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Broncos' bracket-busting begins

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos received the three-seed in the ongoing Boys' Basketball Class 1A Regional-Sectional Complex. Because of that designation they will have to win three games to capture the Elgin-Westminster Christian Regional Crown this Friday night, Feb. 24.

The three-seed designation was earned courtesy of how well the Broncos played this season and how competitive they were within the NUIC-East.

Orangeville was 8-5 within the conference and collected 14 wins for the year. They finished in fourth place at the Forreston Holiday Classic, after they fell to Class 1A two-seed Freeport Aquin in the third place game.

Orangeville has been streaky. Prior to a January 30 loss to Pearl City, the Broncos won six in a row. Following the loss to the Wolves the Broncos lost three of four, including a season ending road match at Polo, 59-47.

In their opening round post-season game, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, Orangeville had to battle through 13-seed Elgin Academy. With the expected win over the 2-13 Hilltoppers, the Broncos moved on to the Regional Semi-Final for their attempt to secure win two in the much-needed three game streak.

Tip-off of the Westminster Regional Semi-Final was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22 in Elgin.

If the Broncos string a couple wins together they will be in the Class 1A Regional Final in Elgin this Friday night, Feb. 24. A third win in a row will put the Orangeville Broncos into round two in Pecatonica as they battle for the Class 1A Sectional Crown

next week.

A fourth straight win will be required before Orangeville would get a chance to battle for another title and they look to have to possibly have to deal with a familiar adversary to accomplish the task.



Before the Pecatonica Sectional would wrap up, if seeds work through, the Freeport Aquin Bulldogs might have to be beaten, unless the two-seed is taken out by another area rival

earlier.

The possible fourth win in a row would put the Broncos into the Class 1A Sectional Final in Pecatonica on Friday night, March 3. The team that started the Broncos' late-season slide would be waiting to see who moves on to DeKalb.

The win streak would have to reach five if they would want to get past Aquin this season...again, if Aquin even makes it that far themselves.

With details of the many early round contests unavailable at this time, too many variables exist to accurately predict the influence the one or two upsets that will probably happen in the Class 1A Pecatonica Regional-Sectional Complex will have on the overall Class 1A Field as teams take their final steps towards State.

Orangeville is capable of winning five in a row and work into the Class 1A Super-Sectional at Northern Illinois University on Tuesday, March 7. As recalled, before the three-of-four streak to close the regular season, the Broncos broke six straight.

A season high-tying sixth win in a row will put the Orangeville Broncos in Peoria for a chance to do battle in the Class 1A State of Illinois Final Four beginning Friday, March 10.



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Pearl City Art Club attend workshop

The Pearl City High School Art Club attended a painting workshop at the Freeport Art Museum on Saturday Jan. 21. Barry Treu, Education Director at FAM, lead the students through making a starry winter scene.

Pearl City Education Foundation offers upperclassman scholarships

It's time again for second, third, and fourth year College or Trade School Students to apply for scholarships being offered as of this year through the Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF). These scholarships were previously offered through the Pearl Area Upperclassman Foundation which is now part of the Pearl City Education Foundation. PCEF has a 501(c) (3) tax status.

Applications are available at the Pearl City School office or the School website www.pcwolves.net, and also at the Pearl City Public Library and the State Bank of Pearl City.

The deadline for returning completed applications to the Pearl City School is July 1, 2017.

Since its 2010 inception the Upperclassman Scholarship program has awarded 50+ scholarships with over

\$18,000 being distributed. The Upperclassman Scholarship program is designed to be perpetual.

The Pearl City Education Foundation (PCEF) welcomes additional donations that will help increase the number, size, and scope of scholarships as well as helping to provide funds for learning experiences for our students beyond regular academic programs. All donations are tax deductible.

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Depot Stove Gang to host annual railroad show and swap meet

The Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Club proudly announces our 29th Annual Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet on March 4 and 5. We will have over 30,000 square feet of operating displays, railroad memorabilia and model railroad merchandise. Our show will fill the Lena-Winslow Elementary, Junior High and High School gymnasiums and cafeterias. This is a great event for kids of all ages. Show hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, and 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5. Lunch is available both days in the Elementary Cafeteria. Lena is located just 1 mile north of U.S. Route 20 on Illinois 73. Directional signs will be posted to guide you to 401 Fremont Street in Lena. Lena is approximately 2 hours west of Chicago, 1¼ hours south of Madison, Wisconsin and 1 hour east of Dubuque, Iowa. Lena is easy to find, but hard to forget.

The Depot Stove Gang Show is rated as one of the nicest and largest shows in the Midwest. Our 28th year was another great year for exhibits, vendors and operating displays. Rain, sleet, ice or snow, the show will still be a go! The show and parking are free. We depend upon your donations to bring you this show. Free will donations are greatly appreciated at the Elementa-

ry entrance. The Depot Stove Gang is an Illinois not-for Profit Organization registered with the Illinois Secretary of State. For further information, as well as, other area information and attractions including lodging, please contact the Freeport/ Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 815-233-1357. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for including the above information in your newspaper or on your radio or television station. Your participation helps us bring another quality family event to our community, which would not be possible without strong supporters like you.

For further information, please contact: Roger Schamberger, 120 E. Townline Road, Lena, 815-238-7888 cell or Email rscham@hotmail.com.

Jo Daviess County Sheriff's office issues IRS scam warning

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office is warning the public of a phone scam currently occurring in Jo Daviess County.

The phone scam is a phone call informing individuals that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) filed a lawsuit against the individual and they need to make immediate payment over the phone. The IRS does NOT make contact via phone.

The Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office urges the public to exercise extreme caution if they receive telephone calls of this nature. Also, do NOT agree to transfer money to anyone unless you are absolutely certain of the identity of the recipient.



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Pearl City fifth graders take on a STEAM challenge

The fifth grade classes of Pearl City Elementary were busy builders on Jan. 24. Each team received a mystery bag filled with building supplies. Their challenge was to create a catapult device to launch a pom pom as far as they could. Students dove into the problem head on, and the teams demonstrated their contraptions and measured the distances of three launch trials. Students were then asked to average their scores. The competition was intense. Overall, each device had success and the students learned teamwork, math and science skills, and the ability to have fun while learning.

Volunteer Hospice to offer training classes

What do you know about Hospice? Have you ever asked these questions – How do I know when to call Hospice? Are all Hospices the same? How does Hospice help? Have you ever thought that you would be interested in working as a hospice volunteer?

These questions and more will be addressed at the Hospice Training classes scheduled to be held by Vol-

unteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois, Inc. This training class will help answer questions and serve as training for those interested in serving as a volunteer with our organization. Our training program will give you a better understanding of the needs of someone with a terminal illness and their caregiver. It will also provide information relating to the grieving process that you or someone you know may experience. As a trained volunteer you would be qualified to work with direct client care, our bereavement program, Friendly Visitor Program, perform clerical duties in the office or help with various fundraising events.

This training program is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 8 and will be held each Wednesday through April 26 from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Hospice office at 105 S. Main Street, Stockton. Bring a sack lunch. Call the office at 815-947-3260 to

reserve your spot. If you would like information on our training program, but cannot attend this training as scheduled, please call to make other arrangements.

College News

University of Dubuque announces December 2016 graduates

The University of Dubuque held a December Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 15, in Heritage Center's John and Alice Butler Hall on campus. Degrees were conferred upon 127 undergraduate and 48 graduate students including

Dylan Hastings of Lena, Bachelor of Science and Matthew Smith of Pearl City, Master of Divinity Henry Grubb, PhD, professor of psychology and assistant to the vice president for academic affairs on diversity at UD, delivered the Commencement address titled "Prepared for the Successful and Rewarding Life." About University of Dubuque The University of Dubuque is a private university affiliated with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offering undergraduate programs in 31 areas of study; graduate programs in communication, business administration, and physician assistant studies; and theological studies.

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Pearl City BOE regular meeting for February

President Bremmer called the Regular Meeting to order @ 6:30 p.m.

After Roll Call the Board approved the February 15, agenda.

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

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the Jan. 18, 2017 regular board meeting minutes, the closed session minutes from the Jan. 18, 2017 regular board meeting, minutes from the Jan. 23, 2017 special board meeting, approval of bills and payroll through Feb. 10, 2017, and the Petition by DJ Scott for course and salary reimbursement.

New Business:

Certified that hazardous Transportation conditions still exist when students cross Walgren Road and Highway 73.

Authorized to communicate with the Park District on a Contract for the sale of the Ag Building.

Approved the 2017-18 school Calendar.

Approved a Spanish Club Trip to Spain in June of 2018.

Discussed the plans to change the makeup of the JH football program as developed by Head Coach Randy Asche. The proposal includes making the program a 7 on 7 format. Includes workouts 4 days per week and a 7 on 7 game on Saturdays. Emphasis is placed on safety, strength and agility, and the opportunity for all players to learn multiple skill positions by eliminating the restricting weight rules of our present program. A decision on the potential change would take place at the March Board meeting.

Tabled the purchase of new software for operation of the school lunch program until the next fiscal year.

Approved the employment of Jamie Melville as a co assistant softball coach for 2017.

Set the board negotiation team and provided dates for the first meeting with the teacher union.

Discussed moving the March Board meeting to March 20, 2017 instead of March 15, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Highland Gallery announces call for entries for juried art exhibit

The Highland Community College District High School Juried Art Exhibit is designed to recognize high school artists in northwest Illinois and to celebrate their visual contributions to the community. An opening reception and awards presentation will take place on Thursday, April 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with an award

ceremony to be held at 5:30 p.m. Work is due on Thursday, March 16, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the west wing of the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. The exhibit entry form and prospectus can be found by visiting the news section at highland.edu.

The following is a message from Highland Gallery Director Robert Apolloni:

Highland Gallery has been hosting this juried high school art exhibit for 47 years, serving as a highly successful collaboration between the College and our district high schools. This exciting, annual spring exhibit showcases the many talented high school students that choose to share their visual art accomplishments with our College and the community. Art exhibitions such as this reflect the spirit and ideas of a given community; allowing us an opportunity to peek into the overall wellbeing of that community through the eyes of artists.

The dedicated art teachers from our district high schools should be commended for their ability to encourage and support the arts; especially in a time where fine arts are increasingly challenged to defend their existence. Indeed, this exhibit symbolizes the importance and role of the arts as a symbol for the direction of any given community.

The public is invited to join us for an opening reception on Thursday, April 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center on the Highland campus. Awards will be announced at 5:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information about this exhibit or the Highland Gallery, contact Bill Buehler at 815-599-3490 or bill.buehler@highland.edu.



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"What To Do With a Box"

Mrs. Brouhard's fourth graders recently completed a take-home STEAM project called "What To Do With a Box". The challenge was to create something useful out of a 6x6 cardboard box. Whatever they created had to serve a specific purpose. The possibilities were endless, and the students came up with some very unique ideas. They included jewelry boxes, piggy banks, games, and a seed dispenser.



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Ten Highland Community College Agriculture students participated in the Illinois Post-Secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Annual Conference at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois. Pictured L-R: Heidi Smith, Nicole Simler, Danielle Hinshaw, Charlie Elliott, Jamie Cullor, Andrea Willing, Stephanie Nadig, Annelis Tapia, Rebecca Alexander, and Drew Groezinger.

HCC Agriculture Club competes at Illinois PAS Annual Conference

On Friday, Feb. 10, ten Highland Community College Agriculture students participated in the Illinois Postsecondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Annual Conference at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL.

During the conference, participants competed in a number of agriculture-specific content areas that included general knowledge exams, real-world problem-solving scenarios, goal-setting activities and personal interviews.

Postsecondary Agriculture Students (PAS) is a national student organization that provides opportunities for college agriculture students to experience individual growth, leadership and career preparation through competition and cooperative activities.

Congratulations to following Highland Agriculture students who competed at the annual conference:

- Heidi Smith (Sycamore) — First place in Career Progress-Agribusiness Management & Marketing Systems and also competed in the Agriculture Computers Area
- Rebecca Alexander (Lanark)

— First place in the Career Planning-Agriculture Education, third place in the Agriculture Education Teaching Demonstration and participated in the Equine Specialist Area

- Danielle Hinshaw (Byron) — Second place in Career Planning-Ruminant Animal Systems and second place on the Landscape/Nursery Specialist Team
- Drew Groezinger (Stockton) — Second place Landscape/Nursery Specialist Team

• Dairy Specialist Team consisting of Charlie Elliott (Freeport), Nicole Simler (Freeport), Andrea Willing (Rock City), and Stephanie Nadig (Stockton) earned third place.

• Jamie Cullor (Freeport) participated on the Soil Specialist Team and ran for a State PAS officer position.

• Annelis Tapia (Stockton) participated on the Soils Specialist Team and in the Agriculture Computers area.

Members competed well in the Agriculture Quiz Bowl winning one match.

The Highland Agriculture Department would like to thank State Bank,

Freeport for sponsoring the Highland AG Club and its participation in PAS activities. The funds generously contributed by State Bank, Freeport were used to purchase materials in preparation for competition and to cover expenses to register and travel to the conference. The next PAS activity is the National PAS Convention held March 13-16 in Saint Charles, Missouri. If you have any questions or would like more information about the HCC PAS organization, please contact Justin Ebert, Agriculture instructor at justin.ebert@highland.edu or call 815-599-3507.



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VIEWPOINT

From the desk of Illinois State Representative Brian W. Stewart

We all know that Illinois is in a state of turmoil. We've been guilty of kicking the can down the road one too many times, and for decades we have been neglecting our pension payment obligations. I'll be the first to say that I don't envy the Governor's current position.

This past week Governor Rauner gave his annual budget address. In his speech, the Governor laid out his spending plan for the next fiscal year. Some of his numbers relied on the State Senate to continue negotiations in an attempt to fill a budget gap, and the rest relied on anticipated revenues.

There is little debating the fact that Illinois doesn't have enough

funds flowing in to pay all of our bills. The only question is how are we going to fill that void. To his credit, the Governor has shown a refusal to play another game of kick the can. Previous Governors have relied on accounting gimmicks that raided the transportation and other funds, but Governor Rauner is determined to come up with a long-term solution to a far too long ignored problem.

So where does this leave us? The Governor signaled that it is necessary for the Senate to continue their budget negotiations to achieve a balanced budget. We've already seen good progress on that front, though some proposals that have



By **BRIAN STEWART**
State Representative

been floated were almost universally opposed.

One of the points where the Governor left no room for debate was in adding to the financial burden born by lower-income families and fixed-income seniors. This means that proposals which included taxing retirement income – or raising taxes on food and medicine – would

all be opposed by the Governor.

It's safe to say that we will probably not have a budget until the Senate has reached an agreement, but an agreement is perhaps not as far off as some might think. As I've said before, the Senate has never been closer to a budget compromise. Senate President John Cullerton and Republican Senate Leader Christine Radogno have been meeting regularly, and we can only hope that their meetings will result in an agreement.

Bi-partisan compromise is the only vehicle that can drive us out of this mess. I'll say it again and again: the Governor can't fix the state's budget by himself. It's going to take Republicans and Democrats working together for the good of the state. Thankfully, that is exactly what we have been seeing, and that gives me hope for the future.

The one thing that we should all remember is that a balanced budget isn't just about getting your finances to look good on a sheet of paper – it's about confidence. When businesses know that Illinois is serious about meeting our obligations and serious about keeping our fiscal house in order, then we can expect to see economic growth.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone who is thinking about purchasing a house in a city whose city hall is so dysfunctional that the council can't agree to a budget. Would you feel confident about buying that house? Even if that house had everything you wanted, it would still have an ominous question mark lingering over it.

For the most part, that's how many businesses see Illinois. I can only imagine a board meeting in which the question is asked "Why would we even move to Illinois when Wisconsin and Indiana have balanced budgets? We have no idea what new taxes Illinois will place on us the minute we locate there."

Not only am I thinking about companies that are considering moving here, I also have to think about those companies who are considering leaving Illinois out of fear for the future. That's not even to mention the companies that very well could add new jobs, but have held off because of an environment of uncertainty. Once negotiations have concluded, we can move forward with a balanced budget, and we can expect a positive economic impact on our region.

"Certainty" and "sustainability" – those are the words that come to mind when considering what it's going to take for Illinois to succeed. At this point, I'm hoping that bi-partisan cooperation will lead to a healthy dose of both certainty and sustainability for all of us.

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

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

TCEDA annual luncheon meeting and awards features Carmen Rossi

Tri-County Economic Development Alliance (TCEDA) will be hosting its 2017 Annual Luncheon Meeting at Timmerman's Supper Club, 7777 Timmerman Drive, East Dubuque, IL, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16.

TCEDA is honored to host the guest speaker, Carmen Rossi. Rossi was appointed by Governor Rauner to serve as a board member on the Illinois Economic Development Board, now Intersect Illinois.

Rossi received four collegiate and post-collegiate degrees while owning and operating five profitable companies. After graduating law school, he acquired and developed a number of hospitality venues in the Chicagoland area and currently owns and operates thirteen businesses.

In addition, Rossi serves as a Commissioner on the City of Chicago Landmark Commission, is a board member to the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee, and serves as the Board of Directors and Finance

Chair for the Illinois Restaurant Association.

Rossi received his B.S. in English and Political Science, and his Master's Degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He taught three undergraduate classes as a University employee. He received his Juris Doctorate at Northern Illinois University. During law school he worked as a clerk with the Will County State's Attorney's office. He specializes in appellate court drafting for cases primarily focused on civil litigation.

In 2014 he started Chicago Knight Life, a company he built to involve his hospitality portfolio with local Chicago charities. Chicago Knight Life reaches out directly to Chicago organizations and charities to provide a warm meal and companionship. All employees of his hospitality portfolio are encouraged to volunteer for weekly visits to charities. These calls range in purpose from passing out food, helping serve, and engaging in conversation to enhance life. Chicago

Knight Life has worked with Ronald McDonald House, Little Black Pearl, Sarah's Circle, Asian Youth Services and many others.

In addition, TCEDA's third annual awards will be presented to honor business collaboration, nonprofit collaboration and a community collaborator.

Those wishing to attend the annual luncheon meeting should register by March 6, either online at www.tceda-nwil.org or by mailing a check to TCEDA, 1 Commercial Drive, Suite 2, Hanover IL 61041. The cost is \$30 per person or \$225 for a table of eight. Registration is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call (815) 858-4491.

Senator Durbin's statement on reports of National Guard deportation force

U.S. Senate Democratic Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL), Ranking Member of the Senate Immigration

Subcommittee, released the following statement after a leaked pre-decisional memo outlining a Trump Administration plan to mobilize 100,000 National Guard troops to arrest and detain unauthorized immigrants. The reports are being denied by the White House and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. "The reported Trump Administration plan to mobilize as many as 100,000 National Guard troops to arrest and detain unauthorized immigrants would be a frightening exercise of police state tactics.

"Trump executive orders have re-defined criminal activity so as to make undocumented immigrants with traffic offenses priorities for deportation. The same order calls for increasing the number of ICE agents to enforce the order from 5,000 to 15,000.

"Now, this plan which would add 100,000 Guardsmen to the effort shows the extreme measures the Trump Administration would take to break up families and deport

people who have lived in this country peaceably for decades.

"We cannot rein in the hateful anti-immigrant agenda of the Administration unless the American people stand in solidarity against it.

"This is not a bizarre tweet. This is a brazen, heavy-handed assault on innocent people."

Lena American Legion Auxiliary to host brunch

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will honor female veterans with a brunch on Saturday, February 25, at 9:30 a.m. This will be held at the Lena American Legion Home at 316 W. Main St., Lena. There will be no charge for this brunch. Please come and join us for fellowship.

Reservations or questions call 815-369-4684 or jamcps54@yahoo.com. Please make your reservations by Feb. 22.

Bustos leads Illinois Democratic House Delegation in letter calling on Gov. Rauner to stop playing games and fully fund domestic violence programs

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (IL-17) led the entire Illinois Democratic Delegation to demand that Gov. Bruce Rauner fully fund domestic violence programs across the state. Gov. Rauner's refusal to compromise and pass a budget has left the State of Illinois without a budget for nearly three years, and in his budget address earlier this week, the Governor did not outline domestic violence programs as a priority for his Administration.

"Gov. Rauner's failed ideological experiment in Illinois has wreaked havoc across our state, and too often, it has been the most vulnerable among us – such as survivors of domestic violence – who have paid the price for his inability to compromise," Congresswoman Bustos said. "Women and children fleeing domestic abusers need our help and Gov. Rauner hasn't done his part. After nearly three years, it is long past time for Gov. Rauner to put politics aside and pass a budget that will

fully restore funding for domestic violence programs."

Last year, Congresswoman Bustos hosted Gary Halbach, President and CEO of the Rockford area non-profit domestic violence shelter Remedies Renewing Lives, at President Obama's final State of the Union to highlight the challenges Remedies has faced due to the lack of a state budget in Illinois. Because of failure in Springfield, they were forced to turn away 118 women and children seeking domestic violence support in September, 2015.

A recent AP article showed that the Rauner Administration failed to inform domestic violence agencies that they would once again run out of state funding. Congresswoman Bustos and the signatories are urging Gov. Rauner to put partisanship and non-budgetary demands aside and finally agree to a budget that fully restores funding for domestic violence programs.

ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

MARSHALL C. RAAB

Marshall C. Raab, age 91, of Red Oak, IL, passed away Feb. 12, 2017 at home. He was born Jan. 30, 1926 to the late William and Marjorie (Eaton) Raab. Marshall attended



Stockton High School and graduated from Pearl City High School in 1944. He married Helen Gothard on Feb. 23, 1947 in Mt. Carroll, IL.

Marshall was a member of the Pleasant Valley Church of God. After graduation he worked as a hired man on several farms in the area. After retiring from farming he went into remodeling houses for over 20 years. He also started spending winters in warmer climates. Marshall enjoyed fishing, bowling and hunting ginseng and morels.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Raab of Red Oak, IL; four sons, Theodore (Carol) Raab of Machesney Park, IL, John (Josie) Raab of Freeport, IL, Calvin (Beverly) Raab of Green Bay, WI, and Randall (Tonya) Raab of Lena, IL; his daughter, Marsha (Gary) Larson of Stockton, IL; brother, Millard (Linda) Raab of Houghton, LA; three sisters, Mary Lou Bowers of Lena, IL, Mona (Charles) Ballas of Freeport, IL, and Marie Bawden of Stockton, IL; 16 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

Marshall was preceded in death by his parents, William and Marjorie; ten brothers and sisters; and one grandson.

A funeral service was held Feb. 17, at the Chapel of Peace at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. There was a visitation on Feb. 16, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. Interment took place at Chapel Hill. A memorial fund has been established for Pleasant Valley Church of God and Red Oak United Methodist Church. Condolences and remembrances may be shared with Marshall's family at www.hermann-funeralhome.com

MICHAEL L. IRETON

Michael L. Ireton, 73, passed away at home under hospice care. He was born on Jan. 30, 1944 to Allen and LaFaye Ireton, in Peoria, IL. He graduated from Weyauwega High School in Wisconsin. Mike served in the Air Force from 1962 to 1966. He then worked for Com Ed, from which he retired. Mike's passion was hunting, golfing, visiting with everyone, and spending many



hours tending to his lawn on his favorite John Deere mower. He was a proud member of the Wolf Hollow men and senior golf league, which he volunteered there for 18 years. Mike belonged to the Le Aqua-Na Sportsman Club, the Montana Properties Group and Lena American Legion. He loved to cook for their many events. He was also a daily participant of the "Coffee Clutchers" in up-town Lena.

Mike married the love of his life, Ardris Haas, on Aug. 24, 1968. He is survived by his wife, Ardi; his daughter Nicole (Dean) Rood with their children Sierra (Blue) and Tristan; his son Doug Ireton with his children Beau and Tess. He is also survived by his mother LaFaye Ireton, his two sisters Sharon Redemann and Gaye (Lon) Behm. Michael is survived by the families of his nephews Rory (Stacy) Redemann, Ryan (Sarah) Redemann, and Josh (Heidi) Behm and by his niece Miranda (Matt) Macur. He was preceded in death by his father, Allen Ireton; his parent-in-laws, Joe and Elsie Haas and his brother-in-law, Pat Redemann.

Papa Mike loved attending his grandkids' many events. Whenever he was strong enough, he loved attending Sierra's Augustana volley-

ball games. He passed on his passion for hunting and fishing to Tristan. Michael thoroughly enjoyed when Beau and Tess visited and spent many hours playing in the park and doing puzzles.

Memorial Services will be on Wednesday Feb. 22, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Lena. Visitation will be from 9 until the time of service at 11 a.m. A memorial has been established in Michael's memory in lieu of flowers.

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

The family gives special thanks to FHN Hospice for their compassion, the comfort and care they provided to Michael and his family during this difficult time.

MILDRED MEYERHOFER

Mildred Meyerhofer, age 93, of Elizabeth, Illinois, passed away Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, at the Elizabeth Nursing Home in Elizabeth. A funeral service and visitation were held February 17 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Elizabeth. Burial took place in the Elizabeth Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in Mildred's memory. Friends and family are invited share in Mildred's memory at www.lawjonesfuneral-home.com.



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Schoonhovens celebrate 75th anniversary

It was a special day for Orval and Dorothy Schoonhoven, Lena, Sunday, as they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary with a reception at Lena Living Center. Adding to the celebration was a visit from Lena Village President Dennis Bergman, who presented the couple with an official document proclaiming February 12, 2017, as Orval and Dorothy Schoonhoven Day in Lena. The couple married Feb. 12, 1942, in Forreston, and lived much of their lives in the Shannon and Lanark areas. They celebrated their 96th birthdays in January.

Senior Resource Center buys new building, creates activity center

Growing – that is the watchword for the Senior Resource Center in 2017. After a move in 2015, the center is ready to expand again and has purchased the property next door, creating a Senior Activity Center.

"Our new building at 216 E. Stephenson St. brings us the flexibility to expand our activity offerings and host more events," said Sue Lambert, Senior Resource Center executive director. "We know that every seven seconds someone turns age 50 so this expansion makes perfect sense. We are literally growing for the next generation of seniors."

Lambert said that new activity programming to appeal to some of the younger seniors will begin to mix with some of the more traditional classes already being offered. "We will have space for everyone now," Lambert said.

The new activity building features a large meeting room with a capacity of about 100 individuals, a kitchenette and smaller meeting room. The original office building at 206 E. Stephenson St. already has a medium size meeting room that can be used as well.

"We have transitioned activities over to the new building," Lambert said. "In March, expect to see new activities such as a trivia contest,

and life choices and senior safety classes. Plus coloring returns to the Senior Activity Center lineup and the AARP Safe Driving Class will be held there too."

In addition, the Senior Resource Center Campus is collaborating with the Freeport Public Library to bring One Book, One Freeport events to the Senior Activity Center. All center on the book "Gloryland" by Shelton Johnson. "We are so excited about the One Book, One Freeport events. These special activities include an audio book club, printed book club, Living History performances and a tour preview."

Details on all events can be found on the Senior Resource Center website, www.seniorresource-center.net.

Lambert stressed that the purchase does not affect the hallmark programs of the Senior Resource Center. "We will continue to offer programs such as Community Care, Information & Assistance, Tax-Aide, Medicare Open Enrollment, Adult Protective Services, Transit and Money Management Services that people depend on regularly. These vital programs will remain at 206 E. Stephenson St.," she said.

The Senior Activity Center purchase was made possible by a gift from the Betty J. Underwood Trust.

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Clarence Mitchell Library at HCC presents 'The National Park Service at Age 100'

Highland Community College's Clarence Mitchell Library is pleased to offer a program for the One Book, One Freeport initiative. Accomplished cultural geographer Norman Moline will present highlights of National Park Service (NPS) history including Yosemite National Park, part of the setting for the 2017, One Book, One Freeport title, "Gloryland," by Shelton Johnson.

"The National Park Service at Age 100" will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, in the Clarence Mitchell Library at Highland. The National Park Service (NPS), sometimes described as "America's Best Idea," celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2016. The NPS set aside sites that are particularly beautiful, scientifically or historically significant, and made them available to the public on a scale unprecedented in world history.

Norman Moline is Professor Emeritus of Geography at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and is a current resident of Rock Island. His teaching career has spanned 45 years, and his specialties include cultural geography, historical geography of the United States, and land resources management.

The event is being produced in part by the Illinois Humanities Council's (IHC) Road Scholars Speakers Bureau, a program that provides organizations statewide with affordable, entertaining, and thought-provoking humanities events for communities. A roster of speakers, hailing from 20 different towns and cities across Illinois, present topics in history, cul-

ture, literature, music, politics, law, science, and more.

The Clarence Mitchell Library is committed to the success of the Highland community, students, faculty and staff in learning, teaching, and research. The mission of the One Book, One Freeport program is to encourage a shared reading experience, foster a sense of community and promote literacy to people of all ethnic backgrounds, economic levels, and ages. One Book, One Freeport coordinates educational programs and events to explore topics related to a selected book. For a full list of events scheduled in 2017, visit www.Freeport-PublicLibrary.org/onebook.

The Illinois Humanities Council is an independent, nonprofit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to fostering a culture in which the humanities are a vital part of the lives of individuals and communities. The IHC creates programs and funds organizations that promote greater understanding of, appreciation for, and involvement in the humanities by all Illinoisans, regardless of their economic resources, cultural background, or geographic location. The IHC is supported by state, federal and private funds.

The event is free and open to all audiences. The Clarence Mitchell Library is located on the second floor of the Marvin-Burt Liberal Arts Center at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Road in Freeport. For more information, contact Laura Watson at 815-599-3456 or laura.watson@highland.edu.



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Stockton High School Servant Leadership Chapter makes donation to Hospice

Laurie Zueger (S.H.S. Servant Leadership Mentor), Alexis Mauser, Vera McGovern, Olivia Kepner, Megan Gille, Luke Huschitt, Heather Musser and Tyler Larson. Front – Aaron Dvorak, Joann Robinson (Volunteer Hospice Director), Mary Stayner (Volunteer Hospice Coordinator) and Kali Haas. Missing from photo: Christian Kampmeier, Cynthia Donth-Carton (S.H.S. Servant Leadership Mentor)

'Midsummer Night's Dream' comes to the HCC stage

Highland Community College Theatre Arts program presents "Midsummer Night's Dream," by William Shakespeare for the spring 2017 theatre production. Performance dates are Thursday, March 9, Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a delightful and magical come-

dy about love. It is an evening of comedy in this magical dream. Puck and his fairy friends are up to mischief mixing up two sets of star-crossed lovers, and casting a spell on the queen of the fairies to make her fall in love with a donkey. One of Shakespeare's most popular plays, it will delight, amuse and warm your heart.

The cast consists of more than 18 Highland Community College students and three members of the community.

"I am enjoying working on a Shakespeare play with Highland students. They are gaining a wonderful grasp and use of the language. They bring great enthusiasm, dedication, and ideas with them to rehearsals," said Laura Early, director, and theatre arts instructor. "I have directed this show previously, and I was in a production of it as a college student. This cast is very talented — one of the best I have worked with on a Shakespeare production."

Early's training includes work in voice and Shakespeare's rhetoric with Dennis Krausnick, co-founder and director of training for Shakespeare & Company. Early was assistant director for Krausnick's production of "Titus Andronicus" at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

The set for this production includes a large revolving stage adding to the magic of the show. Set design is by Dave Vrtol, technical theatre director. Lighting design is by Highland student, Alex Jansen, and Linda Foat is the costume designer. Original music written by HCC student Josh Naujokas will be featured in the production.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students. There is a \$2 transaction fee for every ticket purchased. For reservations call 815-599-3718 or visit highland.edu.



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Stockton School District Spelling Bee winners

21 round spelling bee that resulted in the following winners: 1st place Joseph Brudi, 2nd place Kayden Schubert, 3rd place Maria Bender, Principal Mr. Fox. 1st and 2nd place winners will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee in Pearl City.

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Le-Win/Orangeville Speech Team ends season on a positive note

Anyone of a certain age will remember the old Gillette Cavalcade of Sports which often featured premier boxing matches on Friday nights, fights as Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott battling it out for the heavyweight championship. But what you won't remember is a middleweight/heavyweight fight. The middleweight may get a few shots in, but the size and strength of the heavyweight will win every time.

There is a comparison to be drawn between this imaginary not-to-be-fought fight and high school speech where fights like this happen week after week. The Le-Win/Orangeville speech team is a good middleweight but it's no heavyweight. In order to send kids to the State Speech Tournament every year, a team has to be a heavyweight, that is, come from a school with an enrollment in the thousands, not the low hundreds. So, for the second year in a row, the middleweight was sent home after the Huntley Sectional Speech Tournament while watching its heavyweight colleagues move on. Again.

When it comes to high school athletics and various co-curricular activities, size matters. Regardless of how good the Lena-Winslow football team is, when playoff time comes around, you will not see them play a team such as Huntley High School, a far-west suburban school with an enrollment of nearly 3,000. Smaller schools play each other just as bigger schools play each other. And, this applies to nearly all Illinois High School Association (IHSA) sports and activities save one: competitive speech.

According to the IHSA, there are not enough small schools to warrant creating a second class for speech teams.

"I approached the IHSA once about this issue," said Le-Win/Orangeville coach Tom Fore. "So did Stockton/Warren coach Dan Stevens, and we were both told the same thing—there are not enough smaller schools participating in speech (referred to as Individual Events on the IHSA website) to make it worth their while. If that's what they say, that's what they say, but I've gotten a little 'that's their story and they're sticking to it' feel blended in with their response. I've been at this for 15 years, and to my knowledge there has never been any serious discussion, let alone consideration, about a two-class system on the part of the IHSA. It could be done. It's just a matter of where to draw the dividing line for enrollments and the will to make it happen."

So, can this one-class system af-



Top six finishers that represented Lena-Winslow/Orangeville at the Huntley Sectional Speech Tournament were, from left, Justin Malone, Eiley MacDougall, and Asa Lake.

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fect the outcome of which schools send kids to the IHSA State Speech Tournament, this year held Feb. 17 and 18 in Peoria? According to the numbers, it might appear that way.

The IHSA Sectional tournament, held at Huntley on Saturday, Feb. 11, was made of up teams that competed at one of the three Regional tournaments held the week before. If a student finishes in the top four in his or her speaking category at Regionals, that student moves on to Sectionals. If the student finishes in the top three at this tournament, the student advances to the State Tournament. The three Regional tournaments were held at Freeport, Rochelle, and Cary-Grove high schools.

The Freeport Regional consisted of thirteen teams, even though two, Aquin and Harlem, did not compete. The enrollments of the competing schools ranged from 162 (River Ridge) to 2,093 (Hononegah). Altogether, these schools had a combined enrollment of 11,063, or 851 per school. But, when compared to numbers from the other two Regionals,

the lack of parity becomes obvious. The Rochelle Regional attracted ten schools with an average enrollment of 1,836 (total combined enrollment of 18,361) and the Cary-Grove Regional had a whopping 23,652 total combined enrollment spread out over

twelve schools for an average enrollment of 1,971.

"People may think, 'It's just a speech contest. How hard can it be,'" Fore said. "It can be incredibly hard. There is a tremendous amount of technique involved which takes a

tremendous amount of time to master. When a speech coach has 3,000 students to draw from, as opposed to 300, the end results for the big and small schools can be quite dramatic. I've always maintained that good competition makes our team better, and we have been to state seven times in the past 15 years, which is very good for a school our size, but most bigger schools send kids every year. At schools like Lena and Stockton and Pearl City, we don't have the luxury of maintaining a group of kids that do nothing but speech, as you'll find in larger schools. Our kids are involved in many other activities, which is great. It's all part of the high school experience. But, when we compete with schools with enrollments ten times our size, and only a small fraction can move on, the proverbial 'big school advantage' becomes quite obvious."

All things considered concerning school size, the Le-Win/Orangeville coop did quite well at the Sectional Tournament. Three students advanced to the final round of six. Justin Malone, a sophomore from Orangeville finished tied for fourth in radio speaking, and Asa Lake and Eiley MacDougall finished in sixth place in Humorous Duet Acting.

Fore noted, "This was the second time Justin was one place away from going to State. His day is coming. Also, Asa and Eiley are only juniors, and they are getting better every year. I think we'll be in good shape next year. Graduation will force us to fill a few holes, but preparation is key, and that will start soon. Very soon."

Other Le-Win and Orangeville students who competed at Sectionals were Adisyn Hoff, Hope Enck, John Jurkovic, Lucas Boomgarden, and Sierra Hildebrand.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

What a wonderful February we are having. Today as I sit here writing, it is over 60 degrees. The sun is shining—I love that—and the world is pretty perfect. My car is clean on the outside, and that makes me happy too. I should probably tackle a window or two, but I think I will just enjoy the sunshine. Enough with the procrastination and on with cooking. This week's recipes feature a salad, a vegetable, two entrées and a dessert.

I really like fruit salad. This combines oranges, fresh pineapple and red onion. I make a green salad with oranges and red onions that I love, so I thought this one would do just as well. The grocery stores have been having fresh pineapple on sale, so it is a good treat. You can substitute the feta cheese with ricotta cheese or queso fresco.

Caribbean Fruit Salad

Dressing:
 2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
 1 T. fresh lemon juice
 1 T. white wine vinegar
 1 t. honey
 1/8 t. Dijon mustard
 Salt to taste

Salad
 3 navel oranges, peeled and sliced
 2 C. cubed fresh pineapple
 3/4 C. sliced red onion
 3/4 C. feta cheese chunks
 1 T. minced fresh cilantro or parsley

Dressing: whisk together the oil, lemon juice, vinegar, honey, and Dijon; season with salt.

Salad: combine the oranges, pineapple, onion, and cheese. Drizzle vinaigrette over fruit, then sprinkle with cilantro or parsley. Serve immediately.

I love broccoli casseroles and have a number of good ones. I haven't had one with cream of mushroom soup, so this one was a good one for me to try. I also have never used the French friend onion rings in a broccoli casserole. I am living dangerously by using them in a casserole other than green beans!

Cheddar Broccoli Casserole

1 can cream of mushroom soup
 1 C. sour cream
 1 1/2 C. shredded sharp cheddar, divided
 1 can (6 oz.) French fried onions, divided
 2 pkg. frozen broccoli florets, thawed

In a saucepan, combine soup, sour cream, 1 cup cheese, and 1/4 cup onions; stir over medium heat until blended. Add the broccoli. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Bake at 325, uncovered for 25-30 minutes. Top with cheese and onions. Bake until cheese melts.

Chicken Parmesan is one of my favorites, and I make it a lot. I usually buy Prego, but this sauce is really good and worth the effort of making it from scratch. If you aren't a garlic lover, cut the garlic clove in half. I love the Panko bread coating because it makes it nice a crispy. The recipe does require some preparation. I often do dredge my chicken and fry it immediately. This recipe has you refrigerate the breaded chicken for at least a half hour. It makes for a crispier chicken. Serve it over pasta, and it is quite a meal for company.

Garlicky Chicken Parm Sauce

1/4 C. extra-virgin olive oil
 1 small onion, chopped
 1 clove garlic, chopped

1 carrot peeled and finely chopped
 1 stalk celery, chopped
 1 can (32 oz.) can crushed tomatoes
 1 t. dried oregano
 Salt and pepper

Chicken

8 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
 Salt and pepper
 1 C. flour
 3 eggs
 3/4 C. milk
 7 cloves garlic, minced
 3 C. Panko breadcrumbs
 2 t. garlic powder
 Oil for frying
 1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese
 1 1/2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese

Sauce: Heat the olive oil in a large heavy-pot over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté until the onion is translucent, about 10 minutes. Add the carrot and celery, season with salt and pepper and sauté until all the vegetables are soft, another 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes and oregano and simmer over low heat, uncovered, until the sauce has thickened, about 1 hour. Season to taste with more salt and pepper as needed.

Chicken: Preheat the oven to 350. Set a wire rack on a baking sheet lined with foil. Sprinkle the chicken on both sides with salt and pepper. Combine the flour and salt and pepper in a medium baking dish. In a second baking dish, whisk the eggs, milk, and minced garlic. In a third dish, combine the panko and garlic powder.

Dredge the chicken breasts through the flour mixture, dusting off any excess, then through the egg mixture, letting the excess drip off, and then through the panko, making sure to coat the chicken on both sides. Set the breaded chicken on the wire rack and refrigerate for 30 minutes to allow the breading to set.

Fill a large deep skillet halfway with vegetable oil and heat over medium heat, until a deep fry thermometer registers 375. Using tongs, carefully place the breaded chicken in the hot oil, working in batches to avoid crowding the pan. Fry turning once until light golden on both sides, about 4 minutes. Return the chicken to the wire rack and baking sheet.

Dollop 2 tablespoons of sauce over each piece of chicken and sprinkle evenly with the parmesan and mozzarella. Transfer to oven and bake until the chicken is cooked through, about 20 minutes. Serve with the remaining sauce on the side.

A southern staple is chicken fried steak. I remember when I first saw this dish in a restaurant, I thought it was the funniest looking chicken I had ever seen. Imagine my surprise when I found out that it really was made with beef!. The cube steak is a relatively cheap cut of meat, and the buttermilk really helps to tenderize it. The mashed potato recipe that follows is easy because you buy the Simply Potatoes and add to them. Enjoy this southern classic dish.

Chicken Fried Steak

4 cube steaks (about 1/4 lb.)
 2 1/2 t. salt, divided
 2 C. plus 3 T. flour, divided
 2 1/2 t. pepper
 1 1/2 C. whole buttermilk, divided
 2 eggs
 1 T. hot sauce
 Canola oil for frying
 1 C. sliced fresh mushrooms
 1 C. heavy whipping cream
 1/4 t. garlic powder

Preheat the oven to 200. Place a wire rack on a rimmed baking sheet. Using the flat side of a meat mallet or a rolling pin, gently pound steaks to 1/4 to 1/2 inch thickness. Sprinkle both sides of steaks with 1 1/2 t. salt total

In a medium bowl, whisk together 2 cups flour and 2 teaspoons pepper. In another medium bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup buttermilk, eggs, and hot sauce.

In a large cast iron skillet, pour oil to a depth of 1/2 inch, and heat over medium-high heat until a deep fry thermometer registers 350. Working in batches, dredge steaks in flour mixture, shaking off excess. Dip in buttermilk mixture, letting excess drip off. Dredge again in flour mixture, turning to coat. Place one steak at a time into hot oil. Fry until golden brown, 5-6 minutes per side. Remove from skillet, and place on prepared rack. Place rack in oven to keep warm.

Pour off all but 2 tablespoons oil from skillet; heat over medium heat. Add mushrooms, and cook, stirring occasionally, until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Stir in remaining 3 tablespoons flour; cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Whisk in cream, garlic powder and remaining cup of buttermilk, remaining teaspoon of salt and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of pepper until smooth. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 5 minutes. Serve steaks with gravy.

Ranch mashed potatoes

1 container (24 ounce) container of refrigerated garlic mashed pota-

toes, heated according to package directions (Simply potatoes garlic mashed potatoes work great!)

1/2 C. sour cream
 1/2 pkg. ranch dressing mix

In a medium bowl, stir together all the ingredients until well combined.

I watch "The Pioneer Woman" on the cooking channel, and she made something very much like these cookie cups in the next recipe. Instead of filling them with the peanut butter and Nutella, she placed a Reese's Peanut butter inside the dough immediately after it came from the oven. I love the premade cookie dough for projects just like this one!

Trail Mix Cookie Cups

1 tube refrigerated peanut butter cookie dough
 1/2 C. creamy peanut butter
 1/2 C. Nutella
 1 1/2 C. trail mix

Preheat the oven to 350. Shape dough into 24 balls, about 1 1/4 inch each. Press evenly onto the bottom and up the sides of greased mini-muffin cups.

Bake 12-14 minutes or until golden brown. Using the end of a wooden spoon handle, reshape cups as necessary. Cool in pans 15 minutes, and then remove to cool completely on wire racks.

Fill cups with 1 teaspoon each peanut butter and Nutella. Top with trail mix.

My church friend, Kris, gave me this yummy cherry cake recipe just in time for the Washington's chopping down the cherry tree. It is easy because it uses prepared ingredients. Enjoy this "red" treat.

Delicious Cherry Dump Cake

1 can cherry pie filling
 1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, undrained
 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
 2 sticks of melted butter
 1/2 C. chopped pecans

Grease a 9 x 13 glass pan. Spread cherry pie filling in pan. Spread pineapple with juice over pie filling. Sprinkle cake mix over the top. Drizzle melted butter over cake mix. Spread nuts on top. Bake at 350 for 60 minutes. Serve with Cool Whip or ice cream.

I am still suffering from my bout of the flu. I am waiting for a renewed burst of energy, but it isn't coming. I am careful with what I eat, and I have a hankering for a piece of pizza—maybe next week. Enjoy this wonderful weather, and always be ready for the shoe to drop us with some cold weather. Even though it acts like spring, we will continue to look for winter recipes and even some more red ones. If you have any, send them our way. We will also be featuring winter soups.

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.

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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship Feb. 26, at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Wednesday March 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.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community to join them for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. with prayer, confession, a brief message, communion and distribution of ashes.

On Thursday March 2 the Hannah Circle will meet at 9 a.m. at church in Fellowship Hall. This is "Potluck". Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.

Pearl City First United Methodist Church

Join us at Pearl City First United Methodist Church at 8:30 a.m. on February 26, for worship led by Pastor Mathew Smith. Sunday school will be held during worship following the children's message.

Interested in 40 Days to a Healthier Life? Beginning Thursday March 2, at 7 p.m. join us for the "Daniel Plan". Contact Lori Heck at 238-4000 for more information. Have a great Chili recipe? On Sunday, March 19, from 11-2 p.m. we will host a chili cook-off. For additional information or to enter contact Jason Barklow at 275-3397.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Feb. 26, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris will be giving the message, the third in a series "Who Do You Love"; (Mary Smital, pianist) all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

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

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

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois to host Benefits of Chiropractic session

Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois is pleased to announce their March Community Education Meeting. Our speakers for this meeting will be Dr. Jackie Cahill, DC and Dr. Rani Sabri, DC from Everglow Chiropractic in downtown Stockton. They will be speaking on the benefits of chiropractic care in the aging population. This presentation will explain how and why this may be the answer that you have been looking for. This informative program will be held at the Volunteer Hospice Office, 105 S. Main Street, Stockton, Illinois on Tuesday, March 7, at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

There is no cost for this program, and it is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Please register for the event as seating is limited. Reservations can be made by phoning Volunteer Hospice of NWIL at 815-947-3260. During the winter months, please be aware that if the Stockton Schools are closed due to weather concerns, our meetings are cancelled as well.

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St. John's Lutheran Church to observe Ash Wednesday

On Sunday, Feb. 26, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on Transfiguration Sunday. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. and will include the Chancel Choir and many young members of our congregation will be receiving their First Communion. After worship, Whirl Sunday School will meet and focus on the lesson, "Glory on the Mountain." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. at the Youth and Family Center.

The Genesis (high school) youth group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26, at the Youth and Family Center. The Fifth Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) youth group as moved their meeting time to Wednesdays at 3:30 - 5 p.m. at the Youth and Family Center.

You're welcome to two services for Ash Wednesday

on March 1. At Noon, an abbreviated service with Imposition of Ashes will held. Then at 7 p.m., a full Ash Wednesday service will be held. The service will include the Chancel Choir.

The Men's Breakfast will be held at Little John's, Pearl City, at 7 a.m. on March 1.

St. John's Lutheran Church-Pearl City continues to have Saturday evening worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. This is a 30-35 minute abbreviated worship service with readings from the weekly lessons.

Bible Studies continue to be held at St. John's in the Conference Room on Mondays at 7 p.m. and on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Members and non members alike are invited to join the Bible Study discussions. The East door to the Lower Level is open for your convenience.

St. Paul's in Kent celebrates Transfiguration Sunday

On Sunday, Feb. 26, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord at the 10 a.m. family worship service. This marks the last Sunday after Epiphany

A little levity to lighten your day

People were in their pews at church. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon everyone had exited the church except for one elderly gentleman, who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to the old man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied, "Yep, sure do." "Aren't you afraid of me?" Satan asked. "Nope, sure ain't," said the man. "Don't you realize I can kill with a word?" asked Satan. "Don't doubt it for a minute," returned the old man, in an even tone. "Did you know that I could cause you profound horrifying, AGONY for all eternity?" persisted Satan. "Yep," was the calm reply. "And you're still not afraid?" asked Satan. "Nope," said the old man. More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, "Well, why aren't you afraid of me?" The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 36 years."

and the last Sunday we will sing "Alleluia" until Easter Sunday.

The Old Testament reading relates how Moses' face shone so brightly with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai that he wore a veil. Jesus' disciples see the unveiled glory of God when Jesus is transfigured before them, according to Matthew's gospel. Pastor

Andres' sermon is entitled "Mountain-top Experiences." Jean Hill will read the scriptures, and Deb Winning will provide appropriate musical offerings.

Please join us at the little church with the big heart.

Everyone is welcome! We are located at 1334 N. Sunnyside Road, one-fourth mile north of Kent. For more information, call 232-4010.

Lenten journey in Kent begins Ash Wednesday

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will hold Ash Wednesday worship service on March 1, at 6:30 p.m. Our worship begins with a solemn call to repentance, and the congregation is invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. The pastor makes the sign of the cross on our forehead with the words "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." With the cross on our brows, we leave to begin our Lenten Journey of forty days. All are welcome to worship with us. St. Paul's is located in the suburbs of Kent on 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. For more information, call 232-4010.

McConnell United Methodist Church hosts
Annual Soup & Sandwich Lunch
Sunday, February 26, 2017
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">MENU</p> <p>All-you-can-eat chili, vegetable beef soup, vegetarian veggie soup, cheese sandwiches, celery/carrot sticks, dessert and beverage.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Tickets</p> <p>Adults \$5.00 Kids (5-12 yrs) \$2.00 Under 5 FREE</p> |
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Funds made at this event are used for Church mission projects.

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Psalm

Psalm: 1 Kings 8:13

"I have surely built You a lofty house, A place for Your dwelling forever."



LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 Stillman BancCorp, N.A.
PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Brad Thompson a/k/a Bradley J. Thompson; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

16 CH 00056
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/15/2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on 3/22/17 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse, Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 21, PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 20 AND PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 28, ALL IN TOWNSHIP 29 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 21; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40' 07" EAST (ASSUMED BEARING) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 21, 438.90 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT SIX (6), AS SAID LOT IS PLATTED IN THE STEPHENSON COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE IN DEED BOOK 48, PAGE 302; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 01' 54" EAST, 467.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 05' 15" WEST, 196.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 15' 28" WEST, 205.74 FEET; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 01' 37" WEST, 112.91 FEET; THENCE

NORTH 1 DEGREE 24' 09" WEST, 23.73 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 08' 40" WEST, 38.40 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 20' 34" WEST 47.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 25" WEST, 115.34 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 38' 23" EAST, 191.81 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 08' 12" EAST, 529.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 16-04-21-300-009
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COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
 13006 N. Coon Road
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 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has

the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-16-06860.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-21CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-21CB
PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Cortney Haight, as Administrator; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

16 CH 00073
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/17/2017, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on 3/22/17 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 9 IN KIMBALL'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF LENA; SITUATED IN THE VIL-

LAGE OF LENA, STEPHENSON COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 11-07-32-230-001
 Improved with Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
 708 W. Main Street
 Lena, IL 61048

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-16-08240.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF ADDIE ELWOOD, DECEASED.

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 Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent.

Letters of office were issued to ANTHONY ELWOOD, 3800 PEAR TREE CT., COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, ILLINOIS, 60478, as Independent ADMINISTRATOR, whose attorney of record is MARNY E. KRAVENAS; MALMAN LAW, 205 WEST RANDOLPH STREET, SUITE 610, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk

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 15 North Galena Avenue
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 or with the representative, or both, on or before AUGUST 8, 2017, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

MARNY E. KRAVENAS
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LEGALS

Boys' Class 1A Tournament tips-off for Lena-Winslow

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The craziness of the 2016-2017 winter sports regular season is over and now the post-season has begun for teams from within the NUIC. Two teams which have a lot to fight for tipped off earlier this week.

The Lena-Winslow Panthers were issued the six-seed in the Class 1A Regional at Lena-Winslow. They faced ten-seed Durand in the opening round on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Five-seed Pearl City tipped off down the road at Eastland a day earlier, on Monday, Feb. 20.

The two NUIC combatants have a lot of work to do now that the post-season has begun. It's time to get serious. With the early round action occurring prior to the release of this week's edition, details are unavailable. Upsets are going to have to play a part in both team's hopes to advance.

One of the biggest factors in determining how far a team will go in the post-season has to do with where they start and how well they finished. How "streaky" they were can help see what is possible too.

Throughout the regular season

Lena-Winslow worked itself to a one-game above .500 mark at 14-13. They were 8-5 in the NUIC and finished in third place behind 12-1 East Dubuque and 8-4 Eastland.

Over the final weeks of the season however, the Panthers worked themselves into a five-game win streak heading into the Tuesday tip-off. Prior to the February close, Lena-Winslow had dropped four-of-five.

In a consistent path the Panthers can be dangerous from the six-seed position. They should dispatch Durand on opening night. The Bulldogs struggled through the regular season with a 4-21 mark, including an 0-12 NUIC-East record. They shouldn't present too much of a problem for the home team.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22 on night two, Lena-Winslow will face the survivor from the Tuesday night opener between four-seed Schaumburg Christian and 14-seed Keith Country Day. Schaumburg Christian is favored to win and advance to face the six-seed Panthers.

The winner from the Wednesday night game will move on to the Lena-Winslow Regional Championship and a possible pairing with top seed Elgin-Harvest Christian Academy.

A win in the Regional Final would send the Panthers on to Pecatonica and back to the trenches to face a familiar NUIC foe, Pearl City. That's if the Wolves pull off their own mini streak of success.

If five-seed Pearl City plays through its Region and pulls off a couple upsets in Eastland, they might get a chance to see who wins the rubber match in a prospective winner-take-all contest against Lena-Winslow.

During the 2016-2017 winter sports season Pearl City and Lena-Winslow split their head-to-head match ups. Lena-Winslow beat the Wolves on Jan. 19, 47-42. Pearl City returned the favor on Feb. 4, winning 52-46.

Only a trip to Pecatonica on Wednesday, March 1, will help determine which team earns the right to pursue the title Sectional Champion.



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Lion of the year

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **February 6, 2017**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Panther Fitness** located at **621 Lena St., Lena, IL 61048**.

Dated February 6, 2017

VICI R. OTTE
Stephenson County Clerk
by *NICOLE L. SHERE*
Deputy

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, In Probate IN THE ESTATE OF:

JACQUELINE A. LOCKETT,
deceased

Case No. 16 P 73

CLAIM NOTICE

TO: CREDITORS AND
CLAIMANTS

1. Notice is hereby given of the death of JACQUELINE A. LOCKETT who died on August 9, 2016, a resident of Davis, Illinois.

2. Letters of Testamentary were issued on September 13, 2016 to the Representative for the estate, LUTHER C. LOCKETT.

3. The attorney for the estate is Paul J. Huber, 226 Lake Summerset Rd., Davis, IL 61019

4. Claims against the estate may be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 15 N. Galena, Freeport, IL 61032 or with the Representative, or both, on or before August 15, 2017, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney with 10 days af-

ter it has been filed.

Paul J. Huber, attorney for
Luther C. Lockett

Paul J. Huber, No. 6192970
Attorney for the Petitioner
226 Lake Summerset Rd.
Davis, IL 61019
(815) 248-4000

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Loran Township Notice for Bid

Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Loran Township, Stephenson County, Illinois will receive bids for mowing and trimming at Babbs Grove Cemetery, Grace ME Cemetery, Lieboldt Union Cemetery and our Township building. All bids are to be received on or before March 14, 2017. Requirements consist of mowing, trimming, and blowing off all monuments only on an as needed basis, and before holidays like Memorial Day. Each bid should include the amount for the 3 cemeteries and the amount for the Township building grounds separate. Use of chemicals is prohibited. Proof of insurance will need to be included. The Board of Trustees will open bids at the March 14, 2017 meeting. Notice will only be given to the accepted bidder. Payment will be monthly and only when an invoice is provided. Questions can be directed to the Loran Township office at 215 E. South Street, Pearl City, Illinois or calling (815) 443-2880. Loran Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Loran Township Annual Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

at
Loran Township Building
215 E. South Street,
Pearl City IL
Items for agenda need to be
submitted to:
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Perfect set-up for River Ridge entry

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The opening round match between the twelve-seed River Ridge Wildcats and the eight-seed Stockton Blackhawks tipped-off on Tuesday, Feb. 21 as the IHSA Class 1A State Playoffs began.

The Regional opened in Stockton on Monday, Feb. 20 in a match between nine-seed Warren and elev-

en-seed Galena. The winner moved on to face top-seed and NUIC-West Champion East Dubuque on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

The Warriors were 27-2 this year and 12-1 in the NUIC-West. They are favored to move to Pecatonica for the Class 1A Sectional Round next week.

Night two featured area rivals Stockton and River Ridge. Details of

the early matches are unavailable in this week's edition. It is understood by all NUIC-West familiars playing through early action, that winning means a trip to the second round and a visit to the Stockton Regional Semi-Final.

The top seeds were picked by the IHSA Selection Committee a little over a week ago and brackets were built. Teams favored to go the far-

thest were given the lowest-number and received the "higher seed" designation. "It's much like golf," coaches have explained, "the lower the number the better." The teams are then placed with the "higher seeds" expected to win.

However, in the State Playoffs a lot of things can happen. Upsets are fairly common and early round winners can run their way to Regional Titles. It all starts with streaks and how ready a team is to compete.

It is known eight-seed Stockton was expected to pull out the win over the twelve-seed Wildcats on Tuesday night and move to the Thursday showdown with the four-seed Milledgeville Missiles.

The Blackhawks aren't expected to survive the Missiles on Thursday, allowing the four-seed to move to the Stockton Regional Championship to face NUIC-West Conference Champion East Dubuque. The Warriors are expected to drop the Missiles.

Warren was picked to beat Galena to open the Tournament, but not expected to make it much past Wednesday night, Feb. 22, when they run into top-seed, East Dubuque, before

they dispatch Milledgeville.

If those responsible for placing teams get all the numbers in place, the Pecatonica Class 1A Sectional Complex can be filled. East Dubuque will be there. The one-seed, is expected to beat Warren on Wednesday night, Feb. 22, following Warren's opening night win over Galena and then beat Milledgeville on Friday night, Feb. 24 for the Stockton Regional Title.

The winner from Stockton faces the winner from the Elgin-Westminster Christian Regional. Westminster Christian is favored to win and carry its two-seed into the Tuesday, Feb. 28 Pecatonica Sectional Semi-Final, where they should fall to East Dubuque.

The second half of the bracket is set up to feature two-seed Freeport Aquin winning the Eastland Regional and lower-bracket, one-seed, Elgin-Harvest Christian Academy coming away with the Lena-Winslow Regional Crown.

Those two teams are expected to meet on Wednesday, March 1 in game two of the Class 1A Pecatonica Sectional.

2017 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference

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Stockton boys' basketball

The Stockton Blackhawks basketball team lost Friday's home conference game against East Dubuque by a score of 53-38.

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University of Illinois Extension 4-H Super Saturday

University of Illinois Extension is hosting its annual 4-H Super Saturday on Saturday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to Noon in Bldg. R at Highland Community College. Super Saturday is a 3-hour event designed to give area youth a chance to explore the many project areas available through the 4-H program.

All youth (not just 4-H members) between the ages of 8-18 (as of Sept. 1, 2016) are invited to attend and experience three hands-on workshops exploring projects such as: public speaking, decorating cupcakes, building a wood bird house, participating in martial arts exercises, seeing the inside of an ambulance and what EMTs do, and more. The cost is \$8 per participant.

For those youth between the ages of 5-7, there is 4-H Cloverbud Super Saturday. This workshop is also from 9 a.m. – Noon, but these youth will explore their own project areas such as: seed planting, cookie decorating and painting. The cost for these youth is \$3 per participant.

"It's a great opportunity for youth in Stephenson County to see what 4-H is all about. Not only do they do hands-on activities that they get to take home, but they get a chance to meet other youth in the community and share ideas," said Lori Tessendorf, Stephenson County 4-H Program Coordinator. "The workshop leaders, and 4-H Ambassador members who help with the sessions, are great at drawing kids out of their shells and getting them right in the action. It's a wonderful experience for kids who would not normally get to participate in these types of activities."

Registration deadline for Super Saturday 2017 is March 6. Pre-registration is required. To see a list of workshops available for each age group and to register, visit the University of Illinois Extension website at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> and click on Super Saturday 2017 – Stephenson County under the "Register Online" heading. Some workshops have size limitations, so sign up now.



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Box of Chocolates

The Mini Jazz Troup representing S&R Dance of Freeport took a platinum rating, the Showstopper Award and First Place over all trophy, for their Rising Star Highest Scoring Performance of the tune Box of Chocolates in Saturday's Regional Competition in the Coronado Theatre in Rockford.

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Monroe Clinic Parish Nurse Education Day to discuss meeting the needs of the elderly

Monroe Clinic's parish nurse program invites current or retired registered nurses, faith community nurses and professionals working in the

Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau offers Smartphones 101

Are you ready to trade in that flip phone? Or, do you have a smartphone but don't know how to use it? There's good news for Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau members. Sign up for an upcoming Smartphones 101 class presented by Amanda DeRuw of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is hosting this class on March 16, at the Elizabeth Community Building, Elizabeth, IL 61028, 6:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged bring their device, an iPhone, Android, iPad, tablet, or anything else they would like help conquering.

Annette Eggers, Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager shares, "Everywhere mobile phone use is increasing year after year, and this is true in agriculture too. It is said that an estimated 88 percent of farmers will use their mobile device as much or more than their desktop computer. With this in mind, we want our local farmers to familiar with technology. Likewise, we want our general membership population to feel informed.

For more information and/or to register, call the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau at (815)858.2235.

health ministry to a Saturday education day on Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the café rooms on the second floor of the Monroe Clinic Hospital, 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe, Wis.

Special speakers and guests includes Jill Westberg, daughter of Granger Westberg (founding father of parish nursing), who will present the beginning of parish nursing. Other speakers includes representation from the Aging and Disability Resource Center, Green and Stephenson County Health Departments,

Green Haven, Paws for Healing and Monroe Clinic Palliative Care. Topics discussed will help meet the needs of the faith community nurse when working with the elderly.

Monroe Clinic's parish nurse program partners with community members to offer local expertise to promote health, wellness, and the prevention of disease by encouraging a healthy balance between mind, body, and spirit. The services of Monroe Clinic's parish nurse program are provided at no cost to faith commu-

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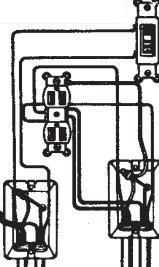


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Caring Neighbors Food Pantry helps folks in Warren make ends meet

Hunger in America is a term that has been around for a long time. For many, the term evokes images of the unemployed standing in long lines in front of soup kitchens during the Great Depression of the 1930's. Hunger in America is still with us.

Today, in addition to unemployment there are issues we call working poor and underemployed. There are senior citizens living on fixed incomes struggling to make ends meet. Whatever the new terminology, the numbers of those in need is high with little relief in sight.

Food pantries are a relatively modern idea in the campaign to end hunger. Put simply, a food pantry is a community outlet that provides groceries to those in need at no charge. How do they work? How are they funded? Who operates them?

To better understand the concept of community food pantries we can look at local food pantries here in our area. Over the next several weeks we'll look at pantries in different towns in our area to see how things work and what problems there are.

Large food banks, because of their size, are in a position to sell to local food pantries at greatly reduced prices. River Bend Food Bank in Davenport, Iowa serves twenty two counties in Iowa and Illinois. River Bend is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been in operation for 35 years.

Jennifer Schroeder, a member of the River Bend administration said, "River Bend provides assistance for more than one hundred twenty five thousand people in need annually and provides the equivalent of five meals for every dollar spent by a food pantry."

In Warren the Caring Neighbors Food Pantry has been around for

some time and its current president, Shirley Miller said their food pantry was reorganized fourteen years ago to better serve the community of Warren and the surrounding area. A major part of the reorganization was the development of a board of directors and becoming a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization. These changes allowed for better funding and the opportunity to buy food from a large food bank such as River Bend.

The Caring Neighbors board of directors was developed to reflect the major funding of the food bank as well as the face of the community. The board consists of two representatives from each church of the following denominations: Catholic, Methodist and Lutheran. Additionally, there is one "At Large" community member as well as a vice president, secretary and treasurer.

The churches of Warren provide the majority of funding for Caring Neighbors. Additionally, grants have been given to the organization by FEMA and Jo Daviess County Fair Charities. The remainder of financing is provided by direct cash contributions from citizens or community organizations. Food drives and fund raising efforts from community groups such as the Boy Scouts, other churches, or things like golf outings provide both cash and packaged foods.

It isn't easy managing and operating a pantry that is open to the entire eastern half of Jo Daviess County. After a number of years in the lower level of the Apple River Bank building, Caring Neighbors had to vacate because of building renovations. The question of buying or renting a building had to be sorted out. The search to find another building that was the right size and accessible was a chal-

lenge. Fortunately a rental property just down the street became available.

Miller said that the average cost of food is about 18 cents per pound when purchased from River Bend and she said the greatest day to day issues are at Caring Neighbors are money and volunteers.

Miller added that there is a poster in the pantry which shows what a \$10.00 donation can buy from River Bend and said, "I don't know what we'd do if we didn't have River Bend."

The layout of the pantry is open shelving which means that canned

and package goods are arranged on open shelving and patrons are allowed to select the products that they think will best suit their needs. An effort is made to place items that are referred to as low sodium or low sugar in a conspicuous way so that they can be found easily.

Miller said that since the reorganization of Caring Neighbors 14 years ago the numbers of those in need who call on the organization for help has grown immensely.

When asked what the future may hold for the food pantry she talked about a shrinking population, the lack of decent paying jobs and the

median age rising while median incomes fail to increase. Miller said that while the demand for help hasn't increased dramatically this year, the future is uncertain.

Caring Neighbors is open every Saturday and provides help for 40 to 45 families which represents something close to 175 to 200 people. A large number of those who come to Caring Neighbors are the elderly who are living on fixed incomes. There are a considerable number of single parents as well, who, working or not, strain to get by.

Caring Neighbors is located at 115 W. Main St. Warren, IL 61087.

• REAL ESTATE •

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Stillman BancCorp, N.A. PLAINTIFF Vs. Brad Thompson a/k/a Bradley J. Thompson; et. al. DEFENDANTS

16 CH 00056 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/15/2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on 3/22/17 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse, Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-21CB, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-21CB PLAINTIFF Vs. Cortney Haight, as Administrator; et. al. DEFENDANTS

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/17/2017, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on 3/22/17 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 11-07-32-230-001 Improved with Single Family Home COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 708 W. Main Street Lena, IL 61048

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest

bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-16-08240. I714206

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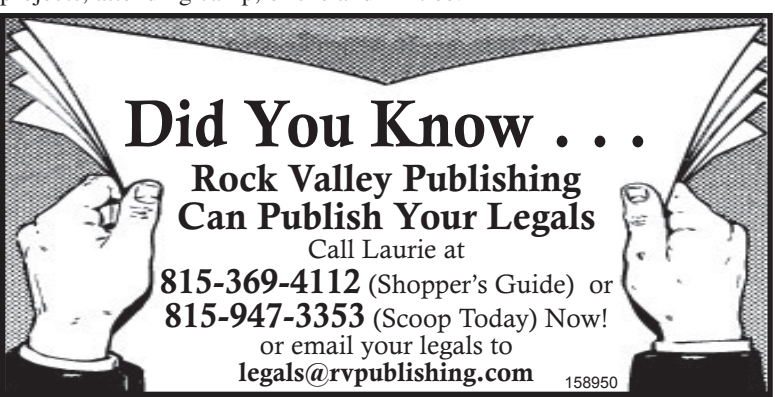
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