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## Stockton conquers Durand and takes turn towards Pecatonica

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks defeated the Durand Bulldogs in NUIC Upstate play on Friday, Sept. 16, 56-0. The Blackhawks continue their surge at the head of the pack in the Class 1A discussion with their 4-0 mark. They also have set a highly favorable scoring ratio against all challengers this season. Stockton has scored 212 points in their four wins. They have given up twelve.

It was an extraordinary explosion of offense by Stockton, which put the game at a level few in the State of Illinois could compete. The Stockton Blackhawks could stand as the most powerful Class 1A Small School in Illinois. Others would stand to fight and many will fall. Opponents do get their opportunities in one-sided games, however. In the loss to the top-ranked Blackhawks, the Bulldogs found ways to utilize players in situations more structurally arranged. Players could be shuffled more freely.

After Stockton took control in the first quarter, scoring 32 points, they added 16 more in the second and assured a running clock would help shorten the game. At the mid-

way point the Blackhawks led 48-0. In the third quarter, Stockton added its final eight points of the night and grabbed the 56-0 edge. Neither team would score after the third.

The Blackhawks moved to 4-0 on the year and have allowed twelve points scored against them over the first half of the season. The midway point is this Friday night for Stockton as they play game five, just down the road from Durand.

The Pecatonica Indians have found themselves fighting from the gate against some of the top teams in the State of Illinois, including Lena-Winslow, Eastland-Pearl City and East Dubuque. The Indians lost to West Carroll on Friday Sept. 16, 48-12. With a tough start already to their season, 0-4 Pecatonica hosts Stockton this Friday night.



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The Stockton Blackhawks football team won Friday's home conference game against Durand by a score of 64-0.

## Jo Daviess County Sheriff's office questions person of interest in Scales Mound fatal hit-and-run

By Tony Carton  
EDITOR

According to the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office Alex M. Boelk, a 17-year-old Apple River resident was killed in a hit-and-run crash Saturday night in rural Scales Mound.

Boelk had been transported from the scene by Galena Emergency Medical Service, but was later pronounced dead from injuries sustained in the crash.

The sheriff's office said Sunday evening, it has the vehicle in custody that is believed to have been involved in the crash and in a press release said investigators are speaking to a "person of interest."

Information released by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office stated authorities received a report of a hit-

and-run crash near address marker 6053 on North Pea Ridge Road, Scales Mound on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10:21 p.m.

Upon arrival at the scene, deputies found a vehicle with heavy damage to the driver's side door, caused by another vehicle that was heading northbound. The vehicle that was struck was parked in the southbound lane of travel.

Authorities said the other occupants of the parked vehicle were Jesse Allendorf, 26, of Warren; and Katherine Raisbeck, 19, of Apple River. There were no other injuries reported.

Based on evidence located at the scene, deputies determined the offending vehicle—a 1997-2003 Ford F150—sideswiped the vehicle parked

in the southbound lane of travel and the victim who was standing outside of the parked vehicle. After the collision, the northbound vehicle fled from the scene.

Any persons having any further information regarding this incident are asked to contact the sheriff's office or Dubuque/Jo Daviess Crimestoppers at either (815) 777-2141 or (800) 747-0117.

The Scales Mound Fire Department and the Warren Police Department assisted on Saturday night.

In week six, the Blackhawks host 1-3 Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. A win over the one-win Warren would work into a post season guarantee for the Blackhawks, given

the Indians are limited in their interference this Friday night.

As the final third of the season begins, the Milledgeville Missiles play host to Stockton. Milledgeville is 3-1 this season and defeated Orangeville on Friday night 53-6.

The NUIC Northwest Title could look to be decided in the week eight battle with the Aquin Bulldogs. Aquin and Stockton are undefeated this season and lead by a full game over the rest of the field. The regular season comes to a close on Friday, Oct. 21 for Stockton as they take on the AFC Raiders, one of the teams which just might not have enough to make it this year.

Durand will get back into action with a seemingly much easier workload in front of them. With four losses, a post-season plan could already be set aside. They play on the road at 1-3 AFC this Friday night. A

win, will help keep the hope strong. The Bulldogs will have to win out to get a chance. They have to defeat the West Carroll Thunder on Friday Oct. 30 in Durand.

The final three games of the regular season for Durand features matches against three NUIC Upstate opponents who carry a combined 2-10 record into their own week five games. The Bulldogs face Orangeville, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and River Ridge in the final three games of the season.

Statistically, it is known that a team with a record of 6-3 is going to play on in October. On occasion a team with a single loss more can still get their shot. With weekly play in the rugged NUIC, a 5-4 mark is fairly golden. They usually make it. A 5-4 squad, on occasion, goes nowhere except to winter sports practice.



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# Stockton dentist receives AGD Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) is pleased to announce that Stephen Petras, DMD, MAGD, of Stockton, Illinois, received the Association's Lifelong Learning and Service Recognition (LLSR) on Saturday, July 16, in Boston.

The LLSR is a formal recognition for AGD Masters in the areas of continuing education, dental related community service and service to organized dentistry. The prestigious LLSR symbolizes a member's dedication to remain current in dentistry and give back to his or her community. By embracing the core beliefs of the AGD throughout their careers, LLSR recipients have set a higher standard for commitment to providing quality dental care and oral health education to the public.

The AGD is the second largest dental association in the United States, with 41,000 members. In the Academy's 64-year history, only 3,183 of its members have achieved Masters Status and just over 300 of these have

received the LLSR.

Dr. Petras graduated from Southern Illinois University, School of Dentistry in 1986. On June 9, 2017 he will be celebrating his thirtieth Anniversary of the opening of the Stockton Dental Center. He and his wife, Jamie, have two daughters, Rhiannon and Kirstyn.

## Warren Woman's Club Up-Date

Welcome back from vacation and the hot summer.

Since this is will be our first meeting and hope it will be a wonderful year.

We will start with our Pot-Luck Luncheon on Sept. 27, at Noon. Please bring a dish to pass; also place setting (a plate, cup and silverware).

Our guest will be our Mayor Wayne Raisback and District #205 Superintendent Shawn Teske.

Hope to see everyone there, could be interesting.

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## Jan. 2016 Cavity Free kid

The Stockton Dental Center January Cavity Free Winner is Tristan Schoenhaar, age 4, pictured with Dr. Honsa.

## Jo Daviess County Sheriff's office issues IRS phone scam warning

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office is warning the public of a phone scam currently occurring in Jo Daviess County.

The phone scam is a phone call informing individuals that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) filed a lawsuit against the individual and they need to make immediate payment over the phone.

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office urges the public to exercise

extreme caution if they receive telephone calls of this nature. Also, do not agree to transfer money to anyone unless you are absolutely certain of the identity of the recipient.

## Millie's quote of the week

"Don't let someone else's opinion of you become your reality."

- Les Brown

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# Stockton Police report for Sept. 1 to 15

At approximately 1:04 p.m. on 09/01 an officer of the Stockton Police Department was on patrol near the intersection of W. North Ave. and N. Pearl St. checking registration tags and monitoring traffic violations when a gray Dodge Charger was observed traveling east bound on W. North Ave. A computer check through Illinois Secretary of State showed that Isaiah S. Lewis, the registered owner for the vehicle had a suspended Illinois Driver's License. A traffic stop was performed on the vehicle, and Mr. Lewis was found to be driving. Mr. Lewis was placed under arrest and transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing.

On 9/1 at approximately 11:04 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was called to the area of 300 E. North Ave. in reference to a man sitting on the ground holding his head. The officer made contact with a subject sitting on the ground. The subject appeared to be holding his head. The subject did not speak English and gave a Mexican Government Identification Card for his ID. Although the subject did not speak English, he indicated he was fine and did not need police assistance. The officer was advised by hotel staff that the subject was staying in their motel.

On 9/2 at approximately 3:51 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on Pearl Street to check on the well being of a resident. On arrival, the officer found the door to the residence open. Upon checking the residence, the officer found that the resident was not at home. The officer secured the residence and no further action was taken.

On 09/02 at approximately 10:45 hours, An officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on Pearl Street in reference to a domestic altercation. The victim advised the officer that her boyfriend,

had just attacked her. She stated that after the attack, he had left her residence. The officer immediately observed that the victim had visible injuries from the altercation. The victim gave the officer a possible location that the offender had gone to. The officer was able to locate the offender at the second location and placed him under arrest for Domestic Battery with Injury. The offender was taken to the Jo Daviess County Jail processing.

At approximately 12:10 p.m. on 09/05 an officer of the Stockton Police Department responded to a call of a theft from a produce vendor on Main Street. The victim called in reference to money being taken from his cash box at his produce vendor cart on 09/04 and 09/05. The victim advised he had trail camera footage of a possible suspect. The victim advised the officer that he operates the stand on the "honor system." On the two dates in question, the victim noticed the money missing from the stand. After the first theft, the victim rigged a camera to his stand to record any actions there. On the second date, the camera did

record images of a suspect taking money from the stand. The victim showed the officer the photos from the stand. The officer then observed a juvenile suspect that matched the photos riding a bike in the area. The officer confronted the juvenile who then confessed to taking the money on both dates from the stand. The juvenile's parents were notified and the money was returned to the victim and the Juvenile was turned over to his parents.

At approximately 4:39 p.m. on 09/05 an officer of the Stockton Police Department responded to the Subway Restaurant in reference to the theft of a customer's credit card. The officer was advised that several days prior, a customer accidentally left his credit card at the restaurant. The card was being held at the restaurant until the owner returned. In the meantime, an employee of the Subway, Later identified as Adrianna Rock of North Stockton Street, removed the credit card from the restaurant and went to Freeport and used the credit card to purchase a large amount of items. Through investigation, the officer learned the identity of the person using the credit card in Freeport. This person was identified as Adrianna Rock. The officer went to her residence and placed her under arrest and was able to recover the merchandise that was fraudulently purchased with the stolen credit card. Rock was taken to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing.

On 09/05 at approximately 11:55 p.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department, was in the Casey's gas station when he observed a gold Chevrolet 4 door passenger car bearing Iowa registration that was parking in front of the Casey's Gas Station. The officer then observed a male subject exit the driver's seat and enter Casey's. The officer observed the male subject, walk into the door divider of the entrance to the gas station, striking his body against the door divider. The officer then made contact with the subject to see if he was alright. While speaking with the subject, he was observed to have blood shot and glassy eyes, his speech was very slow and slurred at times. Upon further investigation, it was learned

that the driver did not have a valid drivers' license. On checking the female passenger, a strong odor of marijuana was observed coming from her and she was found to be in possession of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle was issued traffic citations and the passenger was issued a Notice to Appear in Court for the marijuana possession.

On 09/06 at approximately 1:01 a.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department received a call from an individual who stated that there was an intoxicated minor at the Red Knight Bar who was being served alcoholic beverage and was dancing on the bar. Upon arrival at the bar, The officer observed an underage female subject in the location and behind the bar standing next to the bartender. The female was identified as under age and was issued a Notice to Appear Citation for Drinking Under Age.

On 09/07 at approximately 11:08 a.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to a domestic argument without physical contact. The two residents of the apartment were arguing over rent money and one decided to move out instead of arguing. Both individuals were advised that possessions in the house could not be removed unless it was by agreement or a court order.

At approximately 3:15 p.m. on 09/07 the Stockton Police were dispatched to the area of Shell service station at 209 E. North Ave. in reference to a child falling out of a moving vehicle which was unattended by an adult. Upon arrival of the Police, a subject was observed exiting a green Dodge caravan minivan with a Handicapped Illinois Registration, with a male child who he identified as his four-year-old son. The driver advised that he parked the Dodge Caravan alongside the west side of the Shell service station building facing north bound and that he wanted to briefly enter the service station to make a purchase. Therefore he left the vehicle running with his four-year-old secured in a booster seat directly behind the driver's seat. The driver stated that while he was making his purchase, the child escaped from the booster seat and climbed into the driver's

seat and put the vehicle into gear. The driver stated that the vehicle began rolling northbound across the parking lot and the four year old child opened the driver's door and fell into the parking lot while the vehicle continued to roll northbound. The Dodge Caravan came to a stop when it struck a curb between the Shell service station and the Country Inn and Suites 200 Dillon Ave. An Ambulance was called to check the child for injuries. This incident was reported to the Department of Children and Family Services.

On 9/8, the Stockton Police were notified by a National Suicide Hotline of someone in Stockton who had taken a large quantity of pills while attempting suicide. The police responded to an address on Pearl Street. On arrival, there was no answer at the door. The police were forced to open the door to locate the victim. It was found, after entry was made, that no one was in the apartment. This event is still under investigation by the Stockton Police.

On 09/08 at approximately 2111 hours, an officer of the Stockton Police Department observed a red colored 2003 Chevrolet Suburban which was running, bearing Illinois registration, sitting on the side of the road along Rt. 20 at approximately 941 E North Avenue. As the officer approached the vehicle, he could immediately detect the very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver, who was later identified as Manuela Valdez. After a series of field tests and observations, it was determined that the subject was under the influence of alcohol while operating her vehicle. Valdez was placed under arrest for DUI and other traffic violations and was transported for processing.

On 9/9 at approximately 9:56 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to check on the well-being of a male and female standing along the road-

way on Route 20. On arrival, the officer identified both subjects and determined that they were traveling pastors on their way to Wisconsin from Alabama. A local resident offered to give the couple a ride to Warren, IL. No further police assistance was required.

On 09/12 at approximately 1 a.m. the Stockton Police made a business check at the Red Knight Tavern located at 111 E. Front Ave. Upon entering, Police observed a subject identified as Tyler Magee attempting to start a physical altercation with another male patron of the tavern. The Officer observed Tyler Magee standing in close proximity to the other patron, shouting and swinging his arms in a threatening and aggressive matter. Magee was ordered to stop his actions and to back away from the other patron. Magee was advised that he was under arrest. When police attempted to handcuff Magee, he began to resist the officers' actions. Police had to physically restrain Magee to take him into custody. Magee was taken to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing.

On 9/12 at approximately 8:43 p.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to the area of Park Street, north of North Avenue, to check the well being of an unconscious person laying in the road. On arrival, a juvenile was found in the roadway, conscious but unable to speak or move. The Stockton Ambulance Service responded to the scene and gave assistance to the victim and transported to the hospital. This incident is still under investigation by the Stockton Police Department.

On 09/13 at approximately 2234 hours, Stockton Police were dispatched to assist a motorist who had reported a semi tractor trailer on route 20 which was leaking an unknown liquid. The officer was able to locate and stop the truck. Investigation of the circumstances surrounding the leaking truck revealed

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# VIEWPOINT

## From the Desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

"Illinois Needs to Commit to a Total Rebuild"

How about them Cubbies?  
The Chicago Cubs are - almost indisputably - the best team in baseball. Hard to believe that the team that was once the punchline of so many sports jokes is now at the top of the Majors. Not more than a few years ago the Cubs were still known as the "Lovable Losers" of baseball. In fact, I was once told by a Cardinals and a Sox fan that C-U-B-S stood for "Completely Useless By September." Not this September.

Allow me to use the Chicago Cubs as a metaphor for the state of Illinois because I just see far too many similarities. I know what you're thinking, "Leave it to a politician to make baseball political," but I promise you there is a valid point to be made.

Let's back up a bit. The Chicago Cubs have not won a World Series since 1908. That's by far the longest drought in American baseball. After years of trying the same "strategies" for building a team, the Cubs became the laughingstock of Major League Baseball. Finally, the Cubs were purchased by a new family - the Ricklets - that wanted nothing more than to win. The new owners understood that a ground floor rebuild was necessary, and they fully committed to the rebuild.

The three key ingredients in the Cubs' rebuild were: 1) They hired a new General Manager 2) They replenished their farm system and traded for new players, and 3) They brought in a new manager to coach their new players. After six years, the Cubs are now a completely different team.

Like the Cubs, Illinois also has several ingredients that are necessary for a complete rebuild:

Illinois already hired a new "General Manager" in Governor Bruce Rauner. Though we may not always agree with him on every issue, he is

fully committed to a rebuild in Illinois, but he needs the personnel to accomplish that goal. You as the stakeholders in Illinois have the power to accomplish that.

We need to replenish our farm system and trade for new players. Instead of the same old career politicians that give us nothing but a losing record, we need new blood. That comes in two parts: term limits and redistricting reform. Our politician-friendly districts combined with unlimited tenure help career politicians stay in power for as long as they want. A losing ball club can't win the World Series with the same roster it had the year before, and neither can Illinois achieve national prominence with the same roster it has had for decades.

3) We need a new "Manager" in the dugout. Once we have completed the first two steps of our state's rebuild, we can move forward in the right direction.

## Senate Week in Review

### Sept. 9

Estimates that the state's bill backlog could reach an unprecedented \$14 billion by 2017 underscores the importance of enacting systemic government reforms to bring jobs to Illinois and boost the economy. That message was stressed during a recent address by the President and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, and reinforced during the announcement of a state-supported investment in a bioprocessing research lab that could bring up to 20,000 jobs to Illinois.

Also during the week, the Illinois School Funding Reform Commission met for the third time to discuss equityability as it relates to school funding. Finally, the Governor's administration is seeking a federal Medicaid waiver to secure \$2.7 billion for expanded services to help persons with mental illness and those struggling with substance abuse.

rection. But that will never happen as long as we have Speaker Madigan leading the team onto the field. In baseball, if you lead your team to losing season after losing season, there's no way you could keep your job as manager.

In baseball, you are doing one of two things: you are either winning or you are losing. The same is true for our state. And to be completely honest, right now we are losing. But there is a silver lining: on the positive side, we have already completed the first step of our state's rebuild. Now it's time for us to commit to term limits and redistricting reform.

You hear this same message from me over and over again, but that's only because I believe it to be so important that it deserves to be repeated. Illinois is broken, and we need to fix it! We cannot continue to perpetuate ourselves as the picture of insanity by

trying the same old, tired ideas over and over and over again and expect a different result. We are on the brink of bankruptcy and all we are doing is discussing new ways to spend money, and our only method of paying for these new programs is by increasing the already heavy tax burden on working families.

We should - we must - do better. By doing the same thing, by electing the same failures over and over again that have run our state, we will only secure our destiny as the "lovable losers of the United States." So I urge you: commit to rebuilding this state as the Cubs have done with their baseball team. Commit to making this a state that we can proudly hand off to our children and grandchildren. And finally, commit to embracing a new, prosperous direction for Illinois as opposed to the downward spiral that currently exists.

As Willie Stargell said "To me, baseball has always been a reflection of life. Like life, it adjusts. It survives everything." There is no doubt that we will survive this mess in Illinois. But the real question is: how long will it take for us to make the necessary adjustments? The longer we wait - the more it will hurt. Illinois can and will be a winner once again but that will only happen when we fully commit to our rebuild. The year was 2010 when the Cubs began their complete overhaul. In six short years they have turned "Lovable Losers" into a force to be reckoned with. We can have the same total rebuild here in Illinois by committing to total reform.

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### Bill backlog, job loss underscore need for government reform

An announcement during the week that the state is investing \$26 million in the Integrated Bioprocessing Research Lab (IBRL) at the University of Illinois underscored the importance of pursuing projects that will make Illinois a destination for employers as a way to help the state grow its way out of the current budget mess. Funding for the IBRL, which will help Illinois compete for up to 20,000 jobs in a new industry sector, was secured by the stopgap budget signed into law on June 30.

Job creation on this scale is critical, particularly when considering recent remarks made by Illinois Manufacturers' Association President and CEO Greg Baise, who noted in a recent City Club of Chicago address that while many Midwestern states are adding manufacturing jobs, Illinois has lost more than 300,000 manufacturing jobs since the turn of the century. Baise said that accounts for nearly one-fourth of Illinois' manufacturing jobs since 2000, a figure that impacted nearly 200,000 Illinois residents. Baise called for a reform agenda to create stability and predictability for Illinois' employers—and employees. He underscored the importance of addressing the state's pension debt and bill backlog; enacting workers' compensation reform; tax reforms and incentives for employers; property tax relief; and an emphasis on creation of a skilled workforce through education and workforce development initiatives.

Republican lawmakers have also joined Gov. Bruce Rauner in calling for structural and spending reforms in state government, stressing that fundamental change is needed in Illinois to bring fiscal security and much-needed jobs back to the state. This type of economic growth will be imperative to avoid what Moody's Investors Services estimates could be

an unpaid bill backlog of \$14 billion by the summer of 2017. A spokesman for Moody's noted that "if the bill payment backlog becomes sufficiently large, the state could resort to borrowing from debt service funds for operating needs." That, he indicated, would further impact Illinois' already dismal credit rating.

Though legislative Democrats have called for a reinstatement of their 2011 income tax hike as a way to boost revenues, Republican lawmakers and the Governor have resisted that effort. Republican lawmakers have refused to consider revenue enhancements without first passing economy-boosting, job-creating reforms. Senate GOP lawmakers pointed out that though the Democrats' previous tax increase brought in more than \$30 billion, the state's unpaid bills remained in the billions, the pension debt reached approximately \$111 billion and the state's financial situation remained unstable and unpredictable. They said state spending that exceeded existing revenues has led to the state's fiscal instability and bill backlog, and have staunchly refused to support efforts to hike taxes without first exploring ways to make government more efficient, reduce waste, boost the economy and help Illinois' employers.

### Proposal would expand services to help mentally ill, addicts

The state plans to pursue federal approval for a Medicaid waiver that would bring \$2.7 billion in new federal dollars to help care for persons with mental illness and those battling substance abuse problems, benefiting as many as 800,000 Illinois residents with behavioral health issues. The waiver would not expand Medicaid eligibility, but would allow the state to provide health-care assistance to many individuals currently living without much-needed treatment or assistance. Twenty-five percent of the state's 3.2 million Medicaid residents live with mental health issues,

substance dependency issues or both, and they account for 56 percent of all Medicaid spending.

The Director of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services said that the waiver would amount to a 3.75 percent overall increase in state Medicaid spending over a five-year period. The additional financial support for employment and housing services would bring greater stability to many Medicaid recipients, which would greatly improve their quality of life. The waiver would also ensure individuals have access to the right type of care at the right time in the right setting, rather than "boarding" individuals with behavioral issues in emergency departments, hospitals or prisons due to the lack of a suitable care provider. Sara Howe, chief executive officer of the Illinois Association for Behavioral Health, was quoted in the State Journal-Register as saying that the waiver proposal shows "a really strong vision for behavioral health" that is "decades ahead of where we've been."

### Equitability topic of most recent Illinois School Funding Reform Commission

Members of the Illinois School Funding Reform Commission met Sept. 7, as lawmakers and the Governor's office attempt to get a handle on the challenges of changing the way schools are funded in Illinois. Defining equityability and what that means for Illinois students was the focus of the commission meeting. Members discussed the importance of creating a system of funding that takes into account the needs of students and providing them with the resources they need to achieve. Emphasis was placed on the need for additional funding to help low-income students, English learners and students with special needs, who require greater resources in order to bridge learning gaps and improve outcomes. The next meeting of the commission will take place on Sept. 21.

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### ANTHONY DECKER

Anthony Decker age 14, passed away Sept. 13, 2016 at Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 23, 2002 in Geneva, IL to Timothy Decker and Nicole (Pinkard) Decker.

Anthony was a freshman at Lena-Winslow High School. He was an avid reader and always carried a book in his hands.

Anthony is survived by his mother; Nicole Decker of McConnell, his father; Timothy (Joanna) Decker of St. Louis, MO., one brother; Michael Decker of McConnell, and two half sisters; Stephanie Decker of McConnell and Kylie Decker of St. Louis MO. Grandparents; Glenn (Patricia) Decker of FL, Auntie Sherry Klutts of McConnell, and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother; Patricia Pinkard, and one uncle Anthony Pinkard.

A visitation and memorial service were held September 17, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena, IL.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has



been established to help cure epilepsy and the page to donate is <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/anthony.decker>

Condolences may be sent to family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com)

### JERRY C. DITTMAR

Jerry C. Dittmar, age 72 of Stockton, IL, passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 with his daughters and faithful dog, Chloe by his side. He was born Nov. 7, 1943 to the late Cyril and Marguerite (Mallu) Dittmar. He was a 1961 graduate of Stockton High School.

Jerry had worked for IDOT for 30 years. He had also worked at Spahn & Rose Lumber, the Stockton Golf Course and B&L Friendly Tap. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church of Stockton where he worked maintenance for 15 years after he retired from IDOT. His memberships also include the Knights of Columbus, the Merit Commission, Zoning Committee and he was Chairman for the Jo Daviess County Democrats. Jerry was also a volunteer fire fighter from 1971-1994. He enjoyed playing cards and watching stock car races. He loved his dogs and especially loved watching his grandchildren at their sporting events.

Jerry is survived by his two daughters, Sonya Dittmar of Stockton and Tricia (Cole) Eshleman of Freeport, IL; grandchildren: Katelyn, Jered, Logan, Addie, Jaden & Maecee and Casey, Madison, Alivia & Alyse; great grandchildren: Kyla, Karah & Emmett and Reese & Lennox; one aunt and several cousins; and his dog, Chloe. He is preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law, Kirk Staver.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with his family at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

### MARIAN L. "CEL" FRANSEN

Marian L. "Cel" Fransen of Cedarville passed away on Sept. 17, 2016 at Lena Living Center. She was born March 2, 1934 in Waddams Township, Stephenson



County, the daughter of Laurin and Alice (Fogel) Meyers. She attended Pleasant Hill Grade School and graduated from Lena High School Class of 1952. She married Donald E. Fransen on Aug. 27, 1952 at Salem United Church of Christ in Eleroy. She worked at Fairbanks-Morse Company in Freeport for four years, and then she and her husband farmed west of Orangeville for 41 years retiring to Cedarville in 1996. She worked at the McConnell Post Office for 15 years. She was a member of McConnell Methodist Church and UMW of the church. She was a 43-year member of the Mock Orange Extension Unit. She was also in the west Orangeville card club for many years.

She enjoyed life, had a wonderful sense of humor, and was loved by many. She especially enjoyed cooking, conversing with friends and family, sharing family history, Meyers-Fogel reunions, playing the marble game, catching up on Facebook, and eating out with friends. She will be missed.

Survivors include nieces (who were like daughters to her and also known as "the girls") Marigene A. (Peter) Uhe Conway of Lena and Anita K. (John) Uhe Costello of Kent with whom she had a very close relationship and who were at Cel's side as she passed.

She is survived by one sister, Karen E. (George) Schnitzler Hoefler of Dakota, sisters-in-law Anna Meyers of Lena, Burdene Meyers of Lena, Doris Fransen of Freeport, and Margery Ockerman of Freeport, brothers-in-law Ivan N. (Beverly) Fransen of Freeport, and David (Jeanette) Fransen of Springfield, OR.

Also surviving are the following nieces and nephews: Ronald E. (Anne) Uhe, Carlock; Gary L. (Marcia) Meyers of Lena; Laurin L. (Jean) Meyers of Lena; Connie L. (Kevin) Meyers Robieson of Lena; John M. (Nancy) Meyers of Barnaveld, WI; James D. Meyers of Monroe Center; Christine (Steve) Meyers Bartelt of Winslow; Pauline (Paul) Meyers Cyborski of Rockford; Lisa (Bart) Meyers Conrad of Anderson, IN; Mark (Lori) Meyers of Lena; Teresa (Bill) Hoefler Heinrich of Freeport; Steve Hoefler of Freeport; Cheri Hoefler of Freeport; Mandi (Ken) Hoefler Milliken of Freeport, Tom C. (Brock) Fransen of

Cary, NC; Paul C. (Lois) Fransen of Truman, MN; Julie (Dave) Fransen Gustafson of Rockford; Kevin (Heidi) Fransen of Freeland, MI; Craig Fransen of Chicago; Scott Fransen of Freeport; Ken (Val) Ockerman of Stockton; Charles (Julie) Ockerman of Monroe; Dane (Amanda) Fransen of Springfield, OR; Jed (Jessie) Fransen of Hillsboro, OR; and a multitude of great-nieces and great-nephews.

She is also survived by many special friends and neighbors.

She was predeceased in death by her husband, her parents, one sister, Marilyn A. Meyers Uhe, brothers, Harold E. Meyers, Sr. and Donald L. Meyers, brothers-in-law, Ed Ockerman, Eugene W. Uhe, and Robert L. Fransen, one niece, Linda Meyers Leamon, and one nephew, Harold ("Mike") Meyers, Jr.

Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Lena United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held from 4 - 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Burial will be in the Lena Burial Park.

A memorial has been established in her name.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com)

### WILLIAM E. HERMAN

William E. Herman, 89, of Lena, IL passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital with his family by his side. He was born on May 4, 1927 to Allen and Esther (Wingert) Herman in Kent Township, Illinois. He married Evelyn Hancock on Jan. 8, 1950 at the Elizabeth United Methodist Church. He was a lifelong farmer along with his wife on the family farm. They moved from Kent township to Lena when and retired in Dec. of 1991. He was a member of the Pearl City Ma-

sonic Lodge #823, Sword of Bunker Hill, Consistory of Freeport, and a member of the Stephenson County Farm Bureau. William served our country in the United States Infantry Army from 1955-1957. He enjoyed deer hunting and fishing and going morel hunting, picking up walnuts and berry picking.

William is survived by his wife Evelyn, of Lena, IL; brother Robert (Tana) Herman of Lena, IL; numerous nieces and nephews, sister-in-law Joan Mayes of Bettendorf, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters; Alberta (Charles) Spittler, Betty (Gerald) Dole, and Leah (George) Erner, and two nephews.

Funeral services and a visitation were on Sept. 17, at Leamon Funeral Home Lena, IL.

Pastor Brian Le Baron officiated the services.

Interment will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his name for the Pearl City Masonic Lodge and Lena Fire Dept.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

### RONALD G. KEMPEL

Ronald G. Kempel, age 79 passed away on Sunday Sept. 11, 2016 at the Manor Court of Freeport, IL. Ronald was born on April 6, 1937 in Freeport, IL the son of Preston and Evora (Brinkmeier) Kempel. He was a graduate of Pearl City High School in the class of 1955. He married Donna



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## Births

### LAYTON JAMES WERHANE

Nick and Katie Werhane of Lena, IL are the parents of a son, Layton James Werhane born on Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 at Monroe Clinic Hospital Monroe, WI. He joins big sisters Lillian, 8 and Ellaina, 4. Grandparents are Albert and Ann Mokros of Lena, IL and Jim and Mary Werhane of Lena, IL. Great grandparents are Fritz and Betty Werhane of Lena, IL, Ron and Pat Mahon of Winslow, IL, and MaryAnn Mokros of Monroe, WI. Great great grandmother Marianne Zeltner of Lena, IL



### SAM WESTON

Dr. Tony and Stephi Weston of Crystal Lake, are the parents of a son, Sam Anthony Weston, born at 1:08 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington, IL. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Sam has two brothers, Max, 3 and Eli, 1. Grandparents are Steve Spella of Huntley, Pam and Tim Meyer of Crystal Lake, and Russ and Helen Weston of Lena. Great-grandparents are Ray and Cathy Weston of Independence, IA

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Boyer on July 23, 1955 at Donna's parent's farm home, Kent, IL. Ronald farmed with his wife Donna until 1977. He then drove semi, was employed in the agricultural fertilizer business and also agricultural real estate sales.

Ronald was a member of the Lena Lions and Lena United Methodist Church, he sang in the church choir and a Barber Shop Quartet. He also served on the village board of Lena. In his spare time he enjoyed spending time with his family and going dancing and snowmobiling in Northern Wisconsin. He enjoyed watching Chicago Cubs and Bulls games. He also enjoyed playing softball, baseball and bowling.

Survivors include his wife; Donna of Lena, three sons; Gregory (Heather Kempel of Freeport, IL, Bradley (Diane) Kempel of Lena, IL, and Douglas (Connie) Kempel of Lena, IL. grandchildren; Chris Kempel, Curt Kempel, Chelsea Kempel, Jason (Jennifer) Kempel, Bethany (Teag) Haughan, Jake Kempel, Rachel (Roger) Bedeker, Danielle (Ryan) Thomas; Step-grandson; Erik Eiseman, step-grandaughter Kelsey Eiseman Eight great-grandchildren; Owen, Emma, Lucas, Liam, Ava, Mason, Cayla, Max. Also surviving are two brothers; Terry (Joyce) Kempel and Lynn Kempel.

Preceded in death by his parents Services were Sept. 16 at Lena United Methodist Church

Visitation was Sept 15 at Leamon Funeral Home.

Rev. Brian LeBaron officiated Burial will be held at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport, IL.

A memorial has been established in his name.

Friends and family may send condolences to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com)

## ROSE MARIE PORTELLI

Rose Marie Portelli, 88, of Lena passed away on Friday, Sept. 9, 2016 at The Atrium in Rockford. She was born on June 4, 1928 to Mario and Violet (Roman-dine) Bianconi in Chicago Heights, IL. She married Sam Portelli on June 1, 1947 in Chicago Heights, IL, in 1973 they moved to St. Charles. They moved to Lena in 1975. Rose enjoyed her gardens, taking care of family; she worked at the Elkay Manufacturing in St. Charles, V&S store in Lena. She also worked at the Lena-Winslow lunch room, various volunteer works, and she was looking forward to her new twin great-grandchildren to be born in December. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena.

Rose is survived by her daughter Ruth (Tom) Cusack of Naperville, IL; two sons Phillip (Lori) Portelli of Manhattan, KS, and John (Mardi Hudson) Portelli of Lena, IL; six grandchildren Deanna Cusack of St. Charles, IL, Ryan (Julie) Cusack of Oswego, IL, Sal (Kristin) Portelli of Manhattan, KS, Winter (Steve) Berklund of Manhattan, KS, Melissa (Adam) Holtz of Lena, IL, and Jennifer (Trent) Gile of Stockton, IL; ten great-grandchildren Logan Porter of St. Charles, IL Koyer, Ambree, Haila, and Aria Portelli all of Manhattan, KS, Tanner and Wesley Gile of Stockton, IL Pacey Martin of Lena, IL, Addison and Karlee Holtz of Lena, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Sam in 2008,



brother John, sister Joan, and great-granddaughter Taylor Gile.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Visitation for Rose Portelli will be held at Leamon's Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Lena, IL. from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25. Please join us for a short memorial service at 1:30. A luncheon at Rafter's Restaurant will follow.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## GAYLE KOEHN

Gayle Koehn of Warren age 95, passed away on Sept. 11, 2016 at Waverly Place in Stockton, IL. She was born on July 19, 1921 in New Diggins, WI to Nelson and Kittie (Dodge) Downs. She married Howard McKee on Oct. 19, 1939 in Stockton, IL and he passed away in 1983. She then married Lloyd Koehn on May 29, 1985 in Schapville, IL and he passed away in 1990. Gayle enjoyed her flower and vegetable gardens, dancing and music especially polka. She played the accordion and harmonica and enjoyed playing cards. She enjoyed traveling on trips with her husband Howard when he was selling Renk Seed corn. She loved spending time with her family, including farming alongside them until moving to Warren in 1984. She was a member of the Apple River Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children Judith (Tom) Hay of Warren, IL, Howard Lynn (Rebecca) McKee of Browntown, WI, Marshall (Karen) McKee of Stockton, IL, Janette (Randy) Leehan of Apple River, IL. Grandchildren Diane (Steve) Rogers, Cindy (Rod) Rogers, Mike McKee, Julie (Mark) Weaver, Scott McKee, Marlin McKee, Bill (Linda) Hay, Dr. Donald (LeAnn Shipman) Hay, Andrew (Kari) Hay, MyKala McKee, Alan McKee, Carrie (Josh) Chambers, Kevin (Keisha) Leehan. Twelve great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren with a third due in February. Daughters-in-law Pearl McKee and Janice McKee.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Howard in 1983, husband Lloyd in 1990, son Eugene McKee in 2010, son Robert McKee in 2005 and siblings; Floy, Roy, Kittie, Anna, Linnie, Sylvia and Verne.



Funeral services were Sept. 15, at the Apple River United Methodist Church.

Visitation was Sept. 14, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Minister Joey Garcia officiated the services.

Interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren, IL.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family.

## BEVERLY J. SIGAFUS

Beverly J. Sigafus, age 79, went to be with the Lord on Thursday Sept. 15, 2016 at Monroe Clinic Hospital. She was born on Aug. 4, 1937 to Lyle and Kathryn (VanMatre) Miller in Orangeville, IL. She married Lee Sigafus on Dec. 3, 1960 in Orangeville, IL. She was employed at the Wagner Insurance Company until retiring in 1997. She was a member on the Warren United Methodist Church and was the church organist

for over 30 years. She was active in church committees, enjoyed ceramics, friends and family especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children; Daun Krupke of East Dubuque, IL, Mike Sigafus of Warren, IL, Scott (Heidi) Sigafus of Apple River, IL, Terri (Darren) Stiefel of Warren, IL. Grandchildren; Stacie (Todd) Wilkerson, Cory (Ashley) Krupke, Nikki Krupke, Eron Sigafus, Lauren Sigafus, Teryn Stiefel, Miah Stiefel, Five great grandchildren, Sisters; Lila Noll and Emily (Dick) Ferguson. Lifelong companion Lee Sigafus.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation and memorial service was held Sept. 18, at the Warren United Methodist Church.

Officiating was Pastor Roger Bronkema.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Warren United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com)

## Engagement



Cole James Patrick and Jena Marie Fox

## Jena Marie Fox to wed Cole James Patrick

Michael and Brenda Fox of Lena announce the engagement of their daughter, Jena Marie Fox to Cole James Patrick, son of Sam and LaDawna Patrick of Farmer City, IL. The future bride graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 2009 and Illinois State University in 2013 with a Bachelors Degree in Human Development. Jena is employed by Caterpillar Inc. as the Visitors Service Representative in Morton, IL. The future groom graduated from Blue Ridge High School in 2008 and Eastern Illinois University in 2012 with a Bachelors Degree in Biology. Cole is employed by COUNTRY Financial as an Office and Field Crop Adjuster in Bloomington, IL. The ceremony will be held on Oct. 8, at Happily Ever After Wedding Barn, Pecatonica, IL

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# Eagle Nature Foundation announces million dollar Save Our Eagle campaign

Terrence N. Ingram, President and Executive Director of the Eagle Nature Foundation, (ENF), has announced that the Eagle Nature Foundation is kicking off a national Save Our Eagle campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for research of our national bird, the Bald Eagle.

For the past five years, the Eagle Nature Foundation, through its Annual Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey, which has been conducted for over 55 years, has been documenting the gradual decline of the Bald Eagles wintering along the Mississippi River. This year this count has shown that the Bald Eagle population wintering along the Mississippi River has dropped to a level lower than it was during the 1960s. The reason for this decline must be determined, if we are to retain the Bald Eagle as a free flying symbol of our great nation. The sooner we can determine the reason for this decline, the sooner corrective actions may be taken.

Before any research can be conducted, the money for the research has to be raised. That is the reason for this campaign to be started. This campaign has been set up with many levels of donations depending upon the person, business or organizations own commitment to our country's symbol, the Bald Eagle, and his, or her, or its ability to comfortably donate. The first tier level of \$100,000 will be a person, business or organization, who or which, wants to be known as a definite supporter of our Bald Eagle. There are two second levels of \$50,000 each, donors of which would have the same feelings for the Bald Eagle, but with a monetarily smaller commitment. These tier levels of donations work all the way down to the lowest level of donors at \$10 each, of which there would be 10,000 donors. If successful, each donation level of the campaign should raise \$100,000.

"We want all Americans to have the opportunity to step up and help with their donations, for we all have a stake in this bird, as the Bald Eagle represents us all," said Ingram.

Every donor, no matter which tier level of donation, would receive a laminated certificate for their tier level donation check. As Mr. Ingram says, "The bald eagle is everyone's bird, so we want everyone to have the ability and opportunity to help this bird. One method would be for an organization or business to inform all of its employees of this immediate need to help our Bald Eagle and to urge them each to donate at whatever tier level they feel comfortable with, and then for the organization or business to match their employee's donations with a larger tier donation. All donations are tax-exempt as ENF is a certified 501(c)3 organization with the IRS.

For more than 50 years Mr. Ingram has been researching and fighting to save the Bald Eagle through the Eagle Nature Foundation and its predecessors, The Eagle Foundation (TEF) and Eagle Valley Environmentalists, (EVE). Much of their previous efforts have been to save habitat for the Bald Eagle. The

nation's first Bald Eagle Campaign, in 1972, was for \$100 an acre to save Eagle Valley, for which over \$2,000,000 was raised. Through the years they have raised awareness of the Bald Eagle's plight on the part of the public: by conducting over 160 Bald Eagle Bus Tours; have

conducted more than 20 individual Bald Eagle research projects in the Midwest; discovered over 55 Bald Eagle nighttime roosting sites; and have helped save more than 16,000 acres of Bald Eagle habitat in the Midwest. But, ENF has learned over the past few years, what good

is it to save habitat, if there are no birds to use that habitat? We as a nation must make sure there will be birds to use the habitat!

For Mr. Ingram's past efforts to save the Bald Eagle, ENF's Board of Directors has nominated him to receive the Eagle Rare Life Award from Eagle Rare Bourbon. If his story should win this contest, Eagle Rare Bourbon would be a tier two donor to ENF, with a donation of \$50,000. You can read his story by going to [eaglerarelife.com](http://eaglerarelife.com) and vote for his story once, each and every day, before the end of the year. Mr. Ingram started our nation's Bald

Eagle Days Celebrations, when he organized the first one in 1967, and then continued by making them an annual event, and expanding them to become Annual International Bald Eagle Days events, which were held all across this nation and Canada.

Every American can join the effort and help with this campaign to "Save Our Eagle" by deciding to which donor tier he, or she, is able to comfortably donate, and sending a check for that tier level donation to: Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001.

## Backstreet Players announce Toy School casting call

Announcing the casting call for Backstreet Players' Christmas Production of "Toy School" by Paul Collete and Robert Wright

This wonderful comedy tells the story of a school where toys go to learn how to behave before they get their gift tags. As their teacher's assistant helps them, they learn very valuable lessons about paying attention, perseverance, some tricks of the trade and so much more. This play will be sure to warm your heart and to keep you giggling like Ol' St. Nick.

Auditions for this play will be held Sunday Sept. 25, from 1 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday Sept. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Hanover Township Hall, Hanover Illinois. This cast includes various parts for men, women, and children. Performance dates are Dec. 2-4.

For more information or questions regarding this production or Backstreet Players, contact Carrie Haas at (815) 858-4446 or [carrie@lifeunlocked.info](mailto:carrie@lifeunlocked.info)



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## Volunteer Hospice Sunset Luau

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois received a generous check from Andy McGovern of Stella's Café and Catering from the July fundraiser – Sunset Luau. Pictured from left to right are: Judy Hammer, hospice volunteer; Leslie Niemann, fundraising coordinator; Joann Robinson, director; Gloria Benson, assistant director; Andy McGovern and Jody Rowe of Stella's; and Coleen Hudon, hospice volunteer. Thank you to Stella's and the wonderful support of the local communities for making this a great success.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



*The not so skinny cook*

We once again have had really nice weather. The weather person said we have had over 100 days of eighty degree weather and above. We really will be in for a shock when things change. Fall is my favorite time of the year, and I am hoping we have one. I want some cooler weather before we get hit with the dreadful word (winter)! There continues to be a lot of great fruits and vegetables out there to cook with. I have some interesting recipes this week. Have a good and happy cooking week!

The first recipe is for tomatoes and beans. There are plenty of tomatoes around, and beans are really healthy. The rosemary gives the dish a great fresh taste. The lime juice adds a little zip. This recipe is a great way to use some tomatoes.

## Tomato Bean Salad

Heat:  
 ¼ C. olive oil  
 3 cloves garlic, sliced  
 1 sprig fresh rosemary  
 Whisk:  
 2 T. cider vinegar  
 2 T. fresh lime juice  
 1 t. Dijon mustard  
 ½ t. sugar  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 Combine:  
 1 can (16 oz.) pinto beans, drained and rinsed  
 1 can (16 oz.) red beans, drained and rinsed  
 1 can (16 oz.) black beans  
 1 C. halved grape tomatoes  
 ½ C. chopped fresh parsley  
 ¼ C. thinly sliced green onions  
 Heat the oil, garlic, and rosemary in a saucepan over medium heat until fragrant, about 3 minutes.

Remove from heat and let stand 20 minutes; drain through a sieve into a bowl.

Whisk the vinegar, lime juice, Dijon, and sugar into the infused oil; season with salt and pepper.

Combine the pinto, red and black beans with tomatoes, parsley and onions. Toss with vinaigrette.

This next recipe is for a lot of fresh vegetables. It is a great combo of broccoli, green beans, Brussels sprouts, and carrots. It has grated parmesan cheese, and the cheese makes everything taste great.

## Roasted Green Vegetable Medley

2 C. fresh broccoli florets  
 1 lb. fresh green beans, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces  
 10 small fresh mushrooms, halved  
 8 fresh Brussels sprouts, halved  
 2 medium carrots, cut into ¼-inch slices  
 1 medium onion, sliced  
 3-5 garlic cloves, thinly sliced  
 4 T. olive oil, divided  
 ½ C. grated parmesan cheese  
 3 T. julienned fresh basil leaves  
 2 T. minced fresh parsley  
 2 T. lemon juice  
 1 T. grated lemon peel  
 ¼ t. salt  
 ¼ t. pepper  
 Preheat the oven to 425. Place the first seven ingredients in a bowl; drizzle with 2 T. oil and toss to coat. Divide between two 15 x 10 baking pans coated with cooking spray. Roast 20-25 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Transfer to a large serving bowl.

In a small bowl, mix remaining oil with the cheese, basil, parsley, lemon juice and peel, salt and pepper. Add to the vegetables and toss to combine.

Going along with the fresh vegetable theme for this week, this apple salad uses Brussels sprouts too! The pomegranate seeds are supposed to be one of the most beneficial things for our health. I love sunflower kernels because it gives just the right crunch. The olive oil mayo is great to use on sandwiches too. I generally buy the smallest size because of its limited use. A lot of people have started using it in

place of the regular salad dressing. This salad uses a prepared poppy seed dressing, so it is easy to make. Try this unique combination and let us know what you think.

## Apple-Brussels Sprouts Salad

¼ C. Poppy seed Dressing  
 2 T. mayo with olive oil  
 2 T. apple cider vinegar  
 1 lb. Brussels sprouts, trimmed, halved and thinly sliced  
 2 Honeycrisp apples, chopped  
 1 carrot, peeled, shredded  
 ½ C. pomegranate seeds  
 ¼ C. dry roasted sunflower kernels

Mix the dressing, mayo and vinegar until blended. Combine the remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Add the dressing to the mixture and mix lightly.

This recipe was submitted by the local TOPS club which meets on Mondays at 4:00 p.m. at the Lena Evangelical Free Church. If you have any questions, you can call Kim Nelson, TOPS leader, at 815-369-2844. This recipe is a great way to enjoy the vegetables from your garden adding them to a favorite casserole.

## Six-Layer Casserole

2 C. raw sliced potatoes  
 1 C. onion, chopped  
 1 C. brown rice  
 1 ½ lb. hamburger or lean ground turkey  
 1 can tomato soup  
 2 C. garden vegetables  
 Dash of your favorite seasonings.  
 Place in layers in 2-quart casserole dish, starting with hamburger, onion, rice, potatoes, vegetables and cover with soup and seasonings. Bake for 1½ hours at 350 or until potatoes and rice are done.

This stove top dinner uses the red peppers that are common at the Farmer's Markets and the grocery stores. It is an easy main course dinner. I think the tubular pasta such as penne or mostaccioli would work well in this dish.

## Peppers and Pasta

1 T. olive oil  
 ¾ lb. Italian sausage, sliced into ½-inch rounds  
 2 large red bell peppers, cut into ½ inch strips  
 2 minced garlic cloves  
 ½ t. red pepper flakes  
 1 can (28 oz.) plum tomatoes, drained  
 ½ t. salt  
 ½ t. pepper  
 1 lb. cooked and drained pasta

Torn basil leaves

¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high. Add the sausage and cook until browned, about 4 minutes. Remove from pan and drain on a paper towel. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat. Add the red bell peppers. Cook over medium heat until crisp-tender, about 2 minutes. Add garlic cloves and red pepper flakes and cook 1 minute. Add the plum tomatoes, salt, and pepper. Cook over medium heat, breaking up the tomatoes with a spoon, until sauce thickens, 5-8 minutes. Return the sausage to the pan and cook 1-2 minutes. Stir in cooked and drained pasta. Top with torn basil leaves and grated Parmesan.

Connie Loberg sent two apple recipes for us to try. This week we will feature a crock pot applesauce recipe. How wonderful it is to put things in the crock pot and just turn it on and go away!! Enjoy this easy way to make applesauce.

## Chunk-Style Applesauce

8-10 large cooking apples, peeled, cored, sliced or cut into chunks

½ C. water  
 1 t. cinnamon  
 ½ to 1 C. sugar

Put all the ingredients into a crock pot. Cover and cook on low overnight or 8-10 hours. Connie says she used just ¼ cup of sugar, and it was plenty sweet.

I found this neat little peach cake recipe that you make in muffin tins. It is easy to put together, and tastes great. If you need a fast dessert, this one is for you.

## Peaches and Cream Upside Down Cake

2/3 C. packed brown sugar  
 ½ C. unsalted butter, softened and divided

1 large peach, quartered lengthwise, then cut crosswise into thin slices

1 pkg. (9 oz.) yellow cake mix  
 2 eggs  
 ½ C. sour cream  
 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) Jell-O Cheese-cake flavor instant pudding, divided  
 ½ C. cold milk  
 ¾ C. thawed Cool Whip

Preheat the oven to 350. Line 16 muffin pan cups with foil liners. In a bowl, mix the sugar and half the butter until blended; spoon into prepared muffin cups. Top with sliced peaches.

Beat cake mix, eggs, sour cream,

1/3 cup dry pudding mix and remaining butter in a medium bowl with mixer until blended. Spoon over the peaches. (Cups will be almost completely filled).

Bake 18-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes. Transfer cupcakes to wire rack; cool completely.

Beat remaining pudding mix and milk in medium bowl with whisk 2 minutes. Stir in the Cool Whip. Spoon into pastry bag fitted with large plain tip. Insert tip into centers of cupcakes, then pipe the pudding mixture into cupcakes. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Invert the cupcakes onto a platter just before serving; remove liners.

September is one half over, and I have started to do some fall cleaning. I did the bedding. Someone once told me you should wash blankets in the months with an "R" in them. It is September, so I guess I am all right. I also believe because we now have automatic dryers, that old wives tale can be thrown out with the dishwasher—excuse the old pun. It feels good to at least have started to do some sprucing up around the place. I also have been trying to go through some files and get some things sorted. Some things need to go out to the recycle, some things need to be read and enjoyed and then recycled, and some need to be saved. It takes me a long time to do this because I spend too much time looking at things when I should just toss them out. I have several friends who have no clutter. I am envious of them! Thank you to Connie for sharing her apple recipes. I just might make something with apples this weekend! We continue to look for garden vegetable recipes. Any ideas on using egg plant, kohlrabi, tomatoes, squash, or zucchini? Any ideas on cooking with raspberries, cranberries, 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.

## A little levity to lighten your day

A preacher was delivering a rousing sermon about the evils of drink and how so many lives are ruined by alcohol. As he built to his finish, he shouted, "I wish I could take all the beer in the world and dump it into the river!" "Then," he continued, "I'd dump all the wine in the world into the river, as well!" "Finally," he said, "I'd toss all the liquor in the world right into the river, too!" Shortly, thereafter, he ended his sermon and turned to the choir director for the next hymn. Not missing a beat, the choir director said, "Please stand and turn to number 278 in your hymnal, 'Shall We Gather at the River?'"

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# CHURCH NOTES

## St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City to feature Restored and the Church Sisters in concert

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Sept. 25. The service will begin at 9 a.m. and be led by Pastor Thomas Ekstrand.

The Whirl Sunday School will meet at 10:15 a.m. feature the lesson, "The Rich Man and Lazarus." Confirmation classes for seventh and eighth grade youth will also meet on Sept. 25. The SPOTS Youth (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl, City, will now have a Saturday Evening Worship at 5:30 p.m. in our Nave/Sanctuary. The service will be led by Pastor Ekstrand and will be about 30-35 minutes in length and will include communion and a sermon. Members and non-members alike are welcome to participate in the Saturday evening service.

The Fifth Quarter Youth (seventh and eighth grades) group will meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25

in the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth (High School) group will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Bible studies have resumed at St. John's! The Monday evening group meets at 7 p.m. and is studying First and Second Corinthians. The Thursday morning group meets at 9:30 a.m. is studying the book of Exodus. 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.

Save the date: Restored and The Church Sisters in concert at St. John's on Saturday, Oct. 29. Restored will perform at 6 p.m. and The Church Sisters at 8 p.m. No ticket sales. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with first come, first seated. A food stand will be available between shows. A free will offering will be collected.

Information about the groups: Restored is a group of Christians who believe it's time to get off the fence and use the

gifts they've been given to help others do the same. Their sound is unique, fresh, and tells a story about being a Christian in today's world. The Lord has blessed them, and they are excited to share hope in Him. The Church Sisters: Savannah and Sarah Church is a twin sister powerhouse duo from Galax, Va. The musical heritage of the region they have grown up in rings clearly through their soulful yet dynamic combination of lead and harmony vocals that are unmatched in purity. The eclectic feel of the Church Sisters sound encompasses a wide array of musical genres: Country, Americana, Bluegrass, Roots, and Folk. This six piece band of versatile musicians collectively provides an experience that leaves fans astounded night after night in raw, organic, natural talent. The blood harmony of these two sisters backed by their talented musicians brings life to musical audiences around the world.

## Girl Scouts introduce new gourmet snack items and photo keepsakes to enhance fall product line

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) kicks off fall product sales with online sales starting Friday, Sept. 16, and door to door sales beginning Friday, Oct. 7. You can support local Girl Scouts through purchasing gourmet snack items, magazines and e-books, and photo keepsakes online or in person through Oct. 21. Find an additional five online only exclusive gift items as well. To purchase fall products from a local Girl Scout contact our Product Hotline at (847) 214-9295 or email [cookies4you@girlscout-sni.org](mailto:cookies4you@girlscout-sni.org).

Fan favorites return this year

including, dark chocolate caramel caps with sea salt, peanut butter bears, English butter toffee, candy fruit slices, and more. GSNI is happy to offer 8 gluten free items including the new Honey Roasted Mixed Nuts and Black Forest Trail Mix. Photo keepsakes are a wonderful gift options—consider a photo book, calendar, cards or invitations as part of your seasonal gift giving, or choose from hundreds of magazine titles and e-books.

### Fall Product Program Supports the Military

Girls are again proudly support-

ing Project Share though the Fall Product Program. If customers don't want to purchase items as gifts or for themselves, they can donate to the military in \$5 increments. A \$5 donation purchases one nut or candy item and four \$5 donations purchases one magazine subscription for a military service member. All candy, nuts, and subscriptions are ordered virtually by girls and donated directly to the military. Girls who receive two \$5 donations toward the Gift of Caring Project Share earn a colorful Share Patch for their commitment to our military. This year's Fall Product theme is be brilliant...Shine On! Explore Something Different! The Fall Product program provides girls with an opportunity to run their own business and earn rewards and troop funds for selected Girl Scout activities. Girls who participate in the Fall Product Program gain social and practical life skills for their future success. They get first-hand experience in financial literacy and begin to master the five skills including, goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. Troop funds earned through the sale of fall products support girls in their choice of adventures throughout the Girl Scout year.

## Governor honors victims of 9/11 terrorist attacks

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner issued the following statement in commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. He has also issued a proclamation declaring Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 Patriot Day in Illinois. All entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act are ordered to fly the United States and state flags at half-staff in remembrance of the victims of the terror attacks.

"We will never forget the nearly

3,000 men and women who lost their lives in the heinous attacks that shook our nation fifteen years ago today," Governor Rauner said. "Today and every day we honor their memory. We remember their lives, their sacrifices and their courage. The tragedy of 9/11 will live on in the hearts of all Americans, as will the selfless action of our first responders and military personnel who rushed to help victims and defend our freedoms. We will never forget."

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Sept. 25, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion it is "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. As a part of "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday, the church will be giving thanks for the 615 quilts that have been pieced together by the Piece Corps Quilters throughout the year. The Sanctuary will be decorated with many colorful quilts. During worship there will be a blessing for the quilts and for those who will receive them that they might receive the comfort of Christ in the warmth they offer. Following the service volunteers will divide into Serving Teams at 10:30 a.m. for "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. The Day of Service will end with sharing about the day at Good Shepherd.

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 Wednesday Sept. 28, 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.

### Pearl City 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.

Our Sunday school will begin immediately following the children's message and is now during the worship service. Our youth group, grades seven through twelve, has begun meeting the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 6-8 p.m. We also have a new bible study that will be meeting every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

If you'd like more information about our services or events, email us at [pcumc@aeroinc.net](mailto:pcumc@aeroinc.net) or visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/pcumcil](https://www.facebook.com/pcumcil).

### Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. at Willow UMC. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message and all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. studying from the Holy Bible and all are welcome and invited to join us in this study.

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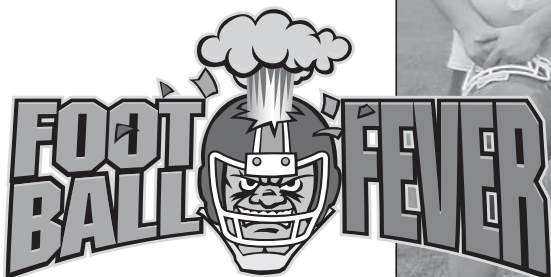




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# Leaders representing farmer-led, local efforts in the Upper Mississippi River Basin convene and share what's working

In early Aug., 25 leaders from 11 locally-led watershed groups in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, including the watershed planning efforts in Jo Daviess County, gathered to participate in a three-day Watershed Leaders Network workshop at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center near Lanesboro, Minnesota. Participants included farmers, landowners, watershed project coordinators, community volunteers, consulting agriculture and conservation advisors, and agency representatives.

The group focused on real change at the local level, asking: What do we do in our own farm operations, and how do we organize near home to improve water quality and sustain successful farms?

"We gathered local leaders from five states to foster collaboration and connect people who often work in isolation; to give them a chance to understand other perspectives and bring information forward through their stories," said co-facilitator, Nancy North.

The work addresses an issue that has gained national and international attention in recent years. Nitrogen from Midwestern sources is entering local drinking water, Mississippi River systems, and contributing to a growing "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico.

Locally-led watershed groups with strong farmer participation have sprung up in recent years in the Basin states of Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin to address water quality concerns in their local areas, as neighbors. They are making change through collaboration, inviting new habits and norms across the boundaries of private lands.

Participants shared stories of what has worked in their own communities, and some of the challenges.

They learned:

- Trusted neighbor-to-neighbor relationships are key to establishing effective watershed groups and new

practices on the land. Personal invitations matter.

- Collaborations create opportunity, stability, and strong incentive. Agriculture retailers (implement, seed, and chemical sales), certified crop advisors, ag co-ops, bankers, local government, local community organizations, public and private technical consultants, non-government agriculture and conservation organizations, and independent consultants are key partners. Ag retailers, for example, are expanding cover crop use by making cooperative arrangements, keeping seed on hand, and making timely planting easy. Local businesses pay for liability insurance at field events. Wisconsin's Yahara Pride Farms, a farmer-led group, reaches out to neighbors to implement new field practices, inviting technical help from government only when absolutely needed.

- Farmers are innovating to maximize yield and nutrient efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve local streams. Illinois' Indian Creek Watershed Project used on-farm tours and test plots to transition more than 50% of acres in its area to split nitrogen application and other practices that increase both farm success and environmental sustainability.

- Local data is important. Farm landowners value data for their own individual use. Watershed groups use it to assess the health of natural systems across their watersheds. Yahara Pride Farms, a non-member based group, collects data to report an aggregate total of acres in a watershed, for example 4000 acres planted to cover crops. The individual farmer's data remains private. In northeast Iowa's Lime Creek Watershed, data is collected in partnership with local universities and high schools. Paid monitoring personnel ensure its continuity. In Illinois' Indian Creek Watershed Project landowners, the local Soil & Water Conservation District director, and a nongovernment technical group used local data

to develop technical plans for efficiency and application of conservation practices.

- Farmer-led watershed projects draw more participants, and make progress faster. This is due in part to trust and relationship. Yahara Pride Farms also found distribution of incentive checks at local watershed meetings is a plus.

Watersheds represented at the August 2016 workshop were:

- Boone River Watershed Project, Des Moines River Basin, north central Iowa

- Farmers Of Mill Creek Watershed, Wisconsin River Basin, north central Wisconsin

- Hewitt Creek Watershed Project, Maquoketa River Basin, northeast Iowa

- Indian Creek Watershed Project, Illinois River Basin, north central Illinois

- Jo Daviess County Water Partnership, Galena River Basin, northwest Illinois

- Kickapoo River Watershed Initiative, Kickapoo River Basin, southwest Wisconsin

- Le Sueur River Watershed, Minnesota River Basin, southwest Minnesota

- Lime Creek Watershed Project, Cedar River Basin, northeast Iowa

- North Fork Salt River, Salt River Basin, northeast Missouri

- Peno Creek Watershed, Salt River Basin, northeast Missouri

- Root River Field To Stream Partnership, Root River Basin, southeast Minnesota

- Seven Mile Creek Watershed Project, Minnesota River Basin, south central Minnesota

- Yahara Pride Farms, Yahara River Basin, south central Wisconsin

"It was great to see how many projects of the same scope are happening throughout the area," said Ron Meiners, an Iowa-based agriculture and conservation specialist working with Minnesota's Root River Field to Stream Partnership. "They all were experiencing the same challenges and, many times, the same successes. It seems to me that as we continue to share, a path forward that works will surface."

Following the workshop Meiners, local farmer leaders, and Field to Stream project lead Kevin Keuhner planned to work harder to get co-ops, seed dealers, and other partners involved in the work in order to share lessons learned from six years of local data collection, create incentives to act, and foster trust.

To find inspiration for work in your area, to access resources, or to learn more about the Watershed Leaders Network and Fishers & Farmers Partnership, go to: fishersandfarmers.org.

Fishers & Farmers Partnership's Watershed Leaders Network provides skills and connection for farming neighbors, agricultural landown-

ers, and local watershed project coordinators who are leading close to home, in their own watersheds.

During 2016 invited leaders of local projects in agricultural watersheds of the five Upper Mississippi River states—Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin—are participating two, three-day workshops. The first was held at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center near Lanesboro, Minn. The second will be held Nov. 28-31 at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque, Ia.

Watershed Leaders Network workshops are funded by The McKnight Foundation. Project communications are developed with funds provided by the Charles & Verna Schmidt Foundation. Both are Minnesota-based family foundations.

Fishers & Farmers Partnership for the Upper Mississippi River Basin is a self-directed group of non-government agricultural and conservation organizations, tribal organizations, and state and federal agencies united to add value to farms while protecting, restoring, and enhancing the 30,700 miles of streams and rivers of the Upper Mississippi River Basin.

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# Broncos kicked back a game in standings

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos fell to the Milledgeville Missiles on Friday, Sept. 16, 53-6. The loss

## Manufacturing advocate calls for changes to Illinois constitution

Illinois News Network

The head of a major manufacturing association said Illinois' public pensions are a plague on his member businesses.

Illinois Manufacturers' Association President Greg Baise said at a City Club of Chicago event that the state needed to amend its constitution to reform pensions. While introducing the IMA's "middle class manufacturing agenda," Baise said

there was no reason for Illinois to have such a load of unfunded pension obligations that it suffocates the state's coffers.

"Where in any world does a \$100 billion pension obligation [get] explained away by its Constitution?" he asked. "The pension debt is eating up nearly 20 percent of the state's revenue base."

"Ladies and gentlemen, the government is closing Illinois one day at a time in this state."

Baise said the pension crisis in government creates an uncertain business environment, leading to an exodus of manufacturing jobs.

"They aren't necessarily fleeing the state in droves," he said. "But many have left. Some are just not expanding here when the opportunity or need arises. They look elsewhere."

Illinois' \$111 billion in unfunded pension liabilities is the most of any state in the country.

Baise also cited some of the nation's highest property taxes, sales taxes and workers' compensation costs as factors in the out migration of Illinois' manufacturing businesses. Illinois' average workers' compensation costs are double the

## Friends of Mill Pond Foundation to host Mill Pond Memories

The Friends of Mill Pond Foundation invite you to a day of family fun at Mill Pond on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. for an event called "Mill Pond Memories." Tom and Donna Herring will be on hand with their teepee sharing information about Native Americans. Tom and Donna will also have pioneer games for the kids. The Pearl City Historical Organization will be on hand sharing tidbits of history about Mill Pond and Pearl City. Families are also invited to participate in catch and release fishing in Mill Pond. The pond is stocked with several species of fish. Mill Pond is located in Pearl City one block east of Main Street at the corner of N. East Street and Mill Road. Directional signs will be in place the day of the event. For more information, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/pearlcitymillpond>. This event is free and the public is invited to attend.

dropped Orangeville to 1-3 on the season and helped Milledgeville stay alive in the race for the Upstate Title. The domination thrown at Orangeville will not be soon forgotten.

national average.

Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) has been consistent in his message of opposition to workers' compensation reform, saying it would lower the quality of life for Illinois' middle class.

Illinois' manufacturing industry has consistently lagged behind other sectors, having lost thousands of jobs so far this year. The state has lost more than 300,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000. The median annual income in the sector is \$75,000.

gotten.

The Missiles shot through the opening kick-off as they made their way to a nearly record-setting period, scoring 40 points and initiating a second half featuring a non-stop game clock.

The Missiles ran across the field and over the Broncos defenders Buddy Bibler's first score for Milledgeville went for 20-yards. Minutes later Kyle Forbes ran one in. over the next few minutes, Milledgeville added more yards to the stat sheet and totals on the board. Scores from 37 and 46 yards on the ground helped push the lead to 26-0, with time remaining in the opening frame.

Defensive stops later, Milledgeville was back on the board. The Missiles pushed across 40 points in the period and went silent in the second.

In the third quarter a run by Broncos athlete Dalton Lowe from

36-yards away put Orangeville on the board. The Missiles responded minutes later and carried a 47-6 lead into the fourth. A final score of 53-6 waited for the 3-1 Missiles as a 48-yarder from scrimmage was recorded late in the period.

Dalton Lowe collected 44 yards on his attempts. Raetz added nine as Rodebaugh chipped in 10 of his own for Orangeville. For Milledgeville, Bibler led the way with 141 yards on the ground. The Missiles rushed for over 450 yards on the night.

It was an easy win for Milledgeville on Friday night, but it won't be smooth sailing for the Missiles as they face trouble ahead. Milledgeville's issues include an Oct. 7 date with the top-ranked Stockton Blackhawks before having to travel to face the Dakota Indians in an NUIC Northwest-Upstate crossover game in week eight. Dakota is tied with Lena-Winslow, one game

behind State-ranked and undefeated Forreston and Eastland-Pearl City in the Northwest Division.

Orangeville has to deal with the undefeated Aquin Bulldogs this Friday night. The game will be played in Freeport and Aquin knows the Upstate Conference lead is on the line. Stockton is heavily favored to dismantle the Pecatonica Indians in their own week five crossover contest.

On Sept. 30 the Broncos host Ashton-Franklin Center. The Raiders were taken apart by the Aquin Bulldogs, losing by nearly 30 points. Oct. 7 will be a good game for the Broncos as they invite in their easterly neighbor Durand for a week seven showdown.

In week eight, Orangeville looks at its next chance at a possible win as they travel to Hanover to face the River Ridge Wildcats. The regular season comes to a close at home against Polo on Oct. 21.



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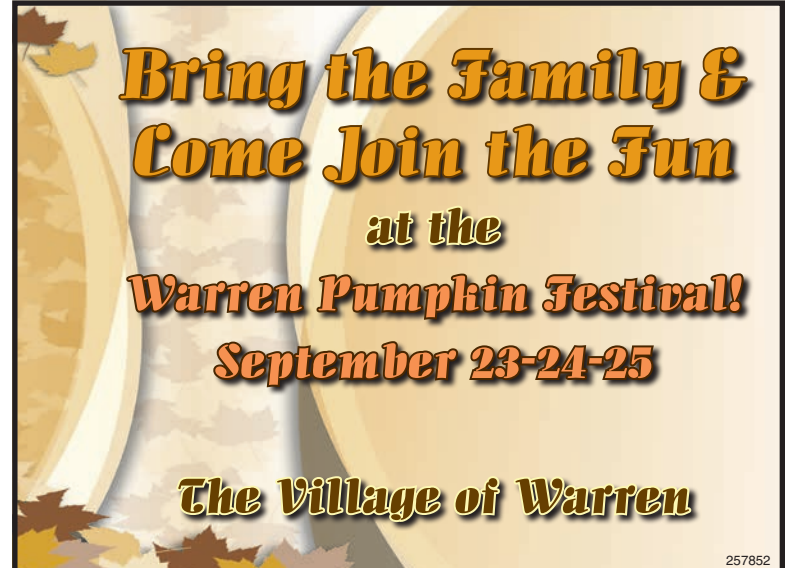
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# Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart tackle River Ridge

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

There are certain games throughout the season that teams look forward to. As a practice, anything other than practice is a better place to be. On Friday night, Sept. 16, the River Ridge Wildcats fell to Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart 34-6. It was a good game with a similar neighbor. Both teams entered the Friday night match with 0-3 marks.

The contest didn't feature two teams fighting for the NUIC lead,

which occurs almost weekly in the Upstate. It featured two teams looking to play in a contest where they knew they matched up fairly well. It was a simple summer night of football in Hanover.

After the flip of the coin and the kick-off to follow, game play commenced with the visitors getting an early gift. Warren/Our Lay of the Sacred Heart quarterback Payton Calow found Brian Holland running away from defenders. The flight coordinates were issued and the 52-yard touch-

down catch and run was registered. The two-point run attempt by Calow was unsuccessful. With 11:45 in the first, River Ridge trailed 6-0.

Each team pushed their way up and down the field, focusing on the 50 and the turn towards the score. With 2:44 to go in the opening period, Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart collected, as Calow connected. Paul Bag-eanis took a quick flip and carried it 82 yards for the score. The two-point pass attempt from Calow to Andrew Kaiser was successful. Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart took the lead, 14-0.

River Ridge responded and it took a little over two minutes to finish. After pushing the ball into enemy territory, the Wildcats put it into the hands

of tailback Marcelo Diaz. The senior ran eleven yards through traffic for the score. The two-point attempt came up short. At the end of the first quarter, a one-score game had returned, 14-6 in favor of Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

The second quarter proved to be critical for the host Wildcats as the offensive attack continued to yield results for the visitors. At the 8:54 mark in the second quarter, Calow connected again, this time on a 30-yard strike to Kaiser. The lead stretched to 22-6, after the Kaiser successful two-point conversion attempt.

With just seconds remaining, Calow struck for the final time in the half, finding Garrett Williams breaking away and carrying the Warren/Our

Lady of the Sacred Heart lead to 28-6.

Neither team would score in the third quarter as Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart finally broke through with just seconds elapsed in the fourth. At the 11:51 mark in the game, the scoring had ceased. River Ridge was pinned with the 34-6 loss, dropping them to 0-4 on the season. Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart improved to 1-3.

Up next for the Wildcats is a road game at Milledgeville this Friday night, Sept. 23. The Missiles are 3-1 on the season. On Friday, Sept. 30, the Wildcats head home to host the NUIC Upstate leading Aquin. The Bulldogs are 4-0 and tied with Stockton for the conference lead.

The regular season moves to Raiders' country and a match against Ashton-Franklin Center to open October and the week seven game. In week eight, seniors get their chance to play on the home field for the final time in the regular season as River Ridge hosts Orangeville.

2016 will close at Durand for River Ridge, against a team that many feel is very similar to the Wildcats and one that continues to look for answers on how to try to improve as they prepare for upcoming appointments during upcoming seasons in the Upstate Conference.

Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart travels home to face Polo this Friday night, Sept. 23 and will drive to Stockton Sept. 30 to face the Class 1A powerhouse. The final third of the season begins at home against the 0-4 Galena Pirates on Friday, Oct. 7. Durand will play host in week eight, with Milledgeville dropping by to close 2016 and welcome in the new sports season ahead.

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# Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette McLane

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Take pride in being a family farmer. We just received a new shipment of our "This is a family farm" signs. This is a great way to show be proud

to be a farmer AND a member of the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau. We have had a good response to these signs and it's great to see them proudly displayed on area farms. The signs are available for purchase at our office for \$30.

The next Young Leaders meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2, starting at 8 p.m. here at the farm bureau building in Elizabeth. Anyone interested in joining the group that is under the age of 35 is welcome to attend. This group is working on some exciting new projects, so I would welcome you to become involved!

Farm Fun Fact: Sept. is National Honey Month.



Annette McLane



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## LEGALS

### Annual Treasurer's Report

#### Village of Stockton

Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2015 and Ending April, 30, 2016

#### Revenues:

Corporate Replacement Taxes	\$ 14,532	Reimbursements from State of Illinois	\$ 1,165
Sales Taxes	510,294	Cable Franchise Fees	18,252
State Income Tax	198,821	Telecommunications Fee	34,245
Motor Fuel Taxes	47,722	Water, Sewer and Garbage Receipts	1,285,914
Property Taxes	438,079	Interest Earnings	4,170
Licenses and Permits	19,786	Rent	6,600
Fines and Forfeitures	16,370	Miscellaneous	136,842
		<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$2,732,792</b>

#### Vendors over \$2,500:

Altorfer, Inc.	\$ 8,909	Martelle Water Treatment	\$8,527
B & J Construction	9,736	McGovern, Terry	6,180
Barkau Automotive	56,430	Midwest Business Products	4,358
Blue Cross Blue Shield	6,706	Mobile Electronics	5,725
Bob Ridings, Inc	25,080	MSA	98,555
Bonnell Industries Inc	29,097	Mullen Tree Service	13,075
Broshous Family Auto	9,097	Municipal Well & Pump	6,375
Cargill, Inc	3,685	New Generation Auto	4,179
Casey's General Stores, Inc.	8,231	Northern Illinois Environmental Applications	39,032
Certified Balance & Scale Corp	2,660	Oppold Backhoe	5,179
CITGO	5,118	Paja Law Office	10,034
Civil Constructors, Inc.	84,037	Precision Drive & Control, Inc.	3,740
Clean N Green	5,406	Purchase Power	5,210
Clerk Of The Circuit Court	6,570	Quill Corporation	3,193
Com Ed	4,299	Rowe Roofing	4,000
Community Funding & Planning Services	9,912	Shell Fleet Plus	4,597
Conmat	10,136	Spillman Technologies, Inc.	3,647
Constellation New Energy	7,531	Stockton Ace Hardware	7,982
Creativeations	6,905	Stockton Auto Supply	3,223
Dynegy Energy Services	107,309	Stockton School District	14,104
Econo Signs LLC	4,341	Stockton Township Road District	2,817
Evergreen Landscaping	20,800	The Bauer Group	35,221
Fischer Excavating, Inc.	14,161	Spahn & Rose	3,216
Frontier	7,070	Stockton Bowling Lanes	2,980
Gasvoda & Associates, Inc.	8,750	US Bank	300,916
Gills Freeport Disposal	158,884	United Health Care Insurance	7,441
HD Supply Waterworks, LTD	77,043	United States Cellular	3,141
Health Care Service Corporation	67,817	United States Treasury	163,627
Herrell Electric Service	65,187	USA Blue Book	13,713
Illinois Department of Revenue	21,762	Utility Service Co., Inc	38,275
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	79,042	Child Support Recipient	4,800
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	134,005	Viking Chemical Company	6,786
Illinois Public Risk Fund	28,572	VISA	3,017
JJ & Freddie's	11,040	Wards Grove Township Road District	2,594
Kathleen Field Orr & Associates	4,370	WatchGuard Video	16,554
Kleckner Excavating	16,200	Willet Hoffman & Associates	80,357
L W Allen LLC	10,821	Wipfli LLP	8,450
Lyons Lab	3,649	Zueger, Erwin	4,688
Lyons Well Drilling Company, Inc.	2,578	All other under \$2,500	106,570
M & M Concrete	27,985	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2,227,009</b>

#### Salaries:

##### Salaries under \$25,000

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Endress	Love	Lickes	Gonnerman
Heidenreich	Kunz	Weber	Allendorf
Bradley	Larson	Wachter	J. Vanderheyden
Brandt	Sheehan	Hayes	Hille
Gabel	Curtiss	Brown	

##### Salaries from \$25,000 to \$49,999

Sigafus	Haas
Luke	Sullivan
Olson	Townsend
Young	

##### Salaries above \$49,999

Patridge	Rice
Trost	Vanderheyden
Powers	

#### Village of Stockton

##### Summary Statement of Condition

Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2014 and Ending April 30, 2015

	General	Special Revenue	Enterprise
<b>Beginning:</b>			
Fund Balance	\$ 808,648	\$(142,022)	\$5,296,262
Revenues Received	1,066,158	365,761	1,300,873
Expenditures Disbursed	(1,077,822)	(357,198)	(1,194,252)
Depreciation	-	-	-
Other Financing:			
Sources	84,285	39,247	10,000
Uses	(42,967)	(74,565)	(16,000)
<b>Ending</b>	<b>\$ 808,648</b>	<b>\$ (142,022)</b>	<b>\$ 5,296,262</b>

Subscribed and sworn to this 13th day of September, 2016.

Diane Bradley, Treasurer

I, Susanne Young, Village Clerk of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016.

Susanne Young, Village Clerk

(Published in The Scoop Today Sept. 21, 2016)



# How to spot and avoid credit card skimmers

Compiled by Tony Carton  
EDITOR

The moment I started seriously worrying about credit card and debit card skimmers wasn't when my entire bank account was transferred to Turkey, or when I had to get three credit cards in two months because of fraudulent charges. It was when I learned that stealing a credit card number is as easy as plugging in a magnetic strip reader into a computer and opening a word processor. Every swipe is read as a keyboard entry, with no extra setup required. More advanced devices to steal your information are installed by criminals directly on to ATMs and credit card readers. These are called skimmers, and if you're careful you can keep from being victimized by these insidious devices.

## What Are Skimmers?

Skimmers are essentially malicious card readers that grab the data off the card's magnetic stripe attached to the real payment terminals so that they can harvest data from every person that swipes their cards. The thief has to come back to the compromised machine to pick up the file containing all the stolen data, but with that information in hand he can create cloned cards or just break into bank accounts to steal money.

Perhaps the scariest part is that some skimmers don't prevent the ATM or credit card reader from functioning properly.

Classic skimming attacks are here to stay, and will likely continue to be a problem even after banks make the shift to EMV chip cards, according to Stefan Tanase, a security researcher at Kaspersky Lab. Even if the cards have a chip, the data will still be on the card's magnetic strip in order to be backwards compatible with systems that won't be able to handle the chip, he told us. Now, months after the U.S. rollout of EMV cards, some merchants still require customers to use the mag-stripe.

The typical ATM skimmer is a device smaller than a deck of cards that fits over the existing card reader. Most of the time, the attackers will also place a hidden camera somewhere in the vicinity with a view of the number pad in order to record personal-identification-numbers, or PINs. The camera may be in the card reader, mounted at the top of the ATM, or even just to the side inside a plastic case holding brochures. Some criminals may install a fake PIN pad over the actual keyboard to capture the PIN directly, bypassing the need for a camera.

When you are pumping gas or grabbing some money for lunch out of the ATM, the last thing you want to worry about is your card information getting stolen. Here are some tips, straight from the experts.

## Check for Tampering

When you approach an ATM, check for some obvious signs of tampering at the top of the ATM, near the speakers, the side of the screen, the card reader itself, and the keyboard. If something looks different, such as a different color or material, graphics that aren't aligned correctly, or anything else that doesn't look right, don't use that ATM. The same is true for credit card readers.

If you're at the bank, it's a good idea to quickly take a look at the ATM next to yours and compare them both. If there are any obvious differences, don't use either one, and report the suspicious tampering to your bank. For example, if one ATM has a flashing card entry to show where you should insert the ATM card and the other ATM has a plain reader slot, you know something is wrong. Since most skimmers are glued on top of the existing reader, they will obscure the flashing indicator.

If the keyboard doesn't feel right—too thick, perhaps—then

there may be a PIN-snatching overlay, so don't use it.

## Wiggle Everything

Even if you can't see any visual differences, push at everything, Tanase said. ATMs are solidly constructed and generally don't have any jiggling or loose parts. Credit card readers have more variation, but still: Pull at protruding parts like the card reader. See if the keyboard is securely attached and just one piece. Does anything move when you push at it?

Skimmers read the magnetic stripe as the card is inserted, so give the card a bit of a wiggle as you put it in, Tanase advised. The reader needs the stripe to go in a single motion, because if it isn't straight in, it can't read the data correctly. If the ATM is the kind where it takes the card and returns it at the end of the transaction, then the reader is on the inside. Wiggling the card as you enter it in the slot won't interfere with your transaction, but will foil the skimmer.

## Think through your steps

Whenever you enter your debit card's PIN, Just assume there is someone looking. Maybe it's over your shoulder or through a hidden camera. Cover the keypad with your hand when you enter your PIN,

Tanase said.

Even if you don't notice the skimmer and swipe your card, covering your hand when you enter your PIN can keep you safe. Obtaining the PIN is essential, since the criminals can't use the stolen magnetic stripe data without it, Tanase said. Of course, that assumes the attacker is using a camera and not an overlay to obtain your PIN.

Criminals frequently install skimmers on ATMs that aren't located in overly busy locations since they don't want to be observed installing malicious hardware or collecting the harvested data. The ATMs inside banks are generally safer because of all the cameras, although some daring criminals do still succeed at installing them there. The ATM inside a grocery store or restaurant is generally safer than the one that is outside on the sidewalk. Stop and consider the safety of the ATM before you use it.

The chances of getting hit by a skimmer are higher on the weekend than during the week, since it's harder for customers to report the suspicious ATMs to the bank. Criminals typically install skimmers on Saturdays or Sundays, and then remove them before the banks reopen on Monday.

Whenever possible, don't use your card's magstripe to perform the transaction. For credit card readers, feel underneath the PIN pad for a slot to insert your card and its EMV chip to be read. When you use your EMV chip, the card is authorized on the device and your personal information is never transmitted. This forces criminals to attack the inner workings of EMV-enabled readers. While cracking EMV readers is possible, it's much harder than mag-stripe skimming.

If the credit card terminal accepts NFC transactions, consider using Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, or Android Pay. These services tokenize your credit card information, so your personal information is never exposed. If a criminal somehow intercepts the information, he'll only get a useless virtual credit card number.

## Stay Aware

If you don't notice a card skimmer and your card data does get stolen, take heart. As long as you report the theft to your card issuer (for credit cards) or bank (where you have your account) as soon as possible, you will not be held liable for the lost amount and your money will be returned. Business customers, on the other hand, don't have the same legal protection and may have a harder time getting their money back.

Timely reporting is very important in cases of fraud, so be sure to keep an eye on your debit and credit card transactions. Personal finance apps like Mint.com can help ease the task of sorting through all your transactions. Also, try to use a credit card whenever possible. A debit transaction is an immediate cash transfer and requires making an FDIC claim which can take weeks to be processed. Credit card transac-

## LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT FOR WOODBINE TOWNSHIP FOR 2015-2016

##### 1. GENERAL TOWN FUND

###### A. TOWN FUND

**Revenues:** Property Taxes: 65,883; Replacement Taxes: 1,636; Interest Income: 155; Insurance Refund: 1,069; Cemetery Donation: 300; Misc. Income: 51.

**Total Revenues:** \$69,094

**Expenditures:** IMRF: 6,136; TOIRMA: 7,544; Social Security and Medicare: 9,204; Federal Tax: 3,541; Mel's Lawn Service: 5,590; State Tax: 2,333; Transfer to Road and Bridge Fund: 20,000; All other disbursements less than \$2,500: \$3,332.

**Total Vendor Expenditures:** \$57,680.

###### Compensation Summary:

Range: Under \$25,000.00: Richard Cobine; Richard Dittmar; William Hayes; Jane Brown; John Dwinnells; William Wiley.  
Range: \$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99: Brett Haug.

**Total Compensation** (gross salary): \$48,920.

**Beginning Balance April 1st 2015:** \$66,441

**Total Revenues:** \$69,094

**Total Expenditures:** \$96,541

**Ending Balance March 31st 2016:** \$38,994

##### B. GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

**Revenues:** Property Tax: 4,005; Interest Income: 146

**Total Revenues:** \$4,151

**Expenditures:** Client expenses: 473; Insurance: 585.

**Total Compensation:** None

**Beginning Balance April 1st, 2015:** \$26,875

**Total Revenues:** \$4,151

**Total Expenditures:** \$1,058

**Ending Balance March 31st, 2016:** \$29,968

##### 2. ROAD DISTRICT

**Revenues:** Property Tax: 137,954; Replacement Tax: 1,236; Interest Income: 663; Motor Fuel Tax: 9,224; Transfer from Town Fund: 20,000; Transfer from Road Damage Fund: 3,000; Misc. Income: 340.

**Total Revenue:** \$172,417.

**Expenditures:** Cargill: 6,110; Citizens State Bank: 8,258; Conmat: 10,603; Fischer Excavating: 14,554; Grant Equipment: 10,650; Guys Towing: 8,871; Jo Daviess Co. Bridge Fund: 35,941;

Lafayette County Highway Department: 2,880; Metal Culverts, Inc: 3,064; NAPA: 2,583; Offenheiser Repair: 7,010; PCI: 5,085; Pearl City Elevator: 9,533; Windy Hill Repair: 4,533. All other disbursements less than \$2,500: 33,276.

**Total Vendor Expenditures:** \$162,951

###### Compensation Summary:

Range: Under \$25,000.00: Jeffrey Spoerl.

**Total Compensation** (gross salary): \$11,256

**Beginning Balance April 1st, 2015:** \$82,114

**Total Revenues:** \$172,417

**Total Expenses:** \$171,968

**Ending Balance March 31st, 2016:** \$82,563

##### A. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND

**Beginning Balance April 1st, 2015:** \$13,764

**Total Revenues:** \$124,752

**Total Expenses:** \$99,946

**Ending Balance March 31st, 2016:** \$38,570

##### B. BRIDGE FUND

**Beginning Balance April 1st, 2015:** \$60,165

**Total Revenues:** \$34,819

**Total Expenses:** \$54,787

**Ending Balance March 31st, 2016:** \$40,197

##### C. ROAD DAMAGE FUND

**Beginning Balance April 1st, 2015:** \$6,174

**Total Revenues:** \$2,916

**Total Expenses:** \$7,837

**Ending Balance March 31st, 2016:** \$1,253

##### D. BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND

**Beginning Balance April 1st, 2015:** \$2,011

**Total Revenues:** \$9,930

**Total Expenses:** \$9,398

**Ending Balance March 31st, 2016:** \$2,543

**Total Debt Outstanding Beginning of Year:** \$22,958

**Issued Current Year:** \$0

**Retired Current Year:** \$6,853

**Total Debt Outstanding End of Year:** \$16,105

I, Richard E. Dittmar, Treasurer of Woodbine Township, Jo Daviess Co., Illinois being duly sworn, say that the following statements are correct reports for fiscal year beginning April 1st, 2015 and ending March 31st, 2016.

(Published in The Scoop Today Sept. 21, 2016)



# Back to school - how to recognize and effectively treat head lice

Compiled by Tony Carton  
EDITOR

## What are the symptoms of a head lice infestation?

The earliest and most common symptom of a head lice infestation is itching, particularly in the area behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. Intense scratching may lead to secondary bacterial infection.

## How are head lice spread?

Head lice can be passed from person to person through direct contact. But they also can be transferred indirectly among clothing items when coats, hats and scarves hang or are

stored touching one another (in cloak rooms or when these items are placed against one another on coat hooks or racks). Head lice also can be spread when infested hair brushes or combs are shared or when infested bedding, towels or shower caps are shared. Once present in a home, school or institutional environment, head lice usually spread rapidly.

There are many misconceptions about head lice. They do not transmit communicable diseases. They do not jump or fly; they can only crawl. Head lice depend completely on their host for nourishment; their only source of food is human blood. The

prevalence of head lice infestation is no different in individuals with long hair than in those with short hair. Head lice seldom occur on eyebrows or eyelashes. They infest persons from all socioeconomic levels, without regard for age, race, sex or standards of personal hygiene. Animals are not a source of human lice.

## How long do head lice live?

The life span of an adult louse on a host ranges up to 30 days. During this time, the female head louse can deposit about 90 eggs. After incubating for seven to 10 days, the nits hatch and, after another 10 days, ma-

ture into adult head lice and the cycle begins again. Off the host, adult head lice can live about two to four days at 74 degrees Fahrenheit (F) and one to two days at 86 degrees. Nits will remain alive off the host for up to 10 days; they will not hatch at or below room temperature (68 degrees F).

## How are head lice infestations treated?

Both prescription and over-the-counter remedies are effective in treating head lice. But it is important that pregnant women and infants be treated under the direction of a physician because of concerns about potentially adverse effects. Be careful not to use topical preparations more frequently and over longer periods of time than directed. Overuse of these preparations may cause dermatitis or result in absorption of potentially toxic quantities of the drug. Since agents that kill lice may not kill nits completely even when used according to directions the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that infested patients be treated twice. The interval between treatments should approximate the incubation period for nits (seven to 10 days) so the second application will kill any newly hatched parasites. Waiting longer than 10 days to apply a second treatment may allow some parasites to mature and lay more eggs.

All persons who have head lice in a household should be treated.

To treat an infested person:

Remove all clothing;

Apply head lice medication according to label instructions (do not bathe before treatment), using a towel to protect the eyes;

Have the person bathe and put on clean clothing after treatment; and

Repeat treatment in seven to 10 days.

Special fine-tooth combs (nit combs) are readily available and can

be used to scrape nits and lice off the hair shaft. Combing out nits and lice after proper treatment is not necessary to eliminate infestation, but it may be used for cosmetic reasons or may be required by school "nit-free" policies or by health authorities. Parents and guardians should check treated children for lice and nits daily for two or three weeks after treatment.

## Should objects (e.g., clothing, furniture, etc.) be treated?

Objects that are able to harbor head lice and serve as vehicles of transmission should be treated.

Exposing lice and nits to temperatures above 125 degrees F for 10 minutes is lethal. Most personal articles of clothing and bedding can be disinfested by machine washing in hot water or machine drying for at least 20 minutes using the hot cycle. Be sure to allow time between loads for water to reheat to the disinfecting temperature.

Place non-washable personal articles of clothing or bedding in the dryer on high heat for at least 20 minutes, dry clean or seal non-washable fabrics in a plastic bag for a minimum of 10 days.

Place combs and brushes in a pan of water and heat on a stove to about 150 degrees F for 10 minutes. If heating may damage combs or brushes, soak them for one hour in a phenol solution (e.g., Lysol®). To prevent the spread of head lice, do not share combs, brushes, hats, coats, towels or other articles that come in contact with the head, neck and shoulders.

Thoroughly vacuum or clean car seats, bus seats, and individual infant and car seats according to manufacturer's directions.

Fumigating rooms and using insecticidal sprays on furniture and carpets are not recommended to kill head lice; thorough vacuuming of houses and rooms inhabited by infested persons is sufficient.

## 'The Great Gatsby' comes to the HCC stage

Highland Community College Theatre Arts program presents "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald for the fall 2016 theatre production. Performance dates are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Fine Arts Theatre located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

Highland's Theatre Arts Program is starting the season with a splash and a bang. F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" is adapted for the stage by Simon Levy in this play set in the Jazz Age. The young Nick Carraway is drawn into the world of greed and excess as Jay Gatsby pursues his dreams of love through wealth to disastrous effect. Join us for this lively look at the roaring twenties in America.

"HCC's production of Simon Levy's stage adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby' will be full of color, dancing, music and mystery," said Laura

Early, Theatre Arts instructor for Highland Community College. "The cast for Gatsby consists of over 25 HCC students and community members. 'The Great Gatsby' explores the pursuit of wealth and status at all costs. These themes will resonate with audiences today."

Linda Foat of Camelot Costumes, LLC will bring all of the beauty and luxury of the 1920s to life in the costumes for the show; Dave Vrtol, set designer, has some really lovely set pieces in store; and Highland student, Alex Jansen, will add to the mystery and liveliness of the production with his lighting design.

Tickets will go on sale beginning, Monday, Sept. 12, and are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students. There is a \$2 transaction fee for every ticket purchased. For reservations call (815) 599-3718 or visit highland.edu.



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## Columbia College announces eScholarship recipients

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The student honorees from this area include: Leanna Julius of Lena.

The scholarship is non-renewable and applies to tuition, books

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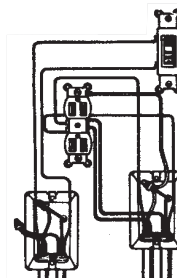
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## Bourquin students perform at recital

The students of Susan Bourquin performed in the annual recital on Monday, Sept. 12. Each student did a fine job and showed growth in their poise, confidence and ability.

## Regional Transportation Committee Meeting Notice – Region 1

The next Regional Transportation Committee meeting for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Carroll County Senior Center located at 306 N. Main St. in Mt Carroll. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in public transit.

The Regional Transportation Committee is responsible for the

development and implementation of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP). HSTP identifies transportation needs and develops solutions to improve transportation services for the general public. An emphasis is placed on seniors, people with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and veterans.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has formed an agreement with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) for the purposes of preparing, implement-

ing, and updating the plan for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) and Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam Counties). For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Kim Zimmerman at (815) 433-5830.

## •Report (Continued from page 3)

that the leak was only water condensation from a low temperature storage trailer.

At approximately 2:54 p.m. on 09/14 the Stockton Police Department received a call from an anonymous caller in reference to a female yelling loudly at loose dogs in an alley near the Stockton Elementary School. The caller advised that she was concerned about the safety of the children with the dog running loose. Police responded to the area and found 2 dogs changed to a post



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Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 is committed to helping students start the day off right with a healthy breakfast. Students can eat pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, milk, and other healthy choices based on the menu for the day.

## Starting the day off right with a healthy breakfast

Public Act 096-0158 requires that the board of education of each school district in this State shall implement and operate a School Breakfast Program in accordance with federal guidelines in each school building within its district in which at least 40 percent or more of the students

are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

While Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 does not meet the required guideline to be mandated to serve breakfast, the district is committed to helping students start the day off right with a healthy breakfast. Students can eat pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, milk, and other healthy choices based on the menu for the day.

“We believe that serving breakfast helps our students start the day right,” said Dr. Bill Caron, Superintendent. “Mr. Williams does an excellent job of providing our students with nutritional choices that meet the federal guidelines for breakfast programs. The students, and some staff, start their day in the cafeteria eating breakfast and socializing. It’s a great way to kick off the day.”

The school cafeteria is managed by Mr. Jeff Williams who has many years of experience in the food service industry.

## •Skimmers

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tions can be halted and reversed at any time, and doing so puts pressure on merchants to better secure their ATMs and point-of-sale terminals.

Lastly, pay attention to your phone. Banks and credit card companies generally have very active fraud detection policies and will immediately reach out to you, usually over phone or SMS, if they notice something suspicious. Responding quickly can mean stopping attacks before they can affect you, so keep your phone handy.

Just remember: If something doesn’t feel right about an ATM or a credit card reader, just don’t use it. And whenever you can, use the chip instead of the strip on your card. Your bank account will thank you.

Fahmida Y. Rashid contributed to this story

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# University of Illinois to hold sustainable Fruit and Vegetable series

As this year's growing season is winding down, it is time to start thinking about what your goals for your produce and gardens are for next year. If you are interested in learning more about how to grow your fruits and vegetables more sustainably but are unsure where to start then please come join us for this series presented by Grant McCarty, University of Illinois Extension's Local Foods and Small Farms Educator.

The Sustainable Fruit and Vegetable series will occur over three consecutive Wednesdays in October.

Each night of the series will focus on a different topic and help you learn how to grow your fruits and vegetables more sustainably. Night one of the series will focus on the introduction to sustainable fruits and vegetables looking at overviews of organic, sustainability, and permaculture and looking at the system approach to growing crops. Night two will focus on pest management as far as diseases, insects, weed control, integrated pest management (IPM) and organic materials review institute (OMRI) approved pesticides. The final night

of the series, night three will focus on soil building, soil health, nutrient management, cover crop options, manures, and composting.

This series will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 19, and 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office located at 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL 61028. The cost for the entire series will be \$15 per person. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited so give us a call at (815) 858-2273 or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> to get registered today!

## Public Notice: JDCF Seeking Renewal of Accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs. "JDCF's accredited status, awarded to the Foundation in 2012, ensures that we will be here to preserve the lands we love now and forever," says Steve Barg, Executive Director. "Our land trust is a stronger organization today having gone through the rigorous

accreditation program. It was accomplished with the help of many volunteers, key staff, and through the commitment of our Board of Directors."

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how JDCF complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see <http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help>

and-resources/indicator-practices. Comments on JDCF's application will be most useful by Nov. 11.

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org), or email your comment to [info@landtrustaccreditation.org](mailto:info@landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 112 Spring Street, Suite 204, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

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This workshop will be a learning opportunity for anyone interested in gardening. Learn how to grow your own vegetable garden. Learn about the different varieties and how to choose them. Learn to harvest your own vegetables and get them ready for any 4-H or open show competition.

This workshop will be held at the Groezinger Farm located at 13493 E. Blair Hill Rd. in Stockton, IL, and will begin at 4 p.m. This is open to all youth, all ages, and not just 4-Hers. There is no cost to attend. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit our website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call the Extension Office at (815) 858-2273. Reserve your spot today!

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# Pet Talk: Pets with disabilities: Deafness

Pets can experience hearing loss just like humans. Hearing loss in pets may be the result of disease, old age, or the pet may even be born deaf. No matter the cause, pets with hearing loss can still be great companions.

Sometimes it may be difficult to determine if your pet is experiencing hearing loss. Because pets cannot verbally communicate how they are feeling, it is important for pet

owners to pay attention to or record normal behavior in their pets in order to easily detect abnormal behavior. For instance, not responding to their name being called may be a sign of hearing loss in your pet. Other signs of hearing loss may include your pet being unresponsive to loud noises or food being poured into their food bowl.

One simple and effective way to see if your pet is experiencing hear-

ing loss is to wait until your pet is asleep or not looking at you. Try to make loud noises without causing vibrations in the floor or allowing your pet to see your movement. If your pet is unresponsive to the noises you make, this could mean their hearing is not fully functional.

"When pets do not turn toward loud noises, this is a good marker they may be deaf," said Dr. Stacy Eckman, clinical assistant profes-

sor. "If you clap or whistle, they should at least perk their ears up or turn toward the sound."

Typically there is no cure for deafness or any way to slow the progression of hearing loss in pets. Since we cannot judge levels of hearing loss in pets like we can in people, pets can lose hearing ability before a hearing impairment is even detected. Hearing aids are typically not used in pets because they are

expensive, may not be comfortable for the pet to wear, and they do not work in pets who have complete hearing loss. Although pet owners may think deafness bothers their pet, it may actually bother the owner more than the pet itself. For example, most dogs are not bothered by their deafness because hearing is not their main sense.

Despite their disability, pets with a hearing impairment can still learn commands via hand signals. As long as the hand signals are clear and consistent, a hearing-impaired pet can learn commands. In addition to teaching their pet hand signals, Eckman said some pet owners utilize vibrating collars to train and get their pet's attention. These collars can be bought at most pet stores. No matter the method used, hearing-impaired pets are certainly trainable.

To keep your hearing-impaired pet safe, keep them in a fenced yard or in your home as you would with other pets. You may choose to add a bell to your pet's collar so you always know where they are. In addition, it may be beneficial to add a tag on the pet's collar to indicate they are deaf in case they ever get lost.

"If your aged pet becomes deaf, it can still be a wonderful companion," Eckman said. "Teaching the pet commands based on hand signals and vibrations can further strengthen the bond with your pet. If you are adopting a deaf pet, they are still very trainable and great companions as well."

Although some may think it can be challenging to care for a deaf pet, hearing-impaired pets are just as loveable as a pet with full hearing.

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



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## Scales Mound Elementary School response to Intervention meetings

Throughout the day on Thursday, Sept. 8, teachers and paraprofessionals met at each grade level to discuss student test scores and academic achievement as part of Scales Mound School's Response to Intervention (RTI) program. RTI is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs. Teachers and paraprofessionals utilize the information from the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) and AimsWeb test along with their professional classroom observations to establish interventions at increasing levels of intensity to accelerate the rate of learning for their students. Progress is closely monitored to assess both the learning rate and level of performance of individual students. Educational decisions about the intensity and duration of interventions are based on individual student response to instruction.

