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## Twists and turns continue in a seemingly endless cold case

By Tony Carton  
EDITOR

Illinois State Police continue to investigate a recent tip that led to a possible new suspect in the 1957 abduction and murder of Maria Ridulph a 7-year-old Sycamore girl.

Ridulph's body was found some six months after her disappearance by a Minnesota husband and wife hunting morel mushrooms west of Stockton in a wooded area near Woodbine.

Don Brudi lived across the road from where Ridulph's body was found and said in an earlier interview that he remembered the incident.

"It was in the spring of 1958 when they found the girl," said Brudi. "I was about 25 and was busy with the farm, so I didn't go down to see what was going on, but I heard later that someone had found a body and it turned out to be that little 7-year-old that had been missing from Sycamore."

Brudi said there was a crop area between the road and the wood lot where the body was found.

"The killer must have driven out on that field to the edge of the woods to leave the body," said Brudi. "There really were never any houses around that area and it's still heavily wooded."

He said the sheriff had come to the house and asked them to keep an eye out for anything unusual, but they never heard anything more until summer, 2009 when a joint investigation involving Sycamore police, the DeKalb County State's Attorney office, Illinois State Police and law enforcement officials in Washington State reopened the case and resulted in the arrest of Jack McCullough, formerly John Tessier, now 76.

Tessier, who was eighteen years old and a neighbor of the Ridulphs at the time of the abduction, was questioned during the initial in-

quiry, but convinced investigators he was in Chicago on the day of the kidnapping. Tessier joined the Air Force about two weeks later, altered his identification and left the Sycamore area.

FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover and President Dwight Eisenhower personally followed the initial search for Ridulph, but the FBI dropped out as the lead investigative agency when the child's body was found near Woodbine. The case went cold until almost 50 years later, when one of McCullough's sisters came forward to inform police their mother had told her of his involvement on her death bed, and urged her daughter to "do something."

The Ridulph case was accepted to have been among the oldest cold cases in the US to result in an arrest and conviction, when McCullough, a military veteran and former police officer, was convicted in a bench trial in DeKalb County and sentenced to natural life in prison in 2012 for the kidnapping, strangulation and stabbing of the child who disappeared from a street corner near her Sycamore, IL home nearly a half century earlier.

But, on March 24, 2016, then DeKalb County State's Attorney Richard Schmack, informed a judge in Sycamore that the wrong man had been convicted in 2012 of the murder and on the same day, the name of a new possible suspect arrived at Schmack's office by mail in a typed and unsigned letter. Schmack forwarded the letter to the police immediately. Both Schmack and the authorities have since declined comment because the case remains open.

McCullough, now 76 was cleared of kidnapping and murdering Ridulph in 2016, and is free based on the development of that new information. He has returned to his

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Congratulations to Mason Bilderback as the winner of the final competition for the second year in a row. Mason then completed a written exam provided by National Geographic, and his scores were reported to the state competition. Also, congratulations to Ava Wiederholt for her second place finish in the final competition and to third place finisher Colin Malin.

## Scales Mound students compete in National Geographic Geography Bee

All last week, students had to put their laptops down and their critical thinking skills on to try to answer geography questions without the help of Google. Do you know to which state you would have to travel to hike in the Green Mountains? Or which is Africa's most populous country? At Scales Mound School, ten students were able to earn the privilege of competing in the annual National Geographic Geography Bee by answering

such skill testing questions using conventional quizzes, as well as Kahoots. Kahoot is a fun, computer based quiz program introduced to Scales Mound staff last year during school improvement training that was also adopted by National Geographic to prepare students for the Geography Bee. Students earned the privilege of competing in the final competition by achieving the two highest cumulative scores in their respective classrooms.

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# Stockton police report for week ending January 19

On 01/13 at approximately 1:14 a.m., while on routine patrol, an Officer of the Stockton Police Department observed a grey 2007 Ford Crown Victoria, bearing Illinois License Plates in the parking lot of the Stockton High School. The vehicle was unlocked and unoccupied, and the keys were in the ignition. The Officer ran a computer check on the vehicle and it came back to a person in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. The Officer was unable to contact the owner of the vehicle. The Officer removed the keys from the vehicle and locked the doors. Notice was placed in the vehicle that the keys were in the possession of the Police and could be acquired at the Stockton Police Department with proper identification.

On 1/13 at approximately 6:13 p.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to assist the Stockton Ambulance service in reference to someone who had fallen off their front steps and injured themselves. Upon arrival found the victim lying on the ground with injuries that prevented them from getting up. The Officer gave aid and comfort to the victim until the arrival of the ambulance. The victim was then lifted to the ambulance for transport to Freeport Hospital for treatment. No further assistance was needed.

On 1/13 at approximately 7:07 p.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to the Stockton High School gym in reference to an injury to a student. Upon arrival, police observed that a student from the Stockton high school basketball team had suffered an apparent arm injury during a high school basketball game. The student was already being attended to by members of the Stockton Ambulance Service who were present in the crowd at the basketball game and came forward when the injury was observed. The police assisted until the ambulance arrived and the student was removed to Freeport Memorial Hospital.

On 1/13 at approximately 10:34 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Po-

lice Department observed a vehicle off the side of the road on High Street with the female driver present on the scene. The driver had a flat tire on her vehicle. The officer attempted to assist the driver, but found that the tire was frozen onto the vehicle. The officer then assisted the driver in getting other assistance and removing her vehicle from the roadway. No other police assistance was needed.

On 1/14 at approximately 11:02 p.m., an Officer of the Stockton Police Department a vehicle at the Stockton Travel Center, a Red 1994 Chevrolet pickup truck with Iowa Registration plates. The Officer observed the driver to be acting in a suspicious manner, and he then investigated further. The Officer talk with the subject, who stated, at first, that he did not have enough money for gas to get to his intended destination to see his mother. The subject appeared to be a little confused and disoriented and possibly impaired. A computer check on the individual revealed an alert that the subject was possibly suicidal due to a domestic altercation. While further investigating, it was learned by Police that the subject had been involved in a verbal domestic altercation in Hanover, Illinois. Through second hand information, it was somehow reported that the subject was suicidal due to the altercation. In talking with the subject, it was determined that he was not suicidal, but may have been suffering from another mental or medical condition. Due to the subject not having enough fuel to get to his intended destination, and the fact that the subject had been consuming alcohol, the subject was given transportation to a friends' residence who would take care of him for the rest of the night. No further police action was necessary.

On 1/15 at approximately 7:05 p.m., the Stockton Police were dispatched to an address on Willis Street in reference to a report of loud fireworks being exploded in

the area. Upon arrival, the officer patrolled the area, but was unable to locate the source of the complaint. Anyone with information about this incident, can contact the Stockton Police

On 1/17 at approximately 4:36 a.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was dispatched to assist the Stockton Ambulance Service in reference to a person having trouble breathing. On arrival, the officer gave assistance to the victim until the arrival of the ambulance. The victim was then taken to Freeport Memorial Hospital for treatment. No further assistance was needed.

On 1/15 at approximately 8:11 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department observed suspicious activity at an address on Dillon Street. The officer observed several persons loading an unregistered trailer. Upon checking through computer, it was found that the persons were not wanted and that the trailer was not registered. Appropriate citations were written for the unregistered trailer, and the persons were then allowed to leave.

At approximately 2:50 p.m. on 01/17, the Stockton Police were dispatched to the area of Benton and Pearl Streets, in reference to a complaint of a suspicious man. The complaint alleged that the suspicious man was walking in the middle of the street and was pointing his fingers at passing vehicles as if his fingers were a gun. The subject was located and was found not to be a danger to anyone or himself. The subject was warned about not walking in the middle of the street and antagonizing motorists.

On 01/17 at approximately 4:54 p.m., an officer of the Stockton Police Department was told about a disturbance on a bus which was at the Shell Service station and Bus Depot. Upon arrival, the officer was advised that several subjects on the bus were acting in a disorderly manner. Once the officer was on scene, the subjects ceased to act

in a manner that alarmed other passengers. The bus driver chose not to sign any complaint as long as the subject would continue their good behavior. The officer stood by until the bus was loaded and left the area eastbound for Rockford. No further assistance was required

On 01/18 at approximately 11:23 p.m. Stockton Police were dispatched to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriffs' Office at US Route 20 East and Galena Ridge Road with a traffic stop. The Sheriffs' had a black 2015 Chrysler bearing Iowa registration stopped. The vehicle was occupied by the driver, and a passenger. After a computer check it was confirmed that the passenger was wanted on a Failure to Appear Warrant issued in Lake County, IL and was then placed under arrest. While encountering the passengers of the car, Officers observed a strong and distinct odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was then ordered out of the vehicle to accommodate a search of the vehicle. While standing by with the passenger, outside of the vehicle, it appeared to officers that he was becoming very anxious and tense. It appeared that he was scanning the surrounding area and acting in a nervous manner. Officers then attempted to walk him over to a squad to secure him in it for his safety. While escorting him to the squad, he suddenly pulled away from officers and attempted to flee on foot. As the officers attempted to keep him from fleeing, he began to resist and attack the officers. The suspect was able to break away from officers and attempted to run away. The suspect was pursued on foot by officers, and was eventually captured. The Elizabeth Ambulance Service was called to the scene for the suspect. The suspect refused any treatment by the ambulance. Both suspects were then placed into police vehicles and transported to the Jo Daviess County Jail for processing. During a search of the suspect's vehicle, a large amount of narcotics was located and confiscated for evidence.

Readers are reminded that all persons arrested are innocent until proven guilty in a court of Law..

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Washington home and is currently asking the courts for a finding of innocence.

Schmack, who put the ethics of being a prosecutor ahead of the politics of prosecuting and scoring a win for the criminal justice system, may have ended his career as an elected official by extensively reviewing McCullough's conviction looking for the truth, and then making a very difficult and unpopular decision. He lost his bid for reelection to the office of De Kalb County State's Attorney last November and has returned to private law practice.

## Millie's quote of the week

"A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life."

Charles Darwin

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I would like to take this opportunity to THANK everyone who attended my surprise 70th birthday party and all of the lovely cards and gifts were very much appreciated, too! It's truly a BLESSING to celebrate life with so many wonderful and caring family and friends! I hope everyone had as much FUN as I did! I'm very grateful for living in the same thoughtful & loving community all my life! May God Bless everyone and keep you in His loving arms!

**-Carol Ann Staver**

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## Illinois State Police warns of phone scams

The Illinois State Police (ISP) is warning the public of a phone scam that is currently circulating throughout the state. Several individuals have reported to the ISP that they have received automated messages advising them they are under criminal investigation and requesting they send \$600. The voice in the automated message appears to be a male with a foreign accent. The phone number associated with the calls has been faked to appear as a legitimate ISP telephone number of (847) 608-3200, in a practice known as "caller ID spoofing." The ISP wants to inform the public these calls are not coming from the ISP. Citizens should be wary of calls soliciting

money regardless of the phone number the call is made from, particularly if threats are made by the caller or they become pushy.

The ISP will never call to solicit money on behalf of the Department or ask you to send money for any reason. The ISP encourages those that believe they have been the victim of this phone scam to call the ISP at (847) 294-4400 to file a report.

For information on different types of phone scams and indicators of phone scams please visit the Illinois Attorney General website or the Federal Trade Commission at: <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/phonestcams.html> <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>



# 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

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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# 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.nacdn.net](mailto:mindy.pratt@il.nacdn.net).

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## 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.leadmonfh.com](http://www.leadmonfh.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, Kailee (Wes Bohnsack) Graves, Cody (Kayla Miller) Graves, all of Elizabeth, Karista (Josh) Hannah of Louisville, Kentucky, Darren (Tonya) Tippet 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 Tippet 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.leadmonfh.com](http://www.leadmonfh.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.leadmonfh.com](http://www.leadmonfh.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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Ashlyn Enck  
Grant Fiedler  
Joseph Lenz  
Madison Meador  
Kaylee Meyer  
Kierra Schulz  
Jordan Streckwald

## Abbygale Strominger Sophomores

Aidan Cruz  
Kendall Lobdell  
Meagan Mader  
Olivia Matz

## Juniors

Grace Bidlingmaier  
Kenneth Broge  
Samantha Gobeli  
Asa Lake  
Amber Madigan  
Noah Milder  
Madison Scace

## Seniors

Shawn Bonebright  
Marissa Buss  
Hope Enck  
Kyle Kalkbrenner  
Mitchell Mikesell

Cole Oberle  
Meghan Scace  
Lillian Schierloh  
Allison Weegens

## High Honors Honor Roll Freshman

Gabrielle Brinkmeier  
Zachary Fox  
Jaden Julius

## Sophomores

Amber Heinrich  
Parker Magee  
Jacquelyn Moest  
Megan Packard  
Iris Trimble

## Juniors

Ty Chrisman  
Laurel Flynn  
Noah Trumpy  
Rahveon Valentine  
April Woolcock

## Seniors

Leigh Hille  
Tanner Lawfer

## Honors Honor Roll Freshman

Alyssa Brown  
Isaiah Bruce  
Michael Chrisman  
Ava Dietz  
Dale Gahm  
Tenley Huttenlocher  
Krista Keene  
Samantha Kempel  
Makenzie Lawson  
Alexander Leamon  
Bailey Leamon  
Joel Martinez-Brown

Hannah Milliken  
Shannon Noller  
Sean Ormiston  
Alivea Peight  
Jaiden Rakowska  
Kaidyn Sargent  
Adam Then  
Channing Vorwald  
Jenna Zeal

## Sophomores

Bradyn Almasy  
Cade Benson  
Adriana Curran  
Darren Dameier  
Boone Durham  
Rebecca Edler  
Kelly Geyer  
Keegan Gyland  
Brooke Knoup  
Maleah Linden  
Lillian Rowley  
Christina Schubert  
Kendra Setterstrom  
Matthew Stampfli  
Sean Tootelian  
Sophie Tootelian  
Ana Zinke

## Juniors

Trevor Aurand  
Thomas Crothers  
Carmen DeVries  
Alexandria Edler  
Lauren Guy  
Viola Kluck  
Eli Lingle  
Madilyn McMahan  
Anna Patterson  
Owen Peight  
Natasha Rowe

## Gaige Schwartz Seniors

Alec Aurand  
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Joshua Brunner  
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Brianna Haight  
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Hollace Julius  
Jordan Lee  
Payden Lingle  
Bailey Litow  
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, Roderrick Munson, Seth Palmer, Siara Simons, Delanie Strohecker, Jazmin Wingert

**Sophomores:** Tia Clark, Madison Downs, Addison Keltner, Jarod Kempel, Jayden Kempel, Collyn Kuberski, Lydia Lott, Mindy Saeger, Kerstan Shippy, Braden Smargiassi, Brock Smargiassi

**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 were 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

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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.

## Stockton Youth Soccer Registration

Will be held at the Stockton Park House

Tuesday, February 7th • 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Cost is \$20 per child (child must be 4 by April 1st)

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# 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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### Seniors

Alec Aurand  
Austin Banister-Markee  
Colton Brinker  
Trey Chenong  
Daylan Chumbler  
Arianna Erving  
Brock Franses  
Corinna Fullmer  
Victoria Gahm  
Kayleigh Gerber  
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# Stockton Community Unit School District #206 regular December meeting minutes

The regular meeting of the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 was called to order at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, in the High School Library. Members present included Robert VenHuizen, Cory Cassens, Julie Lawfer, Kirk Schubert, Roger Groezinger, and Deb Gille. Member Kim Mapes was absent. The regular and closed session minutes of Nov. 21, were approved 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Gille. Bills totaling \$88,242.03 were approved for payment 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Groezinger. The financial report was approved 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by Gille. Head boys' basketball coach John Hammann addressed the board about his staff, technology director Gary Baglin presented information about new cafeteria and registration software that will allow parents to track their child's breakfast and lunch expenditures as well as registration fees, and the District's architects presented final plans for the Middle School HVAC project that will be bid out with bid openings in February. In addition, FHN representative Kayla Rodenbaugh explained the drug testing procedures and answered board questions.

In his good news report, Dr. Gilliland reported that the Education Foundation recently awarded over \$15,000 in grants to fund 32 more chromebooks for the Middle School as well as ceiling mounted projectors for the Elementary School and High

School. In addition, Superintendent Gilliland announced that 2004 Stockton High School graduate Dr. Brandon Arnold will be the Commencement 2017 speaker. In his administrative report, Dr. Gilliland reviewed a potential plan for both short and long term building and grounds needs with attached funding options for the projects. In her good news report, Principal Downey congratulated recently named Illinois State Scholars Jill Harmston, Mikayla Baysinger, Hannah Brudi, and Heather Musser and congratulated Ramsey Schulz for qualifying for the All State Chorus as well as the whole music program for its outstanding winter concert. In addition, Ms. Downey reported on recent professional development that focused on the new SAT assessment preparation. In his good news report, Principal Brad Fox Middle School commended students Abby Chumbler, Garrett Luke, Joseph Brudi, and Taylor Broshous for being named Blackhawks of the Month as well as the fifth and sixth grade students who collected items for the Stockton Food Pantry. In his administrative report, Mr. Fox commended the music students on a great concert and the fifth grade students who take care of recycling. In addition, the staff reviewed PARCC preparation in recent professional development and reported that there were very few failing first semester grades. In her good news report, Principal Colleen Fox congratulated the students on a fine concert performance and thanked

PTO members Suzette Drain, Brandi Herring, and Stephanie Broshous for their help with the recent Book Fair. In her administrative report, Ms. Fox reviewed recent professional development, attendance by several staff members at the Raising Student Achievement Conference, and the Title I Family Reading Night that was held on Dec. 15. Member Roger Groezinger reviewed the Career Technical Education Academy board of control minutes.

In new business, the board took the following action:

Approved bid with Veteran's Flooring for gym floor project #1 in the amount of \$23,000 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by VenHuizen

Approved bid with Veteran's Flooring for gym floor project #2 in the amount of \$47,000 6-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Groezinger

Approved bid with Veteran's Flooring for gym floor project #3 in the amount of \$13,750 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Schubert

Awarded bus fuel propane bid with Stephenson FS and bio-diesel and unleaded fuel to Saunders Corporation 5-0-1 following a motion by Schubert and second by Gille. Member Groezinger abstained.

Approved workman's compensation insurance renewal with Hartford Insurance/Gallagher Brokers in the amount of \$20,987 6-0 following a motion by Cassens and second by

Groezinger

Approved purchase of new cafeteria and registration software to be implemented for the 2017-2018 school year 6-0 following a motion by Gille and second by Groezinger

Approved setting Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 2:00 pm for Commencement 2017 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen And second by Schubert

Approved tax year 2016 levy 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Cassens

No action was taken on the IMRF Resolution.

The board voted to go into closed session under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of appointment, dismissal, performance of personnel, and matters relating to students at 9:26 pm following a motion by Schubert and second by Gille.

The board returned to open session at 10:33 pm with a vote of 6-0 following a motion by Groezinger and second by Schubert

Under continued new business, the board took the following action:

Approved with regret the resignations of assistant girls' track coach Larry McPeck and Melinda McNutt 6-0 following a motion by Gille and second by Groezinger

Approved Dennis Young as volunteer boys' basketball coach 6-0 following a motion by Schubert and second by Gille

Approved appointment of Mike Wrenz as softball coach for the spring of 2017 6-0 following a motion by VenHuizen and second by Cassens

The board adjourned at 10:37 p.m. following a motion by VenHuizen.

## Scales Mound Community Unit School District board holds monthly meeting

The following is a summary of action taken at the Jan. 17, Scales Mound Community Unit School District #211 School Board meeting. For more information please contact Ruth Foley or Dr. Bill Caron at (815) 845-2215.

### Presentations:

Mrs. Andrea Pickel presented information regarding the mythology unit she does with her fourth grade students. This unit is aligned with the Illinois learning standards and focuses on reading, writing, vocabulary, and grammar. She had the board participate in a vocabulary activity that the students do as part of the unit. Mrs. Pickel explained that the students enjoy studying the mythological gods and will complete the unit by reading a mythology novel.

### Other Action:

Dr. Bill Caron, Superintendent, presented information regarding the transportation committee's recommendation for the 2017-18 school year. The district will request bids for three buses, a 72-passenger, a 34-passenger, and an activity bus. The committee considered the ben-

efits or disadvantages of leasing or purchasing buses. Based on the research by the committee, the recommendation was to continue to purchase transportation equipment. The purchase of a 34-passenger bus will be part of a process to convert the districts fleet to smaller buses for daily transportation.

Members of the Superintendent evaluation committee presented information regarding the tool that will be used to evaluate Dr. Caron for the 2017 school year. This tool will gather information from board members, staff, and community members in five areas: Relationship with board, community relations, staff relationships, business and finance, and instructional leadership. The data will be collected over the next two months and collated by the Board President who will meet with Dr. Caron prior to the April 1, 2017 mandated deadline.

The board approved the agreement with Navigate Prepared to upgrade the district emergency response plan and procedures. This system includes the ability to provide first responders with more information in the event of an emergency at Scales Mound School.

The board approved the participation of qualified students to attend the Kansas Relays in the spring of 2017. This would be the third year that students from the Benton/Scales Mound/Shullsburg track team would participate in this national event.

The board approved an intergovernmental agreement with Galena School District to allow a bilingual student from Scales Mound Community Unit School District 211 to participate in the Galena bilingual education program.

The board approved the purchase and installation of furnaces in the elementary wing of Scales Mound School. The current units were over 20 years old and recently experienced mechanical problems. Due to the age of the units, replacement parts could not be found.

The board approved updated policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits after a second reading of the documents. The updates were due to new or revised legislation and public acts that became effective in the fall and winter of 2016.

The next School Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. due to the Presidents' Day Holiday.



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## Scales Mound Junior High Boys Basketball Success

The Scales Mound junior high boy's basketball teams wrapped up their seasons by earning the U.S. Grant/Fever River Conference Sportsmanship Award at the eighth grade level in addition to winning seventh grade conference championship with an undefeated 12-0 record.

## 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-

## Scholarship applications available at Extension Office

The University of Illinois Extension Office in Elizabeth announces the availability of several scholarships: Ralph & Katherine Norris Scholarship, Floyd & Alice Bale Scholarship, Dairy Herd Improvement Scholarship, Home & Community Education Scholarship and the Dalgarn Family Scholarship.

Ralph & Katherine Norris donated funds to provide scholarships for Jo Daviess County residents studying agriculture or related fields. Scholarships will be awarded to people pursuing a two or four year degree program as full-time students. Current high school students, college students, and others continuing their education can apply. Applicants must be accepted at a chosen school, college, or university. Past applicants must submit a new application each year. Recipients cannot receive the scholarship for more than four years.

Floyd & Alice Bale established the funds to provide scholarships for Jo Daviess County residents studying agriculture or related fields. Schol-

arships are awarded for two or four year degree programs to full time students. Recipients cannot receive the scholarship for more than four years.

The Jo Daviess County Dairy Herd Improvement Association has established a scholarship to provide financial assistance to Jo Daviess County Residents studying agriculture or agricultural related fields. An annual scholarship will be given as funds permit.

The Jo Daviess County Association for Home and Community Education is offering two scholarships of \$250 each to Jo Daviess County high school graduates pursuing a degree.

Mindy and Missy Dalgarn are pleased to announce their affiliation with the Jo Daviess County Extension and 4-H Foundation to offer the Dalgarn Family Scholarship. The Dalgarns' belief is that advanced education strengthens not only the individual, but the family and community as well by providing life changing exposure to a diversity of experiences, cultures and perspectives. The \$1,500 Dalgarn Family Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving graduating senior and active 4-H member seeking to further his/her education at a four-year institution. The scholarship is open to all fields of study. Selection criteria will be based upon active, productive membership in a Jo Daviess County 4-H Club (minimum of five years), demonstrated leadership and tenacity as demonstrated by school and community activities, hard-work and compassion as evidenced by experiences and letters of recommendation, scholarship as demonstrated by grades and test scores, as well as financial need. Completed application material is due no later than March 10, 2017. Only fully complete submissions will be considered.

Application deadline for MOST scholarships is March 31, 2017. All applications are available at web. extension.illinois.edu/jsjw or may be picked up at 204 Vine St., Elizabeth. For more information about any of these scholarships call the Jo Daviess County Extension Office at (815) 858-2273 or write to PO Box 600, Elizabeth, IL 61028.

## River Ridge Community Unit School District board meeting summary

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, President G. Allen Crist called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Members G. Allen Crist, David Howard, Barb Schaible, Don McLane, Merri Sevey and Matt Wild answered roll call. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Member Diestelmeier was absent. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Mike Foltz, Principal Beau Buchs, a member of the community, a River Ridge student and two representa-

tives for the River Ridge Education Association.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the regular and executive session minutes of the Dec. 19, 2016 Board Meeting and destruction of the May 18, 2015 audio executive session minutes and Northwest Special Education minutes.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$656,794.18 for bills and payroll.

Supt. Albrecht reviewed the Jo

Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy minutes from Jan. 9. CTE Open House is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 4-7 p.m. River Ridge #210 "Outstanding Students of the Second Quarter" are as follows: Liz Scott, Computer Networking and Security; Garrett Mulholland, Law Enforcement; Chloe Karberg, Graphic Communications.

Administrator News:

\*Many activities are planned for Spirit Week, Jan. 23-27.

Friday, Jan. 27, the Junior class will have a soup and sandwich sup-

per from 4-6 p.m. and Elementary will have Open House with a Book Fair starting at 5 p.m.

\*Congratulations to Macy Burns, eighth grade student, who placed first in the Geography Bee competition. Trevor Grube, eighth grade, placed second and Celia Turner, sixth grade, placed third.

\*River Ridge will be hosting a county-wide Jo Daviess Juvenile Justice Council presentation. This K-5 grade assembly will talk about kindness and respect.

\*Supt. Albrecht was given permission to seek bus bids for 2018.

\*2017-18 calendar and staff assignments will be presented at the February meeting.

\*River Ridge will host the Girl's Regional Basketball tournament.

River Ridge student, Tristen Angell, addressed the board in regards to early graduation, spring 2018. The Board approved the request as long as curriculum and graduation requirements are met.

No executive session.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board - Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m.



# 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, Zander

## 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@mediacommbb.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

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

## Stager

### 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

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# Travel safely with pets this holiday season

According to the American Pet Products Association there are 78 million dogs in the U.S. and each year, more and more pets are traveling with their owners to pet parks, restaurants and pet-friendly destinations, especially during the holidays and winter months. The problem is, the vast majority of owners are traveling with their pets unrestrained. Many people just don't realize that an unrestrained dog or cat riding in a vehicle can be a serious distraction.

The dangers of unrestrained pets when traveling

A dog sitting in the front seat can risk fatal injury from an airbag, even in a minor collision. Just as bad, a dog is also at risk of flying through the windshield when sitting co-

pilot. In the backseat they could be thrown like a projectile with enough force to seriously injure the human passengers and small children are most susceptible to serious injury. If a collision is bad enough that emergency crews are required, an unsecured animal could run from the scene into oncoming traffic, get hit or even cause another accident. The animal could also create a situation where a firefighter or paramedic is not able to get to you safely. Or even worse, a scared pet could pose a threat to a paramedic or firefighter and they may have to put the animal down in order to save human life. James R. Speiser, DVM, DABVP, CCRT, founder of IndyVet, a 24-hour specialty practice comprised

of emergency, internal medicine, surgery, ophthalmology, and rehabilitation services, has seen cases over his 37 years of practice. "Our team of emergency doctors has seen animals that have been injured while traveling in vehicles that have been involved in accidents," states Dr. Speiser. "As more people travel to pet friendly places, having pets secured in the vehicle increases the safety factor for both the driver and all the passengers," Speiser adds. More states are passing pet restraint laws

Arizona, Connecticut and Maine – distracted-driving laws can be used to charge drivers with pets on their laps.

Hawaii – explicitly forbids drivers

from holding a pet on their lap.

New Jersey – a NJSPCA officer can stop a driver they believe is improperly transporting an animal. Tickets range from \$250 to \$1,000 per offense, and a driver can face a

disorderly person's offense under animal-cruelty laws.

Rhode Island – proposed legislation would make having a dog in your lap a distracted-driving violation.

## Every American should have the basic right of health care

By Dick Durbin

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Dire warnings are pouring out of our intelligence community about a Russian attack on our election, and what tops the Senate Republicans' agenda? Repealing health care for tens of millions of Americans and jeopardizing quality of care for millions of Americans with employer coverage. This strategy of repeal and retreat threatens to dismantle our entire health care system – subjecting patients, providers, hospitals, and insurers to chaos.

Thanks to the passage of the Affordable Care Act six years ago, over 30 million Americans have been able to receive health care coverage (including more than one million newly insured in Illinois), and our nation's uninsured rate is now below 10% for the first time in modern history. Today, seniors are paying less for their medications because we closed the Medicare Part D prescription drug "donut hole," women can no longer be

told that their gender is a pre-existing condition, young people can stay on their parents' plans up to age 26, and millions of uninsured Americans now have health care coverage. If you've ever been the parent of a sick child, and you didn't have health insurance, it's an experience you will never forget. I know – I lived through it.

It's not just the more than 20 million Americans who would lose their health insurance, or those with pre-existing conditions, who would suffer if our health care system is dismantled. Repealing health care would lead to heavy economic losses across the country. In Illinois alone, repealing health care would leave over a million people without health insurance and would result in a multi-billion-dollar loss in economic activity, including job losses exceeding 84,000.

Health care should be a basic right in this great nation. We must work to improve our health care system, not destroy it entirely.

## Illinois State Police 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 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.

## LEGALS

### PLEASANT VALLEY TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR BIDS

Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Pleasant Valley Township, Jo Daviess County, Illinois will receive bids for cemetery mowing and trimming of Deeds Cemetery, Good Hope Cemetery, Edwards Cemetery and Township building grounds. Questions concerning this request should be made to Phyllis Miccolis, at (815)947-2809. All bids are to be received on or before Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 10699 E. Willow Rd., Stockton, IL 61085.

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  
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COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS -  
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# 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



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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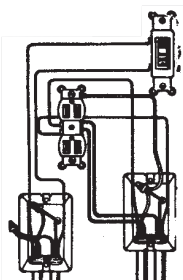
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# Highland announces dean's list for 2016 fall semester

Highland Community College proudly announces the dean's list for the Fall 2016 Semester. Students who have completed 12 credit hours or more during the semester and have a minimum of a 3.25 grade point average (GPA), based on a 4.0 scale, are included on the dean's list. Highest Honors are awarded to students with a perfect 4.0 GPA. High Honors distinction is given to students with a 3.50 to 3.99 GPA, and Honors students have earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.

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Orangeville: Melissa S. Owen  
Pearl City: Anna M. Folgate, Staci E. Hammer, John M. Werkheiser

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Mount Carroll: Christopher M. Morgan  
Nora: Allison M. Kubat

Orangeville: Hannah L. Badgett, Hannah M. Bollon

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Savanna: Michael J. Miller

Stockton: Natasha E. Euler, Ashley N. Getz, Brooke S. Haug, Kristen N. Krippendorf, Stephanie M. Nadig, Frederick J. Taylor, Reese S. Vanderheyden, Scott L. Wernet

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### Honors

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Hanover: Aaron M. Holcomb

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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

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the Native American people formerly inhabiting the area. It is in Yosemite where Yancy connects with nature and God and finally understands his place in the world.

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A variety of events will be scheduled around the community, including living history presentations of Teddy Roosevelt, our 26th President; Stephen Mather, founder of the National Park Service; a Wild West Lawman; and a buffalo soldier, presented by Freeport's own Steve Cole. This year's series of Lectures on American His-

tory will touch on the same themes in Gloryland, and shouldn't be missed. Our Youth Services Department will hold special story times and movie screenings. Beginning in March, we will screen one episode per week of Ken Burns' documentary "The National Parks, America's Best Idea," featuring Gloryland author, Shelton Johnson. In April, one event you won't want to miss will be given by the Buffalo Troopers Motorcycle Club of Northwestern Illinois.

Join with the Freeport Public Library, Stephenson County Historical Society Museum, Boys and Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County, University of Illinois Extension, Highland Community College, The Senior Resource Center, Northwest Illinois Audubon Society, and many other local organizations in celebrating a unique American experience.

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# Lena Winterfest expands its community holiday events

Compiled by Tony Carton  
EDITOR

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

On Tuesday, A Mexican Winter will be held at The Rafters Restaurant. All day specials will feature tacos and tequila! For more information, contact Jaime at The Rafters (815) 369 5330.

Wednesday, Jan. 25, will feature a downtown Wine Walk beginning at 6 p.m. and culminating around 8 p.m. Businesses participating include Twisted Metal, Lingle Design Group, Lena Fitness Club and Natural Healing Express. For details, contact Dawn at (815) 541-0228.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, a Little Miss and Mr. Winterfest contest will be held at Coach's Golf & Grill. Registration starts at 4:30pm and with no fee required. Competition begins at 5 p.m. with the crowning at 7 p.m. Contestants will be asked to perform a talent for one minute or less. Talent can range from telling a joke, singing, doing something athletic such as rope skipping or any talent of which the contestant is capable. This is designed to be fun and uplifting.

Additionally, the contestant will be

asked one question by the panel of judges. Contestants are asked to dress in their "winter best". The coordinator would like contestants and parents to know that they are not expected stay in the contest area the entire time. After the contestant "performs", they can dine with their family, play or whatever is congruent with their schedule as they are present for the crowning at 7 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third places. 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 Roger at (815) 238 7888. This event is a yearly highlight for many and winning this competition grants bragging rights for the whole year. We are hoping the champions are coming to defend their title!

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. 28, from 7 to 10 a.m. a pancake breakfast will be held

at Lena Methodist Church. Last year, this was an overwhelming success so come early and eat often!

A Co-Ed Volleyball tournament will be held at Le-Win High School from 8 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.

If you like billiards, there will be a tournament at 101 Billiards in Lena. For more information call (815) 541 8471.

The Polar party will be held from 3 - 9 p.m. with the historic bed races from 3 - 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. Refreshments available on board the Polar Express!

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 with host a food drive. Please stop in and donate a canned food item. For more information, contact Dawn at (815) 541-0228.

## 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.

## 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 inspi-

ration 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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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.

On Sunday, Jan. 30, 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 celebrities will be participating during the competition!

Some businesses will be sponsoring "Snowcars" along with their 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 Rafters' 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.

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WA16-0296

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS -  
GALENA, ILLINOIS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST  
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR  
AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES  
INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-  
THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES  
2005-R1;

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID ALLEN BEYER; SALLY A. BEYER;  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES  
OF DAVID ALLEN BEYER, IF ANY; UNKNOWN  
HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF  
SALLY A. BEYER, IF ANY; UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIM-  
ANTS;

Defendants,

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## NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the office of James J. Nack, 106 North Main Street, Galena, Illinois 61036, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 401 West Baldwin Street, Apple River, IL 61001.

P.I.N. 01-001-004-00.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Law Clerk at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455.

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## ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES AUCTION

507 E. MAIN ST. • LENA, IL

SATURDAY, January 28, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.

(Severe weather date: Sunday, January 29)

**ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** RR platform cart; Favorite wood butter churn on stand (NICE); harness vise; oak china hutch, commode & chest; treadle base w/table top; barn board door; milk cans; homemade iron child's backhoe; Little Giant hand crank duster; Buss Bedding wood bucket; Lawn Boy neon sign; Gardner's Soft-Twist bread metal sign; Interstate Battery tin sign; 'No Hunting or Trespassing' tin signs from WI Agriculturist; beer/liquor signs & mirrors; movie posters; nice printed seed sacks; vintage tools & farm related; cash register; US Government time clock; Mission oak shelf clock; homemade wood log cabin; wood 'Victor' duck decoy; RR & barn lanterns; Arcade wall coffee grinder; wood wringer; primitive kt; beer taper pulls & adv items; adv tins; blue fruit jars; crockery chicken waters; crock mixing bowls; dbl faced Bear cookie jar; beer steins, bottles & glasses; Snap-On plastic mugs; Autumn Leaf bowls; planters; glassware; Ken-Wel Brand Baseball Glove adv; paper literature; **(45+) LOCAL MILK BOTTLES:** sets from Highland Dairy, Oak Brand & Guernsey Dairy; half-pint, pint & quart bottles from Elm Spring Dairy; Freeport Sanitary; Rawleigh; Union Dairy; Stephenson Co. Co-op; Standard Dairy; Vita-Gold; Dixon & Shaner Produce Co., Lanark.

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# MAMMO

## Myth #16



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## STOP-IN MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING

**Thursdays 7:30 am - 3 pm**  
**Highland Women's Care**  
**3103 W. Kunkle Blvd, Freeport**

No referral. No appointment.  
 Just stop in any Thursday for  
 your screening ... and a fresh  
 cup of coffee or tea.



*Thursdays*

- No referral
- No appointment
- Hot coffee or tea



**Monroe Clinic**  
 Highland Women's Care

## 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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## YOUTH SPORTS



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### Indoor Soccer

**Pre-K - 4th Grade**  
**Registration is**  
**February 6 - 24, 2017**  
 (Six week session)  
**Games are on Saturdays**  
**March 4 - April 8, 2017**

Optional  
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 Offered for  
 all Youth  
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### NEW! T-Ball

**Pre-K, 1st and 2nd Grade**  
**Registration is**  
**February 6 - 24, 2017**  
 (Six week session)  
**Games are on Saturdays**  
**March 4 - April 8, 2017**

6 Week Session Fees: \$21 Members (2nd Child, \$16); \$42 Non-Members (2nd Child, \$37)  
 Coaches for all sports must have a working email address and will receive a roster.

### AQUATICS

#### 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

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