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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016

Lena Women's Slow Pitch softball league announces recruitment phase

LENA — The Lena Women's Slow Pitch softball league is looking for teams and individuals for the 2016 season which begins May 12. Teams and indi-

vidual players from Lena and all surrounding towns are welcome. Please contact Louise Workinger at 815-369-4823 for more information or to register.

Ladies Day Out scheduled for Saturday, May 7

LENA — Ladies are you ready to have some fun? This is a day you will never forget. We guarantee it. Ladies Day Out is fun, pampering, shopping therapy, relaxing event that features Shopping, Beauty Products, Door Prizes, and so much more. Ladies Day Out is on Saturday, May 7 at the downtown Lena, IL parking lots from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you're looking for the perfect graduation, birthday or Mother's Day gift, this is the place! Shop 'til you drop from over 70 local vendors. We will be hosting a food drive, \$100 grand prize raffle and more at Ladies Day Out. As always, admission is free and is open to the public! Now that is an amazing deal for some fun and new connections so stop by and support your local businesses. This event is for everyone, including the gentlemen and kids. Proceeds from our annual raffle will benefit the Lena Area Church Cooperative. Make sure you grab a ticket or three! The raffle is the perfect way to help the less fortune in our community, all the while giving yourself a chance to win some incredible prizes! There

is something for everyone! An enormous thank you to our sponsors: A.J.'S Lena

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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, Kristina Weaver at (815) 541-2355, or Abbea Schlichting at (920)901-2501.



Tony Carton photo

The power of community

Lena Living Center Director of Business Development Dee Kuhlemeier and administrator Lynn McCoy present Thad Krippendorf of the Stockton Fire Department with the proceeds raised at the spaghetti supper hosted last week by the center. "We see ourselves as part of a larger community and we sincerely hope the Stockton Fire Department continues to receive the support they need to recover from the fire and we wish them all the best," said Kuhlemeier.



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Lena Historical Society to host annual dinner and program

LENA — The Lena Historical Society's Annual Dinner and Program will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at the Lena Community Center, 497 Lions Dr.,

A buffet dinner featuring Swiss steak, baked chicken, potatoes, corn, rolls, beverage and homemade pie will be served at 6:30. Following the dinner, Dr. Daryl Watson will present a program entitled "Trails & Transportation in Early Stephenson County". Dr. Watson is a Highland College instructor and respected historian of our local area. From the earliest trails, roads and railroads, to the highways of today, he will highlight the trials and tribulations of travel by foot, wagon, stage and rail.

A silent auction and raffle will also take place featuring Lena

money and gift baskets. Guests will have the opportunity to view and bid on the silent auction before and after the dinner and program.

Advanced tickets are required by April 14. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at Cindy's Beauty Salon, The Lena Mercantile and Engel's Jewelry. You may call Cindy at 815-369-4030 or Richard at 815-369-4304 for tickets for more information.

This event is one of the society's major fundraisers. Proceeds from the event will be used to maintain the museum buildings and grounds. The Lena Historical Society is committed to preserving the community's history for all to enjoy.

For more information or questions, please call: Jean – 815-275-0451



Elley Voss has all her coins in a row during a counting coins session in Mrs. Werhane kindergarten math class.



It only matters that it is complicated

Pearl City High School student Denver Sargent works on his Rube Goldberg contraption during a STEM based session in the school's science lab.

The Village of Lena

will be flushing hydrants from April 18th - 22nd. Watch clothes.

> There may be some discoloration of the water...therefore, test water prior to using for washing machines.

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Pearl City Hornets 4-H April news By: Matthew Bronkema

Club Reporter

PEARL CITY — Our Monday, March 7 meeting was at St. John's Lutheran Church

Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards from friends and family. They helped make my 95th very memorable and special. THANK YOU from Clifford Reuber

in Pearl City at 7 p.m. After the pledges were said the Cloverbuds went downstairs and made a family tree and colored it. We talked about how well our bake sale went, livestock judging results and Super Saturday. The General Projects Day date has changed and will be held on Wednesday, June 29, at 9 a.m. The set up time is on the 28 from 4-6 p.m. We voted on donating \$50 to the Joiner Prom. We also received

our "That's 4-H", State t-Shirts. We went into our small groups and had talks and demonstrations. Only two more meetings to get them done! First year members only have to do one or the other. Thank you to the Heimerdinger, Lieb and Schierloh families for bringing the refreshments. Our next meeting, will be May 2, at St. John's Church at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the Pena, and Preston families.

Cub Scouts host spaghetti supper

PEARL CITY — The Pearl cafeteria. City Cub Scouts are hosting their annual Spaghetti Supper

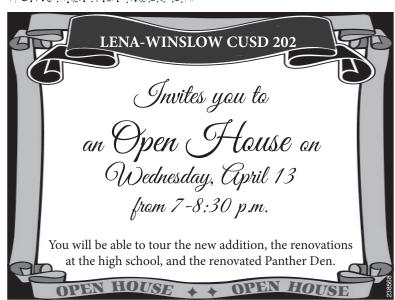
What: Pearl City Cub Scout Pack 27 Spaghetti Supper When: Thursday, April 14th from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: the Pearl City School

Price: Adults (12 and up): \$6, Children (3-11): \$4

*Children under 3 are free Carry outs are available.

Proceeds go toward purchasing supplies and providing activities throughout the year.



A big thank you to everyone that remembered me on my 90th birthday with cards, flowers, gifts and a "Surprise Birthday Party." It will never be forgotten. Much love to all. Katie Keeffer Warthen

Panthers' battle at border completed

By Chris Johnson Reporter

MONROE, Wis. — The Lena-Winslow Panthers hovered around the .500 mark, over the past week of play, as they fell to Monroe, Wi, on Friday April 1, 15-6, but followed it up with a double-digit win over South Beloit, 17-6, on the following Monday.

In the loss to Monroe, the Panthers couldn't find their swing and couldn't capitalize



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Batter up

River Ridge/Scales Mound (Hanover, IĽ) fell to the Lena-Winslow Panthers Varsity in a back-and-forth affair. 5-4.

score just one run, through the third inning of play.

The hosts, however, scored five times in the second and added three more in the third.

Into the fourth inning, Monroe was in front 8-1.

The fourth inning was effective for Lena-Winslow, as they found a way to manufacture three runs, to help refocus on the task at hand.

In inning later, in the top of the fifth, the Panthers had climbed to within two runs, 8-6.

The moment faded, quickly, in the bottom of the fifth inning as Monroe put seven runs in the books and took command,

The statement was received. as Lena-Winslow would not score again, falling by nine

On Monday, April 4, a lot of things were forgotten, it seemed, as the Panthers pounded out 17 runs, in a conference win over the South Beloit

With the pitching staff getting into mid-season form, batters for both teams struggled to get offense generated.

Through one and a half inning, the game was scoreless.

In the bottom of the second, South Beloit broke the ice and scored the first run of the game.

One inning later, the one-run advantage continued for South Beloit, as Lena-Winslow scored in the top of the third, but saw

on opportunity, as they could the Sobos do the same, in the bottom half of their inning.

> Heading into the fourth, the Sobos led 2-1.

> As had been witnessed in previous games this season, Lena-Winslow scored in groups, over the next few innings.

> In the top of the fourth, the Panthers scored three times and grabbed the 4-2 edge.

> In the top of the fifth, Lena-Winslow added four more.

> With South Beloit batting, in the bottom of the fifth inning, they were looking at an 8-2 deficit.

The Sobos scored twice in the bottom of the fifth, grabbing momentum, into the sixth.

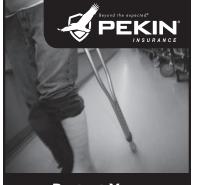
Lena-Winslow did not score in the top of the sixth inning. South Beloit did, in the bottom of the inning.

With just the seventh inning to go, Lena-Winslow was in front, 8-5.

No pitching could stop the Panthers in the top of the sev-

Lena-Winslow scored nine times in the top of the seventh and carried the 17-5 edge into the South Beloit last-at-bats, in the bottom of the seventh..

South Beloit scored once, as the Panthers took the NUIC battle, 17-6.



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Orangeville in challenging swing on 2016 schedule

By Chris Johnson Reporter

DAKOTA — The week of April 11 showed a schedule full of potential pitfalls for the Orangeville Lady Bron-

On Monday, the Eastland Lady Cougars appeared.

The next night, Dakota waited.

On Wednesday, April 13, the Aquin Lady Bulldogs played host.

On Thursday, April 14, Dakota came back for a visit.

With many of these contests played, as this week's issue enters circulation, details on how things moved along, are limited.

There is a break in the schedule waiting for Orangeville, as they take the weekend off, in anticipation of a showdown with the Durand Lady Bulldogs, on Tuesday, April 19.

On Thursday, Orangeville faces Durand for the second time in the week, wrapping up the season series.

On Friday, April 22, the Lady Broncos travel to Pecatonica for a 4:30 first pitch.

The boys' baseball team hits the field this week with a Tuesday, April 12 match at Dakota.

At 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, Orangeville closes the Dakota portion of their schedule, with a match against the Indians.

The boys' team takes the weekend off, as they prepare for a match against the Pecatonica-Durand Co-op on Tuesday, April 19.

Orangeville will host the DuPec Co-op on Thursday, April 21.

A weather-affected, March 31 game against Freeport Aquin will be played on Friday, April 22.

The season continues into May for the Orangeville Broncos, closing April with an away and home series with the South Beloit Sobos, beginning Tuesday, April 26 and concluding on Thursday, April 28.

May opens with a clash with the Forreston/Polo Co-op, in a 4:30, Tuesday, May 3, NUIC battle.



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Register early as class size is limited.

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Five ways to know if it's a Publishers Clearing House scam!

Information compiled by Tony Carton Editor

STATELINE — Publishers Clearing House is the REAL deal a legitimate sweepstakes company that has awarded more than \$225 Million in Cash and Prizes so far! Unfortunately, sometimes criminals try to cash in on their good name and trick unsuspecting people like you with Publishers Clearing House Scams. While they may be convincing, here are five foolproof ways to know for sure if an

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cent to collect a prize.

3. If someone tries to contact you in advance regarding a prize delivery, it's a Publishers Clearing House Scam! After all, that would ruin the surprise! For decades, our Prize Patrol has captured the elated reactions of surprised winners and used them in nationallytelevised commercials. You'll know you're a big PCH winner if you see the Prize Patrol at your front door holding a "Big Check" with your name on it! 4. If someone calls you on the telephone claiming to be from Publishers Clearing House and says you have won, it's a Publishers Clearing House Scam. Do NOT give them any personal information! As stated above, the Prize Patrol awards all Big Prizes in person and would never call you to update any personal information in our files.

5. If someone claiming to be from Publishers Clearing House tries to send you a friend request on Facebook, it's a Publishers Clearing House Scam. Even if they are

using the name and photo of a prominent PCH employee do NOT believe them. PCH employees and official PCH Prize Patrol Fan pages will never private message you on Facebook.

So fans, keep these 5 tips in mind, and you'll be protected against Publishers Clearing House Scams. And if you ever have any concerns about whether something is legitimate or a scam, please email Publishers Clearing House at abuse@pch.com, call 1-800-392-4190.

From the Desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

STATELINE arrived back in northwest Illinois after spending the past week in Springfield, though we should have been back to work the entire month of March it appears the next seven weeks will be very busy. No budget resolutions were discussed yet, but many pieces of legislation were debated in committees and sometimes in a manner not conducive to good government but nonetheless argued on their merits. There were 2,181 House Bills and 1,194 Senate Bills introduced this year and it never ceases to amaze me as to the content of some of these bills. Here are a two of those bills.

House Bill 6308 was introduced which seeks to amend the Juvenile Court Act and provides that persons under 21 years of age (rather than



Brian Stewart

REPRESENTATIVE

18 years of age) who commit misdemeanor offenses are subject to proceedings under the Act for delinquent minors. According to testimony by the Juvenile Justice Commission young people between the ages of 18-21 are still developing mentally and emotionally and thus should be treated as Juveniles. Now keep in mind that at age 18 you can enlist in the military and fight and die for our country; you can have Healthcare Power of Attorney and make life or

death decisions for a loved one; you can Vote; you can enter into contracts and make many other adult decisions. In fact I don't think I am aware of any responsible young person between 18-21 who does not want to be treated as, and considered an adult.

Also consider Misdemeanor offenses including violent offenses such as Battery; Domestic Battery; Aggravated Assault of a Handicapped Person, Senior Citizen, Teacher, Firemen or EMT; Criminal Sexual Abuse; People who expose themselves to children; Unlawful Use of Weapons or DUI to name a few. In other words this bill, if it were to pass, would mean that if you were between the ages of 18-21 and you were to commit any of these crimes, we are supposed to treat you as a juvenile or like a 12 year old. No, I do not support this bill and I am sure many of you don't either.

By now you may have heard Senate Bill 3729 was introduced and would impose a 30 cent per gallon hike in motor fuel taxes. This would bring Illinois gasoline taxes to 60 cents per gallon and easily the highest rate of any state. Yes, you read that right a whopping

60 cents per gallon gas tax. The proponents have indicated that these funds would be used to fund state and local roads, public transportation, railways and other projects. Now don't get me wrong I am a strong proponent of creating jobs and having safe roads in Illinois, but we simply can't afford such a massive increase which would cost consumers and businesses much more.

One of the good bills was one that I introduced again was House Bill 4636. bill seeks to amend the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act which removes certain provisions concerning conditions that the Business Investment Committee shall determine exist. In other words before Illinois grants incentives to retain businesses that are already here or to attract other business to move to Illinois the business must obtain a competing proposal from another state. Now let me put this in another way. If you are in business and a customer brings you a proposal from a competitor and asks you to beat the competition what would you do? If you are a competitive type of business man or woman you

sharpen your pencil, put fresh batteries in your calculator and you beat the competition! Unfortunately for Illinois that is exactly what Iowa and our neighboring states are doing to us. Jo Daviess County has lost at least 3 businesses to Iowa the past few years and this is happening all across Illinois. This bill was up in the Revenue Committee this week and I presented testimony in support. I also appreciated Lisa McCarthy from the Tri-County Economic Development Alliance, Tony McCombie the Mayor of Savanna and Vicky Trager the Mayor of Thomson attending the committee hearing as well. We will continue to push this bill forward and will continue to work hard to resolve this budget crisis. Illinois deserves the best for its citizens.

This week's session reminds me of a quote by Tony Abbott who stated, "I understand that government should live within its means, value the money it holds in trust from you the taxpayer, avoid waste, and above all else, observe the first maxim of good government; namely, do no avoidable harm.'

As always, you can reach me or Sally at 815-232-0774 or e-mail us at repstewart@ gmail.com. You can also visit my website at www.repbrianstewart.com or on Face-

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OBITUARIES

Anthony "Tony" J. Smith

APPLE RIVER — Anthony "Tony" J. Smith, age 99, passed away on Tuesday April 5, 2016 at Waverly Place in Stockton. Anthony was born on April 1, 1917 in Elizabeth, IL the son of Anthony John and Bessie (Becker) Smith. He graduated from Stockton High School and married Ruby Smith in 1940 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. Anthony worked many years in both construction and also as a milk hauler, he retired from Micro Switch maintenance department in 1994. He enjoyed fishing, playing euchre and watching old westerns on TV.

He is survived by two sons David Smith of Stevens Point, WI and Jack Smith of Apple River, IL. one brother; Virgil (Jeanetta) Smith of Waupaca, WI. one sister in-law; Shirley Smith of Apple River, IL

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Donovan and Mertes and three sisters Cecilia Fox, Vinetta Hagerty and Viorena Courtright

Visitation and funeral services were held April 8, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren. Officiating was Deacon Gary Munda.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Elizabeth, IL.

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

Shawn M. Haight

LENA — Shawn M. Haight

51, of Lena passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2016 in Garden-Ala-He bama. was born on December

27, 1964 in



Freeport, IL to Jill Miles and his adoptive parents Ted and Julie Haight. Shawn attended Freeport High School and Aquin High School. He received his GED and served his country in the United States Army. Shawn married Betsy Raisbeck and they had Nicole, after they divorced he had Cortney and Brianna with Brenda Goebel. Shawn was owner and operator of SMH Rebuilding Company,

and he also drove truck for

Burkina Express INC. Shawn enjoyed driving truck across the country covering all 48 states in the continental US. He loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren, hunting deer, fishing and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He loved to grill out and follow the Chicago Bears and Chicago Bulls, and was a big fan of Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Shawn is survived by three daughters; Nicole Haight, her two sons Thomas and Robert Morgan of Stockton, Cortney and Brianna Haight both of Lena, mother; Jill (Haight) Miles and his adopted parents Julie Haight and Theodore (Harriet) Haight; two step children; Joe and Britany Goebel; four step grandchildren; Gavien and Zora Goebel, and Blaine and Evalene Drake; two brothers; Darrell (Vickie) Haight and David (Dee Ann) Haight, two sisters; Debra (Michael) Goodwin and Deanna (Thomas) De Bisschop and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by grandparents; Ted (Cel) Haight and Clem (Julia) Bonnet, and aunt Mary Buman.

Visitation and memorial services were held April 9, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Inurnment was at Oakland Cemetery in Freeport, IL.

Cremation Rites accorded to his wishes.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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EAST DUBUQUE — On April 4, at 20:16 hours, the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vehicle in the ditch on U.S. Rt. 20 west of N Menominee Rd. Upon arrival deputies discovered a male subject, Terry Corso of Apple River in the vehicle who was unresponsive. Corso was extricated from the vehicle by the Menominee-Dunleith Fire Department and transported to Mercy Health Center in Dubuque, IA where he was later pronounced deceased. Further investigation of the scene revealed that the vehicle appeared to have veered off the roadway while traveling eastbound on U.S. Rt. 20 and into the ditch where the vehicle overturned coming to rest on a fence. The accident remains under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

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13th . Sunday . \$50 – Ashley Reuter, Hazel Green, WI

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Northrup, Galena 27th . Sunday . \$250 - Al

Hendren, Apple River 28th . Monday . \$25 – Bret Johnson, Galena

29th . Tuesday . \$25 – Karen Newt, East Dubuque

30th . Wednesday . \$25 -Dustin Oppold, Stockton

31st . Thursday . \$25 – Anna Bida-Dudun, Dixon

Pleasant Valley Community Watch to hold April meeting

PLEASANT VALLEY — Jo E. Willow Road. Daviess County Sheriff Kevin Turner announces that the next Pleasant Valley Community Watch meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley Township Building located at 9009

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CC Trustees approve budget reduction measures

FREEPORT — The Highland Community College Board of Trustees approved measures to reduce payroll costs for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 during a special meeting held April 8. The actions include a reduction in payroll expenses of approximately \$506,000 to partially address an estimated \$2.25 million shortfall (approximately 10 percent of operating fund revenues) over the course of Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

The cuts are a direct result of the ongoing State budget impasse in Springfield. Currently in the tenth month of a budget year that has seen no State funding, with little to no chance of receiving the budgeted revenue, Trustees are addressing a fiscal dilemma. It is anticipated that the institution will see a significant reduction in State assistance next year, as well, as compared to years past.

"Although this plan will necessitate reallocation scarce resources, every effort has been made to ensure that

grams and services to students are protected," said HCC President Tim Hood. "We believe that the strengthening of and growth in academic programs during recent years has improved the financial position of the College. Without this positive momentum, the reductions that we are now instituting would have been more sweeping."

Additional plans for Fiscal Year 2017 include \$700,000 in general reductions in areas such as, employee travel & training, property/liability insurance, employee benefits, and the College- funded student worker program as well as about \$240,000 in additional revenues that include \$6 per credit hour increase in tuition for fall 2016 approved by the Board in March.

Reductions in salary and benefits include the elimination of five full-time positions, one part-time position, transitioning three positions from fulltime to part-time, the reduction

of working hours for two parttime employees, as well as not filling approximately one-anda-half current vacant positions.

Included in the salary and benefit reduction is a furlough plan that will impact all fulland part-time administrative and professional staff, as well as full- and part-time nonunion support staff. This measure is projected to result in a savings of \$31,000.

"We certainly do not want to minimize the impact of jobs lost and working hours affected. Such decisions are extremely difficult and have been delivered with respect and compassion," said Hood.
"Those affected have given valuable service to the College and our students."

Due to sound fiscal management, growth in student headcount, and the use of the fund balance, the College has been

without eliminating positions until now. Most colleges and universities in the state began eliminating positions much earlier this year. According to Hood, "We remained optimistic that remedies to the State budget crisis would have occurred before now, although reliable sources in Springfield confirmed that the hopes for our budget for this year are all but gone and prospects for level funding for next year are minimal at best."

"Significant efforts have been made to reduce expenses and increase revenues where possible to avoid reductions in force; however, it became evident in the past sixty days that the situation would not be relieved anytime soon. Accepting this reality, payroll reductions are now unavoidable," said Hood. "Like most community colleges across the state, 80 percent of Highland's expenses are comprised of salaries and benefits.

According to Vice President Administrative Services Jill Janssen, the College has been effectively managing the impact of a declining funding stream from the State for several years. "This past fiscal year, the College has taken steps to further reduce expenses, such as limiting outlays to those that are deemed essential, reducing staffing through attrition and restructuring, reducing employee benefits, and negotiating savings with vendors," said Janssen.

"We intend to move forward with plans to continue adding new high-quality academic programs and continue strengthening present programs to better serve our constitu-ents," said Hood. "New and existing partnerships with our region's businesses, industries, community organizations, and school districts will allow us to further expand program offerings in a financially responsible manner, positioning the College for a sustainable future."

The Highland Community College Board of Trustees will consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2017 tentative budget during their July meeting.

Warren student named to Illinois State Scholar program

WARREN — Warren High School is pleased to announce that Miah Dagle has been recognized as an Illinois State Schol-

Selection is based on SAT or ACT, and/or class rank at the end of the junior year. The Illinois State Scholar Program publicly and personally identifies graduating high school seniors who possess superior academic potential. Students from nearly every high school in Illinois compete in the program. State Scholars can be found on the campuses of nearly 200 public and private institutions of higher education in Illinois. The combination of exemplary college entrance examination scores and record high school achievement indicate an especially high potential for success in college. To be honored as a State Scholar in Illinois is an outstanding accomplishment that will be a highlight of the recipient's academic record.

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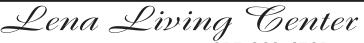
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7th Grade: Carter Brudi,

Stephan, Jenee Stultz

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Dillon Baldauf, Ballard, Torey Zachary Brinkmeier, Samuel Ferguson, Kylie Fransen, Zaylinn Grossenbacher, Kalli Kaney, Hayden Keltner, Clayton Lieb, Nathan Lott, Grace

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tal Health First Aid' teaches individuals how to help those experiencing mental health challenges or crises WHO: Teachers, School Staff, Pastors, Youth Group Leaders, Agency Staff, local

'First Aid' and CPR, 'Men-

with children of all ages WHAT: Training on Mental Health First Aid in Freeport, IL May 12, Reg-WHEN: istration 8 a.m. Training 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

citizens or anyone working

COST: \$20 Continental breakfast and lunch included WHERE: Freeport Public Library, 100 W. Douglas, Freeport, IL 60132

WHY: Mental health challenges – such as depression, anxiety, psychosis and substance use - are shockingly common in the United States.

American adults will have a mental health problem in any The National given year. Council for Behavioral Health certifies individuals throughout the nation, including CON-TACT of Northern Illinois, presenting the Mental Health First Aid course to prepare our communities with the knowledge and skills to help individuals who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The training helps the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses. For more information on Mental Health First Aid, visit www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org. For information on the training on May 12 or to receive a registration form please contact Tammie Evenstad at 608-324-2639 or email her at tammie.evenstad@mon-

Six Le-Wins students named to Illinois State Scholar program

LENA — The Illinois State Scholar Program publicly and personally identifies graduating high school seniors who possess superior academic potential. Students from nearly every high school in Illinois compete in the program. State Scholars can be found on the campuses of nearly 200 public and private institutions of higher education in Illinois. The combination of exemplary college entrance examination scores and record high school achievement indicate an especially high potential for success in college. To be honored as a State Scholar in Illinois is an outstanding accomplishment that will be a high-

The Illinois State Scholar program is awarded to high school seniors based on ACT or SAT test scores and the "sixth semester" class rank, class size and unweighted Grade Point Aver-

light of the recipient's academic

Six Lena-Winslow students are named to the state scholar program this year. They are: Dorthea Fiedler, Ellie Kent, Jordon Oellerich, Michael Packard, Kenzie Temperly, and Evan Voreis.

ISAC gathers student data during one academic year that is used in making student awards for the following academic year (e.g., data gathered during the current academic year is used in making awards for the following academic year). Test scores are gathered from the testing companies for the ACT and SAT exams taken during the student's third and fourth semester prior to graduation. ISAC requests the required sixth semester data from high schools.

Each student designated as a State Scholar receives a congratulatory letter, a Certificate of Achievement and statewide recognition in the news media.

Mack, Lucas Rosenstiel, Hinojosa, Hailey Johnson, Julia Sesker, Brooke Stephan, Brandi Wiegmann

Juniors: **Taylor** Brudi. Shayna Drake, Michaela Lee, Cameron Niesman, Macayla

Sophomores: Peyton Asche, Burgundy Barklow, Gwen Heimerdinger

Freshmen: Amanda Baldauf, Joshua Cassell, Mackenzie Endress, Brooke Hass, Caitlyn Krell, Zachariah Lieb, Andrew Lorig, Drake Musser, Liana Rosenstiel, Riley Wright

8th Grade: Nicole Adolph, Abby Ditsworth, Sydney Foulker, Autumn Gray, Yunen Bailee Lincicum, Sydney Monks, Kayla Runkle

7th Grade: Estrella Ayala, Marianna Brenner, Molly Cropper, Aiden Gassman, Macie Kaney, Logan Krell, Caden Kuberski, Madison Wayne McClaran, Lesko, Fenixx Menefee, Montana Sargent, Mick Sesker, Jase Sheffey, Tiffany Vicario, Ella Williams

Honor Roll

Seniors: Alyssa Johnson, Dana Jordan, Dalton Lawler, Luke Lawson, Randy Reynoso, Nicole Simler, Elizabeth Strock, Kerry Strock

Highland Summerset Theatre auditions to be held April 16

FREEPORT — Highland Community College's 43rd season of Summerset Theatre will be auditioning for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 16 in the Fine Arts Theatre located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

The director is seeking talented singers, dancers and musicians. There are roles for men and women, and youth. Highland Community College Theatre Department is actively seeking a multi-cultural cast and utilizes non-traditional casting in their productions.

No monologues or prepared songs are necessary to audition. There is a dance portion of the audition. Please wear clothing in which you can move.

Performances for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be held July 7, 8, 9, and 14 thru 17.

Joseph and his coat of many colors comes to vibrant life in this delightful musical parable. Joseph, his father's favorite son, is a boy blessed with prophetic dreams. When he is sold into slavery by his jealous brothers and taken to Egypt, Joseph endures a series of adventures in which his spirit and humanity are continually challenged. He is purchased by Potiphar where thwarting advances from Potiphar's wife lands him in jail. When news of Joseph's gift to interpret dreams reaches the Pharaoh (wryly and riotously depicted as Elvis), Joseph is well on his way to becoming second in command. Eventually his brothers, having suffered greatly, unknowingly find themselves groveling at the feet of the brother they betrayed, but no longer recognize. After testing their integrity, Joseph reveals himself leading to a heartfelt reconciliation of the sons of Israel. Set to an engaging cornucopia of musical styles, from country-western and calypso to bubble-gum pop and rock 'n' roll, this Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless.

For more information contact Laura Early at 815.599.3492 or laura.early@highland.edu.

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Sophomores: Jaryd Breece, Hannah Cassell, Tyra Clark, Laura Dickman, Roderick Munson, Kilynn Perdue, Siara Simons, Matthew Werkheiser

Freshmen: Elizabeth Dixon, Madison Downs, Isabel Pena, Kerstan Shippy, Brock Smargiassi, Joshua Van Cleve

8th Grade: Mitchell Brinkmeier, Braden Diddens, Luke Ditsworth, Bryanna Euler, Sarah Pena, Quinn Schneider, Michelle Simler, Theresa Von

7th Grade: Garrett Boop, Aliya Fischer, Miranda Mellentine, Dean Polizzi, Joseph

Stockton High School announces commencement speaker

STOCKTON Stockton High School is pleased to announce that the Commencement 2016 guest speaker will be Leanne McNett Beyer, Class

Leanne recently passed the Illinois Bar Exam after graduating from the Northern Illinois University School of Law. Prior to receiving her Juris Doctor Degree, she received a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago.

Leanne was an outstanding student, leader, and athlete while at Stockton High School and will bring an inspiring message to this special day.

Commencement will be held Sunday, May 22, beginning at

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LENA'S KITCHE



The not so skinny cook

LENA — We certainly have had our fill of wind this fall, winter and now spring. It continues to blow everything that isn't fastened down, and some things that are. The warm up never came this week; now they are predicting maybe this week it will be warmer. I had to even drag out a warmer coat on Friday! I thought I was finished with it, but the weather Grinch decided we would have some more bone chilling cold. This week's recipes are trying to get us into spring. We have a great appetizer, a nice salad, some easy main entrees, and a great dessert.

The first recipe is for an easy appetizer. Asparagus has been making its way into our grocery stores at a pretty good

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price. If you are looking for a different and classy appetizer, this next recipe is for you. I love using puff pastry. It literally melts in your mouth. The Parmesan gives it just a little kick. Enjoy this tasty appetizer

at any time of the year. Asparagus Pastry

1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed 4 oz. cream cheese, softened 1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese

1 T. stone-ground mustard

2 t. lemon juice

¼ t. salt

½ t. pepper

1 pkg. frozen puff pastry,

1 egg

2 T. water

Preheat the oven to 400. In a large skillet, bring 11/2 inch of water to a boil. Add the asparagus and cook, uncovered 1-2 minutes or until crisp-tender. Remove asparagus and immediately drop into ice water. Drain and pat dry.

In a bowl, mix the cream cheese and the Parmesan, mustard, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Unfold pastry sheets; cut each sheet in half to make four rectangles. Spread each rectangle with a fourth of the cream cheese mixture. Arrange the asparagus over the top allowing tips to show at each end; roll up jelly-roll style. Using a serrated knife, cut each roll into four

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Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet, seam side down. In a bowl, whisk egg with water and brush over the tops of the rolls. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden. Remove to a wire rack and serve warm.

I love butter or Boston lettuce. The little heads are just the right size for someone who lives alone. The taste is great too. This salad blends the oranges and onions together with a tasty vinaigrette. This salad would go great with either of the main dishes which follow.

Butter Lettuce Salad with Oranges and Red Onion

3 navel oranges

1 T. extra-virgin olive oil

1 T. white wine vinegar

2 t. honey

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1½ t. Dijon mustard

Salt and pepper to taste

4 C. torn butter (or Boston)

¹/₄ C. thinly sliced red onion

Squeeze 2 T. juice from 1 orange into a bowl; peel and separate other two oranges into sections. Whisk in oil, vinegar, honey, and Dijon. Season with salt and pepper. Toss the lettuce, oranges and red onion with the vinaigrette.

This easy chicken casserole uses one of my favorite pastas—linguine. I like the flat spaghetti because a lot of sauce

**** Window Replacement

or in this case filling sticks to the noodles. The chicken makes this vegetable pasta dish just right. I always use reduced salt chicken broth. If you don't have kosher salt, you can use sea salt or regular salt. Just be sure you taste it before you dump the whole ½ teaspoon in. You may not need salt at all. I never add as many red pepper flakes as a recipe calls for. Most of my friends add more, so it is just a matter of taste.

Tetrazzini with Vegetables and Chicken

4 oz. linguine

½ C. boneless, skinless, chicken breast, diced

2 T. olive oil, divided

8 oz. (½ lb. mushrooms, sliced

1 C. diced carrots

1 C. julienned green peppers

¹/₄ C. diced onion

1 T. minced fresh garlic

1 C. skim milk

½ C. chicken broth

3/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese

½ t. red pepper flakes

½ t. kosher salt

½ t. pepper

2 T. apple cider

¹/₄ C. chopped fresh parsley Preheat the oven to 375.

Coat a 1½ qt. baking dish with cooking spray. Cook the pasta in boiling water until al dente, about 6 minutes and Sauté the chicken in drain. 1 tablespoon of oil in a sauté pan over medium-high heat, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate. Add the mushrooms and sauté until liquid evaporates, about 5 min-

Add the remaining tablespoon of oil to pan; sauté the carrots, peppers, onion and garlic until carrots soften, about 4 minutes. Stir in flour and cook 1 minute. Add the milk and chicken broth, stirring constantly until sauce thickens, about 2 minutes. Reduce the heat to low. Stir in the Parmesan cheese, pepper flakes, salt and pepper unto the sauce until the cheese melts. Stir in the apple cider, chicken, pasta, and 2 tablespoons of parsley; transfer to prepared baking dish. Bake the casserole until bubbly, about 15 minutes and let cook for 5 minutes. Garnish with remaining parsley.

This slow cooker recipe is great for a weeknight meal. You cook the meat with carrots and tomatoes in the crock pot and then shred the meat after five hours of cooking. Serve it over your favorite pasta—penne, rotini, shells, or

whatever you fancy. If you can't find the crushed tomatoes with basil, just add the crushed tomatoes and a 1/4 teaspoon of dried basil.

Beef in Creamy Tomato Sauce

3 lb. beef chuck roast, cut in half

½ t. pepper

1 T. olive oil

1 cup of onions, finely chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 can (28 oz.) can crushed tomatoes with basil

6 oz. tomato paste

4 carrots, finely chopped

³/₄ C. heavy cream

1½ lb. penne pasta, cooked

Trim the fat from the beef. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium. Add the onion and cook until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute. Transfer onions and garlic to a slow cooker and return the pan to high heat. Add the beef and brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a slow cooker.

Add the crushed tomatoes, tomato paste and carrots to the slow cooker. Cook on high for 5 hours. Remove the beef and shred with two forks. Return the beef to the slow cooker and cook uncovered 1 hour, or until sauce thickens. Stir in cream. Serve the beef and sauce over cooked pasta.

The last recipe is for a great You make it easy because you use a cake mix. The almond flavoring adds just the right touch, and the caramel frosting is absolutely delicious.

Almond Cupcakes with Caramel Frosting

1½ C. sliced almonds

1 box Super Moist White Cake Mix

Water, oil and eggs called for on cake mix box

1 t. almond extract Frosting

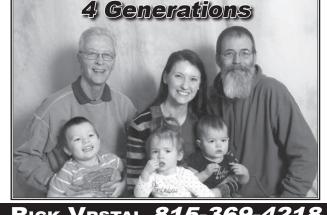
½ C. unsalted butter

1 C. packed brown sugar ½ C. milk

2 C. powered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350. Place paper baking cups in each of a regular sized 24 muffin cup pan. In a shallow baking pan, toast almonds for 6-10 minutes, stirring occasionally until golden brown. Cool 15 minutes. Reserve 1 cup almonds for garnish. In a mini food processor, grind remaining almonds until finely ground.

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CHURCH NOTES

Pastor's Corner

Christianity and world religions By Gary Rich

Lay Servant, Lena United Methodist Church

LENA — Our Sunday school class continues to study the book Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton. This week we looked at the religion of Hinduism. It originated in India over thousands of years ago. The religion was shaped by a people known as Aryans. Hindus believe they build karma through good thoughts and deeds.

Hindus follow a number of sacred texts from a wide variety of time periods. Hindus have many more sacred texts than the Christian Bible. One of the Hindu books is the Rig-Veda. It has 1028 chapters, some of them mythological stories and others are historical facts. Many chapters describe the relationship of God to nature

and humankind. The Rig-Veda is one of four Veda Books. These books were passed down orally until around 1000 BC, when they finally took written

Hindus believe in one true God. However, this God can be represented by many different attributes and characters. The stories of various Gods is a way of showing Hindus how Gods interact and how the people can interact with God. Hindus believe the human soul is God within us. Hindus believe we are not born sinners and we have a divine spirit within us. We do bad things because we are ignorant and do not recognize the spiritual truth. Hindus believe we need to gain knowledge to understand our destiny.

Hindus believe that knowledge leads to good work and will ultimately achieve nirvana. They believe in the law of karma; we build up good karma through good thoughts

and deeds. Through a cycle of birth, death, and rebirth they continue to try to achieve a life with no bad karma. When this point is achieved, they are then united with God in a state called "nirvana."

In Hinduism, God is in everything and everything is part of God. In Christianity, God is distinct from creation. Creation is God's handiwork, but not God himself. We are made in God's image, but we are not God.

I do not think Hindus would feel a closeness to God or a personal connection to God. They are on a spiritual ladder and hope someday to reach that closeness. As Christians, we can experience God's presence and have a relationship with Jesus. As we mentioned earlier, Hinduism uses images and statues to view God. As Christians, we are not to make idols or anything else by which to worship God. (Exo-

dus 20:4-6) Hindus feel they need more knowledge to feel close to God. As Christians, we seek God's grace which is given freely when we accept him as our Savior. Our works are a response to God's grace, not a way of achieving it.

Hindus feel they have multiple chances to get it right; Returning again and again to attain the required knowledge. As Christians, we need to accept God's grace while on earth. I am sure there are many

loving, caring, and gentle people following the belief of Hinduism, but they do not have the hope and faith that Jesus Christ gives us. They do not have the grace that comes by believing that Jesus died for us on the cross and that by that grace we are saved. Next week we will take a look at Buddhism.

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

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

LENA — Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on April 17, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fourth Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion. Pastor Arthur Stees will share the children's message and sermon and lead worship along with Karen Niemeier who will lead on the Organ. 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. At 2 p.m. Good Shepherd will have the worship service at Lena Living Center

On Wednesday April 20 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

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. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday Confirmation students in seventh and eighth grades will meet for learning, fun, prayer, and fellowship.

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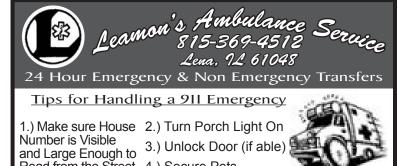
PEARL CITY — The St. John's worship service on April 17, will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will include the Chancel Choir. Following worship, the Whirl Sunday School and Confirmation class will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Whirl Sunday School will focus on the lesson, Peter Raises Tabitha. The Outreach and Stewardship Committees and Memorial and Finance Committees will be meet at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, April 17. The SPLAT youth will meet at 11 a.m. to deliver Grace Meals. The April Community Grace Meal will be served at Noon in Luther Hall.

The Fifth Quarter youth (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on April 17 followed by Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m. All interested youth are welcome to participate.

The Women's Gathering will meet on Tuesday, April 19, to clean the kitchen in Luther Hall. They will then meet for a bible study at 11 a.m. followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. The

Helping Hands committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19.

Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in two different Bible Studies at St. John's. The Monday evening bible study is at 7 p.m. and features a discussion titled "The Book of Job". This spring, our Monday night group will study the tragedy and restoration of Job, and perhaps even test our own sense of faith, piety and devotion to our Lord. The Thursday morning bible study is held at 9:30 a.m. and has begun a new series 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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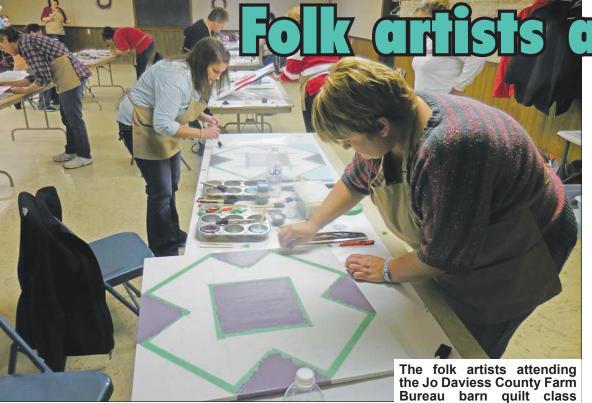
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the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau barn quilt class were only limited by their own imaginations in creat-ing combinations of color and design.

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette McLane and daughter Allison teamed up to create a barn quilt.



Nearly 50 area folk artists attended the barn quilt class at the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau in Elizabeth last Wednesday.

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(Right) After only a few hours of concentration and creativity the quilts were finished and ready for hanging on homes and barns throughout the county.



Many hands make light work "To Change the E Militon Diagram

Students from 13 area school districts helped Highland Community College Servant Leadership Chapters package meals for the 7th annual "Hearts and Hands for Hunger" OneMeal project.

Fourth grade students from Stockton Elementary School enthusiastically helped Highland Community College Servant Leadership Chapters prepare meal packages for the 7th annual "Hearts and Hands for Hunger" project.

Apple-Plum Watershed Planning Committee to hold meeting

ELIZABETH — The Jo Daviess County Apple-Plum Watershed Planning Committee will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Municipal Building (300 N. West Street) in Elizabeth on Wednesday, April 13. The focus of the meeting will be the review of the workbook elements accompanying the water resource management plan. All meetings are open to the public. Please direct questions to Beth (beth@bhms-arch. Baranski com, 563/580-6192).

Notice of public meeting STOCKTON — On Wednes-

day, May 4, at 10 a.m., a meeting conducted by Stockton School District will be take place at 540 N. Rush Street, Stockton. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Stockton School District, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. David Gilliland at 815-947-



Fourth grade students from Stockton and Warren Elementary Schools participated in the 7th annual "Hearts and Hands for Hunger" OneMeal event held Friday and Saturday at Highland College Student/Conference Center. The goal this year is to feed over 75,000 children.











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City suffers sole setback on season

By Chris Johnson Reporter

MONROE, Wis. The Pearl City Lady Wolves suffered their first loss of the season, in a game played on Saturday, April 9, in Monroe, Wis.

In the season setback, Pearl City gave up two runs. The Lady Wolves could only manufacture one of their own, how-

ever, leading to the loss, with the overall mark now dropping to 9-1.

Pearl City improved to 9-0, earlier in the day, as they defeated Spencer, 10-4, another participant in the Monroe softball tournament..

In the loss to Monroe, Pearl City could not find its offense.

Monroe allowed three hits on

the day and committed just one error, as they took early control and never relinquished it.

Following a scoreless first inning, the Lady Wolves defense yielded a run, in the top of the second inning.

Pearl City responded with one of their own, a half inning

In the top of the third, the game was tied at one, as Monroe stepped in and snagged the one-run edge, 2-1.

The lead would never fall as Monroe held on for the singlepoint victory.

Kendra Melville pitched strong, through five solid innings, as she struck out five batters and walked none.

In the win over Spencer, earlier on Saturday, the Lady Wolves jumped into a 6-0 lead, in the top of the second inning.

Spencer scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, to cut into the Pearl City advantage, 6-4.

Neither team would score again, until Pearl City, batting in the top of the seventh inning, scored four runs.

Spencer was shutout by the Pearl City pitching staff, as they could only connect for five hits, on the day.

errors in the tournament loss.

Pearl City moved to 9-0 on the season, with the win

On Thursday, April 7, the Galena Lady Pirates stopped by for a visit and were ushered away with an 8-1 loss.

As the baserunner moved around the edges, Pearl City began manufacturing runs.

In the bottom of the first, the Lady Wolves had their first run.

In the bottom of the second, they added two more.

With Galena held scoreless into the sixth inning, Pearl City added to their total, and held a 6-1 edge, before Galena could score.

The Lady Wolves scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and held Galena scoreless in the seventh.

In the 8-1 NUIC win, Clark struck out 14 batters for Pearl City.

An earlier test faced Pearl City on Monday, April 4, as the Milledgeville Lady Missiles visited.

Offense visited frequently for Pearl City, through the first three innings, as the Lady Wolves grabbed leads of 2-0, 3-2 and 5-2, into the top of the

After adding the sixth run of the game, in the bottom of the fourth, Pearl City settled in, as they had the 6-2 edge.

Milledgeville would add the final run of the game in the top of the sixth inning.

Pearl City remained perfect in the NUIC, with the conference win.



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Swing batter swing

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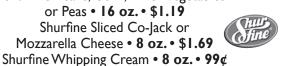


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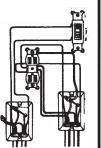
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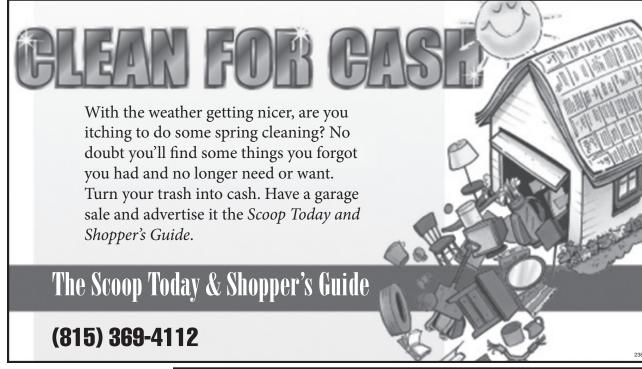
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bath home has a spacious living room with wood burning fireplace, deni family room/office and a large dining room with double set of French doors leading to the deck. Kitchen and master bedroom have vaulted ceilings. Built ins in the hallway and den. Master bedroom nas double closet. New roof in 2010 Priced at .



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NEW LISTINGS



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library. Home features 2 plus bedrooms, spacious living room, eat in kitchen, full basement could be used as added living space as it has egress and a walk out. Large garage with loft above and storage room below with back yard access. There is a double lot but only part of the lot is fenced in. Priced at .

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257 CARVER ST. WINSLOW
LARGE YARD with access to back yard

from basement. Home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, spacious eat-in kitchen, dining room, living room, eat-in Richen, diffing room, living room, office/toy room, breezeway and main floor laundry. Roof has been replaced and the exterior of the home stained and trim painted, upstairs bedrooms new carpet and paint 2014, kitchen and bath/laundry room remodeled 7/8 years ago. Call today to see this home in the Le-Win School District. . \$67.500



516 S. WATER ST. WARREN FIRST TIME OPEN LOOK AT STATELY COME

features home bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths on a private lot. The home has an updated kitchen, hardwood floors, large family room, an oversized 2 stall garage and a 23 x 15 deck that is quite unique. This home is beautiful both inside and out.



480 LIONS DR. LENA MAIN FLOOR LIVING IN THIS CONDO on

Lions Drive in Engels Subdivision. This condo unit features 2 bedrooms, 3 baths, living room with Velux skylight and plant shelf, kitchen with dining area, main floor laundry and seasons room with door to the 10 x 10 deck. The master bedroom has double closets with one being a large walk in. The master bath has a shower. The lower level square footage is approximately 562 sq. ft. which features a family room, another full bath and a room that could be an office, toy room or home gym. There are two storage areas in the lower level besides the mechanical room. The garage has side service door, 2 floor drains, a heater and cupboards

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mix, water, oil, eggs and almond

extract on low speed for 30 sec-

onds, then on medium speed for

2 minutes, scraping the bowl,

occasionally. Fold in ground

almonds. Divide batter evenly

among the muffin cups.



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> LENA - WHY RENT WHEN YOU COULD OWN? This cozy floor main room features living

room, dining room, nice size kitchen, 2 bedrooms and laundry. Good size back yard with storage shed, covered walk way between garage and house Priced at



STOCKTON -CHARM GALORE! BEAUTIFUL WOOdwork, floors and pocket doors. Updated

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LENA - BIGGER THAN IT LOOKS! 3 floors of living space. The main floor has

the living room with woodstove, two bedrooms, full bath, dining area and kitchen. Bonus room could be toy room, office, craft room as there is a lot of natural light in this room plus a door to the backyard. Upstairs is a nice size landing, third bedroom and storage space. The lower level has a family room, laundry area and second bath. Great backyard with room for a garden, there is an outdoor grill, storage shed and swing set. Garage door opener new in 2015 and furnace new in 2011.



LENA -CORNER LOT, DECK OVERLOOKING FENCED IN BACK YARD, 3 bedrooms,

YARD, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open floor plan with the living room, dining room and updated kitchen. The kitchen was updated in 2016 with new cabinets, flooring, lighting, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Lower level is finished with a large family room, bar area, full bath and an additional room that would be a good office, home gym, craft room or toy room. Newer roof and back yard fencing. Priced at\$139,900

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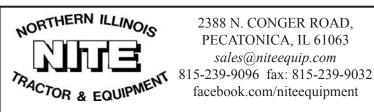
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Bake and cool as directed on the box for cupcakes.

In a 2 quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Reduce the heat to low; boil and stir for 2 minutes. Stir in milk. Heat to boiling. Remove from heat. Cool to lukewarm, about 30 minutes.

Gradually stir powdered sugar into the brown sugar mixture. Place saucepan of frosting in a bowl of cold water. Beat with spoon until smooth and spreadable. If frosting becomes too stiff, stir in additional milk, 1 teaspoon at a time. Frost a few cupcakes at a time with 1 tablespoon frosting each; press reserved almonds lightly into frosting. Store loosely covered.

Track meets and ball games haven't gotten any warmer. The Cubs open on Monday night, and it will be really cold. I have mentioned in the past that my parents used to always go to opening day at Wrigley Field. Most of the time they were in winter coats, hats and gloves. It never dampened their desire to go to that opening day. We Cub fans have high hopes this year; I hope we won't be saying that next year will be our year in the fall. They did start out with two wins. Sometimes it takes weeks before that happens—"hope springs eternal!" Just a reminder--rhubarb will soon be making an appearance, so we are looking for some rhubarb recipes. Mother's Day brunch is fast approaching also. 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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PASTOR'S CORNER

"Who am I Lord God.... That you have brought me this far?"

By Dave Offermann, St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena

LENA — Several years ago a young friend of mine graduated from college. He was intelligent, motivated, and outgoing. His gpa reflected an excellent work ethic and he quickly landed a job with a local investment company. I can still remember the excitement in his voice as he called to tell me the good news. Several months later I received a very different kind of phone call. He was frustrated and anxious and questioning God's plan for his life. The hype and glamour of his new position had quickly worn off. The reality of hundreds of daily cold calls trying to build a client list, poor interoffice relationships, and a tiny cubicle had set in. It would take a job change and a family relocation before he finally found his feet in the business world.

It's normal to be disappointed when God's timing and design for our lives do not match our expectations. When King David wanted to build the Lord's temple, his desire and motives were correct but God reigned him in, telling David that had lead a life of warfare and that God wanted his son Solomon to build his holy house. Regardless of his ability, desire or resources God reigned him in and told him the project was not to be his (I Chronicles 22:8).

David could have exploded in anger. He could have pouted in disappointment. He could have stubbornly plowed ahead pursuing his own goals. But he didn't. He chose humility. He bent to God's will. In I Chronicles 17:16 David says, "Who am I, Lord God....that you have brought me this far?" David went on to praise God and affirm his devotion to Him. To David, his connection with his Father was more important that his own personal ambition.

Likewise, many generations later, a great, great, great grandson of David came face to face with the will of God in the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus, in all his humanity, did not want to willingly face the terror of the cross on Good Friday. In his prayers, he fer-

vently begged his Father to take this hardship from him. Mark 14:46, "Abba Father" he said, "Everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Jesus, like his grandfather David, ultimately

chose humility and bent to the will of his Father in heaven.

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A little levity to lighten your day

A lawyer went duck hunting

up north. He shot a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it." The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here." The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the area and if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own." The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes. We settle small disagreements like this with the 'Three Kick Rule.'" The lawyer asked, "What is the 'Three Kick Rule'?" The farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, I get to go first. I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on, back and forth until someone gives up." The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom. The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel-toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's breakfast gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his ample rear end, sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie. The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and remaining strength and very slowly managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn." The old farmer smiled and said, "Nah, I give up. You can have the duck."

Willow/Kent United **Methodist Churches**

KENT/WILLOW — Willow/ Kent UMC will worship together April 17 at Willow ÛMČ at 9 a.m.; Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving 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 a invited and welcome to this time of sharing.

Willow UMC is located about seven miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd.