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## Lady Panthers stay near home to start State Tournament

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The post season means opportunity for a lot of teams and being home to start the post season can be a big boost to those programs. Not having to travel or being alertly-aware of the teams involved in the playoff picture that fits you in it can also prove to be quite beneficial.

The week of Feb. 6 the Lena-Winslow Lady Panthers embark on the road into the Class 1A State Basketball Playoffs. How games have turned out so far this season has helped set-up a slightly more challenging post-season scenario for them in regards to seeds. It also hasn't been defined yet exactly where Lena-Winslow takes its first shots. Variables are still in place.

The Lady Panthers should be heading to Dakota for opening round action. It isn't known yet as to how high of a seed Lena-Winslow's effort has earned them. Placement could be crucial in thoughts of a run starting in the Regional Semi-Final Round. The IHSA Selection Committee is set to meet this week.

It is thought Lena-Winslow will

join squads from Durand, Aquin, Orangeville and Warren when the post-season begins. The other half of the Pearl City Class 1A Sectional fill-in bracket will be played in Pocatonia. The Lady Indians should stay home and, more than likely invite Rockford Christian Life, Kirkland-Hiawatha, Alden-Hebron and Crystal Lake-Faith Lutheran in to start. When seeds are issued all decisions will be final and the Class 1A Bracket will be available for future presentation.

The start to 2017 hasn't been pleasant for Lena-Winslow. Beginning with a Jan. 9 loss to conference-challenger Eastland 59-48, the Lady Panthers ran into other tough draws. East Dubuque won 60-36 and former State Champion, Aquin High School held on for an eight-point 42-34 win, on Jan. 14. Prophetstown stood next in line in MLK Tournament play.

Losses to Pearl City 47-31 on Jan. 17 and Galena 53-34 hurt the overall season mark for Lena-Winslow, but didn't shove them too much farther back in the standings. They've

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## U of I Extension offers marketing workshop

Do you currently own a small acreage based business? Are you looking to expand your marketing for this business? Join the University of Illinois Extension for a workshop, Marketing for Agritourism & Small Acreage Businesses, aimed at helping you expand promotion of your small acreage based business that sells directly to consumers. Whether you are growing for market or selling your products on farm this workshop will help you learn your marketing options.

Marketing for Agritourism & Small Acreage Businesses will delve into the many avenues of marketing.

Offered on Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the lower level of the Lena Community Center, 497 Lions Drive, Lena, IL, this class will be led by Marilyn Smit of M45 Marketing Services and Connie Sorn of the Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Pre-registration is required and can be completed by calling the University of Illinois Extension Stephenson County at (815) 235-4125, University of Illinois Extension Jo Daviess County at (815) 858-2273 or on-line at <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>. Registration cost is \$10.



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The Joyful Jane Benefit will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Rafters Restaurant in Lena, IL. The silent auction and raffles will begin at 2 p.m., with the live auction commencing at 6 p.m.

## Showing the love-Jane Parks style

If you have ever met Jane Parks you know that she has a love for God, her family and for people all over the world. She has served the community through her work with the Lena Park District and the world through her mission trips to Kenya and Honduras. She has shared her creativity and artistic abilities through multiples venues. Her smile is infectious and her passion for life is an encouragement to every person she meets.

In February of 2016, Jane was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. This was after she had returned from a mission trip to Honduras. She has endured multiple rounds of chemotherapy and radiation since that time. Even through all of these treatments and difficulties, Jane smiles and affirms that "God is Good and He is in Control." Her joyful spirit and attitude continues even as she goes through this ordeal. She is an inspiration to

all who know her and know of her battle.

Fighting this disease has brought a magnitude of expenses to the Parks family and her friends and extended family are pulling together for a benefit for Jane. The benefit has been aptly named the Joyful Jane Benefit. It is being held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Rafters Restaurant in Lena, IL. The silent auction and raffles will begin at 2 p.m., with the live auction commencing at 6 p.m. The benefit begins at 2 p.m. and goes until the close of Rafters. There will be live music for your enjoyment and food to purchase. Please come out and support this amazing, creative, and loving woman as she journeys through this difficult path.

If you have any questions about the benefit please call Suzy Erb at (815) 541-9788, Amy Reid (815) 238-2278 or Jennifer Slater (815)821-3586.

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# New dates for Annie's Project Course

Annie's Project: Managing for Today and Tomorrow will be held locally at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St., Elizabeth, IL. The program will be comprised of six sessions: Feb. 14, 16, 21, 23, and 28 with March 2 as a snow date if needed. The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Lunch may be provided some of

these sessions.

Pre-registration is required to attend Annie's Project: Managing for Today and Tomorrow. Registration cost is \$50. Registration can be completed by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273, (815) 235-4125, or on line at [web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw). You must register by Feb. 8, 2017 to

attend the program.

Creating a transition plan to make sure a farm continues as a productive, agricultural business can be challenging. Farm women can have a key role in successful farm transitions. Managing for Today and Tomorrow, an Annie's Project course for women, is a program designed to help farm and ranch women become more involved with the transition of their farm or ranch legacy. Managing for Today and Tomorrow was put together by a team of educators and business men and women who pooled their resources together to put forth collective resources and experiences concerning farm and ranch families to create a program focused on women's roles in succession planning, business planning, estate planning, and retirement planning.

Succession planning consists of transferring knowledge, skills, labor, management, control and ownership between generations. Successful farm and ranch transfer depends a lot on the business and financial aspects, but also in part on anticipating and preparing for unexpected events that could disrupt management and ownership succession. Openly communicating and sharing expectations and goals is critical to a successful

transition. This part of the course will be taught by Extension Staff.

Business planning entails developing goals, strategies and actions that form a road map to business growth. Having a good business plan will not prevent downside risk from occurring, but it will help improve the odds of successful and satisfying outcomes. The business planning portion of the course will be taught by professionals from 1st Farm Credit Services which serves north-west Illinois.

Estate planning includes managing an individual's asset base in ones' lifetime, at death or after death. Estate planning consists of the legacy of transferring land and other assets to future generations and the settlement of estate taxes, while attempting to eliminate uncertainties over administration of the assets and to maximize the value of the estate. Estate planning will be taught by at-

torney David Shockey who works with many families in the area.

Retirement planning is comprised of designing an enjoyable and productive time in life. Future retirees should plan what role they envision for themselves in the farm or ranch business as well as make decisions on the location of residence, type of lifestyle, health care needs and generating the necessary income. Deb Brown from Ag and Small Business Services will be presenting on the retirement planning portion of the course.

Besides brief presentations, there will be discussions based on participant questions and follow-up activities for family members to complete at home. This is an opportunity for farm women to meet with others who share similar issues and concerns. A small class size will make it comfortable for everyone to speak up and have questions answered.

## University of Illinois Extension to host hops production programs

University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce a new hops program for this winter.

"In Illinois, we're seeing a lot of demand for local hops from home brewers, microbreweries, and others," said Grant McCarty, Local Foods and Small Farms Educator. "The crop does very well in the Midwest climate, but does require more inputs and infrastructure than others"

This course is designed to offer participants the information they need to get started growing and selling hops.

Topics to be covered include variety selection, starting a hop yard, startup costs, and determining your market.

**The Hops U:** Introduction to Hops Production and Marketing will be held in two locations. The first one will be in Rockford on Monday, Feb 20, at the Winnebago County

Extension Office (1040 N Second St, Rockford, IL) and the second one will be on Monday, Feb 27, in Sycamore at the DeKalb County Extension office (1350 W. Prairie Dr, Sycamore, IL - inside DeKalb County Farm Bureau building). Both courses will be from 6-8 p.m. and the cost is \$10.

To register for the Rockford program, please visit the Unit 1 University of Illinois Extension website ([web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw)) or call (815) 986-4357.

To register for the Sycamore program, please visit the Unit 2 University of Illinois Extension website ([web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo)) or call (815) 758-8194.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact your local Extension office - Winnebago County at (815) 986-4357 or DeKalb County at (815) 758-8194.

## University of Illinois Extension to host Annual Joys of Gardening event

Mark your calendars for the 20th annual Joys of Gardening program offered by the University of Illinois Extension and the U of I Extension Master Gardeners. Slated for Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Highland Community College Student Conference Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, the program will begin with registration at 8 a.m., keynote address at 8:25 a.m., and breakout sessions following the keynote.

David G. Stevens will present the keynote address "Flowering Shrubs for All Seasons." While often associated with spring, flowering shrubs can add color and interest throughout the growing season. David will highlight some of his favorite flowering shrubs from the U.W. Arboretum's extensive collection. David

is the Curator at Longnecker Horticultural Gardens at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum.

Following the keynote presentation will be a series of four breakout sessions. Each breakout session will include unique garden related classes. Session one will include: The Art of Pruning; Cooking With Fresh Produce; Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, and Thyme; and Bright, Beautiful Birdhouses. Session two topics include: Totally Tomatoes, Perfect Peppers; Propagation; Companion Planting; Flowers that are Best Friends; The Art of Fermentation; Going Native in Public: The Freeport Roundabout; and Make Mine a Hummingbird Garden. Session three topics are: Pruning the Old Apple Tree; Drought Tolerant Annuals and Perennials; Edible

## A little levity to lighten your day

How many witches does it take to change a light bulb?

Depends on what you want to change it into.

Flowers; Plan to Make Gardening Easier; How to Attract and Feed Birds. The day will conclude with a single presentation in session four: "Plantus Musthavirus 2017" an overview of new and notable perennials for the upcoming season. Local professionals, Extension Staff and U of I Extension Master Gardeners will lead each of the classes.

Joys of Gardening will again feature the popular Master Gardener Seed Giveaway. Master Gardeners have collected, cleaned, and packaged seeds from their yards and

these seeds will be available to participants at no charge. In addition, a silent auction will be held to support programs offered by the University of Illinois Extension- Master Gardeners. There will be door prizes and educational displays as well.

For more information about Joys of Gardening visit [web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw) or call (815) 235-4125. The registration cost for the program is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is Feb. 10.

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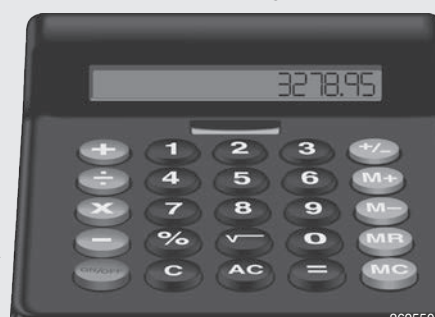
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# VIEWPOINT

## Senate Week in Review

Discussions on a budget framework are expected to continue when the General Assembly returns to Springfield Jan. 24 and Gov. Bruce Rauner will lay out his vision for Illinois during his third annual State of the State address Jan. 25.

Also during the week, the Governor signed an important bill to protect schoolchildren from lead in drinking water.

### Senate continues work on budget framework

Senate lawmakers will begin holding committee hearings on a budget framework designed to reestablish fiscal stability and certainty, and get Illinois moving forward again.

The Senate has made progress recently with Senate leaders announcing significant headway had been made on a budget proposal that would fund the remainder of the fiscal year and associated reforms to state government. This was the first time structural reforms, revenues and a budget plan have been tied together. Notably, the legislation was written so that every measure in the package must be approved in order for the entire proposal to take effect.

Among other things, the budget framework under discussion would provide spending authority for the remainder of the 2017 year, continue efforts to reform some of the state's public employee pension systems, and tie a property tax freeze to measures that provide mandate relief to school districts and reforms to lower the cost of government.

Other items included in the budget framework are reforms designed to maximize efficiencies in Illinois' workers' compensation system while retaining the basic set of protections workers have benefited from for more than 100 years, and

reforms to make it easier for local voters to abolish township government. There are more than 1,400 township governments in Illinois. Townships are often criticized as duplicative and outdated and frequently targeted for consolidation or elimination.

The budget framework also includes measures that would streamline and improve the state's procurement process to eliminate barriers to vendor participation, competition, cost savings and efficient procurement practices.

An emergency budget agreement that funded state government through late summer and fall expired on Jan. 1, leaving public universities, mental health providers, addiction treatment centers, senior citizens programs, breast and cervical cancer screening programs, youth services and programs for victims of sexual assault without state funding.

### Protecting children from lead

Signed into law on Jan. 17, Senate Bill 550 establishes additional standards to further protect Illinois children from possible exposure to lead in drinking water.

Senate Bill 550 will ensure proper health protections are in place to protect Illinois' youngest residents from lead ingestion. The new law provides schools and daycares are to sample for lead contamination from sources of potable water in school buildings.

The oldest school buildings, those constructed before Jan. 1, 1987, must complete water testing by the end of 2017. Schools constructed between Jan. 2, 1987, and Jan. 1, 2000, must complete testing by the end of 2018. Daycares constructed on or before Jan. 1, 2000, and serve children younger than 6 will also be

required to conduct testing. Further, parents and guardians of students must be notified of elevated lead results.

"This legislation, along with the enhancements Illinois EPA has proactively implemented with community water supplies over the last year, is an important step towards eliminating the risk of lead exposure

to our most vulnerable citizens, Illinois' children," said Illinois EPA Acting Director Alec Messina.

"Elevated levels of lead in children can cause developmental and behavioral disabilities," said IDPH Director Nirav D. Shah, M.D., J.D. "We have made great progress in reducing the number of children with elevated levels and we will continue

to work to protect one of our most vulnerable populations."

The new law is the product of a lengthy stakeholder process, including the Illinois EPA, Department of Public Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Illinois Environmental Council, and representatives from a number of organizations.

## From the desk of Illinois State Representative Brian W. Stewart

### "With Open Minds We Can Find Common Ground"

As I write this column, I am watching the news reports on Inauguration Day. It's almost surreal to think that today is the day when the greatest country in the world has its peaceful transition of power. President Trump took the Oath of Office and with that begins day one of his term. In my opinion, his record begins right now. His life up until now was just that – his life, but now – he is our President. Now he begins the Presidency, and with that we also must begin to hold him accountable just the same as we held President Obama accountable.

And while we may not take any issue acknowledging the fact that he is our President, some of us may vehemently oppose him. Some of us are strong supporters. Some of us are lukewarm to the new President. But we all have an opinion one way or the other.

My question to you is this: is your pre-conceived opinion going to dictate how you react to every word that comes out of the President's mouth? If you are a supporter are you going to support his every statement no matter the content? If you strongly oppose him will you refuse to give him any chance whatsoever to gain your confidence?

I think I can imagine some of your reactions right now. Some of you are probably saying "Well we know who he is. We saw the real Donald Trump on the campaign trail." I'll concede, candidate Trump ran hot and cold. You either liked him or you hated him.

To those of you who have already decided that you will oppose him because of what he said in the heat of the campaign, I would ask you to listen to the words of former President Obama: "Regardless of what experience or assumptions he brought to the office, this office has a way of waking you up." President Obama learned from his own experiences. On the campaign trail in 2008, President Obama made statements and promises that he was never able to keep. Once he took office, some of his viewpoints also shifted. As he said, "Campaigning is a whole lot different than governing."

We know that President Trump awoke on Inauguration Day with his speech already prepared. But what many of us are afraid to admit is that we went into Inauguration Day with our reactions to his speech already choreographed. Political bias is an all too real phenomenon, and oftentimes our reactions to positions or statements depend more upon our political association than it

does our critical thought.

One thing is certain – partisanship reigns supreme in Washington, D.C. If President Trump has a failure within the first few years of his administration, then Republicans in Congress will more than likely blame President Obama. But on the other hand, if President Trump has an enormous success then Democrats will give full credit to former President Obama. Why? Because out of sheer habit or perhaps intellectual laziness, we decide that our preconceptions are more important than our capability to approach an issue with an open mind. We are all guilty of this.

When President Obama took Office many Republicans decided that the best thing they could do was stand squarely opposed to his full agenda. Now Democrats are largely deciding to do the same. Battle lines are being drawn before anyone even knows what the fight is about. It wasn't good for the country when the Republicans did it then, and it's not good when the Democrats will be doing it now.

That's not to say that you can't oppose the man or woman who holds the highest office. The point I'm trying to make is that it would be healthier for our political environment if we just waited to hear the proposal before we go off and take sides.

President Trump's record begins now. We saw Donald Trump the businessman. We saw Donald Trump the candidate. Now we will see the real man President Trump is. We will see the content of his character, and we will see the capability of his leadership. Would it be the worst thing in the world if we approached his Presidency with an open mind?

My challenge to all of us is this: can we check our preconceptions and party labels at the door when we discuss our positions on the issues? Can we search for common ground before we seek division? Just because the other side proposes something doesn't mean that we must oppose it. Solutions aren't partisan after all – they're just solutions.

As President John F. Kennedy said, "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future."

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

## 2017 notice of election of SWCD Directors

To all Owners and Occupiers of Lands Lying within the Boundaries of The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Election of Directors will be held on the seventh day of February, 2017 from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Elizabeth, IL. Two Directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term on the Jo

Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant, or otherwise. Only such person, firms, or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be avail-

able to those who are unable to attend the Election of Directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Jan. 24. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 3. For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 227 N. Main St. in Elizabeth, IL, by phone (815) 858-3418 Ext. 3, or email at [mindy.pratt@il.nacdnet.net](mailto:mindy.pratt@il.nacdnet.net).

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# ON THE RECORD

## Obituaries

### CECIL G. HAND

Cecil G. Hand, age 84 passed away on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017 at the Lena Living Center. He was born on June 8, 1932 in Mt. Carroll, IL to Cecil F. and Clara (Spencer) Hand. He married Carol Jensen on Dec. 24, 1950 in Sabula, IA at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Cecil retired from the Savanna Army Depot after 37 years of service and then worked at Tru Value Hardware and the Corner Tap for 14 years. He loved to play euchre and fish, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Carol of Stockton, IL; Daughter Cheryl Bourland of Stockton; 8 grandchildren-Gabe (Ryan) Greve, Matthew Greve, Carolyn (Adam) Frandsen, Caitlynn Greve, Joey Bourland, Nikki Bourland, Jeffrey Hand and Jennifer (Andrew) Busser; and 8 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Dale Hand, two sisters Marvel Spraugen and Vada Handel.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 24, at the Lena Burial Park.

A luncheon will follow at the Corner Tap.

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

### JACK OLIVER GRAVES

Jack Oliver Graves died Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, at the Elizabeth Nursing Home after an extended illness. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at the Elizabeth United Methodist Church. A memorial visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, at the church prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jack's name to the Elizabeth Fire Department or Elizabeth Ambulance Association.

Jack was born on March 24, 1936, in Warren, Illinois, the son of Leslie and Agnes (Gallagher) Graves. He attended and graduated from Elizabeth High School with the Class of 1954. After high school he joined the United States Navy (1954-1958) and was very proud that he served aboard the USS Jack married Jeanette Albrecht on December 26, 1955.

Along with his mother, sister, wife, and later with his sons, Jack spent 57 years as a very hard-working and dedicated owner of the Elizabeth Garage which has been owned and operated by the Graves' family for 91 years (since 1925). He worked daily until his illness in January 2015. The people of town called Jack, "Mr. Elizabeth." He



was a member of the United Methodist Church, Elizabeth Lions Club, Galena Elks Club, Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce and tirelessly ran the Elizabeth Food Pantry. He was a past member of the Elizabeth Volunteer Fire Department and Elizabeth Village Board. He loved to fish and spend week-ends on the Mississippi River. Jack and Jeanette loved their mini-vacations to Wisconsin for many years. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and was voted Country Illinois' "Father of the Year" in 2012. Jack dearly loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and friends.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Jennifer (Dean) Redfearn, Jay (Debbie) Graves and Jeff Graves, all of Elizabeth, Julie (Darrell) McDaniel of Lexington, Kentucky; a daughter-in-law, Leisa Graves; 10 grandchildren, Matthew (Molly Francomb) Wand, Mark (Tabitha Knupp) Wand, Kelsea (Anthony) Brown, Kairee (Wes Bohnsack) Graves, Cody (Kayla Miller) Graves, all of Elizabeth, Karista (Josh) Hannah of Louisville, Kentucky, Darren (Tonya) Tippett of Lexington, Kentucky, Emily (Jake Schwind) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Amy Graves of Phoenix, Arizona, and Andrew Graves of Dallas, Texas; three step-grandchildren, Ellie Adrian of Dubuque, Iowa, Blake Redfearn, and Lindsay (Ryan) Zmich of Elizabeth; great-grandchildren, Aidan and Thea Wand, Trinity Langel, Harper Wand, Ashur and Ellis Hannah, and Mason and Rylee Brown; step great-grandchildren, Taylor Adrian, Addison and Tinley Zmich, Cayden, Payton, and Emmerson Redfearn; nephew, Gig (Emily) Specht of Kansas City, Kansas, and nieces, Penny Kay (Denny) Heidenreich of Stockton, Illinois, and Kim (Matt) Sojka of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Jeanette, on Nov. 14, 2016; his parents; a sister, Jane Specht on Dec. 18, 2003; son-in-law, Thomas Wand on Sept. 3, 1990; and a granddaughter, Adrienne Tippett on Nov. 5, 1979. The family wishes to thank Dr. Crist and the staff at the Elizabeth Nursing Home.

### KENNETH L. KNOLL JR.

Kenneth L. Knoll Jr., 63, of Lena, IL passed away on Sunday, Jan. 15,

2017 at his home. He was born on Dec. 9, 1953 to Kenneth and Myrtle (Shaney) Knoll Sr. in Freeport, IL. Ken was an avid Green Bay Packer fan, enjoyed watching NASCAR, especially Jeff Gordon, collecting military memorabilia with Roger Hill, fishing with Clark Halstead, giving Robert and Jacob "a hard time," and spending time with his dog Skippy.

Ken is survived by his children, Robert and Jacob, both of Lena; siblings Sandra Knoll of Kentucky, MaryAnne (Kenneth) Gritzmaker of Lena, Karon Niesman of Argyle, WI, and Jane Ussery of Florida; and very close friend Wayne Gift

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Phyllis Newcomer, and brother James Knoll.

Memorial services were held Jan. 21, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Inurnment will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

### ROBERT MILES BREED

Robert Miles Breed, age 67, of Elizabeth, Illinois, passed away Friday, Jan. 13, 2017. Cremation rites will be accorded. No services will be held at this time. Friends and family are invited to share in Robert's life at [www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com](http://www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com).

### SYLVIA J. KONING

Sylvia J. Koning went to be with the Lord Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017 at Presence St. Joseph Center in Freeport, IL, surrounded by her family. She was born on Nov. 13, 1933 to Alexander and Gertrude Sadowski. She enjoyed activities, playing cards, bingo, attending rosary group and church services and spending time with family.

Sylvia is survived by her daughter Cheryl (Steven) Leopold of Brownstown. Grandchildren- Erin Youtzy of Pearl City, Justin (Jessica) Anson

of Warren, Karl Smith of Freeport, Megan Anson (Brandon Hilliard) of Monroe, and Adam Smith of Pearl City; 7 great-grandchildren- Lydia, Kayley, Isaiah, Brooke, Shana, Maya, and soon to be born Paisley.

She was preceded in death by her parents in 1982, and her son Kurt Smith in 2006.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the

Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

A visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of services on Saturday, at the Leamon Funeral Home.

Rev. Father Andrew Skorbutt will officiate the services.

Cremation rites were accorded.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

## American Red Cross issues call for blood donors

The American Red Cross is urging the public to give blood now to help overcome a severe winter blood shortage, which is being compounded by ongoing winter weather. Blood donations are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than they are coming in.

You can help ensure blood is available for patients by sharing the upcoming blood donation opportunities in the area.

Please contact External Communications Manager Laura McGuire at (608) 381-4502

## HCC Global Task Force presents 'Muslims in America: Interfaith Understanding in a Nation of Immigrants'


The HCC Global Task Force and Highland Community College will present "Muslims in America: Interfaith Understanding in a Nation of Immigrants" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Highland Community College Student/Conference Center, room H-201.

This panel discussion is designed

to explore and understand how to further develop interfaith peace and harmony from those who have already been working toward these goals. The panelists, from a wide diversity of faiths and backgrounds, have long been addressing this issue from both local and global perspectives. This event is free and open to the public.

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# Lena Winslow Principal's Honor Roll (Term Two)

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Jordan Lee  
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Kade Lobdell  
Sondra Winters

## Pearl City Junior High and High School Honor Rolls

### Highest honor roll

**Seniors:** Macayla Pilson, Madison Pitts

**Juniors:** Kayla Niehaus

**Freshmen:** Zander Endress, Isabella Kostallari, Madalyn Lukowski, Jenna Robinson, Kayla Runkle

### High honor roll

**Seniors:** Chet Dietmeier, Shayna Drake, Skyler Fischer, Michaela Lee, Cameron Niesman, Jacob Pacheco, William Werkheiser

**Juniors:** Burgundy Barklow, Hannah Cassell, Tyra Clark, Laura Dickman, Gwen Heimerdinger, Kilynn Perdue, Matthew Werkheiser

**Sophomores:** Amanda Baldauf, Joshua Cassell, Mackenzie Endress, Brooke Hass, Caitlyn Krell, Zachariah Lieb, Andrew Lorig, Drake Musser, Isabel Pena, Lucas Petersen, Liana Rosenstiel, Anthony Schultz, Riley Wright

**Freshmen:** Nicole Adolph, Autumn Gray, Hailey Johnson, Alayna Palmer

**Honor roll**  
**Seniors:** Taylor Brudi, Moriah Fischer, Theodore Freytag, Paige Fuchs, Christian Lesko, Kendra Melville, Leeann Schimetz, Joseph Sheriff, Margaret Tessendorf, Kalli Visel

**Juniors:** Peyton Asche, Amber Baumgartner, Taylor Hillman, Roderick Munson, Seth Palmer, Siara Simons, Delanie Strohecker, Jazmin Wingert

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**Freshmen:** Braden Diddens, Bryanna Euler, Sydney Foulker, Emily Grinnell, Sydney Monks, Raegan Schnoor

## College News

### UW-Whitewater announces Dean's List

The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2016 fall semester.

Nikki Bourland of Stockton, Evan Bull of Pearl City, and Joanna Beukema of Lena.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade-point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"Making the Dean's List is a tremendous honor for our students. It is recognition for their hard work and commitment to success," said Susan Elrod, provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. "We are proud of all of the students on the list and hope to see their names there again!"

The Registrar's Office reports 3,578 students were selected for the Dean's List for the fall semester. About 12,000 students are currently enrolled at UW-Whitewater.

### Iowa State University announces fall

#### 2016 Dean's List

The following students are included on the fall, 2016 Iowa State University Deans List

Elizabeth II -Kelsey Grace Finn, 4, Nutritional Science (H SCI) Taylor E. Finn, 4, Economics

Kent II -Jacob Reid Lawfer, 2, Agricultural Systems Technology

Lena II -Jordon E. Oellerich, 1, Agricultural and Life Sciences Education

Stockton II - Ellen J. Bonvillain, 4, Management

Approximately 8,775 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the Fall Semester 2016 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

## Jo Daviess County Beef Association Scholarship

The Jo Daviess County Beef Association Scholarship Fund has been established to provide financial assistance to Jo Daviess County residents studying agricultural related fields. The Beef Association Scholarship committee is responsible for the selection of the scholarship recipients.

Scholarships of \$1000 will be awarded as funds permit.

### Eligibility:

Jo Daviess County, Illinois resident

Must be enrolled in agriculture, or agricultural related fields

Must be enrolled in a two or four year program

Must be accepted at chosen school, college or university

Must be a full-time student, 12 hours minimum per semester, auditing of classes cannot be included in minimum.

Special consideration will be given to members of the Jo Daviess County Beef Association and their immediate family.

Applicant must return completed application to:

Jo Daviess County Beef Association

Beef Association Scholarship  
2913 Elizabeth Scales Mound Road

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Application Deadline is April 4, 2017

Please contact your High School Counselor or call Karen Koester, Scholarship Committee Chairperson at 815-858-2318 for questions or an application.

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# Pearl City Board of Education regular meeting for January

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

After Roll Call the Board approved the Jan. 18, agenda with the addition of informational items on fifth grade class size and a Spanish Club trip.

Recognition of Guests and public comments were allowed. No comments were made.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the Dec. 21, 2016 Tax Levy Hearing minutes, Dec. 21, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes, the closed session minutes from the Dec. 21, 2016 regular board meeting, approval of bills and payroll through Jan. 13, 2017, and the Petition by Kim Lorig for course and salary reimbursement.

New Business:

Approved the use of the gym floor coverings by the Lena Train Show Committee.

Received notice from the Pearl City Federation of Teachers that they would like to start negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement. The board will set dates starting after March 1, 2017.

Approved the destruction of closed session recordings dated June of 2015 and older.

Conducted a semiannual review of closed session minutes for 7/20/16, 8/17/16, 9/26/16, 11/16/16, and 12/21/16. The board did not open any of the minutes for public viewing.

The administration provided an update on the progress of the 2016-17 goals.

Approved the proposal from the

Benning Group to conduct the annual audit at a cost of \$10,300 for 2017, \$10,300 for 2018, and \$10,450 for 2019.

Accepted the resignation of Brandon Bull as the Assistant Musical Director.

Hired Nick Krogull as the Assistant Musical Director.

Accepted the resignation of Brent

Schneider as an assistant softball coach. He is approved as softball volunteer.

Hired Dylan Stichter as the Assistant Baseball Coach.

Completed the evaluation of Superintendent Thill.

Heard information regarding the fifth grade class size. The board discussed the pros and cons with adding

a second fifth grade teacher. Members Lieb, Sheffey, and Keltner requested a special board meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 a.m. with the single topic being employment of a fifth grade teacher.

Heard information regarding a Spanish Club trip to Spain in the Summer of 2018.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

## Leland and Marjorie Wenzel scholarship opportunity

One or two \$1,500 scholarships are being offered through the Leland and Marjorie Wenzel Kentland Farms Agricultural Scholarship Fund. The grants are open to graduates of Lena-Winslow or Pearl City High Schools who will be continuing their education in an agricultural discipline for the 2017-18 academic year at an accredited college or university.

Applicants can be freshman or upperclassmen in the fall

2017 semester, with the application deadline being April 15, 2017. Applicants must include three letters of recommendation, along with high school transcripts (for incoming freshmen) or college transcripts (for students with at least 30 credit hours earned) and an essay page highlighting educational and vocational goals. Applications are available at the guidance offices at Pearl City and Lena-Winslow High Schools.



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Saturday, February 18th • 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$20 per child (child must be 4 by April 1st)  
\$5 Fee for late registration after the Feb. 18th registration  
No registrations after Feb. 28th

Questions call Patti Adleman at 815-541-8435  
or Becky Cahill at 815-858-4008

# CHURCH NEWS

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Jan. 29, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Fourth Sunday of Epiphany with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. At 10:45 a.m. all will meet for Good Shepherd's Annual Congregational Meeting.

On Wednesday Feb. 1, 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.

## Salem United Church of Christ

Please join us at Salem United Church of Christ on Sunday mornings at 10:30, as we "Walk to the Cross" beginning Jan. 15, and concluding April 9. Pastor Nicholas and members of the congregation will be bringing the book of Matthew to life through inter-active readings and sermons. We anticipate the Holy Spirit working in our lives and communities as God speaks to us through His Word. For more information, please call (815) 369-4511 or visit us on Facebook. We are the "Old Stone Church with the Lighted Cross" located at 8491 W. Salem Rd, Lena.

## Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Jan. 29, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. with Pastor Brenda Morris giving the message, the series "Sticky Promises for the New Year". All are invited and welcome and to stay for the fellowship following.

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

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. For more info; call (815) 601-6742.

## St. John's in Pearl City to host annual pancake supper

On Sunday, Jan. 29, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. The St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship. The meeting will include approving modifications to the St. John's Constitution and approval of the 2017 budget.

The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 29, in the Youth and Family Center followed by Genesis (high school) youth group at 7:30 p.m.

St. John's will host their Annual Pancake and Sausage Supper on

Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Luther Hall. The menu is pancakes, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, applesauce, cookies, cheese, milk and coffee. Tickets are sold at the door. Adults are \$7; 3-10 years of age are \$3.5 and 2 and under are free. Carry-outs will be available.

All are welcome to walk downstairs in the lower level on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. The Bible Studies will continue to meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. and on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

The Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1st at Little John's in Pearl City.

## Monroe Clinic receives 2016 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award

### Patient feedback leads to national recognition

Press Ganey has announced Monroe Clinic as a 2016 Guardian of Excellence Award® winner. The award recognizes top-performing health care organizations who have consistently achieved the 95 percentile or above for performance in patient experience, engagement or clinical quality performance. This recognition stems from data gathered in the Press Ganey surveys patients complete after their visits to Monroe Clinic.

"We value what our patients have to say. Their feedback help us evaluate how we communicate and deliver care," said Paula Elmer, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Monroe Clinic Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer.

After a Monroe Clinic visit, patients should fill out the survey that arrives in the mailbox. It provides valuable information, says Elmer. "We hear you."



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Pictured receiving the Guardian of Excellence Award from left to right: Tiffany Emberson, RN, Monroe Clinic Inpatient Services Coach; Mary Berger, Monroe Clinic Service & Process Facilitator; Patrick Ryan, Press Ganey CEO; Mike Sanders, Monroe Clinic President & CEO

It is because of these survey results that Press Ganey has named Monroe Clinic Hospital a 2016

Guardian of Excellence. The award represents an important recognition from the industry's leader in measuring, understanding and improving the patient experience.

The Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award is a nationally-recognized symbol of achievement in health care. Presented annually, the award honors clients who consistently sustained performance in the top five percent of all Press Ganey clients for each reporting period during the course of one year.

"We are proud to partner with Monroe Clinic," said Patrick T. Ryan, CEO of Press Ganey. "This award is a testament to the organization's leadership in delivering patient-centered care. By achieving and sustaining this level of excellence, Monroe Clinic continues to demonstrate their commitment to reducing patient suffering and advancing the overall quality of health care."



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## Service Partner donation

The Unitarian-Universalist Church of Stockton announces one of their Service Partner recipients for 2016. Riverview Center was given \$200.70. Pictured: Bill Schuldt- Unitarian-Universalist Church of Stockton and Shawna Bauer and Anna Heim of Riverview Center.

## • Honor Roll

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- Austin Banister-Markee
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Sunday School/ABF 8:45 a.m.

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Junior and Senior High Youth Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

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## Pancake & Sausage Supper

Wednesday, Feb. 1 • 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City  
229 S. First St., Pearl City  
(handicapped accessible)

All tickets sold at the door

\$7 (Adults)

\$3.50 (3-10 yrs.) 2 & Under - Free

Carry-outs available Call 815-433-2215



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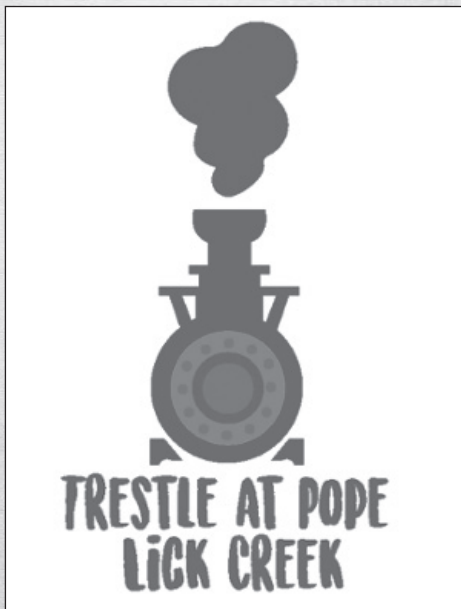
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# Lady Warriors on final leg of regular season walk

By Chris Johnson  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The IHSA Class 1A Girls' Basketball Playoffs begin the week of Feb. 6 and the Warren Lady Warriors are going to be looking at an interesting path to pursue, if they want to try to track down a Regional Crown. They probably aren't going to be looking at an automatic pass into the Regional Semi-Final. They appear to have to be ready to work for the chance to make it a step away from the Sectional play-in shot.

The first step towards Redbird Arena will have to be taken in the Regional. Seeds haven't been issued yet, but should occur this week. Many teams like Warren, hovering in the midst of the pack, can find a combination that works over the final weeks of the winter season that puts them in a good position to succeed in the post-season. Statistically-supported, a sub-.500 season has turned into many pieces of hardware for various schools' trophy cases.

The Warren Lady Warriors have been penciled in to the Pearl City Sectional-Regional Complex from a starting point of either Dakota or Pecatonica. The signs seem to point towards the nearest neighbor to the southeast, Dakota, but that can't be assured until after the IHSA Selection Committee releases its findings following action this week. Either way, when the playoffs start, Warren will be willing to

travel.

The Lady Warriors will have to work through a familiar field from teams within the NUIC when the second season tips-off in Dakota. Durand, Aquin, Lena-Winslow and Orangeville will all be fighting for the right to advance. The other half of the Class 1A Sectional fill-in field to Pearl City hails from Crystal Lake-Faith Lutheran, Alden-Hebron, Kirkland-Hiawatha and Rockford Christian Life. They appear ready to go in Pecatonica.

The Class 1A State Tournament field is set up to benefit the "best" teams entering the post-season. As Warren sits in the middle of the

pack in the NUIC-West chasing Galena, East Dubuque and Eastland, the highest seed may not be available for the Lady Warriors to grab. As they start the march it appears upsets will have to be the rule and not the exception, if they want a shot at a Regional Title.

A first-round scenario could pit Warren and Lena-Winslow on an opening path. It could also feature Aquin or Orangeville as the Lady Warriors first task to contend with before they can look at the top-tier teams in the bracket.

Warren won two of its last three Illinois-based matches. They topped Scales Mound 65-35 and

followed it up with another NUIC win over River Ridge 61-52.

On Jan. 19 Warren had to take on one of the NUIC-leaders, East Dubuque and the game had to be played upon the shores of the Mississippi...or somewhere near. The host Lady Warriors won by 15 50-35.

East Dubuque started hot as they outpaced their guests 14-4 courtesy of the opening salvos. Warren stayed within a basket in the second but still found itself a distance from the goal with a 27-14 deficit in front of them at the break.

Defensive pressure quieted Warren again in the third as East

Dubuque pressed to a nearly two-to-one scoring advantage in the period. After three East Dubuque led 40-21.

Warren played strong in the final minutes. Shots were taken and many fell. The host Lady Warriors lost the period 14-10 but held on for the 50-35 win.

Warren faced River Ridge on Tuesday, Jan.24. Details of that contest are unavailable at this time.

The regular season pushes into February for the Warren Lady Warriors with scheduled matches at Scales Mound on Feb. 2 and at home to host the NUIC-leading Galena Lady Pirates on Feb. 4.

## Highland faculty and staff receive Excellence and Service Awards

Highland Community College employees joined fellow colleagues on Jan. 5, to honor individuals receiving 2016 Excellence Awards, Opel Award, and years of Service Awards. The awards recognize employees for quality work, and others for their years of service.

2016 Excellence Award and Opel Award recipients

The awards recognize employees for quality work, creativity, honesty, integrity, self-development, and excellence in their professional relationships. A committee made up of Excellence Awards recipients from the previous two years and the College's Executive Vice President selected the winners in the following categories: full-time faculty, full-time administrative/

professional staff, full-time classified staff, and part-time employee of any category.

Full-time Faculty: Tracy Mays of Forreston, English and German Instructor

Full-time Administrative/Professional Staff: Christie Lewis of Forreston, Coordinator, Staff Development and HRIS

Full-time Classified Staff: Bill Buehler of Freeport, Fine Arts Assistant

Part-time Employee: Claire Brinkmeier of Pearl City, Training Coordinator for the Business Institute

Opel Award: The Highland Community College Foundation annually recognizes one employee with the Opel Award, named for one of

the Foundation's founders, Don Opel. The award recognizes employees who serve and promote the College. This year the Foundation presented the award to Biology Instructor, Juliet Moderow of Freeport.

The 2016 Service Award Recipients

Five Years: Arnold Clark of Freeport, Receiving/Shipping/Warehouse Clerk; Ellen Conway of Lena, Student Accounts Specialist II; Brendan Dutmer of Freeport, Interim Associate Dean, Natural Science & Math; Tim Hood of Freeport, President; Jessica Larson of Freeport, Nursing Instructor; Brian Moore of Freeport, Coordinator, Learning Services

Ten Years: Kathy Bangasser of

Subula, Iowa, Director, Financial Aid; Mark Jansen of Freeport, Director, Adult Education Programs; Juliet Moderow of Freeport, Biology Instructor

Fifteen Years: Beth Groshans of Freeport, Coordinator, Women's Athletics; Jill Janssen of Shannon, Vice President, Administrative Services; Jim Palmer of Stockton, Automotive Technology Instructor

Twenty Years: Liz Gerber of Lena, Vice President, Student Development and Support Services; Tony Grahame of Pearl City, Biology Instructor; Steve Mihina of Freeport, Math Instructor; Rhonda Perry of Stockton, Executive Assistant; Dawn Switzer of Lena, Secretary

Twenty-Five Years: Allen Redford of Freeport, Music Instructor.

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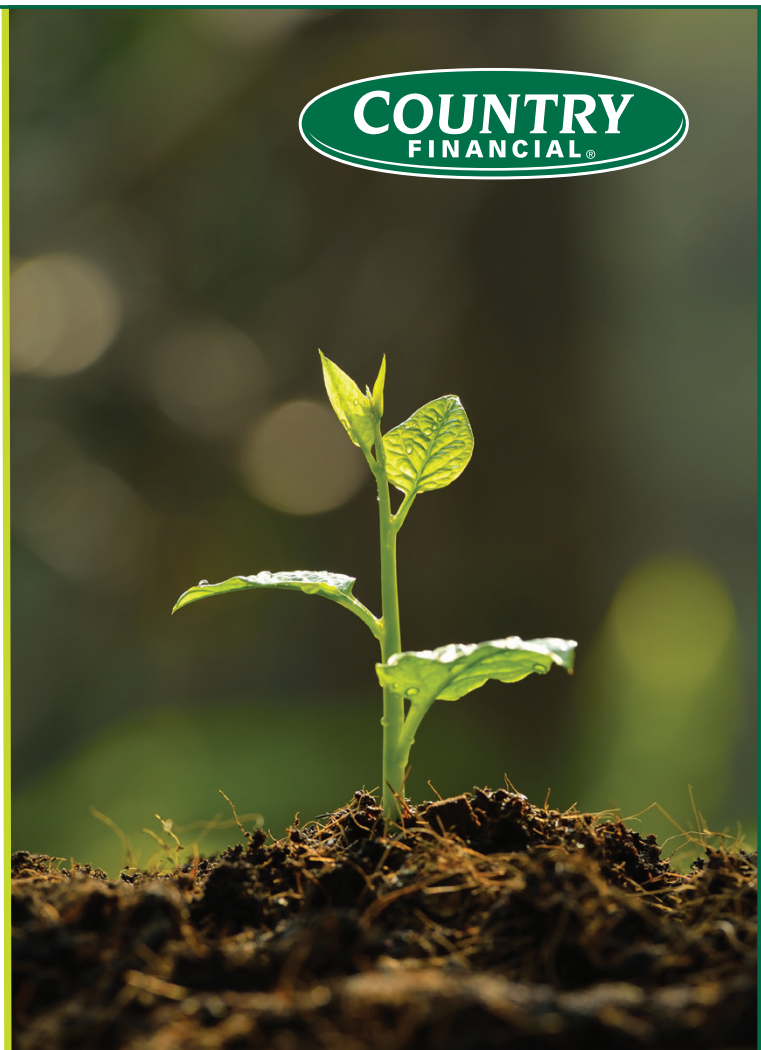
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# Pearl City Junior High and High School Second Quarter Honor Roll Awards

## Highest Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Michaela Lee, Macayla Pilson  
**Juniors:** Kayla Niehaus  
**Sophomores:** Anthony Schultz  
**Freshmen:** Nicole Adolph, Zan-

der Endress, Isabella Kostallari, Jenna Robinson, Kayla Runkle  
**Eighth Grade:** Caitlin Niesman, Jenee Stultz  
**Seventh Grade:** Savanah Brandt, Conor DeZell, Jacob Joseph, Owen Joseph, Oliver Petta, Cody Pitts, Brynn Solt, Sidney Wright

## High Honor Roll

**Seniors:** Taylor Brudi, Chet Dietmeier, Skyler Fischer, Christian Lesko, Cameron Niesman, Jacob Pacheco, Madison Pitts, William Werkheiser

**Juniors:** Burgundy Barklow, Hannah Cassell, Tyra Clark, Laura Dickman, Gwen Heimerdinger, Kilynn Perdue, Delanie Strohecker, Matthew Werkheiser, Jazmin Wingert

**Sophomores:** Amanda Baldauf, Joshua Cassell, Mackenzie Endress, Brooke Hass, Caitlyn Krell, Zachariah Lieb, Andrew Lorig, Drake Musser, Isabel Pena, Lucas

Petersen, Liana Rosenstiel, Kerstan Shippy, Riley Wright

**Freshmen:** Hailey Johnson, Madalyn Lukowski, Alayna Palmer

**Eighth Grade:** Estrella Ayala, Marianna Brenner, Aliya Fischer, Macie Kaney, Makayla Milam, Montana Sargent, Mick Sesker, Jase Sheffey, Madyson Stephan, Ella Williams

**Seventh Grade:** Benjamin Bremmer, Madilyn Diddens, Kendall Dixon, Cole Hille, Audra Lartz, Brianna

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**Honor Roll**

**Seniors:** Shayna Drake, Moriah Fischer, Theodore Freytag, Paige Fuchs, Kendra Melville, LeeAnn Schimetz, Joseph Sheriff, Margaret Tessendorf

**Juniors:** Peyton Asche, Taylor Hillman, Roderick Munson, Seth Palmer, Siara Simons, Ashlee Wolf

**Sophomores:** Tia Clark, Addison Keltner, Jarod Kempel, Collyn Kuberski, Lydia Lott, Amber Roach,

Mindy Saeger, Braden Smargiassi  
**Freshmen:** Braden Diddens, Bryanna Euler, Sydney Foulker, Autumn Gray, Emily Grinnell, Sydney Monks, Raegan Schnoor

**Eighth Grade:** Carter Brudi, Molly Cropper, Logan Krell, Caden Kuberski, Madison Lesko, Miranda Mellentine, Fenixx Menefee, Tiffany Vicario

**Seventh Grade:** Kenner Brinkmeier, Tyson Clark, Cheyenne Handaker, Noah Tollers, Alena Welch

## Zentangle is back

Zentangle is an introduction to an artistic form of relaxation - Zentangle is a new term for doodling. Join us as we journey through this relaxing way of drawing.

This can be done with NO artistic talent.

The class will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at 9:30 a.m. at the Volunteer Hospice of NW IL office at 105 S Main St, Stockton, IL. Materials will be provided.

Please call us at (815) 947-3260 or email at volhospice@mediacombb.net to reserve your place by Monday, Jan. 30.

## Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois bring Cookies and Comedy to Rockford

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois will host its annual Cookies & Comedy event on Feb. 10, at Giovanni's Restaurant and Conference Center (610 N. Bell School Rd., Rockford). This year, the all-female comedian crew, the Kates will entertain attendees with their hilarious and unique brand of humor.

Tickets are \$40 per person, \$75 per couple, or \$300 per table of

eight. Ticket purchase includes a full service dinner, all your favorite Girl Scout Cookies, cash bar, and silent auction. Register by Feb. 3, at [www.girlscoutsni.org/cookiesandcomedy](http://www.girlscoutsni.org/cookiesandcomedy).

Proceeds from the event benefit Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, where girls are encouraged and supported to be go-getters, innovators, risk-takers and leaders! We provide girls with the opportunities and experiences to be amazing!

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE FIFTEENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY -  
FREEPORT ILLINOIS  
Fifth Third Mortgage Company  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Michael J. Stump; Michael J.  
Stump, as Trustee of the Mi-  
chael J. Stump Living Trust un-  
der Restatement of Declaration  
of Trust dated December 29,  
2014; Unknown Owners and  
Non-Record Claimants  
Defendants.

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624 North Schuyler Street,  
Lena, IL 61048

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby  
given that pursuant to a Judg-  
ment of Foreclosure and Sale  
entered in the above entitled  
cause on December 13, 2016,  
the Stephenson County Sher-  
iff's Office will on February 16,  
2017, at the hour of 9:00 AM at  
the Stephenson County Sher-  
iff's Office, Stephenson County  
Courthouse, 15 North Galena  
Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032,  
sell to the highest bidder for  
cash, the following described  
mortgaged real estate:

Part of the West Half of the  
Northeast Quarter of Section  
33, Township 28 North, Range  
6 East of the Fourth Principal  
Meridian, described as follows:

Commencing at a stone in the  
center of the road 25 chains  
and 65 links South 42 1/2°  
West of the Northeast corner  
of the Northwest Quarter of the  
Northeast Quarter of Section  
33, Township 28 North, Range  
6 East of the 4th P.M., and run-  
ning thence North 42 1/2° West  
5 chains and 4 links to the Half  
Section line; thence South along  
the Half Section line 3 chains  
and 31 links to a stone, thence  
South 42 1/2° East 2 chains and  
96 links to a stone in the cen-  
ter of the road; thence North 42  
1/2° East along the center of the  
road 2 chains and 42 links to the  
place of beginning: situated in  
the Village of Lena, Stephenson  
County, IL

Commonly known as 624  
North Schuyler Street, Lena, IL  
61048

Parcel Number(s): 11-07-33-  
200-003

The real estate is improved  
with a Single Family Residence.  
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a cashier's or certified check  
for 10% of the successful bid  
amount. The balance of the suc-  
cessful bid shall be paid within  
24 hours, by similar funds. The  
subject property is offered for

sale without any representation  
as to quality or quantity of title  
and without recourse to Plain-  
tiff and in "AS IS" condition.  
The sale is further subject to  
confirmation by the Court. The  
property will NOT be open for  
inspection.

If this property is a condo-  
minium unit, the purchaser of  
the unit at the foreclosure sale,  
other than the mortgagee shall  
pay the assessments and the leg-  
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Ertmer; Unknown Owners and  
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406 Chestnut Street, Lena, IL  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

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sell to the highest bidder for  
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South 50 feet of the North  
One-Half of Lot 5 in Block 5;  
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## Anniversary



Dave and Wendy Hickok

### Dave and Wendy Hickok to celebrate thirty-five years of marriage

Dave and Wendy Hickok of Lena are celebrating 35 years of marriage. They were wed Jan. 23, 1982 in Washburn, Iowa. The couple has two children, Meagan (Joseph) Brickler of Lake Zurich, Illinois and Tyler of Cincinnati, Ohio. The couple has one grandson, Nathan Brickler.

## •Panthers (Continued from front page)

been fighting with a handful of others throughout the season. All recent losses Lena-Winslow experienced were to either conference leaders or those within just games of the top spot.

In order to be ready for the post-season when it begins in less than two weeks, the Lady Panthers will have to find ways to take down teams that are lining up next on their schedule.

Beginning with a game against Durand on Jan. 23, the Lady Pan-

thers face River Ridge/Scales Mound on the road on Thursday, Jan. 26 and run into pressure-matches against West Carroll on Jan. 28 at home and running through a Jan. 31 visit from Warren and a season closer against Dakota on Feb. 4.

The time is now to put the pieces in place and begin a run. All it takes to separate a winless team and a State Title is a win-streak of seven games. Everyone is alive in the IHSA Basketball Playoffs.

Pearl City FFA's  
**Pork Chop Dinner**  
**Friday, January 27th**  
**5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
at the Pearl City High School Cafeteria

The dinner will include a pork chop sandwich, chips, cookie and drink for **\$6.00**

Tickets can be purchased from members of the Pearl City FFA or at the door.

The Pearl City FFA & FFA Alumni host this dinner annually to raise funds to benefit the Pearl City FFA. The funds will be used to help students attend leadership trainings, camps, state and national conventions as well as judging competitions and contests. A silent auction will also be held during the dinner. Please join us in supporting the Pearl City FFA!

# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



*The not so skinny cook*

Well we have traded the cold weather for rain and fog. I am still looking for the sun! It was supposed to be out all day on Saturday—maybe five minutes was what we had. These dark and gloomy days remind me of an English novel. London is always raining and full of fog. The weather may be not so great, but man (and woman) must eat. This week there are all kinds of good dishes. Enjoy them as we may have to prepare for some colder weather.

This great crab dip would be perfect for a Super Bowl party or a dinner party appetizer. I do use the imitation crab meat, but you can use the canned crab. Serve it with pita bread or some good crackers. I think butter crackers would really enhance the flavor of the crab.

## Cheesy Baked Crab Dip

2 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese  
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
1 C. sour cream  
½ C. mayo  
¼ C. minced red bell pepper  
¼ C. minced green onion  
2 T. chopped parsley  
2 T. lemon juice  
1½ t. Old Bay  
¼ t. ground red pepper  
16 oz. crab meat  
½ C. grated Parmesan

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine Monterey Jack cheese, cream cheese, sour cream, mayo, bell pepper, green onion, parsley, lemon juice, Old Bay seasoning, and red pepper. Gently fold crab into cheese mixture.

Spoon the mixture into a 1½ qt. casserole dish sprayed with cooking spray. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top of crab mixture. Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until bubbly. Serve hot with toasted French rounds or crackers.

This next recipe is for a great side salad. It adds a great crunch to the cabbage. I like the apples as well as the pecans for the crunch. You can toast the pecans before sprinkling them on the salad. Enjoy this winter cabbage slaw dish with the sweetness of the maple syrup and the tartness of the Dijon mustard.

## Apple Maple Pecan Salad

¼ C. lemon juice  
¼ C. canola oil  
¼ C. maple syrup  
1½ t. Dijon mustard  
½ t. pepper  
4 C. shredded cabbage  
3 large unpeeled Granny Smith apples, cut into julienne strips

¼ C. blue cheese

1 C. chopped pecans

In a small bowl, whisk the lemon juice, oil, syrup, mustard, and pepper until blended. In a large bowl, combine the cabbage, apples, and cheese; toss with dressing to coat. Let stand 30 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with pecans.

If you are looking for a good and hearty soup, this recipe has all the ingredients of a favorite comfort food. The potatoes and corn add a great base for the ham. The creaminess of the soup comes from the milk, cheese, and sour cream. All you need to finish this meal is some great crusty bread.

## Cheesy Ham & Corn Chowder

1½ lbs. potatoes (about 3 medium), peeled and cut into ½-inch cubes  
4 C. (20 oz.) frozen corn, thawed  
4 C. cubed deli ham  
2 small onions, chopped  
4 celery ribs, chopped  
4 garlic cloves, minced  
¼ t. pepper  
3 C. chicken broth  
2 T. cornstarch  
2 C. whole milk  
2 C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
1 C. sour cream  
3 T. minced parsley

Place the potatoes, corn, ham, onion, celery, garlic, pepper, and chicken broth in a 6 qt. slow cooker. Cook, covered, on low 8-10 hours or until the potatoes are tender.

In a small bowl, mix the cornstarch and milk until smooth; stir into soup. Cook, covered, on high 20-30 minutes or until broth is thickened, stirring occasionally. Stir in cheese, sour cream, and parsley until cheese is melted. Enjoy this great tasting soup on a cold day.

I really like meat loaf! I am always looking for different recipes for meat loaf. There are two com-

ing up that I think you will enjoy. My favorite meat loaf is made with ground beef and no pork. This first recipe is sort of unique in that it combines the great things about meatloaf with the great things of pizza. The addition of the pepperoni and black olives makes for a great new taste in meatloaf. The second makes for either a small pan of meatloaf or mini meatloaves.. You can place the meatloaves in small ramekins to have the mini effect.

## Pizza Meatloaf

1 lb. ground beef  
½ C. Italian-style bread crumbs  
1 egg  
2/3 C. pizza sauce, divided  
¾ C. shredded mozzarella cheese  
¼ C. sliced fresh mushrooms  
5 slices pepperoni  
2 T. chopped green peppers  
1 T. sliced black olives

Preheat the oven to 375. Mix the ground beef, bread crumbs, egg and ½ cup pizza sauce just until blended. Press the meat mixture into an even layer in an 8-inch round cake pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Bake at 375 for 30-35 minutes or until meat thermometer reaches 160. After 20 minutes top with remaining pizza sauce and cheese. (You could use a 9-inch pan, but reduce baking time to 20-25 minutes.)

## Mini French Onion meatloaves

1 T. oil  
2 C. chopped sweet onions  
½ C. beef broth  
3 T. Worcestershire sauce  
1 lb. ground beef  
½ C. bread crumbs  
2 T. chopped parsley  
1 egg  
¾ C. shredded Monterey Jack Cheese

Heat the oil in a medium skillet on medium-high heat. Add the onions and cook 8-10 minutes or until golden brown, stirring frequently.

## Freeport Community Foundation establishes new endowment fund

The Freeport Community foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of new Field of Interest endowment fund.

The fund will be called the Luthin Family Endowment Fund. This fund will become part of the permanent endowment of the Freeport Community Foundation with the purpose of distributing annual charitable contributions to non-profits in the Stephenson County area.

This fund was established in December 2016 by Richard E. Luthin. In starting the fund, Mr. Luthin stated his interest was "to fund conservation and human service projects and programs supporting the residents of Freeport and Stephenson County." This fund will provide for the future needs of the citizens of our area into perpetuity. Any individual or group can donate to the Luthin Family Endowment

Fund by contacting the Foundation.

"We are pleased to be able to work with Mr. Luthin to serve his philanthropic desire to help our community's residents," stated Dan Schmitt, Executive Director.

A field of interest fund provides donors the opportunity to support a variety of organizations in a defined geographical region or specific interest or cause from year-to-year. Earnings from the fund are granted to organizations of interest to the donor. The Foundation selects the charitable organization recipients in the field of interest. Donor interest is highly respected.

The Freeport Community Foundation has a 42-year history as a community-based charitable organization guided by community leaders that are dedicated to providing financial solutions for current and future community needs.

Stir in beef broth and Worcestershire sauce; bring to a boil. Cook 3-4 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally; cool.

Preheat the oven to 375. Mix the meat, bread crumbs, parsley, egg and ½ cup of the onion mixture just until blended. Press half the meat mixture evenly into an 8 x 8 pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray or individual ramekins that have been sprayed with cooking spray; top with remaining onion mixture. Cover with remaining meat mixture. Bake for 30 minutes or until meatloaf is done. Sprinkle with cheese, bake 5 minutes or until melted. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

If you are looking for an alternative to potatoes that is just a little healthier, this cauliflower recipe will help you. Mashed cauliflower seems to be making the rounds on cooking shows and magazines. I will admit that they are pretty good (those of you who know me, know I am not a really big mashed potato fan. If I say they taste pretty good, they really do!), and you don't eat nearly as large a portion.

## Garlic Mashed Cauliflower

5 C. fresh cauliflower  
1 sliced garlic clove  
3 T. milk  
3 T. mayonnaise  
½ t. salt  
1/8 t. pepper  
Minced chives or parsley

Place 1 inch water in a saucepan and add cauliflower and garlic clove. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat; simmer, covered, until tender, 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain and return to the pan. Mash the cauliflower and stir in milk, mayo, salt and pepper. Sprinkle with minced chives or parsley.

Everybody needs a little cookie in their lives. This cookie has all the goodness of oatmeal with a smidgen of chocolate. Enjoy this semi-healthy treat of cookies with a cup of coffee or a glass of cold milk. There is nothing better than a cookie break!

## Freeport Public Library to host One Book, One Freeport 2017 event

The One Book, One Freeport 2017 selection is *Gloryland*, written by Shelton Johnson. Free books will be distributed on Feb. 4 and 11 at the Freeport Public Library, courtesy of the Freeport Public Library Foundation.

The One Book, One Freeport committee has arranged to host *Gloryland's* author, Shelton Johnson, here in Freeport for a full day of speaking engagements on March 9, 2017. Mr. Johnson will give an education program to various grades at the Freeport School District, and be available for a community-wide presentation on the evening of Thursday, March 9, held at the Boys & Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County.

*Gloryland* begins on Emancipa-

## Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

1 C. butter, softened  
¾ C. sugar  
¾ C. packed brown sugar  
2 eggs  
1 t. vanilla  
3 C. quick-cooking oats  
1½ C. flour  
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding mix  
1 t. baking soda  
1 t. salt  
2 C. semisweet chocolate chips  
1 C. chopped pecans

In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugars. Beat in the eggs and vanilla. Combine the oats, flour, pudding mix, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in chocolate chips and nuts.

Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to wire racks.

Well January is officially one half over. I have purged some of my "treasures" in my computer room. If you are like me, you have no idea why some of these treasures were ever kept. The garbage and recycling people had an extra workout. I jokingly told a friend that I threw away about 25 years of my life. If I get cracking on the basement, I will throw away about 30 more years. I also continue to get tax information organized. I hate that job, and I have vowed to get it done earlier this year. We will see if I can keep this resolution. We are looking forward to Super Bowl, Lincoln and Washington's birthdays, and Valentine's Day with some great eats. We are looking for some good recipes that feature winter soups and red recipes for February.

If you have some new or favorite 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. Have a great New Year's celebration

tion Day in 1863 with the birth of Elijah Yancy, who is of African American and Native American descent. Unfortunately, newly declared "freedom for all" is not yet a right for Yancy and his family when they face the realities of life. For his own safety, Yancy's family tells him to leave South Carolina.

Yancy ends up traveling to Nebraska where he joins the United States Army, but becomes disillusioned by his duties when they run afoul of the morals his family taught him. The last section of the book focuses on Yancy's time posted in Yosemite where his assignment is to protect the National Park against human influences to nature, including

# Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team continues successful tourney flight

One flew east, one flew west, one flew over the cuckoo's nest. These words are from an old nursery rhyme, but they also apply to the directions the Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team "flew" Saturday, Jan. 14. For the first time in the team's history, the students were split into two squads, some going to River Ridge High School while others made the early morning two-hour drive to Aurora for the larger Waubonsie Valley Speech Tournament. Head Coach Tom Fore took the smaller group to Hanover while assistant coach and Le-Win Ban Director Zach Masa-Myers took the larger veteran group to the suburbs. This was Masa-Myers' first time managing a speech team on his own.

"The tournament in Waubonsie Valley helped the team gain experience in competing against a plethora of students from the suburban areas," said Masa-Myers of the experience. "Much of the work that goes into speech comes from critiques given by judges and branching out to larger tournaments gives the students deeper insight into the work they are putting forth. I was thankful for the safe travel, great conversation, and bonds that I formed on my first solo trip with the students. I look forward to helping the speech team on their final push towards regional competition."

Two of the successful team members in this year's Le-Win/Orangeville squad have been Bronco



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Winning varsity awards at the River Ridge Speech Tournament were (from left) Ella Brunner, Lilly Rowley, Jacob Malloy, and April Woolcock.

sophomore Justin Malone and Panther senior Hope Enck. They continued their winning ways that Saturday when Malone captured a fifth place medal in Radio Speaking while Enck won a fourth place award in Impromptu Speaking.

In its second year, the River Ridge Class A Invitational drew smaller teams from the local area.

"River Ridge provides a valuable service to the forensics community of Northwest Illinois," Fore said. "Many smaller schools don't have

the means to travel longer distances every weekend."

The River Ridge tournament allows kids from smaller schools to keep their skills sharp in preparation for the upcoming IHSA Regional Tournament.

"I took only four kids, but they all did pretty well," he said. "I wanted Zach to get some experience handling a team, so I threw him into the proverbial fire. He handled everything quite well and gained valuable experience in team management. That included ensuring everyone was there at 5 a.m., driving a school Activity Bus into the suburbs, tending to the kids' various needs while there, judging, working in the tabulation room, enduring what seemed like a never-ending awards ceremony, and getting everyone back home again. He came through with flying colors."

Unlike many tournaments that have separate varsity and novice awards, the River Ridge contest had varsity competition only, but veterans and rookies alike all competed. Winning third place medals in Dramatic Duet Acting were Ella Brunner and Lilly Rowley, April Woolcock captured a fourth place award in Original Oratory, and freshman Jacob Malloy won his third straight prize in Original Comedy, a fifth place medal.

"As I've always maintained," Fore said, "If the kids prepare themselves, the awards take care of themselves. Competitive speech should not be about winning prizes. It's about student growth. This is an academic activity and there have been many studies over the years that have concluded that competitive speech assists students in many, many ways."

Masa-Myers concurred with this philosophy, stating, "I greatly admire the dedication of the students on our speech team to work on the art of public speaking/performing. They are up bright and early and compete until the middle of the afternoon. This is one of the few outlets where they can hone in on the craftsmanship of public speaking, challenge themselves intellectually and mentally, and practice skills necessary for preparation that will translate into the real world. In a changing world that places heavy emphasis on communication, competition, and efficiency, a speech team empowers students to embrace these concepts and to develop confidence that they can carry with them through life."

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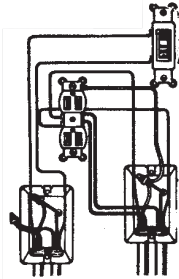
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# ISP highlight new 2017 laws impacting driving habits and decisions

The new year brings new laws, and the Illinois State Police (ISP) would like to highlight a few that

## Events

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choice of a local driver. When one last car is remaining in operating condition or the Master of Ceremonies declares a "winner", the competition will end and the SnowCar Team will earn the Title of SnowCar Master. There is no charge to witness this hilarious event. Please bring your own chairs. Last year, there were many laughs and it was hard to take it all in. The defending champion is none other than Rafter's great Gary Vehmeier.

The Grand Finale of the weekend will be fireworks starting after the Snowcar competition! The Winterfest Celebration truly has something for the whole family. We hope everyone in the area can be a part of at least one event and hopefully several.

became effective January 1, 2017.

In an effort to protect first responders, Scott's Law, the "Move Over" law, requires that motorists slow down or change lanes when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle with emergency lights activated. Beginning in 2017 this law will also apply to any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

When entering a work or school zone, you need to eliminate distractions and make sure you are driving at the posted speed limit. If you decide to speed through a work or school zone after the first of the year, you may end up in jail. Speeding 26 miles per hour or more, but less than 35 miles per hour, is now a Class B misdemeanor, and 35 miles per hour or more in excess of the posted work or school zone speed limit is now a Class A misdemeanor. This law be-

came effective January 1, 2016, and is being emphasized now for greater public awareness.

If you have been convicted of driving without insurance and you still choose to drive without insurance, your vehicle could be impounded the next time you're stopped by the police. The law now requires officers to tow your vehicle if you have been convicted of driving without insurance within the prior 12 months and you are receiving another citation for driving without insurance.

"The new year usually brings new resolutions and goals," stated ISP Director Leo P. Schmitz. "In 2017 the ISP resolves to continue to work towards strengthening safe driving habits for motorists on Illinois roadways. Our goal is to reduce serious traffic crashes through education and enforcement," he continued.

These are only a few of the new laws that have been enacted for 2017. For a complete list of all the new Public Acts, please go to the Illinois General Assembly web site.

## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT ILLINOIS  
U.S. Bank National Association  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Rachel Ertmer; Nicholas M. Ertmer; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
Defendants.

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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 15-037846.

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# 100 Women Who Care of Stephenson County

Our next 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County quarterly meeting is less than a month away and it is a special night as we will be celebrating our two year anniversary. Bring a friend to further build upon this already fabulous group you have created. Here is a reminder of the information.....

Hosted by: The Freeport Club (614 South Park Boulevard, Freeport) on Thursday, Feb. 9 -Social Hour/new member registration (optional) 5:30-6:30 p.m. -Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Organizations nominated thus far include:

- \*Delta Kappa Gamma 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 Cup-board
- \*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
- \*Friends of the Freeport Public Library
- \*Tyler's Justice Center for Children
- \*VOICES
- \*The Senior Resource Center

Donations from last quarter's meeting went directly to the Children's Hands On Museum (CHOM) and totaled \$11,200 which is our largest donation yet to date. Yay! CHOM was founded in 2014. During that time, they have popped up at venues in local schools, the Stephenson County Fair, churches, summer outdoor community events and the Stephenson County Historical Society. They have hosted two Expos showcasing their exhibits that were sponsored by the Eagles Club, and most recently held a Holidays Around the World event at the Lincoln Mall.

CHOM's mission is to have a locally accessible, affordable, interactive and educational environment that inspires children and families to learn about themselves and the world around them. The pop-up museum provides diverse, creative, hands-on learning with stimulating exhibits in science, health, arts, reading and place sense.

With a goal of \$75,000 to start up the all-volunteer organization, CHOM is dedicating the generous contribution from 100 Women Who Care-Stephenson County to reach the goal of finding a per-

manent space for the museum in 2017 to serve as a resource to children, their families, and schools of Northwestern Illinois.

Finally, as we continue to expand our chapter size and increase our local impact we strive to incorporate the best organizational practices. Two areas have been updated. They are as follows: We will now accept only 501(c)3 certified organizations for nomination. The few non-501(c)3 organizations that are currently in the nomination basket are allowed to remain with the continued caveat that they must make members aware of their status. We feel this update to the chapter requirements will ensure only well-established non-profits will be considered.

The non-profit fact sheet used for ensuring NPOs are able to be nominated now has a section indicating that the NPO agrees not to solicit our members in the future, including newsletters or donation requests. Upon receiving the donations, the NPOs will be given a form re-iterating this point.

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 two years ago this group has donated \$75,600 (including the \$10,000 private family foundation matching donation) to local non-profit organizations. Please consider being a part of this great movement.

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#### Swimming Lessons

Jan. 2 - Feb. 24, 2017  
T/TH 4:30 - 5:15 p; 6-6:45 p  
Wednesdays 4:45 - 5:30 pm  
Saturdays 9 - 10:45 am

Questions? Contact Aquatics and Youth Sports Director:  
stephanie.broshous@highland.edu

### YMCA Lifeguarding Class

Session II: Mar. 21 - 24th, 8:30-4:30pm  
Session III: Apr. 12 - 15th, W & TH 4:30-9:00pm  
AND Friday & Saturday 8:00 - 5:00pm  
Certification is \$175. Recertification is \$85

### Planning a Vacation? Then you might need

#### Scuba Diving Lessons: Week of Feb. 6

Special, only \$395 SAVE \$100