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Lady Cougars advance to State Finals

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Eastland Lady Cougars accomplished a task few can claim in area high school volleyball as they earned a repeat visit to the State Championships to be played this weekend. Capturing a State Title after two more opponents fall would also be a repeat effort for Eastland. The Lady Cougars are the defending Class 1A Champion.

Following their win over Schaumburg Christian on Saturday, Nov. 5, Eastland added the Arlington Heights-Christian Liberty Super-Sectional Title to their trophy case. Now they head to Redbird Arena for game one in the Class 1A Semi-Final this Friday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Powerful service and aggressive defense helped pilot Eastland to the two games win over the western suburban submission. By a score of 25-16 the Lady Cougars took down the Conquerors in the first set. The effort intensified in the second set as Eastland played like a State Champion and sent Schaumburg Christian home following the game two score of 25-8.

Redbird Arena hosts the State of Illinois Finals. The winners from Friday will advance to the Title

Game on Saturday set to tip off at 10:30 a.m. The third-place game will be played at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Nov. 12.

The Lady Cougars have been in this situation before and in a not too distant past. In the 2008 and 2009 seasons, Eastland advanced to State and claimed the Title. The task is almost over. The journey saw a lot of NUIC mates fall along the way.

Beginning with a Regional Title in Polo and a win over Freeport Aquin, the Lady Cougars went home to compete in their own Sectional Tournament. They took out the Durand Lady Bulldogs in three sets 25-16, 19-25 and 25-20 to advance to the Sectional Championship. Only Galena stood in the way of the continued journey for Eastland. The Lady Pirates fell in two sets 25-16 and 25-23. Eastland then claimed the Super-Sectional Title and moved south towards Normal.

In the 9 a.m. game this Friday the Class 1A semi-final will be played on the court of Redbird Arena. Norris City faces Sciota-West Prairie. Eastland faces Strasburg Coop in the second semi-final. The winners play for the title on Saturday, Nov. 12.



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And the winners are...

The Lena Lion's Halloween award for the best group photo went to 6-week old Lyla Carr, three week old Jarrick Busker, Dylan and Colby Kent and Colt and Alyassa Kempel

Lady Blackhawks accept invitation to Thanksgiving Tournament

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Lady Blackhawks run at the regular season NUIC basketball title could get a jumpstart or experience a setback following game play in the annual Forreton Thanksgiving Classic beginning Thursday, Nov. 17.

With an assortment of talent from across northern Illinois playing at Forreton High School in a series of games running into the Thanksgiving break, a quick peek at how a team stands up can be offered. An early-season win streak could be set

in motion. Questions about retooling an offense could also arise. Game play will continue for Stockton on Friday and Saturday and conclude on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in Forreton.

The field of talent Stockton will compete with in the Forreton Thanksgiving Tournament has been historically substantial. Statistics have shown that those who play their best in Forreton in November find more expectations placed on their shoulders as they attack the remainder of the season. They survived every attack and claimed top honors. Stockton will have its

chance to face former Regional and Sectional combatants during the first week of the winter sports season. They will get their chance to see if they are ready to go forward and battle for the NUIC Title.

Non-tournament action begins with a non-conference game at South Wayne, Wi., on Monday Nov. 28.

The NUIC opens for Stockton with a game at East Dubuque on Thursday, Dec. 1. On Saturday, Dec. 3, Stockton plays in its home opener against the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers. A home game on Wed. Dec. 7 against Polo precedes a Friday, Dec. 9 clash at River Ridge/Scales Mound.

A game against Galena on Thurs-

day, Dec. 9 wraps up the 2016 portion of the NUIC regular season schedule.

Winter break ends with the Lady Blackhawks visiting the Stillman Valley Lady Cardinals on Wednesday, Jan. 4. They are home to welcome fans again on Friday, Dec. 6, in an NUIC battle with Warren.



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American Legion Auxiliary nears centennial anniversary

I am "One In A Million!" Would you like to be one also? It is possible. The American Legion Auxiliary will be 100 years old in 2019. In recognition of this timeline event, they have a goal of having one million members by the celebration.

The American Legion was formed to help those returning from WW1, members wanted to help their own. Now, almost 100 years later, it is the largest patriotic organization in the world and is very active in serving the veterans, the children and the communities. The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion and the Legion Riders make up "The American Legion Family."

As chartered by Congress, members must have served during a time of conflict. Female members along

with female family of members make up the American Legion Auxiliary. It is an honor to be a member, because not everyone can belong. The Mission Statement of the American Legion Auxiliary is: In the spirit of service not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Over 90% of funds earned are used directly for the programs with less than 10% for administration. This being said, from reports for the past administration year, members na-

tionwide volunteered over 10 million hours for a value of over \$3.2 billion.

The following represents the IM-PACT made by members in Illinois:

Volunteered 209,770 hours and \$198,180 serving veterans.

Volunteered 6,864 hours and \$30,115 serving active duty military.

Volunteered 22,054 hours and \$19,747 serving military families.

Presented 217 scholarships worth \$116,695.

Volunteered 1,996 hours and \$135,366 on Illini Girls State.

Volunteered 18,522 hours serving children, raised \$48,645 to benefit children and gave \$52,633 in direct aid to children.

Volunteered 190,732 hours and \$106,381 on community service projects.

These numbers are based on reports by our Units, with 64% of all Units reporting and probably 25% of their members reporting. Imagine what the numbers would be if all members

reported and all Units reported.

The dues for belonging are minimal and a portion of the dues goes directly to helping veterans. The dues for female veterans who have never belonged to the American Legion Auxiliary are waived for this coming year. A person eligible to join may belong from birth.

The value of being a member is the great feeling you get by knowing you are giving back to those who are willing to put their lives on the line in serving our country and protecting our freedom. The American Legion Family actively fights to keep the

benefits for our veterans and with the strength of their membership, they do have an influence. There will never be a time, when we do not need the military. Consequently, there will never be a time when we do not have a need for The American Legion Family to provide for veterans and their children. If you are eligible to belong, won't you consider it, so that we can continue to serve. Eventually, the younger veterans may need help and if we aren't there to provide, who will? If you are interested in hearing more or joining, please call (815) 369-4684.

National Assoc. of Active and Retired Federal Employees to hold monthly meeting

Palisades Chapter 604 of National Assoc. of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold its monthly luncheon and meeting on Thursday Nov. 17, at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL at 12 p.m. (noon).

Mary Jo Dopson of Gateway Travel, Clinton, Iowa, will provide

the program, followed by the business meeting.

All active & retired federal employees, spouses and spousal survivors are invited to attend. If you are not on the permanent list, please call (815) 273-2184 to make a reservation by Nov. 15.

Correction

Checkered Flag Collisions and Customs is operated by Troy and Rhonda Pokoj and is located at 4933 North Scout Camp Road, Apple River, IL. Please call (815) 492-0114 or stop by for estimates or more information.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary schedules November meeting

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. Dues will be collected. We are collecting snack items to take to the hospitalized veterans. We will also be making tray favors. Karen Sirgany is in charge of the social hour.

We are also collecting coats, hats,

scarves, gloves, hand and foot warmers for the hospitalized veterans and the homeless veterans. These items can be brought to the American Legion Home on Nov. 9, after 6:45 or Nov. 11, from 4:30 to 5:15. These items do not need to be new, but need to be clean and in good shape. Thank you.

Stockton High School schedules Veterans' Day program

The Stockton High School Veterans' Day program to honor all veterans will take place on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The program will feature student speakers, certificate presentations to Korean War veterans in attendance, and speaker, Clyde Furst. The Stockton VFW

and American Legion will present the colors.

There will also be public recognition of all veterans present. Music will be provided by the Stockton Music Department.

This event is open to the general public and everyone is encouraged to attend and honor our veterans.

Warren Servant Leadership Chapter schedules benefit for Veterans

Once again, the Highland Community College Servant Leadership Warren Team is getting ready for their local project. This year, they are teaming up with the Warren and Apple River American Legions. All of the money raised will be donated towards The Adjutant Illinois Veterans Home - LaSalle. To raise funds, the organizations will be hosting an event on Nov. 19, at the Apple River Event Center.

In addition to a grilled cheese and soup supper, there will be bingo, a euchre tournament, and a silent auction. They are hoping for a successful night and are inviting everybody to come to help support our veterans!

The menu includes options of tomato, potato, and chicken noodle soup. The team will also be making grilled cheese sandwiches. The price is \$10 for "all-you-can-eat" and will be served between 4 and 7 p.m. It is sure to be delicious.

To go along with a fantastic meal, we will also be having a euchre tournament and bingo starting at 5 p.m.. The silent auction will be held throughout the night.

The veterans' home in LaSalle provides care and nursing services for up to 120 veterans. They provide special care for veterans with Alzheimer's or related dementias.

They help veterans by providing a room, food, medication, medical care, and recreational activities. The Servant Leadership team plans on visiting the veterans at this home later in the year.

We would love to see as many people on Nov. 19, as we can. Veterans are encouraged to wear hats or shirts that identify themselves as veterans. The Warren Servant Leadership Team would love to be able to identify you so we can thank you for your service. We hope to make it a great night that really benefits our veterans.



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Students prepare to honor veterans

The fourth graders at Pearl City Schools were working together on a collaborative project for Veteran's Day. Students worked together to create three torn paper murals to display in the school for the Veteran's Day ceremony. Students will also be performing songs at the Veterans Day program.

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Nov. 9, Shop Local Wednesday ~ shop at a local business & post your picture shopping on Facebook. Be sure to tag our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lbpa.lenabusin essandprofessionalassociation/>. We would like to see how many pictures we can get.

Nov. 12, Lena Living Center is hosting a Holiday Bazaar & Farmers Market from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. vendors will have the opportunity to sell their items, crafts, art, food, etc. This is a fund raiser for our Activity Department to benefit our Residents. Come start your Holiday Shopping!!!

Nov. 16, Shop Local Wednesday ~ shop at a local business & post your picture shopping on Facebook. Be sure to tag our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lbpa.lenabusin essandprofessionalassociation/>. We would like to see how many pictures we can get.

Nov. 18, Holiday Preview ~ Come to Lena, IL to shop for Christmas! You can see what our local stores have for Christmas gifts, ornaments, etc.

Nov. 19, Holiday Preview ~ Come to Lena, IL to shop for Christmas! You can see what our local stores have for Christmas gifts, ornaments, etc.

Nov. 18 & 19, The Sugar Bowl is having a Christmas Open House. Come join us for our Christmas Open House. Have fun shopping and enjoying some Christmas treats. Don't forget to sign up for our give always.

Nov. 23, Shop Local Wednesday ~ shop at a local business & post your picture shopping on Facebook. Be

sure to tag our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lbpa.lenabusin essandprofessionalassociation/>. We would like to see how many pictures we can get.

Nov. 26, Shop Small Business Saturday. Stop by Lena, IL to see what great deals we have for Shopping Small Business!! Go to <https://shopsmallnow.americanexpress.com/ShopSmall> to see what businesses are registered.

Nov. 30, Shop Local Wednesday ~ shop at a local business & post your picture shopping on Facebook. Be sure to tag our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/lbpa.lenabusin essandprofessionalassociation/>. We would like to see how many pictures we can get.

Upcoming:

Dec. 2, Hometown Christmas Walk. Parade, sleigh rides, shopping,

WinnPrairie to host open house and Veteran's Day celebration

WinnPrairie, a Monroe Clinic Lifestyle Initiative, located at, 1545 S Forest Rd., Freeport, IL. is hosting two open house events highlighting 'The Meadows at WinnPrairie', our memory care community, in recognition of National Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

The Meadows and WinnPrairie will be open to tours on Tuesday Nov. 8, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. and Thursday Nov. 10, from 4-6 p.m. Come and enjoy cookies and cider and visit with our WinnPrairie team.

In honor of Veterans Day, WinnPrairie will be serving ice cream

Santa and treats from the businesses. Also, the Lena Library will be hosting 'Holiday Family Fun' and the Methodist Church will be hosting a cookie walk & chili supper.

Every Wednesday, we have 'Shop Local Wednesday's'. We would like you to take a picture of yourself shopping local and put it on Facebook. Tag the 'Lena Business & Professional Association - LBPA' page when you put it out there. We would love to see where you are shopping!

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

Lena Living Center ~ Every Tuesday and Thursday we have Open Gym FREE to the community. 5-6 p.m.

sundaes to area veterans on Friday, Nov. 11, from 1-4 p.m.. All Veterans are welcome to stop in for a sundae!

Monroe Clinic is a not-for-profit, single hospital health system serving communities in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Sponsored by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, the system includes a multi-specialty physician practice with 118 employed providers, 11 clinic locations, a 24-hour emergency department, a home care and hospice agency, a retail health clinic and primary care sites offering preventive, acute and rehabilitative care.

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

Date: Nov. 19

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Santa Claus: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast 9-11 a.m.

60+ vendors to ensure you find the perfect gift for everyone on your list; gift-wrapping services galore; food drive for the Lena Food Pantry; door prizes and all proceeds benefit the Lena Area Church Cooperative; grand prize of \$100 Lena Money, and best of all - free admission!

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at our event or a sponsor of Ladies Day Out please contact: Chelsea White at (815) 275-3997, Kristina Weaver at (815) 541-2355, or Abbea Schlichting (920) 901-2501. Or get in touch via e-mail at LadiesDayOut05@gmail.com. You can also visit our Facebook page.

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High Point Cruisers and Culvers donate to food pantries

Members of the High Point Cruisers display the checks of \$100 each that will be donated to the seven Food Pantries in Jo Daviess County. The pantries are located in Warren, Stockton, Apple River, Hanover, Galena, Elizabeth, and East Dubuque. The funds were raised at Culver's of Galena, which sponsored four car cruise-ins and a Share Night.

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VIEWPOINT

Senate Week in Review

Two new jobs reports from September reinforce Republican lawmakers' calls for job-creating reforms. The reports show that manufacturing jobs are down, white-collar jobs are up, but the overall workforce drop continues in Illinois.

Also during the week, the State Board of Elections announced that the number of registered voters in Illinois has surpassed a previous record set in the 2008 General Election.

In other news, as baseball's championship series continues

with the Chicago Cubs playing the Cleveland Indians, the governors of Illinois and Ohio have made a friendly wager on the outcome of the World Series.

Jobs reports underscore need for reform

Recent economic data from the Illinois Department of Employment Security shows that in September, professional and business services had a net gain of 5,100 jobs, and education and health services gained 1,500 jobs. However, Illinois also lost 1,300 jobs in financial activi-

ties and 800 jobs in manufacturing.

And an Oct. 21 release from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that Illinois is experiencing more workforce dropout than any of its neighboring states. It also shows manufacturing has lost 8,500 jobs so far in 2016, while the professional and business services sector has added nearly 30,000 jobs.

Manufacturers play a pivotal role in Illinois, creating jobs within the industry and providing materials for countless other businesses that are key to a strong Illinois economy. October 7 was National Manufacturing Day, but Illinois has had little to celebrate. The Land of Lincoln is currently lagging behind its neighbors in the growth of manufacturing jobs, a fact that underscores the need for essential government and economic reforms that will bring new businesses and jobs into Illinois. Republican lawmakers are calling for structural and spending reforms in state government to bring fiscal security and much-needed jobs back to the state. They support structural and spending reforms that address

the state's pension debt and bill backlog, workers' compensation reform, tax reforms and incentives for employers, and property tax relief; and create a skilled workforce through education and workforce development initiatives.

They believe job creation is critical to help the state grow its way out of the current economic and budget mess.

Helpful election information

The State Board of Elections announced Oct. 26 that the number of registered voters in Illinois is approaching 8,000,000, surpassing a previous record high of 7,789,500 set for the 2008 General Election.

Voters are reminded that there will be a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot. Information about the "lockbox amendment" or "safe roads amendment" is available on the Secretary of State's Web site.

Proponents argue the amendment would provide a dedicated source of funding for transportation projects that will increase the quality of Illinois' roads, bridges, bridge

and road safety inspections, and mass transit. Opponents argue that the amendment limits the power of state and local governments to appropriate state resources as they deem necessary.

A number of local propositions and public questions could be found on the ballot as well, depending on the county and/or city/village. Contact the county clerk or local election authority to view a sample ballot.

Illinois and Ohio Governors wager on behalf of their teams

Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner and Ohio Governor John Kasich are betting beer, pizza and ballpark mustard, each hoping their team wins the World Series.

The Indians haven't played in the World Series since 1997 and haven't won the World Series since 1948. The Cubs haven't played in the World Series since 1945 and have not won it since 1908.

EDITOR'S NOTE: So sorry Gov. Kasich, but pay up! CUBS WIN!!!

Hey Stockton!

By Lemon
AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER

In case you haven't heard, the Stockton Chamber of Commerce and Brewster Cheese have added something special to this year's Christmas Walk! Prepare yourselves for the First Annual, Better with Brewster Macaroni and Cheese Bake Off! The Bake Off will be held Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Museum Annex.

What is the Bake Off, you ask? I'll tell you. This is the chance for YOU, my fellow Stocktonites/Stocktonians, to show us what you've got when it comes to making that dish of dishes, that cheesy goodness, that known noodle, that mastery of macaroni and cheese!

Here's how it works—first of all, the competition is FREE TO ENTER. Seriously, all you need to do is get in touch with me (Lemon, at jm-lemon@wiu.edu) and tell me that you want to strut your spatula at the Bake Off, and I'll add you to my growing list of Mac and Cheese Masters. Then, on Dec. 3, you bring

your Mac and Cheese Masterpiece to the Museum Annex (preferably in a CrockPot or other covered dish) and drop it off. By the way, you can use ANY type of noodle and ANY type of cheese to make your mac. Your only limit is your imagination! (And maybe your taste buds).

From there, you can stick around for tastings, make macaroni art, explore the museum, or go have fun at other Christmas Walk venues. But you better be back at 1:30 p.m. That's when our panel of esteemed judges will choose the First Place, Second Place, and Kids Choice winners of the Bake Off. Winners will each receive a basket of cheese from Brewster, not to mention a fabulous macaroni crown! Once it's all over, you'll take your prize, your empty dish, and return home knowing your Macaroni and Cheese recipe is THE BEST in the land.

In order to participate, you MUST register ahead of time. But hurry! Bake Off spots are limited and going fast! Email me, Lemon, at jm-lemon@wiu.edu if you want a spot!

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Illinois

Farm Bureau is working with commodity groups on farm bill listening sessions. The current farm bill will be in place for a couple of years, but the current discussion for the next farm bill is right around the corner. We'd like to hear your thoughts! You'll have three opportunities in November to offer ideas on what is important to you in the next federal farm bill. We are working with Illinois Beef, Corn, Pork and Soybean Associations to host listening sessions throughout Illinois in November. The closest session to us is in DeKalb at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau office on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact our office to register by calling (815) 858-2235 or email



Annette Eggers

jdcfbmgr@blkhawk.net. The registration deadline is Nov. 23.

The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is making available to livestock producers in the county "Manure Pit Warning" signs that can be posted near manure pits where a person would likely enter the pit. The purpose of the signs is to remind farmers, family members, employees and neighbors that these pits may contain deadly gases. Any attempt to enter the pit should not be made without good ventilation, a safety harness, and an additional person standing by in case of an emergency. This way the person entering the pit could be pulled to safety if the situation was such that the pit contained deadly gases. They are a metal sign covered with a reflective material that can be seen at night. They can be put on a post or mounted on the side of a building next to the entrance of a manure pit. Stop in and pick up one for your farm today.

Farm Fun Fact: The average cow has more than 40,000 jaw movements per day.

From the Desk of State Representative Brian W. Stewart

"Let's Just Be Respectful"

So, it finally happened. The Chicago Cubs overcame the longest drought of any American professional sports franchise. After 108 years, the Cubs are winners once again. 1908, the year the Cubs last won the World Series was the year that Henry Ford completed production on the first Model T.

No matter what happens this year, we can all point to one day where we

just lived in the moment. Our local team did something that made us all enjoy life just a little bit more for at least one day. Everything else was put on the back burner, and we all sang "Go Cubs Go."

As I write this column, we are just days from the election. Some of you may be reading this before the votes are tabulated, and some of you may see this afterward. It doesn't matter when you are reading this, because

the challenge for all of us is as simple as it is straightforward—let's just be respectful.

Some of us are really invested in this race. As I drive around the 89th District, I see yard signs sprouting up like dandelions. It took a little longer than normal this year for signs to go up, but there's no mistaking their presence now.

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ON THE RECORD

Stockton Police report for Oct. 27 through Nov. 3

On 10/28 at approximately 7:40 p.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched to assist Stockton Ambulance Service at an address on South Main Street in reference to an elderly man having heart problems. On arrival, the officer assisted ambulance personnel in an attempt to stabilize the victim. The victim was removed from the house by Ambulance to Freeport Hospital.

On 10/29 at approximately 10:27 a.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched to meet with a female complainant in reference to a civil issue. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant who stated the father of her six year old child was supposed to pick up the child for court ordered visitation. The complainant stated that the subject was supposed to pick up the child by a pre-determined time. The complainant stated that the subject never showed up. The complainant allegedly contacted the subject but he was indisposed and was not going to pick up the child. The complainant stated that she wanted to comply with the court order and document the incident with police. No further assistance was necessary on the part of the police.

On 10/29 at approximately 10:52 p.m. an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to the city limits of Stockton at Route 20, in reference to a deer being struck by a vehicle. On arrival, the officer discovered that the deer was destroyed in the accident, but the carcass was still in the roadway. The officer was able to remove the deer and the appropriate reports were made for the driver.

On 10/31 at approximately 8 p.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on South Stockton Street in reference to a suspicious person. On arrival, officers met with the complainant who stated that she was looking out her kitchen window, and

she saw someone outside the window looking in at her. Officers checked around the house and grounds and found no evidence of anyone on the property. There were a large number of trick or treaters on the block along with their parents, but no one observed any suspicious persons or behavior.

On 11/01 at approximately 9:15 a.m. Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on South Ward Street, in reference to a civil issue. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant, who is a temporary guardian for a minor child. The complainant wanted permission to take the child for medical care, but was not sure if she was allowed to do this. The complainant was assured by the officer, that as the appointed guardian for the child it is her responsibility to take care of all the child's needs. This clarification was all the complainant wanted. No further assistance was requested.

On 11/01 at 6:18 p.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched along with the Stockton Ambulance Service to an address on West High Street in reference to someone with an unknown illness. On arrival on scene the male subject was stabilized and placed into the ambulance. The victim was then removed to the hospital by the Stockton Ambulance.

On 11/01 at approximately 7:48 p.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched to the Stockton Travel Center in reference to several counterfeit \$20 bills that were passed at the business. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant, who is a clerk at the Citgo/Travel Center. The complainant stated that 2 Male/Whites in their late teens or 20's had come into the store and passed the counterfeit \$20 Bills. The complainant stated that each of the 2 suspects came to the counter with a small item purchase and paid for the item with a \$20 bill. It was later discovered that the \$20 Bills

were counterfeit and that the bills bore the same serial number. In checking the surveillance video of the business, pictures of each of the suspects was obtained. The \$20 bills were confiscated for evidence, and federal authorities were notified.

On 11/01 a short time after it was reported to police that counterfeit \$20 Bills were passed at a local Stockton business, it was discovered that the same 2 suspects passed a counterfeit bill at a second location in Stockton. Police discovered that the second bill was passed at the Casey's General Store several hours earlier. The suspects in this incident used the same method as the other theft. They came to the cash register with one small item, and then paid with a \$20 bill. The serial number on the bill matched the serial number on the bills from the previous theft. This \$20 Bill was also taken for evidence. Once again, surveillance video of the suspects was obtained from the business. Both incidents are under investigation by the Stockton Police Department and the United States Secret Service.

On 11/02 at approximately 8:07 p.m., The Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Pearl Street in reference to a civil issue. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant who needed an escort from police in order to collect her belongings from a former residence. The officer accompanied the complainant and there was no problem or issue. Once the belongings were collected, the complainant left the scene. No further assistance was requested.

On 11/02 at approximately 11:42 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Of-

fice on a domestic disturbance. The disturbance was allegedly between a man and his fathers' girlfriend. On arrival, the scene was calm, and the man was removed from the residence by another family member for the evening. No further assistance was requested.

On Nov. 3, at approximately 10:50 a.m. a complainant arrived at the Stockton Police Department to report that an unknown person damaged his vehicle. The damage was caused by using an unknown tool or object and by scratching or gouging into the paint on the drivers' side door, fender, trunk lid, passenger side rear fender and door, the roof above the drivers' door and the hood. There were also several small dents in the drivers' side door, and rear fender. Complainant states

that he parked the car at his place of residence at approximately 2:30 a.m. on 11/3. At 10:20 a.m. on the same date, the complainant returned to his vehicle and found the damage. This case is under investigation by the Stockton Police Department.

On 11/03 at approximately 3:15 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on south Simmons Street, in reference to a man having unauthorized contact with another person. The subject was later located and was warned about this contact and advised to stay away from the victim.

Chief Sheehan wants to remind everyone that persons charged with crimes in Illinois, are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Obituary

DAVID T. DYSON

David T. Dyson, age 68 of Freeport, IL, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 at the Pearl Pavilion in Freeport. He was born in Dixon, IL on July 31, 1948 to the late Norman and Jean (Pierce) Dyson. He lived with his parents in Dixon, Oregon, DeKalb and Freeport Illinois.

He is survived by his sister, Judy (Don) Greenfield of Freeport; nephew, Robert (Tami) Greenfield of Ottawa, IL; niece, Jennie (Eric) Tamosiunas of Bolingbrook, IL; and great nephew, Jacob Greenfield of Chicago, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Jean Dyson and his much beloved aunt and uncle, Riley and Dorothy Eisenbise.

Dave truly enjoyed his family and all of the family gatherings. He loved watching football, the Chicago Bears and baseball, the Chicago Cubs. Through the years he attended many baseball games in Chicago at Wrigley Field, and in Milwaukee, WI. He very much enjoyed going out to eat with his parents and family members.

He vacationed with his parents traveling to Florida, California,

Colorado, and to Arizona, having many wonderful adventures with them. During his later years when his sister and brother-in-law went to Florida in the winter, Dave, with help, went on a plane by himself to visit them. He always enjoyed this and was proud of the fact that he could travel by himself.

Dave worked at the Sheltered Workshop in Sycamore, IL from 1964 to 1982. Dave and his parents moved to Freeport in 1982, where he worked at Malcom Eaton. He moved into one of their group homes in December of 2001. Dave received the "Progress toward Goal Award, Community Integrated Living Arrangements Program," in 2008 - 2009. He was very proud of this award. He lived there until his retirement in 2012 when he moved to the Pearl Pavilion Nursing Home. Visitation and funeral services were Nov. 7, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton, IL. Burial took place at the Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established for Malcom Eaton. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneral-home.com.

ISP announce roadside safety checks

Illinois State Police (ISP) District 16, Commander, Captain Mark Karczewski, announces the ISP will conduct Roadside Safety Checks (RSCs) in Winnebago County during November. The use of RSCs combine a strong sense of public awareness and enforcement in order to save lives of the motoring public.

The ISP has zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois. Officers working the detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, transporting open alcoholic beverages, and most importantly: Driving Under the Influence (DUI);

Safety Belt and Child Restraint use;

Speeding; Distracted Driving; and, All Illinois Vehicle Code and Criminal Violations.

Alcohol and drug impairment is

a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois, and throughout the U.S., nearly 10,000 people die each year due to alcohol-impaired driving. RSCs are designed to keep our roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the road. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Birth

AVIYANNA ZINSOU

Victoria Polizzi and Geraud Zinsou of Lanark, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Aviyanna Victoire Zinsou born Thursday Nov. 3, 2016 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill.

Aviyanna has a sister Hazel, 2. Grandparents are Robert and Michelle Polizzi of Lanark and Francois Zinsou of Bordeaux, France. Great grandparents are Elizabeth Polizzi of Elizabeth, Ill. Dennis Hancocksrob of Stockton, Ill. and Charmaine and John Magee of Lena, Ill.

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Galena resident takes re-purposing to an art form

By Laurinda Woolcock-Howe
CORRESPONDENT

The most amazing thing about art is you can see it anywhere in anything and Tara Campau of the Red Feather Farm Mercantile in Galena has made that her goal.

"My common theme is definitely 're-use it and re-purpose it,'" said Campau, which is exactly what she does.

Campau creates yard art from re-used and up-cycled glassware she finds at garage sales, thrift stores, etc., and home décor art from re-claimed and re-used pieces of the house she and her husband are currently remodeling.

"The house was built in 1839 and as we take pieces of the house apart I can't bear to think of that history going in the dumpster," Campau stated. She also has a "bonus barn" from the purchase of her home in Galena that has given her glassware for her yard art.

Campau started creating yard art in 2013, but she has a long love of the outdoors.

"I love to garden and to have interesting things placed in my garden," Campau said. "I went to a yard sale when living in Minnesota and the woman was selling some yard art that she had made."

Campau was inspired by the idea and started creating her own yard art. Campau also credit's her mother as her inspiration.

"She encouraged us to paint rocks into Barbie furniture. Using imagination and unconventional materials was encouraged," said Campau.



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Galena resident Tara Campau creates yard art from re-used and up-cycled glassware she finds at garage sales, thrift stores, and home décor art from re-claimed and re-used pieces of the house she and her husband are currently remodeling.

She started creating her art in her mother's basement, but now her "bonus barn" also houses her studio where she likes to work in the evenings or whenever she finds time.

She sees the lawn ornaments you can buy in stores as mass-produced and all the same. Campau is trying to appeal to those who appreciate something made by hand that comes

with a history and a story. People who appreciate reused materials used in a creative way to give these

materials a second life.

"I love looking at one thing and trying to reimagine it as another," said Campau. "I try to imagine every found object into its next best thing."

Campau takes this to heart. This spring when she and her husband re-roofed their house, she saved every one of the original roofing boards that was put on the house in 1839.

"These boards are so interesting to me. If only they could talk, but they do in a way," said Campau.

She tells of the square nails in the roof boards and other kinds of nails used in the last 177 years. Some of the boards and nails show signs of long ago fire damage with interesting colors. Some boards show signs of animals chewing on them. Some boards still have bark on them.

"These one-of-a-kind boards have inspired me to start making some one-of-a-kind hand painted signs and decorative home pieces," Campau said.

One of a kind is what Campau creates with her yard art and home decor. Her found and reused items are always changing, and she is always thinking of new ways to use them and create her art.

"Keep checking to see what comes out of the workshop next," said Campau.

For more information on Tara Campau, Red Feather Farm Mercantile can be found by searching "Red Feather Farm Mercantile" on Facebook.

FHN Holiday Family Movie Series begins Nov. 12

The whole family can join in on the fun with this year's Festival of Trees Holiday Movie Series, sponsored by FHN and Classic Cinemas Lindo Theatre in Freeport.

This year's holiday movies begin at 10 a.m. each Saturday Nov. 12 through Dec. 10 at the Classic Cinemas Lindo Theatre, 115 S. Chicago Avenue, Freeport. Ticket prices are just \$3.50, and all children attending will receive a holiday surprise. Seating is limited and there are no advance ticket sales, so show up early to get your seat!

This year's movies are:
Nov. 12 – Trolls (PG)

Nov. 19 – Dr. Strange (PG-13)
Nov. 26 – Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13)
Dec. 3 – Moana (PG)
Dec. 10 – Polar Express (G) – FREE – wear your jammies to the show!
On Wednesday, Dec. 14, FHN will present two special showings of Scrooge. Alan Wenzel and Ed Finch, hosts of the popular Classic Movie Series at the Lindo Theatre, will greet movie-goers at special noon and 7 p.m. showings of this 1970 musical version of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol with Albert Finney and Alec Guinness,

with historical tidbits and trivia about the film, and will lead a brief discussion following each showing.

Admission for this special show is a free-will offering and/or a food drive donation (barrels available for food contributions – monetary contributions will also go to the food drive).

Designed to offer movie-goers the experience of viewing time-honored American Film classics on the big screen, the Classic Movie Series is hosted every spring and fall by the Lindo Theatre in Freeport in partnership with the Stephenson County Historical Museum and Highland Community College.

For more information on this year's Holiday Movie Series or any other Festival of Trees event, visit www.fhn.org.

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.

FHN application counselors ready to help with ACA enrollment

Open enrollment for health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act (ACA or "Obamacare") began Nov. 1.

FHN has three Certified Application Counselors to help applicants understand and obtain health-care coverage through the ACA or through the expansion of Medicaid, depending on income. Open enrollment runs from Nov. 1, 2016 through Jan. 31, 2017. To be covered on Jan. 1, 2017, applicants must be enrolled by Dec. 15, 2016.

For more information about the Affordable Care Act, visit www.fhn.org. To reach one of FHN's Certified Application Counselors, call 815-599-7950 (toll-free 1-877-720-1555).

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Food assistance preserved for over 260,000 low-income Illinoisans

More than 260,000 men and women across Illinois will maintain uninterrupted access to federally-funded nutrition assistance for another year, as a result of action taken by Governor Rauner last week to extend an eligibility waiver.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps) provides assistance to increase the food purchasing power of eligible low-income households in order to improve their nutrition and alleviate hunger and malnutrition.

The expiring eligibility waiver, which has been in effect since 2009, threatened access to SNAP for a group deemed to be "able-bodied adults without dependents," (ABAWDs) who are not working at least 20 hours per week.

National data shows those in jeopardy of losing SNAP without the waiver have an average income of just \$2200 per year and would have been left at high risk of severe hunger without SNAP. Governor Rauner has asked for a waiver of the SNAP time limit again in 2017.

"We are thrilled to hear that the

waiver will be extended because we fully understand the devastating impact the loss of the waiver would have had on some of the poorest residents of our state," said Diane Doherty, Executive Director of the Illinois Hunger Coalition.

During periods of economic recession or high unemployment, states can request a waiver of the time limit. In August, social service providers, food banks, and members of the health care community sent a letter to the Governor, expressing their concern about reintroducing the time limit to Illinois's SNAP program, and urging him to request a waiver for 2017.

"We know that individuals who would be subject to the time limit face significant and complex barriers to employment," said Kimberly Drew, Senior Project Manager,

Economic Security Policy Associate at Heartland Alliance, "such as chronic homelessness, low educational attainment, lack of employment and training experience, and health challenges."

Applauding the Governor's deci-

sion to continue the waiver, Kate Maehr, Executive

Director and CEO of the Greater Chicago Food Depository said: "At a time when emergency food networks are working tirelessly to keep up with a sustained high need, this waiver will protect vital benefits for 200,000 of our most vulnerable neighbors."

Dr. Jay Shannon, CEO, Cook County Health & Hospitals System, said "Access to healthy food and good nutrition is as important to a person's health as prescription medi-

cation. Fewer individuals will have to make the agonizing choice of delaying medical care to purchase food, or going hungry so they can afford other household needs like rent or utilities. Ultimately, SNAP improves the health status of the people we serve."

Although Illinois may not qualify for a statewide waiver again next year, it will have the opportunity to protect areas with high unemployment rates and prepare to implement the time limit humanely elsewhere.

"With a statewide wavier in place

for 2017, we look forward to working with the

Governor and his Administration over the next year, said Dan Lesser, Director of Economic Justice at the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. "This additional time will help us build opportunities and supports for SNAP recipients looking to enter or reenter Illinois's workforce and to identify and exempt from the work requirement those who are physically or mentally unfit to work."

USDA Announces \$331 Million Investment for Clean Water Infrastructure in Rural Communities

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$331 million in 85 projects that will improve water and wastewater infrastructure in rural areas in 39 states and American Samoa. Community infrastructure investments are a key piece of USDA's mission to support America's rural communities, and these investments

build on the \$13.9 billion USDA has invested over the course of the Obama Administration to support 5,825 water and waste infrastructure projects that currently benefit 19.5 million rural residents.

"Strategic investments like these into community infrastructure provide a path to rural economic growth," Vilsack said. "Water and wastewater upgrades protect the health and safety of those who live and work in rural areas, and are especially critical given today's aging infrastructure in areas that have not fully benefited from rural America's economic rebound. Modernizing water and wastewater systems improves the quality of life and can help attract jobs to rural communities."

USDA is providing \$264 million in loans and \$67 million in grants through Rural Development's Water & Environmental Programs. These programs provide assistance and financing to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems for communities with 10,000 or fewer residents.

For example, in South Carolina, the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission is receiving a \$34.8 million USDA loan and a \$1.2 million USDA grant to construct a water treatment plant. Currently, the Commission purchases water from three separate water systems, whose infrastructure is aging.

The Summit Springs Regional Waste District in Henry County, Ind., is receiving a \$1.4 million loan and a \$4.2 million grant for a sewer rehabilitation project to address raw sewage leakages and to comply with environmental regulations.

The city of Truth or Consequences in Sierra County, N.M., has been selected for a \$715,000 loan and a \$4.5 million grant for the second phase of wastewater treatment plant improvements to comply with environmental regulations. Sierra County is included in USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative to address persistent poverty across America.

Of the 85 projects announced today, 21 are located in StrikeForce areas, and one project – an Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant in Jackson, Ky., – is also in an area targeted for assistance by the Obama Administration's Promise Zone initiative. These 21 projects are receiving more than \$63 million in loans and \$30 million in grants, which is

28 percent of today's total investment and nearly 45 percent of the grant funding.

Funding for each project announced today is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the loan, grant or loan/grant agreement.

Today's funding builds on USDA's historic investments in rural America over the past seven years. Since 2009, USDA has worked to strengthen and support rural communities and American agriculture, an industry that supports one in 11 American jobs, provides American consumers with more than 80 percent of the food we consume, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for home-grown renewable energy and materials.

Since 2009, USDA Rural Development (@USDARD) has invested \$13.9 billion for 5,825 water and waste infrastructure projects, benefiting 19.5 million rural residents; invested nearly \$13 billion to start or expand nearly 112,000 rural businesses; helped 1.1 million rural residents buy homes; funded nearly 9,200 community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care facilities; and helped bring high-speed Internet access to nearly 6 million rural residents and businesses. USDA also has invested \$38.2 billion in 1,057 electric projects that have financed more than 198,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines serving 4.6 million rural residents. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/results.

100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County

The next 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County quarterly meeting is Thursday, Nov. 10.

-Social Hour/new member registration (optional) 5:30-6:30 p.m.

-Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Hosted at the Lena Brewing Company (9416 W. Wagner Rd)

-Complimentary appetizers

-Cash bar

Organizations nominated thus far include:

*Children's Hands On Museum of Northwest Illinois

*Delta Kappa Gammer Alpha Mu Chapter

*Pearl City Lioness

*Boys and Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County

*Relay for Life-Stephenson County Chapter

*Northwest Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA)

*Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

*Freeport Downtown Development Foundation (FDDF)

*Stephenson County 4-H Club

*Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard

*Pearl City Education Foundation

*Freeport Community Public School Fund (FCPSF)

*Pearl City PTO

*Friends of Mill Pond

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Illinois

*Amity Society of Freeport Inc

*RAMP

*Kids Coats and Clothes

*Freeport Public Library

Donations from last quarter's meeting went directly to the NCS Youth Home with a total of \$10,850!

The monies donated by 100WWC have been allocated to pay for expenses related to specialized, and very much needed, clinical services and supplies that are not normally funded through other sources. Youth with the most traumatic and chronic sexual abuse histories, sensory disorders, and other unique needs will be able to receive services not always otherwise available. The impact of these funds is tremendous and distinctive; having a substantial and noteworthy impact on the lives of youth under the care of NCS staff.

As always, you can stay up to date by liking us on Facebook and we love new members so bring a friend to the next meeting. Since the initiation of 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County last February this group has donated \$64,280 (including the \$10,000 private family foundation matching donation) to local non-profit organizations.

• Stewart (Continued from page 4)

Many of you have been closely following every poll, and I've even seen those who fill out Electoral College maps like they are March Madness brackets. Twenty four hour news channels have the highest ratings they've had in ages, and viewership only skyrockets when the talking heads engage in verbal fisticuffs.

And while many are anxiously awaiting results, there are those among us who just want this whole process to be over. Some of you have told me that you don't even watch television anymore because the commercials drive you up a wall. If you watched the World Series, you saw more than a few – or should I say more than enough.

With all the negative commercials on the airwaves, there is one commercial that I absolutely enjoy. It's an automobile advertisement that

features the song "If You Want to Sing Out." At one point in the ad you see a split screen showing one vehicle where an owner applies an elephant bumper sticker on their vehicle, while the other side of the screen shows an owner applying a donkey bumper sticker on their vehicle.

The peppy song that says "If you want to be me, be me, and if you want to be you, be you," is so simple that it's simply fantastic. It's an approach that I hope we will all take. We can respect others while still holding an opinion, and when necessary we can respectfully disagree.

The commercial ends with a tagline that coincidentally was the quote in my column a few weeks ago, "What unites us is stronger than what divides us." In my opinion it is one of the best commercials I've

ever seen, and it could not have come at a better time.

There's no question that we are living through one of the most hyper-partisan and polarizing elections in our nation's history, but something tells me that we will get through this. When all the dust has settled and when all the votes are counted, we will all still be Americans. This election won't change that fact.

It is imperative that our discourse be civil no matter how fervent we are in our beliefs. Let's leave the yelling and arguing to the pundits on CNN. As President John F. Kennedy said, "Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's beliefs."

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

Kuhlemeier's Thank you

Thank you to everyone who blessed us for our 50th anniversary and for the cards & kindness shown to us. A BIG thanks to our children and grandchildren, family and friends for making our day so memorable.

May God Bless & Keep You Til' We Meet Again
Randall & Lorna

Pet Talk: All about treats for your pets

Giving your pet treats can be a great way to help build a relationship with them. However, giving your pet unhealthy treats or too many treats can negatively impact their health. Dr. Christine Rutter, clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, offered some advice on how to prevent your pet from biting off more than they can chew.

Treats are an important part of the

human-animal bond, Rutter said. Rewarding your pet for desired behavior, distracting them from stressful situations, and using food to entertain high-energy pets are all good ways to use treats. In many ways, treats can be used to enhance the relationship between you and your pet. But, how much is too much?

"Just like our own snacks, treats should probably comprise no more than 10-15 percent of your pet's diet," Rutter said. "If you are train-

ing and anticipate needing to give your pet a lot of treats, giving them bits of their own kibble diet can be just as effective."

Additionally, Rutter said giving too many treats can lead to pet obesity. Obesity is a problem in pets, just like it is in the human population. Many pet treats can be packed with calories, so if you aren't careful, you could be giving your pet the human equivalent of eating a piece of cake, Rutter said. She recommended

talking with your veterinarian about your pet's caloric needs and how to choose a healthy treat for them. Additionally, Rutter said some "people foods" are okay to share with your pet.

"My dogs love carrots, so baby carrots are my go-to dog treat," she said. "Carrots, green beans, seedless watermelon, cantaloupe, asparagus, banana, boiled or baked poultry, and baked whitefish are safe to share with your dog in moderation."

However, Rutter said foods such as sauces, rotisserie chicken, gravies, grapes, raisins, onions, peppers, garlic, avocado, macadamia nuts, fatty meats, and oily fishes can be rich and cause upset stomach, including the risk of diarrhea and pancreatitis. Some dogs and cats may even like low-fat yogurt, but don't offer these items if your pet has GI upset after enjoying them.

If you are worried about your pet's treat intake, substituting a mouth-watering treat for a healthier option or some kibble from their normal diet is a great solution. "Your pet will almost never reject a previously accepted treat in lieu of a 'better' one," Rutter said. "While cats may be a bit more finicky, even they remain excited at the concept of treat-

ing because it is one of the ways that we express our approval of them."

Furthermore, shopping for healthier commercial treats from the get-go could help decrease the guilt of giving your pets too many treats and the possible negative side effects. Rutter said to look for high-quality, low-fat treats made in the United States. Just like our own treats, anything that is fatty, salty, or smells delicious probably isn't that healthy in large quantities.

"Don't hesitate to read the nutrition labels, though they may not be easy to interpret on pet foods and treats," Rutter said. "Your veterinarian can help you pick out a treat that is safe for your pet and their particular needs."

Whether you are rewarding your pet for good behavior or showing them some love, treats can help support your relationship with your pet. However, be sure to be mindful of your pet's treat intake to avoid health concerns.

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

USDA seeks applications for \$25 million in Conservation Innovation Grants

Funding is available in six focus areas, including data analytics tools and precision conservation

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is seeking new proposals for cutting-edge projects that will provide new conservation opportunities through its competitive Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. Through USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the department will invest up to \$25 million for projects that spark the development and adoption of innovative conservation technologies and approaches in areas like conservation finance, data analytics, and precision conservation to benefit producers on private agricultural and forest lands.

"Conservation Innovation Grants have played a critical role in developing and implementing creative new methods to conserve the nation's private agricultural lands and strengthening rural communities," said Vilsack. "Today's announcement builds on our support of technologies and approaches that help producers increase resiliency to extreme weather such as drought and floods."

CIG is authorized and funded under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and fosters innovative conservation projects that accelerate the transfer and adoption of promising technologies that benefit natural resources, agricultural production and forest management. The 2017 focus areas for project proposals include the

following:

- Innovative approaches that benefit historically underserved and veteran farmers and ranchers, beginning farmers and ranchers and those with limited resources;

- Natural resources data analytics tools—such as software and mobile apps—that increase producer knowledge of conservation benefits and alternatives;

- Precision conservation tools that uncover opportunities for better input management (for example, nutrient management addressing source, timing, rate and placement), or address in-field vulnerabilities;

- Conservation finance approaches that demonstrate the potential for new investment strategies to accelerate and expand private lands conservation;

- Demonstration, evaluation and quantification of the effects of water management and soil health practices to minimize off-site impacts of natural resource challenges, such as excess sediment and nutrient runoff;

- Pay-for-success models that stimulate conservation adoption and achievement of measurable outcomes.

Potential applicants should review the announcement for program funding that is available on www.grants.gov. Proposals are due by Jan. 9, 2017, and final CIG funding is subject to fiscal year 2017 funding actions. American Indian tribes, state and local units of government, non-governmental organizations and individuals are eligible to submit proposals.

More information on the CIG program, including a link to application materials and submission procedures, can be found on the NRCS CIG website.

Innovative CIG projects in the conservation finance arena are testing new approaches, leveraging environmental markets and improving the ability to measure the impact of conservation actions on the landscape. For example, The Climate Trust has launched a Working Lands Carbon Fund to serve as a revolving source of financing for conservation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester carbon on working lands. CIG projects have also helped address water management needs, such as the SmartIrrigation Cotton App which helps schedules irrigation on operations in Georgia and northern Florida. More than one hundred and forty users, including agricultural producers and county agents, now use the app.

Since 2009, USDA has invested nearly \$173 million to fund nearly 414 national CIG projects. USDA is continuing its commitment to increasing assistance to historically underserved and military veteran farmers and ranchers and the organizations that include and support them, with up to \$2 million of this year's funding has been set aside for projects that target these stakeholders.

CIG is part of the more than \$29 billion USDA has invested since 2009 to help producers make conservation improvements, working with as many as 500,000 farmers, ranchers and landowners to protect more than 400 million acres nationwide, boosting soil and air quality, cleaning and conserving water and enhancing wildlife habitat. For an interactive look at USDA's work in conservation and forestry over the course of this Administration, visit Caring for our Land, Air and Water: Preserving Precious Natural Resources for Tomorrow.

Federal funding released to help families in Illinois with heating and cooling costs

The Administration for Children and Families has released \$148,384,722 to help low-income families in Illinois stay warm during winter months, cool during summer months and make cost-effective home energy repairs.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which is run by the Office of Community Services at HHS' Administration for Children and Families, provides funding to states, the District of Columbia, territories and tribes to assist households with paying energy bills and weatherize homes for energy improvements.

"Unsafe indoor temperatures are unacceptable conditions for anyone to live in, especially for seniors and families with young children," said Jeannie Chaffin, director of the Office of Community Services at HHS'

Administration for Children and Families. "With these LIHEAP funds helping households in Illinois with limited incomes pay their home heating and cooling bills, these families and individuals can use their income to pay for other critical necessities such as food and medicine."

LIHEAP funding assists households with meeting home energy needs, including vulnerable households with very young children, individuals with disabilities and older individuals. Individuals interested in applying for energy assistance should contact their local, state, territory or tribal LIHEAP agency or call (866) 674-6327.

Please visit the LIHEAP web site at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/liheap> or read the LIHEAP brochure in English or Spanish to get more information.

Lena Live Wires hold October meeting

By Krista Keene
CLUB REPORTER

The Oct. 10, Lena Live Wires meeting was held at St. John's Lutheran Church. The bicycle trip was canceled and the 4-H Award and Volunteer Recognition Event is Sunday, Nov. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Eagle's Club.

The Live Wires elected officers at this meeting. The President is Andrea Sutter and Hannah Pecoraro, Vice President is Casey Crain and Sam Pecoraro, Secretary Garrett Sutter, Treasurer Taylor Robinson, Reporter Krista Keene, and Flags Alonah Sutter.

Taylor Robinson gave a talk on her journey to the state fair with her duct tape dress and purse. Hannah Pecoraro gave a talk on "I have diabetes".

Program planning is the 23 at 5 p.m. at Becky's house. Penny Carnival is Sunday, Nov. 20, at Lincoln Mall from 3-5 pm and it is open to the public. Starting this year enrollment forms are all done online. The next meeting is Nov. 14, at St. John's in Lena at 6 p.m. The Sutter's will be bringing snacks to the next meeting.

New members are welcome to join our club.

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to family, friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers and gifts we received for our 65th wedding anniversary. Everything was greatly appreciated!

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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Nov. 13, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship as Good Shepherd welcomes Pastor Kurt Nordby Assistant to the Bishop as preacher on this Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 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 Monday Nov. 14, the Parkinson Support Group will meet at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for their "Holiday Potluck."

On Wednesday Nov. 16, 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.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday Nov. 13, at 9 a.m. at Kent UMC. Brenda Morris will be giving the message. "Bring your Christmas Shoe Boxes, they will be dedicated at this time before they get packed up for delivery to a child that otherwise would not get a Christmas gift. Also stay for the fellowship following the service.

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

Kent UMC is located right in the town of Kent, IL. For more information; please call (815) 601-6742.

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday morning service on Nov. 13. The service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Joy Choir. The Whirl Sunday School will meet at 10:15 a.m. feature the lesson, "Working Together." Confirmation class for seventh and eighth grade youth will also meet at 10:15 a.m. Members of the Council will be available for questions and discussions for Coffee with Council during the Fellowship Hour. The Property Committee and the Memorial & Finance Committees will meet after worship. Scrip orders will be due on Nov. 13. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

The Women's Gathering will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, with Fellowship followed by their Bible Study at 10 a.m. The Women's Gathering Board will meet at 8 a.m. on Nov. 15, also.

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.

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.

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Kent to hold bake sale

Saint Paul's Lutheran Church of Kent will hold a bake sale Friday, Nov. 18, at the State Bank in Pearl City. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the last baked morsel is sold. St. Paul's has a reputa-

tion for delicious pot lucks and bake sales. Come on down! You won't regret it! Proceeds will go for charities in the Kent/Pearl City areas. For more information, please call 443-2889 or 297-4429.

First Presbyterian Church of Apple River presents Gospel Night with Gone Fishin'

The First Presbyterian Church of Apple River, IL will be hosting Gone Fishin' as the featured group on Sunday, Nov. 13, 7- 8 p.m., .

This group has been playing and singing together for about 2 years and we are very proud to have them singing for us.

The second portion is open mic

for anyone wishing to share their talents and the last portion of the evening is a sing-a-long, for everyone to enjoy their favorite hymns.

This will be the last gospel night of this year

Any questions: please call Terry or Nancy Ingram at (815) 594-2592

St. Paul's in Kent honors veterans

On Sunday, Nov. 13, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will give tribute to Veterans at the beginning of their 10 a.m. family worship service with special prayers the singing of "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies."

Connie Smith will be the reader, and Deb Winning will be the organist. Pastor Carole Andres will

deliver the sermon entitled "Put Your Life Where Your Prayers Are" based upon Luke 20:27-38. Holy Communion will be offered.

All are welcome at the little church with the big heart. Come join us. We sing the golden oldies. We are in the suburbs of Kent, on 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. For more information, please call 232-4010.

Stockton Heritage Museum presents 'If our buildings could talk'

Come join us at the Stockton Heritage Museum Tuesday, Nov. 15, for our annual meeting and program "If our buildings could talk."

Over the past year, board member Warren Dixon has been gathering maps, photos, and information from residents about the history of the

buildings which were and are a part of downtown Stockton. The presentation will include photos of buildings as they were and how buildings changed through the years. We will also have a brief presentation on the architecture of the buildings downtown.

The board will host a brief annual meeting where progress on the acquisition of the new building, budget for 2017, and programs of the coming year will be presented.

Come join us on Nov, 15, at 7 p.m. for our annual meeting and program at the Stockton Heritage Museum.

Calvary Church in Stockton will be holding its annual bazaar

Calvary Church in Stockton will be holding its annual Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The ladies have been working diligently preparing various handmade craft items. The tables will be: Crafty Corners, Christmas Fantasy, Bake Shop Goodies, Candy Cane Lane, and Produce. Freshly made caramel corn made Friday night will

be available, along with homemade candy and baked goods. Breakfast rolls and coffee will be available plus lunch. The menu will include BBQ, Brats, Ham Sandwich, Vegetable Soup, Potato Salad, Cake and Pie. Calvary Church is located two blocks off Rt. 20, just south of the Middle School. The public is invited to come, shop, and stay for lunch.

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When the Lena Lions held their annual Halloween celebration Aspen Roberts, Eve Moore and Elizabeth Wuebbels received awards in the fifth grade category.



The winners in the Lena Lion's Halloween Best Homemade Costume category are Gannon Koser, Aspen Roberts and Colbie Roberts



When the Lena Lions held their annual Halloween celebration at the Lena Community Center Taylynn Havens, Nokolai Cornwell and Eden Moore received awards in the second grade category.



Allie Curran, Pyper Koser and Kylie Coulthard received recognition for their costumes in the pre-school girls category during the Lena Lions annual Halloween celebration



Halloween Fun

Left: Colt Kempel, Colbie Roberts and Ezri Moore dressed for the occasion and won prizes in the category for first graders during the Lena Lions annual Halloween celebration.

Below: Jordan Mills, Mason Coulthard and Colby Kentut some real effort into their award winning costumes in the kindergarten category during the Lena Lions annual Halloween celebration held at the Lena Community Center



Above: About 100 kids and parents joined the Lena Lions at their annual Halloween celebration and Brandon White, Nakoah Cornwell and Tana Gravert received recognition in the third grade category.

Lady Blackhawks accept invitation to Thanksgiving Tournament

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Lady Blackhawks run at the regular season NUIC basketball title could get a jumpstart or experience a setback following game play in the annual Forreston Thanksgiving Classic beginning Thursday, Nov. 17.

With an assortment of talent from across northern Illinois playing at Forreston High School in a series of games running into the Thanksgiving break, a quick peek at how a team stands up can be offered. An early-season win streak could be set in motion. Questions about retooling an offense could also arise. Game play will continue for Stockton on Friday and Saturday and conclude on Tuesday, Nov. 22 in Forreston.

The field of talent Stockton will compete with in the Forreston Thanksgiving Tournament has been historically substantial. Statistics have shown that those who play their best in Forreston in November find more expectations placed on their shoulders as they attack the remain-

der of the season. They survived every attack and claimed top honors. Stockton will have its chance to face former Regional and Sectional combatants during the first week of the winter sports season. They will get their chance to see if they are ready to go forward and battle for the NUIC Title.

Non-tournament action begins with a non-conference game at South Wayne, Wi., on Monday Nov. 28. The NUIC opens for Stockton with a game at East Dubuque on Thursday, Dec. 1. On Saturday, Dec. 3, Stockton plays in its home opener against the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers. A home game on Wed. Dec. 7 against Polo precedes a Friday, Dec. 9 clash at River Ridge/Scales Mound.

A game against Galena on Thursday, Dec. 9 wraps up the 2016 portion of the NUIC regular season schedule.

Winter break ends with the Lady Blackhawks visiting the Stillman Valley Lady Cardinals on Wednesday, Jan. 4. They are home to welcome fans again on Friday, Dec. 6, in an NUIC battle with Warren.



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Stockton Cross Country completes successful season

The Stockton Cross Country team competed on the regional level at Winnebago, on Saturday, Oct. 22. Haley Brudi finished sixth and did not qualify for sectional competition, but had an outstanding season and is expected to make sectionals next year!

Austin Vincent advanced to sectionals where he place twenty-third out of 157 runners with a time of 17:04 for three miles. Vincent finished his season with an excellent race and was very close to qualifying for the state competition. Connor Hayes, Keegan Phillips, Brynn Schubert and Kendall Schulz all finished the season on with a strong performance. Overall this was a very successful cross country year for Stockton.

Panthers open season in Morrison

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

On Monday, Nov. 14, the 2016 IHSA Girls' Basketball season officially tips-off. The Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers are one of those who will be starting off with a group of other area programs. This year the opening tip will take place in Morrison.

The Lady Panthers competition in the Morrison Invitational allows them the chance to see some familiar faces and other who are just outside the conference's reach. Teams from other conferences such as the Three Rivers and Big Northern may play their game a little differently. The experience helps the Lady Panthers as they set a focus on their season.

Following exodus from Morrison, the Lady Panthers embark on a brief vacation from activity. Their next action on Tuesday, Nov. 29, features a match with a team

that a lot of Panthers fans have become extremely familiar with, Forreston. The Panthers and Cardinals will battle this weekend for the right to move on to the Class 1A Football Semi-final.

On Thursday, Dec. 1, Lena-Winslow faces off with the Lady Wolves in Pearl City. Conference action continues with a Saturday game in Stockton. On Tuesday, Dec. 6 Lena-Winslow prepares to shut down the 2016 portion of the NUIC regular season against Galena.

More tournament play gets underway for the Lady Panthers on Saturday, Dec. 10 in Pearl City. With the number of teams invited to attend the Pearl City Holiday Classic this year, contests will continue each day, except Sunday, through Saturday, Dec. 17.

Christmas break is greeted by a Dec. 21 match at Peca-tonica. On Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2016, NUIC action resumes in a home game against River Ridge/Scales Mound.

Orangeville gets jumpstart to season in Warren

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

2016 will open for the Orangeville Lady Broncos with tournament play in Warren. The games themselves will be warm-ups for the tough first half of the NUIC schedule that waits for them. Matches with Dakota and Aquin wait, only weeks away. The early portion of the basketball schedule will give fans and coaches a chance to see how far this year's team has come since action ceased in February. Former State Champions lay in wait during the early weeks of the winter.

The Warren invitational will involve games that extend through the start of Thanksgiving week, with the final shots to be taken on Monday, Nov. 21. The competition Orangeville will face in Stockton will see a slight delay on Tuesday, Nov. 15, as the lady Broncos play host to Forreston. It's back to Warren and the tip-off classic after the Cardinals' visit. The schedule indicates a short recess for Orangeville following

their return from Warren.

On Dec. 1 it's back to regular season action with a match against newly-welcomed NUIC member Amboy. On Dec. 3 the Lady Broncos travel to Milledgeville. More Tournament action is scheduled for Orangeville during the first-third of the season.

Every year, each team is allowed to play in a certain number of tournament games. That includes conference tournament games. For Orangeville, their second tournament acceptance goes into effect on Dec. 10. The Lady Broncos will battle some of the stronger teams in north-

ern Illinois, during their stay in Pearl City. Tournament action continues through Dec. 16.

On Dec. 19 the Lady Broncos receive the honor of playing host to the always-dangerous Dakota Lady Indians. Two days later, Orangeville travels back to Warren. The 2016 portion of the regular season closes with the Dec. 21 match against the Warriors.

January and the 2017 portion of the winter schedule gets underway on January, 3, 2017, as the Aquin Bulldogs open a short home stand which includes a Jan. 6 match with Durand.

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Thanks go to all my neighbors, classmates, friends & family for the cards and visits while I was in the hospital, L.L.C., and since returning home. My neighbors did a great job mowing my lawn and I've really appreciated the friends driving me to visit my old hangouts. And I'm always grateful for the meals brought to me since I don't really cook.

I am also so appreciative for the birthday wishes, including those people who surprised me that day to celebrate at the Beltline. It's been a long 5 months but you've all been so supportive. Thank you!

Ray Handel



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Crop Hunger Walk held at Apple Canyon State Park

The eastern Jo Daviess Crop Hunger walk was held Sunday Oct. 16, at Apple Canyon State Park. 23 walkers raised \$1,342.75 with more to come. Devotions were led by Pastor Mike Nesbit followed by singing Amazing Grace. 25% of the total money raised stays in local food pantries. This year's participants were Pastor Mike and Alex Nesbit, Livia and Laiken Haas, Maggie Palmer, Dawson and Dane Kloss, Sophie and Libby Shellenberger, Abby and Cole Harris, Alex and Carrie Harris, Ruth Martin, Shirley Miller, Steve Deliberto, Jay, Maranda and Jay Jr. Schaney, Jim, Suzie and Ethan Koch, Teresa Hesselbacher and Nancy Rice. Churches involved were St. Paul's Lutheran, Warren and Elizabeth, Wesley and Calvary Methodist, Stockton and Schapville Zion Presbyterian.

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.

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Baking not your thing, but en-

joy 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

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 Meter, 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.

Homeowners eligible for home repair loans and grants

A number of homeowners in Northern Illinois are eligible to apply for home repair grants and low interest home improvement loans, thanks to a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Program.

A Rural Development Repair Loan is similar to a Home Improvement Loan. The money must be used to improve or modernize homes, make them safer and more sanitary, or remove health and safety hazards. Examples of eligible repairs include roofing, siding, windows, foundation repairs, kitchen cabinets, septic system and furnace/air conditioning. The maximum loan amount is \$20,000. Loans can be made for a term of 20 years at one percent interest. The applicant needs to own and occupy the home, have acceptable credit, be able to repay the loan, and meet very low income guidelines. For example, a family of four in Jo Daviess County can earn up to

\$32,650 and still qualify.

A limited number of Home Repair Grants are also available to applicants who meet very low income guidelines, are 62 years of age or older and demonstrate an inability to make loan payments. There is a \$7,500 lifetime limit on Repair Grant Funds. Grant funds can only be used to address health, safety or accessibility issues for the home. Unlike loans, grants do not have to be repaid. Grants are frequently made in conjunction with small loans.

The Oregon Rural Development office serves seven Northern Illinois counties including Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Kane, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside and Winnebago. To learn more about this program, homeowners are encouraged to contact the Oregon office at (815) 732-6127, ext. 4. More information is also available at www.rurdev.usda.gov/il/. Eligibility rules apply.

U of I Extension to host Horticulture for the Holidays Workshop

University of Illinois Extension's annual Horticulture for the Holidays workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.) at the U of I Extension SNAP-Ed Office (in the Easter Seals building), 650 North Main Street, Rockford. Participants will participate in a make-and-take workshop that demonstrates how to incorporate the garden into seasonal celebrations and gift giving.

Samantha Burbach, University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator, will present Evergreen Wreaths. The smell of fresh evergreens goes hand-in-hand with the holidays. Learn about evergreens and which ones work well for creating wreaths and holiday swags. Then learn how to put together a

fresh evergreen wreath to adorn your home for the holiday season. Sam will show step-by-step instructions on how to construct a fresh evergreen wreath, complete with a bow and even pinecones or berries. She will also show how versatile wreaths can be from hanging on your door to being dressed up on your table as a centerpiece.

Register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call Winnebago County Extension at

(815) 986-4357. There is a \$25 fee which includes all workshop materials and refreshments. Registration is limited and required to secure your spot. Please register by Dec. 1. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension office.

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.

November is National Novel Writing Month

For this challenge, writers of all skill level must write at least 50,000 words by the end of the month.

Of course, it's always more fun to write in a groups, which is why I invite all writers, whether you are participating in NaNoWriMo or not, to visit a library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 PM for a write-in!

Of course, writers are more than welcome to come during other library hours as well!

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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.

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

Vote for Stockton's Miss Merry Christmas and Little Jack Frost.

No photocopies of this ballot will be accepted. Must be original from newspaper.

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 _____

Address _____

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 Stockton, IL 61085



Little Jack Frost Contestant Number 1



Little Jack Frost Contestant Number 2



Little Jack Frost Contestant Number 3



Miss Merry Christmas Contestant Number 1



Miss Merry Christmas Contestant Number 2



Miss Merry Christmas Contestant Number 3

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Celebrate the Season

We hope you will join us at one or all of FHN's Festival of Trees events – there's something for everyone!

Holiday Family Movie Series

Saturday movies start at 10 a.m.

November 12

Trolls (PG) \$3.50

November 19

Dr. Strange (PG-13) \$3.50

November 26

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13) \$3.50

December 3

Moana (PG) \$3.50

December 10

Polar Express (G) FREE

Lindo Theatre, 115 S. Chicago Avenue, Freeport

No advance tickets • Limited seating

Holiday surprise from FHN for all kids

BONUS MOVIE

Wednesday, December 14

Noon and 7 p.m.

Scrooge (G)

Free-will offering and/or food drive contribution or \$3.50

Community Holiday Tree Lighting

Enjoy refreshments and holiday caroling as we "flip the switch" to light up Freeport's holiday tree!

Sunday, November 20 • 5 p.m.

Stephenson Street side of FHN Memorial Hospital
Refreshments • Santa • Special guests
Highland Youth Choir • Free

Community Festival of Trees

Enjoy holiday trees decorated by local service organizations, clubs and church groups competing for prizes. Vote for your favorite holiday tree December 5-17!

December 4 – December 31

Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street
Hosted by FHN and the Freeport Public Library

Highland Youth Choir Performance

Enjoy holiday carols and tour the FHN Community Festival of Trees.

Monday, December 5 • 5 p.m.

Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport

Holiday Storytelling

Listen to a holiday story or two in Santa's visiting area.

Tuesday, December 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport

Singin' at the King

Enjoy holiday music from area school and church choirs.

Thursday, December 8 • 5:30 p.m.

King Community Campus gymnasium

Suggested donation of one non-perishable food item for entry

Luminary Night

Enjoy the beauty of the soft light of luminaries as FHN joins this annual neighborhood tradition.

Sunday, December 18 • Dusk

Along Stephenson Street and Lincoln Boulevard

Happy Holidays from
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Ready for action

Congratulations to Pearl City Fire Department on their new pumper tanker which will be housed at the Kent station and was put into service this week.

Help the Putnam choose its next blockbuster exhibit

The Putnam Museum & Science Center is asking Quad City residents to voice their opinion and help select the 2018 blockbuster exhibit we bring to the museum by simply filling out a one-question online survey. The choices are Chocolate, Sharks or the NFL Hall of

Fame.

"The Putnam is a place for hands-on fun for all ages – and that's why we'll appreciate everyone helping us select the next big exhibit," said Kim Findlay, president and CEO of the Putnam. "Any of the three potential exhibits

we've narrowed it down to would be great. That's why we're asking everyone to fill out our one-question survey online so we can gauge which exhibit interests Quad Citizens most."

The community survey is available at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NXXPQCR> until Nov. 27. The three exhibits for consideration are: **Chocolate**

The Chocolate exhibit created by the Field Museum engages all the senses as visitors trace the story of the "food of the gods" from its earliest cultivation among the ancient peoples of the rain forest to its status today as the world's favorite sweet. Immersive exhibits, fun interactives, and detailed replicas and objects place chocolate under the lenses of science, history, and popular culture.

Planet Shark

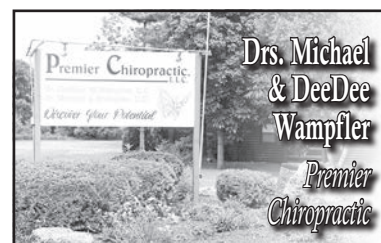
Predator or Prey is the only comprehensive shark experience to tour the world. This amazing exhibition experience challenges visitors' fears, misunderstandings and ignorance of the plight of the world's most feared predator – the shark.

This exhibit guides visitors through the murky myths and fascinating facts that have surrounded sharks for cen-

With all the publicity about head trauma lately, we thought we would offer some options for people that are concerned. You don't have to be a professional football player to have brain trauma. You don't have to be in a car accident to have brain trauma. These events can and do cause traumatic brain injuries and should be treated and not ignored.

As in most things in our office we look to what the latest research says as well as long-standing research. In brain traumas, there are often undiagnosed injuries that occur all the time. We fall, whether it be ice or mud, or trip over something and often times smack our head against something not so soft! What do we do, normally we get up and look around to see who is watching! Then we say ok I can see and stand, so I must be ok. As we get more and more forgetful we often blame it on old age. Perhaps the truth is that from all the multiple car accidents, sports injuries, falls on ice, etc, we have been traumatizing our poor head over the years and its starting to catch up with us.

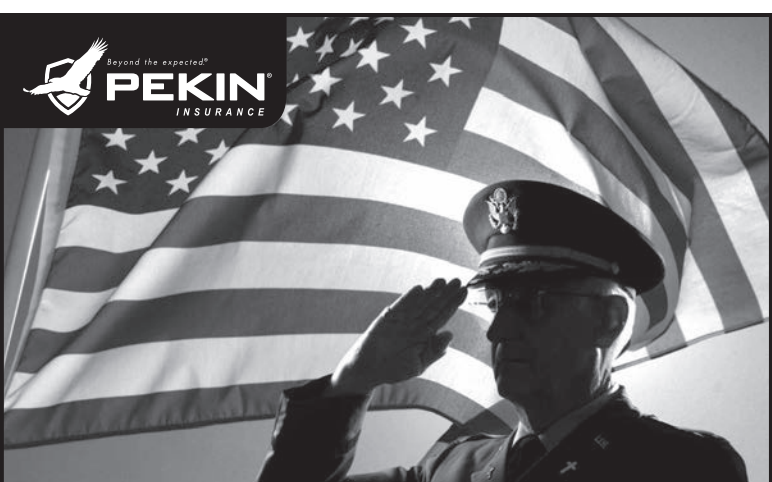
What to do about it is the next question? First thing I do when my kids hit



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their head is to tell them to suck it up, just kidding, I mix up a special concoction of items that have been proven through research to limit or eliminate the effects of the trauma. What are some of the items you ask? First the word to look for is Glutathione; this substance is something that your body makes naturally most of the time. There was a study done with Autistic children and children that were not Autistic. The study showed that the Autistic children were not processing mercury out of their systems. The study did not suggest how the mercury got there in the first place, just that they were not able to expel or excrete it out of their system. So they looked at the Glutathione levels of these children and found that they had very low levels. Glutathione is a very good free radical reducer, shown to limit brain damage in mice studies and remove toxins. There is one company that produces a Glutathione product that has patents for treating cancer and aids.

Where or how can I increase my glutathione levels you ask? That is a great question, there is lots of options. Before you put premium gas into your car you most likely want to make sure the car is firing on all cylinders, and is running like a finely tuned race car. That's where chiropractic care and a properly aligned spine can make all the difference in how well your immune system responds to stressors and how well you process Glutathione precursors. When you go the gas station you buy gas, even though it's the hot explosive fire that moves your car. When you want to increase your Glutathione levels you don't go and by Glutathione, you find things that increase your Glutathione levels. One of the most common ones is un-denatured whey protein, which is fairly unstable and great caution must be used in its use. Another is N.A.C. which is in a pill form and widely available. The sooner you increase your levels after a head trauma the less damage, timing is important. Speak softly and carry a big stick; you will go far. (T. Roosevelt) or Walk softly with an aligned spine and carry some Glutathione precursors!!



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Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts seeks to donate new PCs to youth groups

The Blackhawk Area Council of Boy Scouts has four new computers to donate to local non-profit youth organizations, and is looking for recipients.

The 28 Boy Scouts that recently built the four computers decided to donate the new desktop PCs to local non-profit groups that serve area children. As a result of their generosity, the scouts received the Messenger of Peace Award.

The boys first took apart old com-

puters to learn about the components inside. Jeff Garcea of Garcea Technologies in Rockford supervised the process and demystified the computer technology. Then he helped the Scouts assemble new desktop computers from kits.

Garcea said, "It is always fun working with kids, and there is not enough emphasis on working with your hands. Most people hire someone to do their repairs because they do not have the skills to do it themselves. I

think there needs to be more emphasis on basic skills and knowing how to fix things when they break."

Youth organizations that are interested in receiving one of the new PCs should send a letter to the Blackhawk Area Council stating their need. All requests must be received by Nov. 15. The Scouts that build the computers will review the letters, and select the recipients.

For more information, please contact Emily Cross at (815) 397-0210.



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October Blackhawks of the Month

Each month, Stockton Middle School recognizes students that are going above and beyond to display our 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 Brosnough, Matthew Cook of the seventh grade and Adriana Curtis for the eighth grade



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First quarter top AR point earner

Pearl City fourth grader Natalie Greene is recognized by her teachers and classmates for earning the most Accelerated Reading in the first quarter; a whopping 211 points.

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- Friday, November 11th from 1:00-4:00 is Veteran's Sundae day. All Veterans can come in and enjoy a complimentary ice cream sundae to honor your service.
- Monday, November 14th beginning at 2:00 p.m., Annalisa from Fluegel's in Lena will be here to share her Scarf Tying creativity. Feel free to bring a scarf with you to learn how to tie many different ways.
- Tuesday, November 15th starting at 10:00 a.m., we will be hosting the Senior Resource Center to discuss their services. Come and find out what the Senior Resource Center can offer!
- Tuesday, November 15th beginning at 7:00 p.m. we will host Jim Cauthorn from the American Association for Wartime Veterans to talk about the Veteran's Aid and Attendance benefit. Wartime veterans may qualify for up to \$1788/month and surviving spouses of wartime veterans may qualify for up to \$1149/month
- Friday, November 18th The Senior Center will be here BY APPOINTMENT to discuss your options during Medicare open enrollment. Please call Patti at 815.656.4800 to schedule your appointment.

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Learning is fun

The first graders at Scales Mound School enjoyed a fun morning, for their Pumpkin Carving Day on Oct. 27. The kids taught their moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas how their iPads can interact with each other, joining in a Halloween "I SPY" competition. There were reader's theater skits and musical numbers by the children, followed by pumpkin carving and a breakfast social. The pumpkins were generously donated by Larry Anderson's Pumpkin Farm.

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Sunday, Nov. 13 • 2 - 3:30 p.m.



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Nice lids

Pearl City first grader Lucas Bremmer kindly thought of all his classmates and brought each of them a new hat to wear for Hat Day, the school's Post Prom Fundraiser

Pearl City Board Of Education holds regular October meeting

Vice President Lieb called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

After Roll Call the Board approved the Oct. 19, agenda.

Recognition of Guests and public comments were allowed. One comment was made.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the Sept. 26. Public Hearing minutes on the 2016-17 budget; Sept. 26, Regular Board Meeting minutes; Sept. 26, closed session minutes, and approval of bills and payroll through Oct. 14.

The Board received two communications from Illinois Attorney General's office.

New Business:

Approved the request by the Post Prom Committee to use the school cafeteria on Jan. 16, 2017 and Feb. 4, 2017 for a Three Headed Monster and Manny's Taco night before basketball games.

Approved the purchase of content filtering software from "Securely" for three years. The approved three year price was for \$6,912.50. This includes free service for the remainder of this school year.

Approved paying Scott Woodley \$300 for labor to implement/activate the software.

Approved the authorization to hold a silent auction for materials in the Ag building and other items from the school on a date to be determined. The items that do not sell would then be taken to an auction site for sale.

Discussed a potential boys and girl's golf cooperative with Lena Winslow. The board agreed to meet with representatives from both schools to discuss a cooperative and how it would operate if approved. Students who have participated in golf will be asked for their opinions on the potential of a cooperative.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Fall prep

Members of the Garden Club at Lena-Winslow Elementary School are getting the garden ready for fall. The scarecrow has been stuffed and has a big smile on his face, ready for anyone who wants to come check out the garden! Garden members pictured are Jill Goebel, Ayla Brinkmeier, Landon Grindey, Jackson Barrett, Hannah Peccoraro, and Eden Dietz with the club sponsor, Joanne Gallagher.



A Dark and Spooky Night at Scales Mound School

On Oct. 27, Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 hosted its first Dark and Spooky Family Reading Night. The evening, organized by Mrs. Jenny Raab and Mrs. Karen Montgomery, provided students in grades Pre-K-eight with some Halloween fun. Younger students trick or treated through the building to three rooms to hear community members, staff and administrators read stories related to Halloween. Junior high students had the opportunity to hear spooky stories and participate in a haunted house designed by the high school students. Students exclaimed that the haunted high school was, "Scariest than Fear Forest," and asked if it was going to happen again next year. Parents told Mrs. Raab the event was a great family event and the kids loved it. One teacher called the evening an "epic event." "It was a huge success thanks to all of the volunteers and students involved. Everyone had a great night," said Raab. The evening concluded with students and families enjoying some treats in the cafeteria provided by the Scales Mound staff and each student received a book courtesy of the PTO.

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Stockton Middle School celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a campaign observed annually to promote healthy living and the commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. The concept began in 1985 to honor the service of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Agent, Enrique Camarena. It has evolved into an awareness and prevention campaign initiated in schools and communities across the United States.

This year Stockton Middle School students participated in activities to promote and celebrate healthy living and making healthy choices. Attached are photos of the 5th grade students planting red tulip bulbs around school. This idea of "planting the promise" of a healthy and drug free lifestyle can be recognized again in the spring when the tulips bloom.

Highland Community College to honor High School Equivalency (HSE) completers

Highland Community College's 44th annual fall High School Equivalency (HSE) Recognition Ceremony and Open House, to honor the 2016-2017 completers will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Highland Community College Community Services Center (Building R), in the south lobby.

Students who have completed the requirements for the HSE certificate, as part of Highland's Adult Education program, will be invited, along with their friends and families, to participate in the celebration of the students' accomplishment. The public is also invited to attend this event.

HCC's Director of Adult Education Mark Jansen will give the welcome and bestow the more than 14 certificates to the completers at 6:30 p.m. Staff and instructors of the Adult Education program will be on hand to help facilitate the event.

For additional information about Highland Community College's High School Equivalency program, call the Adult Education department at (815) 599-3460.

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Warren students participate in HCC College Now program

Last Spring Warren CUSD 205 approved students to have an opportunity to enroll in the Highland College Now Program offered through Highland College, Freeport. Students must take a college entrance exam, ACT scores, and approval from Warren school to enter this program. This is offered to juniors and seniors so they could graduate high school with an Associate's Degree and a high school diploma. The students work with Highland College staff and Warren staff/teachers to get required credits to graduate. Students do not check into Warren School, they drive themselves to Highland College and their schedule is as any other freshman in college. Many other schools have been taking advantage of this opportunity and now Warren is making it available. Students are still involved with high school extra-curricular clubs, organizations and sports.



Specials Good

Thursday, Nov. 10th - Tuesday, Nov. 15th

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PRODUCE

- Fresh Cauliflower • **\$1.29/lb.**
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- Sweet Onions • **89¢/lb.**
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| Community Bank - Winslow | Lena Shoppers Guide |
| Community Bank - Lena | Lena State Bank |
| Community Bank - Warren | Liles Chiropractic Clinic LTD |
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Warren Junior High Honor Roll 1st Quarter 2016-2017

Sixth Grade High Honors

Ava Heidenreich
Blake Heller
Arik Kaiser
Elaina Martin
Janel Radaszewski
Alivia Thuman
Tyler VenHuizen

Sixth Grade Honors

Jaylyn Carter
Madyson Evans
Alex Harris
Jack Leverton
Kaitlyn Lozada
Reed McNutt
Jason NiemannTravis Olson
Sydney Story
Angel Warfield
Abigail Winters
Keaton Wulfekuhle

Seventh Grade High Honors

Addison Rickert
Claire Riedl

Seventh Grade Honors

Cole Harris
Blaze Janecke
Cameron Kent
Lane Raab

Eighth Grade High Honors

Trace Albrecht
Sadie McCook-Berner
Amanda Schick
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I survived the large Halloween crowd earlier in the week. We had over 300. Hats off to the Village of Lena for providing crowd control from the curve at Mason Street and down Oak Street. I think it helps traffic slow down when they see lights flashing. We have had their assistance for several years, and it makes the residents on Mason and Oak Streets feel easier because we are all concerned about the children's safety. The costumes were great, and the kids were well behaved and polite. Good job parents who were also in attendance to help their children have a safe and happy Halloween. I will put my candy baskets (empty, of course) away for another year. We are now in November—hard to believe we are only a few weeks away from Thanksgiving. This week's recipes are a mixture of good main dishes, a tasty salad, and two desserts.

The first recipe this week is for an easy appetizer. This good cheese ball is really easy because you use dill pickle relish. You can roll the cheese ball in dried parsley if fresh is not available. Keep this easy appetizer around for the holidays.

Dilly Cheese Ball

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
1 C. dill pickle relish, drained
¼ C. finely chopped onion
1½ C. shredded cheddar cheese
1 T. Worcestershire sauce
2 T. mayonnaise
2 T. minced fresh parsley
Beat the cream cheese, relish, onion, cheese, Worcestershire, and mayo together in a mixing bowl until smooth. Shape into a ball and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with crackers.

If you like avocados, this is a great salad for you. The creaminess of the buttermilk and the sour cream makes it a good "sticking" salad dressing. You could also use the dressing for vegetable dipping. If you don't like things hot, cut the jalapeno peppers to one or one half. You can use any flavor of croutons on top for garnish.

Lettuce Salad with Creamy Avocado Dressing

1 avocado, diced and divided
¼ C. buttermilk
¼ C. sour cream
¼ C. chopped green onions
¼ C. chopped cilantro or fresh parsley
2 T. fresh lime juice
1 T. olive oil
2 T. seeded and diced jalapeno peppers

Salt to taste
6 C. romaine lettuce, chopped
½ C. halved grape tomatoes
Croutons

Half the avocado and place in blender or food processor; add the buttermilk, sour cream, cilantro, onions, lime juice, oil, and jalapeno and puree; season with salt.

Place romaine and tomatoes in a large salad bowl; add the remaining avocado. Toss with dressing to coat and garnish with croutons.

This easy crock pot recipe can be assembled the night before and then plugged in before going to work. Just add a vegetable or salad and a piece of crusty bread, and you have the makings of a great meal in a really short time.

Creamy Beef and Macaroni

1 lb. ground beef, browned and drained
1 can cream of celery soup
1 can cream of mushroom soup
2 C. milk
1 bag (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
2 C. macaroni, uncooked
½ t. onion powder
½ t. pepper

Lightly spray the crock of a 5-qt. slow cooker with cooking spray. Combine the ingredients in the order listed in the crock and gently stir to blend. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until macaroni is tender.

This next main dish recipe is for an easy dinner that has a lot of good things in it. Use the rotisserie chicken from the grocery store, and you start out easy. You can also use the flavored tomatoes and omit the garlic, diced onion, and oregano. If you have croutons other than the Italian ones, you can use them also. The addition of chopped basil as a garnish is a great way to make this a truly authentic Italian dish.

Italian Chicken and Croutons

2½ C. chopped, cooked chicken
1 can (14 ½ oz) diced tomatoes
1 clove of garlic, minced
½ C. diced onion
½ t. dried oregano
1 pkg. (5 oz.) Italian-seasoned croutons
¼ C. Italian salad dressing
¾ C. grated Parmesan
Chopped fresh basil

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 2-qt. casserole dish with cooking spray. In a glass mixing bowl, cook the onions with a little water in the microwave for 2 minutes. Add the garlic to the hot onions and stir. Add the tomatoes and oregano and mix. Layer the cooked chicken and tomato mixture in the casserole dish. Sprinkle the croutons over mixture. Drizzle the salad dressing over the top and cover with foil. Bake 20 minutes. Remove foil and top with grated Parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, 10 minutes or until cheese melts. Remove from the oven and let stand 5 minutes. Top with fresh basil if desired.

These easy cookies are made with white and brown sugar. They are sim-

ple to make and are gooey good. I love peanut butter cookies, and these are easy to make. You did read the recipe correctly if you didn't find any flour. I think this cookie qualifies as gluten free.

Chewy Peanut Butter Cookies

1 C. smooth peanut butter
½ C. packed light brown sugar
½ C. sugar
1 large egg
1 t. baking soda
1 t. vanilla
¼ t. salt
Sugar for topping cookies
Preheat the oven to 350. Line two half sheet pans with parchment paper and set aside.

In a mixing bowl, beat together the peanut butter, brown sugar and sugar until well combined. Add the egg, baking soda, vanilla and salt and beat until well combined.

Roll the dough into 1-ounce balls, place 6 per prepared sheet pan; in a small bowl, place sugar. Dip fork in water and then coat fork with sugar. Flatten with the tines of the sugared fork. Bake for 10 minutes or until the cookies look dry and are just lightly browned. Cool the cookies for 2 minutes on the sheet pans.

Are you looking for an easy apple recipe? This cobbler is a great dessert. Remember that cobblers were made by early American settlers because they didn't have a lot of pots and pans. This "cobbled" up dessert just involves layering a base and apples. Garnish with your favorite ice cream caramel

topping. You could also serve with ice cream if the cobbler is warm—yummy!

Caramel Apple Cobbler

6 T. unsalted butter
4 C. peeled and sliced Granny Smith Apples
1/3 C. firmly packed light brown sugar
1 t. fresh lemon juice
1 t. cinnamon
½ t. ground nutmeg
½ C. flour
½ C. sugar
1½ t. baking powder
¼ t. salt
1 C. buttermilk
¼ C. chopped pecans
Caramel Topping

Preheat the oven to 350. Place the butter in a 2-quart baking dish, and place in the oven just until butter is melted.

In a large bowl, stir together the apples, brown sugar, lemon juice, cinnamon, and nutmeg. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Gradually whisk in the buttermilk to the flour mixture until smooth. Pour the batter into the melted butter in the pan—do not stir. Sprinkle apple mixture onto the batter—do not stir together), and top with pecans. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean about 40-45 minutes. Let cool for 30 minutes and serve with warmed caramel.

This past week has been pretty exciting if you are a Cubs Fan—and I have been all of my life. I think it is genetic because my Grandfather

Block, my mother, and my father were all die-hard Cub fans. We always had WGN radio on in the afternoon and listened to the ball games. I never really knew anything different. We would always make the same joke everyone else did—"Wait until next year!" No more waiting!!!! It was an exciting journey to the World Series throughout the many play off games. I thought we were done several times (I guess I didn't have a lot of faith, or I just didn't want to be too optimistic.) The last game was the stuff that movies are made from (someone predicted there would be one within five years.) I just know that when that final out was made, the game was over, and the fans at Cleveland, in Chicago, and even in Lena, Illinois, went wild. It was a time to remember those Cub fans who were watching over us, and I had to shed a tear or two. I will remember this November for a long time, and we will all savor the feeling for several months until Spring Training begins the whole process over again.

It is time to get ready for Turkey Day—my nephew's favorite holiday. He loves it because it involves food and family; he won't be with us this year, but we are all hoping he will be with his cousins and there will be food. We will miss him because he always reminded us about the importance of this holiday. 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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Local vet recalls his WW II Army days

By Margaret Downing
REPORTER

Ninety-four year old Robert “Bob” Paulson of Loves Park has some very vivid memories of his time in the Army during World War II (having served from Oct. 1940 to Oct. 1945).

Later in the war, Bob was part of the 5th Division, 3rd Army under General George S. Patton. Some memories are quite astounding but more on that in a bit.

Paulson was born and raised in the Town of Excelsior, Sauk County, Wis. and refers to himself as “a Wisconsin hillbilly.” His parents, Lewis “Lew” and Mabel Olive Paulson, were native Norwegians. Besides Bob, there were seven other siblings: brothers Harold, Donald, Roger, Merlin, Lewis Jr., Marvin and one sister, Dorothy.

Bob, and all six brothers, served during the war (all survived!) - Bob is the lone survivor today.

Lew, Bob’s dad, had a service garage with room for about 20 cars and he also sold some gas and vehicles, which Bob remembers quite well. Lew apparently was able to make a couple of extra bucks by storing a car at the station sometimes for a certain man he was friendly with, gangster John Dillinger, who made trips into Wisconsin during the early 1930s.

One day while hanging out at the station, Bob noticed Dillinger driving up accompanied by “several unsavory looking characters” in another car. Dillinger asked Lew if he could store his car for a couple of weeks, which Lew agreed to. The car would then be covered and kept inside the station.

Dillinger asked Bob, “What are you going to be when you grow up?” and Bob answered that he wanted to join the Army. Dillinger also shared some lemon drops with the boy.

By the time he was 14 years old Bob figured he had enough schooling and left home, sleeping in barns and getting by. At the age of 18, Bob and brother Roger both ended up joining the Civilian



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Sgt. Bob Paulson, Anti-tank Co. 5th Division, Third Army, pictured in 1945. The patch on his jacket identifies SHAEF Headquarters in Paris.

Conservation Corps (CCC) where they lived in a camp.

By the fall of 1940, Bob’s brother Roger was with him and on Oct. 9 of that year the two enlisted in the Army at Richland Center, Wis.

In the Army – Oct. 1940

It was the first step on what would become an almost unbelievable journey, especially for Bob! That journey would include:

- Living and training at Fort Custer, Mich., Camp Grant, Ill., and Fort McCoy, Wis., plus in Iceland and Ireland.
- Training and serving in Iceland (“a second front should Britain fall to the Nazis - Iceland was full of trucks and artillery”), Norway (for a planned assignment to blow up a facility dealing with “heavy water”), Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.
- Arriving in France with the 5th Infantry Division on Utah Beach, June 9, 1944, three days after D-Day commenced.
- Along with other soldiers, sharing a cigar in France with General George Patton.
- Being knocked out of a pear tree when a shell hit nearby and then nearly being killed by a German “Nebelwerfer” rocket at



Shown is German General Alfred Jodl, center, signing the Unconditional Terms of Surrender in Reims, France – May 1945. Bob Paulson drove Jodl to Reims for the surrender.

Bitburg, Germany.

- Using a quarter pound of dynamite to blow holes in the ground under the frost line in order to dig fox holes during the Battle of the Bulge.

- Meeting and driving German General Alfred Jodl to Reims, France, to sign the unconditional terms of surrender in that city on May 7, 1945.

- Driving the Rolls Royce loaned to General Dwight Eisenhower by King George VI for use in Paris toward the end of the war.

- Becoming a close friend with singer/actress Jane Froman - as a driver and dispatcher in Paris for Froman, Paulson recalls how “we’d sing together while driving.”

Just to give an idea of the territory Paulson covered in his five years service in World War II, Paulson has in his possession a Pre-Pearl Harbor Medal; the European/African/Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon; the American Defense Ribbon with one Bronze Star; three Bronze Campaign Stars; Northern France and Normandy Campaign Ribbons; the Combat Infantryman Ribbon; the 5th Division Diamond; two Purple Hearts, one with an Oak Leaf Cluster; Victory/Armey of Occupation Medal; a Good Conduct Medal; and the Croix de guerre, awarded to those in his unit by General Charles DeGaulle on behalf of France.*

**(Note: The Croix de guerre military decoration was presented to military personnel who distinguished themselves through acts of heroism involving combat with enemy forces.)*

During the war Paulson recalls that he slept in ditches, foxholes (for five months in the Ardennes), manure piles, barns, and toward the end even a nice hotel for a short time in Paris.

Bob was not the only Paulson son to serve our country during the war – Harold was in the Air Corps (he serviced the Enola Gay at one point); Donald was in the artillery; Roger served in the Army with Bob, both being stationed in Iceland at one point; Merlin served with the infantry in Italy then went on into France with his unit; Marvin was with an intelligence unit in London;

and Lewis was with the Air Corps in Panama before serving with the Merchant Marine hauling planes to Russia.

After the Sullivan brothers’ episode where all five brothers, sailors serving on the USS Juneau, were all killed in action in November of 1942 in the ship’s sinking - and the death two years later of the four Borgstrom brothers, the Armed Services had a rule to break up siblings from serving together.

While serving under Patton, Paulson was with an anti-tank company – 10th Infantry, 5th Regiment, 3rd Army. One day in France while covering an intersection an American tank came up, making it a dandy target. Paulson and his buddies started yelling at it “to get the h- out of the intersection,” when Patton popped up out of the tank wanting to know who was hollering those instructions. The men admitted they had done it by putting up their hands, whereby Patton said, “If you hadn’t put your hands up you’d all be going to jail.” They then had the honor of sharing a cigar with the general.

Other duties Bob had included: mule driver at Fort Custer, Mich., light truck driver, combat infantryman, sniper (he says, “I was a paid assassin for \$21 a month”), driver and dispatcher at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF), which was where Eisenhower’s headquarters were located in Paris by the end of the war.

Paulson’s military training was extensive and covered truck driving and mechanic’s schools, auto and diesel maintenance, plumbing, anti-tank gunning (the first ones they had in training consisted of guns made out of logs), the Springfield rifle - in Europe, the M-1, and explosives training. He also had schooling in Iceland and Ireland.

He recalls maneuvers and how he was based not only at Fort Custer, but also Camp Grant in Rockford, and Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. At Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, Tenn. he remembers the narrow roads and how unsafe it was when tanks came along and remembers five guys who

didn’t “fall out” fast enough and all five lost their legs when a tank came along. He also remembers one of his buddies who pulled the trigger on his gun and unfortunately shot a guy dead in a pup tent.

In August of 1941, Bob recalls driving from Fort Custer to Fort Slocum at the Brooklyn (New York) Navy Yard where 10 days were spent on an island. However, “We could take a boat into the city from there,” he says. There were also dances in a dance hall.

In September the men were ordered “to put on khakis and then take off khakis for ODs (olive drabs).” They shipped out in the evening aboard the Born Queen, a World War I transport ship.

On the trip there was the worry of German subs trying to get the ships, “We could hear noise from the sub chasers,” Bob notes, especially along the coast of Greenland. On board Bob preferred the lowest level hammock and says there were two “messes” for eats – early and late mess.

•Iceland

On Sept. 18, 1941, they reached Iceland and lived on the ship but had meals in the harbor. They had to build a camp.

Men went on guard duty in the freezing cold of Iceland and some, Bob says, “froze to death. At first we had one on duty but then we had two together because of that.”

The Icelanders, Bob remembers, got along well with the Germans and in warm weather, would take their fishing boats with supplies out to the German submarines. “The Germans came in from the subs on dinghies and during the summer German planes would fly overhead. The Germans had even made a pipeline for heat from a volcano,” he notes.

The U.S. Marines drove the Icelanders out and occupied Iceland. After two years, Bob, by then a corporal, went to Scotland and also to Norway where he studied explosives for a planned attack to blow up a “heavy water” facility. It was at this time Bob received skis, snow shoes and a white outfit. “The Norwegians would bury the heavy water to hide it,” he recalls.*

**(Note: During the war there was a series of actions undertaken*



Paulson in Paris in 1944 – Anti-tank, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 5th Division, 3rd Army.



This picture was taken in France in the fall of 1944 – Bob Paulson calls it “smoking” the Moselle River. The smokescreen gave the Allies an advantage in blocking the view that the Germans had of the river.



Bob Paulson, back home after the war.

by Norwegian saboteurs. The goal was to prevent the German's nuclear energy project from getting heavy water - deuterium oxide - with which the Nazis could have produced nuclear weapons.)

Blowing up bridges and taking down trees was something Bob did not believe was his "cup of tea." He was in Norway just a short time.

When in Ireland he did study chemical warfare, however, that was something he says, "I didn't feel I was qualified for..."

He had anti-tank gun training in Ireland, about 60 miles from Belfast, and became an MP (Military Police) for a short time but at 145 pounds says, "I wasn't really big enough."

By June 1944 Bob was with the 5th Infantry Division, under the command of Major General Stafford Irwin, which landed on Omaha Beach under the "First Army" on June 9, 1944.

June 1944 - France

Bob recalls the hedgerows they encountered and the wild dogs they came across on their way to Sainte-Mère-Église, a town founded in Normandy in the 11th Century.

The town was at an important location for the landings in Normandy due to it being in the middle of a route the Germans would most likely have taken in a counterattack of the beaches (Utah and Omaha). It was occupied early on by men from the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, and was considered the first liberated town in France.

**(Please note: The following paragraph is not for the squeamish.)*

The situation with the wild dogs is something that has haunted Paulson all these years since. "The dogs would chew the heads off dead bodies, Americans and Germans, and also the hands but would leave the bodies alone. They would pull the flesh off the skull and would eat the hands. The bodies would still have dog tags on. I believe a number of families did not receive their loved ones skulls with the bodies, who could tell which went where?"

Information taken from the history of the 5th Division is as

follows:

"Four days after coming in at Utah Beach, the 5th took up defensive positions in the area of Caumont and launched a successful attack July 26 at Vidouville. From there the division moved on to southeast of Saint-Lo then attacked and captured Angers on Aug. 9-10."

Paulson remembers after San Lo was taken in the July 1944 offensive that his unit "raced across 75 miles to a highway and came across five miles of destroyed wagons, guns, and dead horses - our Air Corps had killed them all. The Americans had to take San Lo, as British troops were held up at Cannes and Bob recalls there were 500 bombers that took part."

It was in this time period that Bob had taken a tank for ordnance and was waiting for repairs to be done that he climbed a pear tree at a chateau. "This was in the early fall of '44. I was in the tree eating pears when a shell hit and I received hundreds of pieces of shrapnel in my body. I did receive a Purple Heart for that."

To continue on:

"The 5th Division pushed on to Fontainebleau, crossed the Seine at Montereau on Aug. 24, crossed the Marne and seized Reims on Aug. 30, along with positions east of Verdun."

As part of the Third Army commanded by Lt. General Patton, who had been called up from Italy, "the division took part in the Battle of Metz in France that went from late September of 1944 through mid-December. There was strong resistance from the Germans and heavy casualties on both sides.

'Smoking the Moselle River'

"On Nov. 22, U.S. forces captured Metz, 'gateway to the Siegfried Line,' which ended hostilities there. The last fort defending Metz by the Germans was surrendered Dec. 13."

Bob recalls crossing what had been a major obstacle to the Allies, the Moselle River, which colored troops had to "smoke" ("Smoke Generator Operations").

A smokescreen could help or not help a unit in battle. Smoke generators were able to provide a



Hazel Hermanson Paulson and Bob Paulson - wedding photo June 1949.

large and sustained smoke screen.

The 84th Smoke Generator Company was called in during Sept. 1944 to help the 20th Corps in its crossing of the Moselle near Arnaville (eastern France).

As noted in military records, "The site of the crossing in the narrow valley of the Moselle - a railroad, a canal, and the river roughly parallel each other in a 500-yard belt. East of the river lay a strip of open land occupied by the enemy. On clear days the Germans had observation of the Arnaville area from five or six miles down (north) of the river and from three or four miles up (west) of the valley.

"In quest of surprise, the artillery plan stipulated that there would be no preparatory fire preceding the crossing. Instead, smoke from the 84th Smoke Generator Company was expected to conceal the crossing sites as dawn broke on 10 September.

"LTC Cottingham, 5th Division Chemical Officer, arranged for a meteorological study of the area. After a reconnaissance, LTC Cottingham and the company commander selected a line of positions some 2,300 yards west of the crossing sites. They expected the prevailing winds to carry the smoke down the valley and over the river. Generators were not placed closer to the crossing site because of the 'unlikelihood' of wind change and the inexperience of the soldiers of the 84th under fire..."

"The Arnaville experience demonstrated that smoke generators could give effective support to an opposed river crossing. The

experience also served notice to chemical troops that certain improvements were desirable. The lessons learned on leadership, detailed planning, logistical support, training and rehearsal carry their messages home to present day operations."

The Battle of Metz: Paulson in an anti-tank company

A synopsis of this time period for the 5th Infantry Division follows:

"The division then prepared for the assault on Metz, 7 September. In mid-September a bridgehead was secured across the Moselle, south of Metz, at Dornot and Arnaville after two attempts. The first attempt at Dornot by the 11th Regiment failed. German-held Fort Driant played a role in repulsing this crossing.*

**(Note: The Battle of Fort Driant was a "constituent battle" in the 1944 Battle of Metz during the Lorraine Campaign and the greater Siegfried Line Campaign. The battle was on occupied French territory between the forces of the Third Army under the command of General Patton and the forces of Nazi Germany under General Otto von Knobelsdorff. By October 9, Patton chose to bypass Driant. The men of the 5th Infantry Division were thought to be becoming battle fatigued, and other line correcting operations were taking place around Metz with much greater success. Major General S. Leroy Irwin was blamed for the failure at Fort Driant, he being stated as "moving too slow" and "removing the drive" of the battalion early during the initial attacks in September. When Metz*

fell in December 1944, Fort Driant capitulated to the 5th Infantry Division at 3:45 p.m. on Dec. 8, surrendering uncaptured.)

Continuing on:

"A second crossing by the 10th Regiment at Arnaville was successful.. The division continued operations against Metz, Sept. 16-Oct. 16, 1944, withdrew, then returned to the assault on the ninth of November. Metz finally fell Nov. 22.

"The division crossed the German border, Dec. 4, captured Lauterbach (a suburb of Völklingen) on Dec.5, and elements reached the west bank of the Saar River Dec. 6 before the division moved to assembly areas.

On Dec. 16 the Germans launched their winter offensive, the Battle of the Bulge, and on Dec. 18, the 5th Infantry Division was thrown in against the southern flank of the Bulge, helping to reduce it by the end of January 1945.

In February and March, the division drove across and northeast of the Sauer, where it smashed through the Siegfried Line and later took part in the Western Allied invasion of Germany."

Additional details from the 5th Infantry Division's website notes

"With Fort Driant's surrender, the Moselle Operation had come to an end and the 5th Division, although having suffered heavy losses, had opened the road to the Saar River, the Siegfried Line and Germany. The Third Army plan was to attack the Siegfried Line along the Saar River and drive eastward through the Saar-Palatinate to the Rhine River. The 5th Division was now in position, in the Saarlautern area, for the attack.

"However, they were diverted from their planned attack."

Battle of the Bulge

"At 5:30 a.m. on Dec. 16, 1944, the great concentration of German troops began their famous counteroffensive in the Ardennes Forest of Luxembourg. They struck in a sector known to be a quiet area with a very little military activity. The drive was on an 85-mile front from Echternach on the south to Monschau in the north.

"The Third Army received orders to send relief by attacking the southern flank of the newly formed salient. The 5th Division received orders to withdraw from their positions at Saarlautern and make the one-hundred mile move to the northwest on Dec. 20. Making the motors move in the cold and snow of winter, the division arrived in the Luxembourg City area within a 24-hour period and relieved the hard hit 4th Division.

"The Division was given the order to strike the south flank of the new 'Bulge' and hurl the Germans back across the Sauer River in the Echternach area. The division's attack protected Luxembourg City and sent two German divisions into confusion. They recaptured a great quantity of American equipment,

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captured 830 prisoners and wiped out the enemy threat to the southern flank of the salient.

"Moving north, the Division made a surprise crossing of the Sauer River near Diekirch, Luxembourg, on Jan. 18. By the end of the Bulge campaign the Division had driven north to the Our River. The next assignment for the 5th Division was to drive into Germany."

Bob Paulson has vivid memories of the Battle of the Bulge. He recalls how tanks were used like bulldozers to clear roads. He talks about being wounded at Bitburg, Germany from where he was taken to a hospital in Luxembourg.

In reference to the Battle of the Bulge, he said, "We arrived in Bastogne in Nov. of '44 and didn't leave until March of '45. I lived in a foxhole for five months. I recall the general telling us 'to forget about Christmas.' I was made a sergeant in Bastogne."

During the Bulge, Paulson remembers how "the Germans shelled us with 88s. If we left our foxholes, we had to cover our tracks with a pine tree branch going to and from the foxhole. We used a quarter pound of dynamite in making a foxhole. We used our shovels as a pick to chop a hole, put the cap in, laid a rock over it and blew a hole – the deeper the hole, the better chance at survival. We would line the inside with pine tree branches and cover it with shelled tree limbs.

"With it being so cold we would take several army issued wool blankets and cut out our shape to wear as snow pants or leggings under our uniforms. One day a Major, newly arrived from the States, told me I was 'out of uniform' but nothing came of it.

"I remember one time we had no ammo – just a gun with a bayonet. At night the Germans would set off flares, which lit up the whole area so you did not want to move at all then. One night while I was in my fox hole with my bayonet at the ready, a flare went off and I saw what looked like a very large animal running very quickly toward me. I was ready to kill it when it – a wild boar – jumped right over my head and kept on running. In the morning it was misty, which was kind of unnerving – we didn't know who was 'out there.'

"On one patrol in the Argonne Forest, along a canal we walked across a ridge – Germans at an outpost apparently spotted us and shelled us for what seemed forever, at least 25 shells. My buddy, 'Bo' and I took shelter in some kind of domed cement building. Unfortunately there was a crack in the roof and Bo, who was next to me, took a piece of shrapnel to the head. He survived.

Another guy in our company, we called him 'Moon Mullins,' was killed instantly during an attack.

"It was at that time, I remember, we didn't get our mail - as the truck was coming along it was shot off a ridge by an '88. There was only one road running through the Ardennes and the Germans had good sight of the road and any targets. We later saw the truck, the dead driver and all shoved off down the side of the road. Tanks were used to just push off anything on the road.

"Our group never fired its anti-tank guns in the five months we were there. We had five guns lined up in our approximately one-block long area. It had been a long stretch for us - for 10 months straight, there was no relief in our lines."

Bob was most definitely a veteran soldier by this time – "We had four years of training by then! The draftees coming in, they had no training and were immediately thrown into combat."

"I also remember the Germans and their tanks. One time on patrol I recall seeing the barrel of a German tank coming out of this garage and it shot at us, the shell hit right next to me. The tank flew a red, white and black



Bob Paulson in his Ike jacket today.

flag. Other times, they would shoot right over our heads.

"We met up with Germans at Christmas in 'no man's land.' They flew a white flag and I had a handkerchief. We traded cigarettes for Schnapps – the older veteran German soldiers would have a cigarette with us. They talked about how much they liked President Roosevelt and Joe E. Lewis, and how they would like to come to America."

'Screaming Mimi's' and War in Europe Nears its End

In March '45 Paulson said his unit left France. At that time, he says, "We stopped by a big warehouse to get a rest, ammunition and grenades. After crossing the Moselle River into Germany, which we'd crossed several times while in that area, we were in Bitburg, Germany. I remember the Germans had anti-tank guns and that is where I heard the German Nebelwerfer, 8 Km, 5-rockets launcher nicknamed 'Screaming Mimi.'"

Paulson said it made a horrible sound, saying, "I remember the captain telling me to take my squad into a house with our gun and he placed the other squad outside." They heard the rockets coming, "which would each explode into about five pieces when they hit. When the Nebelwerfer hit it tore up the guns, along with the six guys outside who were blown to pieces. Five to seven hit out in the street and the concussion from the explosions took down the wall of the house and the roof fell in." Bob was knocked out and vaguely remembers being taken out of the destroyed house. He woke up at a hospital in Luxemburg where he had apparently been unconscious for some days as the nurses told him he was considered "a basket case."

He was released after 10 days when an officer brought him orders to report to Eisenhower's headquarters in Paris – Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEP).

Buchenwald

Paulson has memories too of being at the Buchenwald Concentration Camp in April of 1945 where the recently freed inmates were so happy to see the soldiers they would come up and hug them. "I know we didn't care for that as the smells were pretty bad," he says. "I remember the buckets of gold teeth and piles of hair. Patton and Eisenhower came later that day and I know it was filmed and that they brought people from the nearby town in to go through the camp to witness what had occurred there."*

*(Note: This camp had been constructed in 1937 at Ettersberg, which is about five miles from Weimar in east central Germany.)

Paris and Surrender

Upon his arrival at SHAEP, Bob was

assigned to an office on the fourth floor of the motor pool where the Rolls Royce of King George VI was kept. "There were limos, Caddies, and fancy cars there. Half a dozen or so military drivers came in and I said, 'I guess I'm your new boss!'

"I would drive the Rolls to the Excelsior Hotel to pick up Joyce Brooks, a tap dancer, and singer/actress Jane Froman. She had been in a plane accident and because of that was in a wheelchair. I recall her telling me, 'I sing – some people like me, some don't.' She was a great person. Jane had met Ike at a USO party and the entertainers would perform at the tent cities around Paris named after cigarette brands. I remember one tent city was called Camp Lucky Strike. At the camps, Jane would sing songs and they would have to put her up against a pipe so she could stand and sing. Her last night in Paris she invited me to dinner. She then left for Germany.

One day Bob was the only soldier present in the motor pool when a call came in. "It was a colonel who asked me if anyone was available and I told him I was the only one there. He asked me if I could drive and I said I could. He then told me to look around for any medals laying around and to put them on my (Ike) jacket, which I did. I was told to follow two jeeps full of MPs, (who, none of them ever said a word or turned around), out to a small airport.

"When we arrived I saw a British sharpshooter standing off to the side of the field and a small airplane flew in. Off steps a German officer dressed to the nines and carrying, what looked to me like a walking stick but as he came closer I saw it was a sword in a walking stick."*

*(Note: This was General Alfred Jodl, German Chief of the Operations Staff of the Armed Forces High Command – "Oberkommando der Wehrmacht" – also known as "the Butcher of Berlin.")

"He came up before me, clicked his heels and saluted. He spoke good English and said, 'I see you are a decorated soldier. You followed orders. I also followed orders but I know my fate.'

"I drove him to Reims, France, where he was to sign the Terms of Unconditional Surrender – in a 'little red brick school house' (actually not so little!) - for the Third Reich. We had a nice conversation on the drive and he told me about time that he had spent in Michigan. He said he would have liked to have had a beer and a brats with me in Berlin."

After the war, Jodl was indicted on the charges of conspiracy to commit crime against peace; planning, initiating and waging wars of aggression; war crimes; and crimes against humanity at the Allied-organized Nuremberg Trials. He signed the Unconditional Surrender of the Third Reich for then President Karl Dönitz in May of 1945.

Bob says Jodl met up with Eisenhower in the hallway of the school house, who asked Jodl if he agreed to the terms of surrender, to which Jodl responded, "Ja!" Eisenhower, however, did not go into the room where the surrender was signed.

Charges against Jodl related to his signature of the criminal Commando and Commissar Orders. Found guilty on all charges, he was sentenced to death. He asked to be shot but was hung and executed for war crimes in October of 1946.

Bob continues, "By July '45 most of our troops had left Paris. That is when I headed home by way of Antwerp, Belgium where the little staff car I had driven was left. I then spent about 10 days at Camp Top Hat there. I sailed aboard the USS Young for my voyage back to the States. We left Antwerp, our destination being Newport News, Virginia."

While in Europe Bob had promised three girls that he would marry them! German

bombs in London killed one, Americans bombing Bitburg, Germany killed one, and the other girl lived in Ireland. Then there was the girl in Paris who wanted to go home with Bob! He did have a nickname – "Hunky."

Home and After the War

Paulson has in his possession a letter sent to him after the war from a friend of the girl killed in Germany. In Bitburg, Bob had given the girl, Heidi, a letter with his mother's name and address in Milwaukee for her to get in touch with him later on. The letter is as follows:

"Sept. 1945, Bitburg Germany – Dear Sgt. Paulson, My name is Heelda Kroger. I was a dear friend of Heidi. She came to stay with me here in Bitburg. All she talked about was you, 'my American Sgt.' She knew you would bring her to America if you made it.

"She got a job in the Ball Bearing Factory here in town. She was saving her money to move to Milwaukee, Wisc. where a lot of Germans have gone to live. She hoped to be with you. And the letter you gave her she always kept in her shoe.

"Sadly, I must tell you, Heidi was killed when your Air Force bombed the Ball Bearing Factory in Bitburg. I got her body as she had no family here, and your letter with your address was still in her shoe.

"After the planes left, the Infantry and tanks destroyed Bitburg. It may have been your outfit but we forgive you. You were only fighting for your country.

"We hope one day there will be no more war and we will be friends again. Your friend, Heelda Kroger"

When Bob got home to the States, he, along with many other servicemen, expected to be sent to the Pacific. "For a short time I was a prison guard in Milwaukee. After the A-bomb was dropped though we knew the war was over."

Bob Paulson received an honorable discharge at Madison, Wis. He then went to work for Oscar Mayer's and also Rayovac (batteries) but recalls, "I was no good at either job."

Next he drove his brother out to Washington State and also stopped at Yellowstone National Park to visit with his mom and sister, who were at that time working there. He ended up working there too for a while.

Because of winter, the job he had there ended so he returned to Excelsior and met up with a pal, Harley Bebe, who worked at Amerock's in Rockford. Harley suggested Bob meet him outside of Amerock's (on South Main St.) on a certain day at a certain time, which he did.

Harley offered to give his friend a tour of the area where he worked and it was there that Bob laid eyes for the first time on Hazel Hermanson, who was working with half a dozen other girls "putting hinges on machines." That was it! Bob, who conceded up to that time he wasn't ready to get married, ended up working there and he and Hazel fell in love. She had grown up on a farm in Capron, Ill.

The couple were married in June 1949 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Rockford and were together 66 years before Hazel's death in 2015.

After traveling the first five years of their marriage, they became parents to three girls: Patricia Snow, Jennie Faubach, and Sandra Hendricks, and then became grandparents and great-grandparents.

Bob went on to become chief engineer at River Bluff Nursing Home in Rockford, retiring after 25 years service in 1980. Today he keeps active in veteran's activities and lives in his own home.

He said, "I'm 94 years old – time is running out and I need to tell my World War II story." He did just that.



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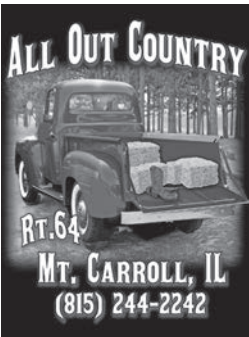
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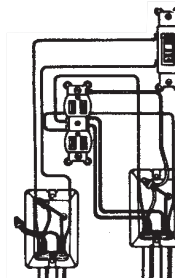
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 15TH
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STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Finance of America Reverse,
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PLAINTIFF
Vs.

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)
DEFENDANTS

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PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Cody Sullivan; Sullivan Grant Lund; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Tara H. Lund; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Kipp Meyers, as Special Representative for Tara H. Lund (deceased)
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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!!



Learning is fun!

The first graders at Scales Mound School enjoyed a fun Pumpkin Carving Day by teaching their moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas how their iPads can interact with each other, joining in a Halloween "I SPY" competition. There were reader's theater skits and musical numbers by the children, followed by pumpkin carving and a breakfast social.

First Row: L-R: Khai Ellsworth, Brady Bass, Jaxon McCartney, Hunter Hesselbacher, Parker Duerr, Collin Ellis, Anna Weis, Laney Van Raalte Mya Arroyo

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Stockton High School First Quarter Honor Roll 2016/2017

High Honor Roll

Grade 9:

Kendra Scace, Cody Schultz, Tessa Tucker

Grade 10:

Caitlin Breuer, Ellen Fox, Jennifer Hatfield, Lindan Legel, Hannah Smith, Abigail Weber

Grade 11:

Caleb Bergman, Kelsey King

Grade 12:

Mikayla Baysinger, Hannah Brudi, Aaron Dvorak, Jill Harmston, Heather Musser, Maranda Schaney

Honor Roll

Grade 9:

Tyler Bartch, Cody Breuer, Kaige

Brown, Haley Brudi, Garrett Buske, Ethan Cook, Zachary Cook, Mia D'Antonio, Elizabeth Eden, Jamie Eden, Elizabeth Eisfeller, Marc Gabel, Kenna Haas, Bryant Keef-er, Andrew McGovern, Winston McPeck, Alyssa Meade, Keegan Phillips, Rawley Schulz, Austin Senn, Austin Westover, Katie Wright

Grade 10:

Walker Arand, Jenna Beneventi, Raeann Bergman, Colin Dvorak, Nicholas Ege, Natalie Freese, Linzy Friedlein, Avery Imel, Allison Kehl, Drake Oppold, Robert Reifsteck, Stanlee Rillie, Chase Rowe, Kendall Schulz, Alexander Staver, Erin

Vanderheyden, Alyssa Vincent, Kara Wickler, Kiley Wickler, Cecelia Zink

Grade 11:

Treasure Adams, Kaylee Broshous, Payton Broshous, Joshua De- twiler, Kaitlin Enright, Megan Gille, Kali Haas, Jeremiah Hermann, Hunter Houseman- Eddings, Luke Huschitt, Joshua Kappes, Brooke Larson, Brandon Love, Hunter Luke, Vera McGovern, Emily Offenheiser, Bryce Platt, Aaron Ponce, Shawn Powers, Brittany Randecker, Elijah Rowe, Samantha Schultz, Ramsey Schulz, Aspyr Stewart, Emma Van- derheyden, Brenden Westphal

Grade 12:

Kailyn Bauer, Kai Bowser, Shay- na Bowser, Addiah Broshous, Nolan Buske, Rachel Cook, Dylan Curtiss, Cessli D'Antonio, Thomas Eden, Quinn Eshleman, Hayden Fox, Madison Glass, Alex Haas, Court- ney Haas, Dillon Hatfield, Avery Hayes, Madelaine Imel, Christian Kampmeier, Peyton Keeffer, Ol- ivia Kepner, Gavin Krahmer, Chad Larson, Tyler Larson, Preston Le- gel, Alexis Mauser, Patric McGov- ern, Molly Neebel, Dylan Oppold, Brynn Schubert, Laurn Schubert, Taylor Timpe, Austin Vincent, Gar- rett Wilkinson

Scales Mound student council to host Veteran's Day celebration

Scales Mound Community Unit District #211 will be hosting a Veterans Day celebration on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the large gymnasium. Students at the elementary, junior high and high school levels are preparing musical selections and artwork to display showing their honor and respect for the men and women who have served in our military.

The Scales Mound High School Student Council members will be hosting a social hour after the program for our local veterans. The community is welcome to attend the program to honor our service men and women.

Brandon's Hardware Rental & Lumber

Come Help Us

Celebrate Our

2 Year Anniversary!

Saturday, November 12th • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

We will be serving cocktail meatballs, bacon wrapped smokies, veggie pizza, cake, cookies & hot apple cider

145 W. Railroad St. • Lena • 815-369-5542

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

