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The Pearl City-Eastland Wildcats football team won Friday's home conference game against West Carroll by a score of 32-16.

Eastland/Pearl City beats back the Thunder

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The NUIC Northwest has a few things it needs to worry about and the Eastland-Pearl City Wildcats are one of the biggest worries for those select few, following a 32-16 win over the West Carroll Thunder, EPC moved to 2-0 in the conference and looks to be settling in.

Opening the 2016 fall sports season with a win over the defending NUIC Northwest Champion Lena-Winslow Panthers, the Wildcats sent a statement to the league. Any talk of conference titles will have to come through Pearl City.

The Wildcats scored first in their Friday night win over West Carroll. It took 14 seconds for Jayden Kemmel to run 87-yards, carrying the opening kick-off the distance of the field and giving EPC the 6-0 lead. Keegan Schubert's carry into the end zone, completed the eight point play.

West Carroll would have its chances on the drive following score, but it would end with EPC getting the ball back and making the most of it.

With just under three minutes to

go in the opening period, the Wildcats followed up their opening score with another, this time on a one-yard run by Schubert. The running back's number was called again on the successful two-point try. After one quarter of play, EPC's defense was disallowing the Thunder's advance. At the same time, the Wildcats were working the ball straight through the West Carroll front and marched to a 16-0 edge.

First downs were a regular occurrence for EPC in the opening period, but it was unfamiliar territory for West Carroll, at least early it was.

It was a silent second quarter, as each team exchanged attempts, only to give the ball back to the other. At the half, the lead remained in favor of the Wildcats, 16-0.

In the third quarter, adjustments made during discussions with Thunder Head Coach Matthew Leitzen during the halftime break proved to be successful. It would take a while, however, for West Carroll to find its pace.

With 3:42 to go in the third quarter, a pass play split the EPC defenders and ended three yards deep in

the end zone. West Carroll was on the board. A pass play into the end zone, cemented the two-point conversion. With time winding down in the third, EPC's lead was slashed to eight points, 16-8.

The Wildcats were not phased, so it seemed, as they took the ensuing kick-off and drove to the West Carroll one-yard line, where Brighton Haverland finished the task with a one-yard run. The two-point conversion was again good, as EPC's lead jumped back to 16, 24-8.

The fourth quarter began, as the third quarter ended, with an EPC strike. At the 9:18 mark in the period, Haverland struck again, this time from one-yard away. Again EPC went for two and again they were successful. The Wildcats had their biggest lead of the game, 32-8.

A few replacement players got

their opportunity on the field as time wound down. With 3:08 to go in the game, West Carroll scored for its final time. The one-yard run was followed up with a successful two-point play. With just minutes remaining, the EPC Wildcats had the game in hand 32-16.

The contest would run out, as players ran the ball on the field, keeping the clock moving.

EPC moved to 2-0 on the season as West Carroll fell to 0-2 on the year.

Up next for the Wildcats are the Pecatonica Indians. This Friday night's match will wrap up the season-opening home stand and will probably wrap up with EPC moving to 3-0 on the year, following completion of the NUIC contest. Pecatonica is winless on the season, having scored seven points total in

its first two games. On Friday night, Lena-Winslow, a recent victim of EPC's, defeated the Indians 42-0.

Week four will be a test for Randy Asche and his Wildcats as EPC travels to Polo for a cross-conference clash. Galena pays a visit to Pearl City in week five.

The week six match-up could be very important for EPC, as they will have to face the NUIC Northwest co-leading Dakota Indians, in Dakota, to close the second-third of the season. A match against Amboy-LaMoille in week seven will also be played on the road.

The NUIC Northwest Title could be up for grabs in the week eight game for EPC, as the Wildcats prepare to invite Forreston in for a spell. The 2016 season closes for EPC on the road in East Dubuque on Friday, Oct. 21.

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Family fun at the Briggs & Reed Tractor Ride



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- 4th Thursday, \$25 Marlene Muscha-Taylor, Lanark
- 5th Friday, \$25 Steve & Erin Jordan, Stockton
- 6th Saturday, \$50 Wayne Fischer, Freeport
- 7th Sunday, \$50 Anita Mau, Lena
- 8th Monday, \$25 Jon Schubert, Galena
- 9th Tuesday, \$25 Patti Adleman, Stockton
- 10th Wednesday, \$25 Suzette Drane, Stockton
- 11th Thursday, \$25 Jim Beaves, East Dubuque
- 12th Friday, \$25 Charles Bernal, Chicago
- 13th Saturday, \$50 Peter Huschitt, Stockton
- 14th Sunday, \$50 Brian & Patti Pierce, Stockton
- 15th Monday, \$150 Safe Haven, Elizabeth
- 16th Tuesday, \$25 Karla Nicholas, Elizabeth
- 17th Wednesday, \$25 Terry Haas, Elizabeth
- 18th Thursday, \$25 Gary & Mary Flynn, Galena
- 19th Friday, \$25 Rich Heinkel, Lena
- 20th Saturday, \$50 Galena ARC
- 21st Sunday, \$50 Mark Wand, Elizabeth
- 22nd Monday, \$25 Ryan Locy, Appleton, WI
- 23rd Tuesday, \$25 Christine Williams, Fullerton, CA
- 24th Wednesday, \$25 Quin Wells, Galena
- 25th Thursday, \$25 Katie Buss-Appelhans, Columbus, IN
- 26th Friday, \$25 Kathleen Klapatauskas, Dubuque, IA
- 27th Saturday, \$50 Kyle Buros, Galena
- 28th Sunday, \$50 Jeff & Becky Swalve, Camanche, IA
- 29th Monday, \$25 Libby Miller, Galena
- 30th Tuesday, \$25 Galena ARC
- 31st Wednesday \$25 Roberta Jeffery, Cuba City, WI

Monroe Arts Center schedules annual meeting

Members of Monroe Arts Center and the public are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Monroe Arts Center (MAC) which will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. in Wesley Hall at the Monroe Arts Center, 1315 11th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin.

This year's annual meeting agenda includes election of new directors, and approval of the 2016-2017 budget.

MAC members are encouraged to attend.

For additional information or questions, contact Monroe Arts Center by calling (608) 325-5700.

Lena Library News

By Dixie Althoff
DIRECTOR

Happy Sept.!! Hard to believe we are almost into fall and with that we are getting some less humid weather. Yeah!! The Fall Festival is almost upon us.

I know the children can't wait for all of those neat rides. The library will be closed Sept. 10, for the Fall Festival Parade. We will be enjoying the festivities along with you. Remember to stop in on Friday to pick up your books and movies for the weekend.

Story hour and after school program

sign-up is under way. Parents, don't forget to stop in and sign your children up. You don't want them to miss out on all of the fun! Classes begin Sept. 13, for story hour and Sept. 19, for the after school program. Get signed up!!!

The library will be having an adult coloring night on Sept. 12. For all of you who thought coloring was just for kids---it is not! It is a way to unwind and get rid of all of the stress from the daily routine. Plan to join us for a night of socializing and refreshments. The program will be from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Hope to see you at the Library

Sept. 12!

Book discussion was held Aug. 24. We enjoyed some good discussion and good refreshments. Some of the books discussed were: Everything I Never Told

You by Celeste Ng, Nightingale by Kristin Hannah, Catch Me If You Can by Frank

Abagnale, Wednesday Letters by Jason Wright, A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth

George, Sweet Breath of Memory by Ariella Cohen, and Lilac Girls by Martha Hall

Kelly. Our next book discussion will be held Sept. 28. Please plan to join us. We really have a good time.

New fall fiction: Curious Minds by Janet Evanovich, Damaged by Lisa Scottoline,

Fraying at the Edge by Cindy Woodsmall, Sting by Sandra Brown, Black Widow by

Daniel Silva, Leave Me by Gayle Forman, My Brother's Crown by Mindy Starns Clark, My Sister's Prayer by Mindy Starns Clark, This Road We Traveled by Jane

Kirkpatrick, and Wish by Beverly Lewis.

One new children's book: If You're Spooky and You Know It by Aly Frannis.

One new DVD: The Huntsman: Winter's War.

Watch the Shopper's Guide for future events. Remember all of our programs are free; you just have to make the effort to attend. If you have any suggestions as to what type of programming you would like to see at the library, please let us know.

We are always open to suggestions.

Stop by and pick up a good book or a new movie to enjoy these cooler evenings.

4-H member wins State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

An 18-year-old from Dakota won the 2016 State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest held Aug. 20, on the state fairgrounds in Springfield. Bria Koester of Stephenson County took the top honor against 46 other competitors in the contest which judges a youth's ability to accurately appraise the quality of a set of dairy cattle and rank the cattle from best to worst.

Other top finishers in the senior division of the judging contest include Olivia Telgmann of Shelby County,

second; Brock Irwin of Boone County, third; Briley Lenkaitis of Saline County, fourth; Alex Walden of Shelby County, fifth; Hadley Ehlers of Randolph County, sixth; Morgan Olbrich of McHenry County, seventh; Connor Erbsen of Carroll County, eighth; Charlie Elliott of Stephenson County, ninth; Payton Erbsen of Carroll County, tenth; and Brennan Woker of Bond County, eleventh.

The youth judge six different classes of dairy cattle, including four cow

classes and two heifer classes. The top four eligible winners will represent Illinois at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin, on Oct. 3. They include Ehlers, Irwin, Koester, and Walden. Alternates to the team are Olbrich and Woker.

A separate contest was held for younger exhibitors. The top five winners in the junior division were Alaina Dinderman of Stephenson County, first; Riley Walden of Shelby County, second; Jacob Raber of Livingston County, third; Brett Yoder of McLean County, fourth; and Shana Lueking of Clinton County, fifth.

The team is supported financially at the national contest by the Illinois 4-H Foundation. Dave Fischer, retired University of Illinois Extension dairy educator, serves as the Illinois 4-H team coach and organizes the State 4-H Dairy Contest.

Lena Farmers Market to relocate during Fall Festival weekend

It's Lena Fall Festival Weekend and that means that the Lena Farmers Market will move their location for the day. The Lena Farmers Market will be held in the Railroad street parking lot during the Lena Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10. This location is directly across the railroad tracks from their current location in the downtown Lena parking lot. The market will be held at its usual time from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

There is a large variety of fresh, locally grown produce available currently at the Lena Farmers Market. The produce that is in season includes potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, onions, squash, and more.

Stop by the Lena Farmers Market

before the Lena Fall Festival Parade to pick up fresh, locally grown produce to enjoy with your family and friends during your weekend celebrations.

Lena Live Wires hold Aug. meeting

By Krista Keene
CORRESPONDENT

The Aug. 8, Lena Live Wires 4-H meeting was held at the Lena KOA. Della Crain called the meeting to order. Pledges were led by Hannah Pecoraro. Krista Keene then read the Secretary's report. Christian Sutter motioned to approve the minutes, Emma Bower seconded it. Christian Sutter read the Treasurer's report. Under old business we talked about who was going to the

state fair. Under new business we talked about email addresses so that Kathy knew if she had everyone's. We also talked about a float in the fall Festival Parade. Award applications are due Oct. 12. We also talked about forming a team for the Ag Olympics. There were no talks or demos. Sam Pecoraro motioned to end the meeting. Garrett Sutter seconded it. The next meeting is Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. at St. John's in Lena.

ISP Investigating Personal Injury Crash on US 20 near Lena

The following preliminary information is being released by Illinois State Police -District Sixteen, Pectonica

WHAT: Traffic crash with injuries and road closure

WHERE: U.S. 20 near Illinois Route 73, Lena

WHEN: 09/02/2016 @ 9:09 PM

VEHICLES: Unit 1 - White 2001 Ford Econoline van

Unit 2 - Tan 2003 Chevrolet Express Van

Unit 3 - Black 2007 Volvo Truck Tractor/Semi-Trailer

INJURIES: One patient was transported by air to Rockford. One patient was transported by ambulance to Freeport. Neither patient appears to have suffered life-threatening injuries in the crash.

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out demons, calming the sea. Listen to His teaching as He explains His kingdom. Everyone is welcome to attend these seven lessons. Please register by calling the church office at (815) 369-5591.

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VIEWPOINT

Bustos highlights importance of rural development partnerships at Neumiller Farms

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) was joined Aug. 30, by officials from the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Agency for a tour and discussion on the importance of strengthening rural economies at Neumiller Farms. Neumiller Farms recently built a new potato handling facility. They financed this project with a \$447,155 loan that originated from the USDA's Rural Development Agency to make economic development investments in communities like Savanna. "Our agricultural producers are the back-

bone of our rural economy and I'm very proud of all of the work being done at Neumiller Farms," said Congresswoman Cheri Bustos. "After receiving a low interest loan financed through the USDA's Rural Development Agency, Neumiller Farms was able to strengthen their business and increase their efficiency. They are truly a local success story and I urge all of our local agricultural producers to consider working with our office and the USDA when they are considering seeking assistance to grow or expand their business."

Neumiller Farms is a third generation potato and vegetable farm operation that began in Wisconsin. Several years after expanding the business to Hanover, Illinois, land was purchased and the headquarters moved to Savanna IL. Since then, land has been purchased in Erie, Cordova and Bath, Illinois.

The potatoes grown on this farm are for processing, salads and for making potato chips.

Neumiller Farms Trucking, Inc. is a full service trucking and logistics company providing a dedicated transportation department to pro-

vide shipping services to their customers.

Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc. received a \$447,155 loan through the Rural Economic Development Loan Program. They relented these funds to Neumiller Farms, Inc. to construct a new potato handling facility, add new equipment and build a more efficient electric and drainage system. The new facility is 100' x 220', which is 4,000 square feet larger than the old building. The facility provides a more streamlined handling process to improve their operations.

Governor Rauner signs bill into law removing employment barriers

Governor Rauner signed SB42, Aug. 26, which safeguards patients while restoring the opportunity for people with certain felony convictions to get a health professional license. SB42 addresses the unintended consequences of 2011 legislation that stripped licenses from a number of Illinoisans for past crimes – regardless of how long ago the worker had been convicted or if the worker actually posed a risk to public safety. SB42 restores balance, allowing professionals with forcible felony convictions to petition the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for a license and creating a 15 factor analysis the Department must apply to determine whether licensure is safe and appropriate. The National Employment Law Project estimates about 42% of Illinois adults have a criminal record, and nearly half of American children have at least one parent with a criminal record. Nonetheless, there are hundreds of employment barriers under Illinois law making it harder for the those with criminal records to find jobs and build financially secure lives for themselves and their families.

"This is a real step forward toward justice," said Senator Iris Martinez, who introduced the bill after hearing from constituents who had lost their license and could not get it back. "After years of work, I'm glad to see the measure become law."

Joining Senator Martinez in championing the bill was Camille Lilly, the house sponsor. The Restoring Rights and Opportunities Coalition of Illinois (RROCI) worked to advance the bill.

"More and more, we are realizing that the harsh barriers to employ-

ment that we have created for people with criminal records do little to protect public safety; instead they drive recidivism and harm the very communities we aim to protect," said Sam Tuttle, Policy Director at Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights, a member

of the RROCI Coalition. "We are proud to have been a part of helping SB42 becoming law."

The legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2017, opening up opportunity for many Illinoisans.

"All I have ever wanted to do is be a nurse," said LaTonya Ander-

son, a nurse who has been denied her license because of past conviction and member of Cabrini Green Legal Aid's leadership council and the RROCI coalition. "SB42 will allow me that chance, and the chance to show my children that they can strive for their dreams."

Senate Week in Review

Aug. 28 – Sept. 2

Illinois schoolchildren are returning to the classroom with an advantage that has eluded students and educators for the last seven years – full funding from the state.

Every single school district is getting the same or more money than it did for the previous year. This was an important step we were able to achieve as part of the compromise stopgap budget, approved June 30, that has supplied critical funds to keep some of our most important programs operating.

But the General Assembly's work is not done. To ensure other state priorities receive state assistance and support, the same spirit of bipartisanship and compromise that led to the temporary budget plan must be part of a budget compromise for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017.

Also during the week, a recent decision by the board of the Teachers Retirement System will increase the state's pension payment by millions; and new laws impact sportsmen and life insurance beneficiaries.

Bipartisanship must extend beyond education

Even with the historic investment in education funding we achieved in the stopgap budget, more work must be done to ensure that schools – and other Illinois programs and services – receive the state resources they need.

Some of that work is already underway through the Illinois School Funding Reform Commission, which is scheduled to meet for the third time on Sept. 7. Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle continue to meet with stakeholders in the education community to develop a new school-funding formula that will ensure that every student in Illinois, from Chicago to Carbondale, has access to a quality education. This bipartisan Commission will present its recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by Feb. 1, 2017, allowing lawmakers to take action in advance of the 2017-2018 school year.

It is important that this bipartisan collaboration extend beyond education. To truly recover from the state's year-long budget impasse and restore Illinois' fiscal house, lawmakers and the Governor must work together to pass a balanced, full-year budget that incorporates the needed structural reforms that will help improve our state's economy, while also drawing employers to Illinois and creating good-paying jobs.

The stopgap budget, and the willingness to come together, demonstrated to Illinois residents that change is possible. Now, the General Assembly and the Governor must

show the public that compromise wasn't fleeting, but indicative of a positive way forward.

TRS changes investment rate of return assumption

Lawmakers are working with the Governor's office on options, in response to the recent decision by the non-elected Teacher's Retirement System Board that will cost taxpayers additional millions in future pension payments.

The board voted 10-0 on Aug. 26 to reduce the rate of return assumption on its investments from 7.5 percent to 7 percent. The change may seem small, but that half a percent will add millions of dollars to the state's budget obligations – a significant blow to the state's already shaky finances.

Though the Governor urged the TRS Board to refrain from acting until the public was given an opportunity to weigh in, the board chose to move forward. It is imperative lawmakers explore options in response to the recent TRS board decision, which forces the state to direct scarce resources to cover the obligation. This will direct precious state dollars away from education and social service providers, many of whom were hit hard during the budget crisis.

New sporting bills enhance conservation efforts

New sporting bills were recently signed adding trapping to the youth license program, including various species for hunting and increasing hunting season for landowners with 40 acres or more.

Senate Bill 2410 adds trapping to

the youth license program. Hunters age 18 and younger may apply for a Youth Trapping License, as well as the current hunting and fishing licenses available for this age category. Anglers will now be able to catch catfish using bow-fishing equipment under House Bill 5788, and hunters are now permitted to hunt three additional species of birds on public hunting grounds. Landowners with 40 acres or more will now be able to obtain free landowner permits for both deer and turkey, according to Senate Bill 3003.

Law requires insurance companies to locate beneficiaries

A recently signed law requires insurance companies to more quickly locate beneficiaries of unclaimed life insurance policies and distribute amounts are owed by the policy.

The Treasurer's Office has been conducting hearings across the state after identifying more than \$550 million in unpaid benefits owed to Illinois residents since 2011. The General Assembly also responded, advancing a new law requiring companies to be more diligent about determining the death of a policyholder and distributing funds in a timely manner to beneficiaries.

Proponents of the law pointed out that people who have purchased life insurance policies expect the benefits to be paid to intended recipients. The new law requires insurers to utilize federal death records to identify deceased policyholders. Companies must conduct an initial check after Jan. 1 and then twice each year moving forward in order to locate beneficiaries of the policies.



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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

BARBARA (HOLMES) YOUNG

Barbara Jean (Holmes) Young, 63, of Great Falls, MT. passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016 at Peace Hospice Home in Great Falls.

Barbara was born on Nov 12, 1952 in Freeport, IL to Ellwyn and Alice (Harrell) Holmes. She graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1970 and in 1979 she earned her Associate Degree Nursing from John A. Logan College at Carverville, IL.

Barbara worked for 30+ years in various nursing homes & hospitals. She moved to Wyoming in 1982 and then to Montana in 1988. She lived in many communities in Montana before buying a place near Ulm in the 1990's. Barbara enjoyed photography, fishing, and water color painting. She had a real love for horses and her dog, Pepper.

Barbara is survived by her brothers, Richard (Eleanor) Holmes and Kenneth (Karen) Holmes, and nieces Annette (Brent) Geilenfeldt & family, Tammy (Robert) Wede & family, Amy (Steve) Hoffman, and Wendy (Russ) Gruber & family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ellwyn and Alice Holmes and paternal & maternal grandparents.

At her request, she was cremated by the O'Conner Funeral Home. There will be a Memorial Service for Barbara on Oct. 1, at the Lena United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. There is a memorial fund established for the Peace Hospice Home in Great Falls, MT.

FLORENCE LEONA STEFFES

Florence Leona Steffes, 92 of Lena (formerly of Elizabeth) IL, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2016 at the Lena Living Center. She was born March 24, 1924 in Kent Township, Lena, IL to Carl and Mabel (Williams) Musser. She was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton and graduated from Stockton High School in 1942.

On Jan. 1, 1944, she married Raymond Steffes at St. John Lutheran Church of Massbach. She and her husband farmed, she also worked part-time as a secretary for Country Companies in Elizabeth. Later she worked as a secretary for Jo Daviess Co. Farm Bureau, retiring in 1994. Florence enjoyed gardening, canning, baking cookies and playing cards. She was a charter member of the Friendship Circle of St. John's and enjoyed making quilts. She is survived by one daughter,

Peggy (Ronald) Beyer; one son, James (Mildred) Steffes; grandchildren, Daniel Beyer, Lynnell Beyer and Benjamin (Danyel) Steffes; great grandchildren, Izabella May Steffes and Cody Jay Steffes; grandson, Dennis Steffes and family; sister, Mrs. Mildred Farringer; and sister-in-law, Ellinor Musser.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Raymond in 2014; an infant daughter, Patsy; her brother, Ora Musser; brother-in-law, Earl Farringer; and her parents.

The funeral service was held Thursday, September 1, at St. John Lutheran Church in Massbach, IL. There was a visitation before the service. Interment will take place at St. John Lutheran Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with her family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com

GLEN LUVERNE SHERF

Glen Luverne Sherf, age 93, of Platteville, Wisconsin, formerly of Mt. Carroll, Illinois, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 at Manor Care in Platteville, Wisconsin. A visitation and funeral service were held Sept. 1, at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Mt. Carroll. A memorial service and burial at Pine Hill Cemetery will take place at a later date in Williams, Minnesota. A memorial fund has been established in Glen's memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Glen's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Glen was born Aug. 20, 1923, in Hastings, Minnesota the son of Fred and Alice (Stubbs) Sherf. He attended school in Minneapolis and graduated from North High before enlisting in the United States Navy for World War II. Glen married Bette Richardson on June 27, 1948 in Long Beach, California. Glen and Bette owned and operated the Coast-To-Coast Store in Mt. Carroll from 1967 to 1984. He was a member of the Mt. Carroll Lions Club and is a member of the Mount Carroll United Methodist Church. Glen enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially cherishing his time at Lake of the Woods at Williams, Minnesota. For the last five years his residence has been at Park Place in Platteville, Wisconsin. On his 92nd birthday Aug. 20, 2015 he and son Doug embarked on a three

day Veteran's Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Glen is survived by his daughter, Roberta (James) Delp of Darlington, Wisconsin; three sons: Randy (Naomi) Sherf of Amherst, Wisconsin, Gregory (Julie) Sherf of Sonora, California, Douglas (Lorri Mostad) Sherf of Mt. Carroll; grandchildren: Michael Delp, Corey (Jamie) Sherf, Jeremy (Nicole) Sherf, Cody Sherf, Elizabeth (Joshua) Graham, Josef, Joshua, Jacob, Jaxon, Jillena, and Jenee Sherf, Ashley, Andrew, Aryn Sherf, Hugh Mostad-Holter and Stacy Krueth; great-grandchildren: Lily, Gabriel and baby (due in December) Graham, Aliyah and Natalie Sherf, Lauren and Hailey Sherf. Glen was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bette on November 17, 2002 and brother Arden of Ithaca, New York.

JOYCE A. LUCKE

Joyce A. Lucke of Stockton, IL was born Sept. 8, 1943 in Chicago to her parents John Edward Day and Leona Day. Survived by loving husband and caregiver Bill Lucke, son Cary Bauer and his wife Lisa, brother John Day and his wife Kay, sister in law Andrea Lutz and her husband Jim, several nieces and nephews, and cherished dog Walle. Joyce was a Nursing graduate from William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, IL. Joyce was always ready to help others in the Stockton community whenever needed. Joyce was also a long time volunteer at Safe Haven Humane Society of Elizabeth, IL. Joyce was loved and cherished by all who knew her and she will live in our hearts forever.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers donation can be made to Safe Haven Humane Society or The Stockton Heritage Museum.

WILLIAM J. WILD

William J. Wild, age 79, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016 at Elizabeth Nursing Home, Eliza-



beth, Illinois after complications from Alzheimer's disease. Cremation rites have been accorded and per his request no services will be held at this time. A memorial fund has been established and will be distributed amongst the Stockton military organizations and local hospices in Bill's memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Bill's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

William was born on Aug. 16, 1937, the son of Hans and Margaret (Baltz) Wild in Wisconsin. He attended Hanover Schools. William proudly served his country in the United States Army. After he was discharged, Bill worked for the railroad in Savanna, the Kraft Whey Plant in Stockton, and Kelly Springfield Tire Company in Freeport. Bill married Judy Krippendorf and later met the love of his life, Beverly Paisley in 1972.

Bill owned and operated Willie's Woodshop, where he did woodworking and carpentry for 35 years until his retirement in 2002. Bill was a member of the Stockton VFW and the Stockton American Legion. He loved woodworking, making wooden novelties, gardening and collecting keychains. He also enjoyed restoring antiques and John Deere Tractors, which he would often show in parades. Bill was a caring man and always put others before himself. He had a strong work ethic and was accustomed to putting in long hard days. Most of all, Bill loved spending time with his family and friends.

Bill will be dearly missed by Beverly Paisley; one daughter, Kimberly Ann (Brad Musser) Wild of Stockton; two grandchildren, Anthony and Logan Musser; Beverly's four children, Dennis (Erica) Paisley of Stockton, Diana (Terry) O'Malley of Stockton, David (Patty) Paisley of Ozarks, Missouri, and Deb (Dave) Parker of Stockton; Beverly's 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; six siblings, Alberta Wild of Hanover, Illinois, Margaret Service of Clinton, Iowa, Alfred "Pat" (Dee Anna) Wild, Nellie (Nick) Bainbridge, Herman (Deb Polhill)

Wild, and Donna Eadie all of Hanover; two sisters-in-law, Lynne Wild of Stockton and Mary Wild of Hanover; and many nieces and nephews.

William is preceded in death by his parents, Hans and Margaret, one sister, Mary Wild; four brothers, John, Michael (Mary), Tom (Lynne) and Frederick Wild; an infant brother; two brothers-in-law, Dale Service and Lynn Eadie; one sister-in-law, Sally Wild; and Bev's grandson, Mat Paisley.

It's Maker Mania at Discovery Center Museum

Join Discovery Center for a fun day of invention, construction and innovation! Maker Mania will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Use real tools and real materials to create amazing projects in our Make It Workshop! Make a musical instrument, design a boat that floats, or learn to solder! In addition, Raspberry Pi's, Cubelets, and Bee-Bots will be charged up for coding ed-ventures and robotic fun. Assemble our circuit kits or get engaged with your favorite block-building materials including Legos, Citi Blocks and Imagination Playground!

This event is included with Discovery Center admission - \$8/person and free to museum members and children age 1 and younger.

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HCC's early September Lifelong Learning courses beginning

Highland Community College Lifelong Learning is offering upcoming courses on campus and other locations beginning September. Some of the classes to be offered are: Windows 10; Basic Automotive Maintenance; Beginning Genealogy; Intro to your iPhone and more.

The vision of Highland's Lifelong Learning is to serve all populations throughout the College's four-county district, including community members, seniors, and the region's business professionals.

To register for Lifelong Learning courses, visit highland.edu/lifelong or call (815) 599-3414. For more information about Lifelong Learning classes, and to find out the latest in new course offerings, call (815) 599-3403.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga for Weight Loss & Strength

Course ID: 3785; Location: H-210
Class Dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 1
Fee: \$75

The student will have learned yoga to promote weight loss and strength. This class matches breath with movement in a flow that will challenge your avid yoga student. Prior yoga experience suggested. Bring your own mat.

Intro to Chakras

Course ID: 3849; Location: H-127
Class Dates: Sept. 10
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 2
Fee: \$29

This course will outline the seven chakras, each one's importance, and how these energy centers are connected to our physical, mental, and spiritual selves. Learn each chakra's

purpose, function, and the effects of a blocked chakra.

Tobacco Cessation

Course ID: 3824; Location: on-line
Class Dates: Sept. 12 - Oct. 31
Registration Deadline: Sept. 5
Fee: \$79

This course will provide the skills and resources necessary to quit tobacco habits. Each week includes a lesson, homework, tutorials, one-on-one coaching sessions and information online. Unlimited email correspondence with the class facilitator is provided throughout the 8 weeks. Not all students will "quit" during the course but will maintain the resources and information for when ready.

Windows 10-Highland

Course ID: 3855; Location: T-159
Class Dates: Sept. 12
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 5
Fee: \$15

Questions about Windows 10? Learn more about installation and some of the features of this new operating system. Bring your own device with Windows 10.

Basic Automotive Maintenance

Course ID: 3780; Location: T-124
Class Dates: Sept. 13, 20, 27
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 6

Fee: \$20

Basic Automotive Maintenance introduces participants to what types of fluids are needed and the service intervals recommended for vehicle longevity. Lab tasks will allow participants to become familiar with the under-hood layout of the vehicle and basic maintenance procedures. First class will be classroom and the second two classes will be hands-on tasks in lab.

Beginning Genealogy

Course ID: 3803; Location: Freeport Public Library
Class Dates: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4
Time: 6 to 7 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 6
Fee: \$32.50

Learn the basic forms and resources required and available to research the family tree and history. Learn about computer programs and websites. The culminating activity will be the creation of an ancestral chart completed by the student.

Millie's quote of the week

"I love that tomorrow's sunrise does not define itself by last night's sunset."

Steve Maraboli

Farmers Market season continues in Stephenson County

While your backyard garden might be over by now, local growers are still producing and selling at the farmers markets.

"We've had a very productive season. Some disease and insect pressure but overall great yields," said Local Foods and Small Farms Extension Educator Grant McCarty. "Farmers markets are still open till

October and you'll find a lot of those summer fruits and vegetables still available"

In Stephenson County, there are four farmers markets:

Highland Farmers Market: Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. at Highland Community College in parking lot C, by the YMCA, open through Oct. 5.

Freeport Farmers Market: Saturdays from 7-11 a.m. at CVS parking lot, on South Street in Freeport, open through October 1, 2016.

Lena Farmers Market: Saturdays from 8-11 a.m. in the downtown Lena parking lot, open through Oct. 8.

Stephenson County Farmers Market Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12:30 pm; and Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m. at Logan's parking lot in Freeport, open through Oct. 29.

"These farmers markets showcase the best of the products grown in Stephenson County," said McCarty. "These last weeks are the perfect time to acquire produce you can store over winter"

Right now at the market you'll find tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, eggplant, pumpkins, squash, melons, onions, apples, along with numerous meats, cheeses, eggs, baked goods, jams/jellies, and more. For more information about local farmers markets call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit us on-line at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>.

Pacific War (1936-1945)

Course ID: 3783; Location: H-208
Class Dates: Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11
Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 6
Fee: \$84

This class takes a closer look at WWII in the Pacific. It covers life on a ship, command structure, navy terms and types of warships used by both the US and Japan. It examines the cultural background of Japan and the US before the war. It looks at the events that led to Pearl Harbor. Time will be spent reviewing certain battles including Pearl Harbor, Bataan, Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, New Guinea, Leyte, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Use of the A-bomb will also be discussed. The class will also examine the view of Japan toward the war today and its effect on Asian neighbors.

Interior Design 101

Course ID: 3814; Location: H-210
Class Dates: Sept. 14, 21, 28
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 7
Fee: \$30

Remodel one room in your home from concept to completion. Student will draw a floor plan, create a materials storyboard, and present the project to the class. Explore the basics of color theory and discover ideal room layouts.

Intro to Your iPhone

Course ID: 3851; Location: H-209
Class Dates: Sept. 15
Time: 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 8
Fee: \$20

Bring your iPhone to class and learn how to get the most out of your iPhone such as functionality, security, etc.

Is Business Ownership for You?

Course ID: 3852; Location: H-208

Class Dates: Sept. 15, 22
Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 8
Fee: \$50

The people who will benefit from this course will be those who have an idea for a business, but don't know exactly where to start. The introductory discussion in starting your own business will be appropriate for individuals developing a service, retail, agricultural, manufacturing, or not for profit type of business.

Intro to Meditation

Course ID: 3816; Location: N-150
Class Dates: Sept. 17
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 9
Fee: \$29

Participants will learn the effects of meditation, including but not limited to stress management, assisting with anxiety, and managing pain. A variety of strategies will be provided and practiced that can be applied immediately.

So You Think You Can Produce?

Course ID: 3853; Location: River Ridge High School
Class Dates: Sept. 17
Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Sept. 9
Fee: \$20

Subjects we will be prepared for are: 1. Why video? 2. How to produce for all media. 3. So you think you want to go into journalism? 4. Can you write? 5. How marketing and strategic planning fits in. Emmy award winning producers, Kathy and Tom Rivera, will tell you the "rights and wrongs" of communicating in today's world of instant messaging. Submit your questions by September 10th to kathy@firststardigitalmedia.com and be prepared for a "tell it like it really is" class.

Invasive Plant Workshop to focus on Woody Plant Species


Fall is an excellent time to identify and work on controlling many of the invasive plants in our timber and prairie areas. Woody invasive plants such as multiflora rose, buckthorn, bush honeysuckle, and autumn olive are easier to identify and managed this time of year.

Join the University of Illinois Extension to learn how invasive plants negatively impact the beauty and function of our natural areas at Invasive Plants in your Acreage. The evening workshop will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Mogel Center at Oakdale Nature Preserve located at 4433 S. Cranes Grove Road, Freeport. The evening will include a walking tour of part of the nature preserve. Pre-registration is required and can be completed on line at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or by calling the U of I Extension at (815) 235-4125. Registration cost is \$5 per family.

Why should we be concerned? "These plants are classified as exotic invasive species because they are not

natives of the area and have distributive growth habits. They establish easily and displace native plants in our landscape without providing the same benefits to nature," comments Jay Solomon, Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator. "For example bush honeysuckle can take over the understory of a forest area. Preventing tree seedlings from establishing, reducing safe and suitable nesting locations for song birds, and the berries provide a lower nutrition level for these birds. There are no winners except the bush honeysuckle."

Why right now? "Woody invasive plants tend to be the last to go dormant in the winter," Solomon continues. "Leaving the green plants in other wise dormant landscape, easy to locate. They are building up nutrient stores in the roots, which makes them more vulnerable to control measures." Mechanical (cutting or pulling), chemical control, and combinations of methods will be discussed.



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Engagement



Carly Jo Kunz and Andrew Martin

Carly Jo Kunz to wed Andrew Martin

Kevin and Cathy Kunz announce the engagement of their daughter, Carly Jo to Andrew Jerald Martin, son of Jerald and Elizabeth Martin.

The future bride graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 2013 and is employed by Pick N Save in Monroe, WI

The future bridegroom graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 2010 and from Highland Community College in 2012. He has degrees in Agriculture and Welding. He is employed by Lena Community Park District, Lena, IL

The ceremony will be Oct. 15, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena.

Water well system professionals promote Protect Your Groundwater Day

Private household water well owners can do much to protect their drinking water from contamination, and there's no better time to begin than on national Protect Your Groundwater Day Sept. 6, said Illinois Association of Groundwater Professionals (IAGP) along with the National Ground Water Association (NGWA).

Four steps well owners can take to protect their drinking water are:

Test the water annually for bacteria, nitrate, and anything of local concern

Properly store, use, and dispose of hazardous household substances

Get regular water well system maintenance check-ups

Always use a qualified water well system professional to service a well.

Water testing by a drinking water testing lab can reveal whether there is anything that presents a health risk in the water. This is the first step toward taking appropriate action.

Proper handling of hazardous household substance scan prevent certain contaminants from getting into groundwater in the first place through inadequate containment in storage, improper use, and ineffective disposal.

Regular well system maintenance by a licensed water well contractor can prevent system deterioration or

failures that allow bacteria, for instance, to get into the water.

The use of qualified, licensed water well system professionals is a protection against well owners inadvertently introducing bacterial, chemical, or other types of contamination into the well. NGWA does not recommend well owners service their own wells because often this not only creates contamination issues but also can result in mechanical problems or physical danger to the well owner.

IAGP urges private household well owners to recognize Protect Your Groundwater Day by taking these simple steps to protecting their drinking water supplies.

"Nothing is more important to the health of your family than the water you are drinking and using each day. It is a resource that we often take for granted until we encounter a problem. Just like many household systems, proper water sampling and well maintenance ensures that you will find and correct a problem before it becomes an issue of major concern for you and your family," said IAGP President Todd Kerry.

For more information on well systems, well testing and maintenance, visit www.iagp.org to located a groundwater professional in your area or contact (815) 973-3000.



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Last Blast picnic

Elizabeth Nursing Home & Grand View Estates Assisted Living hosted about 175 people at its Second Annual Summer's Last Blast Picnic we've held at the Elizabeth Nursing Home & Grand View Estates Assisted Living. The event was open to all residents, staff, and families and friends of the community and was held on Aug. 27 with free lunch and activities. Entertainment included music by The Terrapin Ridge Ramblers, JoJo the clown, face painting for the kids, and a petting zoo. Also, the Stockton Alumni FFA parade visited with old and new tractors.



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Lena Steak Fry

The Lena Lions held their annual steak fry which is the kick off for our Fall Festival which will be Sept 9 and 10. Former District Governor Gary Meyers was able to induct 2 new members including Aaron England and his sponsor Ron Farrington, and new member Bill Engle and his sponsor Jim Cox.

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Eagle Nature Foundation posts Big Bird Day results

Terrence N. Ingram, President of the Eagle Nature Foundation, conducted a Big Bird Day on Sept. 3. On that day he tried to identify as many species of birds as he could see and hear at his Apple Creek property, south of Apple River, IL. This day was chosen to document the killing of birds by the chemicals which are aerial sprayed on the corn and soybean fields in the area each year.

This year he only saw 230 birds of 39 different species. The most members of any species he saw were 56 starlings as they were flying over. He did not see a single one of them sitting in any trees. Other species he saw just flying over were; 3 Canadian Geese, 1 Turkey Vulture, 1 Red-tailed Hawk, 9 Nighthawks, 1 Yellow-shafted Flicker, 3 Tree Swallows, 1 Cliff Swallow, 4 Purple Martins, 25 Red-winged Blackbirds, 1 Cedar Waxwing, and 1 Northern Oriole.

Other bird species he saw in low

numbers include: 1 kestrel, 1 Olive-sided Flycatcher, 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1 Hairy Woodpecker, 1 Bluebird, 1 Swansongs Thrush, 1 House Sparrow, 1 Cardinal, 2 Song Sparrows, 7 Goldfinches, 4 Catbirds, 2 Redstarts, 4 Robins, and 2 House Wrens.

Bird species common in the area before the sprays that were not seen on that day were: Brown Thrashers, Turkeys, Pheasants, Chimney Swifts, Field Sparrows, Swamp Sparrows, Vesper Sparrows, Indigo Buntings, Kingbirds, Towhees, Least Flycatchers, Peewees, Phoebe, Meadow Larks, Dickcissels, Horned Larks, Grackles, and Brown-headed Cowbirds. Mr. Ingram wanted this day to be a fund raising day for the Eagle Nature Foundation and asked for people to donate \$ for every species he saw on that day. Donations can be sent to: Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001. Any size donations are welcome.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in Sept. and receive ten free trees

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in Sept. will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program.

Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees, which benefit the environment and improves quality of life. With nearly 1 million members and supporters, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

Everyone joining this month will receive one of the following tree packages based on their location: 10 Arizona Cypress, 10 Live Oak or 10 Mix trees including eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak, and Colorado blue spruce.

"These trees are carefully selected to yield year-round benefits, including beautiful spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, winter berries, and nesting sites for songbirds," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day

Foundation.

"These trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's Tree City USA communities." Harris continued. "For the past 40 years, Tree City USA has supported effective urban forestry management across the country, and planting these trees will enhance this tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. The 6 to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Sept. 30, or join online at arborday.org/september.



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St Joseph Annual Fish Boil

St Joseph's Catholic Church hosted its Annual Fish Boil and Raffle and the kitchen crew was hard at it serving up a delicious cod meal served with a hearty portion of cod, potatoes, onions, coleslaw, a bun and homemade desserts.



The tasty cod dinner served with a generous portion of potatoes, onions, coleslaw, a bun and homemade desserts was beautifully prepared and served by dozens of volunteers from St Joseph Catholic Church in Apple River.



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U of I Extension to host Cover Crops and Nutrient Management field day

A "Cover Crops and Nutrient Management" field day will be held 9 a.m., Sept. 16, at some of the Greg Thoren acreage. Come see the cover crop stand and varieties started on this second year of the multi-year research and demonstration project. Also, learn what was discovered in the first year of the project. The demonstration field is located south east

of Stockton on Blackhawk road, 1/4 mile east of the intersection with Wil-low Road.

The research and demonstration project includes several different cover crop mixes and two different fertility levels in field scale plots. The cover crops were planted in August following wheat as part of a rotation. This provides a good chance

to see the different cover crops under ideal, early planting conditions as we are experiencing now. A soil pit will be dug to provide the opportunity to view root development of certain cover crop varieties and soil structure. Thoren has used no-till practices on this farm for several years.

University of Illinois Extension Water Quality Specialist Dr. Laura

Christianson will be in attendance to talk about the importance of these types of projects with respect to water quality. Dr. Christianson's research focus is on new water quality improvement efforts, especially ways to meet the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy. Dr. Christianson will share how the demonstrated practices fit in as part of a suite of practices available to farmers.

"Knowledge gained from this project will help other producers develop practices to reduce nutrient loss from their fields while maintaining or in-

creasing crop yields," comments Jay Solomon, University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator. "Lost nutrients directly represent lost dollars in nutrient cost and/or yield. Though the project is not a demonstration of how every farm should operate, the hope is producers can take away concepts from the project to apply on their own farms. Every farm is different, and most farmers do not have wheat in the rotation, thus they will not have

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Don't wait, communicate, and make your emergency plan today

September is National Preparedness Month and the Jo Daviess County Health Department reminds residents that this is a good time to communicate with family members about their emergency plan. This year's national theme for September is "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make your Emergency Plan Today."

Some disasters strike without any warning, and family members may not all be in the same place. How will you get in touch with each other? Where will you meet? How will you get out of your house in case of a fire? What if your neighborhood is being evacuated? It's important to make a plan now so that you will

know what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate in an emergency. Emergencies can happen at any time, not just when everyone is together. Create a communication plan and make sure that everyone in your family has it with them at all times.

Make a Plan. There are three easy steps to start your emergency communication plan:

Collect information. Before an emergency happens, have a family discussion to determine how you will get in touch with each other if you are not in the same location.

Share your emergency plans. Make sure everyone carries a copy in

his or her backpack, purse, or wallet.

Practice your plan with family. Review and practice your plan with your family on a regular basis. It is also important to have two places to meet: right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire, and outside your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Be sure to visit the Jo Daviess County Health Department's website @jodaviess.org, throughout September, for additional tips to keep your family safe during an emergency. You can also visit Ready.gov for additional tools to help you and your family prepare!

Hello Galena! Featured artists for September: Arlene Ehtessabian and Lynn Giles

Hello Galena!, a local artist co-op, is featuring two contemporary art forms—fragrance and photography. Works by local artists, Arlene Ehtessabian, a scent maker, and photographer Lynn Giles are on display at 121 N. Commerce St., Galena, during the month of September.

Meet the artists during the annual Ladies Getaway Weekend. Ehtessabian will explain her creative process and hold a scent workshop at the shop Sept. 10, from 1-4 p.m. Giles will have her Meet and Greet event at the shop on Sept. 11, from 1-4 p.m.

Through years of creative observation, Ehtessabian understands how scents influence mood, memory, and emotions. She explains, "Most of us don't consciously realize how scents evoke a wide variety of reactions. Lavender is associated with relaxation, vanilla is sensual, citrus is fresh and sporty, florals are romantic, and peppermint is uplifting, to name a few. Certain essential oils even keep the bugs away!"

Ehtessabian was able to develop her interest in fragrance after her children were raised. She shares, "When the children left the nest, my new passion was to pursue this interest in fragrance, and I created various moisturizing body sprays." Ehtessabian continues, "Just like other art experiences, scent is a way to get from one state of mind to another."

Giles was hooked on photography

early. As a little girl in Bismarck, North Dakota, her first camera was a Kodak Brownie. Giles explored photography and the darkroom in college and later was a student of nationally known photographer Archie Lieberman. Now, she creates photo quilt squares.

After moving to Galena and raising two children, Giles was encouraged to "go public" with her photography by members of the former Galena Artist Guild, Bev Kamps and Lavon Jackman.

Giles' inspiration comes from Montana, a favorite getaway spot, and Galena. "Looking at the architecture of this place I call home, I am struck by the markings of time. Windows and doors once functional are now closed by brick or stone. A rich visual texture is found in the blends of rock, stone and wood. And beyond the buildings themselves, there

is the meld of rocks, hills and woods that creates a special atmosphere." She continues, "My goal is that, for the viewer, seeing will be touching and feeling."

Both artists will participate in the Galena Cellars Annual Fall Harvest and Art Festival on Sept. 24. The vineyard is located at 4746 N. Ford Rd., Scales Mound, Ill.

Hello Galena! is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization made up of more than 65 local artists. Their artwork and signature gift items are displayed at 121 N. Commerce Street, Galena, Ill. Artists staff the art-only shop 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday. The shop is open by chance on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For more information, including a map and directions, go to www.hellogalena.org or call (815) 777-1448 during shop hours

Jo Daviess County Health Dept. Immunization Clinic announces Sept. schedule

The Jo Daviess County Health Department will hold its Sept. Immunization Clinic Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1-4:30 p.m.

There is a charge of \$13 per clinic visit per client that covers RN review of immunization records, assessment of client's health prior to vaccination, education on individual vaccinations, answering of questions and official documentation of vaccines received. In addition a \$7 fee per vaccine is charged.

Please call (815) 777-0263 or toll free 1- (877) 777-0263 for an appointment.

The clinic provides vaccines for children and adults who meet the eligibility requirements through the

Vaccines for Children (VFC) or Vaccine for Adults (VFA) Programs. These immunizations are given at scheduled monthly clinics or by appointment.

If a parent is unable to accompany a child, the parent must complete a parental consent form for immunizations. The form can be found at the website: www.jodaviess.org. Print and complete the form and bring the form with the child. Parents may also stop at the Health Department in advance of the appointment and fill out the necessary forms. Previous immunization records must be presented to clinic personnel for verification or child will be rescheduled for a later date.



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Lena Business and Professional Association listing of member's events

Sept. 2, Lena Historical Society will be grilling at AJ's Lena Maid Meats starting at 11a.m.

Sept. 3, Lena Boy Scouts will be grilling at AJ's Lena Maid Meats starting at 11a.m.

Sept. 9, Lena Lions Fall Festival. Come downtown Lena and check out the Fall Festival.

Sept. 10, Lena Lions Fall Festival. Come downtown Lena and take part in the Cadillac of Small Town Festivals.

Sept. 9, Team Son will be grilling at AJ's Lena Maid Meats starting at 11a.m.

Sept. 12, Letter Making Fun at 6:30 p.m. at the Sugar Bowl

Sept. 14, Caregiver Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. at St. John's Church

Sept. 15, Friends of the Pec monthly meeting at Rafters at 7 p.m.

Sept. 16, Lena Methodist Church Men's Group will be grilling at AJ's Lena Maid Meats starting at 11 a.m.

Sept. 16, Friends of the Pec will be

holding their Annual Fish Fry from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Rock Hollow.

Sept. 17, Hospice will be grilling at AJ's Lena Maid Meats starting at 11a.m.

Sept. 17, AJ's Lena Maid Meats will be hosting a Smokin' Hot BBQ Competition. Registration is from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. BBQ Competition begins immediately after you are registered. Contact AJ's Lena Maid Meats for more details. (815) 369-4522.

Sept. 17, the Depot Stove Gang - Model Railroad Club will be meeting Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, at 1 p.m. in the Ray & Betty Stamm Commu-

nity Room in the lower level of the Lena Community Center on Lions Drive. The Depot Stove Gang encourages anyone that has an interest in model railroading to attend our meeting. Our organization is open to railroading enthusiasts of all ages. Please come and join us and be a part of a fun Community organization. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Mary Lou Bunker-Langy at (815) 369-2684 Thank You.

Sept. 18, Friends of the Pec will be having a Kayak & Canoe Trip launching at 1 p.m. at McConnell

and going to Damascus ~ 7.9 miles.

Sept. 21, Furniture Painting at the Sugar Bowl at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 24, Lena Lions Club will be grilling at AJ's Lena Maid Meats starting at 11 a.m.

Sept. 27, Pumpkin Fun at the Sugar Bowl at 6:30 p.m.

Lena Living Center ~ Every Monday we host Morning Happy Hour with a light breakfast and stretching free to the community. 8 - 9 a.m.

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LENA - MANY UPDATES TO THIS 4 bedroom, 3 bath ranch home on a corner lot. Open floor plan, gas fireplace in living room, patio door to deck and patio. Lower level is finished with a bedroom, family room, bath/laundry room and water roughed in for kitchenette or wet bar. Updates included furnace, air, siding, windows, doors, remodeled kitchen with hickory cabinets and granite countertops and all baths remodeled. Covered front porch, deck and patio. You won't want to miss seeing this home. Priced at \$157,000

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Gallery Talk: 5:30 p.m.
Music provided by the Pecatonica String Quartet

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the early planting opportunity like the research plot."

This program will be offered free of charge but pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information on this program (including a flyer with a map) contact the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at (815) 858-2273 or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>. To get to the farm: Willow Road is 3.25 miles East of Stockton on Highway 20, coming from Stockton take a right on Willow Road and travel 4 miles down Willow to East Blackhawk Road. Turn right (west) and the research plot is located in the field 0.25 miles down East Blackhawk Road on the right.

Highland's Friends of the Fine Arts receives donation

Friends of the Fine Arts received a donation from Dan and Nancy Schmitt of Freeport through their Family Endowment Fund held by the Freeport Community Foundation. Each year a decision is made which non-profit organization, club or agency will receive the donation from the Family Fund.

"Nancy and I have participated and attended many performances at Highland over the years," Dan Schmitt, executive director for the Freeport Community Foundation said. "The Friends of the Fine Arts is known to involve both youth and adults. This is a great organization that supports people of

all ages within our community."

Annually, the HCC Friends of the Fine Arts hosts various events, including instrumental, chorale concerts, and theatre performances featuring students of music as well as drama. The Visual Art department features student art work on display in the Highland Gallery, as well as at local area galleries. Highland also showcases student, alumni, and community artist pieces in our permanent and temporary collections.

"We are honored to have received this donation from Dan and Nancy. They are enthusiastic patrons of the Fine Arts at Highland Community College who validated their support by making a financial contribution," said HCC Executive Vice President Chris Kuberski. "Generous donations such as this help to bolster the Fine Arts programming and education at the College."

The Friends of the Fine Arts host an annual scholarship ceremony to present Friends of the Fine Arts Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded in recognition of those students who demonstrate an abiding interest and proven talent in the area of Fine Arts.

For those interested in more information about the Friends of the Fine Arts at Highland, visit <http://www.highland.edu/friendsfinearts/> or contact Chris Kuberski at chris.kuberski@highland.edu or call (815) 599.3417.

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Date: Saturday September 10th. 2016

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Bring your tractors early to display them. Feel free to bring tractors to the Storage Units Thursday 9/8 or Friday 9/9.

Join us for a great time! For any questions call Gary Schreiner at 815-297-5920 or Lori Logemann at 815-238-4501



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Starting the Year with STEM

As we begin a new school year in the Pearl City School District, some students come to the realization that they are ending their secondary education journey. At the same time, there is a set of students that are beginning their educational journey. The senior class is the class of 2017. The kindergarten class will be the class of 2029. For parents, these two grades seem to be the most emotional time within the journey. Shopper's Guide wish both classes along with all area students a wonderful and successful year.



Mrs. Brouhard's fourth grade class at Pearl City Elementary has gotten off to an exciting start. Students have been given several STEM challenges to complete. They were given only certain materials allowed to complete the tasks. Challenges included making a boat that would float and hold 'passengers' out of aluminum foil and 2 straws; building a bridge out of only Popsicle sticks and tape, and one group's bridge was strong enough to hold five textbooks without collapsing; building an animal cracker launcher using a paper cup, plastic spoon, string, rubber bands, Popsicle sticks, and tape; and building a tower with toothpicks and marshmallows. The students are looking forward to completing more challenges throughout the year!



Pearl City First Graders are busy painting butterfly and caterpillar pictures for a special display they will be making. This past week, they watched a caterpillar change into a chrysalis and are excitedly anticipating the metamorphosis into a monarch butterfly.



Laying a sound foundation

The new broadcasting class at Lena-Winslow High School is working hard to create and produce a quality news cast. The class was brainstorming this week to set up a template for each broadcast. Great ideas were presented in the first week that will create a quality production that tells the story of the Lena-Winslow School District. It may be a few weeks before the first broadcast will air because of the "From the ground up" format that they are creating.



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The Mighty Richland Players' present a hilarious and heart-warming show

Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater, located in Orangeville, IL, proudly presents, "A Nice Family Gathering" by playwright, Phil Olsen.

It's Thanksgiving Day in Minnesota and the first family gathering

at the Ludeen household since the patriarch died almost a year ago. At the gathering, Dad comes back as a ghost with a mission, to tell his wife he loved her, something he neglected to tell her while he was alive. The problem is, the only one

who can see or hear him is son, Carl, and he never had the best relationship with his father, so he's not feeling inclined to help dad out at the moment. To make matters worse, Mom has decided to invite Jerry, Dad's old golfing buddy as her date to Thanksgiving dinner.

Each of these talented cast members has been on the Orangeville stage before: Melanie Frederick - Mt. Carroll, Paula Fulton - Stockton, Peter Woodruff - Dubuque, Reynold Nolan - Hanover, Sam Wool and Andy McIver - Freeport, and

AmyJo Beightol and Glenda Adams are from Orangeville. The show is directed By Kim McIver, who has directed such shows for The Mighty Richland Players as "Opal's Million Dollar Duck," "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," and "Death by Fatal Murder."

Show dates are Sept. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. Doors open a half hour before show begins, and a wonderful dessert will be given out at intermission. For more information on the show or for ticket information, please call (815)

819-1310 or log onto www.mighty-richlandplayers.com. Also, check out the Mighty Richland Players Facebook page for updates on the show and cast. Reservations are preferred.

The Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater is located in the historic Masonic Lodge at 203 West High Street in Orangeville. The theater wishes to thank the Freeport Community Foundation for the grant from the Matthew A. Marvin Fund. It was used to fund the purchase of new sound system equipment.

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Melanie Frederick, Paula Fulton, and Peter Woodruff with Billy the family pet. Back Row Left - Reynold Nolan, Sam Wool, and AmyJo Beightol. Not pictured: Glenda Adams who plays the neighbor and Andy McIver who plays Jerry will all gather to perform the delightful "A Nice Family Gathering" at the Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater in Orangeville

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The not so skinny cook

This week marks the beginning of my fifteenth year of writing this column. I began it the week of Fall Festival as a preview to the 150th Celebration of the founding of Lena. I remember that I wrote the column featuring the dishes they served at the Stagecoach Inn. Cindy Carton had asked me to do a piece, and I was humbled by her request. After the first one, she asked for more. Then began the strange odyssey of From Lena's Kitchen, the Not so Skinny Cook. (I have come full circle because Cindy's husband, Tony, is now my editor!) For many years the only people who knew I was doing this column was my mother and a few of my friends. I remember I had been writing it for at least three years, and one of my fellow teachers was talking about a recipe at lunch. She got the funniest look on her face, and then she asked me if I was the Not so Skinny Cook. I couldn't lie, and she was not happy that I had never fessed up. She then said she must be the only person in Lena who hadn't figured out who I was. I told her there were plenty, and to this day I know there are people who have no clue who writes this column. To all my loyal readers, I appreciate your sharing recipes, your adventurous spirit in trying new recipes, and your many kind words. So we begin another year with some different recipes using the vegetables and fruits of the season.

Because every cooking show raves about cooking with Brussels sprouts, I have been trying to do more with them. This recipe is really a slaw recipe that substitutes Brussels sprouts for cabbage. It has great extras in it with the bacon and almonds. One of my friends suggested using pistachios as the nut. Since I am not a pistachio lover, the almonds work well for me. Enjoy this different take on one of nature's unique "little cabbages."

Brussels Sprouts Slaw

8 strips of bacon, diced
1 lb. Brussels sprouts, trimmed
1 C. thinly sliced green onions
½ C. chopped, toasted almonds
¼ C. cider vinegar
3 T. maple syrup
2 T. Dijon mustard
1 T. minced fresh garlic
Salt and Pepper to taste
Cook bacon until crisp; transfer to a paper-towel-lined plate and reserve 3 tablespoons of the drippings.

Shred sprouts in a food processor fitted with a thin slicing blade; transfer to a large bowl. Add onions, nuts,

and bacon.

Whisk together the drippings, vinegar, maple syrup, Dijon, and garlic for the dressing. Season the mixture with salt and pepper. Toss the slaw with the dressing and serve immediately.

This year has been particularly good for squash. This roasted yellow squash and green zucchini recipe is pretty to look at, and is a great side dish. If you don't have sea salt, you could use regular salt at the finish. The sea salt is coarser and adds a unique flavor to dishes. The red pepper flakes gives it a zing. Enjoy this side dish way into the fall.

Roasted Squash with Parmesan

2 lbs. summer squash and green zucchini
¼ C. plus 2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
1 T. salt
Ground black pepper
1½ C. finely grated Parmesan cheese
Zest of 1 lemon
Sea Salt
Crushed red pepper flakes

Place 1 squash and 1 zucchini on a cutting board. Cut the zucchini at a 45-degree angle on the bias, rotate squash a quarter turn toward you so that the cut side faces up. Cut again at a 45-degree angle right through the middle of the face. Rotate the squash a quarter turn again and repeat the process. Prepare the rest of the squash and zucchini the same way.

Transfer the squash and zucchini to a large bowl. Add ¼ cup olive oil, tablespoon of salt and 1 teaspoon of black pepper; toss to combine. Add Parmesan and toss until the mixture is well coated.

Preheat the oven to 425. Fit a rimmed baking sheet with a rack; spray the rack with nonstick cooking spray. Spread the mixture evenly on the prepared rack. Transfer to oven and roast until tender and lightly caramelized, about 12 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through the cooking. Remove from oven and let cool slightly, transfer the mixture to a large platter. Drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoon of olive oil. Zest a lemon over the vegetables. Season with sea salt, red pepper flakes and black pepper; serve immediately.

My mother loved eggplant. I have not developed her love for this vegetable, but I have several friends who love to cook with it. This recipe is unique because it is rolled up with a cheese mixture inside. If you don't want to make fresh bread crumbs, you could use the ones in a can. However, the real ones are really, really good!

Rolled Eggplant with Cheese

1 eggplant (shorter, wider eggplants work better)
6 T. oil
Salt and pepper
2 garlic cloves, minced
¼ t. dried oregano

Pinch of red pepper flakes
1 can (28 oz.) whole peeled tomatoes, drained with juice reserved, chopped coarse

1 slice white sandwich bread, torn into 1-inch pieces
1 C. ricotta cheese
¾ C. grated Romano cheese
¼ C. plus 1 T. chopped fresh basil
1 T. lemon juice

Slice each eggplant lengthwise into ½ inch thick planks (about 12 planks) Trim rounded surface from each piece so it lies flat.

Place the oven rack to the lower-middle position and a second rack 8 inches from the broiler element. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper and spray generously with cooking oil spray. Arrange eggplant slices in a single layer on prepared sheets. Brush 1 side of eggplant slices with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Flip the eggplant slices and brush with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake until tender and lightly browned, 30-35 minutes, switch and rotate sheets halfway through baking. Let cool for 5 minutes. Using a spatula flip each slice over. While eggplant cooks, preheat the broiler.

While the eggplant had been cooking, heat remaining oil in a broiler-safe skillet over medium low heat until just shimmering. Add the garlic, oregano, pepper flakes and ½ teaspoon of salt and cook, stirring occasionally until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in tomatoes and their juice. Increase the heat to high and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer until thickened, about 15 minutes. Cover and set aside.

Pulse the bread in a food processor until finely ground, 10-15 pulses. Combine the bread crumbs, ricotta, ½ C. Romano, ¼ C. basil, lemon juice and ½ t. salt in medium bowl.

With the widest ends of the eggplant slices facing you, evenly distribute the ricotta mixture on the bottom third of each slice. Gently roll up each eggplant slice and place seam side down in tomato sauce.

Bring sauce to simmer over medium heat. Simmer for 5 minutes. Transfer skillet to oven and broil until the eggplant is well browned and cheese is heated through, 5-10 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining cup of Romano cheese and let stand for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining tablespoon of basil and serve.

This main dish is great for a group of people who love chicken and the crumbled cheeses. It again has a great topping that makes for a crunchy finish to a really good main dish.

Chicken and Shells

1 lb. dry medium pasta shells
2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, seasoned with salt and black pepper
5 T. olive oil, divided
2 T. flour
2 T. minced fresh garlic
1½ C. chicken broth
1½ C. whipping cream

10 oz. of Gorgonzola, blue cheese or Feta, crumbled

1 sprig fresh rosemary

Topping:

1 C. bread crumbs

¼ C. grated Parmesan

1 T. chopped fresh parsley

1 t. lemon zest

Preheat the oven to 350. Coat a 9 x 12 baking dish with nonstick spray.

Cook pasta according to package directions and drain. Transfer to a large bowl. Sauté the chicken in 2 tablespoons of oil in a pan over medium-high heat, about 6 minutes per side. Cool the chicken enough to be able to shred it. Add 1 tablespoon of oil to the pan and heat over medium high heat.

Whisk in the flour and garlic to the oil in pan and gradually whisk in the broth and cream; add the cheese and rosemary. Bring sauce to a boil and reduce the heat to medium-low. Simmer the mixture until thick, about 10 minutes. Discard the rosemary. Combine the chicken and sauce with the pasta and transfer to the prepared baking dish. In a small dish, combine the bread crumbs, Parmesan, parsley, zest and remaining 2 tablespoons of oil. Sprinkle over the pasta and bake until golden brown, about 20 minutes.

Do you love the taste of caramel apples? This recipe is an easy way to get the flavor without the mess of dipping apples in melted caramel. The hardest part of the recipe is peeling the apples and unwrapping the caramels.

Caramel Apple Crumble

Crust

1½ sticks (12 T.) unsalted butter, melted (plus more for the dish)

2 C. old-fashioned oats

1 C. flour

½ C. packed brown sugar

1 T. cinnamon

1 T. vanilla

Pinch of salt

Filling

4 Granny Smith or good baking apples, peeled and chopped into small pieces

¼ C. sugar

1½ t. cinnamon

50 chewy caramels, unwrapped

1 C. Whipping cream

Streusel

1 C. flour

¾ C. chopped pecans

½ C. packed brown sugar

1 stick unsalted butter, melted

½ t. cinnamon

Pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 350. Lightly butter a 9 x 13 baking dish.

Crust: Mix the melted butter, oats, flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, vanilla, and salt in a large bowl until combined. Press the mixture evenly into the bottom of the prepared baking dish. Bake until the edges start browning, 18-20 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack to cool while you prepare the other layers.

Filling: Combine the apples, sugar, and cinnamon in a large bowl. Combine the caramels and heavy cream in a large microwave-safe bowl. Mi-

crowave in 30 second intervals until melted; stir until smooth. Add the apple mixture to the caramel mixture and gently stir to coat. Pour evenly on top of the crust.

Streusel: Combine the flour, nuts, brown sugar, melted butter, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Squeeze small handfuls of the mixture and scatter over the filling. Bake until the caramel is bubbling and the streusel starts browning, about 30-35 minutes. Transfer to a rack and let cool for at least an hour. Serve with ice cream.

Fall Festival is this weekend. I urge everyone to go. I still need to get my car ticket. I know I won't win, but the money goes to a good cause. There are a lot of people who work really hard to make this celebration a success. We are lucky to have their dedication to our community. Mr. Scott Stich, recently retired band director, will be the Grand Marshall. He certainly deserves the honor because he can now see everyone on the parade without having to march it—he did that for over 30 years—more if you count the times he was in band himself! Just a reminder that the Farmer's Market will be moving to Railroad Street on Saturday morning. It will be beside Saporito's Restaurant—look for the little blue tent. You will be surprised at all the product Barb has. We continue to look for garden vegetable recipes. Any ideas on using egg plant, kohlrabi, tomatoes, squash, or zucchini? Any ideas on cooking with peaches and apples? If you have any recipes 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. Thank you again for reading this column so faithfully for so many years. Enjoy the Fall Festival, and we will see you next week!

NARFE to hold monthly meeting in Savanna

The monthly luncheon and meeting of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will be held on Sept. 15, at Noon at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL.

Matt Parbs, the director of the Saw Mill Museum in Clinton, Iowa, will present the program.

All active and retired federal employees, spouses and spousal survivors are cordially invited to attend. If you are not on the permanent list, please call (815) 273-2184 by Sept. 13, to make a reservation.

Dittmar Farms to open Pumpkin Patch

Dittmar Farms Mill Creek Valley opens 9/17 and will be open weekends until 10/30! \$8 admission includes a pumpkin, hayride, corn maze and more! Learn more at <http://www.galena.org/places/dittmar-farms/>

CHURCH NEWS



TRACY SIEGNER PHOTO The Scoop Today

Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton will hold a spaghetti luncheon and ice cream social to benefit Zion Community Church which was devastated by a fire.

Christ Lutheran Church holds benefit for Zion Community Church Sept. 11

Christ Lutheran Church of Stockton will hold a spaghetti luncheon and ice cream social to benefit Zion Community Church after its Rally Day services on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All are welcome for lunch to help with Zion's rebuilding effort.

Zion Community Church outside of Pearl City was devastated by a fire that destroyed much of its church. The money raised at the luncheon will be donated to help the congregation at Zion during the interim after their loss and before they are able to rebuild.

"Losing a church in many ways is like losing a second home. It is a safe place where people grow in faith, lean

on others for support and make memories. We wanted to help in any way we could after a loss like that," said Laura Wilkinson, member of Christ Lutheran Church. "It is important that we stand by each other and lift each other up during tough times, and that is what we are trying to do for the members at Zion."

The lunch is being provided by members of Christ Lutheran and all are welcome to enjoy for an at-will offering toward the cause. The public is also welcome to join for worship service at 10 a.m. before the lunch. For more information, please visit www.christlutheranstockton.com.

St Paul Church of Epleyanna to host Autumn Fest

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the St. Paul "Autumn Fest"! This fun family event will take place at St Paul Church of Epleyanna, located at 8800 E. Epleyanna Rd, Davis, IL on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m.

There will be free food, games, and prizes, bounce house with obstacle course, cake walk, petting zoo, and face painting. Also performing live

will be Christian singer, songwriter, and worship leader, Matt Hoffland. For more information please visit his website at: www.matthoffland.com

Be sure to bring your whole family for a refreshing evening of good old Christian fun.

For more information contact Pastor Scott at (815) 865-5314 or by email at: office@stpaulchurch-davis.org



EMILY DENEKAS PHOTO Shopper's Guide

Serving them up hot and tasty

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Church Notes

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church congregation welcomes Pastor Miho Yasukawa to Good Shepherd and Lena as their Pastor. We will gather for worship on Sept. 11, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m., all are invited to worship on this Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion as Pastor Miho leads us in worship. 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.

On Monday Sept. 12, the Parkinson Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Vicki Bales, RN from GI Lab Topic "Parkinson's & the GI Tract"

On Tuesday Sept. 13, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will host the Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center at 9:45 a.m. It will be a wonderful time of singing favorite hymns. Volunteers are welcome to come and sing along and to help residents with their hymn books.

On Wednesday Sept. 14, 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!

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.

The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena will head out into the community for "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday on Sept. 25. Brothers and sisters in Christ of all ages from Good Shepherd and any interested community members will join hands to serve together following worship on Sept. 25. The serving teams will spread out at project sites throughout Lena. There will be serving opportunities for all ages and abilities. If you are interested in joining in this day of service as a volunteer, contact the Good Shepherd church office at (815) 369-5552 so that you can be assigned to a project team.

People serve throughout their families, workplaces, community organizations, neighborhoods, and more every day. "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday is a fun opportunity to join hands and serve shoulder to shoulder together.



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River Ridge's strength of schedule producing problems

By Chris Johnson
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Fans of the River Ridge Wildcats could be wondering when things will ease up, as they saw their team fall to the State-ranked Stockton Blackhawks on Friday, Sept. 2, 38-0, dropping their season mark to 0-2. Yet, no let-up is in store, as the NUIC Northwest defending champion Lena-Winslow Panthers appear on the schedule next, this Friday night.

On Friday night, Stockton found a groove early and ran through the defense, fairly untouched through the first period. Following a quick strike, the Blackhawks would score again, before the first quarter could come to a close. Heading into the second period, River Ridge was looking at a 16-0 deficit.

The Blackhawks could not be slowed in the second quarter, as they again ran their offense and ran down three more scores. Entering the half, Stockton was in front 38-0.

They would not score again as River Ridge clamped down, defensively, and kept the chains moving on offense. They would not get into the end zone, but they would threaten as the game moved towards completion.

Few teams in the NUIC have had to deal with a tougher start to the season than River Ridge.

After dropping the season opener to the Polo Marcos by a score of 22-0, the Blackhawks assured the scoreless streak would continue for River Ridge, at least for one more week.

Even in loss, it has been learned,

that positives can be attained. For the Wildcats, there are positives. The team plays each week and continues to work on improvement during practice. The efforts, though not producing wins, are producing results.

Polo scored 22 points against River Ridge on Aug. 26, as the season began. This week, Polo scored 45 points against the winless Durand Bulldogs.

In their week one game, the Stockton Blackhawks scored 68 points against the Orangeville Broncos. On Friday night, they only scored 38 against River Ridge. Now Lena-Winslow lays in wait.

The Panthers lost their opening round game to the EPC Wildcats. They scored 14 points in the loss. They defeated Pecatonica in their week two match 42-0. River Ridge's defense now has another goal in mind. The job will be to keep Lena-Winslow from having its way on the field. The Panthers are a team which typically gets stronger as the season moves along. With the first-third of the season coming to a close, following this Friday night's games, River Ridge has the second-third of the season to look forward to, with the possibility of a couple wins thrown in for good measure.

In week four River Ridge faces Warren, a team in a similar situation, sitting with an 0-2 mark. Warren's losses, however, have come from a combined total of five points.

In week five, River Ridge takes on Milledgeville on the road and returns home the following week,



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The Stockton Blackhawks football team won Friday's away conference game against River Ridge by a score of 38-0.

where they face the undefeated Freeport Aquin Bulldogs.

The final-third of the season

begins with a road game against Ashton-Franklin Center, before the schedule eases up with back to back

matches against winless Orangeville and Durand, to close the 2016 season.

Orangeville looks at unfavorable numbers

By Chris Johnson
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It is the rigid reality that Orangeville, with its student population of 111, has to face some of the top programs in the State of Illinois, on the small-schools side of the gridiron.

Following a 34-14 loss to the East Dubuque Warriors on Friday night, Sept. 2, the Broncos fell to 0-2 on the season. The defense hasn't been able to keep pace with the offenses they have had to face. In two losses, the Broncos have given up over 100 total points.

In their opening night game, State-ranked Stockton scored 68 points, Orangeville scored six. In week two, it was a lot closer, but the Warriors still closed the match with a 20-point victory.

Week three could be a lot better

for Orangeville as they face a team which is looking for its own answers, as it sits with an 0-2 record. Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is coming off a 14-12 loss to the Ashton-Franklin Center Raiders. In its week one game, the Aquin Bulldogs came away with the three-point win over Warren.

The chances of a win are greater this week, then they could be over the next few for Orangeville.

In week four, the Milledgeville Missiles pay a visit and in week five, the Broncos travel to Freeport to face the Aquin Bulldogs, to kick-off the second half of the season.

Following the Sept. 30 match against AFC, the Broncos have a chance to look at a couple possible wins. On Oct. 7, they take on the Durand Bulldogs. Durand has been

outscored this season by a margin of 95-6. A week later, the Broncos travel to Hanover for the final time this season, to face the River Ridge Wildcats in its week eight game.

The season closes for Orangeville on Friday, Oct. 21, as they take on the Polo Marcos. In its own week nine game, there is a chance Polo will be looking at securing a first-round home game, when the Class 1A Tournament kicks off on Oct. 28.

Orangeville, however, will need many favorable outcomes, to possibly get their chance to consider participation in this year's post-season.

At this time, with the schedule facing Orangeville, it will be difficult to think about playoffs. There is too much work that has to be done first and it starts this Friday night at Warren.

Five points separate Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart from leading conference

By Chris Johnson
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The brutal truth facing Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart this season is that a few points can make all the difference.

Following a 14-12 loss to the Ashton-Franklin Center Raiders on Friday, Sept. 2, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart dropped to 0-2 in the NUIC Upstate. A week before, they fell to the Freeport Aquin Bulldogs 25-22.

Had those scores been reversed, it would be Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart leading the NUIC with a full game lead over most of the field.

AFC scored first in its Friday night contest, as they put together a drive that ended at the 7:01 mark in the opening period. The extra point attempt was no good. The Raiders took the 6-0 lead.

Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart responded. With 3:09 to go in the opening period, Payton Calow ran through the defensive front and carried the ball six-yards in for the touchdown. The extra point run attempt by Andrew Kaiser would not be successful. The two points would prove to be crucial late in the game.

After one quarter of play, the game was tied at six.

In the second quarter, neither team could find its offense. Long drives couldn't develop into points. That trend continued as time wound down, below a minute to go in the period.

With 37 seconds left on the first half clock, the Raiders struck again. Tyon Davis ran around the edge and sprinted for the corner. He carried the ball twelve yards for the score. AFC went for two and made it. Adam Hart ran through the pile and across the goal line. At the half, AFC led Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart 14-6.

The third quarter was quiet for both teams. At the end of the third, the score remained 14-6 in favor of the Raiders.

In the fourth quarter, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred

Heart broke through. The ground game had drawn the interest of the AFC line. The defensive backs didn't see the pass coming. Calow connected with Brian Holland on a 30-yard flare. Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart pulled to within two, making the extra point attempt crucial, if extended play was going to be achieved.

Unfortunately for Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, the two-point pass attempt from Calow to Kaiser fell incomplete. With 5:46 to go in the game, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart remained two points away from their possible first win of the season.

It was not meant to be as the Raiders defense came through late and kept Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart out of scoring position. With the loss, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart fell to 0-2 on the year. AFC, which was shut out by Forrester in its opener, improved to 1-1 on the year.

Up next for Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is a game which should provide a sense of relief, as they face the Orangeville Broncos this Friday night, Sept. 9.

Orangeville, similar to Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, fell to 0-2 on the season. On Friday night, the East Dubuque Warriors, fresh off a 27-6 win over the Pecatonica Indians a week before, defeated the Broncos 34-14. East Dubuque moved to the front of the pack with a 2-0 mark in the NUIC.

Following this Friday night's NUIC showdown, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart travels to River Ridge for their week four match.

The final five games of the season will not be easy for Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Following a Sept. 23 game at home against Polo, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart travels to Stockton to close the month of September. Galena, Durand and Milledgeville wait for Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart as the 2016 fall sports season moves forward.

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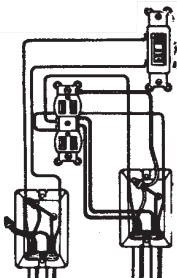
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Church Notes

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City will hold their worship service on Sunday, Sept. 11. Pastor Thomas Ekstrand will lead the worship service beginning at 9 a.m.

Rally Day "Boot Camp" will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11 immediately following worship. All Sunday School youth are asked to "enlist" soon. All Sunday School youth, parents and anyone interested may attend! The Property Committee will also meet after worship in Luther Hall. The SPOTS Youth (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center. St. John's is hosting a community wide luminary walk on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Homecoming Boulevard (by the American Legion) to remember the events of 911, as well as, to honor Veterans. Members of the Armed Forces and all First Responders: firefighters, police and EMTs. Interested in volunteering for this special event? Contact St. John's at (815) 443-2215.

The Fifth Quarter Youth (sev-

enth and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 in the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth (High School) will meet at 7:30 p.m. All Sunday School youth, parents and anyone interested may attend! Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin on Sept. 18.

The Men of the Congregation are invited to have breakfast with Pastor Ekstrand on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 a.m. at Little John's in Pearl City. The Christian Education Committee will also meet on Sept. 7, but at 7:30 p.m. The Worship & Music Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 8.

Planning ahead for Fall: St. John's will begin a Saturday evening worship service at 5:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 10. Also, bible studies will resume on Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 9:30 a.m. Members and non-members alike are welcome to attend. Bible Studies are held in the Conference Room and the lower level East entrance will be open.

Illinois Extension Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners recognized at state conference

Three University of Illinois Extension Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners travelled to Champaign-Urbana on Friday, Aug. 19, to be recognized as Outstanding Master Gardener's at the State Master Gardener Conference. The awardees were Donald Klinger, Linda Helgeson, and Cathie Rausch. The three recipients were nominated earlier in the year by the Jo Daviess County Extension Staff whom they work with as volunteers. Some of the criteria the awardees were nominated on included, total number of volunteer hours they had put in as Master Gardener volunteers, projects and classes they have participated in and presented to the public, and their positive influence and leadership while working with all of the other Master Gardener volunteers. As active volunteers the Jo Daviess Master Gardeners meet monthly and work together to provide educational horticulture activities to

youth and adults in Jo Daviess County along with providing the Master Gardeners helpline from May through September to assist gardeners with answers to problems they may be having with their landscape and gardens.

Their applications were then considered along with numerous others submitted from all across the state. We are happy to say that all were selected for the award by the committee who judged the applications.

Throughout the year you may have met our Master Gardeners at schools presenting a program on Vermicomposting, at Galena city meetings giving a presentation on plantings to avoid deer damage, at Stockton's 4th of July celebration providing children's horticultural activities, holding a "Spring Break Gardening" program every spring, and running a horticultural youth activity at the annual 4-H Fun Day just to name a few.

Pearl City Historical Organization to host annual tractor drive

The Annual Tractor Drive sponsored by the Pearl City Historical Organization will take place on Sept. 17 with registration starting at 8 a.m. The drive will leave from and return to the Gerald Woker farm on Goldmine Rd, just west of Pearl City. This year plans are for the drive to go in a southerly direction with a stop for lunch at the Chris and Deanna Fink farm on Maple Grove Rd southeast of Lanark. While at the Fink farm the tractor drivers will be able to view a large selection of over 40 antique and unique combines, some being quite rare. People not taking part in the tractor drive are also welcome to look over

the combine collection from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The tractor drive is one of several annual fund raisers of the Pearl City Historical Organization. The goal of the organization is to secure a location to display historic information and artifacts from the Pearl City, Kent and Loran areas. Over the past several years the organization has collected near \$20,000 from fund-raisers and donations to be used towards this goal. The organization is also inviting all community persons interested in local history to join. Dues are only \$5 per year. If anyone has questions they should feel free to contact Gerald at (815) 291-2903.

The Women's Gathering September meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse. The morning will begin at 9:45 a.m. with coffee and tea and the Bible Study at 10 a.m. will be followed by lunch.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Sept. 11, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message; this is Grandparents Day (Patriots Day). All are welcome and invited also to stay for the fellowship following.

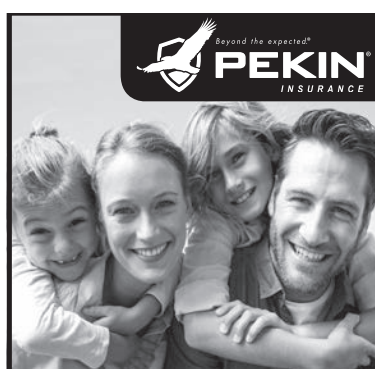
Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible; all are welcome and invited to stay or come to this time of study.

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd.

For more information, please call (815) 601-6742.

First United Methodist Church

Pearl City First United Methodist Church, 411 S. Main St., will host worship service at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. Pastor Matthew Smith will lead the service. Sunday school will also begin Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 a.m., following worship. If you'd like more information about our services or events, please email us at pcumc@aeroinc.net or visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/pcumcil.



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Several categories collected at the event include fees to cover a portion of recycling processing and transfer

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Small household appliances are also accepted at no charge and include vacuum cleaners, coffee and bread makers, toaster ovens, small saws, drills, holiday lights, hair dryers and more.

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For more information or questions, please contact Mark Maidak, Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency, at (815) 541-8183, or via e-mail atmwmidak@gmail.com.

Redemption finds Lena-Winslow in shut-out win

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers got what they needed on Friday night, Sept. 2, as they handily defeated the Pecatonica Indians 42-0.

A running clock appeared to be the only thing the Panthers were working against, preventing them from adding to their total.

Lena-Winslow found holes and exploited them. The found gaps in the Pecatonica defense and took advantage of them. Even the air had friendly outcomes for the 1-1 Panthers.

Traditionally, Lena-Winslow gets stronger as the season moves forward. Following a 28-14 loss to 2A powerhouse Eastland-Pearl City on opening night, the Panthers were provided with an opportunity to relax a little and attempt to do even more, offensively.

Head Coach Ric Arand and his team will run the ball and they proved they can be imposing on the defensive side of the line. As a regular matter of events, Lena-Winslow easily worked around the Friday night defense the Indians were posing.

First downs were hard to come by for Pecatonica, as the Panthers defense closed holes and trapped plays in the Indians' backfield. As the

game moved on, Lena-Winslow was a regular member of the Pecatonica backfield.

With the needed win in the books, the Panthers now look forward to another, statistically, easy match, as they prepare to play host to the program from Hanover.

The River Ridge Wildcats are 0-2 on the season and have yet to score a point, having lost back-to-back matches to the Polo Marcos, 22-0 and the Stockton Blackhawks, 38-0. The 2-1 mark the Panthers appear to be prepared to carry into their week four matches will keep them one game out of first place, at least according to the records.

In week four, the Panthers take on a team that has struggled, as they start the season. It isn't typical to see the Galena Pirates sitting with an 0-2 mark and possibly looking at even more losses lining up with tough matches still in front of them. Lena-Winslow could be looking at their week four match as a very winnable game. If they are to keep pace with Forreston and Dakota, it has to be.

Amboy-LaMoille provides a challenge for Lena-Winslow as September comes to a close in their week five game. In week six, the Panthers could either be looking at the possibility of climbing back to the top of the NUIC Northwest, or see themselves fall two games behind. It all depends on how well they approach the Forreston Cardinals.

The season closes with back-to-back home games against East Dubuque and West Carroll. It is expected that Lena-Winslow will be looking at positioning themselves for a first-round home game, when the Class 1A Tournament kicks-off on Friday, Oct. 28.

The Pecatonica Indians have problems waiting for them. The road is going to be difficult. This Friday night, the Indians travel to Pearl City to face the front-running EPC Wildcats. In week four, the West Carroll Thunder pay a visit as the Indians celebrate Homecoming.

The Galena Pirates appear next for Pecatonica in their week six game, as they play on the road in Jo Daviess County. The following week, the Dakota Indians pay a visit. The 2016 fall sports season comes to a close for Pecatonica following an Oct. 14 home game against Amboy-LaMoille and a season-closer at Forreston on Friday, Oct. 21.

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