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Le-Win High School Theatre Department brings Neil Simon's, 'Rumors' to the stage

In 1988 interview with New York Times reporter Mervyn Rothstein, Playwright Neil Simon confessed to experiencing difficult times citing the tragic loss of a son in law and the collapse of his own marriage. Simon said he chose the cathartic process of developing a comedy to escape his pain.

"I really was in the mood to sort of go back and write just out-and-out funny, because it's what I felt I needed in my own life," Simon told Rothstein. "So, I thought it would be fine just to go into rehearsal with a comedy, with a farce, even though they are the hardest to write."

He succeeded and the players of the Lena-Winslow High School Theatre Department under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ellen Modica and Mr. Zach Masa-Meyers brought Simon's farce, the brilliantly funny Rumors, to the Lena-Winslow Fine Arts Center Auditorium Nov. 11 and 12.

In the production, Charley and Myra Brock have invited all their best friends to join in the celebration of their tenth anniversary and Chris (Lauren Guy) and Ken (Asa Lake) Gorman, are the first ones to arrive. Unfortunately, things were not going quite to plan.

The kitchen staff has the night off, Myra is missing, and Charlie has shot himself in the head.

Chris calls Charlie's doctor, but before Chris can tell him what has happened, Ken, always the overbearing attorney, dictates she not inform the doctor of anything that has happened, for the bullet only went through Charlie's ear lobe. It appeared that he had taken some Valium, and was falling asleep as he fired the gun, managing to miss his head.

As the rest of the guests arrive — Claire (Anna Erving) and Len (John Jurkovic) Ganz, Ernie (Kenny Broge) and Cookie (Ella Brunner) Cusack, and Cassie (Adisyn Hoff) and Glenn (Colton Brinker) Cooper — the story of Charley and Myra's anniversary evening gone askew grows and develops.

Lenny and Claire have just been in a car accident, and Lenny calls his

doctor, who is coincidentally also Charlie's doctor, to ask him about his possible neck injury. Claire and Lenny exchange rumors they've heard about Charlie and Myra, both convinced that each is having an affair. Finally, the couple confronts Ken, who lets them in on the situation.

Meanwhile, Lenny insists they call the police, but Ken disagrees, and before they can agree on anything, another car shows up. Ken goes back upstairs to Charlie's bedroom, and Claire opens the door to let in Ernie Cusack and his "eccentric" wife Cookie.

Adding to the confusion and hilarity, Claire, Chris, and Lenny engage the Cusacks in conversation, not telling them about the situation with Charlie until a gunshot is heard, and Ken comes out of the upstairs bedroom requesting Chris' presence, while Lenny distracts the Cusacks, before going upstairs to check on the problem.

It turns out Ken had tried taking the gun away, tripped on Charlie's slippers and accidentally fired the weapon nearly deafening himself.

Hilarity reigns as the inept Cusacks prepare dinner while Glenn (a politician running for State Senate) and Cassie Cooper, who have a very strained relationship, arrive.

The scene closes with the Cusacks coming out with a steaming dinner, Cassie furiously berating Glenn for making her drop a crystal in the toilet, Chris tripping on a telephone wire, Lenny's neck going out, Cookie has a back spasm, while a very deaf Ken sits in absolute confusion.

Act II begins as dinner ends and the guests decide to place blame for the situation on Ken. Cassie attempts to make Glenn jealous by blatantly flirting with Ken, indirectly clearing Ken's ears in the process. A mysterious woman, who Claire and Chris assume to be Myra, calls the house asking for Glenn. Things get serious as a police car pulls up the driveway.

The guests furiously debate what to do, and decide to pretend that they hadn't noticed anything was wrong. The policeman, Officer Welch,

enters and interrogates them, and quickly gets suspicious as their story unravels. It turns out the policeman was just investigating Lenny's car accident, and no one is in trouble, but Glenn accidentally reveals the gunshot situation just as the officer begins to leave. Now angered by what he has learned, Welch demands

to see Charlie, and a disgruntled Lenny comes downstairs to "explain everything." Lenny, at first unsure what to possibly say, eventually gets carried away in his monologue and invents a ludicrous, rambling, and brilliant explanation for everything. Welch, partly out of exasperation, buys the story and leaves the house.

In the end all the guests are complicit in a cover-up that no one even really understands, but the fantastical events of the evening are hilarious and give a rich basis for great characters doing what Neil Simon, Modica, Masa-Meyers, and the Lena Winslow players do best — making the mundane into the insane.



Hundreds of Pearl City Elementary School students gathered and sang in honor of their heroes during Friday's Veteran's Day Program.

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Trump wins mock election at Le-Win Elementary

Students at Lena-Winslow Elementary School had an opportunity to experience the voting process during the recent election. Each student received a registration card, complete with their identifying information and picture. They handed their registration card to one of the student Election Judges who were manning the process and then students entered the voting booth to cast their ballot for Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, or to add in a Write-In Nominee. Students then received a sticker to proclaim they had voted.

When the votes were tallied, Donald Trump emerged victorious

with 230 votes to Clinton's 112.

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion supplied the voting boxes and stickers, helping students to build greater civic pride as they learn the values of the democratic process.

In preparation for the big event, students read numerous articles about the candidates and their views as well as the election process itself. They reviewed key terms and were surprised at the concept of the Electoral College. Students were amazed at how complicated the steps to becoming President can be.

"When I was little, I thought that

voting was not a big deal, it was something grownups did for fun," said Grace Groezinger. "Now that I'm older, I know that it is a really big deal—you're voting for the President!"

Max Krzeminski said he learned about the process of running independent for public offices.

"I learned there are more than two parties," Krzeminski said. "I had heard about Democrats and Republicans, but now I know there are more options available."

Fifth grade teacher Jamie Woodley was integral in helping students to explore this rite of citizenship. She said it is very important to bring real life experiences into the classroom to help students not only know more about the process but also to prepare them for the time that they will have full rights as an American citizen.

"I think students need to be informed and to know how important it is to make decisions based on knowledge," Woodley said.

When asked if it was important that people vote, all students emphatically agreed. Gage Dunker



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Students at Lena Winslow Elementary School participated in a mock election Tuesday and after considering available materials elected Donald Trump as President-Elect.

summed up a common philosophy,

"Voting makes people feel like they are a part of something important," said Dunker. "We are all Americans, and we need to work

together to make our nation better.

If people don't vote, then they have no say in the decisions made in the future. If you're a citizen, you need to have your voice heard."

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If I were a turkey on Thanksgiving...

BY LEWIN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Teachers love inspiring students to write using seasonal themes and in the days leading up to Thanksgiving teachers at Lena Winslow Elementary School undertook a writing

project that provided their students with the opportunity to show their creativity and unique senses of humor by providing an insight into a turkey's survival skills.

Shopper's Guide will run as many of the little stories as possible over the next couple weeks, so sit back, imagine, and enjoy.

If I were a turkey on Thanksgiving

By Drake #8

This is how I would survive Thanksgiving. First, hide behind bushes for as long as you can. Next, smell as bad as you can all the time, then be as ugly as you can. After that, be as dirty as you can. Finally, if that doesn't work, then disguise yourself as Pikachu.

If I were a turkey on Thanksgiving

By Addison #1

These are some ways to NOT get eaten on Thanksgiving. First, you might want to dress up as an ice

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all your love and support during our time of loss. Thank you for all acts of kindness to our family. A special thank you to the Lena Living Center, Dr. Tawfik's office and Unity Hospice for all they did for Glenn during his illness. Your acts of caring and thoughtfulness for him and us are sincerely appreciated.

The Glenn Oefelein Family

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cream man for Thanksgiving so they can have ice cream instead of turkey. Next, you can get all dirty so they do not want you. Then you can be an Indian and put on a funny Indian hat. After that, you can just hide. Finally, what is your way to survive Thanksgiving?

If I were a turkey on Thanksgiving

By Ayla Ryli #6

These are some ways to not be the next turkey dinner. First, you should disguise yourself as a cupcake so you won't get cooked. Next, if I were you I would gobble and gobble and never stop? Then, if those don't work than you could try eating other things to make you fat! After that, you should just try keeping your feathers down. Finally, if all these good reasons don't work, then just run as fast as you can to Japan. Bye, I hope you liked it!



We would like to say a big **"THANK YOU"** to all the businesses that provided special treats for our Halloween parade downtown. We appreciate everyone's support in making this a very special tradition for our pre-school and kindergarten students. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did and look forward to seeing you next year!

Thank You,
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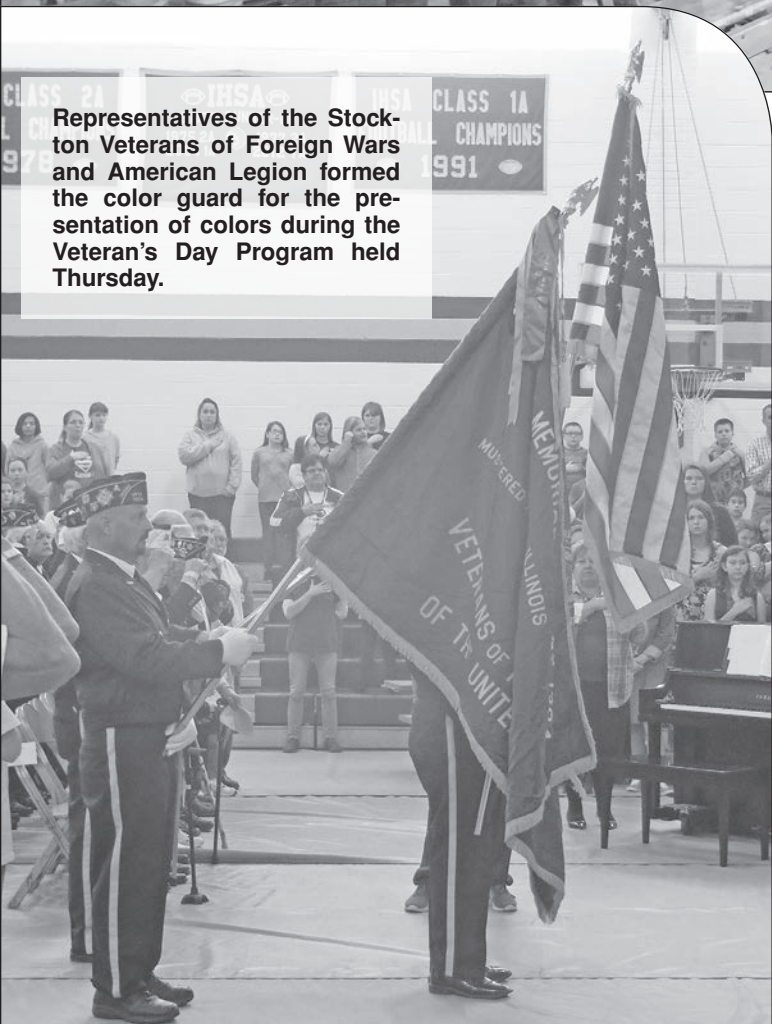
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TONY CARTON PHOTOS *The Scoop Today*
The River Ridge High School Choir provided musical interludes during Friday's Elizabeth Veteran's Day program held in the Community Center.



Following the traditional welcome, color guard representatives of the American Legion and Viet Nam Veterans of America ceremoniously presented the colors.



Representatives of the Stockton Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion formed the color guard for the presentation of colors during the Veteran's Day Program held Thursday.

Honoring our area veterans



Clyde Furst was the featured guest speaker at the Veteran's Day Program held in the Stockton High School Auditorium on Thursday.

ISP to conduct traffic enforcement patrols in Jo Daviess County

Illinois State Police (ISP) District 16 Commander, Captain M. Karczewski, announces the ISP will conduct Special Traffic Enforcement Patrols (sTEP) in Winnebago and Jo Daviess Counties during November. These sTEPs allow the ISP to focus on these fatal four violations which contribute the greatest to traffic crashes and fatalities:

Driving Under the Influence (DUI);

Safety Belt and Child Restraint use;

Speeding; and,
Distracted Driving.

The ISP will increase our daytime and nighttime patrols to ensure the safety of vehicle travelers through enforcement of all traffic safety laws. Impaired driving is a factor in more than 30 percent of traffic deaths in Illinois. Likewise, speeding is a factor in nearly 35 percent of fatal crashes; and, nearly 50 percent of vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were known to not be buckled up. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office reports multiple fatality traffic accident

On 11/10/16 at approximately 11:06 a.m. the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office received a 911 report of a motor vehicle accident involving injuries in the area of East Stagecoach Trail and North Canyon Park Road.

Upon arrival, deputies learned that a vehicle traveling eastbound driven by Carol J Anderson sideswiped a vehicle traveling westbound driven by Tracey L. Schmitz. Anderson's vehicle then struck another vehicle traveling westbound driven by Susan J. Upmann. Both Schmitz and Upmann were pronounced deceased at the scene.

A male juvenile was transported by helicopter to Rockford Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Anderson was transported to St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford by helicopter. Anderson was later pronounced deceased.

This accident remains under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police Accident Reconstruction Team.

Assisting agencies include Illinois State Police, Warren Police Dept, Apple River Police Dept, Jo Daviess County Coroner's Office, Jo Daviess County Hwy Dept, Apple River Fire Dept., Warren Fire Dept., Warren, Elizabeth and Leamon EMS, Aircare 3 and Lifeline OSF Helicopters.

ISP thank veterans for their service

On behalf of the men and women of the Illinois State Police (ISP), Director Leo P. Schmitz would like to thank veterans for their service to our country.

The liberties US citizens enjoy can be directly attributed to the men and women who have courageously and voluntarily served in the US armed forces. These men and women have sacrificed time away from their families and friends to provide for the defense of our Nation. They were ready and willing to fight at a moment's notice for the freedoms that we Americans cherish.

"I am eternally grateful to those who have served and are currently serving in the US Armed Forces," said ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. "I am extremely proud of the ISP employees who are also active military and veterans. They volunteered for duty to protect our country, and they continue to volunteer for duty to pro-

tect the citizens of Illinois."

The ISP encourages the citizens of Illinois to show their support for veterans this Veterans Day by attending Veterans Day events, supporting non-profit veteran organizations through volunteering or donations, or by simply saying, "Thank you for your service."

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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of Illinois State Representative Brian W. Stewart

"Flown over but not forgotten"

If you will allow me, I would like to share some of my thoughts on President-elect Trump's victory. But first, on this Veteran's Day I would like to thank all veterans who are fighting or who have fought for our country to give us the right to vote and allow us to make this the greatest country on earth. Secondly, I would like to thank the nearly 38,000 of you who voted for me. Though I ran unopposed, the fact that 85% of the district chose to fill in the circle for me was extremely humbling. I am forever grateful and it is an honor and privilege to represent you in Springfield.

All of you who read my column know that I did not weigh in on the top of ticket or really any of the ticket for that matter. It is my belief that as your State Representative, I'm here to represent you and not to tell you how to vote.

Speaking of telling you how to vote — never underestimate the power of a people who refuse to be told what to do or how to think. That's a big part of

what happened last Tuesday. Donald Trump is an imperfect vessel, and we all knew it, but what he stood for was so much bigger than himself. Please allow me to explain.

If you were to take a look at the county by county Presidential results, you would notice an almost perfect pattern. Urban areas are blue while rural areas are red. We already knew this, right? But this election cycle, the contrast was even starker than at any time in American electoral history. I was not surprised to see that every county in the 89th district was red, but I was surprised when I saw the margins. Both Ogle and Carroll Counties went for Trump by almost a 2:1 margin. Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties weren't even close either, but Winnebago and Whiteside were more competitive.

Here's the takeaway, this election was unlike any that we've ever seen before. Though the media has already tried in vain to define this election in terms of race and ethnicity, their doing so only proves to exemplify their

ignorance. In time, people will begin to realize that this election was in fact "The revenge of the rural voters."

The national news media, the big city newspapers, the late night talk hosts, and all the major political pundits — what do they have in common? They all come from large cities. They don't know what it's like to live in flyover country. They often look down their noses at those of us living outside major metropolitan areas. They think of us as being uneducated, uninformed, and oftentimes we are the fodder for jokes at their cocktail parties.

They told us that there was only one choice. They told us that the other choice was crazy, that he was crass, and that he was obtuse. Here's the thing they don't understand about those of us who don't have a Whole Foods within walking distance of our homes — we don't like being told what to do or how to vote. And by the way, those of us here in flyover country are the ones who make the food for your \$10 a carrot supermarket.

Let me be clear — by no means do we loathe urban areas. We don't disdain Chicago, but we disdain the clout that Chicago wields over us. We don't appreciate it when we are condescended to by those who think anything west of I-294 is just where you go to retire. And we are all aware that we are oftentimes viewed as second rate by urban elites. But that's ok, because we all have the same individual right to vote.

And so Trump won in the rustbelt states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio by appealing to those rural disenfranchised blue collar workers who thought Washington, D.C. needed to learn a lesson. Hopefully that is exactly what happened. The flyover state rebellion of 2016 will baffle pundits, but it came as little surprise to us.

President-elect Trump is no saint, but he capitalized on a movement that was so much greater than any one person. Most of his rallies were in communities of a few thousand people while most of Mrs. Clinton's rallies

took place in large cities. In the end, flyover country was forgotten by her and embraced by Mr. Trump.

So where do we go from here? We start by coming together. It doesn't matter for whom you voted, because President has been elected. That President will represent the entire United States of America, and we need to coalesce around him. This isn't a time for pouring salt on the wounds that divide our country — this is a time for healing. We have sent our message.

Hopefully President Trump will not forget the movement that swept him into office, and I hope that we lay aside fear mongering and start embracing a spirit of unity. We are all Americans, and that's what matters most. As someone once said, "Whether you're right wing or left wing, we are all part of the same bird. We must fly together."

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Senate Week in Review

The Illinois State Board of Education's annual assessment of schools' performance shows a stable four-year graduation rate, as the Illinois School Funding Reform Commission met to discuss special and early childhood education.

In other news, Lloyd Karmeier was sworn in as the 120th chief justice to the Illinois Supreme Court, and the United States Department of Agriculture reported that Illinois farmers are well on their way to wrapping up harvest.

And Nov. 4 has been declared as "World Champion Chicago Cubs Day" across Illinois in celebration of the team winning the 2016 World Series. Hundreds of thousands of

fans crowded Chicago streets as the team traveled from Wrigley Field to a rally in Grant Park in Chicago to commemorate the Cubs' first World Series championship since 1908.

Illinois schools receive annual report card

The Illinois State Board of Education released its yearly Report Card Oct. 31, which showed a stable four-year graduation rate of 86 percent, a dropout rate of 2 percent and an average class size of 21.

The report also determined that approximately 46 percent of students were "college ready," scoring an ACT score of 21 or higher. Meanwhile, only 33 percent of students met or exceeded performance level on the PARCC.

State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith said that though "Report Card indicators mostly held steady.... we must make major changes to the way we fund our public schools and fundamentally shift our approach to education." This is a challenge state lawmakers are currently tackling as the Illinois School Funding Reform Commission continues to meet and discuss school funding in Illinois.

The annual report is an assessment of Illinois schools' performance, including data on academic progress in areas such as Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam performance, graduation rates and college readiness, school finances, dropout rates, class sizes, student and teacher demographics and principal turnover.

To view local schools or districts snapshots, visit <http://www.illinoisreportcard.com/>.

School Funding Reform Commission focuses on special populations

The Illinois School Funding Reform Commission met for the seventh time, this time addressing special popula-

tions, including special and early childhood education. On Nov. 2, the Commission, which includes four Senate Republican members, heard testimony on school district spending towards special education services and input on how the current education formula impacts special education funding.

Other points addressed included the disproportionate funds awarded to Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for special education services, which more than triples the statewide average. At the same time, CPS is also raking in approximately 37 percent of the funding awarded by the Early Childhood Block Grant. The Commission meeting concluded before being able to discuss bilingual education, but is expected to take up the topic at the next meeting.

Illinois Supreme Court receives new Chief Justice

On Oct. 31, Justice Lloyd Karmeier was sworn in as the 120th Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. Having served on the state's highest court since 2004, Justice Karmeier was unanimously chosen by his colleagues to replace former Chief Justice Rita

Garman.

The newly-installed Chief Justice was reported by the Illinois State Bar Association as saying, "Since joining the court in 2004, I have had the privilege of serving under five different chief justices, all of whom have done an outstanding job. I will do my very best to live up to the high standard they have set."

Chief Justice Karmeier received his J.D. degree in 1964 from the University of Illinois.

Illinois farmers finishing up with harvest

The Illinois corn and soybean harvest is nearing completion thanks to continued dry weather in many parts of the state. Outside of the most Northeastern part of the state, temperatures last week averaged from two to nearly six degrees warmer than usual.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 91 percent of Illinois corn acres have now been harvested, with 89 percent of soybeans finished. Harvest progress for both crops is ahead of the five-year average for this time of year, though farmers in 2015 had made slightly more progress by the end of October, with both crops at 95 percent complete then.

The most recent USDA crop forecast predicts a statewide corn yield average of 202 bushels per acre, 27 bushels higher than 2015. Soybeans are forecast to hit a statewide average of 62 bushels per acre, six bushels more than 2015.

Illinois wheat acres are now 85 percent planted, with 63 percent of the plants having already emerged from the soil.

Soil conditions look good as farmers begin to look forward to the spring planting season. Eighty percent of topsoil is rated as having adequate moisture, with 87 percent of subsoil receiving the same mark.

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Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a chronic condition with symptoms — cramping, abdominal pain, bloating, gas, diarrhea, and constipation — that can seriously affect a person's quality of life. Learn how these symptoms can be controlled at FHN's November Speaker Series presentation.

FHN Gastroenterologist Vivek Mehta, MD will talk about controlling the symptoms of IBS through diet and lifestyle choices, as well as other methods of managing the dis-

ease, from medications to treatments and procedures.

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the FHN Family Healthcare Center — Burchard Hills, 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport. Refreshments will be served, and there is no charge to attend this presentation. Reservations are requested; visit www.fhn.org/ibs or call toll-free 1-877-6000-FHN (1-877-600-0346) ext. 901 to register.

ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

ARLINE GAINES

Arline Gaines, 88 of Rockton, IL formerly of Eleroy and Freeport passed away on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at Highview in the Woodlands in Rockton. She was born on Feb. 1, 1928 in Marengo, IL. Arline was the daughter of Howard and Helen (Riley) Jacobs. Arline graduated from DePaul University in Chicago, IL with a Bachelor in Teaching. She married Donald J. Gaines on May 26, 1951 in Elgin, IL. After her teaching career she began a 23 year career working for the United States Postal Service where she served as postmaster for the Eleroy and Kent post offices. Arline was a member of the Preceptor Epsilon Phi sorority; she also loved to watch the DePaul Blue Demon's basketball games.

She is survived by six children, Ellen (Roger) Farrell of Rockton, Jeanette (Steve) Tanaka of Hanover Park, IL, Joseph (Karen) Gaines of Green Leaf, WI, Lisa (Albert) VanDenBerg of Warwick, NY, Donna (Don) Clement of Durham, N. C. and Adam (Cliffa) Gaines of Middleton, WI.

Eleven grandchildren also survive, Casey Farrell, Ben, Sanette, Shugo, and Hitomi Tanaka, Lauren and Weston Gaines, Jacob and Tyler VanDenBerg, and Chelsey (Kelyn) Walker, and Riley Gaines, great grandchildren Aria and Logan Walker. She is also survived by her nephew Alan Ferson and her niece Linda Wascak.

She was preceded in death by her husband on March 17, 2004. She was also preceded in death by her brother Robert Jacobs and her sister Audrey Ferson. Visitation and services were held Nov. 11, at Leamon Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Eleroy Cemetery, Eleroy, IL.

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

LAMOINE "ROCKY" REED

L a M o i n e "Rocky" Reed, age 73 of Osage Beach, MO, formerly of Stockton, IL, passed away Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach.

He was born June 12, 1943 in Stockton to the late Roscoe and Alma (Coppernoll) Reed. He graduated from Stockton High School in 1961. He married Judy Honeyman on Oct. 22, 1966; she died April 18, 1994. Rocky married Carole Lawson on Aug. 24, 2001.

A meat cutter by trade, he owned Rocky's Store in Stockton, later worked for Dick's Supermarkets in Galena, IL and Maquoketa, IA, and retired from Hy-Vee Foods in Dubuque in 2010. Rocky and Carole moved to Osage Beach in 2012 where he enjoyed golf, living at the

lake, travel and visits from family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carole of Osage Beach; daughters, Tricia (Ted) Reed-McGinn of Palatine, IL and Teresa Reed (Chris Lawson) of Mt. Carroll, IL; step-daughter, Jodi (Mark) Kremer of Peosta, IA; three grandchildren, Colin McGinn, Erin McGinn and Julia Kremer; and sisters, Roberta (Gerald) Miller of Freeport, IL, LaVonne "Bonnie" Jezebera of Stockton, Barbara (Melvin) Haug of Monroe, WI, and Jacqueline "Jackie" Haug of Stockton. He is preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Judy.

A visitation will be held Friday, Nov. 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. Interment will take place at Ladies Union Cemetery at a later date. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

LILLIAN BARTELT

Lillian Bartelt, 93, of Winslow, IL passed away on Monday, Nov. 7, 2016 at the Lena Living Center in Lena, IL. She was born on Jan. 11, 1923 to Thomas and Mary (Kaempfer) Schiesser in Jordan, WI. She married Lloyd Bartelt on Aug. 28, 1942 in Davis, IL. In Lillian's younger years she enjoyed playing cards, gardening, and canning with her husband Lloyd. Lillian also enjoyed word search games and spending time with her family.

Lillian is survived by her children Duane (Linda) Bartelt of Rock City, Mary Holland of Freeport, Robert Bartelt of Winslow; grandchildren Angela Myers of Belvidere, Michael (Nancy) Bartelt of Rock City, Christopher Bartelt of Rockford, Steven (Jeanne) Holland of Galena, Stephanie (Todd) Edmunds of Monticello; 11 great-grandchildren; and special friend Betty Heer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lloyd in 2013, two brothers, and two sisters.

Private family funeral services were held on Nov. 12, at the Leamon

Funeral Home in Winslow, IL.

Rev. Randy Nicholas performed the services.

Interment was at Basswood Cemetery in McConnell, IL.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

SUSAN J. UPMANN

Susan J. Upmann, 61, of Apple River, IL passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 10, 2016. Susan was born on Sept. 14, 1955 in Dubuque, IA to Merlin and Rosemary (Licht) Kohnen. She married Lyle Upmann on Feb. 18, 1992. She was a CNA at Ennoble Nursing Home and she helped her husband with their DJ service, She & I.

Susan is survived by her husband Lyle Upmann of Apple River, IL; two daughters Amy Green and Sharon Andrews; two step daughters Tonya (Jeremy) Poe and Ashley (Terry) Brentlinger; three grandchildren Shanaye Howard, Alex and Nathan Green; 5 step-grandchildren Baileigh and Kayleigh Poe, Madison, Ayla, and Julianna Brentlinger; five sisters Pamela (John) Kass of Dubuque, IA, Nancy (Bill) Sanders of Dubuque, IA, Janice (James) Schultz of Dubuque, IA, Kimberly (Shane) Hyde of East Dubuque, IL, Carla (Bob) Heller of Dubuque, IA; three brothers Tom (Shawn) Kohnen of Dubuque, IA, Tim Kohnen of Florida, Jim Kohnen of Apple River, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister Patricia Chaloupka.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Apple River United Methodist Church in Apple River, IL.

A visitation was November 14, 2016 at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren, IL.

Pastor Joe Garcea with officiate the services.

Interment will be at West Ella Highland Cemetery in Apple River, IL.

A memorial has been established for her memory.

Births

QUINN DICKMAN

Adam and Bethany Dickman of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Quinn Marie Dickman born Wednesday Nov. 9, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport. Grandparents are Lowell and Jeannie Dickman and Tim and Lori Holden all of Freeport. Great grandparents are Lyle and Carol Holden of Freeport and Benjamin and Donna Albrecht of Lena, Ill.

ARIA LAWSON

Jordan Lamb and Bailey Lawson of Stockton, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Aria Lyn Lawson born Sunday Nov. 6, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Trina Orr and Anthony D'Antonio of Stockton and Matthew and Jessica Lawson of Warren, Ill. Great grandparents are Curt and Debi Brown of Stockton and Ken and Barb Lawson of Freeport.

Hand, Foot And Mouth Disease outbreak closes University of Illinois

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

Hand, foot and mouth disease or HFMD, has made its way to Illinois. The University of Illinois has already seen 60 cases since the beginning of the semester, and closed for three days last week in response. One doctor says that it's more often seen in day care centers meaning any child attending day care is susceptible.

HFMD usually causes fever, painful sores in the mouth, and a rash on the hands and feet. Most infected people recover in a week or two. Wash your hands often and practice good hygiene to reduce your risk of infection.

Hand foot mouth disease Quick Facts

Usually causes fever, painful sores in the mouth, and a rash on the hands and feet

Is a contagious disease
Mostly affects infants and children younger than 5 years old, but people of any age can be infected
Has no specific treatment
Infection risk can be reduced by

Millie's quote of the week

"Politics is the entertainment division of the military industrial complex."

Frank Zappa

practicing good hygiene, such as washing hands often

Is not the same as foot-and-mouth disease

HFMD is often confused with foot-and-mouth disease (also called hoof-and-mouth disease), which affects cattle, sheep, and swine. Humans do not get the animal disease, and animals do not get the human disease.

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Scales Mound School Drama Department brings epic performance to the stage

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5, the Scales Mound School Junior and High School drama students performed "Grease." Out of all the plays/musicals that Scales Mound School has performed over the years, it was, by far, the biggest, most detailed, demanding, and expensive musicals that has ever been produced. The directors and cast members knew they could do it, though, because of the exceptionally talented group of students they had this year. Everyone knew it would be a big undertaking, but the directors and students jumped right in and never gave up for nine weeks straight, even when things got really hard.

Early in the journey, the directors knew they would need help to make "Grease" a success. The music books, play scripts, and legal fees to perform a musical of this caliber alone cost significantly more than past plays/musicals, so the directors reached out to the community for help. They were absolutely overwhelmed by the number of local businesses and people that offered to help.

It was a musical performance of epic proportions for our school! It is one that will surely go down in the history books as one of the greatest musicals our small school with big dreams has ever accomplished!



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Future scientists at work

Pearl City Sophomores Riley Wright and Zach Lieb perform a delicate experiment during science class.

HCC Theatre Department to hold auditions for spring production

The Highland Community College Theatre Department will hold auditions for the spring theatrical production, William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," on Nov. 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. and Nov. 17, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre, located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. Auditions will be a cold reading

from the script. Auditions are open to HCC students, faculty and staff, and community members.

Production dates are Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact director, Laura Early at laura.early@highland.edu (815) 599-3492



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Members of the Scales Mound Junior and Senior High School Drama Department brought the timeless production Grease to the stage to critical acclaim.



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October Blackhawks of the Month

Each month, Stockton Middle School recognizes students that are going above and beyond to display Blackhawk Way expectations. They have been nominated for special acts of being respectful, responsible, and safe.

October Blackhawks of the Month are: fifth grade-Leah Warner, sixth grade-Dawson Broshous, Matthew Cook of the seventh grade and Adriana Curtis for the eighth grade.

Canisius College offers tuition match guarantee

Canisius College is pleased to offer the Canisius Tuition Match Guarantee program for out-of-state students entering in the fall 2017 semester. Tuition Match Guarantee is a new, competitive scholarship program that guarantees academically-qualified first-year students pay the same tuition as their home state's public flagship institution.

"Our Tuition Match Guarantee Program will allow more students to obtain a private, Canisius education

in the rich Jesuit, Catholic tradition," says Kathleen Davis, vice president for enrollment management. "This program will assist the college in extending its geographic reach and help to fuel the Buffalo economy, as out-of-state students often stay and work in the city after graduation."

To qualify for a full tuition match at Canisius, incoming freshmen must have high school averages of at least 90 and SAT scores of 1170 or higher on the exam offered since

March of 2016. The program for first-year students is renewable for up to four years provided criteria are met each year.

For more information about the Canisius Tuition Match Guarantee Program, please contact the Office of Admissions at (716) 888-2200 or visit www.canisius.edu/admissions.

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Super Market Sweep winner goes shopping

The PTO would like to thank Jerry and Stockton Sullivan's for hosting the PTO's 2016 Super Market Sweep! Nicole Haas was able to fill her cart in 30 seconds this morning! Thanks to everyone that purchased Super Market Sweep Tickets!!

Celebrating 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees

The Illinois 4-H Foundation annually recognizes one 4-H volunteer per county for exemplary service to the Illinois 4-H program as a Hall of Fame winner. This year, 74 new members were inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame, the largest inductee class to date.

"This year celebrated the 12-year anniversary of the award," said Angie Barnard, director of the Illinois 4-H Foundation. The ceremony was held Saturday, Aug. 20 in the Orr Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

"These long-time volunteers fully embody what 4-H strives to instill in youth," Barnard said. "They are caring, dedicated, generous leaders, and the Illinois 4-H Foundation is extremely proud to be able to provide this honor to each and every one of them to thank them for their service to this wonderful

organization."

Stephenson County is proud to recognize Steve Bottino as this year's 4-H Hall of Fame inductee. "Steve has volunteered so much of his time and energy as a 4-H volunteer making him a perfect candidate for this award," said Lori Tessendorf, Stephenson County 4-H Program Coordinator. "We are so lucky to have him as one of our volunteers and the kids just love him." Steve is a Master Gardener with University of Illinois Extension as well as a 7-year leader with 4-H. He serves on the 4-H Leadership & Awards Committee, as well as being the photographer for many events like 4-H Camp. Steve has been a speaker at Keepers of the Land, Joys of Gardening and Super Saturday and was employed by the Freeport Park district for two years leading educational and informational

U of I Extension schedules Healthy Holiday Appetizers and Beverages workshop

This 90-minute workshop, Healthy Holiday Appetizers and Beverages, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, located at 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL. The workshop will be from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is required as seats are limited. For more information or to register, visit our website

at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at (815) 858-2273. There is a \$15 fee to cover the educational session.

Lighten up your holiday gatherings this season with healthy holiday appetizers and beverages.

Enjoy your favorite holiday recipes by making a few simple changes.

Learn tips to reduce the amount of sugar and fat in your recipes, while still keeping the delicious flavors everyone loves.

Baking not your thing, but enjoy holiday parties? Learn helpful tips on how to navigate those social gatherings while avoiding those unwanted holiday pounds.

Join University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, to learn answers to these questions and more.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at (815) 858-2273.

Diane Reinhold is a University of Illinois Extension, Nutrition and Wellness Educator and registered dietitian. For more about upcoming programming on nutrition and wellness, visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call (815) 858-2273.

Blackhawk Unit of HCE schedules November meeting

The November meeting of the Blackhawk Unit of HCE will meet Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the home of Jo Wenzel, 15351 West Cemetery Road, Kent, Illinois. Marie Boyer will be the co-hostess. The lesson on "Hold that Thought-Brain Health" will be given by Paula Gerke. We will have a 'pass the basket' monetary bridal shower for two of our member's children who were recently married. Food collected will be given to the Pearl City Area Food Pantry.

SCAHCE (Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education) is a county wide organization of which Blackhawk HCE (Home and Community Education) is one of 12 units in the county and is a part of a state wide organization-Illinois Association for Home and Community Education- with offices at the University of Illinois Extension at Highland Community College, and also a part of the national organization All of

this is in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the University of Illinois. The monthly lessons are practical research-based current information to inform and to make a difference in people's lives. HCE is always looking for new members to come and join them in their efforts.



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Stockton FFA Quiz Bowl

The Stockton FFA Chapter competed in the Section 1 FFA Greenhand Quiz Bowl CDE on Nov. 9, at Stockton High School. This contest is for first year members, and it tests their knowledge on FFA. Stockton FFA took first place and will be competing at the state level in June. The team consisted of (back row left to right) Erin Croffoot, Cody Breuer, Kendra Scace, (front row left to right) Ellie Eden, and Haley Brudi.

Rock County Council on Aging hosts AARP driver safety course

The Rock County Council on Aging/Mobility Management is offering an AARP Driver Safety course. By attending the four-hour class, participants will receive research-based information to keep them safe on the road.

According to www.AARP.org "Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads you travel every day. Some drivers age 50-plus have never looked back since they got their first driver's license, but even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills. By taking a driver safety course you'll learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate your vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment."

The upcoming class will be held at the Rock County Council on Aging at 3328 N. U.S. Highway 51, Janesville, WI 53545 on Friday, Nov. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Personal check preferred, cash is accepted, no debit/credit cards. By completing the course, some insurance companies may lower your rate.

To register, please visit www.AARP.org/findacourse and enter the above information to locate the class. You may also sign up on the Rock County Council on Aging website www.co.rock.wi.us/aging and follow the "Workshops" tab. Or simply call the Rock County Mobility Manager at (608) 757-5408 or email mobility@co.rock.wi.us to sign up. Seating is limited, so register soon!

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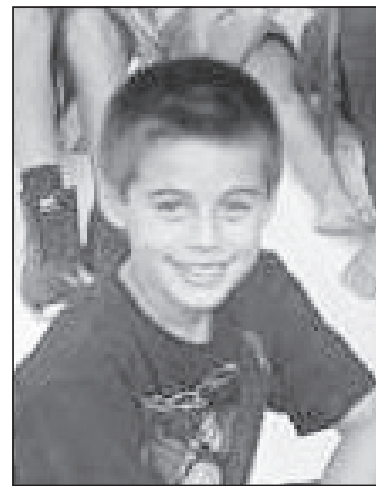
Enter your child in the Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost contest

The Stockton Chamber of Commerce is hosting the twenty-eighth annual Stockton Christmas Walk on Dec. 2 and 3. The theme this year is A Candy Cane Christmas. Two lucky children, one boy and one girl, will be selected to be our Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost. They will be crowned on Friday, Dec. 2, before the tree lighting ceremony and on Saturday will help Santa and Mrs. Claus as they greet all the good little boys and girls in town. Each winner will receive a gift for winning.

A committee from the Chamber will select the finalists from all the entrants. Finalists' pictures are published in The Scoop Today Nov. 9 and 16 issues, along with a ballot for voting.



Little Jack Frost Contestant Number 1



Little Jack Frost Contestant Number 2



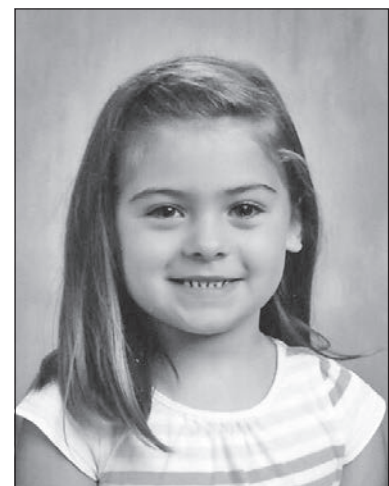
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Miss Merry Christmas Contestant Number 1



Miss Merry Christmas Contestant Number 2



Miss Merry Christmas Contestant Number 3

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Stephenson County Extension heralds the return of 4-H Penny Carnival

Looking for a fun, inexpensive way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your kids or grandkids? Put the Stephenson County 4-H Penny Carnival on your schedule! 4-H Penny Carnival is set for Nov. 20, from 3-5 p.m. at the Lincoln Mall in Freeport.

"This is our first year of hosting what will become an annual 4-H event" said Lori Tessendorf, Program Coordinator. "This event is something that we used to do many years ago and decided to bring it back as a fun way for families to come and enjoy some games, win some prizes and find out about Stephenson County 4-H."

The event is open to the public and features 4-H club games that can be played for \$.25 each or 25 for \$5. Prizes are awarded win or lose! Plus, a free door prize drawing will be conducted every half hour. This is one of the few places where families can still have a whole afternoon of fun on pocket change!

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension. For more information about this or any other county 4-H program, call Stephenson County Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit on-line at www.extension.uiuc.edu/jsw.

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Stockton Chamber of Commerce Miss Merry Christmas/Little Jack Frost ballot

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Ballots must be received by Nov. 25, 2016

You can vote as many times as you like as long as it is the original Ballot from the paper

Name _____

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Vote for one Miss Merry Christmas and one Little Jack Frost
Miss Merry Christmas Contestant Number ____
Little Jack Frost Contestant Number ____

Send your entry to: Stockton Chamber of Commerce P O Box 3
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University of Illinois Extension offers Gifts from the Kitchen session

Would you like to make a great food gift for the holidays? Join University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for the workshop Gifts from the Kitchen – Holiday Baking Jars! This workshop will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Winnebago County Extension office, located at 1040 North Second Street, in Rockford.

During this fun hands-on workshop, you will first learn helpful tips on managing stress during the holiday season. Then, you will learn how to layer in-

gredients to make two festive mixes (a cookie mix and a soup mix) to take home or give to someone special. After putting the mixes together, you'll be able to decorate your jars and add recipe tags before taking them with you. Cost for the workshop is \$10 per person. Register by visiting our website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/> or call our office at (815) 986-4357.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local Extension office.

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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Nov. 20, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Christ the King Sunday with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday Nov. 23, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Nov. 20. The service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Installation of New Members. The Whirl Sunday School will meet at 10:15 a.m. feature the lesson, "King on the Cross." Confirmation class for seventh and eighth grade youths will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The November Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Nov. 20, at Noon and will be hosted by the SPLAT Youth Group. Menu will include barbecue sandwiches, baked beans, chips, dessert and beverages.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl, City, now has 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.

Save the date: After worship on Nov. 27, you're welcome to join us as we decorate St. John's for Christmas. A chili and oyster lunch will be served when the decorating is completed. Thanks in advance for your help!

Bible Studies continue to be held at St. John's in the Conference Room on Mondays at 7 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Members and non members alike are invited to join the Bible Study discussions. The East door to the Lower Level is open for your convenience.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Church

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Nov. 20, at 9:00 a.m. at Willow UMC. Brenda Morris will be giving the message. This Sunday will be "Harvest gathering" Sunday so bring products for the Food Pantry. All are welcome and also to stay for the fellowship following.

Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m.; studying from the Holy Bible. All are welcome to this time of study and sharing.

Millie's quote of the week

"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness".
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Cedarville Emmanuel Church to host free Thanksgiving Dinner

Cedarville Emmanuel Church will host its annual free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This meal is for people who are alone, who are new to the area, or for those who would like a great meal and family fellowship.

The church is located at 175 N. Cedar Street in Cedarville (by the water tower).

Meals will be delivered to community area shut-ins. Please call (815) 563-4315 if you are in need of a delivery.

Friends of The Pecatonica River Foundation to hold November meeting

The Friends of the Pecatonica River Foundation will be meeting Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at The Rafter's Restaurant and Catering, 9426 W. Wagner Road, Lena.

St. Paul's celebrates Christ the King Sunday

On Sunday, Nov. 20, at the 10 a.m. family worship, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will honor Christ the King Sunday with a presentation entitled "Thy Kingdom Come: A Celebration of Christ the King in the Seasons of the Church Year." This was originally written by Pastor Arlen W. Mead and adapted for St. Paul's in Kent by Pastor Car-

ole Andres. Organist will be Deb Winning and Lector will be Gary Groezinger. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Please join us for this special occasion.

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Members of the Lena-Winslow High School Theater Department took to the stage over the weekend to present, "Rumors" a delightful comedy in the school's fine arts center.



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Pearl City fifth graders perform operetta

On Nov. 8, the fifth grade students at Pearl City Elementary School performed Jukebox Time Machine. Students cruised through the decades remembering hits from the past as they sang and danced. The students performed their operetta during the school day for an elementary audience, and in the evening for friends and families. Both crowds had fun reminiscing while listening to the hits from the 1930s to the present. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and staff had a wonderful time. The students enjoyed their performance just as much as their audience!



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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Lena Beautification Committee members Annette Wickman, Darci Meier's, Kim Nelson, and others are busy decorating the planters downtown for the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute toward this project you may write a check to The Lena Beautification Co. Checks may be delivered to Engel's Jewelry or DeVoe Floral. You can also mail it to Lena Beautification, 136 W. Main, Lena. If you have any questions, please call Jean Engel at 814-275-0451. The Lena Beautification is part of the Lena Business & Professional Association.

Join us for Refreshments during **The Mistletoe Walk** Sun, Nov. 20th • 12-4pm Drop-off Point for Salvation Army Toy Drive

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Fall prep

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Lena Ladies Day Out is just around the corner

It's time for another Ladies Day Out. The cold weather is back and so are we. And you know what that means? Christmas is coming! **Le-Win Elementary School, Lena IL**

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FHN Burchard Hills exhibit to feature the work of Orangeville artist

FHN is proud to announce that the artwork of Orangeville artist Linda Vietmeyer will be on display at the FHN Family Healthcare Center - Burchard Hills in Freeport from Friday, Nov. 4, through Monday, Jan. 30, 2017.

The exhibit is in the Common Room on the lower level of the building at 1010 W. Fairway Drive in Freeport. The public is invited to view the show during business hours; all pieces will be for sale and the artist is available to design commissioned pieces.

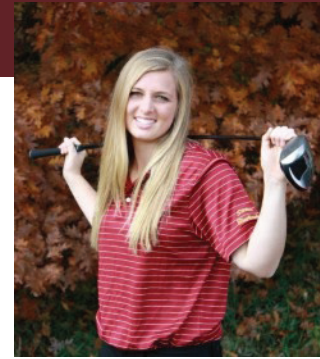
Vietmeyer's current body of work has been a personal journey using lines and shapes to fabricate a design - inspired by the style of art known as the Zentangle method. Using fine-line micron pens, her

surface (whether paper, illustration board, or Masonite) is filled with a dream-like scene that is complex and intricate.

"I have been pursuing a more focused art initiative since 2002, though I have dabbled in art all my life," Vietmeyer said. "Besides painting and pastel drawings, I have fallen in love with the exploration of how to design a work of art that incorporates ink patterns with images of children or animals."

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From Lena's Kitchen



The not so skinny cook

I am officially ready for winter. My lawn furniture has gone to the basement; my flowers have been cut off; and my yard has been raked several times. I guess I am winding down fall. This week's recipes will give you a great appetizer, a wonderful green salad, a unique way to eat butternut squash, two main dishes, and two desserts. What more could you want?

Are you looking for a good appetizer for Thanksgiving or Christmas? This easy and tasty appetizer is one that will fit the bill. The cheese mixture along with the spinach will make these mushrooms a family favorite. Enjoy this great appetizer any time.

Spinach Dip-Stuffed Mushrooms

16 large fresh mushrooms
1 T. olive oil
2 C. fresh baby spinach, coarsely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
½ C. sour cream
3 oz. cream cheese
1/3 C. shredded mozzarella cheese
3 T. grated Parmesan cheese
¼ t. salt
¼ t. pepper

Preheat oven to 400. Remove stems from mushrooms and set caps aside; discard stems or save for another use. In a small skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add spinach and sauté until wilted. Add garlic and cook 1 minute longer.

Combine spinach mixture with remaining ingredients. Spoon into mushroom caps. Place in a 15 x 10 baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, until mushrooms are tender, 12-15 minutes. Serve warm.

We are fortunate to have fresh produce and fruit through many seasons not just their growing season here. This great green salad has a delicious raspberry dressing, and it features baby spinach, fresh raspberries, and fresh strawberries. You could use it for a luncheon salad with crusty bread or as a side to a special meal. Enjoy the fresh taste of greens and berries.

Green Salad with Berries Raspberry Vinaigrette

½ C. fresh raspberries
¼ C. seedless raspberry jam
1/3 C. red wine vinegar
2 T. minced green onions
2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
2 t. chopped fresh tarragon
1 t. Dijon mustard
Salt and pepper to taste

Salad

1 C. torn romaine
1 C. baby spinach
1 C. sliced fresh strawberries
½ C. thinly sliced celery
½ small red onion, thinly sliced
½ C. coarsely chopped pecans

2 green onions, chopped ¼ C. raspberry vinaigrette

Dressing: purée the raspberries and jam in a food processor; strain through a fine-mesh sieve, discarding seeds. Transfer purée to a bowl. Whisk in the vinegar, onions, oil, tarragon, and Dijon; season with salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, combine the romaine, spinach, strawberries, celery, red onion, pecans and green onions. To serve drizzle with vinaigrette and toss to combine. Top with raspberries.

I have had several requests this fall for squash recipes. I still have a few waiting to share with you. This recipe uses the popular butternut squash which grew in abundance this year. It does require some prep time because you need to bake the squash ahead of time and let it cool. You could bake the squash the night before and then assemble it the next evening for a side. I have said it before—any vegetable tastes great with cheese!!!

Cheesy Stuffed Butternut Squash

1 butternut squash (about 2 lb.)
1 C. water
¾ C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese
½ C. sour cream
1 T. chopped fresh chives
1/8 t. smoked paprika
¼ C. crushed Ritz crackers
1 T. butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 425. Cut squash lengthwise in half and scoop out the seeds. Add water to a 9 x 13 baking dish; place squash, cut sides down in the dish and cover.

Bake 40 minutes or until squash is tender when pierced with a knife. Cool 10 minutes. Transfer squash to the cutting board, and drain liquid from the dish.

Scoop out the squash into a medium bowl, leaving ¼-inch thick shells. In a bowl, mix the cheese, sour cream, chives and paprika to the squash flesh; spoon into shells.

Combine the cracker crumbs and butter and sprinkle over the squash. Return to baking dish. Bake 22-24 minutes or until heated through.

This next main dish is a take off on the traditional scalloped potatoes and ham. The dish features not just ham, but broccoli as well. If you don't have any chives, you can substitute parsley or cilantro. You have in one dish your meat, potatoes, and vegetable. Add a salad and dessert, and you have a great main meal!

Loaded Baked Potato Casserole

2 lbs. potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced (about 6 cups)
1 large onion, halved and sliced
¼ C. water
¼ C. butter, cubed
1/3 C. flour
1 t. salt
1 t. ground mustard
½ t. pepper
2 C. milk
4 C. shredded cheddar cheese, divided

4 C. fresh small broccoli florets
3 C. cubed fully cooked ham
2 T. minced fresh chives

Preheat the oven to 350. Place the potatoes, onion and water in a

microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, covered on high until potatoes are almost tender, 8-10 minutes; drain off liquid.

In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour and seasonings; cook and stir until lightly browned, 2-3 minutes. Slowly whisk in milk. Boil the mixture stirring constantly; cook and stir until thick, about 102 minutes. Stir in 3 cups of cheese until melted. Remove from heat.

Layer the potato mixture, broccoli, and ham in a greased 9 x 12 baking dish. Top with sauce and remaining cheese.

Bake, covered, for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake until potatoes are tender, 25-30 minutes. Sprinkle with chives; let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Who doesn't love a good crock pot recipe especially as winter is coming? This recipe for goulash is a little different than the traditional one because it uses the roasted red peppers in a jar and carrots. Be sure to use sweet paprika rather than smoky paprika for a better taste. This recipe can feed a good bunch of people. It is best on noodles, but you could serve it on mashed potatoes as well.

Slow-Cooker Hungarian Goulash

1 (4 lb) boneless beef chuck roast trimmed and cut into 1½-inch pieces
Salt and pepper
1 jar (12-oz.) roasted red peppers, rinsed

1/3 C. sweet paprika
2 T. tomato paste
1 T. white vinegar
2 T. oil
6 C. chopped onions
4 carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
3 T. flour
1 bay leaf
5 T. water
1/3 C. sour cream
2 T. minced fresh parsley

Pat the beef dry with paper towels and season with 1 teaspoon salt; transfer to a slow cooker. In a food processor, process the red peppers, paprika, tomato paste, and vinegar until smooth, about 2 minutes, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed; set aside.

Heat the oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onions, carrots, and 1 teaspoon salt and cook, covered, until the onions are softened, about 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the flour, bay leaf and red pepper mixture and cook until the mixture begins to brown and stick to the bottom of the pot, about 2 minutes. Stir in water, scraping up any browned bits.

Stir onion mixture into the slow cooker until the beef is evenly coated. Cover and cook until the meat is tender, 6-7 hours on high or 7-8 hours on low.

Turn off the slow cooker and let stew settle for 5 minutes, then skim fat from the surface with a large spoon. Discard the bay leaf. In a bowl, combine the sour cream and ½ cup of the hot stew liquid (to temper the sour cream), then stir mixture into the stew. Season with salt and

pepper to taste. Serve over cooked wide noodles.

I am always looking for a good pumpkin recipe, and this one is a pumpkin "poke" cake recipe. It uses both evaporated and condensed milk. The pumpkin spice instant pudding is easy to find this time of the year in larger grocery stores. It is easy because it begins with a plain yellow cake mix. Enjoy pumpkin in a different way.

Pumpkin Spice Tres Leches Cake

1 pkg. yellow cake mix
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) Jell-O pumpkin spice flavor instant pudding
1 can (12 oz) evaporated milk, divided
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
½ C. Sour cream
½ t. pumpkin pie spice
2 C. Cool whip, thawed

Preheat the oven to 350. Prepare the cake batter and bake as directed on the package for a 9 x 13 pan, blending dry pudding mix and ¼ cup evaporated milk into the batter before pouring into the prepared pan. Cool the cake in the pan for 10 minutes, and then pierce with a large fork at ½-inch intervals.

Blend the condensed milk, sour cream, pumpkin pie spice and remaining evaporated milk in a blender until well blended; pour slowly over the cake. Refrigerate 1 hour.

Frost the cake with the Cool Whip before serving. Garnish with a light sprinkling of pumpkin pie spice

Need a great bar cookie for your holiday cookie tray? This recipe is for you. It is delicious with the caramel topping and the sprinkling of the salt on top. Try this great bar cookie that is relatively easy.

Salted Caramel Cheesecake Blondies

1 C. pecans
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, room temperature
¼ C. sugar
3 large eggs
1 ½ t. vanilla
1 ½ C. flour
1 t. baking powder
½ t. salt
1½ sticks (12 T.) unsalted butter, melted
1½ C. packed brown sugar
3 T. caramel ice cream topping
½ t. kosher salt
Preheat the oven to 325. Spread

the pecans on a baking sheet. Bake until toasted, about 8 minutes. Let cool and then chop.

Coat a 9-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. Line with parchment paper, leaving an overhang; coat the parchment with cooking spray.

Cheesecake batter: Beat the cream cheese and sugar in a large bowl with a mixer on medium speed until creamy, about 3 minutes. Beat in 1 egg and ½ teaspoon of vanilla until combined; set aside.

Blondie batter: Whisk the flour, baking powder, and salt in a medium bowl. Whisk the melted butter and brown sugar in a large bowl; whisk in the remaining 2 eggs and 1 teaspoon vanilla until combined. Fold in the flour mixture with a rubber spatula until just combined. Stir in ¾ cup pecans. Spread half of the blondie batter in the prepared pan. Top with half of the cheesecake batter in spoonfuls. Warm the caramel sauce in the microwave, and then drizzle between the spoonfuls of the cheesecake batter. Top with the remaining blondie batter, then the remaining cheesecake batter in spoonfuls. Using the tip of a butter knife, gently swirl together to create a marbled effect.

Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 50-55 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes and then lift the blondies out of the pan using the parchment and transfer to a rack. Drizzle with more of the caramel sauce and sprinkle with the remaining ¼ cup of pecans and the salt. Refrigerate until completely cooled, about 2 hours. Cut into squares.

We finally had a hard freeze. I am hoping the freeze will get rid of some of the things that are driving my allergies crazy. It looks as if the weather will be great this coming week. Christmas lights are being put up because of the nice weather—I usually get help with mine when it is cold. I am envious of those people who get their lights up early. Remember we still have Thanksgiving to celebrate. Next week it will be turkey buying week.

If you have some favorite Thanksgiving traditions or recipes, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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Road closes on Lena-Winslow Panthers journey to the finals

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers football season came to a close on Saturday, Nov. 12, 44-7 and it was at the hands of one of the only teams who had beaten them in the regular season, Forreston.

It's hard to repeat a win from an earlier meeting. Forreston did it, but they did it differently the second time around and Mother Nature played a big part. The winds gave the field position game to Forreston. Skilled play calling and timely kicking kept the Panthers with a field disadvantage most of the game. That wasn't the case the last time these two teams met in week seven of the NUIC season. Forreston won that meeting 13-7.

The key to Forreston's offense is a rapid-fire attack with first point of contact five feet through the opposition's line. The Panthers couldn't stop it early enough to benefit from the effort. The overlooked factor throughout the Class 1A Tournament has been the speed at the Forreston safety and linebacker position. Teams can't score against Forreston and the Cardinals are getting better.

Lena-Winslow hung around into the first quarter, exchanging scores to maintain the early hope. Ending the first quarter with a one-touch-down advantage, 14-7, the kicking game and special teams play from Forreston helped pushed the half-time edge to an almost unreachable level in the post-season, 30-7.

Scoring was halted in the third quarter as both teams found answers to earlier issues. As the final frame began, the Panthers still found themselves in striking distance down 30-7.

Fortune found Forreston as they kicked the ball away after a quick fourth quarter score. The kick-off made contact and caromed away from the receiving team. The Cardinals recovered the kneecap rebound and scored a play later. As time wound down on the night, the State of Illinois' top-ranked Class 1A Cardinals' defense got stronger. They easily held on for the 37-point win and earned the right to move on to face Marquette in Ottawa this Saturday.

The Crusaders got their own fortunate gift bounce in their Class 1A Quarterfinal against Freeport Aquin.

With time winding down, a miscue occurred and Marquette jumped on the chance, turning a 21-17 deficit into a 24-21 edge with time nearly gone. Aquin's loss prevented the guarantee that the NUIC would be back in the spotlight in 2016 playing for the Class 1A Title. Since 2010, only once has the NUIC not appeared or won the State's Final match.

The season is over for Lena-Winslow, but a part of the dream came true for sports fans. Forreston had to beat Lena-Winslow to get their shot at the State's final four. The survivor from the NUIC is going to be heavily favored as they enter this Saturday's semi-final in Ottawa.

Panthers' faithful now turn their attention to the basketball courts and the girls' and boys' squads who currently visit them.

U of I Extension beef cow/calf meeting slated for Dec. 7

Join the University of Illinois Extension for the Beef Cow/Calf Meeting where Travis Meteer, Extension Educator, will discuss winter management strategies for cow/calf operations and share information from the latest research being conducted by the University of Illinois. Travis is based on the Orr Research Center in western Illinois where he researches many aspects of the cow/calf herd and beef production practices.

The Beef Cow/Calf Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the University of Illinois Extension, located in the Community Services Building, on the campus of Highland Community College, 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport. Registration is requested and can be completed by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration cost is \$5.



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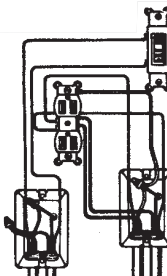
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Lena Library News

By Dixie Althoff
DIRECTOR

We are still enjoying some beautiful fall weather. I can't believe this is November.

It has sure been nice for the heating bills! Hope you have been able to be out and enjoy the weather and the beautiful colors. Take advantage every time you can!

We finished our second class for transferring over to becoming full members with RAILS Nov. 7. Our Go-Live date is Nov. 28, but I hope you will be patient while we get things transferred over. I also want to apologize for the inconvenience of not opening until 2:00 our two days of training. There was a lot of material to cover in a short time!

Another relaxing night of coloring was enjoyed Nov. 7. Our next coloring night will be Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. Please plan to join us. It is a very good time!

Book discussion will be held on Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m. It is a week early this month due to Thanksgiving. Plan to be with us. Speaking of Thanksgiving, our library hours will be: Thanksgiving Day: closed, Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Last week we had no after school group because it fell on Halloween.

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

The folks at the Sugar Bowl in downtown Lena are "bringing Xmas back" Dec. 1 and 2, with the return of the traditional Christmas House Walk. "A Christmas House Walk is something we've not had here in Lena for a few years and I wanted to bring it back," said Angie Bauer who operates The Sugar Bowl and is one of the organizers of the house walk event. "It was always one of my favorite family holiday memories when my mom and my sister and I would tour my home town with small groups of neighbors and just see how folks celebrated Christmas."

The homes are chosen and the excitement of decorating is already underway.

"We will be visiting four beautifully decorated homes including a stop at the Coffee House which will be festooned in full holiday décor and be serving hors d'oeuvres and wine from Hawks Mill Winery of Brownstown, WI," Bauer said. Each home will be uniquely decorated and we will be stopping mid-tour for canapés and wine. There are holiday giveaways at each stop along the walk and we are all looking forward to a fun evening."

The Lena Christmas House Walk is a charitable enterprise and all funds raised will be donated to an as yet to be named Lena area charity. Tickets will go on sale Thursday, Nov. 17 and are available in downtown Lena at The Sugar Bowl Boutique at 130 W. Main Street, 369-4043, DeVoe Floral at 216 W Main Street, 369-5549, or Lena Mercantile at 101 W Railroad Street, 369-9955.

"This is just a fun event that we are bringing back to recreate a lost tradition," said Bauer. "Grab your mom or your siblings, your cousins or your best friends to have a girl's night out. The whole point is to have fun and enjoy the holiday season."

We wanted to give all the little goblins time to get ready to go trick-or-treating. We were open at the library and Ms. Kathy and I sat outside and welcomed all the little spooks and goblins with a few pieces of candy. We had almost 400 little people before the night was ended. It was lots of fun seeing all the neat costumes. We had cat ladies, scarecrows, Spiderman, Cruella De Vil, Little Mermaid and so many others. We even saw Elvis!!!

This week the After School Group did a turkey decorating contest. They also decorated a "Give Thanks" pumpkin. These colorful creations decorate our walls at the library.

If you stop by, be sure to take a look at them. The children did a really good job on them. We have some very talented kids!

A food craft was also enjoyed. They made Pilgrim hats made from fudge striped cookies, a peanut butter cup, chocolate frosting and a fruit snack. Very tasty!

Story hour groups did some neat stuff too these past two weeks. The theme has been Thanksgiving, turkeys, and leaves. Last week began with the wall activity of making a leaf pile. Books read were Tap the Magic Tree, and 10 Fat Turkeys.

Flannel Board was: Pumpkins, leaves and the turkey. They played

find Leafie, pumpkin and turkey feather. The children always enjoy flannel board and finding the things Ms. Kathy asks them to find.

Songs and finger plays were: Leaves on the trees, Leaves are falling, I like to rake the leaves, I'm a little turkey, The turkey, I'm a little scarecrow, We eat turkey, and If you're thankful and you know it. For a craft they did a leaf with a fox fingerprint on it. This week they continued the theme and did the wall activity of making a leaf pile. Books read were: Thanksgiving is for giving thanks. They did a craft of a pumpkin with a turkey, but also did a food craft. They made Pilgrim hats with cookies, peanut butter cups, frosting and fruit snacks or M & Ms. Lots of fun things packed into just an hour time slot!

New fall reads: And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer by Fredrik Backman, Award by Danielle Steel, Christmas Message by Anne Perry, Faithful by Alice Hoffman, and Night School by Lee Child. One new Juvenile Fiction: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down by Jeff Kinney.

Enjoy these nice fall days and stop by to see us. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for! Enjoy the beautiful weather and watch the Shopper's Guide for future events.

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FOR THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
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Vs.
Diana Johnson-Schaar; Kelly Pearson; Maurice Pearson; United States of America - Department of Housing and Urban Development; CitiFinancial Services, Inc.; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Ruby Lee Pearson; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Ruby Lee Pearson (deceased)
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