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## TCEDA opens business development sessions in Warren

By Tony Carton  
EDITOR

The Tri-County Economic Development Alliance hosted its first ever “Build it Grow it” business education program in Warren Jan. 12, featuring Brian McIntyre an entrepreneur, who is associated with the Small Business Development Center, and has held key positions in both manufacturing and technology. “When I began touring this region, I realized that a lot of businesses didn’t know what a small business development center was and the nearest one was about an hour and a half from many of our businesses,” said TCEDA Executive Director Lisa McCarthy.

She said when funding lost as a result of the State of Illinois budget difficulties forced the closing of the few business development centers in the tri-county area, her organization (TCEDA,) decided to privately contract with one of those centers to bring the “Build it Grow it” training sessions to the area.

“We did a pilot in Elizabeth for four months in 2015 and it was very successful,” said McCarthy. “We received excellent feedback on that, so we did 10-months in Elizabeth last year and we are continuing that this year and we are now piloting “Build it Grow it” in Warren.”

TCEDA had presented an overview of the program in conjunction with The Stockton Chamber of Commerce earlier in the week. McCarthy said they would be slowly rolling the program out and they are considering other locations for the sessions, but that expansion would likely not come before the end of 2017.

“We are however, seeing some success,” she said. “For the first three

quarters of 2016 in Elizabeth, which is our longest program, an average of five businesses increased their year over year sales by \$315,000. We are really excited.”

At this early stage, TCEDA is mostly dealing with micro-businesses through the “Build it, Grow it” project leading it to decide sales increase is the best applicable measurement of growth. However, with time, that increase of profit is likely to lead businesses to bring on more help either as employees or through contractors.

“Here in Warren we are offering at no charge, the first ten months of “Build it, Grow it” sessions including both the monthly educational programs and private consults with Brian McIntyre who has experience in operations, sales, management and small business development,” said McCarthy.

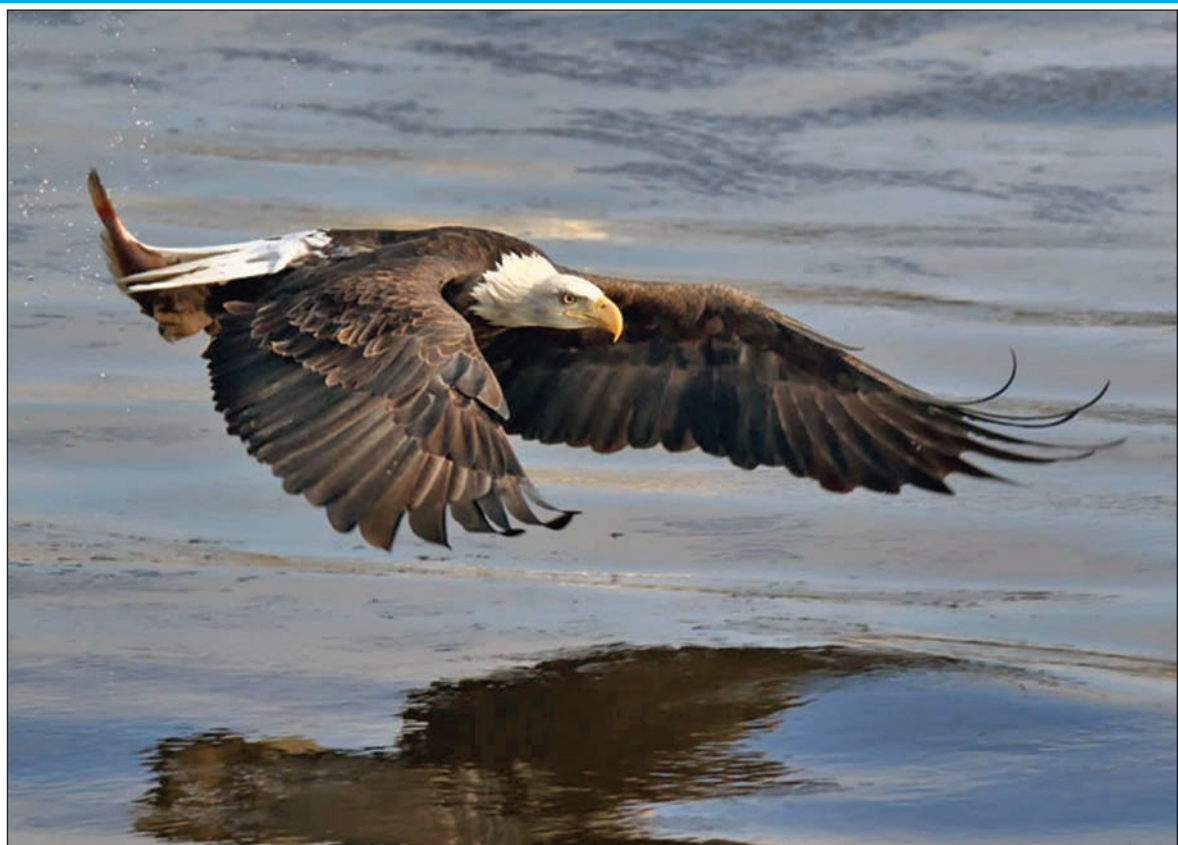
McIntyre is the Principal of Thames Management Resources a business consultancy firm with offices at the EIGERlab business incubator in Rockford. He said their focus is helping business owners get more of what they want from their companies and from their lives.

“Starting today, we are going to take the participating businesses in Warren and its surrounding area through a process call “Growth Wheel” which allows them to determine what their challenges are while providing the tools to overcome those challenges,” said McIntyre.

He said many of the challenges uncovered during the process are surprisingly common across the spectrum of area small businesses.

“How do I market better; how do I get more sales; how do I get better

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The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation will be hosting its annual eagle watching tours in February and March at the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge just north of Savanna, IL .

## JDCF to host free bald eagle tours

Beginning in mid-February, volunteers from JDCF will be hosting our annual eagle watching tours at the Lost Mound Unit of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge just north of Savanna, IL . All tours begin at 9 a.m. at the Savanna Depot Park (formerly the Savanna Army Depot) on RT 84 South.

In late winter, large numbers of bald eagles head south along the Mississippi River into northwest Illinois. They can often be observed nesting, feeding, and interacting along the secluded backwaters. Our exclusive, small group tours will take you beyond the gates into a part of the former Savanna Army Depot normally off limits to the public. You will be driven to two different observation areas where telescopes will be set up for viewing. En route, you will learn about bald eagles as well as the fascinating history of the former Savanna Army Depot.

These free two-hour tours will be offered on Saturday, Feb. 11, 18, and 25, and March 11 and 18. Group size is very limited, so advance reservations are required. To make your reservation, call JDCF at (815) 858-9100 or email us at [educator@jdcf.org](mailto:educator@jdcf.org). Please provide your preference of dates, number of people, an e-mail address, and phone number where you can be reached in case of weather cancellations.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking. For more information about JDCF, please visit their office at 126 N Main Street, Elizabeth IL, or contact them at (815) 8580-9100, [www.jdcf.org](http://www.jdcf.org), or [info@jdcf.org](mailto:info@jdcf.org).



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Dave and Pat Casper always knew that their blufftop property was special. So special that they wanted to make sure Casper Bluff would endure for future generations to enjoy.

Nearly ten years after JDCF purchased the original 85-acre Casper Bluff Preserve, the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is thrilled to

announce the acquisition of 21 acres that will be managed as a new addition to Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve. Funding for the purchase of this property was generously provided by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, the Grand Victoria Foundation, and Google Inc.

“Loving Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve as our community does, we are all thankful to Dave and Pat Casper who helped us add 21 additional acres to this Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation property,” said Frances Rivoire, President of JDCF. This new addition to Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve is the

latest demonstration of the Caspers’ commitment to our natural and cultural heritage. JDCF’s acquisition of this 21-acre property ensures that the property will never be developed and provides a buffer for the rich Native American history at Casper Bluff. Archaeological investigations will be conducted on the site in the

coming years to determine the presence and extent of Native Americans’ use of the property.

The incredible human story of Casper Bluff begins more than 1000 years ago when a Native American people known as the Woodland Culture begin constructing earthen mounds on a blufftop about three miles south of present-day Galena as part of their religious and ceremonial lives. Twenty-one of these ancient mounds, including the only Thunderbird-shaped mound left in Illinois, could still be found on the Caspers’ property in the mid-2000s. Native oak savanna and prairie remnants could also be found on the site after decades of agricultural activity.

In 2007, in an effort to permanently protect these precious resources and share them with the world, Dave and Pat sold the original 85-acre, mound-laden Casper Bluff Preserve to JDCF at a bargain rate. Thousands of visitors come each year to explore the breathtaking views, natural beauty, and rich history at Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve. Following the sale of the land to JDCF, the Caspers remained committed to conserving the property with Dave volunteering hundreds of hours each year to help maintain the preserve and Pat serving on JDCF’s Education Committee so youth and adults alike can learn about our region’s natural and cultural history.

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## Conservation districts to lead 25 Regional Conservation Partnership Program

Over \$46 million in federal funds will be awarded to 25 district-led conservation projects through the USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) in 2017, setting a program record for conservation district leadership. The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) congratulates both the districts selected to lead these 25 projects and those that will play crucial support roles as partners on other RCPP projects in the new year.

Authorized by the 2014 farm bill, RCPP allocates federal dollars to large-scale conservation projects developed and implemented by localized partnerships. USDA pledged a total of \$225 million in funding for 2017 (with the private sector contributing up to an additional \$500 million) for 88 new RCPP projects to improve water quality and quantity, soil health, and wildlife habitat nationwide.

“Conservation districts are natural RCPP partners,” said NACD President Lee McDaniel. “Districts are professional innovators, experienced collaborators, and natural resource experts that have been working with landowners to put conservation on the ground since the days of the Dust Bowl.”

One of the 2017 RCPP projects

led by a district or state association of districts spans three states – Florida, Georgia, and Alabama – and the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin. There, a team of over 30 partners led by the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District (FRSWCD) will put \$3 million in RCPP funds to work developing and implementing climate change adaptation solutions.

“Assisting producers and landowners in the implementation of best management practices in these watersheds is critical to the long-term health and resiliency of our shared natural resources,” said FRSWCD Chairman Marty McLendon. “We look forward to working with NRCS and our project partners to implement a strategic project with enduring and impactful outcomes.”

The Claunch-Pinto Soil and Water Conservation District (CPSWCD) in New Mexico will use nearly \$1 million in RCPP funds to reduce wildfire risk and improve the soils and hydrology in the state’s north central tributaries and sub-watersheds.

“The Claunch-Pinto SWCD is very proud to collaborate with over 40 federal, state, local, and tribal partners, including 14 soil and water conservation districts, to address the potential for high-severity wildfires

through the improvement of our forests, rangelands, and water resources within the Rio Grande Watershed,” said Dierdre Tarr, CPSWCD’s district manager.

In Washington state, the Pierce Conservation District (PCD) and ten diverse partners will invest \$8 million in RCPP funds to protect working lands in the Puyallup Watershed with permanent easements and voluntary conservation practices.

“Since 2002, Pierce County has lost over 10,000 acres of farmland – nearly five-times the state average – due to rapidly encroaching development,” said Ryan Mello, executive director of PCD. “We very much look forward to working with our partners on the ground in the Puyallup Watershed to conserve working farms and improve water quality and habitat function through the strategic investment of RCPP.”

## It’s Girl Scout Cookie Time! Welcome back traditional favorites and the all new S’more Cookie

Girl Scout Cookie Season is here! Girl Scouts will be accepting cookie orders through door to door sales now through Jan. 29, and online through their Digital Cookie websites through March 8. When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, the largest girl-led business in the world, they learn 5 essential skills, goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

2017 commemorates the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts selling cookies and to celebrate Girl Scouts has introduced the new Specialty S’mores Cookie—crunchy graham sandwich cookies with creamy chocolate and marshmallowy filling! It’s a new twist on traditional sweet treat. The specialty S’mores cookie is \$5 a box. Girl Scouts also offer a gluten free cookie, Toffee-tastic, also \$5 a box. Traditional favorites including Thin Mints, Somoas, Do-si-Dos, Trefoils, Savannah Smiles and Tagalongs are all back too and available for \$4 a box.

When you purchase Girl Scout Cookies, your dollars help power new, unique, and amazing experiences for a Girl Scouts. Whether it’s a trip she’ll never forget, a service project that will change her community forever, or the opportunity to

build a lifetime of memories at camp, Girl Scout Cookies help make it happen! For more information about the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois’ Cookie Program, Digital Cookie and the Cookie Finder mobile app go to [www.girlscoutsni.org](http://www.girlscoutsni.org).

The Girl Scout Gift of Caring program is once again available in 2017. Girls may collect donations or “sell”

boxes of cookies to be donated to military troops through Operation Care and other organizations. This is a great way to support a girl’s Cookie business and also acknowledge support for our military and other public service personnel including police and fire departments. Last year, over 42,000 boxes of cookies were donated through the Gift of Caring Program.

## SCOUT to host 2017 Hunting Expo

SCOUT will be hosting its 2017 Hunting Expo on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Apple River Event Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This popular community event will feature free scoring of deer from Wisconsin Buck & Bear, incredible local vendor booths to visit, wild game for tasting, product demonstrations, gun and bow raffles, prize raffles, and more!

The doors to the Apple River Event Center will open to the public at 10 a.m. From there, you can visit with local vendors like River Valley Hunting from Scales Mound, Illinois; Guns & Ammo from Browntown, Wisconsin; Mill Creek Trap Supply from Schapville, Illinois; Buckland Custom Food Plots from Pearl City, Illinois; and many, many more.

If you have a deer that you would like professionally scored, bring it in and have the experts from Wisconsin Buck & Bear check it out. You never know, it could be one for the record books! Deer can be brought in for scoring until 3 p.m., and we will keep them our display wall until 5 p.m. SCOUT has requested photos from area hunters of their successful hunts

this year, so we will be featuring a Local Hunting Hall of Fame Wall at the Expo as well.

The Illinois Department of Resources will be on-site with their animal trailer for an interactive experience. In addition, local hunting organizations and chapters of Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, and NWTf will also be present to visit with and learn more about.

SCOUT will be raffling off two guns and one bow the day of the event. There will only be a limited amount of tickets sold and they will only be sold at the Hunting Expo. All prizes and raffles will be drawn at 5 p.m. You need not be present to win the gun and bow raffles.

The 2017 Hunting Expo will have Wild Game available for tasting throughout the event, and a cash bar will also be available all day. This is Event has free admission, so make plans to join us on Jan. 21, at the 2017 Hunting Expo!

For more information about SCOUT’s Hunting Expo, see our Facebook Page and visit our web site at [www.scouthemagazine.com](http://www.scouthemagazine.com).

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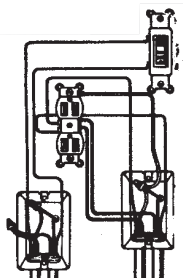
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# College Notes

## Highland announces dean's list for

### 2016 fall semester

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Davis: Jonathan M. Dieken, Samson R. Wilkins  
Elizabeth: Codie C. Geisz, Kyle S. Ludwig

Freeport: Amber E. Akers, Kristina Antonenko, Chloe S. Blum, Josie M. Cobb, Brigitte G. Coleman, Cassidy E. Elmer, Brian A. Elsasser, Jack E. Gaultrapp, Desiree M. Holz, Kate M. Kappes, Heather D. Kempel, Jenna M. Lafferty, Bronwen C. Meyers, Jason M. Nelson, Seongsoo Park, Glenn G. Petran, Jennifer A. Schneider, Adam J. Schubert, Allison N. Shields, Nathan M. Skarlupka, Haley N. VanDrew, Katie C. Walsh, Kerry A. Weber, Natalie L. White

Lena: James D. Burnidge, Rachel L. Edler, Abigail A. Gill, Kayla L. Heun, Kori F. Kalkbrenner, Barbara C. Schubert, Claire N. Tootelian, Elizabeth M. Walker

Mount Carroll: Breanne N. Field  
Orangeville: Melissa S. Owen  
Pearl City: Anna M. Folgate, Staci E. Hammer, John M. Werkheiser  
Stockton: Kaila S. Haas, Sidney M. Kuehl, Amanda L. Stich, Mariah A. Thompson, Samuel R. VenHuizen,

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### High Honors

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### Honors

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German Valley: Brian G. Dillard, Veronica T. Romero

Hanover: Aaron M. Holcomb  
Lena: Kadie M. Cross, Alexandria I. Johnson, Lana M. Parkinson, Noah P. Pight, Marissa M. Runkle

Mount Carroll: Kaylee M. Plattenberger

Savanna: James D. Gonzalez  
Stockton: Jennifer J. Gile, Drew A. Groezinger, Hayden E. Hayes, Kaitlyn D. Reusch, Jace A. Springer, Melissa A. Steien, Shayna R. Vanderheyden

Warren: Bradley J. Bartell, Darren J. Hess, Susanna E. Thompson

## Area student receives degree at Iowa State University commencement

Taylor Finn of Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Science, Economics, World Languages and Cultures, Summa Cum Laude at Iowa State University's fall commencement ceremonies held Dec. 17, 2016. Finn

is a Honors Program Member. 2,148 students received degrees. Iowa State awarded 1,769 undergraduate degrees, 258 master's degrees, one veterinary medicine degree and 120 doctor of philosophy degrees.

Of the students receiving bachelor's degrees, 455 graduated with "With Distinction" (cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude). Twenty students graduated both with distinction and as members of the Honors Program.

## Mount Mercy University congratulates Elizabeth student named Dean's List

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Specifications consist of mowing, trimming, blowing grass clippings off all monuments no more than once per week. Use of chemicals is prohibited. Each bid should provide one lump sum for the three cemeteries and a separate bid for the Township building grounds. Proof of insurance must be included with all bids or bids will not be considered. The Board of Trustees will make its decision at the regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2017 and reserves the right to waive any technicalities or irregularities and to reject any and all bids or any part thereof. Rena Eden, Township Clerk Pleasant Valley Township (Published in The Scoop Today Jan. 11, 18 & 25, 2017)

# Fire & Ice: A Winter Outing at Casper Bluff

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) and Fever River Outfitters invite you and your entire family to Casper Bluff Land & Water Reserve for Fire & Ice, a great outdoor adventure on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 4-8 p.m. Formerly known as the Luminaria Night Hike & Ski, Fire & Ice has been renamed to reflect the popularity of the giant bonfires that have become a central part of the event. This year, we will be joined by the Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab and Education Center who

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# Region One Transportation Committee meeting notice

The next Regional Transportation Committee meeting for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. at the Stephenson County Senior Resource Center located at 206 E. Stephenson St., Freeport. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in

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

## • Preserve (Continued from page 10)

This new addition will be restored to native prairie and savanna habitats in partnership with the Northwest Illinois Prairie Enthusiasts, who will be donating native prairie seed for the restoration. The future prairie and savanna restorations will provide critical grassland habitat for a dozen bird species "in greatest need of conservation" and expand on the 46 acres of prairie and oak savanna habitats have been already been restored in the nine years since JDCF's acquisition of the original Casper Bluff.

Much work remains to be done on the new 21-acre addition to the preserve. Following initial habitat restoration activities, JDCF hopes to have

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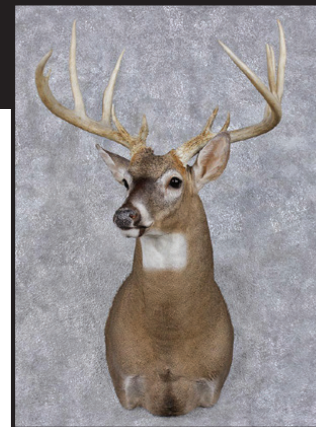
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# Stockton Police Department report for week ending Jan. 12

On 01/06 at approximately 16:10 hours, an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to an address on Hudson Street for a complaint of noxious smoke coming from a garage at the residence. Upon arrival on scene the Officer spoke with the owner of the property regarding the smoke. The owner was operating a wood burning furnace in his garage and it appeared to be within the limits of the building code and not in violation of any Village Ordinance. Owner was advised that as long as he was only burning wood in the stove, he was not in violation. No further police assistance was required.

On 1/7 at about 5:30 p.m. an Officer of the Stockton Police Department responded to a dispatch of Criminal Damage to Property. On arrival, the officer met with the complainant, who pointed out vehicle tracks in her yard which showed a vehicle had attempted to enter the unmarked alley in the 400 Block of Pearl Street. The alley has no access at this location. The offender vehicle jumped the curb and then turned north into the complainant's yard, running over a small tree and causing unknown damage to the yard. The offender vehicle then left the complainants' yard through the driveway. The driver of the offender vehicle never stopped to notify the complainant of the damage. This incident is under investigation by the Stockton Police Department.

On 01/8, at approximately 4:26 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office at a burglar alarm at 110 South St, The Nora Bar, in Nora. Upon arrival on scene and seeing no outward signs of disturbance, the officer checked all the exterior doors and windows and found them all to be secure. The officer could detect no motion inside the business. The alarm was determined to be false at this time. No further police action was required.

On 1/7, at approximately 4:41 p.m., The Stockton Police along with the Warren Ambulance, were dispatched to 200 E. King Street, in reference to

a person who had fallen and possibly had an arm or shoulder injury. On arrival, officers provided first aid and calmed the victim down until Ambulance personnel arrived. Officers then assisted the Ambulance Personnel as the victim was taken to the ambulance and prepared for transport to Freeport Memorial Hospital. No further police assistance was required.

On 1/9 at 9:07 p.m. the Stockton Police were dispatched to a burglar alarm on East North Avenue. Upon arrival on scene officers made contact with two female employees from a cleaning company who were on the premises. The cleaning personnel were advised that the police were responding to an alarm at this address. The cleaning personnel advised they may have accidentally triggered a silent alarm while entering the company access door. The officer then checked the premises and found everything to normal. They then directed the officer to two regular company employees. These employees were advised of the situation. They advised that everything was fine at the business. The employees stated that they were going to contact a manager of the business and inform him about the alarm. No further police action was required.

On 01/10 at approximately 12:22 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department received a report of a suspicious vehicle at the pumps at the Stockton Travel Center. The Stockton Police, along with the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office, responded to the location to check the vehicle. On arrival, officers found a 2006 Red Ford Expedition bearing Iowa registration, parked at the pumps at the Travel Center. There was no one in the vehicle. A computer check of the registered owner of the vehicle showed that the owner had a suspended Illinois Drivers License and had an active warrant for his arrested issued from Cook County, Illinois. It was learned through investigation that earlier in the evening the female driver of the vehicle had her keys flushed down a toilet in the restroom of the Travel Center by her two year old daughter. The female subject

then left the vehicle at the pump with the intention of returning later with another set of keys. Due to the registered owner having an active warrant for his arrest, and the suspicious nature of the vehicle being left at the gas pump, Officers requested a K9 unit to respond to the location to perform a free air sniff of the vehicle. The K9 alerted to contraband on the passenger side of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was then conducted. During the vehicle search, suspected cannabis flakes, referred to as "shake", were discovered on the floor of the front and rear passenger side of the vehicle. Suspected cannabis "shake" was also discovered in the center console of the vehicle. No other contraband was discovered. The vehicle was later towed from the premises.

1/10 at 4:57 a.m., The Stockton Police were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office with a one vehicle, roll-over accident with the driver trapped inside. Upon arrival, Officers found the vehicle on its side with the female driver trapped. The Warren Fire Department and Warren Ambulance responded to the scene. Fire Department personnel were able to extricate the driver, who had suffered minor injuries. The driver was then transported to Monroe Hospital by Warren Ambulance. The accident is under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office.

At approximately 8:08 a.m. on 01/10, an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office on a report of downed electrical wires in the road. On arrival, it appeared that the wires that were down were not live wires. The officer reported that the wires appeared to be guide wires owned by Commonwealth Edison. ComEd was notified of the situation. There was no danger to the public from the wires.

At approximately 9:40 a.m. on 01/10 The Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Queen Street in reference to an accident involving a parked car. The driver of the striking vehicle was in the process of backing out of a driveway when the truck back to slide. The vehicle slid across the street, striking a parked vehicle. The roadway was icy and snow covered and the driver of the striking vehicle stated that the truck slid on the ice. The driver was issued a citation for speeding too fast for conditions and was given a court date in Jo Daviess County Court.

On 1/10 at approximately 4:13 p.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Pearl Street in reference to a Welfare Check. Police were advised by a social service agency that the persons at that address had been in contact with their agency, but now they could not be contacted. The social service agency was concerned for the welfare of the individuals living at the address. On arrival at the address it was confirmed that the subjects of the welfare check no longer lived at the address and there was no further information on their whereabouts. The officer talked to the current resident who had no information for the officer. No further police service was required.

On 1/11 at approximately 5:16 a.m., the Stockton Police received a report of a suspicious person near Front and Main Streets in Downtown Stockton. Police were advised by the complainant that there was a suspicious female wearing a red colored jacket walking up and down the streets near an open business downtown. The complainant stated that the person seemed suspicious as it did not look like she had any purpose in the area. The complainant stated that other patrons of an open business were concerned about this suspicious female and requested that police make contact with her. Police made a check of the area in question, but were unable to locate the person. The complainant and other patrons had no further information or direction of travel for the suspicious person. Extra patrols were made in this area.

On 01/13 at approximately 7:42 p.m., Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to U.S. Route 20 West, approximately one-quarter mile east of W. Longhollow Road for a single vehicle crash with entrapment. While en route, deputies were informed the vehicle was engulfed with flames with a subject trapped inside. Upon arrival, deputies and Galena Territory Security removed the driver's side window and attempted to extinguish the fire to extricate the driver; however, their attempts were unsuccessful. One subject was located deceased inside the vehicle. After conducting an investigation, deputies learned a vehicle was traveling eastbound on U.S. Route 20 West when it left the roadway, struck a sign, went down an embankment striking several trees and shrubs, before coming to a rest and starting on fire. Due to not being able to positively identify the driver of the vehicle, the name of the victim was not released by press time. This accident remains under investigation by the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's office. Assisting agencies include Elizabeth Police Department, Elizabeth Ambulance, Elizabeth Fire Department, and Galena Territory Security.

## Jo Daviess County fatal traffic crash

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## Sheriff issues phone scam warning

Jo Daviess County Sheriff Kevin Turner is warning the public about a possible telephone scam occurring in Jo Daviess County. The caller telephones a resident and will either impersonate a family member who is in need of money, or will claim they are an attorney representing a family member who

is in legal trouble and is in need of money. The scammer will then attempt to convince the victim to wire a significant amount of money in order to help the family member.

Sheriff Turner urges the public to exercise extreme caution if they receive telephone calls of this nature, and to not wire money to

anyone unless they are absolutely certain of the identity of the recipient.

If anyone has experienced this, or a similar scam, please contact the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office (815) 777-2141 or (800) 373-7838, or your local police department.

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employees and those types of things are what we address," he said. "This is a tight knit community with challenges that are a little bit different from urban communities because of lower population numbers and a lack of customer opportunities."

His presentation customizes an approach to meeting the challenges faced by businesses based in smaller communities.

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Following McIntyre's presentation, Amanda Pierce, owner of Creativeations | See it Signs and Graphics in Stockton and Marketing Specialist for Forrester State Bank said she decided to participate because her industry is highly competitive and any opportunity to learn is always a plus.

"It's always good to gather input

from other businesses about their struggles and their methods of coping with those challenges," Pierce said. "I think growing the local economy is critical for any community. If we don't have a strong community the businesses cannot thrive and I think "Build it, Grow it" is a great program that can help strengthen any business."

It is never too late to participate in the "Build it Grow it" sessions hosted at the Warren Community Building, 110 West Main Street, Warren, on the second Thursday of the month from January - October - 8:30 - 10 a.m. There is no charge for each education session and consulting is free. Contact Lisa McCarthy at (815) 858-4491 or by Email at lmcCarthy@tceda-nwil.org for more information.



# L.A.S.E.R. details Lena Winterfest 2017 events

The Lena Area Special Event Runners (L.A.S.E.R.) organization is proud to announce they will host Winterfest, A Community Holiday, beginning Jan. 24 and culminating on Jan. 29.

On Tuesday, A Mexican Winter will be held at The Rafters Restaurant. Specials will feature \$1 Tacos, \$2 Tecate and much more. For more information, contact Jaime at The Rafters (815) 369-5330.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the afternoon/evening, a downtown Wine Walk will be featured at Natural Healing Express, Fluegels and Twisted Metal. More businesses are being added daily. For details or to participate, contact Susan at (317)

409 1500.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, a Little Miss and Mr. Winterfest contest will be held at Coach's Golf & Grill at 6:30 p.m. More details are being hashed out, but as of press time, the preliminary rules are as follows: Ages eligible for the competition are three years old through fifth grade. It is required that entrants reside in the Lena/Winslow area. For more details contact Ashley at (815) 821-5711 or Abby at (815) 238-2806 or stop by Coach's Golf and Grill.

On Friday, Jan. 27, events include: Scavenger Hunt beginning at 7 p.m. at the Lena Brewing Company. For more details contact Rog-

er at (815) 238-7888. The Tricycle Races will once again be held at 9 p.m. at the Iron Horse Tap. There is no charge to participate in the Scavenger Hunt. For more info regarding the Tricycle Races, contact Ron at (815)238 1182.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, from 7 to 10 a.m. a pancake breakfast will be held at Lena Methodist Church. A Co-Ed Volleyball tournament will be held at Le-Win High School from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The fee for each team is \$90 and cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. Please contact Josh at (815) 291-5537.

Kids' games will take place at Lions Park from 10 a.m.-noon. There

is no fee. Just show up and check in with Annie.

The Polar party will be held from 3 - 9 p.m. with the historic bed races from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in front of Mulligans. Teams are to consist of five people and the entry fee per team is \$50. Cash prizes will be awarded for first and second places, as well as best dressed team. For more info, please contact Jaime @ Jaime@lenabrewing.com or (815) 275-0714.

There will be Polar Express Rides from uptown to Coach's Golf & Grill from 7 to 11 p.m. Buy a Winterfest koozie and ride for free. Also on Saturday Jan. 28, Coach's Golf & Grill will host a concert featuring Nashville Recording Artist Corey Cox. During the 9 p.m. -1 a.m. show, our newest tradition will again be featured - the Coronation of the Winterfest King and Queen, which will take place at 9 p.m.

During the entire week of Winterfest, Twisted Metal will host a food drive. Please stop in and donate a canned food item. For more information, contact Dawn at (815)

541-0228.

On Sunday, Jan. 31, Events include: Family Day from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lake Le-Aqua-Na. Also, the second annual SnowCar at the Rafters will commence from 1 -5 p.m. Local businesses will sponsor a Snowcar along with 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 event. Please bring your own chairs.

The Grand Finale of the weekend will be Fireworks! 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.

For the events that do not have a specific person to contact, if you have questions or need more details, -please contact Jaime @ Jaime@lenabrewing.com or (815) 275-0714. Or check Facebook page Lena Area Special Event Runners.

## 4-H shooting sports teaches youth valuable life skills

Youths, ages 8-18, from Stephenson County participated in the 4-H Archery Shooting Sports SPIN Club that ended on Dec. 22, at the Indian Trail Archers indoor Shooting range. The club was sponsored by University of Illinois Extension and Stephenson County 4-H. Mark

Rust was the lead instructor with Brian Woitynek assisting.

The eight-week club is an active participation program designed to introduce young people to the sport of archery. The program is built around natural resources, wildlife, outdoor recreation and safety. Safety is first and foremost - participants are expected to follow the directions of the instructors at all times.

"We had a great group of kids who really enjoyed the experience. Some were advanced while others picked up a bow and arrow for the first time," stated Lori Tessendorf, 4-H Program Coordinator. "The 4-H staff, in conjunction with Indian Trail Archers, strive to make this an exciting, enjoyable, and reward-

ing experience taught within a safe environment. We are excited to be in our fifth year of offering the archery program and can't wait for the spring session in April, 2017. Our Air Rifle Shooting Sports club is up and running and we are very excited about that as well."

The 4-H shooting sports program goals include experiential learning and positive interaction with other members under the instruction of state certified instructors. The core concepts stressed safety, ethics, personal responsibility, and the development of lifetime recreational skills.

For more information about 4-H and these events, contact University of Illinois Extension - Stephenson County at (815) 235-4125.

## Warren Women's Club up-date

Happy New Year! Well this is the New Year, but we missed having Sal's Pizza in November's meeting; hope things are going well for Sal. Hope he will be able to join sometime in the future.

At our meeting the Social Committee stepped in and gave a great lunch and one of our own Sandra Wolfram entertained us with Christmas Carols. Thanks to the Social Committee Mary Vincent Chr., Kay Hesselbacker and Darlene Smith and Sandra Wolfram.

Georgette Planting received the decoration for our tree as everyone saw it was a dedicated to the Chicago Cubs Baseball team for winning the World Series for the first time in 108 years.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 24, at 1:30 p.m. Sue Bourquin is doing some Italian Cooking and sampling. Hope everyone will attend!

## Lena KOA honored for service

The Lena KOA was recently recognized for 10 years of service to the Kampgrounds of America System. The campground was honored last month during KOA's annual International Convention in Chattanooga, Tennessee. It is one of 490 KOA locations in the U.S. and Canada. The

campground is owned and operated by Joe and Diane Long, and is located at 10982 US Highway 20 W in Lena, IL. Kampgrounds of America was born on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Billings, Montana in 1962 and will be celebrating its 55th anniversary in 2017.

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# VIEWPOINT

## Wondering about plans for Stockton firehouse

By Randall Downing

It has been some time now since the very unfortunate fire at the Stockton Firehouse took it out of service. I have been wondering why we have not heard by now what the plans are for rehabbing, and/or rebuilding the firehouse. I can only assume that

the powers that be are considering a number of alternatives and have not yet come to a conclusion. At least I hope this is what is happening, as it seems to me that there are a number of possible rebuilding scenarios that ought to be considered.

For example, a number of com-

munities have gone the route of building a combined firehouse and community center. I think Apple River has done this, though I have never visited this facility. I have driven by a building in Shullsburg, WI, that sounds like it is some kind of combined firehouse and municip-

pal center. What makes sense for Stockton, I am not sure, but perhaps something that would provide a new home for the volunteer fire department, and a new City Hall and community meeting spaces would make sense.

Another issue that should be thought through is location. Rebuilding in place is one option, but there seems to be plenty of land on the edges of town that would allow for a bigger footprint, with plenty of parking space for firefighter volunteers and others if a multiuse building is planned. This could also provide additional space needed for fire department drills, hose maintenance activities and the like. Moving the firehouse to the edge of town would not increase response time measur-

ably. The existing location would make a great municipal parking lot and space for holding downtown special events such as an enhanced farmers market and other community fund-raising activities.

Though the loss of the firehouse is a minor tragedy, it does present opportunities that I hope are being explored by those responsible for the Fire District and the City of Stockton. Just asking.

The Stockton Fire Protection District Board will meet on the evening of Jan. 23 at the ambulance building in Stockton. The agenda for this month's (01-23) meeting includes discussion and action on issuing bid requests for demo/removal of the old building and building a new firehouse. Please plan to attend.

## Madigan, DOJ and states reach settlement with Moody's for misleading investors in lead up to economic collapse

Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced an \$864 million settlement with Moody's Corporation, Moody's Investors Service Inc. and Moody's Analytics Inc. to resolve allegations that the credit ratings agency compromised its independence and objectivity in assigning its highest ratings to risky mortgage-backed securities and other structured finance securities in the lead up to the 2008 economic collapse.

Illinois will receive \$19.5 million under the joint state-federal settlement forged by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Madigan and 21 other attorneys general with Moody's, one of the nation's largest credit ratings agencies responsible for independently rating risk on behalf of clients and investors.

"Moody's conduct directly contributed to our country's economic collapse," Madigan said. "Moody's did not do its job and lured state pension funds into risky mortgage-backed securities. The settlement with Moody's is the latest effort in my commitment to recover critical funds for the state due to Wall Street's corruption and greed."

According to the settlement,

Moody's consistently made misrepresentations about the processes it used to assign credit ratings to structured finance securities. While publicly promising independent, objective analyses, the company privately relaxed its ratings criteria to ensure its clients' residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) would achieve higher ratings than the actual quality of the assets supported. Structured finance securities, including RMBS and CDOs, derive their value from the monthly payments consumers make on their mortgages. The alleged misconduct began as early as 2001 and became particularly rampant between 2004 and 2007.

Specifically, Moody's represented to consumers that its AAA rating carried a specific level of risk, and the investigation found evidence that Moody's altered its process so that the Aaa rating represented a greater risk than Moody's disclosed to investors and consumers. The investigation also found evidence that Moody's gave in to pressure from big banks, which were powerful and repeat customers that paid

Moody's millions of dollars to rate these securities.

Mortgage-backed securities are financial products made up of a pool of mortgages that are bundled together and sold as a security. The assets are backed by residential mortgages, including subprime mortgages. The performance of these investment products have significant, real-world implications for Illinois institutional investors, such as pension funds and 401(k) managers that make decisions about whether, and which, of these securities are appropriate investments. It was the misrepresentation of the true risk of these mortgage securities that helped the housing market skyrocket and ultimately led to its collapse in 2008.

In addition to the monetary settlement, Moody's has agreed to: 1) a detailed statement of facts in connection with the way it rated RMBS and CDOs leading up to the financial crisis, and 2) significant compliance terms, including an annual certification by the CEO of Moody's Corporation, which will be provided to Illinois every year for the next four years, certifying that Moody's is following certain compliance requirements.

The Moody's settlement is the latest in a long line of enforcement actions Madigan has taken against banks, lenders and other contributors of the financial crisis. As a result of all of Madigan's enforcement actions, she has recovered more than \$3 billion for Illinois homeowners, communities, pension funds and county recorders.

Joining Madigan and DOJ in today's settlement were attorneys general from: Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Washington.

Consumer Protection Division Chief Deborah Hagan, Consumer Protection Chicago Bureau Chief Susan Ellis, Supervising Attorney Vaishali Rao and Assistant Attorneys General Vijay Raghavan and Andrea Law handled the case for Madigan's office.

## Notice of election of 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 Feb., from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Soil & 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 dis-

trict 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 available 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 & 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).

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

Winter crop insurance meeting. Bob Dittmar, Country Financial Agent and the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau will be hosting a Winter Crop Meeting on January 25. Speaker Doug Yoder, Country Crop Agency Manager, will be covering: Farm Bill Safety Net Update, ARC/PLC payments, Changes to crop insurance for 2017, Trends in crop insurance, IL & county level trends, Current Commodity prices & impact on coverage and Checklist of things to consider. The meeting will take place at the Elizabeth Community Building with dinner at 6:00 p.m., please call (815) 858-2236 to RSVP by Jan. 18.

Even though the snow is flying you still have the opportunity to visit two of the winter farmers markets this year. The Galena winter market will be held on the second Wednesday of each month through April, from 4-6 p.m. at Turner Hall. Hanover's winter market will be held on the first Saturday of the month through April, from 9-11 a.m. at the Hanover Park District.

This will be a great opportunity for everyone to continue to support the local economy.

The Young Leaders will meet Sunday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. here at the Farm Bureau office in Elizabeth. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 are welcome to attend. For more information, call our office at (815) 858-2235. If you are a grower or producer who would like to directly sell your products made in this county, you might consider being party of our 2017 Jo Daviess Home Grown Directory. If you are interested in being a part of this directory, please contact the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau for more information.

Farm Fun Fact: The average size of an Illinois farm, including hobby farms, is 358 acres.



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## Obituaries

### ALLEN DALE HEINKEL

Allen Dale Heinkel, 90, of Lena, IL passed away on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 at the Lena Living Center. He was born on June 14, 1926 to Carl and Lillian (Dittmar) Heinkel in West Point Township. He attended Winslow High School. He was married on Oct. 28, 1946 to Verena Wyss in the Parsonage of St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. Louis Beto. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Allen is survived by his wife of 70 years, Verena; five children Richard (Kathy) Heinkel of Lena, VeAnn (Greg) Klipstein of Longmont, CO, Sandra Kay (Steve Hauser) Heid of Golden, CO, Dale (Linda) Heinkel of Freeport, and Lyle Heinkel of Lena; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Harold, niece Beth, and son-in-law Sherman Heid.

Memorial services were held Jan. 14, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Pastor Rick Bader will officiate the service.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Inurnment will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Garden at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established for St. John's Lutheran Church.

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

### BONNIE LOU (RICHARDS) LAFFERTY

Bonnie Lou (Richards) Lafferty, 69, of Lena, Illinois passed away Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 at the Pearl Pavilion Rehab and Healthcare Center, Freeport. Funeral Services were Jan 15, 2017 at the Grant-Johnson Funeral Home, Princeton with Pastor Gene Vincent, officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to services at funeral home.

Bonnie was born Oct. 25, 1947 in Kewanee, Illinois to Gene G. & Fern A. (Cooper) Richards. Married the late Duane Jacobs of Walnut in 1967 and later married the late C. Keith Lafferty of Rock Island in 1987.

Survivors are two daughters, Teresa (Michael) Ransom of Lena, IL; Tania (Greg) Saylor of Walnut, IL; six grandchildren, Madison and Jenna Ransom, Jacob and Nicholas Nord, Tyra Saylor and Nate Duffy; 3 Sisters, Dianna Kay Richards, Ro-

berta Garrett and Bette Dennison; numerous Nieces & Nephews.

She is preceded in death by parents, husband and sister, Sherry Shimmin.

Bonnie worked at the Walnut Grade School cafeteria while her children were young and retired from Augustana College, Rock Island, IL after 18 years of employment. Bonnie and Keith retired to Freeport, IL in

2007. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Daughters of American Revolution Freeport Chapter. Bonnie loved working in Genealogy on her Richards Cooper family tree, going to auctions and flea markets. At one time she had 26 tea sets. Bonnie always felt blessed with her husband, daughters' families and grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to American Cancer Society or the Senior Resource Center, Freeport. Online condolences may be sent to [www.grant-johnsonfh.com](http://www.grant-johnsonfh.com)

### HELEN BAYSINGER

Helen Baysinger, 95, passed away on Wednesday Jan. 11, 2017 at the Elizabeth Nursing Home. She was born on June 1, 1921 in Lena to Edwin and Amy (Polhill) Kem-



pert. She married Richard Baysinger on April 29, 1938. Helen was an active member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, teaching Sunday School for many years. She was also active in many organizations in the Stockton-Elizabeth area which she enjoyed being a part of.

Helen is survived by a son Ronald (Mary) Baysinger of Stockton and a daughter Nancy (Richard) Plager of Freeport, IL. Sister Ruth Bowen of Colorado Springs, CO. Six grandchildren Paula (Laverne) Morhardt of Stockton, IL, Penny (Dave) Burns of Missoula, MT, Randy (Julie) Baysinger of Stockton, IL, Carla (Lance) Grisham of Lanark, IL, Michael (Kimberly) Plager of Pearl City, IL and Jodi (Jeff) Switzer of Bloomington, IL. Twelve great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother Eugene Kempert and brother-in-law Willard Bowen, sister-in-law Doris Kempert and a great-great grandson.

Funeral services were held Jan. 14, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, IL. A visitation was held until the time of service.

Pastor Mike Nesbit will officiate the service.

Internment will take place at the Lena Burial Park following the service.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

### ORADELL H. MERS

Oradell H. Mers, age 97, passed away Jan. 10, 2017 at Waverly Place Nursing Home in Stockton, IL. She was born on Dec. 20, 1919 to the late Adolf and Marie (Kroeger) Hermel in Nicollet, MN. Oradell graduated from St. Peter High School in June 1937. She married James R. Boys on April 25, 1942 at the 357th Infantry Chapel, Camp Barkley, TX. He passed away on March 22, 1972. Oradell later married Clarence C. Mers on Nov. 29, 1975 at the Glenview Community Church. He passed away in 2014.



Oradell taught Sunday school and was a Cub and Boy Scout leader while her children were younger. She lived all over the world as a

military wife and worked her entire adult life in various positions until she retired in 1991 as a Personnel Officer for the Illinois State Scholarship Commission in Deerfield, IL. Oradell was a wonderful, hardworking woman who looked (and found) the best in people and life.

She is survived by son, Michael H. Boys of Mission Viejo, CA; daughter, Rosemarie O. Magee of Stockton, IL; brother, Howard Hermel of St. Peter, MN; six grandchildren; and step family, Pamela Mers Reidy and two grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Adolf and Marie Hermel; husbands, James R. Boys and Clarence C. Mers; son, James R. Boys Jr., and brother, Clifford Hermel.

Burial will take place at Greenhill Cemetery in St. Peter, MN on Monday, Jan. 16. A memorial fund has been established for the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences and remembrances may be shared with Oradell's family at [www.hermann-funeralhome.com](http://www.hermann-funeralhome.com).



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# CHURCH NEWS

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Jan. 22, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Third Sunday of Epiphany with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday Jan. 25, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

The After School Program for fourth through eighth graders will meet at the Hangout downtown on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Each day there is worship with music and a Christian message; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges and play.

On Saturday Jan. 25, The Men's Group will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday, Jan. 22nd at Kent UMC at 9 a.m., Pastor Brenda Morris will be bringing the message series; "Sticky Promises for a New Year"; all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

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

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

## Local Crisis Line working to recruit volunteers

CONTACT of Northern Illinois will be offering training class for Helpline Volunteers. Training classes prepare volunteers to assist troubled callers by listening, providing referrals and intervening in crisis. Classes are informative and interesting and are held in a welcoming and fun atmosphere. Upon completion of the class and internship hours, volunteers will receive three credit hours from Highland Community College that can be converted to CPDU's for teachers. Class dates will be held on Satur-

days in February and March. Training topics include but are not limited to: Communication skills, Marriage and Family, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Loneliness and Grief, Self Care, Crisis Intervention and Domestic Violence.

An Informational Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at VOICES, 1401 Crestwood Avenue in Freeport Illinois.

For more information for training please call CONTACT at (815) 233-4357 or visit our website at [www.niccontact.org](http://www.niccontact.org).

## U of I Extension offers Heart Healthy Living Workshop

February is American Heart Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness about heart disease and approaches on how to prevent or better manage it.

Did you know heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women? It's true. In fact, one out of every four deaths is due to heart disease. Although the number of deaths due to heart disease has declined over the past fifty years due to improvements in emergency care, 735,000 Americans will still have a heart attack this year.

"Lifestyle factors, health conditions and family history can put people at a higher risk for developing heart disease. You can decrease your

risk by educating yourself and making healthy lifestyle choices," states Diane Reinhold, registered dietitian, with the University of Illinois Extension.

Planning, shopping and cooking for someone with heart disease can be a challenge. To help meet this challenge, University of Illinois Extension will offer a two-part workshop designed for anyone interested in preventing or managing heart disease. During each session, participants will receive recipes, watch cooking demonstrations, as well as learn about proper diet and exercise to better care for their health.

Meals for a Healthy Heart aims to improve your overall wellbeing.

This workshop is intended to compliment the recommendations of your healthcare provider and to help you and/or your loved one manage or prevent heart disease.

The U of I Extension will be offering the Meals for a Healthy Heart workshop, Thursday, Feb. 16 and 23 in the lower level of the Lena Community Center, 497 Lions Drive, Lena, from 6-8:30 p.m. To register, call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw/>. There is a \$20 registration fee, which covers participation in both sessions, handouts and educational materials. Space is limited, so enroll today.

## St. John's to host pancake supper

On Sunday, Jan. 22, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the Third Sunday of Epiphany. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m.

and will include the Joy Choir. After worship, the Social Ministry Committee will all meet in Luther Hall. Whirl Sunday School will

meet after worship on Jan. 22, and will focus on the lesson, "United In Christ." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) youth group will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will meet at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22, 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, 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 available.

The St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, Jan. 29. The meeting will include approving modifications to the St. John's Constitution and approval of the 2017 budget.

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.

## St. Paul's potluck and annual meeting after worship

On Sunday, Jan. 22, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will observe the Third Sunday after Epiphany at their 10 a.m. family worship. Bernice Eden, Gary and Mary Lyn Groezinger will share their musical gifts during worship with vocal and instrumental offerings. The sermon title is "I Can Do All Things through Christ Who Strengthens Me." Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Immediately following the worship service, we will enjoy a church family potluck. Then the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held, President Ron Brown presiding. Our snow date will be Jan. 29.

All are welcome at the Little Church with the Big Heart, which is located on 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, in the suburbs of Kent. Come and see! For more information, call Pastor Andres at 232-4010.

## Salem United Church of Christ stages Walk to the Cross events

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.

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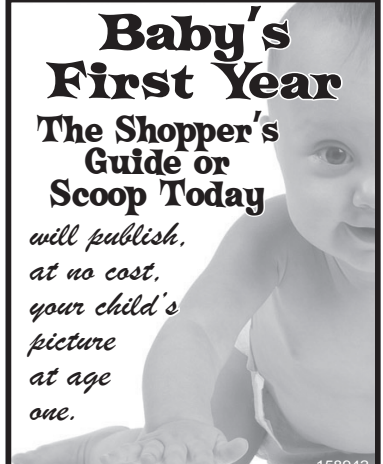
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# Stockton High School honors academic achievers

## Stockton High School Second Quarter High Honor Roll

Grade 9: Jamie Eden, Kendra Scaze, Tessa Tucker

Grade 10: Jennifer Hatfield, Lindan Legel, Hannah Smith, Kiley Wickler

Grade 11: Caleb Bergeman, Kelsey King

Grade 12: Maranda Schaney

## Second Quarter Honor Roll (3.0 Semester Standard GPA & No D's)

Grade 9: Tyler Bartch, Cody Breuer, Kaige Brown, Haley Brudi, Garrett Buske, Ethan Cook, Zachary Cook, Mia D'Antonio, Elizabeth Eden, Elizabeth Eisfeller, Kenna Haas, Delaney Imel, Bryant Keeffer, Drew McGovern, Winston McPeek,

Alyssa Meade, Keegan Phillips, Cody Schultz, Rawley Schulz, Austin Senn, Austin Westover, Katie Wright

Grade 10: Walker Arand, Jenna Beneventi, Raean Bergman, Caitlin Breuer, Colin Dvorak, Nick Ege, Ellen Fox, Natalie Freese, Linzy Friedlein, Allison Kehl, Zachary Newman, Drake Oppold, Robert Reifsteck, Stanlee Rillie, Kendall Schulz, Alex Staver, Echo Taylor, Erin Vanderheyden, Alyssa Vincent, Abigail Weber, Kara Wickler, Cecelia Zink

Grade 11: Treasure Adams, Kaylee Broshous, Payton Broshous, Josh Detwiler, Kaitlin Enright, Megan Gille, Kali Haas, Wyatt Hill, Hunter Houseman-Eddings, Joshua Kappes,

Brandon Love, Hunter Luke, Emily Offenheiser, Bryce Platt, Shawn Powers, Samantha Schultz, Aspyn Stewart, Emma Vanderheyden

Grade 12: Kailyn Bauer, Mikayla Baysinger, Kai Bowser, Shayna Bowser, Addiah Broshous, Hannah Brudi, Rachael Cook, Dylan Curtiss, Aaron Dvorak, Thomas Eden, Quinn Eshleman, Hayden Fox, Hayden Courtney Haas, Jill Harmston, Dillon Hatfield, Christian Kampmeier, Peyton Keefer, Olivia Kepner, Gavin Krahrmer, Chad Larson, Alexis Mauser, Heather Musser, Molly Neebel, Dylan Oppold, Lauryn Schubert, Taylor Timpe, Austin Vincent

## First Semester High Honor Roll (All A's)

Grade 9: Jamie Eden, Kendra Scaze, Cody Schultz, Tessa Tucker

Grade 10: Jennifer Hatfield, Lindan Legel, Hannah Smith, Abigail Weber

Grade 11: Caleb Bergeman,

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## First Semester Honor Roll (3.0 Semester Standard GPA & No D's)

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# Scales Mound School District to develop a new strategic plan

Beginning Jan. 23, Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 will start the process of developing an updated three to five year District Strategic Plan. With the assistance of Dr. Gary Zabilka, Field Service Director for the Illinois Association of School Administrators, along with parents, community members, students, staff, board members, and administrators will review the district's mission and vision and develop a plan that will guide the district for the next three to five years. The Strategic Planning Committee will review the current state of the district in six areas:

- Curriculum and programs
- Finances
- Facilities
- District data
- Personnel, and
- Extracurricular activities

"The goal of strategic planning is to give us an opportunity to look at what we have and plan for what we want for our students and community," states Superintendent, Dr. William Caron. "The outcome of our planning will be a clear focus for the district and a plan to guide everything we do for the next three to five years."

The end goal of the strategic planning process is to clarify the District's mission, vision, and values, then create a number of goals to guide the district. Dr. Caron states that, "This will be an exciting process involving all of our learning community. I look forward to working with everyone on the committee and developing a new plan for our district." The work of the committee is expected to be complete by the end of March.

# 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 Forreton, English and German Instructor

Full-time Administrative/Professional Staff: Christie Lewis of Forreton, 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 Insti-

tute

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.

# River Ridge to celebrate Spirit Week

River Ridge's Spirit Week is the week of Jan. 23. Many exciting and fun events are planned! Spirit Week is planned to acknowledge the winter sports.

## Each day there will be a different dress up theme as follows:

- Monday - Summer Day
- Tuesday - Squad/Group Day
- Wednesday - Tourist Day
- Thursday - White Out Day

Friday - Spirit Day

The girls' basketball team has a home game against Lena-Winslow on Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m.

The boys' basketball team has a home game against East Dubuque Friday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. The Junior Class is sponsoring a Soup and Sandwich supper Friday night from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. Contact a Junior Class student to get tickets.

# CTE Academy to hold open house in Elizabeth

February is Career and Technical Education Month. The Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy will be hosting an Open House on Feb. 8, from 4-7 p.m. for the community. Stop by this free event and discover what they do! All staff will be on hand to discuss their programs and the importance of technical training. Classrooms will be open for the public to explore. National Art Honor Society students will be working in the Graphics room to show a room in action, Culinary Arts students will be serving delicious appetizers, as well as other exciting experiences happening throughout the programs. There will also be door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. "The CTE Academy staff is incredibly proud

of the work that goes on here, we're creating a fun and informative night for the public that we hope they will take advantage of. It's all about a sense of community," said Graphics Instructor, Irene Thraen-Borowski. For the first time, the CTE Academy will also have a Spirit Week from Feb. 6-10 for the students to partake in. Each day will have a different theme and prizes will be awarded to participating students. For more information contact the CTE Academy at (815) 858-2203 or visit this website: [www.cteacademy.net](http://www.cteacademy.net). Day to day updates are often shared on the CTE Academy's Facebook page: Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy, like it today!

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"The veins in your legs have a big job - getting blood back up to your heart for re-oxygenation," said FHN Director of Surgical Services George Lester, BSN, CNOR, RNFA. "When those veins don't work correctly, the swelling and pain that result can keep you from enjoying many of the daily activi-

ties of life, and may cause serious health problems."

The FHN Vein Center offers free screenings for leg vein issues each month at FHN Memorial Hospital. The next screening date is Tuesday, Jan. 24; appointments are available from 4 - 7 p.m. by calling 815-599-VEIN (8346).

The FHN Vein Center offers two approaches to venous disease treatment. The first line of treatment, for mild or early cases, involves fitting the patient with compression hose to help the leg veins

do their work.

For more advanced cases, outpatient surgical treatment can relieve pain and provide a long-term solution to venous disease. The FHN Vein Center offers a number of outpatient procedures featuring rapid recovery. Non-cosmetic treatment options are covered by most commercial health insurance carriers, including Medicare.

For more information on venous disease and the FHN Vein Center, visit [www.fhn.org](http://www.fhn.org) or call 815-599-VEIN (8346).

# Warren dug in for final weeks

By Chris Johnson  
 SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

It will only be a couple weeks before the Warren Lady Warriors basketball season comes to a close. The regular season ends at East Dubuque on Feb. 3. Three days later the Class 1A State Playoffs begin. Dakota and Pecatonica will host the opening round games beginning Feb. 6.

The field in Dakota could include Dakota, Durand, Lena-Winslow, Warren and Orangeville, based on seeding. Aquin is a variable and could be in Dakota. The IHSA Selection Committee will have the final say. They are scheduled to meet on Jan. 26.

Pecatonica appears to be preparing to invite Alden-Hebron, Kirkland-Hiawatha, Rockford Christian Life and Crystal Lake-Faith Lutheran. Aquin could pop up in Pec after the final seeds are set just as easily. It all depends on the final records of the teams heading into the final week of play.

Records can be changed and decisions can be influenced when win streaks are found. Warren has a chance to improve its position before the post-season visits.

The Milledgeville Lady Missiles visited on Wednesday, Jan. 18 and brought their 5-2 conference mark with them. They are one of the teams trying to get better footing before the post-season begins.

This Friday, Jan. 20 the Lady Warriors begin the attack on the western branches of the NUIC. East Dubuque is the first to visit. Galena is scheduled to play on Thursday, Jan. 26 and Stockton will follow two days later, Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Lady Warriors head out on the road Tuesday, Jan. 31 to visit Lena-Winslow. The regular season closes on Friday, Feb. 3 at East Dubuque.

For the Warren boys' basketball team there is a lot of work still to do. There are a lot of games that have

to get played through and it begins Thursday, Jan. 19 at East Dubuque.

The Warriors carry a 6-2 conference mark into the Thursday game and wins and losses at this point in the season will affect how things shake up over the next few weeks in the race for the NUIC West.

Galena leads with Pearl City and Eastland right on its heels. Warren entered the week of play with a 2-5 conference mark. To make a run at the conference title, they will have to take advantage of the favorable schedule they are about to enjoy.

If an attack on the conference is in order, wins have to be found. Win streaks need to occur. The Warriors play six of their next seven games at home and that could be a big plus. Matches against Orangeville, River Ridge, Scales Mound and Galena still wait in early February. Well-timed win streaks will help the Warriors prepare to attack the final weeks of the regular season and give them a better chance to advance in the playoffs.

The IHSA Class 1A State Tournament tips-off the week of Feb. 20, following completion of the Warriors' final regular season game at West Carroll on Friday, Feb. 17.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



*The not so skinny cook*

I hope everyone had a great New Year's celebration, and that you are all keeping warm. Thank goodness for electricity and my furnace!! I love my heated seats in the car also. The creature comforts are great in my advancing age. I took a break from writing. Someone did ask me if they let me go at the paper. Why is it that everyone thinks I am going to get fired? Sometimes I just need a break. Well, I am back with some good recipes for cooking this week.

The first recipe is for a spinach salad with bacon dressing. I had this salad for the first time many years ago at the home of Virginia Dyra. I really didn't like spinach (probably because my mother tried to force feed it to my brother and me, and

it was cooked and looked terrible. I didn't seem to be impressed as a child that Popeye the Sailor man ate it! In defense of my mother, she just wanted us to try different things. To this day, I don't like cooked spinach unless it is in a cheesy artichoke dip, a breakfast casserole, or rolled up with cheese in a chicken breast. However, at least I now eat it.) Back to Virginia's spinach salad—Virginia made spinach salad to die for. The warm dressing made the green spinach even greener, and the bacon and hard boiled eggs were perfect. Virginia was a great cook who shared lots of recipes with me in the early years. I miss her, but have great memories of parties at her home. Enjoy this great salad, and if you knew Virginia, remember her fondly.

## Spinach Salad with Warm Bacon dressing

3 bacon strips, chopped  
2 T. red wine vinegar  
1 small garlic clove, minced  
½ t. packed brown sugar  
½ t. Dijon mustard  
¼ t. salt  
1/8 t. pepper  
Dash of ground nutmeg  
Dash of crushed red pepper flakes

## Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing December winners

Twelve sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County sponsor the NW II Daily Drawing cooperative fundraiser.

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31st. Saturday. \$50 – Janet Giles, Grand Terrace, CA

¼ C. olive oil  
6 oz. (about 8 cups) fresh baby spinach  
1/3 C. thinly sliced red onion  
4 hard cooked large eggs, chopped  
In a skillet, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp, stirring occasionally. Using a slotted spoon, remove the bacon to paper towels. Discard all but 1 tablespoon of drippings.

Add the vinegar, garlic, brown sugar, mustard and seasonings to drippings and heat through, stirring to blend. Transfer to a small bowl and gradually whisk in the oil. Stir in half of the bacon.

In a large bowl, toss the spinach, onion and eggs with warm dressing. Top with remaining bacon, and serve immediately.

Since Brussels sprouts are the new "in" vegetable, there are many recipes featuring this little cabbage. This one uses a roasting technique that makes for a great tasting side. It also uses bacon as a garnish. Maybe there is a bacon theme here.

## Butter-Roasted Brussels sprouts

¼ C. butter  
4 C. Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved  
1 T. fresh thyme leaves  
¼ t. salt  
¼ t. pepper  
3 slices of bacon, crisp cooked and crumbled

Preheat the oven to 400. Place the butter in a large rimmed baking sheet. Place the pan in the oven for 5 minutes until the butter melts. Add the Brussels sprouts, thyme, salt and pepper. Toss carefully to coat.

Roast for 15 minutes, or until golden brown and tender, stirring once. Garnish with crumbled bacon.

This chicken main dish is easy to assemble. You can have that nice spinach salad and some crusty bread, and this casserole is great on a cold winter night. Using the rotisserie chicken makes prep time less.

## Creamy Chicken Noodle Casserole

3 T. unsalted butter, divided  
2 C. frozen vegetable seasoning blend  
1 red pepper, diced  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 C. shredded Parmesan cheese, divided  
¾ C. heavy whipping cream  
¼ t. pepper  
1 rotisserie chicken, meat shredded and skin and bones discarded  
1 pkg. (16 oz. wide egg noodles, cooked according to package directions  
1/3 C. Italian-seasoned bread crumbs

Preheat the oven to 375. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray.

In a large skillet, melt 1 tablespoon of butter over medium-high heat. Add the vegetable blend and bell pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in soups, 2/3 cup cheese, cream and pepper until

melted. Remove from heat and stir in the chicken and noodles until well combined. Spoon into prepared pan.

In a small microwave-safe bowl, melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter; stir in bread crumbs and remaining ½ C. cheese. Sprinkle onto the casserole.

Bake until golden brown and bubbly, about 30 minutes. Garnish with parsley. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

This easy cookie is tasty and is a welcome for those people who are not chocolate lovers (I am not sure I trust anyone who isn't one). You could claim it is somewhat healthy because of the cereal, but you know what? It is really good, so don't worry about eating healthy when you are eating one of these.

## No Bake Cereal Haystacks

3 C. cornflakes  
1/3 C. light brown sugar, packed  
¼ C. light corn syrup  
¼ C. heavy cream  
2 T. unsalted butter  
1 t. vanilla  
½ t. ground nutmeg  
Pinch of salt

Put the cereal in a large bowl. Combine the brown sugar, corn syrup, heavy cream and the butter in a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, then reduce the heat to medium and whisk until smooth. Continue cooking, whisking occasionally until the mixture thickens and starts to pull away from the sides of the pan, about 5-6 minutes; it should register 230 on a candy thermometer. Remove from the heat and whisk in the vanilla, nutmeg, and salt.

Immediately pour the caramel over the cereal and stir with a rubber spatula until evenly coated. Scoop heaping tablespoonfuls of the cereal mixture onto an ungreased baking sheet. Let cool slightly and then use your fingers to gently form each into a mound or pyramid shape. Let cool completely.

I have a great cream cheese regular brownie recipe, but this one is a good one for winter because of the peppermint. It is a good treat with hot cocoa or coffee; however, I like it with a tall glass of cold milk. The parchment paper in the pan makes for easy cutting and clean up. Enjoy this tasty peppermint treat.

## Cream Cheese Peppermint Brownies

Swirl  
1 pkg. 8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1/3 C. sugar  
1 egg  
1 t. vanilla  
Brownies:  
1 bar (4 oz.) unsweetened chocolate chopped  
¼ C. unsalted butter  
2 C. sugar  
4 large eggs  
1½ t. vanilla  
1 t. peppermint extract  
1 C. flour  
¼ t. salt  
¼ t. baking powder

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9-inch square baking pan with baking spray with flour. Line pan with parchment paper, letting excess extend over sides of pan.

Swirl: In a medium bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar with a mixer at medium speed until creamy. Beat in egg and vanilla until combined.

Brownies: In a large microwave safe bowl, heat the chocolate and butter on high in 30-second intervals, stirring between each, until melted and smooth (about 1½ minutes total). Whisk in sugar, eggs, and extracts.

In a small bowl, whisk together flour, salt, and baking powder. Whisk flour mixture into chocolate mixture until combined. Spread three-fourths of the batter into the prepared pan. Dollop swirl mixture onto the batter. Dollop remaining batter by tablespoonfuls onto swirl. Gently swirl layers together with a knife.

Bake until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean, 30-35 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Using excess parchment as handles, remove from pan before cutting into squares. Garnish with crushed pepper candies, if desired.

The middle of January is fast approaching. Time is flying by in 2017. I am trying not to write the wrong year on any correspondence or checks. It is hard to get used to change. I guess we will all adjust. I have started to receive some tax information; I am sure April will be here before we know it. However, we have some time and celebrations before we pay those pesky income taxes. Super Bowl, Lincoln and Washington's birthdays, Valentine's Day—all of those are things to look forward to! 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!

## Jo Daviess Carroll CTE Academy lists outstanding students

The Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy is proud to announce its Outstanding Students of the second quarter for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Each instructor has developed individual criteria for the award; however, all instructors include attitude, cooperation, attendance and scholastic ability.

These students have now earned the honor to compete for Outstanding Student of the Year:

Liz Scott  
Garrett Mulholland  
Chloe Karberg  
Autumn Flynn  
William Upmann  
Dylan Curtis