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Lena businesses and community organizations kick off winter wear for kids projects

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

The Lena area is due for a cold cold winter and if you are clearing out your closet, you might consider making a donation to one of these winter clothing projects.

Meghan Cox is a member of the Ladies of LFD, an organization that began a "Winter Coats for Kids" program last fall and is continuing with that project again this year.

"We were talking last year about giving back in some way," said Cox. "We were going to do Toys for Tots and then we ended up talking with Mary Gerbode at the Elementary School and she said there is a real need for winter clothing."

The ladies began collecting winter clothing on Oct 1, this year and will continue through Oct 8, when the fire department has its annual steak fry and casino night.

"We will be taking donations all though those events on the eighth," Cox said. "We need winter coats, boots, gloves and hats in kids' sizes from preschool all the way through high school."

Everything collected stays in the Lena community.

"We take everything directly to the school and let them determine who needs what," said Cox. "Items are trickling in and we are really happy with what's come in so far."

Winter clothing can also be dropped off at the Lena Winslow Elementary School at 401 Fremont St, Lena preferably during school hours.

"We are hoping this will be a good year again," Cox said. "Last year was our first year out and we donated about a hundred items and we would like to do even more this year."

Fluegel's - Embroidery Sports Boutique also found a way to give back to the community.

"I had been thinking about it and wanted to do something," said Annalisa Fluegel. She operates Fluegel's - Embroidery Sports Boutique in downtown Lena and while in conversation with Leslie Trice, a social worker with the Lena Winslow School District learned of the need for kids clothing.

"She was telling me there are kids in our schools that really need the clothes," she said. "So, it all just kind

of spiraled from there."

She said she and her daughter have things in her closets that they no longer wear and it just made sense to begin collecting clothing and donating it to the school where it would be anonymously distributed to the kids that need clothes.

"Some families are really tight and have to make choices and this might make it all a little easier," Fluegel said.

The response has been strong and Fluegel is working to continue gathering clothing year round for donation.

"I want to do this all the time," she said. "Kids grow out of clothing and it can be expensive."

Donations of shoes, jackets, pants, sweatshirts, everything that kids can use are requested.

"We are looking for clothing that will fit kids from preschool all the way through high school," said Fluegel. "I don't want people to think this is just for small kids like five year olds or something like that. We need clothing for kids at all levels of school."

She said clothing can impact a child's confidence and have an effect on kids' schoolwork and more.

"If we can help out a little bit and get the kids some clothes then we are accomplishing something," Fluegel said.

The folks at Fluegel's - Embroidery Sports Boutique have cleared a section of their building for sorting and storage of the donated clothing. If you have items to donate visit them at 46 W Main St, Lena, or call (815) 369-2015.

Charges filed in Jo Daviess County fatal hit and run crash

Jo Daviess County State's Attorney, John D. Hay together with the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, would like to inform the public of the following information. On Sept. 29, the Jo Daviess County State's Attorney's Office filed a criminal information charging Cory T. Rogers of Scales Mound with two counts of Failure to Report an Accident Involving Personal Injury or Death. One charge of Failure to Report and Accident Involving Personal Injury or Death is a Class 1 Felony and the second charge is a Class 4 Felony.

These charges stem from a motor



TONY CARTON PHOTO *Shopper's Guide*

The children of the Lena Firefighter's Women's group were on hand and helping their moms during Saturday's kickoff for the organizations second annual Coats for Kids project.

vehicle crash that took place near the intersection of N. Pea Ridge Road and E. Stagecoach Trail just outside of Scales Mound, Illinois on Sept. 17. These charges allege that Cory Rogers knowingly failed to stop the vehicle he was driving after that vehicle was involved in an accident. The charges also allege Alex Boelk,

age 17 of Apple River, Illinois was killed as a result of this accident.

This accident is being investigated by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Warren Police Department, Stockton Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

The State's Attorney's Office would like to remind the public the

criminal charges filed against Mr. Rogers are merely accusations and allegations, and are not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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Lena Library News

By Dixie Althoff
DIRECTOR

I can't believe we are at the end of September already. Seems like we just started the month and here we are finishing up already. Gearing up for the fun time of the year; when all the holidays begin. I hope we have a nice long beautiful fall. It is time to get out and visit your favorite apple orchard. This is my favorite time of the year. I enjoy these crisp mornings!

It remains busy here at the library. We had book discussion Sept. 28. We had a nice time and good discussion. Some of the books discussed were: Island House by Nancy Thayer, Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee, The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch, Boot-

legger's Daughter by Margaret Maron, The Amber Photograph by Pam Stokes, The Life List by Lori Nelson Spielman, Razor Girl by Carl Hiaasen, and Etched in Sand by Regina Calcaterra. There are a lot of interesting books. The next book discussion will be held Oct. 26, at 9:30. Plan to join us!

The after school program has begun. They have had a great two weeks. Last week

the kids made "apple volcanoes". You might wonder what is that? Well, they were made by partially coring an apple, placing soda with apple pie spice inside and pouring vinegar with green food coloring in. Out comes the bubbling green lava!

The kids all thought it was just

great!

For a snack, they had a caramel apple candy bar. Yummy! As you may have guessed, the theme for these two weeks has been apples/autumn.

This week for a craft all the children made "leaf people". They were made with silk

leaves and they glued eyes on them and drew arms and legs. They are very cute. If you get into the library, they decorate the wall by the front door very nicely. Stop in and take a peek! The snack this week was apple pies, which the children made. The pies were then topped with vanilla ice cream. (Ms. Kathy saved a couple: they were delicious!)

Last week the story hour group continued with the apple/autumn

theme. They each put an apple up on the tree. Books read were Apples A-Z and Ten Red Apples. For a craft, an apple with "wormie" was made. The apple was made from a small paper plate with torn pieces of red paper glued on. A brown stem and a green leaf were attached and little green "wormie" was added. Very cute!

For a snack they all enjoyed apples with caramel.

Songs sung were: Do you know the apple man? The apple tree, and A little apple seed. They finished with making the apple volcanoes. FUN! A very busy hour!!!

This week the theme was autumn/apples. Each child picked an apple from the tree and placed it in a basket. They talked about harvest time and fall. The craft for this week was a fall sunflower with a cute little smiley face.

Books read were: Kitten's Autumn and Clifford's 1st Autumn.

The children made and ate apple pies. Apple juice was enjoyed along with the snack. If you have not signed up for story hour yet, it is not too late. We welcome new children throughout the year. They learn so

much and have such a great time!

New Fall fiction: Commonwealth by Ann Patchett, Home by Harlan Coben, Twilight at Blueberry Barrens by Colleen Coble, An Angel's Touch by Heather Graham, Buried Secrets by Irene Hannon, Christmas Caramel Murder by Joanne Fluke, Texas Tall by Janet Dailey, Ties That Bind by Cindy Woodsmall, and Woman of God by James Patterson

New Non-fiction: In Such Good Company by Carol Burnett, and Killing the Rising Sun by Bill O'Reilly.

New Juvenile books: Ashlyn's Unsurprise Party by Valerie Tripp, Muddily-Puddily Show by Valerie Tripp, Riddle of the Robin by Valerie Tripp, and Madeline Finn and the Library Dog by Lisa Papp.

Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m. plan to join us for another hour of coloring. We have books and colored pencils here, but if you prefer to bring your own, you may do so. It is a time to unwind and socialize with others who enjoy coloring!

Watch the Shopper's Guide for future events. Enjoy the nice fall weather!

Extension to offer program on backyard apple tree production

University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce that a program titled Backyard Apple Tree School will be in Elizabeth, IL on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 1-4 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building, Elizabeth, IL. In collaboration

with several University of Illinois Extension Educators, this program, for new growers and homeowners, will give an overview of production, weed and insect control, and general management suggestions for apple trees.

"We continue to get questions from home gardeners and small growers about how to get started in growing apples or how to manage the apple trees they already have," states University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Candice Miller. "As a result, we've decided to host a program for anyone interested in growing their own apple trees."

The program begins at 1 p.m. with University of Illinois Extension Educator Bruce J. Black presenting Beginning Your Apple Tree Operation, giving gardeners the initial steps to establishing the trees, including site selection, soil testing, site preparation, variety selection and proper planting techniques. At 2 PM, University of Illinois Extension Educator, Candice Miller, will

discuss Successful Apple Tree Management including weed management, pruning, irrigation, harvesting and post-harvest handling tips. At 3 PM University of Illinois Extension Educator, Grant McCarty, will conclude the day presenting Keeping the Pests Away which will cover information about the specific pests and disease that you will see in apple crops that can lead to decline in plant health, effect fruit quality and production. Participants will learn how to identify these issues on their crops and the methods of control that can be used.

The Backyard Apple Tree School will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building, Elizabeth, IL 61028. Registration can be completed online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsr> or by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273. Registration fee is \$15. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension office.



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American Legion Auxiliary schedules Oct. meeting

The Oct. meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Oct. 12, at the Lena American Legion Home at 7 p.m. We will have a potluck dinner at 6:30 preceding the meeting and will be making tray favors for the hospitalized veterans.

Orangeville and Winslow Units

have been invited to join us for the dinner and meeting.

District President, Lillian Seffrood of Warren will be our special guest for the evening.

We will also be collecting school supplies. Dues will be collected. New members are always welcome.

Northwest Illinois Forestry Association to stage Johnson Creek Hardwoods Tour

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will tour Johnson Creek Hardwoods, near Mount Carroll, on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. until noon. For almost 20 years, this facility has been producing high quality lumber for craftsmen and woodworkers. Their stock is sourced from two dozen northwestern Illinois hardwood species in their adjacent woodland. The Johnsons will show their standing timber and will lead a walk through their shop discussing how logs are cut, lumber is dried, and their emphasis on quality. The finished products are displayed in their "Board Room".

A discussion of employment opportunities in the forestry industry will follow. Directions: From Mount Carroll, go south on IL Route 78 for 2.6 miles, then (turn left) east on Timber Lake Road for 1 mile, then (turn right) south on Daggert Road for 1.5 miles to Johnson Creek Hardwoods at 6480 Daggert.

This tour is open to the public; there is no charge to attend. NIFA is a non-profit woodland owner organization seeking to educate its members and the public about the environmental and economic benefits of sustainable forest management.

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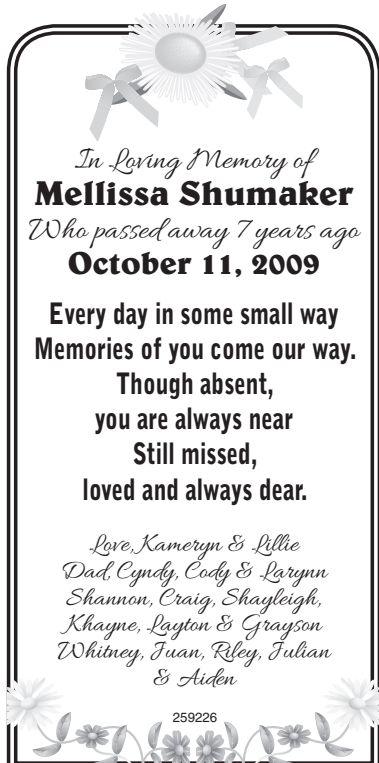
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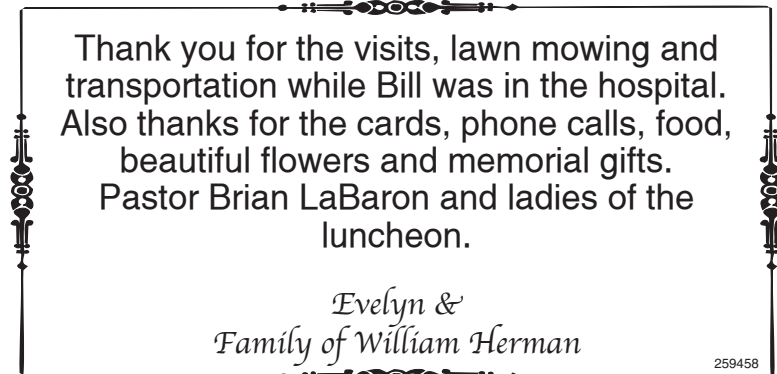
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Thank you for the visits, lawn mowing and transportation while Bill was in the hospital. Also thanks for the cards, phone calls, food, beautiful flowers and memorial gifts. Pastor Brian LaBaron and ladies of the luncheon.
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Number of area mumps cases on increase

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

With school back in session, winter on the horizon and an increase of reported cases of mumps in nearby Grant and Dubuque County schools the Illinois Department of Health is issuing information to help with recognition and treatment of the virus.

Mumps is a viral illness caused by a paramyxovirus, a member of the Rubulavirus family. The average incubation period for mumps is 16 to 18 days, with a range of 12 to 25 days.

Symptoms of mumps usually appear 14 days to 18 days of infection. They usually include fever, headache, and swelling and tenderness of one or more of the salivary glands, usually the parotid gland (located just below the front of the ear at the angle of the jaw). In mild cases the swelling may only last for three days to four days, but it may go on even up to a week or more. Approximately one-third of infected people do not exhibit symptoms. There is no specific treatment for mumps. Analgesics and

regular rinsing of the mouth are recommended to relieve symptoms.

Mumps can affect any person of any age who has not had the disease or been vaccinated against it. Mumps usually occurs in children, although older people may contract the disease. The greatest risk of infection occurs among older children. Mumps is more common during winter and spring.

The mumps virus replicates in the upper respiratory tract and spreads through direct contact with respiratory

secretions or saliva or through fomites. The risk of spreading the virus increases the longer and the closer the contact a person has with someone who has mumps. When a person is ill with mumps, he or she should avoid contact with others from the time of diagnosis until at least 5 days after the onset of parotitis by staying home from work or school and staying in a separate room if possible.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent mumps. This vaccine is included in the combination measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) and measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccines. Two doses of mumps vaccine are 88% (range 66% to 95%) effective at preventing the disease; one dose is 78% range (49% to 91%) effective. The first vaccine against mumps was licensed in the United States in 1967, and by 2005, high two-dose childhood vaccination coverage reduced disease rates by 99%. The MMR vaccine protects against currently circulating mumps strains.

Children 2 years of age and older entering a kindergarten through twelfth grade or a child care facility, a school operated program below the kindergarten level or a Head Start center in Illinois are required to show proof of immunity to mumps. Immunity can be

documented by date of vaccination, date of disease as verified by a health care provider, or laboratory evidence of mumps immunity.

In school settings, children in kindergarten through twelfth grade should have documentation of two doses of MMR vaccine, except students with medical or religious exemptions. Teachers and staff should have their immune status verified (vaccination serologic evidence of immunity, laboratory confirmation of disease, or birth before 1957). All staff should be educated on how to prevent the spread of mumps and signs and symptoms of the disease.

Exclusion of susceptible students from schools/colleges affected by a mumps outbreak (and other, unaffected schools judged by local public health authorities to be at risk for transmitting the disease) should be considered as one way to control mumps outbreaks. Once vaccinated, students can be readmitted to school. Students who have been exempted from mumps vaccination for medical, religious, or other reasons should stay home from the twelfth day after they were exposed to mumps through the twenty-fifth day after the onset of parotitis in the last person with mumps in the affected school.

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15, promotes the importance of replacing smoke alarms every 10 years

How often should the smoke alarms in your home be replaced? If you don't know, you're not alone. A national survey conducted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) shows that nine out of 10 Americans don't know how often smoke alarms need to be replaced. The correct answer: every 10 years.

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, NFPA is promoting this year's campaign theme, "Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," to better educate the public about this potentially life-saving message.

"While the public generally knows

that smoke alarms play an important role in home fire safety, some smoke alarm messages are not as well understood," says Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. "Not knowing how often smoke alarms need to be replaced - or that they even have an expiration date - are among them."

According to Carli, that lack of awareness means some U.S. homes may have smoke alarms that have outlasted their full functionality, putting people at increased risk in the event of a home fire. NFPA statistics show that three out of five U.S. home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms.

Key Survey Findings:

Half of Americans (50 percent) have three or more smoke alarms in their current home

Almost one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (19 percent) say the oldest smoke alarm they currently have in their home is 10+ years old

Nearly one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (18 percent) are not at all sure how old the oldest smoke alarm they currently have in their home is

When asked how often they should replace smoke alarms, nine in 10 Americans (90 percent) did not select the correct answer, which is once every 10 years

"Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in a home fire in half," said Carli. "That's why it's so important to make sure they're working properly."

A smoke alarm's age can be determined by looking on the back or side of the smoke alarm, where the date of manufacture can be found. Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase or installation). In addition, smoke alarms should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced when they begin to chirp, signaling that they're running low.

Fire departments throughout the U.S. and Canada play a key role in making Fire Prevention Week an annual success by implementing the campaign in their communities; departments throughout North America will be hosting open houses and other local events throughout the week of October 9-15.

For more information on smoke alarms and this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

About Fire Prevention Week

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation declaring a national observance during that week every year since 1925. Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more safety information.

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois to host training classes

What do you know about Hospice? Have you ever asked these questions - How do I know when to call Hospice? Are all Hospices the same? How does Hospice help? Have you ever thought that you would be interested in working as a hospice volunteer?

These questions and more will be addressed at the Hospice Training classes scheduled to be held by Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois, Inc. This training class will help answer questions and serve as training for those interested in serving as a volunteer with our organization. Our training program will give you a better understanding of the needs of someone with a terminal illness and their caregiver and also the grieving

process that people or you yourself experience. As a trained volunteer you would be qualified to work with direct client care, our bereavement program, Friendly Visitor Program, perform clerical duties in the office or help with various fundraising events.

This training program is scheduled to begin on Thursday, Oct. 13, and will be held each Thursdays through November 10, from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Hospice office at 105 S. Main Street, Stockton. Bring a sack lunch.

Call the office at (815) 947-3260 to reserve your spot. If you would like information on our training program, but cannot attend this training as scheduled, please call to make other arrangements.

Freeport Home Medical Equipment to host Living Well Senior Expo

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Highland Women's Care 'Mammo & Fresh Brew Break' and Stop-in Screenings on Thursdays

Data reveals that one in eight women are diagnosed with breast cancer, but the timing of that diagnosis can make all the difference. When breast cancer is detected early (in a localized stage), the five-year survival rate is 100 percent. Getting a mammogram screening is one of the most effective ways to detect breast cancer early.

To help women stay on schedule for recommended mammogram screenings Monroe Clinic is offering "Mammo & Fresh Brew Break" stop-in screenings every Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Monroe Clinic-High-

land Women's Care, 3103 W Kunkle Blvd., Freeport, Ill.

What distinguishes this program is that no appointment or referral is needed! Patients are even invited to enjoy treats and a cup of fresh brewed coffee or tea during their visit. Through the technology of electronic medical records, screening results will be available within 48 hours on MyChart.

Women age 40 or older are encouraged to take advantage of this convenient screening opportunity. Visit monroeclinic.org/mammo for more information.

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From the Desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

If you've read my column or watched the news over the course of the past several months, you know that Illinois is in dire financial straits. There are too many contributing factors to count, but I try to tackle them one at a time. Last week I made brief reference to one such area that I hope to shed more light on this week. I welcome your comments and feedback, and if you would like any source or reference material, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

There is little doubt that Illinois is heading towards a fiscal cliff. When you couple unsustainable state spending with an unstable tax base, the results are never good. On top of these mounting issues, we have even more bad news: Chicago is fiscally insolvent. Why does this matter to us in Northwest Illinois? Well, if the stop-gap budget is any indication, our tax dollars will be paying for a municipality's empty promises. No, state tax dollars will not be going to bail out Freeport or Rockford, they are going to Chicago.

Chicago's fiscal standing is on even shakier ground than that of the State. This year, Chicago's budget deficit is \$137.6 million. That number is

actually a huge improvement on the billion dollar deficits that the city ran from 2010-2013. But the bad news is that this number doesn't account for Chicago's pension obligations. This is where the state is expected to step in.

The least solvent of Chicago's pension funds by far is the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF). I don't fault teachers for wanting to make a good wage — we all want a good paying job. But at a certain point there has to be an understanding that there just isn't enough money.

The Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) has fought for higher pay and better pensions for decades. Again, I fully support teachers being paid a fair wage, but the following numbers are truly astounding.

State law mandates that teachers pay 9.4% of their yearly salaries into their retirement fund. In Chicago, teachers pay only 2%, and the school district supposedly covers the other 7.4%.

Chicago Public Schools average a salary of just over \$78,000 a year, and after that 2% pay in, the average teacher receives a taxable income of around \$76,440. The problem is that

by the teachers only paying in 2%, and CPS is walking away from its obligation to cover the other 7.4%, a fiscal cavern that makes the Grand Canyon pale in comparison has emerged with only empty promises filling the gap.

Chicago Public Schools' complete mismanagement has serious consequences for those of us who live west of I-294, because in the end we will be left picking up the tab. When the time comes, and the time is coming soon, the State will again be asked to bail out the City of Chicago. If and when this happens, it will add billions to our state's already growing deficit. Chicago's problems are our problems.

In 2014, the average retiring pensioner received \$68,196 a year. This pension is exempt from state income taxes. So CPS teachers can work for thirty years, contribute little to their own retirement fund, and receive a good retirement. Just imagine if you are a husband and wife who are both retired teachers and earn \$68,196 a year twice over.

Right about now most of you are re-thinking your career paths, especially those of you who are teachers in the area that actually contribute a sizeable portion to your own retire-

ments. But if I were a retired CPS teacher, I would be concerned about the solvency of my pension fund. No matter which way you look at it, this is a raw deal for the State of Illinois. So what is the CTU doing to remedy the situation? Nothing. In fact, they are accelerating towards the fiscal cliff. This year, CPS teachers will strike for more concessions. As one observer put it, "I can't believe some of these people teach my kid math."

But I would be remiss to lay all the blame on the teachers union. The reality is that the city of Chicago and CPS have been complicit as well.

Beth Purvis, the state's Secretary of Education says this: "The stunning fact is that while the state provided major assistance to CPS, Chicago shirked its own duty to pay its pensions. From 1995 to 2015, the state sent CPS payments totaling approximately \$1.1 billion for pension contributions. During that same time frame, CPS skipped pension payments for 10 straight years and received General Assembly approval for three additional years of contribution reductions."

The Secretary goes on to say, "Given these conditions, it is no surprise

that CPS leader Forrest Claypool is now asking for a financial bailout for the irresponsible behavior of his predecessors, but let's not be confused. This additional allocation for CPS is not to restore equity — it's to make up for years of financial mismanagement."

Teachers want to make a good wage; I respect that. But what I can't abide by is Chicago using the rest of Illinois to pay for it. Next year, the State will pick up a minimum of \$215 million dollars of CPS pension costs. Mark my words: that is only the first drop in the bucket.

Successful businessman Anthony Hitt sums up my thoughts exactly when he said, "Keep every promise you make, and only make promises you can keep." The private sector is expected to follow through on their promises, and so should the government. At this moment, our State government — and the City of Chicago — needs to focus on not making promises we can't keep.

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Governor Rauner urges action on bipartisan legislation to reduce recidivism

Prior to a meeting of the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform, Governor Bruce Rauner, Sen. Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago) and Rep. Mary Flowers (D-Chicago) today voiced their support for the General Assembly to pass bipartisan legislation to ensure that any person being released from the Department of Corrections (DOC) or Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has a valid state identification card upon release.

"In order to combat recidivism we need to remove some of the hurdles offenders face when they

are released from a detention facility and begin to re-integrate into society," said Governor Rauner. "In this case, it's the simple step of providing an offender with a state ID. For a newly-released offender preparing to re-enter society, the importance of having a valid form of identification cannot be overstated, as its needed to do basic things like sign a lease, get a cell phone, or open a bank account. I urge the House of Representatives to join us in helping to end the cycle of recidivism by giving former offenders another tool necessary to be successful and thrive."

SB 3368, which was approved unanimously by the Senate in April, requires the Secretary of State to issue a standard Illinois ID card, at the time of their release, to any person being released from the DOC or DJJ who present their birth certificate, social security card, and two proofs of address. For individuals without these documents, the Secretary of State will issue a limited-term, 90-day ID to released individuals who present a verified document from DOC/DJJ with their name, birth date, social security number, and

proof of address. They then have 90 days to present this ID at the Secretary of State to receive a standard issue ID.

"Providing ex-offenders with legal identification upon release is one of many innovative, commonsense proposals coming out of the bipartisan work of the Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform," said Sen. Raoul. "Not everything we must do to drive down recidivism and reduce our prison population is as straightforward as this legislation, but this is one simple step we should

take immediately to aid in the successful re-entry of those who have paid their debts to society."

The legislation was one of the recommendations made by the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform in their efforts to reduce the state's current prison population by 25 percent by 2025.

Additional information on the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform can be found online at <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/cjreform2015/>

From the offices of US Senator Dick Durbin

Yesterday, Congress skipped town to head back to their states, leaving behind a mountain of unfinished business. And while this Republican majority has been tooting its own horn about all they've accomplished, it's their inability to solve the critical problems that is the true legacy of the 114th Congress.

The pile of unfinished business grows by the hour in Washington.

Instead of working across the aisle to find solutions and pass legislation, Senate Republicans have repeatedly engaged in political gamesmanship to avoid addressing the real issues facing our nation. Even though an overwhelming majority of Americans support commonsense gun reform like universal background checks, Senate Republicans continue to block any meaningful action to address the scourge of gun violence in our communities.

Senate Republican leaders have also refused to bring bipartisan criminal justice reform to the Senate floor. I've introduced bipartisan legislation that would reform America's criminal justice system, ensuring it is fairer and more transparent. This bill is ready to go; the most significant bipartisan reform of our criminal justice system in a generation is waiting on Senator McConnell's desk. If Senator McConnell would do his job and bring this bill to the floor of the Senate, it would pass with support from a majority of Democrats and a majority of

Republicans.

In October, the Supreme Court will begin a new term, still with only eight Justices on the bench. Despite Judge Merrick Garland's nomination to the Supreme Court almost 200 days ago, Senate Republicans continue to deny this highly qualified nominee a hearing and a vote. Their refusal to give a Supreme Court nominee a hearing is unprecedented and shameful.

And finally, seven months after President Obama requested emergency funding to combat the Zika virus, Republicans decided yesterday to drop their extreme partisan demands and provide these critical resources. While I am glad that we finally provided this funding, I remain troubled that it took so long to respond to this public health emergency, which has been particularly devastating for pregnant women and their children. More than 23,000 people in the United States and our territories are currently infected with the Zika virus, including more than 2,000 pregnant women. Had we provided the needed funding back in February when it was requested by the President, perhaps we could have prevented some of these infections.

The challenges facing America can't wait another seven weeks, they can't wait until Election Day, and they certainly can't wait until next year.

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Obituaries

DONALD E. DUNLAVEY

Donald E. Dunlavey, 79, passed away on Monday, Sept. 26, 2016 at his home in Warren, IL. He was born on June 21, 1937 to Walter William and Helen Sylvia (Gibbons) Dunlavey in Monroe, WI. Donald spent most of his younger years farming. He dug many of the graves in the Stockton area by hand and was given the nickname "Digger." When he quit farming he moved into Stockton and lived at Rainbow Ridge. He worked as a janitor for micro switch. He was a very hard worker and would do anything that was asked of him.

He is survived by his special friend Jill Winslow of Warren, IL, sister; Mary Neuenschwander of Brodhead, WI, brother; Robert (Betty) Dunlavey of Monroe, WI, sister-in-law; Karen Dunlavey of Winslow, IL; Numerous nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers; Joseph, Francis, Walter and Chuck.

A visitation and memorial service were held Oct. 1, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Inurnment will be at Puddledock Cemetery in Argyle, WI.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

KEITH BRIAN NOWAK

Keith Brian Nowak, 57, of Loran, died Thursday Sept. 29, 2016, after a hard fought battle with cancer. Keith was born Nov. 25, 1958 to Delbert and M. LuElen Nowak. He graduated from Pearl City High School in 1976. Keith married Cathy McDearmon (Johnson) in 1989. His love of farm life and mechanics lead to many years of work at Heimerdinger Farms, Freeport Park District, a self-employed welder, and Stamm Farm Systems. He was a member and trustee at the First United Methodist Church of Pearl City, and member of the Pearl City Jaycees. He was assistant scout master for Boy Scout troop 27 of Pearl City. Keith loved attending and helping at auctions, especially those of his close friend Tyler Lobdell. He most loved spending time with his grandkids and attending their activities and sporting events.



Keith is loved and will be missed by his wife Cathy McDearmon-Nowak (Johnson), his three children; Matthew McDearmon, Sarah (Robert) Kuhlemeier, and Luke McDearmon, sisters; Cindy Koester and Sara (Ralph) Lucas, numerous nieces and nephews, Father and Mother-in-law Wayne and Marilyn Johnson, and the pride of his life, his grandchildren; Alexander and Zackarey McDearmon, and Kendra and Karsen Kuhlemeier.

He was preceded in death by his parents Delbert and M. LuElen Nowak, his grandparents, and cousin Randy.

Services for Keith were held at the First United Methodist Church of Pearl City, with the visitation Oct. 2, and funeral on Oct. 3, officiated by Rev. Matthew Smith. Burial was at the Salem Cemetery of Loran. A memorial fund has been established. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.schwarzfh.com

ROSEMARY (RICKE) HELLER

Rosemary (Ricke) Heller, age 87 of Stockton, IL, passed away Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 at the Lena Living Center in Lena, IL. She was born on Aug. 3, 1929 in Menominee, IL; the daughter of the late Herman and Susan (Bonnet) Ricke. She was educated in Menominee and graduated from East Dubuque High School in 1946. She was employed with the Telephone Co. in Dubuque as an information, long distance and trainer operator. She married Foster Heller on Oct. 1, 1949 at Nativity Church in Menominee.

In 1954 they moved to Woodbine and started in the farming business. She enjoyed the life of a farm wife. They raised their four children in that area. She was an election judge for over 20 years. She was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church of Stockton. She was an avid reader and was a sweet natured, kind hearted lady. Rosemary was a person of strong faith and a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the pride and joy of her life. She and her husband moved into Stockton in 2003 after retiring from farming.

She is survived by her husband, Foster of Stockton; son, Stan (Deanna) Heller of McFarland, WI; three daughters, Sharon (Richard) Kump of Stockton, Kathy Knauer (Patrick Breen) of Elizabeth, IL, and Donna (Grant) Offenheiser of



Derinda, IL; seven grandchildren, Melissa (Justin) Luecke of Freeport, IL, Keri Daman of Crystal Lake, IL, Matthew Kump (Vic) of San Jose, CA, Kyle Knauer of Elizabeth, Michael (Abby Strack) Offenheiser of Elizabeth, Jack and Claire Heller of McFarland, WI; five great grandchildren; brother, Clarence (Mary) Ricke of East Dubuque, and three sisters, Rosella McCarthy of Lake Villa, IL, Alvena Ricke of Lake Zurich, IL and Anna Mae (Robert) Sadler of East Dubuque, IL.

She is preceded in death by her parents; infant brother, Arnold; sisters, Rita Knautz and Celia Ricke; five half-brothers; two half-sisters; and two brothers-in-law.

The visitation and funeral service were held Sept. 29, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. Interment took place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Stockton. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with her family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Births

NATALEY BENNETT

Shane Bennett and Megan Winslow of Warren, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Nataley Arlene Bennett born Saturday Sept. 24, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Nataley has a sister Hailey, 5. Grandparents are Al and Diane Winslow of Gratiot, Wis. and Janet Raisbeck. Great grandmother is Donna Ostendorf.

STELLA GRACE MARIE WILD

Jason Bennett and Kelsey Wild of Warren announce the birth of their daughter Stella Grace Marie Wild Bennett. Stella was born at 6:38 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Monroe Hospital Clinic, Monroe, Wisconsin. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches in length.

Stella was welcomed home by big sister Bernice (age 5) and big brother Sam (age 2 1/2). Paternal grandparents are Brad and Joanne Bennett of Tinley Park, Illinois. Maternal grandparents are Lynne Wild and the late Tom Wild, of Stockton and maternal great grandmother Betty Gallagher, also of Stockton.

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Anniversaries



Bernice and Cletus Eden

Eden to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Cletus and Bernice (Lieb) Eden of Stockton, IL are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The couple was married on Oct. 9, 1966 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, IL by Pastor Gilbert Pingle.

Their children are Cheri (John) Eden-Catron of Winnebago, IL and Greg (Tamara) Eden of Reedsburg, WI

Grandchildren are Austin and Alyssa Gugliemetti of Winnebago, IL and Forrest Eden of Reedsburg, WI

The couple will be celebrating with a family party and taking a trip at a later date.



Ken and Sandy Groezinger

Groezinger to celebrate 50th anniversary

Ken and Sandy Groezinger of Stockton, Ill. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday Oct. 15, from 3-8 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building. Ken and the former Sandy Westaby were united in marriage on Oct. 15, 1966. They have three children Jane (Mike) Brown, Dean (Lynette) Groezinger and Carrie (Joe) Winter all of Elizabeth, Ill. There are nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Hello Galena! Featured artists for October: Sarah Digman and Valerie Stuermer-Walker

The featured artists for October at Hello Galena!, a local artist co-op, are Sarah Digman and Valerie Stuermer-Walker. Digman is an up-cycle artist, who creates jewelry, cards, wallets, and magnets. Stuermer-Walker is a design artist, who creates clothing and accessories.

The artists will host Meet and Greet events in the Hello Galena! shop at 121 N. Commerce Street, Galena, Ill. Everyone is invited to meet Digman on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 1-4 p.m. The Meet and Greet for Stuermer-Walker is Saturday, Oct. 22, from 1-4 p.m.

Digman's creative nature was recognized at a young age. "When I was about 6, I watched my mom and grandmother crocheting with friends," Digman shares. "I asked if they would teach me. It gave me something to keep me busy." Later on, she learned woodworking from her grandfather.

Arts and craft kits played a part in Digman's development as an artist. She requested kits for birthdays and holidays, learned from each project, and went on to adapt the processes and create her own designs. From fidgeter to fun craft maker to featured artist, Digman's creative talent produces pieces that are hard to resist. Be prepared.

Stuermer-Walker has the DNA and

education for combining craft, design elements and style to make distinctive "Wearable Art Creations," the name of her business. She describes her work, "...from conception to completion every item mixes both fun and elegant design features." Hobbies, occupations and travel destinations are used as themes for her designer jackets, vests, and watches. The new jackets for children are irresistible.

The fun comes naturally. Stuermer-Walker is surrounded by a family of artists; two brothers, Daryl and Duane, are acclaimed musicians. Creativity is in Stuermer-Walker's genes, and, as a student at St. Francis High School in Milwaukee, she was inspired by her art teacher to explore all creative outlets. The outcome is brilliant.

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

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



Lorna and Randall Kuhlemeier

Kuhlemeier celebrate 50th anniversary

Randall and Lorna (Prasse) Kuhlemeier of Pearl City, Ill. will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday Oct. 16, at Park Hills Church 2525 W Stephenson St., Freeport, Ill. from 1-4 p.m. The couple was married Oct. 16, 1966 at Salem UCC in Elroy, Ill. with the Rev. Robert Marquardt officiating. Their children are Anita (David) Evans and Amy (Don) Visel all of Lena, Ill., Tricia (Pat) Vandenburg of Freeport and Bill (Heidie) Kuhlemeier of Pearl City. They have 21 grandchildren Ben (Rose) Evans and great granddaughter, Summer, Luke and Sarah Evans, Josh (Amanda) Visel, Rachel (Caleb) Zimmerman, Isaac, Noah, Josiah, Caleb, Hannah, Rebekah and Joanna Visel, Christa, Timmy, Zeke, Katie and Micah Vandenburg and Joey, Ella, Abby and Lola Kuhlemeier. They request no gifts just your presence at their celebration.

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees to hold Oct. meeting

The National Association of Civil Employees Palisades Chapter #604 was organized and chartered in 1957 and renamed NARFE (National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees in 1982. The future will be determined at it next monthly luncheon and meeting on Oct. 20, at 12 p.m. (noon) at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL.

The State Federation District #2 Vice President Linda Bass, Rock Island, IL, will provide a report of the August National Convention held in Reno, Nevada. As well, she will install new officers if a successful election happens.

All active & retired NARFE members, spouses, spousal survivors are cordially invited and urged to attend and participate in this vitally important meeting.

Those not on the permanent list, please call (815) 273-2184 to make a reservation by Oct. 18.

Again, the result of this meeting will determine the future tenure of Chapter 604.

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Benton/Scales Mound Homecoming Week 2016

During the week of Sept. 19-24, Scales Mound School joined Benton Schools in celebrating Homecoming Week through a variety of activities. There were dress up days throughout the week including Tourist Day, Whacky Wednesday, Superhero Day and School Spirit Day. The week was capped off by a variety of activities including a pep rally, 5K color run or walk, parade, tailgate party, a ceremony recognizing the high school football players and Homecoming Court, football game v. Potosi Chieftains and a Homecoming Dance. Pictured are the Homecoming Representatives from Scales Mound High School Kelsey Wienen and Jacob Winslow.



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Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences awards annual scholarships

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University has awarded more than 2,250 scholarships to students for the 2016-17 academic year.

The college and its departments award more than \$3 million in scholarships each year. Students interested in applying for scholarships should go to <https://www.scholarships.cals.iastate.edu> for more information and deadlines.

Along with strong scholarship support for freshmen, transfer students and current undergraduate and graduate students, the college continues to attract a record number of students and maintain high placement rates for its graduates.

This fall, for the fifth year in a

row, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences experienced record enrollment. The college has 4,657 undergraduate students and 738 graduate students for a total of 5,395.

In Oct. 2015, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Career Day attracted a record number of employers - 277 companies and organizations. The fall career day is the largest of its kind in the nation. Placement of the college's graduates has been 97 percent or higher for 19 consecutive years.

The college also:

- * ranks as one of the top 10 agricultural colleges in the world.

- * has nationally recognized faculty - two professors were elected in 2015 to the prestigious National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, and since 2006, eight professors have been honored with USDA national awards for excellence in teaching food and agricultural sciences.

- * has an Agricultural Entrepreneurship Initiative that has produced several student start-up companies, one of which earned the 2015 American Farm Bureau Federation Entrepreneur of the Year.

- * has a study abroad program that has sent students to study on all seven continents.

- * has award-winning student clubs that help develop global leaders, including best-in-the-nation-honored clubs and judging teams in agricultural business and turfgrass management.

Scholarship awards for the 2016-2017 academic year were presented to: Matthew Carroll of Elizabeth, recipient of the Joseph Fleming Endowment Scholarship, Jacob Lawler of Kent, who was awarded the John Wesley Coles and Eda Coles Scholarship in Agriculture and Jordon Oellerich of Lena, who received the Dean's Leadership Scholars Scholarship.

Highland Board of Trustees approves fiscal year 2017 budget

Highland Community College Trustees approved the permanent fiscal year 2017 budget on Tuesday, Sept. 27, during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The operating funds budget, which comprises instruction, student services, administration, and operations and maintenance of buildings and grounds includes \$13.6 million in revenues and \$13.8 million in expenses for fiscal year 2017 (FY17).

The new budget reflects a reduction in expenditures of approximately \$700,000 from the previous year's budget. College officials cited strategic cost reductions that took place in FY16 and in the FY17 budget building process for the decrease. The measures included a reduction in force and employee benefits; substantial savings in the College's property and liability insurance; and targeted cuts identified by administrators and other budget managers.

"The College continues to face challenges in relation to our main operating revenue sources, which are projected to fall short of expenditures by about \$272,000 next year," said Jill Janssen, vice president of administrative services. "The College will utilize the fund balance, or reserves, in the operating funds to collect this shortfall. Fund balance levels are expected to be at 19 percent of expenditures, just below the level recommended by the Illinois Community College Board of at least 20 percent of expenditures."

Janssen adds the main sources of revenue in the operating funds are student tuition and fees and local property taxes. Due to the State of Illinois' budget challenges; state funding is no longer a main source of the College's revenue, as it has been historically. In fact, state funding is expected to be only five percent of overall funding for FY17. This was also the case for FY16, as a result of the state budget impasse. For FY17, there has not been definite information about the College's state fund-

ing due to the lack of a full state budget. It is estimated that, over the course of the most recent two fiscal years, Highland's state funding will have decreased by about \$2 million due to the state's budget issues.

Highland's enrollment levels have increased over last year, which has stabilized tuition and fee revenue. District-wide assessed valuation is estimated to increase slightly for the upcoming tax year resulting in about one-half percent more property tax revenue than received in the prior year. Overall, the College is budgeting a small increase in operating revenue from FY16 actual levels.

The majority of the operating budget comprises instruction and services that directly impact students. It is estimated that the College's overall tax rate will be maintained at the current level. The state has paid the College for the unrestricted grants included in the stopgap budget which covers the first half of the fiscal year. This amounts to about 40 percent of the historical levels of state funding for Highland Community College. State funding for the remainder of the year has not been approved.

The FY17 budget also includes a Protection, Health, and Safety project that will allow for secure card access to campus buildings. This will replace the current traditional door locking system and will improve campus safety and security.

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 • Wednesday Evening Adult Bible
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 • Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - Junior and Senior
 High Teens

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 • *Sunday Worship – 10:30 a.m.*
 • *Bookworms Reading Group - 7:00 p.m.,*
2nd Monday of the month

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Cell (815) 238-0670
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 • *Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.*
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536 E. Schapville Road,
 Scales Mound, IL 61054
Pastor Mark Oehlert
(815) 970-4780 (cell)
(815) 845-2061 (church)
 • *Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*
 • *Sunday School (Sept. – May) – 8:45 a.m.*
 • Holy Communion is celebrated weekly.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

608 East Railroad, Warren, IL 61087
Father Skrobitt (815) 745-2312
 • *Sunday Mass – 8:00 a.m.*
 • Reconciliation Sunday – 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, IL 61048
Rev. Rick Bader (815) 369-4035
 • *Saturday Evening Worship – 5:30 p.m.*
 • *Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
 • Deaf Interpreter at 8:00 a.m.
 • Blast Program at 9:00 a.m.
 • High School & Adult Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
 229 S. First St., Pearl City, IL 61062
www.stjohnspearlcity.org
Pastor Thomas Ekstrand (815) 443-2215
 • *Sunday Morning Worship – 9:00 a.m.*
 • Christian Education for all Ages - 10:15 a.m.
 Handicapped Accessible

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

8315 S. Massbach Road, Elizabeth, IL 61028
Pastor Lisa Burbank
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 • *Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.*
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 • Reconciliation Saturday – 5:30 – 5:50 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Father Skrobitt (815) 369-2810
 • *Saturday Mass – 4:00 p.m.*
 • *Sunday Mass – 10:00 a.m.*
 • Reconciliation Saturday – 3:30 – 3:50 p.m.

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Pastor: Mike Nesbit (815) 858-3334
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 • *Sunday School &*
Adult Bible Study - 8:45 a.m.
 • *Wednesday Evening Worship – 7:00 p.m.*

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Pastor Brenda Morris
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 • *Sunday Worship – 10:45 a.m.*
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 • Communion Every 1st Sunday
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197 Carver Street, Winslow, IL 61089
Pastor Robert Patin (815) 230-1862
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 • *Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.*
 • *Sunday Evening Service – 7:00 p.m.*
 • Prayer and Bible Study – Wednesdays at
 7:00 p.m.

YELLOW CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

12602 W. Dublin Road, Pearl City, IL
Pastor Ellis Boughton • 815-864-2049
Email: ellis.boughton@live.com
 • *Sunday Services – 10:00 a.m.*
 • *Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.*
 (when available)

ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH

10100 W. Sabin Church Rd., Pearl City, IL
 61062
Worship Leader – Ed Curry (815) 541-3278
 • *Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.*
 • *Sunday School 10:15 a.m.*



CHURCH NOTES

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. On Oct. 26, please join us for a community Family Fall Festival at the church from 4-7 p.m. There will be games, crafts, prizes and refreshments. If you'd like more information about our services or events, email us at pcumc@aeroinc.net or visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/pcumcil.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Oct. 9, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion as we join in prayer, celebration, and worship on this Confirmation Sunday as we join with our Confirmands in professing our faith. Pastor Miho leads us in worship and the children's sermon. Following worship, there will be a Reception for Confirmands. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Monday Oct. 10, the Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Speaker will be: Shaneka Collier, MS—Clinical Mental Health Counselor Topic will be: "STRESS"

On Tuesday Oct. 11, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will host the Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center at 9:45 a.m. It will be a wonderful time of singing favorite hymns. Volunteers are welcome to come and sing along and to help residents with their hymn books.

On Wednesday Oct. 12, 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.

On Thursday Oct. 13, the Friendship Club will meet for a potluck dinner and entertainment with Del Heinz.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Oct. 9, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. 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, all are invited and welcome to learn more of what the "Word" means to us.

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

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

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City presents Restored and The Church Sisters in concert

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Oct. 9. 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, "Jesus Heals Ten." Confirmation class for seventh and eighth grade youth will also meet at 10:15 a.m. Scrip orders will be due on Sunday, Oct. 9. The Property Committee will meet at 10:15 a.m. Members of the council will be available for questions during Coffee with Council. The SPOTS Youth group (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. also on Oct. 9.

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, Oct. 9, in the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth (High School) group will meet at 7:30 p.m.

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. 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.

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 6 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 2 sisters backed by their talented musicians brings life to musical audiences around the world.

Vendor Fair: St. John's will host a Vendor Fair on Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Interested in having a booth? Contact the church office at (815) 443-2215 or email at prsh-admin@gmail.com. The Spaghetti Luncheon will also be on Nov. 6, along with an FHN Community Flu Shot Clinic.

Wesley United Methodist Church to host annual Big White Church auction

By Tony Carton

EDITOR

Wesley United Methodist Church is hosting it Eleventh Annual Big White Church Auction Saturday, Oct. 16, on the church grounds at 127 E Benton Ave. Stockton.

Furniture, dishes, tools and many household items will be on the auction block. Come help yourself! There will also be a number of "From the Heart" items donated by member of the church. Those items range from homemade pies, decorated cookies, refurbished furniture, specialty dog treats, wine baskets and canned goods.

The Wesley Ladies will be serving a luncheon of hot beef, chicken/dressing sandwiches, soups, salads, and desserts in the Fellowship Hall starting at 11:30 a.m. and continue

through the auction.

Don't miss the bake sale and farmers market.

If you have items you would like to donate, please call Susan Schamberger at (815) 947-3190 or Claire Timpe at (815) 947-3877 or Patti Adleman at (815) 541-8435.

Items can be picked up from your home. No item is too big or too small. Don't be a hoarder, unload those treasures and come join the fun!

Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016

Albrecht Stars – Relay For Life

2nd Annual Card Party & Soup Supper

at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City
Euchre at 1:30 p.m., Supper at 4:00 p.m.
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11th Annual **Fall Luncheon**
Wesley United Methodist Church
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Sunday, October 16th at 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Featuring: Hot Beef, Chicken & Dressing
Sandwiches, BBQ, Hot Dogs.
Soups: Chili, Chicken Noodle and Potato
Salads: Jello, Potato. Desserts Galore!

Serving through the Big White Church Auction.
Auction start time 12:30 p.m.
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211 N. Hulbert Road, McConnell, IL

**Ham Supper
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Saturday, October 8 • 4 - 8 p.m.

You are invited to our Annual Ham Supper
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Scales Mound Alumni pursues her dream

When she graduated from Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 in 2007, Alycia Lyne probably did not expect her wall of the district. As a sophomore in mural to be part of the lasting history Art 2, Alycia and Mrs. Sara Wentz collectively drew and painted the "Scales Mound Mona Lisa" on a wall that once was the home of a trophy case near the main entrance. "The Superintendent at the time wanted to add some color to the hallway," Lyne said.

She remembers the drawing was a joint venture between her and Mrs. Wentz. They wanted to create an image that combined classic art with scenery of the community and school spirit. What emerged was a parody of the famous painting Mona Lisa.

"We added the rural background of our farming community with the letter jacket and school colors," Lyne said.

Lyne said that some of her best memories of Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 were during her high school years.

"I liked high school because of the flexibility," she said. "We had multiple teachers and students from all grade levels in our classes. We made friends."

Currently in her fifteenth year of teaching art at Scales Mound, Mrs. Wentz remembers this mural like it was yesterday. "Alycia did a spectacular job and I'm just as proud of her efforts today as I was 9 years ago," said Wentz. "The ceiling tile murals in the art room have become an integral part of the art curriculum and students are so excited to be given the opportunity to leave behind their own artistic

legacy."

As a group, students select an artist and one of their artworks to recreate as homage. The Mona Lisa, by Leonardo da Vinci, has been acclaimed as the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, and the most parodied work of art in the world.

Wentz recalls thinking that this particular painting deserved a special place in our school, apart from all the other masterpieces. When the wall by the office became available, it was decided that it would be the perfect spot for her.

Lyne went on to Northern Iowa Community College where she earned an Associate's degree in early childhood education and then a Bachelor's degree from the University of Dubuque in liberal studies.

She recalls that from freshmen year of high school she wanted to "develop a countywide child care facility that supported the parents in our community, one that supported parents on different shifts."

She remembered the struggle her own working parents faced when she and her brother were younger. She currently works for the Galena ARC as an early childhood education teacher and still hopes to develop the daycare she dreamed of as a student at Scales Mound High School.



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Alycia Lyne currently works for the Galena ARC as an early childhood education teacher and still hopes to develop the daycare she dreamed of as a student at Scales Mound High School.

Local clubs invite children to be new members

4-H members in this county will join the 6 million youth across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 2-8. 4-H youth development programs provide hands-on learning activities for youth in Illinois and throughout the country. 4-H youth programs focus on leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Every county in Illinois has a 4-H program which is operated through University of Illinois Extension. 4-H club membership is open to youth aged 8 to 18. Youth 5 to 7 years of age may join the 4-H Cloverbud program.

There are several ways to participate in 4-H. Youth may join 4-H clubs, coordinated by local certified adult volunteers. Each club decides how often it meets, the location of its meetings and the activities held during the meeting.

Members may select from over 100 different project areas to study while they build leadership, teamwork, cooperation, decision-making and communication skills.

"Youth may also choose to focus on a very specific project area and join a club specifically related to that one project," said Angela Miller, 4-H Youth Program Coordinator for University of Illinois Extension. "Robotics, photography, gardening, visual arts, and nutrition, are just a few of the popular topics for special interest clubs."

One may also participate in 4-H through short term projects held during school or at after school youth organizations. Some of these popular groups teach youth about caring for

the environment, preparing for a career, making healthy choices or other priority issues which build a person's life skills.

To learn more about 4-H and enroll

your child in a local club, one may contact the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at (815) 858-2273 or visit our website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>.

Le-Win High School announces homecoming week schedule

Lena-Winslow High School is announcing homecoming week as the week of Oct. 10. The theme this year is "Panthers Taking Over the Nation". The homecoming parade is Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 2:15 p.m. Later on that night at 6:30 p.m. there will be an Iron Man Volleyball game at the High School Gym, with a bonfire immediately after in the high school parking lot.

Friday is the Homecoming football game. The F/S game starts at 5:30 p.m. and the coronation of the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen will take place between the F/S and Varsity football game. The band will be performing at halftime of the Varsity game. To conclude Homecoming Week, there will be a dance Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. in the high school gym.

Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy to host annual Craft & Vendor Extravaganza

Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy (formerly the AVC) students are gearing up for our third annual Craft & Vendor Extravaganza. While the event mainly consists of over 35 local artists and vendors, individual student programs will also be showcasing their talents. The Auto Body Program has been busy welding Tiki themed yard accessories, chairs, and other items to sell. The Culinary Arts Program will be serving up various breakfast options, as well as pulled pork, homemade chips, and delectable desserts throughout the day. The National Art Honor Society will have art prints

for sale and on site face painting. CTE Academy students from all programs will be volunteering throughout the day to make this event possible. This year there will also be a 50/50 raffle; need not be present to win. All proceeds from program items and the raffle go directly back to student opportunities for the rest of the school year. The CTE Academy Craft & Vendor Extravaganza is located at 950 US RT 20 W in Elizabeth, IL. It will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 8, and there is no admission fee. For additional information see our website at www.cteacademy.net

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University of Illinois Extension announces fall programs

As fall hits in full swing, harvest begins, pumpkin patches are open for business, and we finally get some relief from all of the heat and humidity, the U of I Extension team is working hard planning some great fall programs that we hope to see you at! The programs we are planning thus far range from nutrition and wellness, to sustainably growing vegetables, to how to properly tend to your apple trees, to testing your home to ensure you do not have a radon problem.

Along with our upcoming programs, our Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners have also been hard at work making their presence known in the county. Some have been busy working with the City of Galena to offer suggestions on how to make an area downtown more eye appealing, another Master Gardener

worked with The Workshop in Galena to offer suggestions on raised bed gardens that were also handicap accessible for those who may need that option. The Master Gardeners also just wrapped up their help desk hours for the year. Every Wednesday since May there has been at least one Master Gardener in the Jo Daviess County Extension Office in Elizabeth from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to answer questions we receive from people in the county about anything horticulture related. Even though the help desk is closed for the year please still send any questions you have to us and we will do our best to get them answered for you.

Upcoming Programs:
Sustainable Fruit & Vegetable Series

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 19 & 26 6-8 p.m. \$15 U of I Extension Office

Night 1-Introduction to Sustainable Fruit/Vegetables-Overview of organic, sustainability, permaculture. Focus on a systems approach to growing crops

Night 2-Pest Management-Diseases, Insects, Weed Control, IPM, OMRI Pesticides.

Night 3-Soil Building, Soil Health, Nutrient Management, Cover Crops, Manures, Compost

To be held at U of I Extension Office, 204 N. Vine, Elizabeth, IL

Pre-registration requested.
Backyard Apple Tree School

Wednesday, Oct. 26 1-4 p.m. \$15 Elizabeth Community Building

Topics covered will include: Beginning Your Apple Tree Operation, Successful Apple Tree Management, and Keeping the Pests Away. This program is for new growers or homeowners with apple trees al-

ready established

To be held at Elizabeth Community Building, Elizabeth, IL

Pre-registration REQUIRED by Monday, Oct. 24.

Recipe Makeovers & Easy 5 Ingredient Meals

Tuesday, Nov. 1 6-8 p.m. \$10 U of I Extension Office

Diane Reinhold will give several ideas on recipe makeovers and 5 ingredient meals that will make meal prep quick, easy, and delicious. Registration fee includes a tasty meal using these techniques.

This program will be held at U of I Extension Office, 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL

Pre-registration is REQUIRED by Friday, Oct. 28.

Radon

Wednesday, Nov. 2 1-3 p.m. \$6 Galena Territory Association Own-

er's Club (Social Hall B)

Wednesday, Nov. 2 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$6 U of I Extension Office

Program participants will learn what radon is and how it enters a home, the danger radon poses, and how a home can be tested for radon. Discussion will also include information about reducing the radon levels in a home including contact information for licensed radon professionals in the area that can help homeowners through the process of testing and mitigation.

Pre-registration REQUIRED

The registration fee will include a take home radon test kit.

To learn more about any of our upcoming programs or to register for a program please visit our website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call us at (815) 858-2273.

Discover Dodge Tourism hosts annual Dodge County Fall Farm and Foliage Tour

Come to Dodge County on Saturday, Oct. 8, for a day full of fun for the whole family! Once again, Discover Dodge Tourism is sponsoring the "Drive-It-Yourself" Dodge County Fall Farm and Foliage Tour. It will highlight various attractions and agri-

cultural stops around Dodge County and provide the opportunity for participants to have an up-close experience of a variety of cultural, retail, historical and agricultural stops. The tour will begin with the first stop and map pickup at the Black Oak Forge

on Hwy 33 between Beaver Dam and Horicon. Drive-It-Yourself tour maps will be available at this first stop on the Saturday of the tour between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon. The tour hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 8.

This all day event is filled with fun activities for all ages. The tour will have some outstanding stops which will entice everyone's interest as well as provide an excellent chance to take in the beautiful autumn landscape of Dodge County.

The first stop will feature a modern day blacksmith who will give demonstrations. Then participants can drive into Beaver Dam to the Seippel Homestead and Center for the Arts to enjoy patriotic artwork and demonstrations by area artists and the opportunity for children to paint a pumpkin.

The next tour stop takes you into Fox Lake to their downtown area where there are interesting shops and a brat fry at the local American Legion.

Next on the tour is the Fox Lake Historical Society's village to see the buildings and learn about the history of Fox Lake. After visiting all the stops in Fox Lake, participants will

head to Tom Dooley's Apple Orchard to pick your own apples and buy other delicious treats. Their apple pies are said to be the best around!

Next on the map is Marsh Haven, a nature center located on Horicon Marsh. They will have a nature scavenger hunt to do as well as their displays at the center. If that isn't enough, the tour ends at the Rock River Archeology Living History Days event at the other end of Horicon Marsh! There you will find a drum circle, native American craft and jewelry vendors, buck skimmers encampment, artifacts to view, food and beverages, and lots more to see

and do.

While at the Living History Days, be sure to go inside the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center and visit the New Explorium. If you run out of time, plan to stay the night at one of the many inns and hotels in Dodge County. There are other activities happening in Dodge County over the weekend too.

For more information about the tour and events in Dodge County go to www.discoverdodgecounty.com.

You are guaranteed a fun day with a variety of activities! Load up your car with friends and family and enjoy the day in Dodge County, WI.

Candidates invited to Blackhawk Sierra Club candidates' forum

WHO: Blackhawk Sierra Club
WHAT: Candidates Forum
WHEN: Thursday, October 6, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Winnebago County Forest Preserve Office, 5500 N. Rock Dr., Rockford, IL (just north and east of North Main and the Harlem Road Bridge)

All candidates for all political positions in the upcoming November election are invited to a candidate's forum sponsored by the Blackhawk Sierra Club on Thursday, October 6, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Forest Preserve Office, 5500 N. Rock Drive., Rockford (just north and east of North Main and the Harlem Road

Bridge). The program is free and open to the public.

Candidates on a first come-first served bases will introduce themselves and address their concerns about local environmental issues. So far five candidates have agreed to attend.

A representative from the Illinois Sierra Club will speak about national and state environmental issues including bobcat hunting, fracking, clean energy jobs, and protecting our state parks.

For more information you can call Stanley Campbell, Conservation Chair of the local Blackhawk Sierra Club, at (815) 964-7111.

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OTHER PROPERTIES

WINSLOW - MOTIVATED SELLER - LARGE YARD with access to back yard from basement. Home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, spacious eat in kitchen, dining room, living room, office/toy room, breezeway and main floor laundry. Roof has been replaced and the exterior of the home stained & trim painted, upstairs bedrooms new carpet & paint 2014, kitchen and bath/laundry room remodeled 7/8 years ago. Call today to see this home in the Le-Win School District. Priced at \$65,000

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WINSLOW - WELL CARED FOR COUNTRY HOME in Le-Win School district. Main floor features large entry, open living room & dining room, kitchen, summer kitchen, main floor bedroom being used as office/home gym, laundry and half bath. Upstairs is a sitting area, three bedrooms and a full bath. Beautiful wood floors add to the character of this home. Walk up attic perfect for storage or make more living space. Barn with 2 stalls for parking, storage space and a lean too. Newers include new roof in 2014, exterior doors and 8 windows. Priced at \$82,500

LENA - SPACIOUS HOME WITH OVER 2,000 SQ. FT. of living area. 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath home - 4th bedroom now used as a family room. Eat-in kitchen plus formal dining room area and formal living area. (This home was once used as a duplex in upper level - call for details). Enclosed back porch and large open front covered porch. 2 stall detached garage with workshop area. Located on corner lot. Priced at \$83,000

LENA - NICE HOME ON LARGE LOT - 2-3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 stall attached garage. Updates include central air 2014, wood flooring in living room and dining room, covered front porch and sidewalk in 2013, new electric updated to circuit breakers 6/15. Roof 13 years old and furnace 8 years old. Priced at \$105,000

4-H celebrates National 4-H Week Oct. 2-8

University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Program serves nearly 3,000 youth across the Stateline. Whether via participation in a 4-H community club or in 4-H educational programming at schools, community centers or partner sites, 4-H members and participants learn by doing—a critical tenet that underlines all 4-H programming. “4-H encourages youth to experiment, innovate, and think independently,” said Jackie de Batista, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator. “We believe in hands-on education where youth not only learn about specific educational topics but also learn how that topic might be relevant to future career choices, leadership skills, or benefit their community in some way.”

Oct. 2 – 8 is National 4-H Week, and 4-H staff, members and volunteers in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties are joining more than 6 million 4-H members across the nation to celebrate and

promote 4-H. “The 4-H learn-by-doing philosophy will be on display across the tri-county region during National 4-H Week and throughout the month of Oct.,” continues De Batista.

Most prominently, 4-H staff is partnering with Stateline area school districts and organizations to offer the 4-H National Youth Science Day activity, Drone Discovery, to hundreds of youth. 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is the world’s largest youth-led engineering design challenge. This year’s challenge will teach youth a wide variety of topics related to unmanned flight including flight dynamics, remote sensing, aircraft types, and the principles of coding. 4-H staff is leading Drone Discovery activities at Galena, Lena and Freeport Public School Districts, and at the Discovery Center Museum in Rockford.

The Discovery Center Museum Drone Discovery activity is open to the public and will be held from 11

a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 15. 4-H Tech Wizards youth participants will teach kids how to make paper plate gliders and use them to navigate a model forest to identify wildlife species, simulating a real-life use of drone technology. The 4-H Tech Wizards are offering this event as a service learning opportunity, a perfect example of how 4-H youth give back to their community. There is no cost to participate in the 4-H Drone Discovery activity but Discovery Center Museum entrance fees will apply.

4-H club members are also showcasing National 4-H Week by putting up window and bulletin board displays in libraries, stores and schools, hosting “4-H Day” activities in various communities, handing out flyers, and recording Public Service Announcements for local radio stations. To learn more about 4-H or about National 4-H Week activities in your community, call your local Extension office.

Rock River Archaeological Society weekend offers unique activities for children

The Rock River Archeological Society is gearing up to offer some very unique activities for children and families at their October Weekend on Oct. 8 and 9. The event will be held at the Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, N7725 Highway 28, in Horicon. The hours for the event will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no admission cost.

Activities will include:
Atlatl Throwing -The Atlatl a Stone

Age artifact that was used as a hunting weapon. This hunting weapon requires skill rather than muscle power alone. It uses leverage to achieve greater velocity in dart-throwing and includes a bearing surface which allows the user to store energy during the throw. Atlatl experts will be on hand to coach and teach the use of this ancient tool.

Fire Starting is an age old activity. Children today think a fire is started with a match, but the technique of starting a fire dates back to the earliest

man. There were no matches, but fires were used to cook food and provide warmth. How did they do it? Come and find out.

Corn Grinding will be demonstrated for everyone and everyone will be offered the chance to try their hand at this activity. As soon as Native Americans became acquainted with corn it became one of the main staples in their diet. Come and see how they ground the corn to save it for another days use.

Bead Collecting is fun for all children attending the event. Beads are one type of artifact found throughout Wisconsin. Some are made of glass. Some are made of clay and others are made of shell or other materials. The children will be given a little bag that has a few starter beads in it and directions telling them what to do. Children are encouraged to collect as many beads as they can. After they have collected their beads (which they can take home and use to make a bracelet) they return to the starting place and collect a reward. It is like a treasure hunt and very easy for children to see the big signs that say “Bead Stop” where they can collect a bead.

Horicon Marsh Explorium will be open both days and can be found by descending the large stairway in the dynamic lobby. A very small cost of \$4 for a student or \$15 for the whole family will allow admission. The incredible story of the Horicon Marsh is told in this interactive Explorium where sight, touch, sound and smell are used to tell the story.

Many interesting sites will abound at this Archaeological Weekend where the whole family will be involved. It is guaranteed that children in attendance will be talking about their experiences at this event for years.

The Archeology Weekend event is also part of the Discover Dodge Tourism “Fall Farm & Foliage Tour” on Oct. 8. Find more information about the tour at www.discoverdodgecounty.com. Come and spend the weekend in Dodge County!

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Stockton Homecoming

Luke Huschitt, Christian Kampmeier and Aaron Dvorak representing the HCC Servant Leadership Stockton Chapter worked the registration and breakfast table during Saturday's Radio-Thon.



Members of the Stockton High School choir performed under the direction of Vocal Director Lana Crandall during the school's homecoming festivities.



The Greenvale Neighborhood Club celebrates its one hundredth year of friendship with a ride in the Stockton Homecoming Parade



Corey Hicks and his special two-year-old friend Primrose ride in one of the Stockton Ambulances during Friday's Stockton Homecoming Parade



Amy Powers and friends operated the Stockton High School Post Prom brat stand during Saturday's Homecoming activities. The Post Prom Committee is hosting a series of fundraisers in support of the school's post prom event.

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The Stockton Class of 1966 gathered for a reunion and celebrated with a ride in the 2016 Homecoming Parade on Friday afternoon

(Right) Jashanti Nichols and Ag Advisor Jacob Snook manned the school's FFA pumpkin stand during Saturday's homecoming events. Members of the Stockton FFA will be selling pumpkins at the stand through Halloween.



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Stockton Homecoming

Freshman attendants Tessa Tucker and Winston McPeck, Junior attendants Megan Gille and Hunter Luke, Queen Courtney Haas and King Patrick McGovern, Senior attendants Jill Harmston and Tom Eden, Sophomore attendants Elizabeth Rowe and Drake Oppold



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Lauren Johnson and Alyna Haas take time off from their kindergarten responsibilities to ride in one of the ambulances in the Stockton Homecoming Parade



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Stockton Homecoming

Members of the Stockton High School Band entertain the hundreds of residents that gathered to watch Friday's Homecoming Parade.

(Righ) The Stockton Elementary School teachers put on the Ritz and had slots of fun doing it during Friday's Homecoming Parade

(Below) Stockton resident and WWII veteran Robert Zwicker now 92 years young rode in the Stockton Homecoming Parade. Zwicker participated in the occupation of the Omaha Beach landing sector in Normandy.



The Stockton Chamber of Commerce featured its 2015 Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost in Friday's Homecoming Parade

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Chronic Wasting Disease stalks the woods

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

Sportsmen across the tri-state area are taking to the woods as the 2016 deer hunting season kicks into high gear, but the hunters will not be the only ones stalking deer this year. A killer with reported genetic ties to mad-cow disease lurks in the woods and threatens to end a tradition of deer hunting in Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and other

parts of the United States.

The condition, known as Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD is not new, but it is deadly to deer, and while there is nothing directly linking the disease to humans, until more is learned, the risks cannot be ignored. Hunters are urged to practice extra caution when handling animal carcasses, and all harvested venison should be tested and proven safe before eaten.

“Jo Daviess County is well known for its plentiful deer harvest and officials throughout the area are engaging in herd management projects in the hope the sport will continue and the harvest remain safe for consumption.

“We work very closely with the IDNR,” said Apple Canyon Lake Deer Management Committee Chair Jack Finley. “And, we’ve had an archery program for seven or eight years where we have tried to keep the deer population in balance with the carrying capacity of the lake.”

Apple Canyon Lake is a 480-acre recreational lake community close located in northern Jo Daviess County IL. Its deer committee oversees multiple deer counts annually to track the facility’s deer population and the success or failure of area management programs.

“Apple Canyon Lake currently has a deer population of approximately 40-45 deer per square mile during the winter, which is almost twice the norm, and according to the IDNR the highest population of deer in Jo Daviess County,” said Finley. “Twenty per square mile is high and while there is no concrete evidence that overpopulation causes CWD, when the disease is present overpopulation speeds the spread of the disease and that is what we are working to control.”

CWD is a serious infection and has been found recently in two deer on properties adjacent to Apple Canyon Lake. The likelihood

of the disease entering its herd is a motivating factor in the IDNR decision to harvest and test 75 deer from the lakes’ herd.

“We will be shooting with archery equipment, but if we do not reach the numbers requested by the IDNR they will come in and be sharpshooting with guns,” said Finley. “We harvest and test around 40 deer annually and if we bring that number in again the IDNR will come in and shoot another 35. If we take down all 75 they are requesting they won’t shoot any, but we’ve never come close to 75.”

The lakes’ deer committee is approaching nearby landowners and asking them to help.

“If they have hunters we are asking them to remove the heads and bring them to the refrigeration units at our maintenance facility, so we will hopefully reach the numbers the IDNR needs,” Finley said.

He said if CWD is found in the harvested 75 deer the IDNR will take more animals in an attempt to reduce the herd and control the spread of the disease.

“We are hoping they will not find infected animals here, but we think they would not be operating a harvest and test program on such a large scale if they did not think the disease was present,” Finley said. “We are cooperating fully with the IDNR and use their expertise to see if we can maintain a robust healthy deer herd.”

Jeff Horn, District Wildlife Biologist, spoke at the Apple Canyon

Lake Deer Committee’s orientation and safety meeting in early September and provided further information about the disease and the IDNR’s work to control it.

“We found the first infected deer in Illinois in 2002 near the Winnebago and Boone County lines,” said Horn. “Since that time we have implemented a two pronged effort to manage the disease.”

To stop the spread of the disease which is transmitted mainly through deer-to-deer contact, the state has increased hunting and testing opportunities and used an aggressive sharpshooter program in infected areas to thin the herd.

“Our efforts are very focused and our goal is to remove infected deer,” said Horn.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is testing thousands of animals from Illinois’s wild deer population. The Illinois Department of Agriculture monitors captive deer and elk herds in the state. Also, the Department of Agriculture obtains samples from captive deer and elk herds at slaughter plants.

There is no evidence CWD can be transmitted to humans. Epidemiologists with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found no evidence that prion-related disease in humans occurs more often in hunters and consumers of wild game than in the general population. However, ongoing public health surveillance is important to fully assess the potential risk.



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Pet Talk: adopting and training a service dog

Dogs can be incredibly smart and comforting animals. While most dog owners depend on their dog for emotional support and companionship, others look to dogs for assistance with disabilities, such as blindness or hearing loss.

Service dogs are specially trained to assist with many types of disabilities. As defined by the American Disabilities Act, a service dog is any dog assisting a person with a disability and the animal must be trained to do a task for the person. Because service dogs are so highly trained, they are allowed to go in many public places, such as restaurants, busses, bathrooms, and even on school and university campuses.

On the other hand, therapy dogs are not considered a service dog by law—nonetheless they still help people. Therapy dogs are trained to provide comfort and affection to people and are often used in caring facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes. While therapy dogs certainly require training to behave in public, service

dogs are known for their incredible obedience and multi-step training programs that help shape them into the perfect assistance dog.

“Service dogs have to learn that even though a person who is blind told them to go through a door, they should not go if there is a hazard that could injure their owner,” said Dr. Alice Blue-McLendon, clinical assistant professor and faculty advisor for the Aggie Guide Dogs and Service Dogs (AGS) student group at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. “The dog disobeying the owner to prevent injury is called ‘intelligent disobedience.’ If a blind person tells the dog to step off the curb because they want to cross the street, but the dog sees a car coming, the dog has to refuse to go. This high-level training makes service dogs unique from other dogs, including therapy dogs.”

How does the process for training a service dog begin? According to Blue-McLendon, phase one training begins in puppyhood. Puppies learn

basic obedience in phase one training and are gradually exposed to working in public places. Once the puppy completes phase one training, the puppy is sent to complete phase two training at a professional service dog organization. Overall, training lasts until the dog is at least two years old.

The puppies are trained using positive reinforcement through treats or clickers. Students in the AGS program at Texas A&M raise puppies that are typically Labrador retrievers or Labradoodles—a mixed breed of Labrador retriever and poodle. These breeds have been the most successful in the training programs to become a service dog.

“We usually raise the puppies until they’re about 18 months of age,” Blue-McLendon said. “The students house train, potty train, and socialize the puppies, and then we donate them to organizations, such as Guide Dogs for the Blind, that provide phase two training for them to become full-fledged service dogs.”

In phase two training, the dogs are evaluated for performance and obedience to determine which specific disabilities they are most suited to help with. For instance, a tall and obedient dog may be trained to reach objects off a high counter for people in wheelchairs. However, not every dog that completes phase one training graduates from phase two training. Some dogs that do not pass phase two training are repurposed as therapy dogs or are kept as well-trained pets.

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Proposed changes in the existing constitutional amendment are indicated by underscoring all new matter and by crossing with a line all matter which is to be deleted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 11 TO ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

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(c) The costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation shall be limited to direct program expenses related to the following: the enforcement of traffic, railroad, and motor carrier laws; the safety of highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, or airports; and the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and administration of highways, under any related provisions of law or any purpose related or incident to, including grade separation of highways and railroad crossings. The limitations to the costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation under this subsection (c) shall also include direct program expenses related to workers’ compensation claims for death or injury of employees of the State’s transportation agency; the acquisition of land and the erection of buildings for highway purposes, including the acquisition of highway rights-of-way or for investigations to determine the reasonable anticipated future highway needs; and the making of surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates for the construction and maintenance of flight strips and highways. The expenses related to the construction and maintenance of flight strips and highways under this subsection (c) are for the purpose of providing access to military and naval reservations, defense-industries, defense-industry sites, and sources of raw materials, including the replacement of existing highways and highway connections shut off from general use at military and naval reservations, defense-industries, and defense-industry sites, or the purchase of rights-of-way.

(d) None of the revenues described in subsection (a) of this Section shall, by transfer, offset, or otherwise, be diverted to any purpose other than those described in subsections (b) and (c) of this Section.

(e) If the General Assembly appropriates funds for a mode of transportation not described in this Section, the General Assembly must provide for a dedicated source of funding.

(f) Federal funds may be spent for any purposes authorized by federal law.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment adds a new Section to the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that provides revenue generated from transportation related taxes and fees (referred to as “transportation funds”) shall be used exclusively for transportation related purposes. Transportation related taxes and fees include motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees, and other taxes and user fees dedicated to public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit (buses and rail), ports, or airports.

Under the proposed amendment, transportation funds may be used by the State or local governments only for the following purposes: (1) costs related to administering transportation and vehicle laws, including public safety purposes and the payment of obligations such as bonds; (2) the State or local share necessary to secure federal funds or for local government transportation purposes as authorized by law; (3) the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, and operation of highways, mass transit, and railroad crossings; (4) expenses related to workers’ compensation claims for death or injury of transportation agency employees; and (5) to purchase land for building highways or buildings for to be used for highway purposes.

This new Section is a limitation on the power of the General Assembly or a unit of local government to use, divert, or transfer transportation funds for a purpose other than transportation. It does not, and is not intended to, impact or change the way in which the State and local governments use sales taxes, including the sales and excise tax on motor fuel, or alter home rule powers granted under this Constitution. It does not seek to change the way in which the State funds programs administered by the Illinois Secretary of State, Illinois Department of Transportation, and operations by the Illinois State Police directly dedicated to the safety of roads, or entities or programs funded by units of local government. Further, the Section does not impact the expenditure of federal funds, which may be spent for any purpose authorized by federal law.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution


Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment adds a new section to the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution. The proposed amendment provides that no moneys derived from taxes, fees, excises, or license taxes, relating to registration, titles, operation, or use of vehicles or public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, or airports, or motor fuels, including bond proceeds, shall be expended for other than costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation, costs for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and betterment of public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, airports, or other forms of transportation, and other statutory highway purposes, including the State or local share to match federal aid highway funds. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.


YES
_____ For the proposed addition of Section 11 to Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.
NO

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Done in the City of Springfield, this 22nd day of June, 2016.


Jesse White
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Broncos effectively knock AFC from playoffs

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT
A big win by the Orangeville Broncos on Friday, Sept. 30, 30-23,

means the playoffs probably won't happen for the Ashton-Franklin Center Raiders again this year. The win improved Orangeville's season mark to 2-4. At the same time, AFC's record dropped to the identical mark. The difference is, Orangeville has to face winless Durand and winless River Ridge over the next two weeks. The Broncos have a shot to get back to .500 as they prepare for their game nine against the Polo Marcos. The dream could end there, but things can happen when the post-season is taken into consideration. The hope exists for Orangeville, even possibly not thought about weeks ago. Numbers don't lie. A 5-4 mark could get a team into the

playoffs.

On Friday night, AFC scored first. Running back David Atkinson ran between the tackles and scored from five-yards out. The two-point play led to an 8-0 edge. The first quarter expired with neither team scoring.

In the second quarter, AFC was back on track as quarterback Caleb Drew hit his receiver, Joe Uphoff, which netted in a 24-yard strike. Again, the two-point try was successful as AFC grabbed the 16-6 lead.

Minutes later, as the Broncos were putting together a series of successful plays, quarterback Austin Guy found Caden Getz running away from trouble. He carried it 34-yards and put Orangeville on the board. AFC led by ten, 16-6.

As time was winding down in the second quarter, Orangeville struck again. Guy called his own number and carried it behind his blockers. The three-yard score brought Orangeville back to within two points, the extra point try failed. As the half arrived, Orangeville found itself down two points, 16-14.

In the third quarter, AFC kept pounding away. The line was making some dents in the Orangeville front. The outside lane opened and tailback Stephen Brooke broke away. His 24-yard strike pushed the Raiders advantage back to nine points, 23-14.

Orangeville responded again. And once more it was Guy who got it done. After an exchange at the line, Guy took off from coverage. After slipping past the AFC secondary, he found himself in the end zone. The successful two-point run attempt made the game a lot more uncomfortable for the Raiders. As the third quarter came to a close, AFC held a

one-point lead, 23-22.

Orangeville pounded on AFC in the final frame. The Broncos line was moving the chains and with only minutes in the period, Guy scored his third touchdown of the night. His three-yard scamper and successful two-point run gave Orangeville the 30-23 lead. They would never rescind that advantage and held on for the upset win.

Looking at numbers, Orangeville remains alive in the hunt for the playoffs. An easier schedule over the next two weeks could help the Broncos get back to the .500 mark with one game to go. Game nine will be against Polo. The Broncos will be home. The Marcos will be battling to secure their own position, with an outside shot at a home game in the opening round of the playoffs.

For Orangeville's victim on Friday night, AFC, the reality sets in. The Raiders really don't have a chance to make it to the post-season now. The schedule just doesn't look good, statistically speaking. This Friday night a game against River Ridge could help the team mark to slide up to 3-4. The fifth loss could already be waiting in week eight as the Raiders face the Polo Marcos. If the Raiders get past Polo and have won their match against River Ridge, they will be hard-pressed to try to knock Stockton back a step. The Blackhawks could be playing for a top seed in the upcoming Class 1A Football Playoffs, as they suit up for week nine.

Famous football quote

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

Vince Lombardi

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What riders don't know about ATV safety could cost a life

They look like tons of fun and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are often used for recreation purposes. But whether you're riding an ATV on a park trail or making your way across the farm, there's much more going on during your ride than you might imagine.

University of Iowa Pediatrician and Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, Dr. Charles Jennissen, has studied the design and technical aspects of ATVs since losing a cousin in a fatal crash. What he's learned about the way ATV design differs from automobiles and how ATV tires operate on various terrains is something everyone – adults and children – should be aware of.

"I believe the potential danger of ATVs is underestimated by many

riders and very often by the parents of children who ride them," Jennissen says. "In focus groups we've conducted, parents often talked about how other families and their children needed to operate ATVs more safely to avoid injuries. There seems to be a widespread perception that someone else or someone else's child may be injured on an ATV. But not me, not my child."

Other studies have shown that out of 15,000 Iowa children surveyed, 78% had ridden on an ATV at least once. Of those children, 57% reported having been in some type of ATV crash.

"Frequent ATV users almost always have a crash history," Jennissen says. "Many times the crash is nothing serious. There's a rollover

or the rider is ejected after colliding with something, but nothing really bad happens. For kids, that may not always be a good thing because the lesson they often take away is not that they need to ride more safely, but that they had an ATV crash and didn't get seriously injured so they don't have to worry about operating it more safely in the future."

Guidelines for youth operating ATVs is still debated, even though the American Academy of Pediatrics has issued guidelines stating that it's not recommended that children under the age of 16 to operate an ATV.

"Most kids aren't riding ATVs with proper safety precautions," Jennissen says. "In vehicle parks, safety behaviors are often better because of park rules and riders being regulated

by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers. But the only ones who can enforce safety at home or on farms are parents or employers. Often, that's not being done."

One of the issues surrounding youth on ATVs is the size and power of the machines they ride. Research shows that, most of the time, children are operating adult-sized ATVs designed for riders that are 16 years of age or older. Youth-sized ATVs are limited to maximum speeds of 15mph for those 6 years and older and no greater than 30mph for models marketed for those both 10 years and 12 years and older. Almost all adult-sized ATVs operated by youth are capable of reaching speeds of 45mph or greater.

"The appropriate speed ranges of ATVs and the amount of risk from how fast operators are driving them hasn't really been effectively studied," Jennissen says. "However, in a study we did looking at University of Iowa patients, the risk of head injury was greater for those traveling more than 20 mph, and the danger even more pronounced for those going over 30 mph. No adult-sized ATVs have factory installed speed limiters, but youth-sized models do. Unfortunately, most kids are more adept at changing the limiters than adults are. It's not difficult at all for a child to adjust the limiter to a faster speed and set it back at a lower speed before parents can check it."

About 60% of all deaths related to ATVs occur on roadways, where the machines were never designed to operate. What riders are usually unaware of is the differences in an ATV and an automobile's center of gravity, the way ATVs are made to grip the terrain they're on and how the tires operate independently to grip the road.

"ATVs have a relatively high center of gravity, which makes them fairly top heavy," Jennissen says. "The narrow track of the machine makes it prone to tipping and rolling over as well. Because ATV wheels are made to grab the terrain, they can have unpredictable interactions with the roadway, leading to roll-overs and unexplained crashes. If you have a small distribution in the weight of the rider, one tire can grab more than the others and quickly and inexplicably lead to a crash."

Due to their design, ATVs also require a greater turning radius than an automobile making it easy to misjudge the speed needed to safely negotiate a curve or turn.

Jennissen is disappointed that a recent trend in Iowa county legislation is to approve the recreational use of ATVs on public roadways, especially county roads. He says a lack of understanding about the design of the machines and the manufacturer's warnings that they should not be used on roads could easily lead to increased rider injury and death.

"I can understand that ATVs may need to be used on roadways at times for work purposes, but farmers should avoid using public roadways whenever they can," Jennissen says. Iowa law allows ATVs on roads for agricultural purposes but riders must possess a valid license and travel at less than 35mph. They are also required to have a fluorescent orange safety flag on the back of the ATV and drive on the road only between sunrise and sunset.

Jennissen also promotes the purchase of either yellow or orange ATVs, saying the color makes the vehicle much more visible wherever it's used.

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Wildcats are tough to handle in NUIC Tournament

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

A very solid showing by the River Ridge Wildcats Golf Team led to a top-five finish at the recent NUIC Upstate shoot-out. Andrew Brown shot an 86 for River Ridge and was supported by Carter Wild's 91. James Sullivan finished with a 93 and Connor Brown totaled one stroke more at 94. As a team, River Ridge shot a 364.

Galena's 345 led the tournament as Kane Hyde and Tyler Moran both shot 83's. Evan Kruse shot a 97 for Galena.

Freeport Aquin was led by Javier Jazo. He shot a 79 for his squad. The Bulldogs totaled 357 as a team and finished with second place honors

Forreston finished the night with scores good enough for a third-place ribbon. The team total of 359 gave the Cardinals a boost, heading into the IHSA Tournament. Bryan Edlar shot a 35 on the back side and finished with a 74. Christian Groenwald shot an 88 for Forreston.

Polo finished the NUIC Tournament with a 366 and was led by Christopher Radamacher and his 84. Mack Llanas shot an 89. The Marcos claimed fourth place.

Stockton's Alex Staver had the best round of the day. His 73 led all challengers and helped guide the Black-

hawks to a team score of 376. Peyton Keeffer shot a 90 for Stockton.

East Dubuque had a team total of 379, however, the best shooter, Zach Meyer finished with a 90. Nathan Wemett had a 93 and finished second for the Warriors.

Eastland finished with a team score of 382 and was led by Jordan Selman who tallied a 90. Curt Strauss shot a 44 on the back nine for Eastland to finish with a 92.

Dakota Shot a 388 as a team total with Kyle Kleckner finishing strongest for his Indians with an 85. Nate Strang shot a 92.

Pearl City had good rounds as a team. The total of 393 included a 90 by Garrett Handsaker. Jaryd Breece carded a 96 with Logan Gassman at his heels with a 98.

Lena-Winslow finished with a 441. Only four took to the links for the Panthers in the showdown. Shawn Capp shot a 98. Andrew Scheider finished with a 111 and in second place for Lena-Winslow.

Regional sites have been set as have the Sectional fill-ins. Information on this year's IHSA Golf Championship can be found at the IHSA website, IHSA.org.

The tournament ended with Galena taking the title with a 345. West Carroll had a 348 followed by Aquin's 357, Forreston's 359 and River Ridge and their 364.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

October has arrived! I hope we will get some nice fall weather. I love it when the trees turn to the beautiful orange and yellow. I like the crisp nights and the cooler days. Perhaps October will be a true fall month this year. I do remember that one year we had snow on the tenth of October. I don't see that happening this year, so we will dodge that bullet. I like cooking in the fall. The grocery stores will have pork specials, and a great pork roast and dressing is a treat. I also like cooking with apples. This week there are several fall recipes that I hope you will enjoy.

The first recipe uses the bounty of the season with cucumbers and red onions. It is a really pretty salad that has just a touch of sesame oil for flavor.

Cucumber and Red Onion Salad

- 2 cucumbers, thinly sliced
- 1 C. thinly sliced red onion
- 2 T. white wine vinegar
- 1 T. white vinegar
- ¼ t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper
- ¼ t. sesame oil

Place all ingredients in a bowl; toss to combine. Refrigerate, covered, about 1 hour. Serve with a slotted spoon.

The next recipe is for a different way to eat broccoli. The use of dill on vegetables is a favorite flavor of mine. It also is less in calories than other toppings for broccoli. The cider vinegar gives this side a little bit of bite. I don't use garlic salt; I use garlic powder because of trying to stick to a lower sodium diet. I don't think it changes the taste of most things.

- Dill-Marinated Broccoli
- 1 C. canola oil

- 1 C. cider vinegar
- 2 T. snipped fresh dill
- 2 t. sugar
- 1 t. garlic salt
- 1 t. salt

6 C. fresh broccoli florets
In a small bowl, whisk the first six ingredients until blended. Place broccoli in a large resealable plastic bag. Add marinade; seal the bag and turn to coat.

Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Before serving, drain the broccoli, discarding the marinade.

This next salad uses cider vinaigrette to season honey crisp apples. The cheddar chunks could be replaced by shredded cheddar or bite-size cheddar pieces. Enjoy this unique apple salad.

Apple Salad with Cider Vinaigrette

Vinaigrette:

- 1 t. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 T. cider vinegar
- 1 t. minced green onion whites
- 1 t. sugar
- 1 t. Dijon mustard
- Pinch of salt

Salad:

- 1 Honey crisp apple, cored and cubed
- ½ C. halved red grapes
- ¼ C. chopped pecans, toasted
- 2 T. sliced green onions with tops
- 2 T. white cheddar chunks

Whisk together the dressing ingredients. In a large bowl, place the apples, grapes, pecans and onions. Toss together and then toss with the dressing. Add the cheese for garnish.

This easy fall casserole is tasty as it combines chicken, ham, broccoli, and Swiss cheese. It is sort of a Chicken Cordon Blue casserole. The use of the prepared jar of chicken gravy makes for an easy sauce. Enjoy this casserole that you can make the day before; it is an easy way to have dinner on the table in less than an hour.

Swiss, Chicken, and Broccoli Casserole

- 4 small boneless skinless chicken breasts (1 lb.)
- 4 slices Deli Smoked ham
- 4 thin slices of Swiss cheese
- 3 C. broccoli florets
- 1 C. Chicken Gravy from a jar

- ½ C. sour cream
- 1 T. Grey Poupon Dijon mustard
- ½ C. butter crackers, crushed
- 1 C. instant brown rice, uncooked

Line a 9-inch square baking dish with foil, with ends of the foil extending over the slides; spray with cooking spray. Place chicken in prepared dish. Fold ham slices in half and place over the chicken. Top with cheese and broccoli.

Whisk the gravy and sour cream and mustard together until blended; pour over the broccoli.

Heat oven to 400. Bake casserole 20 minutes. Uncover the casserole and sprinkle with cracker crumbs. Bake 15 to 20 minutes until chicken is done (165 degrees). Prepare rice as directed on the package, omitting the salt. Serve the chicken casserole with the rice.

This main course recipe is another one that you can put together the night before and let the slow cooker do the work. I use the crock pot bags for an easy clean up. You do have to add the mushrooms and gravy later in the cooking process. I like to use the Amish noodles from Sullivan's; they taste a lot like homemade noodles.

Slow Cooker Beef Stroganoff

- 3 T. flour
- 2 t. Instant Bouillon Beef Granules
- 1 boneless beef chuck roast (3 lbs.)
- 2 t. chopped fresh thyme, divided
- ¾ lb. mushrooms, stemmed, sliced
- 1 jar (12 oz.) Mushroom gravy
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) egg noodles, uncooked
- ¾ C. sour cream

Combine the flour and bouillon and rub onto all the sides of the roast. Place in a slow cooker that has been sprayed with cooking spray or use a crock pot disposable bag. Sprinkle with 1 teaspoon of thyme and cover with the lid. Cook on LOW for 8-9 hours or on HIGH for 4-5 hours.

Add the mushrooms to the slow cooker. Pour the gravy over the mushrooms; cook, covered on HIGH for 30 minutes or until the mushrooms are tender and gravy is thickened. Transfer the roast to the cutting board, reserving the gravy mixture in the slow cooker. Let the meat stand for 10 minutes. While meat is resting, cook the noodles as directed on the package, omitting the salt.

Slice the roast. Drain the noodles; place on serving plates. Top with meat, gravy mixture and sour cream. Sprinkle with the remaining teaspoon of thyme.

A couple of weeks ago at our

church fellowship, someone had brought in potato chip cookies. I had forgotten how good they were. I have leftover potato chips, so this recipe is one I can use them for. They are crisp and crunchy and have great flavor. Enjoy these unique cookies made from your leftover chips (the small pieces that often get tossed are great for this recipe.)

Potato Chip Crunchies

- 2 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 1½ C. sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 t. vanilla
- 4 C. flour
- 1 C. chopped pecans
- 1 C. coarsely crushed potato chips

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg and vanilla. Gradually beat in the flour. Stir in the pecans and potato chips.

Drop dough by tablespoonfuls 1½ inch apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Flatten with a fork to create crosshatching. If desired, top cookies with additional crushed chips.

Bake 12-14 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the pans to wire racks to cool.

This recipe is from my friend Sue's family cookbook. Sue's mom, Rowena, is a great cook. She had a note in the cookbook about this cake. She went to Algoma, Wisconsin, and she was invited for dinner at her friend's home. Her friend, Tabea, made this apple dessert. Rowena's husband, Art, was using Tabea's husband's tools to work on fixing a desk. When it was time to go, Art volunteered to give Rowena a ride home. A romance and a long and happy marriage began with this dish!. Thank you, Sue, for sharing this cookbook with me. Enjoy this great dessert during apple season.

Apple Dessert

- 4 eggs
- 2 C. sugar
- 1 C. flour
- 2 t. baking powder
- ¼ t. salt
- 2 t. vanilla
- 3-4 large apples, diced
- ½ C. nuts

Whipped cream or ice cream
Beat the eggs until thick and lemon colored. Add the sugar gradually and beat well. Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add this to egg and sugar mixture, beating well. Add the vanilla. Dice the apples and add with chopped nuts. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 475 for 40 minutes. Serve with whipped

cream or ice cream.

Football season and Homecomings are rapidly filling up this month. At the flower shop, we are making corsages and boutonnieres for the dances. One of the bad things about getting older is that several of the people I taught with now have children going to homecoming dances. Time flies, and it doesn't seem possible that they are all old enough to go to high school dances. Sometimes I forget I am getting older too! This week's Farmer's Market had great fruits and vegetables. Barb's cousin also has beautiful canned goods to sell. If you are looking for homemade things for the winter, stop by the Saturday morning market. Barb said they are hoping to go until the fifteenth of October. I will miss my Saturday morning shopping excursion. I am not sure I can face a frozen green bean in the near future because I have been so spoiled getting fresh ones!

If you have some pumpkin, squash, or apple recipes that are old standbys or new one, 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.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library project reaches nearly fifty percent of eligible population

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Stephenson County Fair Association Director Seat and Officer Seat openings

The Stephenson County Fair Association will have an opening for an At-Large Seat on the Board of Directors. Interested persons should submit a statement of interest not to exceed 100 words to the Stephenson County Fair Association by mailing to SCFA,

PO Box 630, Freeport, IL 61032 or by emailing to info@stephenson-countyfair.org by Monday, Oct. 10.

The positions of President and Secretary will also be up for re-election. Interested parties do not need to submit a letter, but do need to attend the meeting and be prepared to give a brief statement. The President and Secretary positions are two-year terms. Each will be elected at the Stephenson County Fair Association Annual Meeting held on Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

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Bagger Winners

Amber Watson, Kim Krogull (1st place), and Yasmine Solomon are the top 3 winners at the Lena Sullivan Foods Bagging Competition on 9-7-16. The 1st Place winner will compete in the Regional Bagger Contest.

(Left) On 9-20 Kim Krogull represented Lena Sullivan Foods to compete in the Regional Bagger Contest in Rochelle and received 3rd place. Pictured are Kyle Doherty (4th Place) – Winnebago, Kim Krogull (3rd Place)– Lena, Heidi Jacobson (1st place winner), and Steven Benson (2nd Place)– Stockton



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Popcorn Poppin' month- Time to conjure up fun

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month, a time to celebrate the most magical of all snack foods. It is a fitting time of year in this season of transformation when green turns to gold, gourds into glowing goblins and children into costumed characters.

The charm of popcorn lies in its unique ability to change from hard seed into a soft fluffy snack—a nifty trick and treat. But it is also a food that turns everyday life into special moments. It's a food that makes even the fullest stomach suddenly hungry by its irresistible smell. And it's naturally delicious, low in fat and calories, and economical—all magical qualities for today's healthy and budget conscious consumer.

Join the fun this month and your fellow Americans who consume some 14 billion quarts of popcorn each year. Add a dash of salt, herbs or get creative and conjure up something that'll bring smiles to everyone's face like this recipe from the Popcorn Board!

Spooky Popcorn Spider Web

Ingredients

1/4 cup butter

8 cups mini marshmallows, divided

1 tbsp vanilla extract 9 cups popcorn, divided

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided

Black string licorice

Candy Eyes

Directions

Line round pizza pan with parchment paper; set aside. Melt butter in large saucepan set over low heat; stir in 5 cups marshmallows, stirring constantly, for 3 to 4 minutes or until completely melted. Stir in vanilla. Remove from heat. Immediately stir in 8 cups popcorn until coated. Spread onto prepared pizza pan into irregular round shape, about 1-inch thick, to resemble spider web. Refrigerate for about 15 minutes or until firm.

Meanwhile, in microwave, melt remaining marshmallows for about 20 seconds or until melted. Using spatula, string strands of melted marshmallow over popcorn spider web to create cobweb effect.

In heatproof bowl set over saucepan of hot, not boiling, water, melt 3/4 cup of the chocolate chips; let cool slightly. Pour chocolate over remaining popcorn in large bowl, folding gently to coat. Spread mixture on waxed paper-lined baking sheet, separating into 8 small clusters. Affix 2 candy eyes on each popcorn cluster. Refrigerate for 10 to 15 minutes or until set.

Melt remaining chocolate chips. Cut licorice into 1-inch lengths. Use small spoon, dab circles of chocolate onto spider web. Affix chocolate-coated popcorn onto chocolate circles. Affix licorice lengths to chocolate popcorn clusters to resemble spider legs.

Refrigerate for 15 minutes or until set. To serve, cut into smaller pieces.



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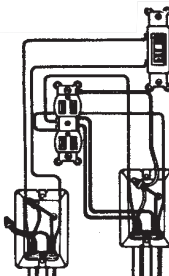
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River Ridge Homecoming tainted by Bulldogs

By Chris Johnson

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Few things can be said about how the Freeport Aquin Bulldogs have performed this season. After ruining the Homecoming celebration in Hanover with a 55-8 win, the Bulldogs moved to 6-0 on the season and have assured they will not miss the playoffs this season. In 2015 the Bulldogs were 5-4. They missed making the post-season tournament by a matter of points. That issue was eliminated this season. With a roster smaller than most other teams in the NUIC, the Bulldogs have made the most of their opportunities. The ease of schedule also helps.

As River Ridge was facing 4-2 Polo, 6-0 Stockton and 5-1 Lena-Winslow to open the season, Aquin was beating up on the teams that weren't quite at that level. 2016 opened against one-win Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Milledgeville presented a challenge in the week two match. The two-point Aquin win gave the Missiles their only loss of the season at the time. This past week, Milledgeville earned its second loss as they were shut out by Polo 13-0. In week three, Aquin took down winless Durand. Two-win Ashton-Franklin Center fell by almost 30 in week four and in week five, two-win Orangeville fell. With River Ridge thrown in the mix, the Bulldogs carry a 9-27 mark in its six victories this season.

The Wildcats story was a little different. After dealing with the opening



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The River Ridge Wildcats football team lost Friday's home conference game against Aquin Catholic by a score of 55-8.

schedule, River Ridge fell to Warren/Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in week four, 34-6. A loss in week five to 4-2 Milledgeville followed by the defeat by Freeport Aquin on Sept. 30 dropped River Ridge to 0-6. In those

losses, the Wildcats had to deal with teams carrying an overall mark of 26-10.

River Ridge takes on Ashton-Franklin Center this Friday night. An upset win by the Wildcats will

knock AFC from holding any post-season conversations. In week eight a match with 2-4 Orangeville looms. The Broncos are in an interesting situation. With a record of 2-4, a shot at .500 legitimately exists. That

would mean game nine would be for the post season. 2016 closes in Durand for River Ridge. The Bulldogs could possibly still be looking for the first win of the fall sports season in the season finale.

Panthers remain one game out of first in NUIC Northwest

By Chris Johnson

SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Lena-Winslow appears locked and loaded and ready for this Friday night's match against the NUIC Northwest front-running Forreton Cardinals. Following a 34-0 win over the Amboy-LaMoille Clippers on Friday, Sept. 30, the Panthers moved to 5-1 on the season. They will challenge for the outright conference lead this weekend. East-

land-Pearl City also sits with a perfect 6-0 mark and has also already clinched a spot in the 2016 post-season, one season following a 2-7 campaign and a miss of the post-season activities. It does appear that EPC will enter the post-season as a 2A program though. Forreton though, is a 1A powerhouse and will stand in the Panthers way this Friday night.

Since the week one, two-touchdown loss to EPC, the Panthers have not been threatened. The competition hasn't been that se-

vere, however. With a schedule that featured EPC at the start, the schedule softened. In week two, Lena-Winslow knocked back winless Pecatonica 42-0. They followed that up with a week three win over winless River Ridge, 58-0. In week four, Galena was winless. Lena-Winslow kept them that way with the 50-10 final. It would be in week five where the Panthers saw a threat. Dakota wasn't prepared and fell 35-0. A win over Amboy-LaMoille on Friday night, 34-0, pushed the Panthers season mark



to 5-1. Defensively, the Panthers are hitting the mark. Lena-Winslow has given up 38 points this season. This Friday night's opponent, Forreton, has the potential to score that many this Friday alone. Cardinals' Head Coach Denny Diduch said neither he, nor his team had a chance to study much about this Friday night's opponent. Looking at tape and studying is something that is being done this week. History already seems to notate what Lena-Winslow will try to do.

The defensive pressures the Panthers will face this week will come from many angles. Forreton works its no-huddle offense and a beam-ing Diduch said he has a lot of guys that can carry the ball. Eight players are qualified runners in Forreton and can slide in at a moment's notice. That could be a headache for Lena-Winslow. If the Panthers defeat Forreton this Friday night, they will improve to 6-1 on the season. Forreton will drop to the same mark. EPC will be in control in the Northwest with games to play. A big one with conference title implications exists in week eight as EPC hosts Forreton.

Lena-Winslow will host East Dubuque in week eight and will close the season at home against the West Carroll Thunder.



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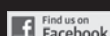


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Playoff clock begins ticking for Eastland Pearl City

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Now that a 14-6 win over the Dakota Indians is in the books, the Eastland-Pearl City Wildcats can now turn their attention away from not making the playoffs last year, to having already secured their location when the tournament begins on Friday, Oct. 28. A 2-7 mark in 2015 was not expected. Missing the playoffs was the cost associated with it. This year it's already a done deal, now the Wildcats can turn all their attention to this Friday's opponent, Amboy-LaMoille.

The Clippers are 2-4 in their inaugural season in the NUIC Northwest and will be looking at watching from the sidelines following this Friday night's contest. The odds of an upset by Amboy-LaMoille are not very strong. However, the Clip-

pers are used to facing down stiff competition and have been accused of playing at the level of their opponents. When a conference season consisted of regular matches with former State Champions Bureau Valley, Morrison and Sterling Newman Central Catholic, the Clippers knew how to prepare. They know what they need to do this week as well. It may not happen and a fifth loss could be waiting. The Clippers will probably find the going not as easy as they would hope.

EPC is playing for a home game in the opening round and is teetering between a Class 1A and 2A designation. When the playoffs begin, if the Wildcats are a 1A program, they will be heavily favored to go a long way, possibly even a shot at the State Title. If EPC ends up in the 2A ranks, there is a chance the outcome would

be exactly the same. The odds are slightly lower at the larger school level though.

In the win over Dakota, EPC found itself in unfamiliar territory. The Wildcats were down 6-0 and the scored stayed there as the first period came to a close. In the second quarter, the roles were reversed as Dakota was shut-out. EPC got on the board courtesy of the pass. A 37-yard strike from Brighton Haverland to Skylar Fischer accounted for the tally. The kick splitting the uprights gave the Wildcats the lead. At the half, EPC was in front 7-6.

Dakota's defense played well. It played better than it has most of the

season. In the third quarter neither team could make headway as they were continually stuffed at each occasion. The third period came to a close with the score still favoring EPC 7-6.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Haverland struck again. His one-yard scamper for score followed by the successful extra-point kick stretched the EPC advantage to 14-6. Scoring ended for the evening as EPC moved to 6-0 on the year. Dakota dropped to 3-3 on the season, but remains very much alive in the pursuit of a playoff spot. The Indians face Pecatonica this week and are favored to pick up their fourth

win. In week eight, Dakota takes on Milledgeville in its final statistical test of the regular season. In week nine, Galena, currently carrying a 1-5 mark following a 14-0 win over Pecatonica, visits Dakota.

Following this week's match against Amboy-LaMoille, the Wildcats prepare for its biggest test of the season as they take on co-conference leader Forreston.

The Cardinals, similar to the Wildcats, are 6-0. They are coming off a 62-0 shellacking of former NUIC Northwest front-runner East Dubuque. The regular season closes for EPC at East Dubuque on Friday, Oct. 21.

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The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-21CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-21CB

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

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DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of West Point in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2016, and ending March 31, 2017, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Home of Town Clerk Bill Staton from and after 8 o'clock A.M., 3rd day, Octo-

ber, 2016.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7 o'clock P.M., 1st day, November, 2016, at the West Point Township Garage in this Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock P.M., on the 1st day of November, 2016.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2016.

John R. Murrell, Supervisor
William Staton, Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

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William Staton, Clerk
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A little levity to lighten your day

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League of Women Voters schedules Jo Daviess County State's Attorney candidates' forum

Cast an informed vote for Jo Daviess County State's Attorney by finding out where the candidates stand on important issues. The League of Women Voters of Jo Daviess County is sponsoring a candidate's forum on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Galena Middle School. The two candidates, John Hay (Republican) and Ronald Leinen (Democrat), have confirmed their attendance.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens

in government, will moderate the forum. The program will begin with introductory remarks from each candidate. These will be followed by two questions submitted to the candidates, by the League, prior to the forum. The candidates will then answer questions from the audience; these will be submitted in written form. Duplicate or inappropriate questions will be screened out.

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Dubuque area artist brings mythology to life

By Laurinda Woolcock-Howe
CORRESPONDENT

Art can be simple or complex. ARRT, All River Road Talent, showcases many different types of art and artists. Take for example the artwork of Casey Folks of Mythical Ink Studio.

The name of the studio says it all. Folks uses pen and ink to create art. And, why mythical? "Mythology has always inspired me. I was fascinated by the fantastic worlds described in those writings and wanted to bring them to life," said Folks. He also likes to draw animals and has done some commission work over the past few years, "that has challenged me in that manner."

Inspiration for Folks comes in many different ways: a song, whether classical or new age; a dream; a walk in the woods on a crisp fall day; mythological stories; comics; people; or events in time. Folks' work comes from his mind. He has studied drawing in text books, anatomy books, etc. He will occasionally use a photo for reference when drawing animals. "I wouldn't want a horse to look like a dog," explains Folks.

Drawing is something Folks loves doing, and he makes time for it. He draws in his studio in his home in the wee hours of 4 a.m. before going to work. He prefers this early hour because he has more energy at that time.

What Folks considers his greatest work thus far definitely lends to the mythical. "Mjolnir Unleashed" depicts Thor, the Norse God of Thunder, holding his hammer high above his head showing his awe-inspiring power. Thor is Folk's favorite mythological character. "I wanted to do a drawing capturing the love I have for the character," Folks states.

Folks wants his art to appeal to everyone. He has discussed his art with people from teens to 80 somethings. "I am fortunate in that many people of all ages, spectrums and walks of life seem to enjoy my work," said Folks.

Drawing was something Folks started at a young age, and he started to hone his ink work in the mid 1990's. Why ink though? Folks will tell you he can't paint. "I just can't



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Casey Folks finds inspiration for his work in many different ways: a song, whether classical or new age; a dream; a walk in the woods on a crisp fall day; mythological stories; comics; people; or events in time.

seem to control the medium well." He has done some work in colored pencil and graphite in the past, but prefers ink. "I love the texture I am able to create with ink, and I find its unforgiving qualities to be challenging," states Folks.

"Over the years I was inspired by artists that were etchers and artists that worked in pen and ink," said Folks. He talks of Albrecht Duerer's etchings and local artist author Noah

Geisert. There is also Frank Frazetta, Franklin Booth and Berni Wrightson who worked in pen and ink. "I was in awe of the line work and found it very appealing," Folks said.

Where can the line works of Casey Folks be found? His art is shown at Hello Galena at 121 N. Commerce Street in Galena, IL, or online at <http://hellogalena.org>, or on Facebook as Casey Folks Mythical Ink Studio.

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Steppin' out in style

Stacey Wynkoop and Melissa Oberbrecking joined Marisa Duwa at Massbach Winery on Saturday afternoon to participate in the traditional stomping of the grapes and to celebrate Duwa's Bachelorette Party.

