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Lena-Winslow Panthers fall to the Rockford Lutheran Crusaders

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

LENA — The baseball fields across northern Illinois are being prepped, as the calendar turns into the spring season.

For the Lena-Winslow Panthers, a delay to the season may have been preferred.

On Thursday, March 17, the Panthers fell to the Rockford Lutheran Crusaders 28-0.

The five-inning shortened contest kicked off 2016 for Lena-Winslow.

The Panthers, during the regular season, are expected to have their hands full, as they work through the rigorous NUIC schedule.

With games against area powerhouses, Pearl City, Oregon, Byron and Dakota, the schedule will be difficult.

With the first game of the season out of the way, the Panthers look forward to a busy

schedule, including back-to-back and probably weather-related, double-header series, throughout the season.

On Monday, March 21 the Panthers take on Byron, as part of their NUIC non-conference schedule.

Beginning this Tuesday, March 22, the NUIC schedule opens for the Panthers as they travel to Lanark to face Eastland.

Two days later, Eastland visits Lena-Winslow for a Thursday matinee, with game play beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Following the opening week, Lena-Winslow prepares for back-to-back games against Pearl City, a cross-conference showdown with the South Beloit Sobos and then back into NUIC action with a home and away series with Scales Mound, beginning Monday, April 4.

Highland Community College Trustees approve tuition increase

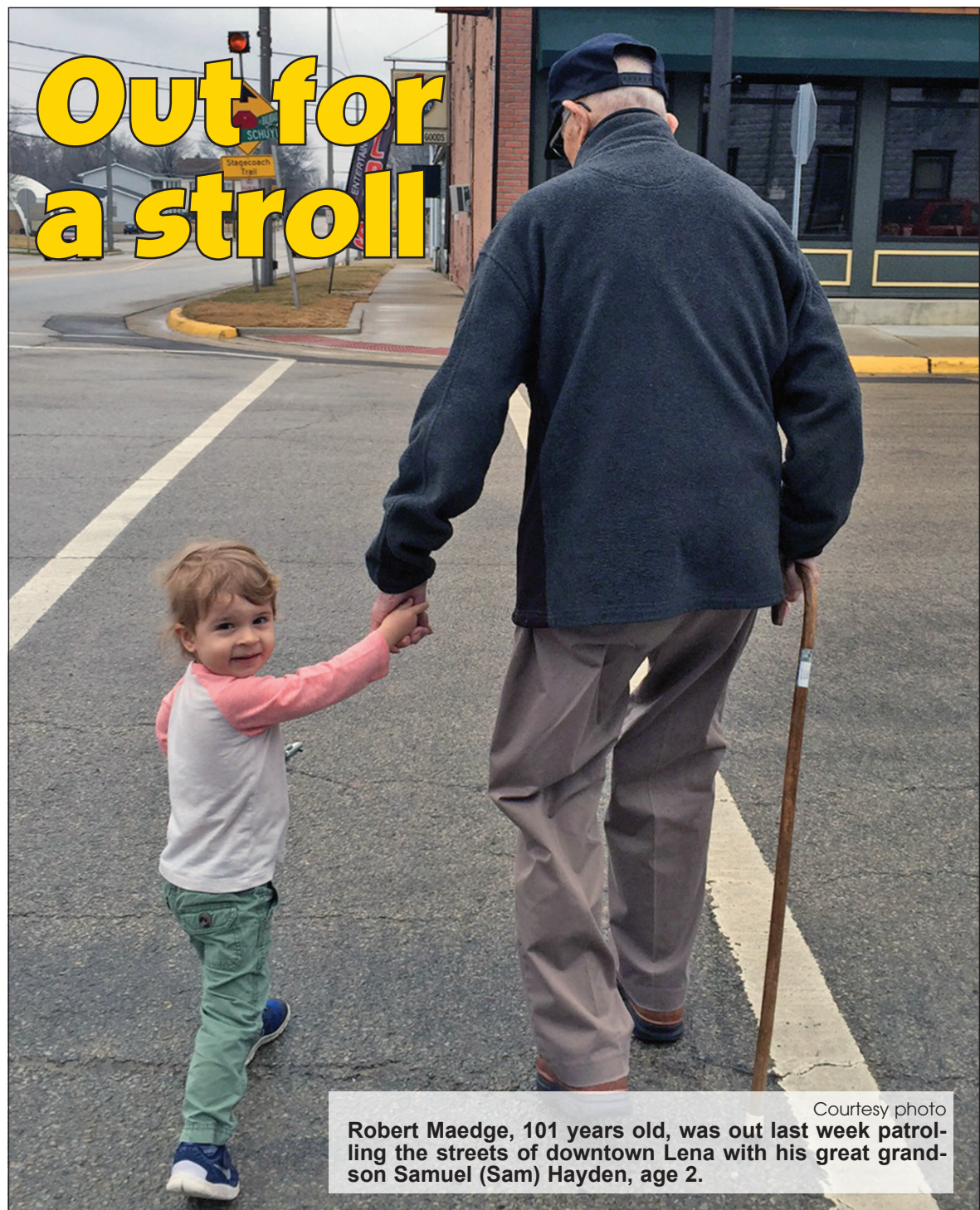
FREEPORT — The HCC Board of Trustees approved a \$6 per credit hour tuition increase and a \$1 per credit hour decrease in the student activity fee at the March 15 regular meeting. The approval follows a first reading of a proposed \$5 tuition increase by the board during their March meeting. The new rates will take effect for the fall 2016 semester.

The in-district tuition rate will increase from \$123 per credit hour to \$129 per credit

hour. The decrease in the student activity fee will shift \$1 per credit hour to the College's operating funds, which support the academic and student services of the College from the auxiliary fund, which support the auxiliary services of the college.

"The College has taken steps to reduce expenses, such as limiting expenses to those that are deemed essential, reducing staffing, reducing employee benefits, and negotiating sav-

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Robert Maedge, 101 years old, was out last week patrolling the streets of downtown Lena with his great grandson Samuel (Sam) Hayden, age 2.

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First place tie at Elizabeth Historical Society's trivia challenge

ELIZABETH — On Saturday, March 12, the Elizabeth Historical Society's Trivia Challenge ended in a first-place tie for the first time in its fourteen year history. The tie was broken by a coin toss, as the two teams had equal scores both in the overall score and in the tie-break round. First-place prizes were awarded to Breanne Ertmer, Jack Fisher, Yung Moon and Bob Petersen, who correctly called "heads" in the coin toss, and second-place prizes were claimed by Chris Allendorf, Dianne Allendorf, Michael Dittmar and Jonna Dittmar.

All proceeds from the event will be used for the Elizabeth Historical Society's ongoing operation of the Elizabeth History Museum and the restoration and operation of the Chicago Great Western Depot Museum located in Elizabeth.

Historical Society member Kevin Ertmer emceed the event, while several other members and volunteers assisted with the fundraiser. The Derinda Lutheran Church Women and many members and friends of the Historical Society furnished homemade appetizers and desserts for the participants. Over seventy contestants received prizes totaling over \$900 donated by tri-state businesses.

The Trivia Challenge is an annual event and the Elizabeth Historical Society is happy to welcome new contestants in upcoming challenges. A list of categories and sample questions is provided for you to test your knowledge. If you missed out on the event, but think you could be a con-



Courtesy photo

The team of Breanne Ertmer, Bob Petersen, Jack Fisher and Yung Moon took first place in the 2016 Elizabeth trivia challenge.

tender, here is one question from each corresponding category—"Vo"cabulary, Most Populated City by State, On the Wheaties Box, What Does Your Garden Grow?, The Main Non-Alcoholic Ingredient, Airport Codes, Television "Pop" Quiz, State of the Book and Which Came First?:

The 2016 Trivia Challenge Top Ten:

First place: Breanne Ertmer, Jack Fisher, Yung Moon and Bob Petersen

Tie with Chris Allendorf, Dianne Allendorf, Michael Dittmar and Jonna Dittmar

Third place: Ron Babcock, Jim Durrant, Ed Ersfeldt, and Howard McCarty

Fourth place: Ann Coppernoll, Garrett Farni, Deb Huso

and Karen Sirgany

Fifth place: Dan Gunning, Lisa Gunning, Mike Hyland and Deb Hyland

Sixth place: Meggie Berning, Ben Jenkins, Ron and Tracy Jenkins

Seventh place: Phil Crome, Ken Tucker, Sally Tucker and Jeff Werner

Eighth place: Jim Curtis, Fran Peterson, Ken Rudd and Nancy Willet

Ninth place: Jacob Ambrosia, Todd Birkel, Ethan Lartz and Nic Ries

Tenth place: Tricia Schumacher, Derek Volling, Michelle Volling and Marvin Wurster

All prizes awarded to contestants are gift certificates donated by the following local businesses:

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Thank you, thank you

The folks at Waverly Place of Stockton send a thank you to Mary Stayner for bringing her version of the cat in the hat to visit on Dr Seuss' birthday.

LENA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Dixie Althoff
Director

LENA — We are enjoying some beautiful spring like weather. Even had some spring rain—at least no severe weather right through here. It didn't end up in my basement either.

We continue to be busy here. Kathy and I are still busy weeding out our collection and re-bar coding everything. It is a big job and hopefully we will be done when we are supposed to be. (November) There are lots of nonfiction and children's books still on our for sale or donation shelves. Stop by and take a look.

The kids have been very busy here for our programs. Last week the after school group made Easter maracas. They decorated them with lots of "bling". With St. Patrick's Day this week they had a scavenger hunt. Things they had to find were: bookmarks, green and gold candy, necklaces, and gold coins. The hour finished with Leprechaun floats

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ings with vendors," said Vice President of Administrative Services Jill Janssen. "In any fiscal year, the recommendation for any tuition rate increase take into account affordability for students, Highland's comparability to other colleges' per credit hour tuition and fees, and Highland's projected budget."

The tuition increase is a direct result of the state of Illinois budget impasse, according to Janssen. State appropriations to Illinois community colleges for the current fiscal year have not been made due to the budget stalemate. Based on all available information, Illinois community colleges are anticipating no state funding for FY16.

Highland's budget for fiscal year 2016 includes about \$1.5 million in unrestricted state funding, or about 10 percent of the operating budget revenues. Projections indicate that the operating fund balance reserves will be reduced to about 15 percent of the fund's expenditures by the end of the fiscal year. Recent indications are that next year's state budget may not be implemented until well into the College's 2017 fiscal year.

At this time, most Illinois community colleges are anticipating that 2017 state funding will be a fraction of what was originally expected this fiscal year.

and Leprechaun trail mix. Yum-Yum!!

The pre-school story hour has been doing lots too. Last week they each placed eggs on the tree in the story hour room and did the March-Lion/Lamb weather chart.

Max Counts His Chickens was the book read. Bunny whiskers and nose were made for a craft. These were made from craft sticks, pipe cleaners (whiskers) and a pink pom-pom for the nose. When the children put them up to their faces, they all turned into cute little bunnies.

Songs and finger plays last week were: The Rabbit, Easter Bunny Hippity Hop, Bunny, Bunny, The Bunny Pokey, and I Wish I Was a Little Hunk of Mud.

Find Eggie was the big hit with the flannel board.

This week was also St. Patrick's Day fun for this group. They placed shamrocks on the room tree and did the March-Lion/Lamb weather chart. Books read were: Hooray for St. Patrick's Day, Where is the Green Sheep? and 10 Lucky Leprechauns.

The fun continued with a "gold" hunt. Candy and gold coins were found.

Songs and finger plays this week were: Leprechaun, Leprechaun, I'm a Little Leprechaun, Do Your Ears Point up? and Who Took the shamrock? Lots of fun—turns out, Ms. Kathy took the shamrock! Flannel board was rainbow with a pot of gold game: they had to find the gold coins. To end the hour, everyone enjoyed a snack of leprechaun trail mix. Everyone had a great time!

New Non-fiction: Drunk, Divorced and Covered in Cat Hair by Laurie Perry.

New spring fiction: Clawback by J. A. Jance, Crazy Blood by T. Jefferson Parker,

Deep Blue by Randy Wayne White, Off the Grid by C. J. Box, Private Paris by

James Patterson, Property of a Noblewoman by Danielle Steel, Total Package by

Stephanie Evanovich, Two if by Sea by Jacquelyn Mitchard, and Treasure Concealed by Tracie Peterson.

New Juvenile fiction: Lea Dives in by Lisa Yee, and Lea Leads the Way by Lisa Yee.

New DVDS: The Good Dinosaur, Spotlight, Spectre, and Creed. Lots of new things so be sure to get in and pick up a good movie or book.

Make sure you sign up for the Easter baskets if you have

not already done so.

We will be drawing on Thursday and there will be 3 lucky winners.

Upcoming Event: Computer classes. We will be having two computer classes.

iPhone and Android phone. We are not sure of the dates yet, but hopefully we will be doing them in April. They will be on Wednesday nights, so watch the Shopper's Guide for further details.

Remember book discussion March 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy this nice weather and the extra daylight that the time change has given us!

Have a nice Easter!

PEARL CITY HORNETS 4-H MARCH NEWS

By Matthew Bronkema
Club Reporter

PEARL CITY

Our March meeting was Monday 7 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City at 7 p.m. After the pledges were said the Cloverbuds went downstairs and planted pumpkins to take home. They also made an egg design string art. We talked about our bake sale to benefit the Pearl City Food Pantry. It will be held on Fri-

day, March 25, at the Pearl City Bank from 9 to noon. The items will not be priced, we will be asking for donations. We also talked about the pork chop dinner, Super Saturday, and General Projects Day. We also received our program

books. Then we went into our small groups and had talks and demonstrations. Thank you to the Dixon, Katzenberger, Brenner families for bringing the refreshments. Our next meeting will be April 4, at St. John's Church at 7 p.m.

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Again - Thank you.

Jerry Pardus

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE — The 2016 primary election is one for the record books. Across the 89th District, individual precincts, city wards, and entire counties reported record early voter turnout and record voter turnout for a primary election. I'm excited and reinvigorated by the enthusiasm expressed for our local and national elections. I hope the trend of increased voter participation and involvement in our local elections continues.

I'd also like to express my humble gratitude for receiving 17,396 votes across the 89th District. By comparison, in the 2014 primary, I garnered 11,834 votes of your trust. The political guys tell me by increasing your vote totals by 47% percent in 2 years means we're doing something right. This is a "we," because you and I talk weekly, and then I take your ideas to Springfield; and frankly, our common sense approach has been resonating down there. Your ideas are a reflection of the weekly column, and I appreciate the communication; however, this week



Brian Stewart

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I want to set the ground for a debate — one to further occur on social media this week - about convictions and compromise.

One aspect of politics that I loathe, and I'd like to expound upon today, is the ubiquitous notion we must agree with our leaders 100 percent of the time. In the current political climate, everyone has a sand box and the moment we don't agree on who gets the bucket, we run back to our sandboxes and pout. What happened to the time when we found out what we disagreed upon, and then started to build consensus for compromise? Too often, I hear wings of each respective party condemn their own for compromising. When people refuse to compromise, I can tell you, Dorothy, you're not in Kansas, anymore - you're in

Illinois.

Compromise, negotiation, and conviction are as fundamental to democracy as voting. Once we've selected our leaders - remember, these people represent our businesses, our farms, and our voice in government - they are supposed to work on our behalf. Since you've realized there is no yellow-brick road, I don't have to tell you that the compromise and the work part aren't being accomplished in Springfield this week or this past month for that matter. However, Illinois is clinging to this desperate impression that our convictions of yesteryear are fitting for today.

Government doesn't and shouldn't always run like a business. Business by nature is a for-profit venture in our capitalist society, and the government shouldn't be turning a profit on taxpayers. However, one aspect where it could take a lesson from business is in the field of innovation. I guess you can ask the first blimp makers if they thought airplanes were going to rival their transporta-

tion, or how Kodak feels about the rise of the digital camera. Innovate or stagnate.

This is where in Illinois things get asinine. This past week, Republican Senators called for fully funding the state schools, without proration. Illinois, around two decades ago, passed legislation that funds public schools largely on property taxes. The State collects the taxes and disburses the funds back to the schools. This process occurs every year, but for the at least the last 7 years they've pulled a bait-and-switch by "prorating," which is a legal jargon for cutting or reducing, the funding to each school district. The process is awful and a reflection of bad policy. Anyway, the Senate Democrats countered with the notion that we must reform the school funding formula before providing the cash. In other words, reform before a budget.

The art of compromise and negotiation is politically polarizing because some faction always feels like they have to compromise on their principles. Depending on the perspective,

it's either bipartisan cooperation or selling out your constituency, and each side comes up with their talking points. This week in Illinois politics we saw a complete flip-flop. Last year Republicans called for reforms before a budget. Each week, the Governor continually reduced the reforms left on the table. I believe we're left with nearly a half-dozen from 30+ reform ideas. This week the Senate Democrats want reform before school funding. Wowzers! Illinois politics would be fascinating to watch...if we were in Kansas, Dorothy.

Our problems are bigger than today. They stem from yesterday, and we passed the buck instead. To solve the issues going forward, I am reminded of a quote by Albert Einstein, "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them".

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

SENATE WEEK IN REVIEW

March 7-11

SPRINGFIELD — Efforts to adequately fund universities, community colleges and student financial aid stalled during the week as Speaker Michael Madigan adjourned the House of Representatives for 30 days, forcing the higher education community to wait until April for further action.

The Senate remained in session, continuing its committee process where it reviewed dozens of pieces of legislation, heard a report by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) about its progress under the Rauner Administration, heard budget requests by state education agencies, and talked about budget alternatives offered by Gov. Bruce Rauner during his Budget Address in February.

Speaker Madigan takes a vacation

Senate Republicans voiced their concerns about the House's month-long break and called for the Speaker to call the House back to Springfield, emphasizing the importance for both chambers to be present, engaged and active in solving

Illinois' ongoing budget crisis.

Despite the opposition of House Republicans and the criticism of Senate Republicans, the House adjourned on March 3 and is not scheduled to reconvene until April 4.

DCFS making improvements under Rauner Administration

DCFS Director George Sheldon painted an encouraging picture during the Appropriations I Committee on March 8.

Appointed more than a year ago by Gov. Rauner, Director Sheldon said DCFS has been working on its biggest challenges, including a "revolving door" of directors, a breakdown in completion and accuracy of paperwork that resulted in the loss of millions in federal funding, reports of abuse at state residential centers, and the department's inability to properly account for a number of missing children.

Director Sheldon reported that DCFS has worked over the past six months to properly file and process paperwork, resulting in the Department receiving an additional \$21.5 million in federal funds for Fiscal Year 2016.

DCFS also submitted plans to improve residential centers across the state, including unannounced site visits and enhanced monitoring, reporting, and oversight of facilities, staff, and procedures to ensure more effective communication, safety, and transparency.

DCFS has also partnered with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to create a cross-agency unit of Sheriff's officers and child welfare specialists to work jointly on recovering missing children in Cook County.

Universities caution lawmakers, call for budget resolution

Education agencies like the Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and a number of state universities came before the Appropriations II Committee March 10 to present their Fiscal Year 2017 budget requests.

The State Board appealed to lawmakers to fully fund Illinois' education Foundation Levels, which the state has intentionally underfunded for years, resulting in proration.

Gov. Rauner has made K-12

funding a top priority, pushing to fully fund the Foundation Levels for the first time in seven years. Senate Republicans continue to express concern that Democrat lawmakers will continue to hold education funding hostage in order to bail out CPS, as previously indicated by Senate President John Cullerton.

Eastern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University and Western Illinois University cautioned lawmakers that the higher education system cannot withstand the ongoing budget impasse. Citing loss of students, employee layoffs, decrease in governmental trust, and additional financial burdens, representatives of the universities warned that schools are suffering from being forced to operate without state aid and support.

Republican lawmakers have worked to find a compromise to fund higher education and have stressed that there are a number of available alternatives on the table that would provide money to help fund Illinois' higher education system. However, efforts to move that legis-

lation have been rebuffed by the legislative majority who would rather push for empty promises that the state cannot afford.

Executive Committee debates Unbalanced Budget Response Act

On March 9, the Executive Committee held a hearing on the Unbalanced Budget Response Act (UBRA). Leader Christine Radogno made it clear in committee that UBRA was the less preferable of the two routes to a state budget laid out by Gov. Rauner in his budget address last month, emphasizing the need for compromise and bipartisan cooperation.

During his Feb. 17 Budget Address, Gov. Rauner laid out two paths to a balanced budget. "Path A" is the preferred option and requires legislators to come together in a bipartisan way to pass reforms and a balanced budget. If Senate President John Cullerton and Speaker Madigan continue to refuse to come to the table to negotiate reforms and a budget, then "Path B" would give Gov. Rauner the authority and tools to free up state funds to patch budget holes for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

ON THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

Betty Arlene (Jones) Blocher

LENA — Betty Arlene (Jones) Blocher, 92, was born on January 21, 1924 in Fayetteville, PA. She passed into her heavenly reward on March 13, 2016. She was a resident of Lena Living Center for the past six years. Her parents were Fred and Fannie Mae (Stoner) Jones of Fayetteville. She was educated in Fayetteville schools. Betty married Grayson Vertis Blocher on September 29, 1942 in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Betty loved babysitting for her grandchildren and was unbelievably proficient at crocheting. She and Grayson were long-time members of Lena United Methodist Church. Her brothers nicknamed her "Oot" and she was a very robust person who was the cemetery caretaker at Salem United Church of Christ for many years. Out in the country, local varmints were in trouble around her as she was an excellent shot with small caliber rifles. Betty loved playing euchre and making peanut brittle at Christmas.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita WyVonne Wells; son-in-law Robert Bing Wells; grandchildren: Brooke Ellen (Wells) Brakebill of Peoria, Illinois, Robert Brent Wells (Kelly) of Sun Prairie, WI as well as great-grandchildren: Kira and Jenna Thomas of Peoria and Caleb and Abby Wells of Sun Prairie, WI and many nieces and nephews in Pennsylvania. Also, Special friends Floyd and Barb Baker of Freeport and Faye and Darryl Wybourn of Waddams Grove.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 12, 2008 as well as her parents, four brothers: George, Wilbur (Peachy), Merville and Charles Jones all of Pennsylvania and one sister, Esta (Frank) Barn-cord of Forreston.

Visitation and services were March 18, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Pastor Brian LeBaron officiated.

Burial was in Lena Burial Park.

A memorial has been established in her memory.



Brian Garwood Rex

STOCKTON — Brian Garwood Rex, 71, of Stockton, passed away Sunday March 6. Brian was born in Mansfield, Ohio to Martin and Bertha Rex on May 31, 1944. As a youngster he proudly achieved rank of Eagle Scout and continued to foster a lifetime of loyalty to the Boy Scouts of America. He went to high school in Winnetka, IL and graduated in 1962. He went on to earn a B.A. in Literature from Hanover College in Hanover, IN.

Brian had many talents and has held numerous job titles throughout his lifetime. His passion for antiques and his extensive knowledge of antiquities allowed him to accrue many friends around the country. He owned and operated Random Harvest Antiques of Richmond, IL for enough years to become the wild haired shop keep adorned in apron and specs, permeating the sweet scent of sawdust and cigar smoke, and willing to pull out the treasure you were looking for only if he liked the cut of your jib. The secret to his success was spending most of his time selling his wares and diligently acquiring more. As he closed in on retirement he made his way to Stockton to pursue leisurely activities.

He was able to spend time with his two first loves; play writing and poetry. He recently wrote a theatrical comedy that included the personalities of many of his Stockton friends and acquaintances, which he submitted for publication, so make sure to be watchful for your unconsenting likeness on a Broadway stage near you! He excelled at tinkering and mastered the ambivalent art of looking busy. He loved long

walks on sunny days and was a self-taught master chef who included arugula in most of his dishes. He often made his world famous goat milk fudge to share with any willing takers. He had a keen sense for fashion as well as a love for doughnuts of any variety, particularly creme filled long johns. He considered napping a privilege as well as a pastime. He was extremely well educated, he was blessed with metromania, verbomania, bibliomania, and graphomania tendencies, a genius bordering on madness, enabling him to use and abuse the English language, both to his advantage. He enchanted and frustrated his friends with his unique Brian style and charm. He had an extensive knowledge of the bible and biblical times. He enjoyed powerful prayers and prayed with passion. He loved and was loved.

Brian is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Bertha Rex. Brian is survived by his sister Brownyn Moore.

Memorial service will be held on April 2 at 1 p.m. at Wesley UMC in Stockton, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established.

Katherine A. Bramlett

ORANGEVILLE — Katherine A. Bramlett, 65 of Orangeville passed away on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at her home. She was born on August 19, 1950 to Roy and Ethel (Reynolds) Babb in Grassy, MO. Katherine adored her grandchildren, and loved spending time with them. She had a great sense of humor,



loved going to movies, and was a hard worker.

Katherine is survived by her children Paul (Michelle) Fisher and Stacy (Sean Monestero) Fisher, all of Rockford, IL; grandchildren Kira Fisher, Kayle Monestero, Logan Fisher, Lindsey Fisher, and Sean Monestero Jr.; siblings Shirley (Jim) Jackson, Roy (Holly Goebel) Babb, and Connie Babb, all of Orangeville; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister in infancy.

Visitation and funeral services were March 18, at the Cramer-Leamon Funeral Home in Orangeville, IL.

Pastor JoAnn Krulatz officiated the services.

Burial will be at Sunset Acres in Orangeville, IL.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

Kathleen "Kathy" Hazen

SAVANNA — Kathleen "Kathy" Hazen, age 61, of Savanna, Illinois, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa. A memorial visitation will be held from 4 - 7 p.m., Thursday, March 17, at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Savanna. In lieu of flowers the family would like to have plants that may be planted in Kathy's memory or donations. Friends and family are invited to share in Kathy's life at www.law-jonesfuneralhome.com.

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Kathy was born on June 28, 1954, in Savanna, the daughter of Mary Jane Coverdill and adopted daughter of Chuck Hulsburg. She was raised by Mary Jane and Wesley Coverdill. Kathy attended Savanna High School and graduated with the Class of 1972. Following high school, Kathy enlisted in the United States Army and served as a medic, and later took a clerical position. While in the Army, Kathy met the love of her life, Steven Hazen. They were married on May 7, 1974, in Bonn, Switzerland. Kathy loved being a homemaker for her family.

Kathy enjoyed gardening, taking care of her cats. Most of all, Kathy treasured the time she spent taking care of her grandkids, that was her biggest pride in life.

Kathy will be dearly missed by her husband, Steve; son, Michael (Liz) Hazen of Clinton, Iowa; two daughters, Corinna Hazen and Cassi Jo Hazen of Savanna; seven grandchildren, Jacob Hazen, Taylor Hazen, Caitelynn Brashaw, Katrina Hazen, Zoe Hazen, Justice Hazen and Aadya Hazen; three brothers, Dennis (Carol) Hulsburg of Wellman, Iowa, Wes (Naomi) Coverdill of Galesburg, Illinois, Jeff Coverdill of Hanover, Illinois, and a sister, Amy Kosier of Savanna and many nieces and nephews. Kathy is preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Kari-anne and a sister, Laurie Miller.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

LENA — Spring officially started—we had that great warm weather, and then everything crashed and burned. Maybe by the time this column comes out, the weather will be warm again. Easter will be over before the cold weather is! This week's recipes feature some great things for an Easter brunch; there is also a ham and bean soup for the leftover ham. Enjoy these great recipes for some interesting brunch dishes. My friend, Karen, had a going away brunch where she featured these brunch enchiladas. It was delicious. You could serve it with a garden salad or with some other brunch dishes. She served it with salsa on the side, and it was a popular condiment for the egg dish.

Brunch Enchiladas

- 2 C. cooked ham
- ½ C. chopped green onions
- 10 (8 inch) flour tortillas
- 2 C. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 T. flour
- 2 C. half-and-half
- 6 eggs, beaten
- ¼ t. salt

Combine the ham and onions in a bowl and mix well. Spoon 1/3 cup of the ham mixture down the center of each tortilla. Top each with 2 tablespoons of cheese. Roll up, tucking in the ends, and place seam side down in a buttered 9 x 13 baking dish. Combine the flour, half-and-half, eggs and salt in a bowl, beating until smooth. Pour over the tortillas. Chill, covered, for 8-12 hours. Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, covered, at 350 for 25 minutes. Bake uncovered, for 10 minutes longer. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake for 3 minutes longer. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

This next brunch recipe would be a great thing to make at any time, not just an Easter brunch. It is tasty with the eggs and sausage and again with a little salsa for a kick. The crust is the ever popular crescent rolls which you can now buy without the perforations.

Breakfast Pizza

- 1 lb. pork sausage
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- ¼ C. salsa
- ½ t. onion powder
- ½ t. ground cumin
- 2 tubes (8 oz. each) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 large eggs
- ¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ C. milk
- ¼ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onion over medium heat about 5-7 minutes or until the sausage is no longer pink, breaking up sausage into crumbles. Drain off excess fat and liquid. Stir in the salsa and onion powder and cumin. Remove from heat.

Unroll both tubes of crescent dough and press onto the bottom and up the sides of an ungreased 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking pan. Press the perforations to seal. Top with the sausage mixture and cheddar cheese. In a bowl, whisk the eggs, Parmesan cheese, milk, salt, and pepper until blended; pour over sausage and cheese. Bake on a lower oven rack 23-28 minutes or until the crust is lightly browned and egg mixture is set.

Need something sweet for

the brunch table. These next two recipes will fill the bill. One is a great combo that Karen served and the other is an easy breakfast cake. The lasagna uses frozen French toast—you could also use the sticks if you can't find the French toast. The apple pie filling makes for easy goodness. The breakfast cake uses a regular white cake mix—the basis for this recipe is a prepared cake mix. How easy is that? Enjoy these two unusual recipes for a sweet side to the brunch table.

Cheddar Apple Breakfast Lasagna

- 1 C. sour cream
- 1/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 2 (8 oz.) packages of frozen French toast
- 8 oz. of sliced cooked ham (about ½ cup)
- 2 ½ C. shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 can (21 oz.) apple pie filling
- 1 C. granola with raisins

Blend the sour cream and brown sugar in a bowl. Prepare the French toast using the package direction. Place 6 slices in a buttered 9 x 13 pan. Layer the ham, 2 cups of the cheese and the remaining 6 slices of toast over the first layer. Spread the pie filling evenly over the top. Sprinkle with granola. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes. Sprinkle with the remaining ½ cup of cheese and bake until cheese is melted. Serve with sour cream that has been thinned with half-and-half.

Caramel Nut Breakfast Cake

- 1 pkg. white cake mix
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 C. water
- ½ C. flour
- ¼ C. canola oil
- Topping:
- 1 C. packed brown sugar
- ¾ C. chopped pecans
- ¼ C. butter, melted
- Drizzle
- 1 C. powdered sugar
- 1 T. light corn syrup
- 1 T. water

Preheat the oven to 350. Reserve 1 cup dry cake mix for topping. In a large bowl, combine eggs, water, flour, oil and remaining cake mix; beat on low for 30 seconds. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Transfer to a greased 9 x 13 pan.

In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, pecans, and reserved dry cake mix. Stir in the melted butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over the cake batter. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. In a bowl, mix the powdered sugar, corn syrup and water until smooth. Drizzle over the warm cake and serve warm.

In preparation for leftover Easter Ham, this French version of ham and bean soup is thicker and more filling than regular bean soup. The spices can all be found in the spice section. In case you don't have a ham bone, A. J.'s Lena Maid Meats sells ham hocks very reasonably. The ham hocks or a ham bone give the soup a really great flavor.

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BIRTHS

Izzabella Camarillo

STOCKTON — Adrianna Rock and Steven Camarillo of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Izzabella Marie Camarillo born Wednesday March 16, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Izzabella has a sister Julianne Rock, 3. Grandparents are Rene Camarillo and Scott Ray of Stockton.



HARRISON HARLAN HUGHES

Harrison Harlan Hughes

WINSLOW — Marshall and Stephanie Hughes of Winslow, IL are the proud parents of a son, Harrison Harlan Hughes, born Saturday February 27, 2016 at The Monroe Clinic, Monroe, WI. Grandparents are Bob and Mary Hartzell of War-

ren and Dan and Paris Hughes of Lena. Great grandparents are Jean Hartzell of Benton, WI, Harry Hughes of Lena and Esther Fry of Lena.

Connor Kurth

LENA — Bob and Annie Kurth of Lena, Ill. are the parents of a son Connor Elliot Kurth born Thursday March 3, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Janis and Wayne Kurth of Lena and Barb and John Statfield of Freeport. Great grandparents are Jill Rongere of Rockford, Ill. and Donna Statfield of Freeport.

Braxton Schulz

FREEPORT — Britney and Tyler Schulz of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a son Braxton X. Schulz born Wednesday March 9, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Braxton has two brothers Braylon Schulz, 4 and Benson Schulz, 2. Grandparents are Lisa and Gary Pope of Peshtigo, Wis., Dennis and Alicia Schulz of Lamellae Wis., Archella Mitchell of Richmond, Va. And Kashaan Muhammad of Annapolis, Md. Great grandparents are Tom and Darlene Schulz of Pearl City, Ill.

Jo Daviess County Animal Control Department reduce cost for rabies vaccine

JO DAVIESS COUNTY — In an effort to boost rabies vaccination and registration County Ordinance compliance, Jo Daviess County Animal Control would like to announce they have partnered with Veterinary Associates of Galena to bring the residents of Jo Daviess County a reduced cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. The Rabies Clinic will be held on April 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Veterinary Associates clinic, 1241 N. Franklin St. Galena, IL and will be offered to Jo Daviess County residents owning dogs four months of age or older. Rabies vaccines will be veterinarian administered at a fee of \$20 per one or three year vaccination, with no exam performed or office call applied. Proof of previous vaccination would be helpful. Animal Control will be on site to issue County Ordinance required rabies tags. Rabies tag fees are as follows:

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Anyone with questions should contact Animal Control by phone at 815-776-0326 or email at animalcontrol@jodaviess.org.
*Proof of residency is required and will be accepted in the form of a current Government issued i.d., driver's license, or utility bill.

• RECIPES

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French Ham and Bean Soup

1 C. dried Great Northern beans, soaked according to package directions
1½ lb. smoked ham hocks
8 C. chicken broth
3 C. sliced green onions
1 T. minced fresh garlic
1 T. olive oil
½ C. chicken broth
1 lb. Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and cubed
2 turnips, peeled, diced
1½ C. sliced carrots
4 sprigs fresh thyme
2 fresh bay leaves
1 t. herbes de Provence
¼ t. grated nutmeg
4 C. sliced Savoy cabbage
2 C. chopped ham
1 T. white wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste
Croutons
Gated Parmesan cheese

Simmer the beans and ham hocks in the broth in a pot, partially covered, over medium heat until beans are tender, about 2 hours. Discard ham hocks; reserve beans and broth for soup.

Soften the onions and garlic in 1 tablespoon oil in a separate pot over medium heat about 3-4 minutes. Add broth and reduce until nearly evaporated. Add the potatoes, turnips, carrots, and thyme sprigs, bay leaves, herbes de Provence, nutmeg, and reserved broth.

Bring soup to a boil, reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer, partially covered until potatoes and turnips are fork tender, about 20-25 minutes. Stir in cabbage, chopped ham, and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Serve the croutons and grated parmesan on the top.

This last recipe is a good brunch table recipe, but it can be served all year round. They are a bit of a different bar cookie. You can use walnuts or pecans in the bar. Remember that if you put the honey in after the canola oil, it will slide right out of the cup. The glaze has a surprise ingredient to keep everything moist.

Honey Cinnamon Bars

1 C. sugar
¾ C. canola oil
¼ C. honey
1 large egg
2 C. flour
1 t. baking soda
1 t. cinnamon
¼ t. salt
1 C. chopped nuts, toasted

Glaze

1 C. powdered sugar
2 T. mayonnaise
1 t. vanilla extract
1-2 T. water

Additional nuts for garnish

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, beat the sugar, oil, honey and egg until well blended. In another bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt; gradually beat into the sugar mixture. Stir in 1 cup of nuts.

Spread into a greased 15 x. 10 x 1 baking pan. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown—the edges will puff up. Cool completely on a wire

rack.

Glaze: in a small bowl, mix the powdered sugar, mayo, vanilla and water to reach desired consistency; spread over the top. Sprinkle with nuts. Let stand until set. Cut into bars.

Hard to believe that we are moving into late March, but baseball and softball games have started. There will be track meets and farmers itching to get into fields. I love spring, but most of the time we never really get to have a good spring. Maybe because of the mild winter, we will get to have some honest to goodness apring weather. We move from Easter cooking to some spring cooking. Rhubarb will soon be making an appearance, so we are looking for some rhubarb recipes. If you have something to share, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Lorraine M. Bailey

McHENRY — Lorraine M. Bailey, 87, passed away March 18, 2016 at Alden Terrace in McHenry, IL. She was born on September 21, 1928 in Amboy, IL to Leroy and Edna (Paschal) Flynn. Lorraine worked for Burgess Battery and Micro Switch for a number of years before retiring.

Lorraine is survived by her son, Danny (Fiancée Becky) of Dubuque, IA and daughter, Marcia (Lon) of Ingleside, IL; five grandchildren: Tammy, Melissa, Danny, Wendi and Zachary; one great grandson, Christopher; two brothers: Bill and Mike and five sisters: Arlene, Lucille, Carol, Bonnie, and Mary. Preceded in death by her; Parents, and two brothers; Frank and Joe.

Visitation and funeral services were held March 21, at the Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Pastor Brian LeBaron officiated the service

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park

A memorial has been established in her name

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

Merle E. Gothard

STOCKTON — Merle E. Gothard, age 77 of Stockton, IL, passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, WI. He was born July 29, 1938 in Mt. Carroll, IL; the son of the late Maynard and Ethel (Katzenberger) Gothard. He was a 1956 graduate of Stockton High School. Merle was a Veteran and had served in Germany for the United States Army.

On February 15, 1974, he married Sharon Atz in Elizabeth, IL. He retired from Dura

Automotive after 26 years of service. Merle enjoyed vacationing in Tennessee and watching sports, especially NASCAR. He also enjoyed showing livestock at fairs and his pride was his Black Angus. He was a member of the American Legion of Stockton and a lifetime member of the Freeport VFW.

Merle is survived by his wife, Sharon Gothard of Stockton; son, Michael (Karen) Gothard of Richmond, VA and grandchildren Emily & Christopher; son-in-law, Len Weiler of Sartell, MN and grandchildren, Zoe & Zach; and sisters, Marilyn (Sonny) Yenney of Mt. Carroll, IL and Julia Stewart of Plainfield, IL. He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Michelle; and infant daughter, Angela.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 30, at 2 p.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at noon. Interment will take place at the Woodbine Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established for the American Legion and Wesley United Church. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Virginia M. Berlage

GALENA — Virginia M. Berlage age 96, of Galena, Illinois, entered into eternal peace at home on Monday, March 14, 2016 with her daughter by her side. Her 96 year life began in rural Galena, the middle child of 11 siblings, the daughter of Wilmer and Minnie (Wolford) Winter. Her early life was marked by the Depression in addition to the hard working life on the farm. Strongly motivated to receive an education, she began school at a nearby one room school house, and completed High School in Galena, Illinois which required a 4 mile walk daily each way, sometimes alone or with other siblings or neighbors. Following high school graduation, Virginia and her sister, Helen (Winter) Bell borrowed and repaid money from her parents to attend the Scoville Business School in Clinton, Iowa. Upon graduation and returning to Galena she was employed at the Galena, Illinois Interstate Power Company.

In 1941 she married Edmund Berlage and began her married life on the Berlage farm, formerly the homestead of Elias Avery. Her son, Keith Berlage and daughter, Ruth (Berlage) Fina completed the family. She was committed to her husband and children as evidenced through her love and dedication as a housewife. She became known for her excellent comfort food including her home baked bread and delicious pies. Produce came from the "Olympic Pool" sized garden in the back yard which she diligently worked each year into her nineties. She was an excellent seamstress, making and designing her own wardrobe. These skills were greatly appreciated and passed to her daughter.

Following the passing of her husband in 2008, she remained on the family farm until her death, as were her and her daughter's wishes, until Monday March 14, 2016.

Virginia admitted in later

years that she wished she could have worked "outside the home" and pursue a career. This wish was partially completed through her long time employment as book keeper for the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth, Illinois. She was also a long time member of the Church of St. Mary Alta and Rosary Society. Virginia also served as a 60-year plus member of the Illinois Association for Home and Community Education.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmund, her son Keith, her parents and six of her siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Ruth, daughter in law Catherine Berlage, grandchildren, Steve (Diane) Berlage, and Elizabeth (Mike) Brophy and five great children, Elijah and Micah Berlage, Treven Bruce, and Lilly and Emma Brophy. Siblings include her sisters Mona Bodell, Lucille Brown, Sarah Werner, and brother Clarence (Rita) Winter.

Virginia frequently stated that she received wonderful care as her health status deteriorated. Her attending physician, Greg Vandigo and Medical Associates staff was always available to meet her medical needs. Caregivers, Jackie and Amanda, treated her as family and were very comforting and comforting in addition to personal excellent care. In her final days, Hospice of Dubuque, completed her destiny and provided superb care to Virginia and family.

A Funeral Mass and visitation were held at Noon on Saturday, March 19, at the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth, Illinois, with Father Dennis Morrissey as celebrant. Burial will take place in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the church of St. Mary, Elizabeth, Illinois and, Hospice of Dubuque, Dubuque Iowa. Friends and family are invited to also share in Virginia's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.



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Sheriff Turner urges the public to exercise extreme caution if they receive telephone calls

in hotel rooms. Always verify with the front desk if there was a problem with their credit card and never give information over the phone unless you know the caller.

If anyone has experienced this, or a similar scam, please contact the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office (815-777-2141 or 800-373-7838), or your local police department.

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Stockton board solicits public comment on new burn ordinance

STOCKTON — Stockton Village President, Rod Brandt, would like the public to know that the Board of Trustees is considering an ordinance to prohibit open burning in the community. Not only does open burning present a fire hazard and safety concern depending on weather conditions, but the smoke from such activity impacts health concerns, par-

ticularly to those with respiratory issues such as asthma.

If adopted, no one would be allowed to burn any refuse, rubbish, trash, leaves, yard waste or combustible material of any kind anywhere within the Village, whether inside or outside of an incinerator, burn barrel or any receptacle, and regardless of whether such burning is conducted on pri-

vate property.

Of course, there will be certain limited exceptions for the recreational use of commercially available fire "pits" (or rings) and outdoor fireplaces as well as barbeque grills for food preparation.

The present ban against burning construction debris or

waste would, of course, continue.

Village President Brandt noted that the fines for anyone violating the prospective prohibition will be considerable, ranging from \$100 - \$500, and vigilant and strict enforcement of the ordinance would be anticipated.

The Board will review this matter at a meeting on Tuesday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at the Village Hall. Should anyone have any questions or comments concerning open burning, they are invited to attend this meeting or contact Village President Rod Brandt or any Village Board member.

4-H to host Youth Fun Day in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County 4-H/ Youth Fun Day will be held on Friday, March 25, at the CTE Academy located in Elizabeth. Sponsored by University of Illinois Extension, this event will include hands-on, learning activities that will have kids doing, thinking, and creating! This is open to ALL ages and you do not need to be a 4-H member to attend. Everyone is welcome, so grab a friend.

This event will offer three sessions. Each session will include a wide range of topics for your child to choose from. Participants will have a chance to assemble and program robots during the "Robotics Rodeo" workshop. They will learn to create "cake lace" during the cake decorating workshop. If your child is really into science... they can participate in the "Chemistry: Small Explosions" workshop or they can let their creativity flow and register for the guided

painting workshop. U of I staff, local community leaders, and the Jo Daviess County 4-H Federation have come together to offer youth this fun-filled event.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

8:30-8:45 a.m.	Check-in
8:45-8:55 a.m.	Welcome
9:00-9:40 a.m.	Session 1
9:45-10:25 a.m.	Session 2
10:30-11:10 a.m.	Session 3
11:15-11:30 a.m.	Closing and Pick-up

This event is free and open to the general public. Registration is required and will be on a "first come, first serve basis." The deadline to register is March 21. You may register or find a complete list of workshops and descriptions, by visiting the University of Illinois Extension website <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/> or by calling the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois to hold April community education meeting

STOCKTON — Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is pleased to announce their April Community Education

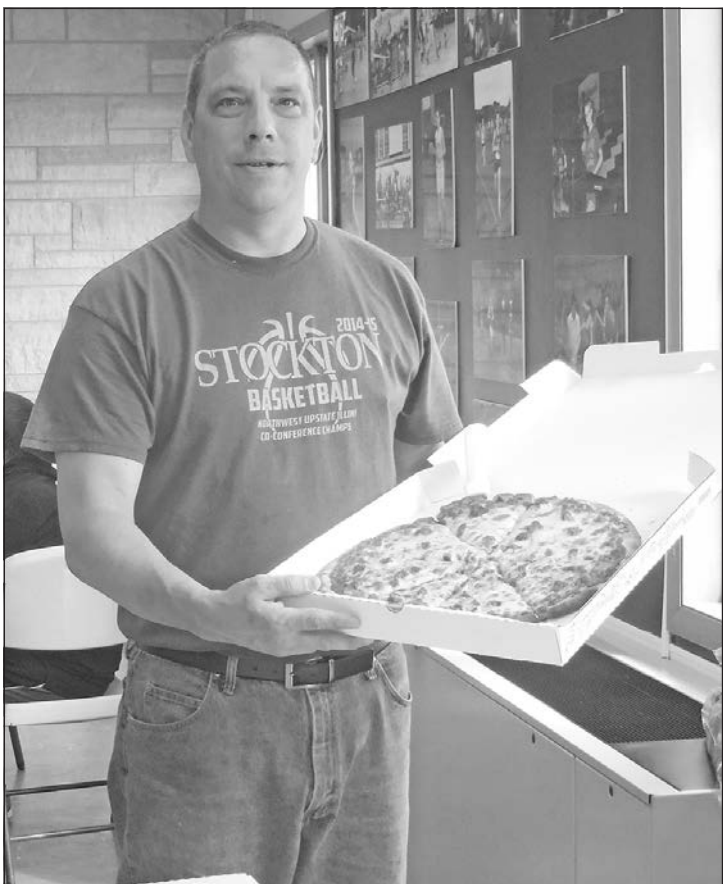
A little levity to lighten your day

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Meeting. Our speaker for this meeting will be Ashlie Simonson, AAMS, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones. She will be speaking on Estate Planning which will include information on wills, trusts, life insurance, tax information, beneficiary designation and more. This informative program will be held at the Volunteer Hospice Office, 105 S. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois on Tuesday, April 5, at 10 a.m. Light

refreshments will be served. There is no cost for this program, and it is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Please register for the event as seating is limited. Reservations can be made by phoning Volunteer Hospice of NWIL at 815-947-3260. During the winter months, please be aware that if the Stockton Schools are closed due to weather concerns, our meetings are cancelled as well.



Tracy Siegner photo

Serving it up hot

Jay Upmann of JJ and Freddie's made several trips restocking the concession stand with fresh hot pizza during Saturday's Alumni basketball tournament. All proceeds from the concessions were donated to the Stockton Fire Department.



FHN Hospice Volunteer Training Starting April 4, 2016

FHN Hospice Volunteer Training provides information on all aspects of hospice care and hospice volunteering, and will equip volunteers to provide compassionate care and companionship to the terminally ill and their families. Volunteers provide important care for FHN Hospice patients and their families, including companionship, relief for caregivers, running errands and delivering supplies. Volunteers also have the opportunity to assist with clerical services at the FHN Hospice office.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Eternal Life

By Gary Rich
Lay Servant, Lena United
Methodist Church

LENA — The book John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton has been our study guide for the last six weeks, and we finish the book this week with the last chapter entitled "Eternal Life". We have talked of Jesus' suffering and death. Today, we will look at his resurrection with the hope we have of our own resurrection, and the fact eternal life is available to us.

As we think about the resurrection of Jesus, it is interesting who discovered Jesus was no longer in the tomb. Scripture tells us Mary Magdalene was the first one at the tomb. Mary Magdalene was single and her name tells us she was from Magdala, a town on the northwest coast of the Sea of Galilee. Mary had been both-

ered by demons in her past and had been afflicted with these troubles until she met Jesus. She was one of several women who traveled with Jesus and the Disciples. Luke 8:1-3 tells us that she must have had some wealth since she supplied financial support for the ministry of Jesus and his disciples. Mary Magdalene was with Jesus at the Cross, accompanied the body of Jesus to the tomb, and was the first to arrive at the tomb on Easter morning only to find the empty tomb. She represents each of us as we come to understand the sacrifice of Jesus.

God's answer to death is Easter. The resurrection of Jesus is God's way of saying that death is not the end. Easter is the transformation of our sorrow and fear into hope and peace. John 11:25-26 tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

In John's Gospel, the words life or eternal life are mentioned 47 times, which is more than the Synoptic Gospels combined.

According to Jesus, eternal life starts now. When we believe in him and trust in his resurrection, we experience Jesus in our lives now. God wants us to know him in the present.

The Gospel of John tells us the tomb where Jesus was laid was in a garden. As we mentioned earlier in this study, The Gospel of John starts with the words "in the beginning", the same as the Book of Genesis. Genesis starts the story in a garden and John's Gospel ends in a garden. Remember, the first time they see Jesus they think he is the gardener. Maybe they saw him as a gardener to symbolize new life. New life in Jesus that only comes when we believe in him, in his suffering, in his compassion for the world, and (his greatest gift) life everlasting.

Final Lenten lunch slated for Pearl City First UMC

PEARL CITY — The last Lenten Lunch will be served at Pearl City First United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 23 at noon and will be served by Zion Church. We will enjoy a brief message, music and a free will offering will be taken. Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating

Holy Week. On Easter Sunday, March 27, join us for a 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with a message title of "Good Friday or Easter Sunday" from Phyllis Potter and music from our choir and praise team. After the service there will be an Easter Breakfast followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. Our regular services are held at the Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. with the exception of this Easter Sunday. Immediately following the service, there will be Sunday School held in our lower level. We are located at 411 S. Main Street in Pearl City.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather to Celebrated Easter worship on March 27, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, with Holy Communion at 7 a.m. for Easter Sunrise Service and at 9:30 a.m. for Easter Festival Service. The Good Shepherd Choir and Chime Choir will provide special music for the congregation at the 9:30 a.m. Festival Service. All are invited to worship on this Easter Sunday to celebrate the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Tena Rackow who will lead on the Piano. Between services at 8 a.m. the Good Shepherd Lutheran Youth will serve an Easter Breakfast of Ham, Eggs, Cinnamon Rolls, and more!

On Wednesday March 30 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!

St. John's Lutheran Church

PEARL CITY — Join us at St. John's for Holy Week services beginning on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. for a Maundy Thursday worship. St. John's will host a Community Good Friday worship on Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m. An Easter Vigil Worship will be held on March 26 at 7 p.m. The week will conclude with Easter Sunday worship at 9 a.m. on Sunday, March 27. The Easter Sunday worship service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will include the Joy Choir and Chancel Choir. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held for the Sunday School youth immediately following worship in the lower level.

St. John's will host a Community Euchre and Train Dominoes party on Sunday, April 3 at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 and includes a light meat at the conclusion and prizes.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The bible studies will not be held the week of March 21 and 28. They will resume on Monday, April 4. 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 a.m. and has begun a new series on March 10 on "Peter and Paul." As the Old Testament had their Patriarchs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; so too do we have the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul in the New Testament. This bible study will follow their journeys of faith in the early days of Christianity and will be accompanied by video clips. 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.

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Governor Rauner reappointments Herrmann to State Board of Health

SPRINGFIELD — Governor Bruce Rauner has reappointed Dr. John Herrmann to the Illinois State Board of Health. Herrmann has used his experience as a veterinarian

to find ways to improve and protect public health. Herrmann is currently a professor at the University of Illinois in the College of Veterinary Medicine working in

herd health management and animal reproduction. In this role he has developed the joint Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Master in Public Health program. He is a co-director

of the college's Center for One Health Illinois, which works collaboratively with other medical and health disciplines to "attain optimal health for people, animals, and the environment," at the local, national and world level. In private practice, Herrmann focused on dairy herd health, small animal medicine and wildlife rehabilitation. He

owned practices in Cedarville and Freeport. Herrmann earned his bachelor's degree from Illinois Wesleyan University, graduated from the University of Illinois as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and earned his master's degree in public health from the University of Illinois-Chicago. He lives in Freeport.



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Le-Win shows academic mastery

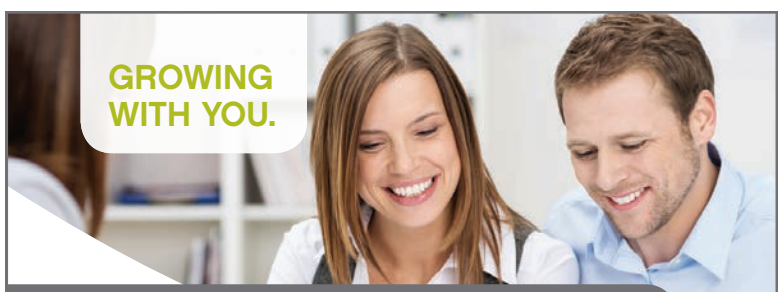
Larry Buchenau presents the second place plaque to the Lena-Winslow Academic Team at the recent Masonic Academic Bowl hosted by Lena Masonic Lodge # 174. Pictured: Larry Buchenau, Coach Cathy Stevens, Lucas Lawson, Alec Aurand, Ellie Kent, Jordan Oellerich, Ali Seiple and Coach Mary Ellen Modica.

Eastland/Pearl City Drama Department to stage 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

LANARK — Based on the 1967 Academy Award-winning film, Thoroughly Modern Millie takes you back to the height of the Jazz Age in New York City, when "moderns" including a flapper named Millie Dillmount were bobbing their hair, raising their hemlines, entering the workforce, and rewriting the rules of love. This high-spirited musical romp is a delightful valentine to the long-standing spirit of New York City and the people who seek to discover themselves there. Set in New York City in 1922, Thoroughly Modern Millie tells the story of young Millie Dillmount from Kansas who comes to New York in search of a new life for herself. Her grand plan is to find a job as a secretary for a wealthy man and then marry him. However, her plan goes completely awry when fate and her landlady have different ideas. Filled with frisky flappers, dashing leading men and a dragon-lady of a villainess audiences will love to hate, Thoroughly Modern Millie is a perfectly constructed evening of madcap merriment. So mark your calendars to join the EPC Drama Department as they put

on their tap shoes and dance their way into your hearts. Performance dates are April 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. and April 3 at 2

p.m. in the Fine Arts Gym at Eastland High School. Tickets are \$5 general admission and will be available at the doors.



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Pearl City Lady Wolves stave off Pecatonica Indians, as NUIC play begins

By Chris Johnson
Reporter

PECATONICA — It came down to great defense late and shut-down pitching, as the Pearl City Lady Wolves kicked off their 2016 spring sports season with a 6-4 win over the Pecatonica Lady Indians.

Pearl City, batting first, used contact hitting to get on base, as the Lady Indians defense looked to control the damage.

Plating one run, the Lady Wolves entered the bottom of the first and watched, as Pecatonica responded, tying the match, entering the second.

Pearl City would not score in the second, but Pecatonica would, adding a run to their total, they took the 2-1 advantage, into the top of the third.

The lady Wolves responded in the third, scoring two runs and grabbing the 3-2 lead.

Less than ten minutes later, Pecatonica had tied it up, entering the top of the fourth, square at three-all.

Pounding out a run in the top of the fourth, Pearl City kept the Pecatonica defense on edge, the edge of the outfield grass.

After the Lady Indians were shut out in the bottom of the frame, Pearl City added two more to their total, in the top of the fifth, grabbing the 6-3 lead.

Pecatonica would add another run in the bottom of the fifth inning, but could not cut through Tori Clark's pinpoint aim through the final two periods.

Pearl City held the 6-4 lead, with two innings to go.

Clark ended the day, notching seven strikeouts, while giving up two walks.

She did allow seven hits, however.

Clark was 2-3 from the plate with a run scored and two runs driven in.

Taylor Brudi was 3-3 for Pearl City, she also scored a run and knocked one home.

Kendra Melville scored a run as she batted 1-3 for the day.

The Lady Wolves moved to 1-0 on the season, with the 2016 opener.

Tracy Siegner photos
More than 200 musicians and vocalists representing eleven area high schools performed Friday evening in the annual Northwest Upstate Illini Conference Music Festival in the Lena-Winslow Performing Arts Center.

Northwest Upstate Illini Conference Music Festival



Tony Carlton photo
The celebrated "All Schools" Festival Band comes to attention and is ready to perform at the start of Friday's Northwest Upstate Illini Conference Music Festival at the Lena-Winslow Performing Arts Center.



Vocalists from eleven area high schools participated in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference Music Festival in the Lena-Winslow Performing Arts Center Friday evening.



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The audio team is ready to roll as the curtain rose on opening night for the Lena-Winslow High School Theatre Department production of *Damn Yankees*.

Lena Business and Professional Association calendar of events

LENA — April 1 Lena Living Center will hold a day camp with fun activities for kids ages 6-10. This will be from 11-2 p.m.

April 4 Lena Living Center will start their Monday morning stretches with a light breakfast and coffee. This is free of charge and open to the public

April 6 Lena Living Center will have coffee hour at the Lena Mercantile at 2 p.m.

April 7 Lena Living Center ~ FHN Top 50 Presents Cardiac Services by Diane Bardell 2 p.m. and free blood pressures screening at the Lena Retreat down stairs at 10 a.m. then upstairs at 11 a.m.

April 13 Lena Living Center will have a

'Community Supper' from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

April 21 Lena Living Center will be doing free blood pressures screenings at Stella's in Stockton at 10:30 a.m.

April 21 Friends of the Pecatonica River will have their monthly meeting at Rafter's at 7 p.m.

April 26 Lena Living Center will have free blood pressure screenings at Dieirks apartments at 10 a.m. then Willow Park apartments at 10:30 a.m.

April 28 Lena Living Center is hosting a Community lunch is at 12:30 and Bingo at 1

April 30 Friends of the Pecatonica River will be hosting a 'Healthy Kids Day' at the YMCA Pool from 10 a.m. until noon.

PEARL VALLEY RANGERS

By Abigail Hass
Club reporter

PEARL CITY — The Pearl Valley Rangers held their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 13, at the Pearl City Fire Station. Members answered a roll call question stating what their favorite thing about

spring is. The club will be volunteering at the 4-H Foundation Pork Chop Dinner on Sunday, April 10, at the Eagles Club in Freeport. Tickets are \$6 per person. The dinner will serve as the club's meeting for April. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets can contact club leader, Pennie Miller at 815-291-9051.

April 1, is the deadline for adding projects. Super Saturday will be held Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m.-Noon at Highland Community College. Some members of the Pearl Valley Rangers will be attending. General Project Day at the Stephenson County Fair has been moved to Wednes-

day, June 29 at 9 a.m.

The club voted to donate money to the Pearl City Post Prom Committee. Club dues and club shirt money is due to the club treasurer, Ben Bremmer as soon as possible.

Jorja Johnson gave a talk on pigs. Jordan Johnson gave a demo on the Boot Scootin Boogie. Ethan Bremmer gave a demo on wood types and sanding. Mirdana and Alonna Posey shared their Young Author stories.

The meeting ended with snacks and drinks. The Pearl Valley Rangers meet the second Sunday of the month at the Pearl City Fire Station at 6 p.m.

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- Syngenta Documents Prove Farmers' Claims
- Judge sets Trial Date in 2017

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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

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Overcoming Fear!

By Pastor Rick Bader

St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA — The older I get the more I battle fear! I know it's because the older I get the more frightening things I see in the world.

The more marriages I've watched disintegrate, the more people I know who have lost children, the more awful diagnoses I've heard others fight through, the more friendships that are fractured, and the more conflict I've witnessed.

The older I get the more I see clearly around me this fight that we're in—the desperate fight for our souls, our children, our families, and our friendships. Whether we see it or not, this war is a spiritual one.

We can wake up some days and just lie in bed and watch the ceiling and feel like we're not sure we've got enough in us to keep fighting. The fear swells up inside of me, filling up all of my being—and I whisper—"Dear God don't let me miss out on my kids and my grandkids. Don't let me run out of energy. Don't let me give up on people around me, don't let me give up on the family and friends who have helped shape me, don't let me give up on the work You have given me. God, don't let this fear choke out all the life You promised when You said: "I

have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance." (John 10:10)

Satan creates these areas of fear and anxiety in our lives to short-circuit our spiritual formation. Satan wants to destroy our vibrancy and render us defeated. To think that just as deliberately as Jesus is planning for my "welfare, not for disaster, but to give you a future and a hope" (Jer 29:11) the enemy is trying to "exploit every one of them." Satan is as deliberate as Jesus and when I forget that I walk right into Satan's tangled web and become easy prey.

There have been too many days I've accepted my doubts and my fears as if there was nothing that I could do about them. Too many days I've felt defeated before I even opened my mouth to try and pray. Too many days I've been too busy, too tired, too overwhelmed, and too afraid to pray.

Maybe you can relate? Maybe you've had times when you've given up hope? Maybe you don't believe that prayer is anything more than positive thinking? And all of this probably comes about as a direct result of an enemy who knows if he can rob us of our passion, he can rob us of our faith.

Prayer helps us reach upward to God so that His passion will come down as a shower upon us. This is the kind of passion

we need. This is the kind of passion that flips the enemy on his head and his plans upside down as well.

This is what we need!

This is what we must have!

Because prayer drowns out the shouts of fear.

Prayer is the promise that Jesus will hear us.

Prayer is the opportunity to witness change, to see promises fulfilled.

Prayer is not about my feelings, my mood, or my ability to change God's mind. Prayer is about me simply stepping up and asking Him to give me what He already has planned for me. Then standing with face raised expectantly to the sky, like someone waiting for rain and watch God keep His promise. It's like this: "If you're going to pray for rain, you should carry an umbrella expecting it to rain."

Whenever we're gone, our dog, Emma, sits in the bay window waiting for us to return home—never doubting for a moment that we're coming. And by the time we step out of the car in the garage, she's barking and scratching at the door—ready to welcome us home. God wants us to have this kind of passion and excitement for Him, just as He does for us.

The other scenario is that she

sits in the bay window and if a car enters the cul-de-sac that she doesn't recognize, she growls and barks like a ferocious guard dog, clawing at the window. That should be our attitude towards Satan. Ready to strike, bite, snarl, bark, whatever it takes to keep Satan at bay.

I want prayers that are louder

than fears. I'm practicing to pray with expectation. I want to pray like I believe it makes a difference. I want to pray until it does make a difference. The power that backs up that prayer—is a simple blood-stained cross on Calvary and a tomb that simply became an empty cave on that first Easter morning.



There will be no open houses this week so that our staff can enjoy Easter with their family and friends.
We wish you a happy, healthy and blessed Easter.

Pat, Faye, Bill, Lisa and Linda

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



LENA - NICE HOME ON LARGE LOT - 2-3
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LENA - DON'T MISS SEEING THIS ONE TODAY! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths in this 2,432

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LENA - MAIN FLOOR LIVING IN THIS CONDO on Lions Drive in Engels Subdivision. This

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Guests are welcome.

Mark your calendars!
Lena Historical Society Dinner & Program
Wednesday, April 20

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Thanks to all of the voters in the Lena Fire Protection District for accepting and passing the referendum to provide a line item in our budget which will provide assistance to ambulance service serving our district. This will serve as a very cost saving measure without taxing the district the expense of owning an ambulance, training EMTs providing on call facilities and upkeep of the ambulance. Again, thanks to all who voted for this needed service.



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Saturday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd ELCA, Lena

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

March 25 - Good Friday

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
at 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion
at 9:30 a.m.

Grace Free Methodist Church, McConnell

March 25 - Good Friday

Communion Service at 7:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

Easter Celebration Service at 10:00 a.m.

Lena United Methodist Church

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

Worship at 7:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Lena Evangelical Free Church

March 25 - Good Friday

Worship with Holy Communion at Noon

March 26 - Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Easter Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.

Easter Worship at 10:00 a.m.

McConnell United Methodist Church, McConnell

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Sit around a large table sampling foods of the
Biblical age. Liturgy and story of the Maundy
and Last Supper.

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Worship at 8:00 am

Community breakfast at 8:45 a.m.

All invited for breakfast.

Salem United Church of Christ, Lena

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

Worship with Communion at 7:00 p.m.

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

St. John's LCMS, Lena

March 24 - Maundy Thursday

Worship with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

March 25 - Good Friday

Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 p.m.

March 26

No Saturday Worship

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Worship at 7:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Lena St. Ann's Catholic Church, Warren St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Apple River

March 24 - Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 7:00 p.m. in Warren

March 25 - Passion of the Lord

Noon mass in Lena

3:00 p.m. mass in Apple River

March 26 - Easter Vigil at 7:00 p.m. in Lena

March 27 - Easter Sunday

Mass at 7:00 a.m. in Apple River

Mass at 9:00 a.m. in Warren

Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Lena

'The Elephant Man' comes to the HCC stage

FREEMPORT — Highland Community College Theatre Arts program presents "The Elephant Man," by Bernard Pomerance for the spring 2016 theatre production. Performance dates are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 in the Fine Arts Theatre located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

The play "The Elephant Man" is a moving portrait of human dignity, based on the life of John Merrick. Merrick lived with a rare skin and bone disease. He was seen as a freak and was put in the circus as a sideshow. After he meets Dr. Frederick Treves, Merrick's life changes for the better, but at a heavy price. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play

and the Drama Desk Award for Best Revival of Play, "The Elephant Man" has attracted well-known actors, such as the late David Bowie and Bradley Cooper in the challenging role of John Merrick.

"The play deals with difference and shared humanity," said Laura Early. "Merrick's desire to be seen as a human being rings true and is relevant to our current society, in which we are taught to fear those different from us and view human beings as commodities for sale. We see ourselves in Merrick and in the other characters' reactions to him."

According to Ben Brantley of The New York Times in his review of the 2015 revival of the play with Bradley Cooper as Merrick, he said, "...

the script's arc is shaped not so much by Merrick's transformation as by the reactions to it. In the show's elegant centerpiece scene, a succession of people...all speak of how much Merrick is 'like me.'"

The production of "The Elephant Man" is directed by Early, Highland Community College Theatre, Theatre

Instructor and director of the HCC Theatre Arts program, with a cast composed of Highland theatre majors and other students. The set is designed and constructed by Dave Vrtol, Highland Community College Technical Theatre Director, and Highland students. The lighting is designed by Highland student, Alex Jansen. Cos-

tumes are designed by Linda Adams-Foat of Camelot Costumes, LLC. This production is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students. There is a \$2 transaction fee for every ticket purchased. For reservations call 815.599.3718 or visit highland.edu.

Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District offers scholarship

STATELINE — The Stephenson Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year. The student must be a resident of Stephenson County and have a junior or senior standing in an accredited college or university with a career in agriculture, natural resources, or a related field.


For further details and an application form, please call 815-235-2161 Ext. 3. Applications must be received at the SWCD office by 3 p.m. June 3.

Applications are available on our website www.stephensonswcd.org or may be picked up at Stephenson SWCD, 1620 South Galena Avenue, Freeport IL 61032.

COLLEGE NEWS

Grace Heimerdinger named to Marquette University's fall 2015 dean's List

MILWAUKEE — Grace Heimerdinger of Pearl City has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Heimerdinger is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and more than 75 different countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs,



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Screening is also available for children 0 – 3.

We are not screening for kindergarten students... school registration will happen at the beginning of August.

Freeport Downtown Development Foundation issues call for event vendors and sponsors

FREEPORT — Freeport Downtown Development Foundation, (FDDF), is inviting vendors and sponsors to participate in its 2016 events.

The Pretzel City Brewfest has openings for both sponsors and food vendors. The event takes place on September 24, this year and over 1,000 are expected to be in attendance. This is a craft beer tasting with over 100 flavors from local, regional and national breweries. The deadline is April 1.

Music on Chicago has openings for sponsors and food vendors as well. This event

is a live music outdoor concert that takes place the first Friday of the month in June, July and Aug.. The July event, which will feature the Funnies Band, has an opening for title sponsor at \$1,000. The deadline for each event is one month prior to the event. The Open Air Farmers Market has 30 openings for those that hand make items or sell home-grown food. Artists, farmers, and crafters are invited to apply. The cost is \$10 and the markets fall on the same nights as Music on Chicago events and Cruise Night. The deadline to apply is May 15.

Tour de Freeport is a new event, taking place the morning of the Pretzel City Brewfest on September 24. Participants ride their bicycles on a path around Freeport with interactive art installations.

Sponsors are being accepted until May 15.

The forms for the 2016 opportunities can be found on the downtown Freeport website at www.freeportdowntown.com under events.

There are also openings for fine artists in the region for the Slow Water Arts Festival which is a partnership between FDDF and the Freeport Art Museum. It is a two day event June 25 and 26 that will feature fine, culinary, and performing arts. More information for applying can be found at www.slowwaterarts.org.

Freeport's downtown is the core of the economic health of the city. With over 200 businesses, it is FDDF's goal that the downtown district be a vibrant place to live, work, shop and enjoy.

Warren Woman's Club March meeting a success

WARREN — Our first guest was Cathy Burmeister of Dusty's Closet Antiques. They sell antiques and refinish furniture. "Thank You" Cathy for the information about the house (built in 1856 by Thomas Hick) and how you refurbished it, the house is part of the town history. Please stop into the shop.

Our second guest was Tom Quinn from The Pecatonica Tap House. They have produced 3 annual beers and 2 seasonal beers for now. They are going to make Warren a permanent home. For now the beer is brewed Monroe, WI and they grow their own hops. "Thank You" Tom for the information and the samples you brought. To know more, call for hours and where to get the beer.

Vice President Rose Steuart brought the meeting to order and she proceeded to call for the committee reports. Chamber of Commerce was first; Rose reported that suggestions were made that the floor and chairs need to be done; also a fund

raiser could be an ice cream social or an art show with some local artist to help out.

Darlene Smith sent a Thank You note to Marcia Hume for her services she gave at the Community Building.

The Spring Trip will take place at the Timber Lake Playhouse, on June 12, to Gypsy. The members who were present voted in favor of Gypsy. More information will be forth coming at the next meeting.

The Spring Luncheon information will be forth coming.

"Thank You" to this month's Social Committee; Kay Hessebacher (chr.), Joan Holm, and Charlene Saunders for a great lunch.

For future reference about any correspondence please contact our current President Ruth Landfield at 815-745-2610.

There are some members who want to attend the meetings but need a ride please call Mary Determan at 815-745-2436 and/or Sandra Wolfram at 815-594-2200.



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Take a drive in the country

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**ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
To the legal residents of the Town of West Point in the County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on **TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016** being the second Tuesday of said month.
The Town Meeting for the

transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6 o'clock P.M. on said day at West Point Township Building, 6890 N. Five Corners Rd., Lena, and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

Dated at Lena, this 15th day of March, 2016.

BILL STATON
CLERK

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**ANNUAL TOWN
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NOTICE IS HEREBY
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To the legal residents of the Town of ERIN in the County of STEPHENSON and the State of Illinois that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on

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The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P.M. on said day at ERIN TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 2699 N UNITY RD and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: RAMP, and any other items.

Dated at _____, this 18th day of March, 2016.

Jean M. Amendt,
Town Clerk

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Highland Community College Lady Cougars end 2016 season at national tournament

By **Chris Johnson**
Reporter

LUBBOCK, TX — The mere fact that the Highland Lady Cougars advanced to the 2016 NJCAA Division One Tournament, shows how well things came together this season for the squad from Freeport.

With an invitation to play in the National Championship Tournament in Lubbock, Texas, Highland fell in the opening round 77-56, ending their season with a 22-11 mark.

Midland, with a record of 27-6, found a way to contain the potent Lady Cougars offense.

Only three players with Highland reached double-digit scoring.

Marissa Mandeldove led the way with 16 points.

Adrianna Eaton added 13 and Alysha Justice chipped in ten for Highland.

Midland took control early, in their Division One contest, as they scored 24 points in the opening minutes.

Highland was held to 18,

down six, heading into the second period.

As the tournament began, each team was issued a seed, by the Placement Committee.

Midland was given the nine seed. Highland received the 24 seed, the lowest seed in the tournament.

The Committee didn't feel Highland could advance.

This time, the statistics proved accurate.

After entering the second quarter down by six, the Lady Cougars struggled, as they tried to keep pace with Midland.

They were unable to, as they scored eleven points in the period.

Midland added 18 and at the half, held the 42-29 lead.

A consistent third period allowed Highland to keep pace with the nine-seed, as each squad scored 13 points.

Midland maintained their 13-point lead, heading into the final period.

With solid free throw shooting down the stretch and a staunch

defense, Midland held Highland back, at a comfortable distance, as they allowed the Lady Cougars 14 points in the final frame.

Midland scored 22 and took the night, 77-56, pushing them on in the Division One Tournament.

Daranesha Smith scored eight points for Highland in the loss, with Gokce Aslan adding three.

The final scoring on the night, for Highland, was done by Courtney Walker and Miranda Grisham, who scored two points each. Rachel Streight was 1-2 from the free throw line.

With the win, Midland moved on in the National Championship Tournament, where they faced eight-seed Walters State in the second round.

The eight-seed defeated Midland and advanced to the Regional Semi-Final, where they lost to the 2016 NJCAA Division One Champion, Gulf Coast State.

Highland ended the season with a respectable 21-11 record and a trip to the NJCAA Division One Championship Tournament at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Athletes at Highland now prepare for the spring sports season and graduation to follow, as many of the students on this year's court consider life after Junior College.

Dr. Dammann to address Lena Historical Society

LENA — The Lena Historical Society will meet Wednesday, March 30 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Lena museum at 427 Grove St. A presentation will be given by Dr. Gordon Dammann's on "Frontier Medical Diseases and Treatments". Dr. Dammann's is an expert on Civil War medical history and will describe procedures used in the 1830's. Guests are welcome. April 20 is the date for the Annual Dinner and Program sponsored by the Historical Society. It will be held at the Lena Community Center. Advance tickets are required and may be purchased for \$20 per person at Cindy's Beauty Salon, Engel's Jewelry and The Lena Mercantile. A program will be presented by Dr. Daryl Watson on "Early Stephenson Community Roads". For more information please call 815-369-4304 or 815-369-4030.



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Tracy Siegner photos

Folks came early and stayed late at the annual Apple River Lions Club Pancake Breakfast held Sunday at the Stage Coach Event Center in Apple River.

(Left) Apparently all except one of the Apple River Lions knew it was time to find something else to do when the dirty dishes started piling up during Sunday's annual Apple River Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast.



Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities grant applications available

STATELINE — Jo Daviess County Country Fair Charities, Inc. will be accepting applications for grants from not-for-profit organizations till May 1, 2016. JDCCFC is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to serve as a fund-raising organization to facilitate and assist charitable causes throughout Jo Daviess County. The goal of the organization is to provide financial assistance to those in need. This goal is accomplished through the awarding of grants to non-profit organizations who, in their goal to help other people in the county, express a need for financial assistance.

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STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BENEFIT

(Left) Piping hot pizza was just one of the specialties served hot off the grill during last weekend's Get Your Smoke On Benefit for the Stockton Fire Department at Spahn & Rose in Stockton.

(Right) Folks were lined up most of Saturday afternoon to sample the wares at the Get Your Smoke On Benefit for the Stockton Fire Department at Spahn & Rose in downtown Stockton.



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Stockton Family Fun Run scheduled for April 29

STOCKTON — Kick the dust off of those running shoes and bring the whole family to celebrate spring with the first annual Stockton Family Fun Run on Friday evening, April 29 at 6 p.m. The two-mile course is designed to be fun for all ages and encourages everyone to get outside and be part of a family-

friendly event.

A registration form is available online at www.signmeup.com/stocktonfamilyfunrun or on the Facebook page for Stockton Family Fun Run. Individual registration is \$15/person or \$40 for a family registration. Registration and check-in will begin at 5:15 on the west side of the

Stockton Memorial Park (closest to the high school) and race will start at 6 p.m. The course will loop through the northwest section of Stockton and finish back at the park.

Participants are encouraged to dress as Super Heroes to support the theme of the run. Prizes will not be awarded based on finish and race time, but rather on theme and Best Dressed Super Hero. The course will also feature obstacles for those who are interested in mixing up the activity.

T-shirts will be given to all pre-registered participants, but registrations will also be available on the day of the run at 5:15 pm. To guarantee a t-shirt on race day, registrations must be submitted by April 21.

The Stockton Family Fun Run is hosted by Stockton Strong and being organized to offer family-friendly activities in the Stockton area.

For more information: Nicole Haas, 815-238-5141, nicolemhaas@outlook.com or Kate McPeck, 815-821-1322, dawskl@yahoo.com

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