annoyed fan of the Washington Senators, makes a agreement with Applegate to be transformed into Joe Hardy, a 22-year-old slugger who will eventually lead his team to victory over the powerhouse New York Yankees.

Allison Stockton cuts a strik-

ing figure as the temptress Lola, managing to be simultaneously seductive and adorable, while Colton Brinker perfectly fits the part of the "deal-with-the-devil" baseball phenom that appears from nowhere to lead the beleaguered Washington Senators past those damn Yankees to the pennant.

John Jurkovic brings a clever performance as the devilish Mr. Applegate, hamming it up when called for (which is often), while Michaela Stich may well have been born to play the sassy lady-reporter Gloria. But, like most high school productions, *Damn Yankees* is at its best during the production numbers which are filled with sharp dancing, crisp harmonies and performances by an ensemble that gives full and youthful voice to some of Broadway's most memorable tunes.

The focus of the Le-Win

production passes easily to the sound footing of a bright and promising supporting cast.

Rachael Wybourn has innate warmth as Meg, the wife Joe leaves behind under a seemingly endless pile of dishes and household drudgery for the ballpark. Brinker switches deftly between the older Joe, who aches longingly for his former vigor and the youthful All-American Joe who lands on the Wheaties box; and even though Brinker has a voice that could silence an umpire, he doesn't let that strength subdue the traces of his former self while continuing to yearn sweetly for his abandoned spouse.

In scenes both in the locker room and on the diamond, the characters adopt familiar stereotypes. But if the Senators are the expected wise-cracking, gum-chewing squad, they step into "Heart," and blast it to the bleachers.

The show is meant to be generally low-tech with the sets almost boasting of a wistful child's love for bold shapes and primary colors, and the costumes simply serve as reminders that the 1950's were not always an era of elegance. Even one of the evening's running gags has Applegate's oft agitated fingertips turning to matchsticks as he inadvertently starts

minor fires, most often with cigarettes making for enduring, but always clever shtick.

The general raucousness of the Le-Win production easily captures the snappy pace and crackling wit favored in earlier and much larger productions of *Damn Yankees*, and it's not high art, it's not intended to be. It's a show where you might find yourself singing without restraint to some timeless Broadway tunes—like almost everyone within earshot at the Le-Win Fine Art Center over the weekend. It's *Damn Yankees* for petesakes, and as long as you kept that in perspective, you had a damn good time.

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- 25th. Thursday. \$25 – Sue Renne, East Dubuque
- 26th. Friday. \$25 – Debbie Kuberski, Pearl City
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- 28th. Sunday. \$50 – Kathy Diehl, Lanark
- 29th. Monday. \$150 – Ross Heller, Galena

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SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

February 29 – March 4

SPRINGFIELD — The Senate President and House Speaker continued to play politics with higher education during the week, voting to add more than \$700 million to the deficit and ignoring other proposals that would adequately fund grants for college students, as well as community colleges and universities.

Though other lawmakers repeatedly offered up compromise legislation to direct state funding to Illinois universities, community colleges and Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant, the House adjourned for a month without acting on any of those proposals, forcing students and the higher education community to wait. The Senate is scheduled to return on March 8, but the House is out until April 4, which leaves the General Assembly without an opportunity to resolve these issues.

Lawmakers from both parties did come together with Gov. Bruce Rauner to discuss bipartisan legislation to reform Illinois' criminal justice system. The proposals seek to reduce recidivism, prison admissions and the length of incarceration through reforms to judicial sentencing, electronic monitoring and better preparing inmates to re-enter society upon release.

In other Statehouse news during the week, a controversial labor arbitration proposal that would remove the Governor from labor negotiations was pushed through the General Assembly yet again.

House Speaker adjourns without acting on

higher ed funding

Though higher education and MAP grants haven't received state aid since July 1, the House adjourned for a month without acting on any of the numerous funding proposals still on the table to finance MAP grant assistance, community colleges and universities. The Senate is scheduled to return March 8, but the House is out until April 4, offering no time for the General Assembly to resolve the issue before early April.

Senate President John Cullerton and House Speaker Michael Madigan tried to push through legislation (Senate Bill 2043) that would have added more than \$700 million to the state deficit and given students and community colleges the false hope of funding, as there was no revenue source provided for the measure. The proposal also failed to include any operating funds for the state's four-year universities. Senate Bill 2043 was passed by the Senate but did not receive enough votes to pass the House.

Working together on criminal justice reform

Gov. Rauner and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle came together at a joint press conference on March 2 to highlight bipartisan legislation to help reform Illinois' criminal justice system.

Three bills were introduced to address judicial sentencing, electronic monitoring, and to better prepare offenders upon release from leaving prison. The reform package includes a measure (Senate Bill 3164) requiring review of a pre-sentencing

report, as well as an explanation prior to sentencing as to why incarceration is appropriate for an offender with no prior probation sentences or prison convictions.

Last year, nearly 60 percent of new prison admissions for Class 3 or 4 felonies had no prior convictions for violent crimes. Supporters of the proposal explained that probation could be a better option for offenders with no prior probation or convictions, noting that incarceration of those unlikely to be repeat offenders inefficiently uses prison resources and potentially makes offenders more susceptible to reoffending.

Another measure, Senate Bill 3294, expands the use of electronic monitoring to help transition offenders back into society. This will increase public safety and reduce costs by more effectively focusing the Illinois Department of Correction's (IDOC) supervision and programming resources on reduc-

ing recidivism.

To help offenders transition into society more easily, Senate Bill 3368 requires the Secretary of State and IDOC to work together to provide state identification for offenders leaving IDOC. Proponents explain that without identification, offenders attempting to reenter society find it difficult, if not impossible, to secure employment, housing or pursue educational opportunities.

According to the IDOC, Illinois prisons have reached a capacity level of 147 percent, nearly 50,000 people, and it costs nearly \$40,000 to incarcerate just one individual per year. Gov. Rauner has stated many times that he would like to see the prison population in Illinois drastically reduced.

The link to the latest available report on Illinois prisons can be found at <http://www.illinois.gov/idoc/reportsandstatistics/Documents/FY2014%20Annual%20Report.pdf>.

Arbitration bill once again heads to Governor

A controversial "binding arbitration" measure is once again headed to the Governor. An identical measure was advanced by Democrat leaders late last year, but it failed to become law when enough support could not be mustered to override Gov. Rauner's veto.

During the week, legislation was again passed to place in the hands of an unelected arbitrator the process of determining the outcome of taxpayer-paid, multi-billion-dollar labor agreements between the Governor and state employee unions. House Bill 580 would remove a duly-elected governor from union negotiations in the event of a contract dispute. Additionally, locally-elected union representatives would be removed from the process, and critics questioned a provision in the legislation that would have removed the union's ability to strike.

The Governor is expected to once again veto the legislation.

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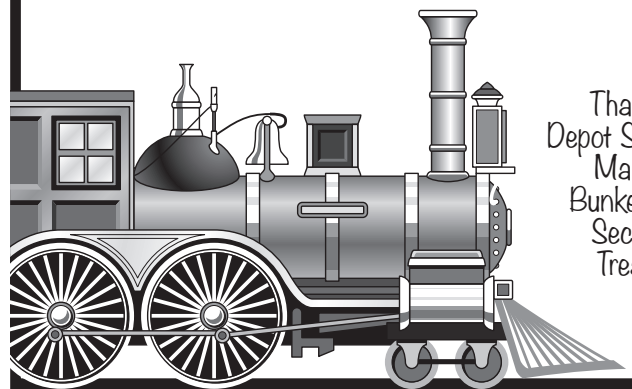
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VIEWPOINT

From the Desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE — “Spring ahead, Fall back.” I’ve recalled which direction we change our clocks with that little mnemonic for years now. Historically, the Germans were the first to implement Daylight Savings time with the hope of saving energy. We, the US, followed suit in 1918, but often cited along with energy savings is that it was a part of wartime rationing.

It’s interesting to ponder the points of history that we highlight annually and how our memory of events changes over time. For the younger audience, take some time this week to talk to a grandparent, friend, or neighbor that is over the age of 75. With age, supposedly, comes wisdom. With age, the experience of change and watching generations grow and change has to be fascinating.

I am mindful of how we retell stories each year trying to offer some insight or different perspective than previous versions of the story. I find this especially fitting for the State of Illinois



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

government. We’re now over a week into our month long break from Session. I know my colleagues and I would prefer to have an open debate, real discussion, and real votes; instead, I find myself writing the same story trying to offer a different insight into the quagmire of Illinois government.

Comparison is a great tool to help define the differences between how two similar things may be alike or different. This week, I reread that Texas has over 27 million residents and around 5,000 units of government. However, that fact means nothing without some context. In comparison to Illinois – over 12 million people and nearly

7,000 units of government – we can now see how Texas residents are served by much less government than Illinois residents.

Interestingly, between July 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015, the population of Texas, according to Census.gov, increased by over a half million people. During that same period Illinois grew by only 20,585 people. I could sprinkle in some facts about how Texas government is more appealing to businesses and how their job growth rates explain the population growth. However, next week I need to offer a new perspective still, and I don’t see Illinois government doing anything productive. In addition to the reminder about Daylight Savings time, I’d like to remind you to set your alarm clocks. That’s right, 2016 Primary Election Day is on Tuesday, March 15th and the polls are open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. It is your civic duty to elect your leaders. You need to be a part of the democratic process and be a part of the positive change you envision

for our community – if not you, then who? Also, in case Tuesday doesn’t fit your schedule, early voting is going on – depending on your county – up to the day before Election Day. Check with your County Clerk’s office for more details.

This past week, the Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their Annual Dinner with guest speaker and Freeport native, Russell Slifer. Mr. Slifer is the Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce Intellectual Property and Deputy Director United States Patent and Trademark Office. The only thing longer than his title is his breadth of knowledge surrounding Intellectual Property like trademarks, trade secrets, and copyrights. I had the pleasure of attending Mr. Slifer’s presentation the following day at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau too, and I want to publically thank him for his commitment to Freeport and for being such a wonderful example of success for our next generation locally. Congratulations to

Brian Helm and everyone at the Helm Group for earning Business of the Year recognition from the Chamber. Your commitment to bettering our community is an example to be emulated. Nominees in all categories deserve your respect and admiration for their steadfast commitment to excellence. Congratulations also to the other award recipients; Not For Profit of the Year – Freeport Community Public School Fund; Dale LeBaron Memorial Award – Brian Borger; Ambassador of the Year – Kim Boldt; and Rising Star – Bridget Trainor Servatius.

The Winnebago Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their Community Service Award Night and Annual Meeting this past week and recognized individuals and businesses alike for their commitment and service to the community. Congratulations to Delbert and Phyllis Tedrick for meriting the 2015 Honorable Service Award, and Brian Weaver

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HUD awards nearly \$89 million for local homeless programs in Illinois

CHICAGO — U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Julián Castro today awarded nearly \$89 million to support more than 360 local homeless housing and service programs in Illinois. View a complete list of all the state and local homeless projects awarded funding.

The Tier 1 Continuum of Care (CoC) grants announced

today support the Obama Administration’s efforts to end homelessness by providing critically needed housing and support services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. HUD will award approximately \$300 million in “Tier 2 grants” in the spring to support hundreds more local programs across the U.S.

“A safe, stable home is the foundation for opportunity in all of our lives,” said Secretary Castro. “That’s why we are continuing to challenge communities to deploy proven strategies to help people experiencing homelessness find a place to call home. Through unprecedented partnership among every level of government and private, non-profit and philanthropic organizations, we know this goal is not just aspirational it is achievable.”

HUD is laser focused on providing targeted assistance to our veterans, individuals and families to make sure they are not calling the streets their home,” said Antonio R. Riley, HUD Midwest Regional Administrator. “We are redoubling our efforts to support per-

manent housing solutions that deter chronic homelessness for all. We can and must end homelessness in Illinois.”

This year’s grants are being awarded in the most competitive environment HUD has experienced in the Continuum of Care grant program. To compete most effectively, communities made very challenging decisions, often shifting funds from existing projects to create new ones that will have a more substantial and lasting impact on homeless populations.

In 2010, President Obama and 19 federal agencies and offices that form the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) launched the nation’s first-ever comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. Opening

Doors: Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness puts the country on a path to end veterans and chronic homelessness as well as to end homelessness among children, family, and youth.

HUD estimates there were 564,708 persons experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2015. Since 2010 local communities around the country reported a decline by more than 72,000 persons, an 11 percent reduction. In addition, veteran homelessness fell by 36 percent, chronic homelessness declined 22 percent and between 2010 and January 2015, family homelessness declined by 19 percent, while the estimated number of unaccompanied homeless youth and children was 36,097.

Across the nation, local homelessness planning agencies called ‘Continuums of Care’ recently organized volunteers to help count the number of persons located in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs and living unsheltered on the streets. Continuums of Care will report these one-night ‘point-in-time counts’ later in the year and will form the basis of HUD’s 2016 national homeless estimate.

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ON THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

Elsie A. Offermann

LENA — A gift from the Lord, Elsie A. Offermann, was born to William and Jesse (Lilly) Johanning on March 1, 1920, near Renault, IL. We rejoice in the knowledge that as of March 9, 2016, Elsie is forever at home with the Savior she faithfully served for her 96 years.

A woman of strong faith, with a true servant's heart, she put others' needs before her own. She was a wonderful cook and baked many blue ribbon loaves of bread. Family and friends were frequently spoiled with her cream puffs, donuts, and peanut butter coffee cake. She loved crafting and her fingers sewed hundreds of World-Relief quilts.

Elsie married Walter Offermann on May 11, 1941, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Renault, IL. Walter left his earthly home on March 8, 2000. Together, they farmed in the Fults, IL, area and were gifted with five children of their own: Gene (Susan) Offermann or Arroyo Grande, CA; Wray (Carolyn) Offermann Oakley, IL; Eileen (Jim) Nelson of Springfield, IL; Alice (Rick) Bader and Sonya (Steve) Stich of Lena, IL. There are twelve grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, Herman and Walter Johanning, and a sister, Clara Heller.

Visitation was Sunday, March 13, at Quernheim Funeral Home in Waterloo, IL with a funeral service on Monday, March 14, celebrating her life and new life with Jesus at Holy Cross Lutheran

Church in Renault, IL. and Rev. Terry Grebing officiating.

Burial was at the Holy Cross Cemetery.

Arrangements by Leamon Funeral home of Lena, IL and Quernheim Funeral Home of Waterloo, IL.

Friends may send condolences to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Florence D. Broge

LENA — Florence D. Broge, 86 of Lena, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at her home. She was born on December 1, 1929 to Harry and Phyllis (Vickers) Hough in South Wayne, WI. She graduated from Union Free High School in South Wayne. She married Gerald Broge on May 14, 1966 at the Lena United Methodist Church. Florence was an avid Cubs fan, loved her cats, gardening and cooking.

Florence is survived by brother-in-law Gary (Lorraine) Broge of Lena, nieces Tina Kallenbach of Minnesota and Angie (Matt) Gobel of Gratiot, WI, nephew Greg (Bonnie) Broge of Lena, and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

by her parents, and husband Gerald in 2010, her brother William and his wife Arlene Hough, brother-in-law Dale and his wife Lois Schultz and an infant nephew.

Funeral services and visitation were held Tuesday, March 15, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Officiated will be Rev. Randy Nicholas.

Burial was at Lena Burial Park.

A memorial has been established in her name.

Friends may send condolences to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Grover Joseph Appell Jr

WARREN — Grover Joseph Appell Jr. of Amboy, IL formerly of Warren, IL passed away on March 9, 2016 at KSB Hospital in Dixon, IL. Grover was born on February 9, 1929 to Grover and Mayme Marie (Mau) Appell in Warren. He attended school at the Sweet Home School.

Grover worked at The Workshop in Galena, IL where he participated in the senior program. After moving to Amboy, Grover worked for Kreider Services.

Grover is survived by his niece Virginia Boelk of Free-

port, IL; nephews Jerome Dorneden of Lena, IL and Roger Dorneden of Warren, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Virgil Appell; three Sisters Lucille Sigafus, Vernile Henry, and Marion Dorneden.

Graveside services were March 12, at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren.

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Merlyn "Curly" Wallace Knapp

NORA — Merlyn "Curly" Wallace Knapp, age 75 passed away on Friday March 11, 2016 at FHN Hospital in Freeport, IL. He was born on March 26, 1940 to Wallace and Bernice (Williams) Knapp. He was employed at Lunde's Truck Sales; he delivered mail and also worked as a mechanic. He loved to garden, spend time with his family camping and fishing and to tinker in his garage whenever

he got a chance.

He is survived by three children; Kimberly (Kevin) Dose, Tammy K. Knapp and Robert W. Knapp. Nine grandchildren; Danielle Dose, Chelsey Dose, Bailey Dose, Bridget Bumford, Justin Knapp, Robyn D. Knapp, Lily Knapp, Luke Knapp and Sophie Knapp. Five great grandchildren; Kylie Bobo, Austin and Lynzie Bumford and Elija Pitsenbarger. Two brothers; Wallace (Marlynn) Knapp and Carl Knapp, two sisters; Wanda Knapp and Mary (Greg) Roush. Several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; step mother Geraldine Knapp, sisters Willa Chorlton, Janet Klein and Darlene Knapp and a niece, Julie Ann Roush.

Cremation rites have been accorded and private family services will be held at a later date.

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STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 10

STOCKTON — Feb. 26, at approximately 9 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was called to a residence in the 500 block of East Front Street in reference to a sudden death. The investigation determined that the deceased died of natural causes.

On Feb. 27, at approximately 11 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department, while patrolling in the area of the 300 block of North Simmons Street, had his attention drawn to a male person sitting on the sidewalk with another male person. The officer questioned the males

at which time one male yelled obscenities at the officer. Upon further check of the individuals it was determined that there was an active Warrant of Arrest from Stephenson County for Shawn D. Heidenreich, age 40 of 410 East Simmons Street, Stockton. Heidenreich was arrested by the Stockton Officer who transferred custody of Heidenreich to a Stephenson County Deputy near the Jo Daviess, Stephenson County Line.

On Feb. 27 at approximately 11:15 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department responded to a domestic distur-

bance in the 500 Block of North Stockton Street. The domestic Dispute had not become physical and the parties were separated for the evening. No arrests were made.

On Feb. 28, at approximately 1:30 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department made a traffic stop on a red 1996 Chevrolet Pickup truck. The driver of the vehicle was a 16 year old juvenile. Pursuant to Illinois Statutes a person under the age of 18 year of age does not legally possess a driver's license between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. The juvenile was arrested for No Valid Driver's License and was later released to the custody of his parents.

On March 03, at approximately 9 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department, was dispatched to an area of East Stockton Road in reference to a male person who resides near Sycamore, Illinois making threatening computerized threats. A report of the incident was taken by the Stockton Officer and because the incident occurred within the county, the case was turned over to the Jo Davies County Sheriff's Department for further investigation.

On Feb. 03, at approximately 2:30 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched, pursuant to mutual aid, to assist Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department Deputies at the Nora Bar locating a subject reportedly with a

firearm. While there an argument broke out between patrons at the bar. A male person later identified as Jessi L. Kirchner, age 21, of 5814 North Council Hill Road, Galena became argumentative toward other patrons and officer. Kirchner was arrested by the Stockton Officer for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. Kirchner was transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail. No firearm was discovered.

On Feb. 6, at approximately 12 p.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a black Pontiac Grand Prix near the area of North Willis and North Avenue. The driver of the vehicle was issued a warning for the traffic violation. The officer, because of his suspicions requested permission to search the vehicle. Permission was granted by the subject at which time a small amount of marijuana was discovered as well as a set of brass knuckles. The driver explained to the officer that he was not aware that the brass knuckles were illegal to possess. The officer confiscated the brass knuckles and advised the driver that he was not going to arrest him for the small amount of marijuana.

On Feb. 8, at approximately 8 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the area of 410 South Simons Street because of a female person attempting suicide. The Stockton officer assisted by a Jo Daviess County Deputy made contact with the female as well as the Stockton ambulance. The female person was transported to Freeport Hospital by the Stockton Area Ambulance Service.

From Chief of Police, LaDon Trost: The Stockton Village Board is looking into amending our current burn ordinance. The new ordinance may prohibit any refuse, trash, leaves, yard waste be burned anywhere within the Village, whether inside or outside of an incinerator, burn barrel, fire pit or receptacle. A draft copy of the ordinance can be viewed on the Village's website, or picked up at Village Hall as well as the Stockton Police Department. Your input is welcomed.

Stockton Chief of Police LaDon Trost would like to remind readers that those persons arrested by the Stockton police department are presumed innocent until proven guilty by a court or courts of law.

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Jill Austin from Barefoot Editing will be giving a presentation at 1 p.m. on "Common Mistakes Self-Publishers Make."

Several industry professionals will be in attendance including Total Printing Systems from

Newton, IL. Their printing rep will available to answer questions authors might have about the printing process. The fair is being sponsored by McIver Publishing, a Freeport company that helps authors self-publish their work as inexpensively as possible. They will be in attendance to speak with writers interested in the self-publishing process and the costs involved.

For more information on the Author Fair or to sign up for a table, please call Kim McIver at (815) 297-2293. The deadline to register is March 25.



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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — What a beautiful week of weather; however, old man winter will be coming back. I hope you haven't put away all the warm clothes and shoes—everywhere I go, I see sandals and flip flops—those toes will probably be getting cold. The first signs of spring are showing—yes the robins are back in full force, Sullivan's is putting up its nursery tent, and my daffodils are peeking out of the ground. This week's recipes are featuring some winter and spring selections. I would love to give up winter, but I think we still will be having some cooler temperatures. Enjoy this array of salad, soup, meatless main courses, and desserts.

This first salad is an easy one. You can use poppy seed dressing from the store or make your own. It also is great with a hot bacon dressing. Just reserve the fat from your bacon, add some vinegar and sugar and heat it on the stove. Dump it over the salad before adding the cranberries and eggs. I would leave the nuts off of the hot dressing. This salad is a great way to eat spinach.

Loaded Spinach Salad

1 bag of baby spinach
 ½ C. dried cranberries
 2 hard boiled eggs
 ½ C. toasted pecans
 3 slices crumbled bacon
 ¼ to ½ C. poppy seed dressing
 Assemble salad ingredients in a large bowl, toss with salad dressing—using only as much dressing as you like or enough to coat the salad.

The next recipe is for a stan-

dard restaurant sandwich, the Reuben. This recipe has you using deli corned beef. If you have any leftover corned beef from St. Patrick's Day, use that instead. If you don't have any corned beef of your own, Sullivan's has some great corned beef in its sandwich meat section.

Reuben Melt

2 T. white vinegar
 1 T. olive oil
 ½ t. caraway seeds
 1/8 t. salt
 Dash of pepper
 2 C. finely shredded cabbage
 4 slices marble rye bread
 2 t. olive oil
 10 oz. sliced deli corned beef

Sauce

1 T. flour
 ¾ C. milk
 ½ C. shredded baby Swiss cheese
 2 t. sweet pickle relish
 2 t. ketchup
 1/8 t. sweet paprika

Preheat the broiler. In a bowl, whisk vinegar, oil, caraway seeds, salt and pepper. Add cabbage; toss.

In a saucepan, whisk the flour and milk until smooth. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until thick. Stir in cheese, relish, ketchup and paprika until the cheese is melted. Keep warm.

Place bread slices on a baking sheet. Brush both sides with oil. Broil 4-6 inches from heat for 45-60 seconds on each side or until golden. Layer beef over the bread slices and broil 1-2 minutes longer or until meat is heated through. Top with cheese sauce and slaw.

Need a meatless recipe that doesn't involve fish? This next recipe is a great way to have a meatless meal.

Easiest Cheesiest Lasagna

½ C. pasta sauce, heated
 3 C. cheese ravioli thawed
 1½ C. fresh spinach
 ½ C. mozzarella cheese
 1 C. pasta sauce, heated
 ½ C. mozzarella
 Spread ½ cup hot pasta sauce

into a greased 11 x7 baking dish. Layer with cheese ravioli, spinach, mozzarella and 1 cup of hot pasta sauce. Repeat layers. Sprinkle the top with mozzarella. Bake uncovered, at 350 for 45 minutes or until edges are bubbly and cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes or until edges are bubbly and cheese is melted.

This dessert is an easy one to make because it uses refrigerated cookie dough as its base. Using both chocolate and vanilla puddings makes this a rich creamy dessert. Using sugar free also makes it a little bit lighter in calories.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Delight

1 tube (16 ½ oz.) refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
 1 C. powdered sugar
 1 carton (12 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided

3 C. cold milk
 1 pkg. (3.9 oz.) instant chocolate pudding mix
 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix
 Chopped pecans and chocolate curls,

Let cookie dough stand at room temperature for 5-10 minutes to soften. Press into an ungreased 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 for 14-16 minutes or until

golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and powdered sugar until smooth. Fold in 1¾ C. whipped topping. Spread over the crust.

In a large bowl, whisk the milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes; let stand for 2 minutes or until or until soft set. Spread over the cream cheese layer. Top with remaining whipped topping. Sprinkle with nuts and chocolate curls.

Once more we put the musical to rest. After an intense two months of practices and hard work, the kids did a great job. I think the audience enjoyed the productions, and I even heard people singing the encore with the cast—it was a fun way to end with a favorite song telling us all "you gotta have heart!" This coming Friday will be the Northwest Conference Musical Festival held at the Lena-Winslow Fine Arts Center. It begins

at 7 p.m. and admission is the same as if you were going to a sporting event—\$3 for students and \$4 for adults. Students from eleven high schools in our area will practice all day and come together to put on an absolutely wonderful performance. You can hear both chorus and band students performing some beautiful music. You will not find a better and cheaper entertainment this weekend than what will take place at Le-Win. I hope you will all come out to see the students perform. Baseball, softball, and track will begin next week also. It has been nice weather (here is hoping it stays nice for them because it is easier to run, bat, throw, and jump in warm and not rain!) We continue to look for recipes for Easter. 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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Team members from Scales Mound High School competed at the recent WYSE sectional competition at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Scales Mound students compete in WYSE sectionals

SCALES MOUND — The Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering sectional competition was held at NIU in DeKalb on Thursday, March 3. There were 10 teams competing in the 300 Division. Jalen Phil-

lips from Scales Mound High School placed second in Math and will advance to the State Finals at Champaign on April 11. Other team members from Scales Mound High School competing were: Allysa Ander-

son, Cole Anderson, Madelyn Cocagne, Nic Davis, Hunter Hall, Ryan Schiess, Lauren Sigafus, Zachery Stadel, Sonja Townsend, Kyle Wiene, Jacob Winslow, and Erin Winter.

Coach Keith Hesselbacher

Lena-Winslow FFA attends 'Women Changing the Face of Agriculture' conference

LENA — Thirteen sophomore through senior members of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter attended the "Women Changing the Face of Agriculture" conference in Bloomington on the first Friday in March. At this conference, which was organized by Illinois Agri-Women, students met in small groups with current female agriculture professionals to get personal up-to-date information on the agriculture industry.

Students broke out in small groups and had a variety of topics from which they could hear

about. Some of the topics included, ag business, ag education, agronomy, veterinary medicine, engineering, communications, law, food science and marketing.

This inspirational event gave our female chapter members a chance to see people in Illinois who have made a success of their agricultural career. They got to network with other chapters from across the state as well as with industry professionals who might be interviewing them in the future for a career in ag of their own!

Scales Mound High School Choir performs at Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey game

SCALES MOUND — In November of 2015, the Scales Mound High School Choir, under the direction of Krista Wilhelm, performed the National Anthem at their school's annual Veterans Day program to honor and thank their local veterans. Word of their stellar performance quickly made its way around the town. Soon the choir was invited to sing the National Anthem again, but this time, it was at a Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey game! On Saturday, March 5, the eleven singers stood on the ice

at the Mystique Community Ice Center and proudly sang the National Anthem before the hockey game. "I was so nervous that my heart was pounding!" said Olivia Winter, a soprano in the choir. "It is not every day that you get invited to do something like that. It was an amazing experience," said Nicole Pavino, also a soprano in the choir. All the singers agree that they are very grateful for the opportunity, and they felt honored that they were invited. For many of them, it was their very first time at a hockey game!



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The Scales Mound High School Choir performed at a recent Dubuque Fighting Saints hockey game
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Science Siesta! Girls + science = fun!

ROCKFORD — Have you ever dreamt of spending the night in a museum? No, this isn't a movie, it's Science Siesta! Hosted by the University of Illinois Extension, this event for fourth-sixth grade girls will be held twice in 2016. Event dates are: Friday, April 15 to Saturday, April 16 and Friday, April 22 to Saturday, April 23. Both events will be held at the Discovery Center and Burpee Natural History Museums in Rockford. These action-packed overnights will combine the fun of a pajama party with hands-on science experiences. "This is our fifteenth year of con-

ducting Science Siesta, we have reached over 2,300 girls so far and we are excited to continue to offer this fun, interactive event to encourage girls to consider science-related career fields," said Johnna Jennings, University of Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator.

At Science Siesta, girls have the opportunity to meet actual females in science career fields from throughout northern Illinois. The scientists will share information about their background and involve the girls in activities much like they complete in their work every day.

Following the face-to-face interaction with female scientists, youth participate in activities based on the "Wonderwise" curriculum developed by the University of Nebraska. This curriculum highlights the work of female scientists and then translates their work into hands-on science based activities which are fun and engaging. Participating girls may choose one of three workshop tracks for breakout sessions. Their choices include activities from "Rain Forest Ecologist" and "Space Geologist".

Statistics show that girls are

less likely to pursue degrees and careers in science and mathematics than boys. Researchers agree that this is a complex problem with no easy answers, but believe that there are things that can be done. They suggest that having role models that girls can look up to, as well as making science fun and interactive will encourage girls to stay involved and interested in science. Events such as Science Siesta are designed to help bridge the gap for girls at a time when many may start to lose interest in science or question whether science is a field they should choose.

Both of the events will begin with registration at 5 p.m. on Friday and will conclude with check-out at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The registration fee is \$40 per girl. The registration fee covers pizza, snack, and breakfast, admission to the Discovery Center Museum and Burpee Museum of Natural History, and all hands-on activities. For additional information, as well as to register for either one of these Science Siesta events, go to the University of Illinois Extension website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/> or call (815) 758-8194.

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CHURCH NEWS

Bluegrass gospel concert to feature Hall Sisters and Bluegrass Express

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth Community Building in Elizabeth, Illinois will be the site of the fourth annual Spring Bluegrass Gospel Concert presented by Grace Bible Church of Woodbine on Saturday March 19 at 7 p.m. Featured performers will be The Hall Sisters Band from Ellis Grove, Illinois (near St. Louis, Missouri) and Bluegrass Express from Stockton, Illinois. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. A free will offering will be collected. The Elizabeth Community Building is located on the west edge of Elizabeth on US Highway 20, next to the baseball diamonds.

A true family band from Southern Illinois, the award winning Hall Sisters Band is quickly making a name for itself in the Midwest and beyond. In 2014, The Hall Sisters Band captured fourth place at the KSMU National Youth in Bluegrass competition at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo. This young band plays well beyond its years. Singing together from the time they could talk, the siblings have the close harmonies often associated with family groups. The band is made up of three sisters—Emily, Rosemary, Natalie—and their Mom, Kabbie. They play bluegrass and gospel music and number of other genres in a bluegrass style with guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin,

and upright bass. Bluegrass Express was founded by the father-son team of Gary and Greg Underwood in 1980 and has been entertaining audiences from Michigan to Mississippi and all points in between for over 30 years. Featuring tight harmony found in family bands along with superbly proficient instrumentation, a live performance by Bluegrass Express is certain to delight audiences of all ages. The band's 2014 CD release, *In Our Own Words*, has received extensive airplay on bluegrass radio throughout the United States, and an all-gospel recording project is set to be released later in 2016. More information can be found at bluegrassexpressband.com.

of Nashville's "A list" musicians. Nathaniel Burie of New Berlin, Wisconsin joins the group on mandolin and vocals. Nathaniel has performed in the area previously as part of

the Burie Family, a group with numerous industry awards to their credit. Make plans now to support this community event. For more information, call 815-858-3843 or 815-297-5540.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

WILLOW/KENT — Willow/Kent UMC will worship together at Willow UMC Sun. Mar 20 (Palm Sunday) at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be bringing the message, all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following. Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m.; studying from the Holy Bible; all are invited/welcome. Willow UMC is located about seven miles southeast of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. For more info: Call 815-601-6742.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on March 20, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Palm Sunday Worship Service with Procession of Palms and Holy Communion. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Tena Rackow who will lead on the Piano. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. In addition, the Good Shepherd Choir will practice at 11 a.m., and the Good Shepherd Chime Choir will rehearse at 5 p.m. On Wednesday March 23 at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world! At 12 p.m. Good Shepherd will gather at Lena Methodist Church hosted by Salem United Church of Christ with churches throughout the Lena, Winslow, and McConnell area for an Ecumenical Soup Lunch and Lenten Message. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday March 24 at 7 p.m. and Good Friday Service on March 25 at 7 p.m.

On Easter Morning, March 27, Good Shepherd will have two festive worship services at 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. as we celebrate that Christ is risen! There will be special music, at the 9:30 a.m. service. Between services at 8 a.m. the Good Shepherd Lutheran Youth will serve an Easter Breakfast of Ham, Eggs, Cinnamon Rolls, and more! The After School Program for fourth through eighth graders will meet at the Hangout downtown on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play.

Twenty year old and third generation performer Jacob Underwood adds his talents to the group on mandolin, banjo, fiddle and guitar. A winner of many instrument contests, in October of 2015, Jacob took home first place honors in the fiddle and banjo competitions as well as second place in the guitar division at the Bluegrass Shack contest in New Athens, Illinois. Jacob's critically acclaimed 2015 CD, "The Banjo Files" features guest appearances by several

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OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP THIS HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY— March 20
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 Sunday: Canticle Choir & Grace Christian Academy Choir from Chicago

MAUNDY THURSDAY— March 24 at 7:00 pm
 Theme: "Job: On Earth Is Not His Equal!"
 Worship with Holy Communion & Stripping Of The Altar

GOOD FRIDAY— March 25 at 7:00 pm
 Theme: "Job: Tearing Down The Spite House!"
 Tenebrae (Light & Darkness) Worship

NO SATURDAY WORSHIP ON MARCH 26

EASTER SUNDAY— March 27
 Theme: "Job: I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"
 Worship: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
 10:30 am—Celebration Worship
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EASTER BREAKFAST—8:00 am
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PASTOR'S CORNER

The List

Dave Offermann

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

I Chronicles 6:19b "These are the clans of the Levites listed according to their fathers."

LENA — Growing up, our high school always hosted some tryouts for the spring musical shortly after students returned from Christmas break. Teenagers would nervously line up in the hallway, waiting to enter a classroom so they could read a short piece or sing a few stanzas, hoping to be selected for an important role in the upcoming production. Competition was fierce and expectations were high. On the appointed day, the faculty would post a list of names. A small crowd gathered around the bulletin board, eagerly searching for their name or the name of friends. Some students left that crowd wearing broad smiles, some were shedding tears.

If you've ever auditioned for a play, tried out for a team or taken a board examination, it's possible you've had the same experience. Maybe you have expectantly examined a list hoping to see your name. Your name, appearing on the right list can be a source of great joy.

However, reading a bunch of names of people you don't know isn't really high on anyone's list of favorite things to do, especially when those names are unfamiliar and hard to pronounce. Just letting your eyes glance at some of the lines surrounding verse 19 in I Chronicles 6 is enough to leave you tongue tied. Jozadak, Shimei, Merari, Ahitub and Seraiah are all names found in these verses that are so foreign that they essentially mean nothing to us. It seems strange to us that God would cause the author of I Chronicles to record name after name. We do not know anything about them except maybe who their father or mother was, or where they lived. But one thing stands out. This list of names shows how important recognition is. God recognized the people who were part of Israel's history. He recognized their accomplishment. He knew them by name and took the time to point them out.

It's easy for us to feel overlooked and unimportant. It's easy for us to feel that others get all the recognition and attention. It's easy to feel forgotten. But, here is the deal, God knows your name too. He knows who you are, even when you feel as strange or unrecognizable as a Jozadak or a Seraiah. You matter to Him. Even if your name never appears on some winner's list or try-out roster, God wants to rec-

ognize you as His child. That's reward enough.

The arrest, trial, and crucifixion of the King

By Gary Rich – Lay Servant
Lena United Methodist Church

LENA — As we continue to read the Gospel of John using Adam Hamilton's book *John – The Gospel of Light and Life* as a guide, we find some of the details written by John of the crucifixion of Jesus are not the same as what we find in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It is likely that if we look deeper at these details and clues John is giving us, we will find important information about the significance of Jesus and the cross. The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) focus on the Kingdom of God but John's Gospel talks about Jesus the King. The Gospel of Mark tells us of the despair and nervousness of Jesus prior to his arrest. (Mark 14:33b-35) He began to feel despair and was anxious. 34 He said to them, "I'm very sad. It's as if I'm dying. Stay here and keep alert." 35 Then he went a short distance farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if possible, he might be spared the time of suffering.

Luke tells us that Jesus' sweat was like drops of blood.

(Luke 22:44). 44 He was in anguish and prayed even more earnestly. His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

John does not see Jesus in the same light. John concentrates on the divinity of Christ. To John, Christ is the King, ready to fulfill his mission on Earth. John gives us a confident and courageous Jesus. (John 18:4-6) In John's account, as the Roman soldiers come to arrest him, Jesus steps forward before Judas can even speak. John wants to remind us that Jesus is the King, and even the soldiers were weary when Jesus tells them he is the "I Am." Both views of Jesus are important, but John wants us to see Jesus' divinity and his complete control of the situation.

(John 18:4-6) 4 Jesus knew everything that was to happen to him, so he went out and asked, "Who are you looking for?" 5 They answered, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I Am." [a] (Judas, his betrayer, was standing with them.) 6 When he said, "I Am," they shrank back and fell to the ground.

John's Gospel does not mention the Sanhedrin but does talk about Jesus appearing before Caiaphas. Apparently, all the Jewish leaders agreed Jesus should be turned over to Pon-

tius Pilate for punishment after claiming to be the Son of God. Now, Pilates' job was to maintain the peace and keep Roman control. Pilate wanted to know what Jesus had done to receive the wrath of the Jewish high priest. Jesus tells Pilate he came into this world to testify to the truth. Jesus is a King whose kingdom is not like those in this world. It is a kingdom made up of all who believe in him, follow him, and seek to love God and neighbor. I sometimes wonder what Pilate was thinking of during this whole situation with Jesus. By the way he continues to ask Jesus questions, Pilate is trying to understand why the Jews are so afraid of Jesus. Pilate has to decide what is best for his career and was concerned about keeping the peace. Pilate offered to release Jesus, but the crowd

wanted only his death.

This trial was as much about the Jewish leaders and Pontius Pilate as it was Jesus. Pilate might have furthered his military career but he failed the test of accepting Jesus as his King and savior. John is very hard on the Jewish leadership of the time but many times shortens his reference to just "the Jews", lumping them all together. We sometimes forget that Jesus and all of the disciples were Jews. Some scholars believe that by the time John was writing his Gospel the Jewish leadership was not allowing Christians into the synagogues, and this might have contributed to John's feelings of the Jewish leaders.

John emphasizes that Jesus carried his own cross. This is another way John wants us to see Jesus as the strong and dignified

Son of God. John wants us to see that by the death and resurrection of Jesus he delivers us from sin and frees us from the fear of death.

Sometimes you will hear Christians say they have figured out how atonement works and can explain it like solving a math problem. Now, I have studied and used math all my life for solving all kinds of problems, but I don't think Jesus' death works like that. At different times in our lives, the death, suffering and resurrection of Jesus can affect us differently. Sometimes it is our need for forgiveness. While for others, the need to see the power of God, and at other times to see the love of our King, who laid down his life for us. I think Jesus' last words say it all. "It is finished." Christ's mission on earth had been completed.

First United Methodist schedules Easter events

PEARL CITY — Lenten Lunches will be served at Pearl City First United Methodist Church on Wednesdays at noon. We will enjoy a brief message, music and a free will offering taken. On Wednesday, March 16, Yellow Creek Brethren Church will serve the meal. The last lunch will be served by Zion Church on March 23. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating this Lenten season and Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday, March 20, we will enjoy a service filled with music from our Praise Team.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, join us for a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with a message from Phyllis Potter and music from our choir. After the service there will be an Easter Breakfast followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Our services are held at the Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. with the exception of Easter Sunday. Immediately following the service, there will be Sunday School held in our lower level.

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Women's service recognized during meeting

By Linda Boeke and Tony Carton
For the Shopper's Guide

LENA — At a Feb. 13 meeting held at the Lena American Legion hall lady veterans and the past presidents of the auxiliary were recognized during a presentation by Julia Moore showing how each woman's day to day experiences while in the service were different. Further presentations are expected at future meetings. In addition, Judy Shippe spoke about the importance of continuing recognition of women and their service to the country.

For nearly a century members of the American Legion Auxiliary have worked steadfastly, side by side, promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for veterans and active-duty military. Nationwide, the auxiliary provides annual volunteer services worth nearly \$2 billion. The Shopper's Guide salutes the auxiliary and thanks them for their continuing service.

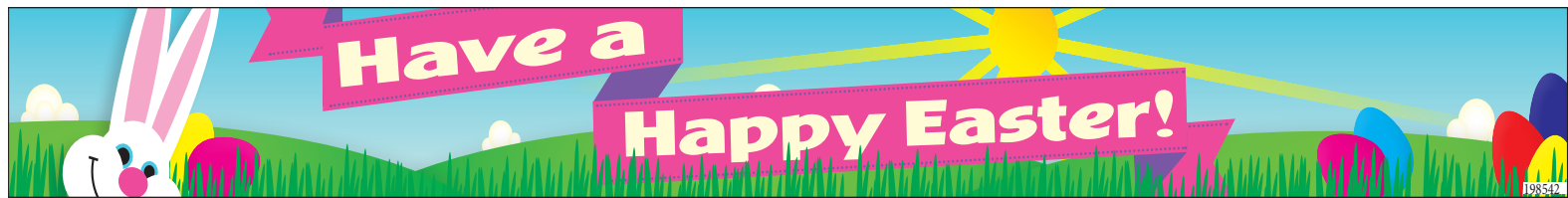
St. Paul's observes Passion Sunday

KENT — On Sunday, March 20, at 10 a.m. family worship, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will observe The Passion of Christ Sunday, or Palm Sunday, as it is also known.

Passion Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week as we retrace Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection for us. Our Sunday worship will begin with the procession of Jesus to Jerusalem. The voice of our suffering Savior can be heard in the prophet Isaiah's words and the pleading of Psalm 31. The congregation will be invited to feel the agony of our Lord in the extended reading of the Passion of Christ, according to St. Luke. There will be no sermon.

This is also Food Pantry Sunday, and each attendee is invited to bring at least one item for the Pearl City Food pantry.

All are welcome to join us at the little church with the big heart. Please join us. We are located in the suburbs of Kent at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. For more information, call 232-4010.



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Holy Week and Easter

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Holy Thursday – March 24
Service at 6:30 pm
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Easter Sunday – March 27
Worship at 8:00 am
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Le-Win High School production of Damn Yankee



(Above) The Lena-Winslow High School Theatre Department performers showed plenty of heat throughout the evening when they opened Damn Yankees to an appreciative crowd.

(Right) Jeri Strohecker, Lisa and Scott Stich were kept busy most of last weekend making sure the school's production of Damn Yankee was a home run.



Tracy Siegner photos

The performers were treated to tables of healthy snacks to keep their energy levels high for opening night of the Lena-Winslow High School production of Damn Yankee.



Tracy Siegner photo

Piecing it together

The Piece Corps Quilters meet to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena. The corps is always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world.

Illinois Farmers – Lost Corn Income Informational Meeting

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- Judge sets Trial Date in 2017

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NO COST TO ATTEND

Wednesday - March 23, 2016

Time	Location
8:30 a.m.	State Bank of Davis, 100 Rte. 75, Davis
11:30 a.m.	Cimino's Little Italy, 421 Challenge St., Freeport
2:00 p.m.	Toni's of Winnebago (Event Center), 508 Elida St., Winnebago
5:00 p.m.	Steam Plant Family Restaurant, 123 Meadow St., Belvidere

Thursday - March 24, 2016

Time	Location
8:30 a.m.	Nash Recreation Center (Board Room), 304 S. 5th St., Oregon
11:00 a.m.	Dixon Elks Lodge 779, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon
2:00 p.m.	American Legion Post #66, 1204 S. 4th St., DeKalb

The meetings are open to all corn growers. There is no cost to join the litigation.

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Reserve space now for the Stephenson County Home Show

STATELINE — Limited exhibition space remains for the 2016 Stephenson County Home Show to be held March 19 and 20 at the Highland Community College / YMCA Sports Complex in Freeport. Show hours are Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-4. Admission is free and there will be concessions available.

The show annually features area businesses including investment companies, contractors, communications experts, health-care providers, insurance agents, landscaping contractors, heating and air conditioning contractors, furniture and appliance dealers and many more.

Businesses interested in having a booth should contact the Home Show Coordinator immediately as the exhibit hall is well over half sold out. The starting price for a 6' x 8' booth is \$235 and larger booths are available while they last.

Last year's show featured over 80 businesses and attracted more than 3500 area residents. A map of the show along with packets to sign up can be found at abcadsonline.com on the Home Show tab, or are available by mail or email upon request.

For more information on reserving a booth space, contact Show Coordinator,

Jen Sheppard at ABC Advertising Specialists, Inc. at 815-232-4616 or 630-643-7438 or by email at jen@abcadsonline.com.

COLLEGE NEWS

Rachel Heinen named to the fall 2015 Dean's List at Creighton University

OMAHA, NE — Rachel Heinen of Lake Summerset, was named to the fall 2015 Dean's List at Creighton University.

Heinen is a Senior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Full-time students who earn a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0 scale are eligible for the Dean's List. Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., enrolls 4,100 undergraduates and 4,200 graduate and professional students among nine schools and colleges.

Children's workshops scheduled

ELIZABETH — The Planetary Studies Foundation would like to announce the dates for the children's summer workshops. This year the sessions will have various topics including Living in the 1800's, Space Week Astronaut Training, Cemetery and Genealogy Studies, Oceanography, Freshwater and Climate Change, and Planet Earth and It's Neighbors. The workshops will be Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Planetary Studies Foundation Earth and Space Science Museum is located at 115 N. Main Street, Elizabeth. These workshops are limited to 10 children per/class for children ages 7-12.

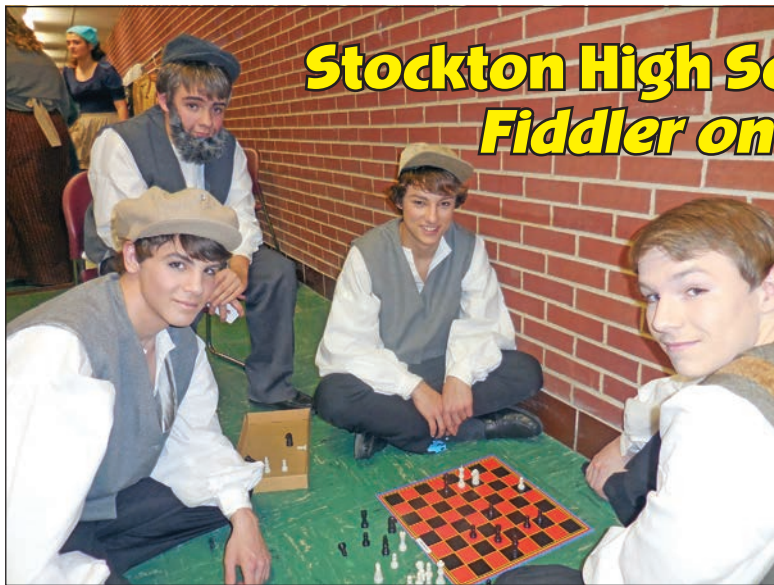
For more information about the 2016 children's summer workshop and set dates, please email dsipiera@planets.org or call (815) 858-2014 or stop by the museum.

Girl Scouts continue cookie sales

STATELINE — Area Girl Scouts continue to sell cookie favorites at a location near you, but only through March 20! To find a nearby cookie booth, visit www.girlscoutcookies.org or use the official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app, free for smartphones and mobile devices!

When you purchase a box of Girl Scout Cookies, you are investing in a girl's future. Did you know Girl Scout Cookies is the largest girl-run business in the world? Girls who sell cookies are raising money to fund their own Girl Scout experience. The money raised goes towards earning leadership awards, financing community projects, attending camp, or she and her troop may plan to donate their earnings back to a worthy cause. It's up to the girls, because Girl Scouts is completely girl-led.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program teaches girls 5 essential life skills including goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. One hundred percent of the net revenue raised through Girl Scout Cookie sales in northern Illinois stays with Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois and its local 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!



Stockton High School performs Fiddler on the Roof

Members of the cast take a few minutes to focus on their next move before the opening of the Stockton High School production of Fiddler on the Roof.



Stockton High School Vocal Music Director Lana Crandall spends those last few minutes fine tuning the lighting for opening night.

Tracy Siegner photos



The audio team is ready to roll as the curtain rose on opening night for the Stockton High School Theatre Department production of Fiddler on the Roof.



As the Stockton High School production of Fiddler on the Roof opened, the stage is filled with the people of Anatevka singing the electrifying prologue, "Tradition," defining a central theme of tension between honoring the past and accepting progress.

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Pet Talk: Kennel Cough in dogs can lead to bronchopneumonia

STATELINE — Like humans, dogs can experience a noisy, dry cough caused by an irritated throat. However, persistent coughing paired with a fever, nasal or ocular discharge or loss of voice may be symptoms of a more serious condition, such as kennel cough.

Canine infectious tracheo-bronchitis, or kennel cough, can develop in dogs when they inhale bacterial or viral particles into their respiratory tract. Mucus coating the respiratory tract normally collects these infectious particles, but several factors can weaken this protection and expose dogs to viruses and bacteria that may cause kennel cough. Dr. Brad Bennett, lecturer at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, explained the basics of kennel cough. "Kennel cough is a respiratory disease classified by an infection in the throat caused by inhaling bacteria, coming into contact with viruses, or both," Bennett said. "Kennel cough is usually illustrated by inflammation of the trachea, but it can also lead to bronchopneumonia."

Dogs that are exposed to crowded areas with poor ventilation, such as those found in kennels or animal shelters, are at higher risk for developing kennel cough. Cold temperatures, exposure to cigarette smoke, and travel-induced stress can also increase a dog's risk for developing the infection.

The symptoms of kennel cough, including a dry, "honking" cough, coughing to the point of retching, fever, loss of voice, and ocular or nasal discharge, can be caused by multiple sources, but the most common cause is a bacterium called Bordetella

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of Anna's Pizza and Pasta for being honored with Business of the Year 2015. Congratulations to those recognized, and thank you for being involved further in your community.

This week's column reminds me of a quote by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, "Help others and give something back. I guarantee you will discover that while public service improves the lives and the world around you, its greatest reward is the enrichment and new meaning it will bring your own life."

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bronchiseptica. It is not unusual for dogs who become infected with Bordetella to be infected with a virus at the same time. This combination of bacterial and viral infections weakens the dog's mucosal protection in the respiratory tract against infectious particles, increasing their risk for kennel cough.

Although the coughing caused by kennel cough may sound

awful, the disease is not considered serious. Bennett recommended vaccinating your dog against Bordetella to help prevent respiratory infections from evolving into kennel cough. "Most local veterinarians have vaccines that can aid in the prevention of this disease," Bennett said. "These vaccines may be given intranasal or through a subcutaneous injection depend-

ing on the vaccination."

If you think your dog may have kennel cough, you should contact your veterinarian and keep your dog away from other animals to prevent the spread of the disease. Though it is important to monitor your dog's coughing habits closely, Bennett reminds pet owners that there are many different problems that can cause a pet to cough, includ-

ing an obstruction in the throat, primary lung disease, parasitism, cardiac disease, as well as infectious disease.

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed on the Web at vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk. Suggestions for future topics may be directed to editor@cvm.tamu.edu.

Five tax rules for March Madness gambling wins and losses

Information compiled by **Tony Carton**
Editor

STATELINE — As the clock ticks down to tip-off for college basketball's biggest event of the year, March Madness fans are anxious to fill out their brackets and maybe wager a few dollars on their tournament predictions.

The American Gaming Association reports that nearly 40 million Americans filled out brackets for last year's tournament and wagered an estimated \$2 billion. Beyond the bracket bets, total wagering on the tournament runs as high as \$9 billion. With all that cash trading hands in official and non-official betting, there are tax considerations involved for big winners and losers.

The Illinois CPA Society reminds all basketball fans to keep these key federal tax rules in mind during March Madness and for all types of gaming:

Special tax reporting is required for gambling wins of at least \$600 or 300 times the original wager.

Gambling wins of \$5000 or more may require withholding taxes to be taken out before payout.

All cash and non-cash gambling winnings are taxable.

Casual gamblers must report win and loss totals separately — not simply state the overall difference.

Keep all printed gaming receipts or records of wagers for official tax documentation.

Additionally, gambling

winnings are reported to the Internal Revenue Service on Form W-2G, but if you're sharing a cash prize with a group, you'll also need IRS Form 5754 to file your taxes. And if you don't want federal

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Edward Jones ranks No. 10 on FORTUNE Magazine's 'Best Companies to Work For' list

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Financial services firm Edward Jones ranked No. 10 on FORTUNE magazine's "100

Best Companies to Work For 2016" list in its 17th appearance on the prestigious list, according to Ashlie Simonson, Financial Advisor in Stockton..

In the FORTUNE survey of associates, for which the ranking is predominantly based, 94 percent of Edward Jones associates said they have pride in the work they do. And 95 percent of associates say that overall, Edward Jones is a great place to work. Edward

Jones' 17 FORTUNE rankings also include top 10 finishes for 13 years, top five rankings for six years and consecutive No. 1 rankings in 2002 and 2003. Last year, the firm ranked No. 6 overall.

The full list and related stories appear in the March 7 issue of FORTUNE magazine and at www.fortune.com/best-companies. In addition to this most recent FORTUNE honor, Edward Jones was named a great place to work for women and for millennials by the Great Place to Work and FORTUNE magazine.

"This positive feedback is a tremendous vote of confidence in our success at creating a place to work where we are motivated by our desire to make a meaningful difference to our clients and where we recognize our success is the result of our individual contributions," said Edward Jones Managing Partner Jim Weddle. "All of us, working together, make this honor possible. Through our everyday actions we demonstrate our firm's values, culture and caring about our clients. I want to thank every associate, leader, branch team and partner. Working together, we make this a very special place."



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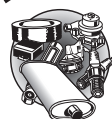
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There were 18 pies judged and the judges for the event were: Merlene Erb, David Finkenbinder, and Kathy LeBaron, all of Lena.

The American Legion Auxiliary sponsored the event and would like to thank everyone for participating.

Those attending the event rated the soups and top votes received were: first-Crock Pot Potato, second Taco Soup, and tied for third Chicken Pot Pie Soup, California Cheese Soup, Cabbage Soup and Sauerkraut Soup. There were 21 soups to taste.

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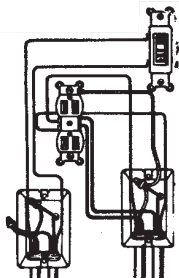


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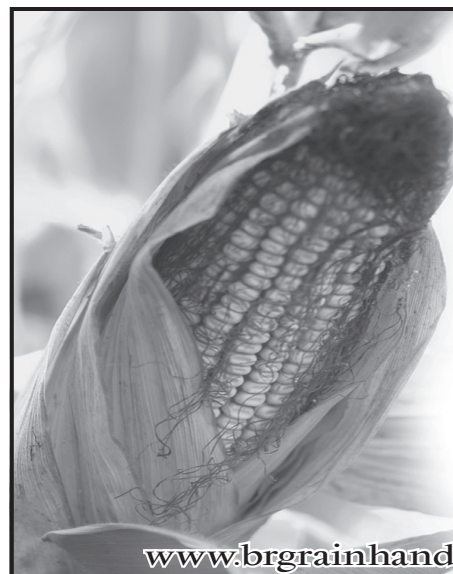
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Local student named to University of Northwestern - St. Paul dean's list

ST. PAUL, MN — Mariah Visel of Pearl City was named to the fall 2015 semester Dean's List at University of Northwestern - St. Paul. The Dean's List includes full-time students with a grade point average (GPA) during the semester of 3.65 (out of 4.0) or higher. University of Northwestern - St. Paul is a nondenominational Christian university in St. Paul, MN.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Adkins Energy LLC 2016 Scholarship available

LENA — Adkins Energy LLC is proud to offer its annual scholarship. The application deadline is Wednesday, April 1, 2016.

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Andrew Stangl selected as 2016 NWTf Academic Scholarship winner.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY— The Jo Daviess County Longbeards, a chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, is pleased to announce that the winner of the NWTf Academic Scholarship for 2016 is Andrew Stangl of Galena. Andrew plans to attend the University of Wisconsin - Platteville majoring in Engineering and will use the \$500 scholarship to offset college expenses.

Andrew, the son of Steven & Lori Stangl of Galena, is a senior at Galena High School and has been active in church, 4H, and high school basketball and football. He is an active sportsman who loves to hunt and fish. Andrew has attended JAKES Day events sponsored by the Jo Daviess County Longbeards Chapter and found them to be enjoyable and valuable.

The Jo Daviess County Longbeards are particularly proud of this scholarship program as it has helped to propel many young people into meaningful careers. The chapter recently received a letter of thanks from the 2010 recipient, Justin Hughes. Justin, who earned a Bachelor's degree in Fish and Wildlife Ecology and Management from Northland College, in Ashland Wisconsin has participated in many studies and projects including lake trout research, woodcock and sharptail grouse habitat management, grey wolf capture and tracking, and surveys for ruffed grouse and various raptor species. Justin is currently employed by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service working with ranchers to develop habitat for sage grouse in the sagebrush ecosystem of southeastern Montana.

The Jo Daviess County Chapter of the NWTf is a group of dedicated sports men & women, who work to promote and support wildlife conservation, with a particular interest in the wild turkey. The chapter actively supports youth education, and safe and ethical hunting practices.



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Lena youth to join Illinois team for national 4-H dairy contest

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ington where 39 youth competed for top awards.

National team members selected include: Jared Dickman of Lanark in Stephenson County, Charlie Elliott of Freeport in Stephenson County, Connor Erbsen of Lanark

in Carroll County, and Jordan Oellerich of Lena in Stephenson County. Alternates to the team are Grace Koster of Red Bud in Randolph County and Adam Olbrich of Harvard in McHenry County. The national contest is held in Louisville, Ky. in the fall.

The dairy quiz bowl challenges the 4-H members' knowledge and quick recall of information relating to the various aspects of dairy cattle management and dairy products. Each competition round included 12 questions presented one-on-one followed by 16 toss-up questions with bonus point options.

"The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl requires many hours of dedicated learning and a good understanding of the dairy industry," said Dave Fischer, retired University of Illinois Extension dairy specialist and coordinator of the Illinois 4-H dairy education program.

In addition to individual awards, youth competed as teams. The junior divi-

sion was won by a team of 4-H members from Clinton and Saline counties. Members included A.J. Lenkaitis and Briley Lenkaitis, both of Eldorado; and Drew Lueking and Shana Lueking, both of Centralia. The senior division team included 4-H members from Carroll and Stephenson counties. Members included Jared Dickman and Connor Erbsen, both of Lanark; and Charles Elliott of Freeport.

Assisting Fischer with the contest were Mike Hutjens, Gene McCoy and Rod Stoll. Attending locally were: Magen Busker, Rachelle Busker, Jared Dickman, Charlie Elliot, Ella Gundersen, Jordan Oellerich and Lila Sloan from Stephenson County; and Ellie Lenkaitis, Josh Wakeley and Kaycia Zimmerman from Winnebago County. To learn more about 4-H in the community, one may contact Lori Tessorf, Stephenson County 4-H Program Coordinator, at 815-235-4125.

Pearl City FFA members compete at District Proficiency Awards

PEARL CITY — Two members of the Pearl City FFA competed at the District 1 FFA Proficiency Awards on March 9 in Geneseo. Hayden Keltner, senior, and Jazmin Wingert, sophomore, each competed at the district level with their Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) record books. Each individual was evaluated on their record book and their interview with in their area of expertise. Keltner competed in Beef Production Entrepreneurship and Wingert in Diversified

Livestock Production. To get to the district level Keltner and Wingert had to be selected to advance at both the chapter and section level.


Keltner won district recognition with his record book and advances to the state competition to be held on April 1 at the University of Illinois in Campaign/Urbana. There he will compete with four other students from different areas of the state in Beef Production Entrepreneurship for a chance at the state award.

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In addition, Barkau Automotive has pledged \$100 from every car sold between March 1, and March 31, to the Fire Department re-building project.

Following on the Barkau pledge, FCA US LLC (Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) the parent company of Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, Jeep and Fiat vehicles has also pledged \$100 for each new FCA brand vehicle sold at Barkau Automotive during the same time period.

Rick Barkau, President of Barkau Automotive said, "If there was ever any doubt that tragedies can occur without warning - even to those best prepared - those doubts should be gone now. The fire at the Firehouse affects us all and we want to do what we can to get the firehouse back to full strength. We're very pleased that Fiat Chrysler was quick to recognize the need and have joined us in the effort.

We hope our cash donation, coupled with the pledges from car and truck sales in the coming weeks help in a small way to smooth the re-building process."

In late February, the Stockton Fire Department Firehouse along with fire trucks and equipment were severely damaged by fire.

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Le-Win Ministerial Lenten luncheons

Each Wednesday during Lent the Churches of the Le-Win Ministerial Association hosted a Lenten luncheon with soup, sandwich, and devotion. St Joseph Church was the site of the March 9 luncheon.

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, in downtown Lena, 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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*We would be delighted for your business to join Ladies Day Out. Interested vendors can request an application by calling Chelsea White at (815) 275-3997 or Kristina Weaver at (815) 541-2355 or Ladies-DayOut05@gmail.com

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Location: Downtown Municipal Parking Lot, Lena, IL

Date: Saturday, May 7
Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

A little levity to lighten your day

Two beavers are sitting on the edge of a stream. The first beaver turns to other and asks, "Hey, Bob, I noticed you look a little stressed out. What's the problem?" "Oh, just the usual, work." replies the other Beaver, "Its one dam project after another."

Quote of the week

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable." John F. Kennedy

March Sales Event



Stock #25378A
2004 Chevy Silverado
Silver birch metallic, 6.0 8 cyl., auto, 94k miles.
\$13,900



Stock #253562
2005 Chevy Silverado
Black, 5.3L 8 cyl., auto, 161k miles.
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2006 Chevy Silverado
Summit white, 6.0L 8 cyl., auto, 108k miles.
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Stock #62841
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Crystal Red Tintcoat 3.8L 6 cyl., auto, 79k miles.
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Granite gray metallic, 3.4L 6 cyl., auto, 98k miles.
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Steel blue metallic, 3.7L 6 cyl., auto, 92k miles.
\$9,500



Stock #62652
2002 Chevy T&C LXI
Inferno red, 3.8L 6 cyl., auto, 48k miles.
\$7,995



Stock #253782
2006 Chevy HHR LT
Black, 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 121k miles.
\$7,495



Stock #360141
2010 Chevy Cobalt
Summit white, 2.2L 4 cyl., auto, 97k miles.
\$6,995



Stock #62771
2004 Pontiac Grand Prix
Graystone Metallic 3.8L 6 cyl., auto, 112k miles.
\$6,900



Stock #260421
2006 Chevy HHR LS
Sunburst orange metallic, 2.2L 4 cyl., auto, 130k miles.
\$5,995



Stock #6267
2006 Chevy C4500 C4042
White, 8.1L 8cyl., auto, 168k miles.
\$5,975



Stock #253532
1999 Chevy S-10 LS
Onyx Black, 4.3L 6 cyl., auto, 153k miles.
\$5,500



Stock #62851
2000 Buick Regal GS
Black, 3.8L 6 cyl., auto, 92k miles.
\$5,495



Stock #6296
2005 Chry. PT Cruiser
Electric blue pearlcoat, 2.4L 4 cyl., auto, 107k miles.
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Graphite blue cc metallic, 3.0L 6 cyl., auto, 91k miles.
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