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Wolves settle in for spring season

By Chris Johnson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

A lot of the teams that play in the NUIC ran into trouble getting onto the field as the first "official" week of the spring sports season began. The weather conditions wouldn't allow the games to commence.

The Pearl City Wolves boys' baseball schedule highlighted an early season game at home, against Freeport Aquin, on Monday, March 13. A trip to Rockford Jefferson was to follow Thursday, March 16. Many teams around the area however, had to have their opening night matches rescheduled.

Now things have cleared up and the Wolves, along with many other teams, finally get the chance to try to get something going this year.

Over the next few weeks a lot of games will be played and early favorites are going to step forward. With the spring season heading through late May though, things could change and different leaders might step forward.

The Wolves may not be one of the early favorites as the 2017 spring sports season begins. The game hasn't been overly kind over the past few seasons.

During the 2014 spring sports season Pearl City found its greatest success in terms of total wins. Since the 2002 season, twelve wins hadn't been achieved. Just a couple seasons back they matched it, as they closed the year with a 12-8 mark.

The win total slid slightly in 2015 as the Wolves picked up nine on the season. Last season the win total fell to six.

Memories of previous seasons can be pushed back any time a team takes the field, especially when a large group of young players hit the roster. Bad, or rather, unfortunate seasons can be forgotten.

Pearl City has a lot to gain this

year as they enter NUIC play carrying a roster of 22 players. Five of those student-athletes are freshmen. Ten of them are sophomores.

At the pitching position, the Wolves carry 13 players. Most are underclassmen. Austin Schnoor is the only rostered senior pitcher on this year's team.

There will be a lot of depth at the infield position this season for Pearl City. 15 players are qualified to man the center of the field and many of those are also slated for other slots in the starting lineup as well. The athletes will be multi-useful, when it comes to the posts they can man on any given night.

The outfield carries eight qualified players with Schnoor featured as the only senior to play in that location.

The catcher position could be one Head Coach Darrell Pauley may not have to worry about as much this season. Five players are qualified as catcher for this year's Pearl City squad.

The biggest challenge the Wolves may face this year, as they work through the challenging NUIC schedule, might be consistency.

If fluidity can be found an inning at a time, runs will be scored and scoreless innings will be registered. The players will find it very easy to forget the difficult 6-18 season the team had to work through in 2016.

Game play continues this week with a Tuesday, March 21 match in Savanna. A night later, on Wednesday, March 22, the Wolves travel to Milledgeville.

This Saturday, March 25, will mark the end of an early-season five game scheduled road swing, which began at Jefferson and will end at Rockford East.

Lena-Winslow travels to Pearl City on Tuesday March 28 as NUIC action resumes.



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Every child is a golden treasure

The Pearl City first graders enjoyed making leprechaun masks as a fine motor activity.

Learn about advance care planning at SR center event

Advance care planning is more than filling out forms. It involves planning your future healthcare, and having conversations with those who will be carrying out your healthcare decisions at a time when you may no longer be able to make or communicate those decisions.

The Senior Resource Center and FHN invite the public to a free program explaining advance care planning from 10 a.m. – noon Thursday, March 30 at the Senior Resource Center, 206 E. Stephenson Street in Freeport.

"This class will help you begin those conversations and understand the decisions you'll be making," said Anita Caruso, former Operations Leader for FHN Hospice, who will lead the class. "We'll talk about how you can ensure that your healthcare wishes are granted, and take some time to familiarize everyone with the forms that are required."

For more information about this program, call 815-235-9777, ext. 258. There is no charge or registration required to attend.

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Trey Chenong, receives a check for \$500 from Randy Kryder, Master of Lena Lodge #174, with members present. Trey was nominated to receive the monies, which will be matched by Grand Lodge. Trey's surgery, a craniotomy fenestration, was successful and he is back to his usual routine.

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His dedication to keeping equipment in excellent condition and readiness, along with the assistance of the best people available, has earned him the endorsements of bus superintendents of two school districts. These people know how important the safety of our children and grandchildren are, and they strongly support Larry for re-election.

His experience working with township officials, school districts, sheriff's departments, state, and federal agencies has proved to be a most valuable asset for our community. The fiscal responsibility and experience in filing the reports that Larry Rackow has provided are certainly things the citizens of Waddams Township need at this time.

Whether it is your investment in vehicles and farm equipment, your love and concern for your children and grandchildren and their safety, or your interest in having the utmost in honesty, service and dedication to Waddams Township, please vote for Larry Rackow on April 4. Thank you.

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Scam alert-Beware of Ransomware

By Tony Carton
EDITOR

An internet scam resulting in theft of bank, credit card and other personal information is underway in the Tri-State area. Be on the alert and do not cooperate or participate on any level. If you are contacted by the scammers, hang up immediately, shut down your computers and notify the police.

The scam is best known as "Ransomware" or Spora or the "Crypto-locker" exploit; a type of software that computer hackers use to hold an individuals' data hostage by

encrypting or otherwise blocking access to files unless the victim agrees to pay a ransom.

Again, do not participate in any offered remedies. Shut down your computers and notify police, then begin contacting your banks and credit card companies (by phone not online) because the thieves will already have your data including passwords and have likely begun to drain your accounts.

You will most likely need a professional computer repair service to restore your equipment.

When an attack is instigated, a popup message comes up on the computer screen saying that you have a Trojan or your files have been encrypted and you need to call customer service. The scammers state they see that some of your files have stopped working and will even show you a broad list of non-operating files and extensions.

They then tell their victims that they will restore the computer and fix the problem (a webroot program) for a fee. Ransom demands have ranged from a few hundred dollars to several hundred thousand and if you agree to pay, your equipment will likely be restored, but that first payment is just the beginning. There will be other contacts and further attempts to steal your personal and financial information.

The F.B.I. doesn't have complete data on how often these attacks occur. Computer security researchers estimate close to a million users have been hit globally during the last year and one tech firm estimates more than a quarter of the victims pay the ransom.

The simplest answers are preventative measures; always use a reliable anti-virus service and back up your data regularly. There are backup sites and software available. Some will back up your data automatically others require you to start the process, but the key to surviving a ran-somware attack is BACKUP! If your data is backed up somewhere beyond your own equipment you will be able to tell the hackers to keep what they have and an IT professional will be able to clean your machinery and restore your files.

Here are a few tips to protect yourself going forward:

For basic protection, use anti-virus and anti-malware software and keep it up to date.

Keep your browsers, applications and plug-ins up-to-date with the latest security patches and updates. Be sure to do this at home on your own secure connection.

When using Wi-Fi at a hotel or other public hotspot, make sure you are using the real Wi-Fi connection. Some scammers try to lure people to a fake Wi-Fi connection that can steal your info.

When using public Wi-Fi of any kind, don't access your financial institutions or do any kind of bank transaction.

21th Annual Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair

The twenty-first annual Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Jane Addams Community Center, 430 W. Washington Street in Cedarville, Illinois. The Fiber Art Fair is a celebration of fiber and the fiber arts with workshops, demonstrations of spinning and weaving, vendors offering fibers for spinning plus finished yarn, dyes, books, gifts, equipment, handmade soap and baskets and supplies for spinning, weaving, knitting, felting, dyeing, tatting and crochet.

Admission to the event is \$2 for adult and free for children under 12. There is plenty for every level of spinner and weaver, but you don't need any spinning or weaving experience to learn, watch, shop and enjoy.

Hands-on workshops are available. Workshops are one to three hours long and the cost ranges from \$10 to \$65, with the exception of the "To Dye For," which will take you ten to twenty minutes to complete.

Workshops are "Making Mawatas from Silk Cocoons" with Esther Per-

egrine to learn how to process silk cocoons into silk to spin; "It's a Wrap!" with Jill Colbert to create a wool covered belt or bracelet; "Darn It!" with Suzy Beggin Craft to learn the old art of darning; "Roving Weave Basket" with Jill Colbert to weave a basket out of roving; "Beginning Lockerhooking" with Kathy Olmstead to make a sample size lockerhooking project.

Throughout the day the "To Dye For" dye kitchen will be available as a walk-in activity to dye yarn multiple colors. Students of all ages should plan to spend from 10 to 20 minutes to paint their own uniquely dyed skein of yarn. The cost ranges from \$5 to \$15 depending on the size of the skein of yarn you choose.

At 1 p.m. the Drop Spindle Contest will take place. Spinners have been using drop spindles since ancient times, and they remain a great first step for new spinners and a favorite among many experienced spinners. Participants will learn how to spin wool on a drop spindle, then

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Scales Mound Second Graders Campbell Hereau, Emily Kieffer, Quinn Driscoll and Halle Wiegel celebrated reading on Cat in the Hat Day 2017.

Scales Mound Schools celebrate Read across America Week

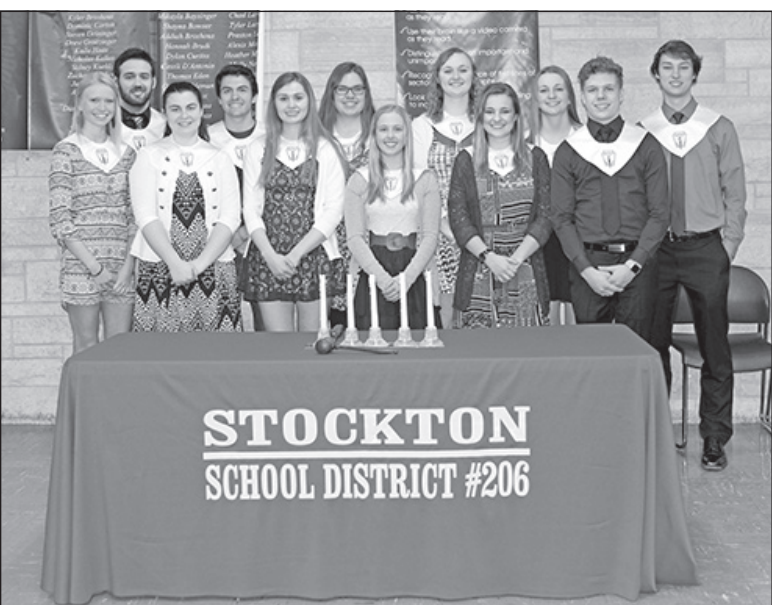
During Dr. Suess birthday week, students and staff at Scales Mound Schools celebrated Read across America in big ways! The Hornet readers kicked off with Cat in the Hat Day on Monday. Students wore hats of all shapes and sizes. Tuesday was Green Eggs and Ham Day, and everyone decked out in green, which is easy for Hornets to do. Wacky Wednesday was a hit for sure, but the real fun took place on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss's birthday.

On Thursday, March 2, students in Kindergarten through 8th grade came to the library to read, relax, snack, and take as many Accelerated Reader (A.R.) tests as possible. The students took over 550 A.R. tests and several students even met their

A.R. goal. At lunch, students were served a yummy One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish Jell-O snack. It's a good thing the theme for Thursday was Sleep Book (a.k.a. pajama day) because everyone was ready for a nap by the end of the day, especially Mrs. Wiegel!

Teachers also spent the week preparing their classroom doors for a Seussified Door Decorating Challenge. The hallways of SMS were filled with colorful, creative doors covered with the Cat in the Hat, the Lorax, Horton, Thing 1 and 2, Fox in Sox, Wockets, and even a Thneed factory.

Students at Scales Mound Schools really enjoyed participating in Read Across America and can't wait for next year!



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Stockton NHS inducts 14 members

The Stockton Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual Induction Ceremony for new members on March 9, at Stockton High School. The Chapter welcomed fourteen new members and recognized twelve graduating senior members with a meal and formal ceremony.



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Third Quarter honors

Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy is honoring Montana Petsche - River Ridge, Line Kuzniar - River Ridge, Claire Ketelsen - River Ridge, Anna Crist - River Ridge, Dillon Grenoble - Warren, CTE outstanding a.m. Students of the Third Quarter.

Arnold Tree Farm to host forest regeneration tours

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association (NIFA) will host a tour of natural forest regeneration on former timber harvest sites at the

Tom and Jessica Arnold Tree Farm northeast of Elizabeth on Saturday, March 25 at 1 p.m.

We will visit a 15 acre hardwood site that was clear-cut in the winter of 2011/2012; a selective walnut harvest area in 2010 and 2008; and a 4 acre hardwood grove clear-cut in 1995. These sites will be viewed with timber management goals and regeneration progress discussed. Two neighboring properties and their regeneration will also be viewed: an 80 acre hardwood timber area clear-cut done in 2010; and a direct hardwood seeding site in a former crop field done in 2000.

Anyone interested in how woodland recovers after timber harvest should attend this event. The Arnold Farm is located at 997 N. Salem Road, Elizabeth; from Highway

U.S. 20 in Woodbine, turn north on any street and make an immediate left, heading west on Woodbine Road. Go approximately two miles to the intersection with Apple River Road and turn right. Go approximately 1 mile. Take the first left onto Fairview Road and take that to the top of the hill. Turn right onto Salem Road.

Arnolds Farm is the first set of farm buildings on the right-hand side, approximately two miles down Salem. Look for the evergreen windbreak bordering the buildings. NIFA is a non-profit organization of woodland owners and the public is welcome at its events. This event is free of charge. Please direct any questions to Dick Pouzar of the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association at pouzar@yahoo.com.

Apple River to hold Annual Town meeting

By Valerie J. Stocks
TOWN CLERK

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Apple River, in the county of Jo Daviess and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of Apple River will take place on

Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Apple River Township Building for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of Apple River; and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Annual Financial Reports, Transfer of Funds, Open Forum

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VIEWPOINT

Durbin: GOP health care repeal bill hurts older Illinoisans

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) discussed the impact of Congressional Republicans' plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and how it would particularly hurt those nearing retirement age, as well as seniors.

Last week, GOP leaders unveiled their ACA repeal bill and three House Committees have approved the bill along party line votes. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the GOP bill would result in 14 million people losing their health plans next year, and 24 million people becoming uninsured by 2026. The bill would allow insurers to charge older people five times as much as younger enrollees, reduce tax credits for people age 50 to 64, dismantle the Medicaid program, and weaken Medicare.

"The Republican repeal bill would cause 24 million Americans to lose their health insurance over the next decade, and benefit few people other than the healthy and wealthy. It would be particularly bad for seniors and Illinoisans nearing retirement by allowing insurers to charge older Americans significantly higher premiums, cutting tax credits to help them afford health plans, jeopardizing Medicare's financial viability, and ending Medicaid as we know it. In Illinois and nationwide, this strategy threatens to disrupt our entire healthcare system — subjecting patients, providers, hospitals, and insurers to chaos," Durbin said. "As if that weren't bad enough, the Republican repeal bill provides hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to the

wealthiest Americans and big corporations. I will fight to protect the gains we have made under the ACA and continue to support patients in need."

The Republican repeal bill would allow insurance companies to charge older Americans five times more than younger adults for individual market coverage. This "age tax" by itself would raise premiums in Illinois by \$2,121 annually for a 60-year old. On top of that, the bill slashes the financial assistance, or tax credits, available to older Americans to help with the purchase of insurance coverage. Approximately 94,000 individuals between age of 50 and 64 living in Illinois currently receive tax credits to help with the purchase of insurance. This is 39 percent of all

individuals age 50 to 64 who purchased coverage in the Marketplace in Illinois. Under the Republican repeal bill, a 60-year-old earning \$40,000 annually will receive a tax credit of no more than \$4,000 to purchase private health insurance. Based on the average premium in Illinois, that is \$2,944 less in tax credits than they would receive currently to help with the cost of coverage. Older Americans get hit twice: higher premiums and less help paying them. By 2026, the average premium in the individual market for someone age 64 will be 20 to 25 percent higher than it would be under current law.

In addition, more than two million Illinoisans currently receive health coverage through Medicare. The Republican bill cuts over \$100 billion in funding for Medicare—in order to provide hundreds of billions of dollars in tax breaks to big business and the wealthiest Americans—which will make Medicare insolvent up to three years sooner than expected.

Finally, the Republican repeal bill would decrease federal Medicaid spending by \$880 billion. By 2026, Medicaid spending would be about 25 percent less than what is currently projected. Approximately 273,000 Illinoisans age 50 to 64—and 245,000 seniors in Illinois—benefit from Medicaid. It provides basic health coverage and enables individuals

to get the care they need to live at home, including help with activities of daily living, like getting dressed and bathing. It also provides nursing home care for those who need it and helps many seniors over age 65 cover the cost of Medicare premiums.

The AARP, the American Medical Association, the American Nurses Association, the American Hospital Association, and the Illinois Health and Hospital Association have all already opposed or raised serious concerns with the Republican repeal bill.

More than one million people in Illinois have gained coverage under the ACA, and all health plans now have important consumer protections (no discrimination based on pre-existing conditions, no annual/lifetime caps on benefits, as well as required coverage of maternity care, substance abuse, and mental health services). Nationally, more than 20 million people have gained health insurance because of the ACA. Thanks to the ACA, the uninsured rate in 2015 fell below 10 percent for the first time in our nation's history.

A little levity to lighten your day

If "pro" is the opposite of "con" then the opposite of "progress" must be "congress."

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos highlights how Trump's budget hurts rural America

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, Co-Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee and member of the House Agriculture Committee, highlighted the many ways President Trump's budget will damage the economy and hurt hardworking families from small towns, farms and rural communities across our nation.

"This budget proves President Trump is breaking his promise to the hardworking men and women of America's heartland. Instead of laying out a real strategy to create jobs and grow the economy across rural America, President Trump has introduced a budget that will do the

exact opposite by making some of his deepest cuts to the Department of Agriculture.

"His cuts to rural economic development funding will mean lost jobs and fewer opportunities for small town Americans. His decision to slash federal dollars for roads, bridges, airports and water infrastructure will ensure that thousands of hardworking men and women are left behind. President Trump is choosing to damage our agricultural economy by making it harder for our growers and producers to sell their crops by cutting agricultural research, market data collection, and closing local offices across rural America.

"During the campaign, President Trump promised to stand up for family farmers and make meaningful investments in our infrastructure, but once again he is proving that it doesn't matter what he says, it matters what he does. We absolutely need to make government more efficient and cut costs where it makes sense, but we need to do it in a way that puts hardworking families first. That is the exact opposite of what President Trump's budget does."

Throughout the election, President Trump said that "family farms are the backbone of this country" and that he was going to "end this war on the American farmer." Contrary to that promise, Trump's budget proposal will slash the Department of Agriculture by 21 percent — making the USDA the third most damaged major federal agency after the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department.

President Trump also promised "we will build the roads, highways, bridges, tunnels, airports and the railways of tomorrow. This, in turn, will create millions of more jobs" — that's the exact opposite of cutting Department of Transportation funding.

Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District accepts Spring Fish Sale orders

The Jo Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for the Spring Fish Sale and will continue to take orders through April 14. Delivery is planned for Monday, April 24, at 8 a.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building. We are offering Hybrid Sunfish, Bluegill,

The Eagle Nature Foundation, ENF, will sponsor its combination Annual Business Meeting, Award Ceremony and Fund Raising Luncheon on April 1, in the basement of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Apple River, IL. The event starts at 11 a.m. with a silent auction, followed by a Swiss Steak Luncheon at 11:30, catered by the Sidetrack Café in Apple River. At 12:30 pm a noisy auction will be followed by recognition of the winners of the silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. Members of the public are invited to attend this luncheon to help ENF and learn about the many things that ENF is doing on behalf of the bald eagle and other endangered species.

species.

The Business Meeting will start at 1 p.m. followed at 2 p.m. with a presentation by Ed Cole, Restoration Ecologist with the Natural Land Institute, Rockford, IL. One of the main items of business during the business meeting will be the election of seven members to the Board of Directors. Other business to be considered is how ENF can promote its Million Dollar Campaign to find out what is causing the downward spiral of the bald eagle population along the Mississippi River so something can be done to reverse this downward spiral. Proceeds from both auctions and the 50/50 raffle will help ENF with its ongoing research and educational programs to help the bald eagle and other endangered species.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting and enjoying the presentation by Ed Cole should contact the ENF office for prices and information on attending. They should call 815-594-2306, or write ENF, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001

For more information contact: Terrence N. Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory St., Apple River, IL 61001 Phone 815-594-2306

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

ARNOLD G. REUBER

Arnold G. Reuber, 87, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 with his family at his side at Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was born May 13, 1929 in Lena, IL. Son of Floyd and Ruth (Bratley) Reuber. He married Esther Holmes on November 1, 1954 in Lena she preceded him in death in 1996. Arnold then married Edith Schmelzer on June 26, 1998. Arnold served his country in the United States Army. He worked at JI Case, and Micro Switch from 1969 until retirement. Arnold was a member of the Eagles Club & Moose Lodge in Freeport, and he enjoyed cutting and splitting wood.

Arnold is survived by his wife; Edith, four Children; Calvin (Lucinda) of Aiken, SC, Stewart (Rebecca) of Port Byron, IL, Ellen Tell of Freeport, IL, Lisa (Mike) Correa of San Diego, CA. Four step children; Debbie Collalti, Sandy Parks, Lisa (Scott) Farrar, Gary Hill. Seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, eleven step grandchildren and twelve step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Esther, and three sisters.

Funeral Service and visitation were held March 17, at the Leamon Funeral Home, Lena, IL.

Rev. Brian LeBaron officiated the services.

Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

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

DONNA J. MARSDEN

Donna J. Marsden, 84 of Warren passed away peacefully on March 6, 2017. She was born on November 23, 1932 in Guttenberg, IA to Raymond and Melinda (Andregg) Radabaugh. She married Leo J. Marsden Jr. on October 3, 1951 in Galena, IL. Donna and her husband raised four children and were lifelong farmers in rural Warren. She enjoyed gardening, canning, embroidery, reading, dancing with Leo at the Royal Palace. She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her children; Jan (Edward) Bussan of Gratiot, WI., Kyle (Karen "Missy") Marsden of Galena, IL and Kelly (Paul) Jones of



Apple River, IL, nine grandchildren, twenty one great grandchildren; two sisters Lonna McDermott and Fay Zeal; sister-in-law Janice Radabaugh.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Leo in 1995, son Kevin in 1986, two brothers; Dean & DeLos Radabaugh; sister Regina Roling, two grandsons; Jaime Marsden in 1995 and Jacob Marsden in 2005.

A Mass of Christian burial was March 9, at St. Ann Catholic Church in Warren, IL.

Visitation was March 8, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Burial was at St. Ann Catholic Cemetery.

Officiating was Rev. Father Andrew Skorbutt.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

JANICE "JAN" M. SMITH

Janice "Jan" M. Smith, 92 of Lena, IL passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Lena Living Center in Lena. She was born on April 3, 1924 in Grand Junction, MI to Harry and Maude (Miller) Stocks. She graduated from Freeport High School in 1943. Jan married Curtis L. Smith on Feb. 15, 1948 in Grand Rapids, MI. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1979. Jan was employed by Microswitch from 1943 to 1952, Chambers and Owen from 1964-1970, and Crum & Forester Insurance from 1970 until her retirement in 1989. Jan was a member of the Isabel Chapter 322. She was also a long time member of the Stephenson County Association for Home and Community Education and the Lena Women's Club; a 72 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and 71 year member of the Capernaum



White Shrine #4 W.S.J. Jan enjoyed reading, playing cards, traveling, playing scrabble, spending time with her family and her friends.

Jan is survived by her three children; Sue (Jerry) Fangman of Iowa City, IA, Jeffrey (Cindy) Smith of Lena, Nadeane (Frank) Reed of Lena; three grandchildren Melissa (Ryan) Goebel of Lena, Beth Smith of Lena, Ben (Tashonna) Smith of Monroe, WI; four great-grandchildren Wil and Rylan Smith of Monroe, WI, Madalyn and Payton Goebel of Lena; nieces and nephews Jim (Dean) Stevens of New Bern, NC, Dave (Mary) Stevens of Kalamazoo, MI, Jim Stocks of Lakeland, FL, Tom (Sheri) Stocks of Grand Rapids, MI; many great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Curtis, brothers Henry, Wesley, Millard, and Kenneth Stocks; sisters Irma Stevens, Berniece Stocks; sisters-in-law Eleanor Stocks, Aurelia Stocks, June Stocks; brother-in-law Edward Stevens, and her long time friend Richard Freidag.

A visitation and memorial services were held March 18, at Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Pastor Randy Nicholas officiated the services.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

JUDITH "JUDY" A. ROWLEY

Judith "Judy" A. Rowley, 68 of Apple River, IL passed away on Monday March 13, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital. She was born on Sept. 13, 1948 to James and May (Fowler) Bennett in Cuba City, WI. She married Carl "Butch" Rowley on Sept. 23, 1972 in Shullsburg, WI. Judy enjoyed watching game shows, playing solitaire, and helping the Apple River Fire Department with all their events. She also loved to go out to eat on Saturday nights with Butch,



spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Butch, children; Laurie Rowley of Apple River, IL, Tom (Tawny) Rowley of Warren, IL, Amy (Josh) Harris of Poplar Grove, IL; four grandchildren; Autumn Stiefel of Apple River, IL, McKenzie Rowley of Warren, IL, Gavin and Jameson Harris of Poplar Grove, IL; sister's Phyllis Lange of Cedar Rapids, IA, Sandy (Dennis) Foley of Kenosha, WI; sisters-in-laws; Carol (Terry) Hoepfer of Benton, WI, Carol Bennett and Lillian Rowley both of Shullsburg, WI; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Ronnie and infant sister Shirley, one brother Jerry Bennett; father-in-law and mother-in-law Laurentine and Lillian Rowley, five brothers-in-law Robert Lange, Arlo, Robert, Donald and Howard Rowley; one niece Shelley Rowley.

Visitation and funeral services were held March 18, 2017 at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home.

Cremation rites to be accorded.

Sean Huguenin officiated the services.

A memorial has been established in her name.

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

DONALD W. "DOGGIE" SCHUMACHER

Donald W. "Doggie" Schumacher, age 66, of Dubuque, Iowa, formerly of Elizabeth, Illinois passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at Mercy Medical Center, Dubuque. A funeral service was held March 18, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Elizabeth, Illinois. Burial will take place in Elizabeth Cemetery. A visitation was held March 17, at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Elizabeth. A memorial fund has been established in Donald's

memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Donald's life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

KELLI R. RUMMEL HUNEKE

Kelli R. Rummel Huneke, 47, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 18, 2017, surrounded by her family, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born on March 9, 1970 in Rockford, IL to Roy and Ruth (Hodgson) Rummel. Kelli graduated from Leaf River High School, got her Associates degree from Highland Community College, Bachelor of Education from Rockford College, and Master of Education from the American College of Education. She married Jason Huneke and together they raised four wonderful and beautiful children. She taught for several years before becoming a stay-at-home mom and was also a substitute teacher during that time. For the past seven years, she was a fifth grade teacher for Lena-Winslow School District. She was a loving mom and an amazingly strong person. Her children were most important to her, and she did everything for them. She attended all of their activities including sporting events, 4-H shows, and showing sheep at the county and state fairs. She enjoyed family-oriented activities and spending time with friends and family. She made memories to last a lifetime by traveling to Cancun with her sisters and to Punta Cana with her children. She also enjoyed traveling to many lakes with her kids. She was a member of North Grove Evangelical Church.



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Births — Delta Dental presents 'Land of Smiles' Program to Pearl City School

Brooklyn Bonnet

Matthew and Katie Bonnet of Kent, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Brooklyn Ann Bonnet born Wednesday March 8, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Brooklyn has two brothers Jackson, 8 and Carson, 1. Grandparents are Joyce and Denny Bonnet of Pearl City, Ill. and Dale and Denise Queckboerner of Chadwick, Ill. Great grandfather is William Bonnet, Lena, Ill.

Aidan Heck

Daniel and Josephine Heck of Pearl City, Ill. are the parents of a son Aidan Jack Heck born Tuesday March 14, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Aidan has a sister Bridget, 7 and a brother Ryan, 3. Grandparents are Rick and Midge Hernandez of Freeport, Tom and Sue Bielefeld of Hixton, Wis. And Harry Heck of Neillsville, Wis.

Evelyn Simler

Amelia and Jered Simler of Pearl City, Ill. are the parents of a daughter Evelyn Rose Simler born Monday March 13, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Curtis and Mary Merkel of Mount Carroll, Ill. and Darius and Sherry Simler of Pearl City. Great grandparents are Norma Merkel of Chadwick, Ill. Albert and Betty Simler of Freeport and Carol Fluegel of Dakota, Ill.

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She is survived by her children—Chase (Kalie Becker), Jade, Reid, and Sage, all of Lena; parents, Roy and Ruth Rummel of Winnebago; sisters and brother, Amy (Mike) Pearse of Machesney Park, Ryan (Lynette) Rummel of Seward, and Erin (Jeff) Greenfield of German Valley; nephews, Eric Pearse, Curtis and Samuel Rummel, and Ethan and Owen Greenfield; aunts, uncles, cousins, her “teacher friends”, and her beloved dog, Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.

A celebration of life service will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Le-

On Thursday, March 16, Pearl City Pre-K through sixth grade students enjoyed learning about good dental care while watching a “Land of Smiles” program presented by Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation, based in Naperville, Illinois. The Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation believes that oral health education helps further the mission to improve oral health for all Illinois residents. Education is the key to helping establish a lifetime of good oral health. Because childhood is the time when good dental habits begin and healthy teeth develop, one of the signature programs for the Foundation is Land of Smiles.

The program features the Tooth Wizard (portrayed by Matty) and his arch nemesis, Plaque Man (portrayed by Dylan). Interactively they teach the value and practice of brushing, flossing, and rinsing with mouthwash to maintain good oral health, while having students helping them do the show. The characters also discuss good and bad foods for teeth and remind kids why it's important to visit their best friend, the dentist, at least twice a year. During the program, the Tooth Wizard teaches how to rid of what he calls the icky, sticky, slimy, grimy, sort of yellowy, green gunk—in other words, plaque—that destroys teeth and causes cavities.

In our program Parker Marsh (Pre-K), Megan Snetcher (4th grade), and Gemma Musser (1st grade) helped the Tooth Wizard brush the plaque off of the teeth. Kayden Calderon-Lehr (Kindergarten) assisted the Tooth

na-Winslow Fine Arts Center in the elementary school.

Visitation will be held from 3 till 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Officiating will be Pastor Tim Hotchkiss.

Cremation rites to be accorded.

Private family burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in Kelli's memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

The family would like to thank Kelli's friends and the community of Lena for their outpouring of love and support. “Faith, Hope, Love, Strength, Courage”



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Delta Dental of Illinois and its foundation show the Pearl City Elementary students that learning the right attitudes and skills at a young age goes a long way toward creating and maintaining a lifetime of good oral health and overall health.

Wizard in brushing the plaque and bacteria off of the tongue. Joshua Stephan (Kindergarten) and Bridget Hoffman (1st grade) portrayed teeth to demonstrate how to floss up and down each tooth to remove plaque between the teeth. The Tooth Wizard and Plaque Man had the entire audience interacting throughout the program.

Highland Community College hosts annual Job Fair

The 2017 Highland Community Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 29, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. Current students, graduates, and area residents seeking employment are all invited to attend. This free event is an excellent networking opportunity for job seekers, typically featuring more than 30 employers in northern Illinois.

The 2017 Job Fair will be held in the Newell Room, located on the second floor of the Student/Conference Center. Business casual attire is highly

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ly recommended at the Job Fair. Additional fair-related opportunities for job seekers include the following: “Job Fair Preparation Retreat” on Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m. to noon. This 3-hour retreat will feature job fair tips and strategies re: personal presentation skills, building effective resumes and cover letters, and conclude with a resume and cover letter open lab, where Career Service staff will assist you with finalizing your resume and cover letter for the Job Fair.

Effective Strategies for the Job Seeker

Learn from community employers about best practices for landing a job in 2017. These panelists will answer your questions and offer expert advice, with a focus on effective resumes and cover letters, personal presentation skills, interviewing and job hunting. These sessions will be held during the Job Fair in room, H-210.

• 6 to 6:50 p.m., Wednesday, March 29

• 10 to 10:50 a.m., Thursday, March 30

• 11 to 11:50 a.m., Thursday, March 30

“Post Job Fair Retreat: What Now?” on Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. to noon

This 3-hour retreat will take place the weekend after the Job Fair and will focus on how to follow up on your leads received at the main event. Topics covered will include: how to complete online applications, social media “no no’s,” and soft skill and interviewing technique development. Register at: www.collegecentral.com/highland (Must create a free account and log in to RSVP.)

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Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners offer Spring Break Gardening sessions

On Saturday, April 29, the Jo Daviess County Master Gardeners will be holding their annual Spring Break Gardening event from 9 a.m. to noon at the Elizabeth Community Building (HWY 20 W Elizabeth, IL). Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required to attend. To register or for more information on this program call us at 815-858-2273 or visit us online at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

The keynote address, given by Jon Kelly of Mississippi Valley Tree Experts titled Tree Talk with Jon Kelly will focus on Tree Diseases and Insect Issues. Jon is a certified arborist with his company serving the Tri-State area. Jon will discuss common tree diseases that are found in this area and offer advice on the best way to deal

with these diseases. He will also discuss insects and issues they may cause with your trees.

Following the keynote address will be two breakout sessions. The first breakout session, is being held from 10 – 11 a.m. One option for this session will be Successful Squash by University of Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator Grant McCarty. Grant will provide information on the squash family including cucumbers, summer/winter squash, melons, pumpkins, and others. He will really focus on unique varieties, general practices, weed control, disease/insect management, and successful harvest. Water Diversion in the Home Landscape by University of Illinois Extension Energy and Environmental

Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon will be the second option to attend in breakout session one. Jay will focus on utilizing rainwater and reducing storm water run-off in your home landscape.

The second breakout session is being held from 11 a.m. to noon and gives you the choice of attending (1) Gardener's Calendar/Companion Planting by Jo Daviess Master Gardener's Cathie Rausch and Art Scheele or (2) Raised Bed Gardening/Composting by Jo Daviess Master Gardener's Don Klinger and Madelynn Wilharm. During Gardener's Calendar/Companion Planting you will learn helpful tips on what to do each month in your garden to ensure the best possible outcome during the months it is producing. After this brief overview,

this session will go into the topic of companion planting and discuss how planting certain plants in close proximity to each other can benefit one or both plants. The second option for this breakout session Raised Bed Gardening/Composting will offer tips on how to be successful in raised bed gardening and even how to make your raised

bed more accessible to you throughout different stages of your life. You will also learn about how to be successful in having your own compost to use in your garden.

Remember to register early to ensure you can attend the breakout session of your choice! We hope to see you there!

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Friends of the FHN Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center invite the public to an evening of delicious appetizers and drinks, great music and fun from 6 - 10 p.m. Friday, March 24, at The Wagner House, 1 E. Spring Street in Freeport.

Enjoy the music of the Jimmys, a powerhouse, eight-piece band influenced by raw Chicago Blues to second line New Orleans funk, while you dine. The Jimmys have solidified their brand of blues and R&B across the Midwest, Canada, Europe, and the Caribbean, earned international acclaim and devoted fans.

Admission is \$35 per person or \$65 for a couple. Proceeds will benefit the FHN Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center, which provides medical oncology, hematology and radiation oncology services all under one roof, close to home for patients and their families.

Tickets are available online at www.fhn.org/foundationFoodFight.asp or by contacting the FHN Foundation at 815-599-6900. This event is presented by friends of the FHN Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center.

Millie's quote of the week

A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.

William Arthur Ward.

St. Paul's in Kent Celebrates ten years of Blessed Relationship

March 18 marked the tenth anniversary of Pastor Andres' installation as pastor of St. Paul's. It also was the tenth anniversary that Deb Winning has been our organist. After worship, we celebrated the blessings God has given to us with cake and goodies.

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Church Notes

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church, 600 N Main St, Stockton, IL, will gather for worship on Saturday, March 25, 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m., celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Lent, with Pastor Susan Davenport delivering the sermon. Our theme, based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism, will be the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sunday School for all ages is at 9 a.m.

For midweek Wednesdays during Lent we worship using "Holden Evening Prayer" and gather for "Simple Soup Suppers" at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is "Pray Like Jesus: The Lord's Prayer." Our guest preacher on March 22 is Nicole Haas and on March 29 is Linda Balbac from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Warren. All are welcome.

Faith Training for Seventh Grade is Wednesday, March 22, from after-school until 4:45 p.m. Faith Training for Eighth Grade is Wednesday March 29, from after school until 4:45 p.m.

See our "Reformation 500 Bookstore" display through March 26, with a sample of Lutheran and Martin Luther writings available for purchase at a discount and with Free Shipping.

Find us on the web at www.christ-lutheranstockton.com or www.facebook.com/ChristOnMainSt/.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship March 26 at 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd on this Fourth Sunday of Lent as we celebrate Holy Communion with our First Communion class. 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 29 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!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites the community of all ages to join them for a Lenten Supper on March 29 at 5:30 p.m. and to Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. The youth will lead the service as we learn about Luther's Small Catechism with Pup-pets.

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.

St. John's Lutheran Church

On Sunday, March 26, Pastor Ekstrand will lead worship on the Fourth Sunday of Lent beginning at 9 a.m. Whirl Sunday School will meet and focus on the lesson, "Samuel Anoints David." Confirmation class will also meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. in the Youth and Family Center.

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

St. John's will host Mid-week Lent worship services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. throughout Lent. Worship services will be held in the nave and will include the Chancel Drama, "Written by the Finger of God." Pastor Ekstrand will also lead Stations of the Cross at Noon on Fridays during Lent.

The Pearl City United Methodist Church will be hosting Lenten Luncheons followed by a bible study on Wednesdays at Noon during Lent. An area church will lead each week's bible study. Everyone is invited to the Lenten Luncheons at the Pearl City UMC located on South Hwy 73/ Main Street, Pearl City.

A Community Euchre and Dominoes party will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, at St. John's. Cost is \$6 and includes a lunch at the conclusion of the event. All are welcome to attend.

Theology on Tap will be held

at the Lake Carroll Clubhouse on Thursday, March 30, at 7 p.m.

The discussion topic will be "Spiritual, But Not Religious."

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 pm 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.

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church

Stockton Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting a Lenten service on March 26 and sharing with Kent, Willow and Calvary United Methodist Church's as Steve Sheffey and family share their musical talent and their love for God with us. Please come and join us at 7 p.m. and enjoy the program and fellowship after. Everyone is welcome. Wesley is located at the corner of Hudson and Benton Sts and is handicap accessible. For information, please call 815-601-6742.

Our regular worship times are -Spark Sunday School at 9:30 and worship at 10:45.

Our doors are open to all wishing to enter and be welcomed.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

Willow/Kent UMC will worship together Sunday Mar 26, at Willow UMC at 9 a.m. Pastor Brenda Morris is bringing the series "The Apostles Creed" of 'I Believe in-the Church United'; all are invited and welcome. Also to stay for the fellowship following.

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

Willow UMC is located about 7 miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow Rd. can call 815-601-6742

NOTE: Lenten Service is Sunday eve, March 26, at 7 p.m. at Wesley UMC, in Stockton, IL (corner of Benton and Hudson); "Steve Sheffey" will be doing the musical service. All are invited and welcome.

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Public Notice is hereby given that on **March 2, 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: **Kristian Services** located at **214 E. Iroquois, Freeport, IL 61032**.
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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 11/29/2016, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on 4/27/17 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:

LOT 3 OF CHARLES D. NEWTON'S FIRST SUBDIVISION IN THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK "F" OF PLATS, AT PAGE 28; SITUATED IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, STEPHENSON COUNTY IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

AND
PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL

MERIDIAN, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 3 IN NEWTON'S FIRST SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS, AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST (ASSUMED BEARING) ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID NEWTON'S FIRST SUBDIVISION, 60.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ON THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3 A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID NEWTON'S FIRST SUBDIVISION, 60.00 FEET TO THE EASTERLY EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ON SAID EXTENSION, 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-19-05-104-020

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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 14-16-09770.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Dubuque Bank and Trust
PLAINTIFF
Vs.

Cody Sullivan; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

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LOT 76 IN SECTION 1 OF THE FINAL PLAT OF LAKE SUMMERSET, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK G OF PLATS ON PAGE 88, AND REVISED PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK H OF PLATS AT PAGES 1 THROUGH 7, INCLUSIVE, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY; SITUATED IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
PIN 15-10-01-327-014

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on **March 10, 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: **Select Hardwoods** located at **14995 Hairpin Rd., Pearl City, IL 61062**.
Dated March 10, 2017

VICIR. OTTE

Stephenson County Clerk
by *HB*

Heather Becker Deputy
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Township of Loran in the County of Stephenson and
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LEGALS

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State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Township will take place on:

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Being the second of said month

At the hour of
7:00 O'clock p.m.

at

Loran Township Building - 215
E. South St., Pearl City, IL

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following:

1. 2016-2017 Financial Report
2. Resolutions Presented
3. Special Financial Requests
4. Transfer of Funds
5. Sale of Surplus Property
6. Setting 2017-2018 meeting dates and time
7. Setting 2018 Annual Town Meeting date and time

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF STEPHENSON
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF:
WILLIAM H. MATHIEU,
Deceased

CASE NO. 2017 P 25

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given of the death of WILLIAM H. MATHIEU. Letters of Office were issued on March 3, 2017 to Janis F.

Mathieu, 1486 Klinger Road, Pecatonica, Illinois who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Chantel R. Bielskis, 6323 E. Riverside Blvd., Rockford, Illinois 61114.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before October 4, 2017, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of the first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Stephenson County Circuit Clerk-Probate Division at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032, or with the estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office--Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to her attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 16, 2017

/s/ Janis F. Mathieu,
Administrator

Attorney Chantel R. Bielskis
Cicero, France & Alexander,
P.C.

Attorney for Estate
6323 E. Riverside Blvd.
Rockford, IL 61114
(815) 226-7700

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test their new skill with a contest. The Drop Spindle Contest is free, and prizes will be awarded. No experience is needed and participants will be separated by age (youth and adult) and experience (beginners and experienced).

Participants can register for workshops online at www.scfaf.webs.com. A brochure with a mail-in registration

form can be found at the same website, on the Stephenson County Fiber Art Fair facebook page, or by contacting Suzy Beggin at Suzy@SuzyBeggin.com or (815) 541-0897. Workshop registration will be available on the day of the Fiber Art Fair if space is available, but preregistration is recommended.

Ryan R Stockton for Village President

VISION LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY ACCOUNTABILITY TRANSPARENCY



I am a candidate for Village of Lena President in our upcoming April 4th election. These are the values that I uphold and will put to work every day for our Community. While many citizens may know me personally, I would like to take this opportunity to share my personal/professional background, which I believe uniquely qualifies me to lead our Community forward.

My family moved to Lena in 1966. Three generations of our family have called Lena home. I am a 1977 graduate of LWHS. I met my wife Lily while living/working in the Philippines in 1995. We returned to Lena that same year, to begin our family. Lily is a registered nurse and we have three children, Jonathan a junior studying Construction Management at Western Illinois

University, Christopher a freshman at Aurora University studying Computer Science and Allison a freshman at Aurora University studying for a career in the medical field. All three are graduates of LWHS.

I have an Associate's Degree in Architectural design and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. My professional career spans thirty eight years. I have served in Senior Management positions for international/domestic general contractors, real estate developers and construction management firms. I have managed the development of international sports facilities, military installations, mixed use master planned commercial/resort developments, several historic renovations and master planned residential subdivisions involving the construction of municipal infrastructure systems.

I have an extensive background in community master planning, zoning laws, comprehensive planning and business development. Over the course of my career I have worked extensively as a developer's representative on numerous projects in several different states, where economic incentives were successfully utilized to spur economic growth. This is growth that would not have occurred were it not for the cities in which we were developing to understand how to utilize such incentives. The incentives involved TIF districts, retail sales tax incentives, Enterprise Zone incentives and other Federal/State Grant funding.

I have a broad professional knowledge/experience of TIF Districts and how they are intended to be utilized by municipalities such as ours. I understand how to properly/effectively utilize TIF incentives as mandated by our TIF plan, to spur significant private investment within our community. These projects will benefit existing business owners, due to increased tourism and traffic flow. By properly and effectively generating new privately owned development's we are generating a significant increase in real estate taxes which support our school system and all fellow taxing bodies.

I currently serve as the Director of Development for the Rockford Housing Authority. I am responsible for presently managing \$28 million dollars of ongoing new developments and renovations of RHA properties. We are presently in the long range planning process for implementation of \$200 million dollars of significant redevelopment projects thru-out RHA holdings. As well, I manage and oversee the deployment of our Capital Funds allocation from HUD totaling approximately Three million dollars annually.

I am running for Village President, as I firmly believe that my professional background uniquely qualifies me to provide the leadership skills/experience necessary to lead our community forward to successfully implement my vision for our future growth. A vision that will impact our Community in a positive manner for generations to come.

I will appreciate and welcome any questions any citizen has on my vision for our Community, my position on topics and solutions I will implement.

Please email me @ rstoc1959@aol.com or phone me @ 815-369-4657.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote on April 4th to have the privilege of serving as your Village President.

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Honoring lady veterans

Five lady veterans attended the brunch honoring lady veterans at the Lena American Legion home in Lena on Feb. 25. The Lena American Legion Auxiliary held this brunch for the second year to honor those females who have served our country. Pictured from Left to right are Yolonda Fane, Maryna Misiewicz, Sandra Bull, Marsha Tessendorf and Donna Otte.



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Pearl City class cooks Barcelona Style

The Pearl City Spanish program turned into a cooking class to try actual food from Spain, instead of the Mexican food that everyone knows around here. We were studying about Barcelona and learning vocabulary for cooking, items in the kitchen and foods. The cooking element fit really nicely in our lesson. The students did a great job and they really liked the food they made.



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Meeting the challenge

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Lena Community District Library news

By Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR

I would like to start off by saying thank you so much to all of our patrons who have stopped in this week to wish Dixie well on her retirement. I really means a lot to all of us here at the library to know that we have such great patrons. I would also like to thank everyone who has welcomed me into my new position.

It's been a very busy couple of weeks here for all of us! We hosted

an open house for Dixie on Saturday March 11. She had quite a few well-wishers stop by, including some we hadn't seen in a while, so a good time was had by all. I would also like to give a huge thank you to Pat Fuchs who made the cakes for the event. We are still receiving compliments on how delicious they were!

The kids have been busy this month also. As some of you may have noticed from the art on the wall the last few weeks we have a very

talented group of after school kids this year. They designed "scribble art" to display here at the library and everyone loved it! We got many compliments on the colors and creativity of the kids, so they should all be very proud of their work! After working so hard on that project Mrs. Kathy gave them a fun and well deserved break the next week with a game day! The kids all played "Outburst", and it sounded like everyone had a great time. The preschool classes have been just as busy as the big kids. They have been very busy readers, reading The Thing about Yettis, and making their very own yetis and then finger painting with shaving cream! They also read In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb. Mrs. Kathy explained the theme and the winter and spring weather that the month of March can bring. The kids made both lion and lamb masks to go along with this theme as well. They had a very good time making them, and they all did a great job crafting!

This last week was all about St. Patrick's Day! The afterschool group had a scavenger hunt where they found lots of goodies! Maci Graves and Sydney Duncan won special prizes for finding the "lucky" star on the back of one of the hidden Shamrocks! Max Duncan, David Tasej and Maranatha Markley all won a special prize that week for their "scribble art". They had some very creative designs and very nice bright colors! After all that Mrs. Kathy treated them to a St. Patty's Day snack of green Rice Krispy squares and peanut butter chocolate squares with special gold dust! The preschool classes had just as much fun, reading the book Hooray for St. Patrick's Day and singing songs like "Do Your Ears Point Up?", "I'm a Little Leprechaun", and "Who Took the Shamrock?"

After all that singing, the kids sat and relaxed for a while making their own green and gold sequined shamrocks. After the snow we had on Monday the kids also had fun dig-

ging through the "snow" in the classroom to find treasures the leprechaun may have left behind! They finished the hour with Rice Krispy treats and Fruit Loops snacks! All in all it was a great week of St. Patty's Day parties!

New Books: The Runaway Midwife by Patricia Harman, Pekoe Most Poison by Laura Childs, Ripper by Patricia Cornwell, Devil in Spring by Lisa Kleypas, Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance, You Carried Me by Melissa Ohden and Another Life by Tom McKay

New Children's Books: Always Remember by Cece Meng, Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins, and My Friend Maggie by Hannah E. Harrison

New DVDs: Hacksaw Ridge, Manchester by the Sea, Free State of Jones, Bleed For This, Trolls, Never Go Back, Moana, Allied, and It's the Easter Beagle Charlie Borwn

Just a reminder our next book discussion will be held Wednesday March 29, at 9:30 here at the library! We hope to see you there!



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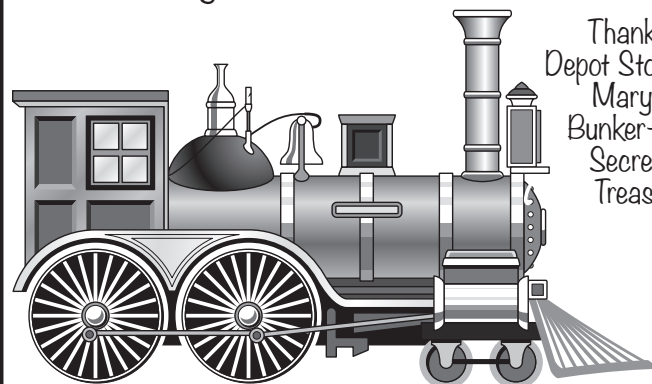
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for Village President

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The Lena Depot Stove Gang would like to say thank you to the following: Lena Winslow Community School District for the use of all the gyms, Lena Community Park District, Pearl City School District for letting us use their flooring, Scott Baldauf, Jodie Bonebright and Louis Bunker for letting the club use your property for our large signs, Lena Area Special Event Runners (L.A.S.E.R.), Dave and June Bergeman for sign storage, Lena Lions, Stockton Boys Scouts, Alec Aurand for helping with tables, Doug and Ryan Wybourn for donating your time for cleaning and removing floor coverings.

Our yearly show would not be possible without all the community support. Another good year. See everyone in 2018 for our 30th show.



Thank you
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Eight members of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter attended the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference in Champaign

Lena-Winslow FFA attends WCFA Conference

Eight members of the Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter attended the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference in Champaign on March 9. Organized and presented by the Illinois AgriWomen the conference is designed for young women in high school and college who are interested in a career in agriculture. Over six hundred young women attended the conference this year whose keynote speaker was Elzandi Oosthuizen, Vice President of Global Geographic Strategy, Monsanto Company. Elzandi spoke about her belief that women in agriculture can "Have it All" and how to accomplish that goal. After hearing the keynote speaker the students broke up into groups and toured/networked with the various businesses that came for the career fair. There were a variety of agriculture disciplines represented including ag busi-

ness, ag communications, ag law, agronomy, ag engineering, animal sciences, food science and ag marketing. Each student also was part of a break-out session that they chose at registration. The break-outs reflected the individual interests of the

students such as horses, food science or marketing. The day ended at the University of Illinois Stock Pavilion where the "Explore ACES" (for the College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental and Consumer Sciences) event was occurring.

Highland to host Agriculture banquet

The Agriculture Department at Highland Community College invites the agriculture students, parents, and supporters to a banquet called "Growing Momentum" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, in the Student/Conference Center, room H-201.

The evening will include dinner, with highlights about the Post-Secondary Ag Student (PAS) Organization, Collegiate Farm Bureau, and Dairy Judging Team. Sponsors who

have supported the Agriculture Department throughout the year will be recognized.

Over the past few years, the Agriculture Department has made some changes to the agriculture curriculum, as well as providing some extracurricular opportunities for students. With the continued growth of the agriculture program, it is important to reflect on the past, thank those who have helped along the way, and discuss

HCC Servant-Leadership Program to stage annual 'Hearts and Hands for Hunger' event

The Highland Community College High School Servant-Leadership Program is gearing up for their 8th annual "Hearts and Hands for Hunger" OneMeal Event. They are seeking help from individuals and businesses that would be willing to sponsor meals for hungry children. The cost of each meal is 25 cents.

The goal this year is to feed 75,000 children. The OneMeal Packing event will be held on Friday, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for local schools that register, and Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon for the community and sponsors. The event will be held at the HCC Student/Conference Center, Room, H-201. The event is open to all ages; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thirteen area high schools, representing over 130 students who participate in the Highland Community College Servant-Leadership program are continuing the campaign to help feed children who are hungry. The past six years, Servant-Leaders have been able to provide over 500,000 meals for children locally and to other children around the world who are in need.

Highland Servant-Leadership is once again partnering with the orga-

nization "Kids Around the World" from Rockford, IL. "Kids Around the World" brings all materials and supplies that are needed. Volunteers come together and package the meals.

"It is a great way to get people directly involved in the process of feeding starving children all over the world," said HCC Servant-Leadership Coordinator Kim Pool. "Kids Around the World ships and distributes the meals to partners on the ground in countries to assure the meals get to the children. For only 25 cents, a child's life can be changed."

There are four ways in which people can get involved: (1) Donate and sponsor meals at 25 cents each. (2) Purchase a T-shirt with proceeds going to provide meals for children (3) Sponsor a table for \$250, which provides 1,000 meals to children. Sponsorship can be for business promotion or in memory/honor of a loved one. (4) Volunteer at the event on April 7 and/or April 8 for any amount of time.

Those interested in donating or assisting in the effort should contact High School Servant-Leadership Coordinator Kim Pool at kim.pool@highland.edu or call 815-599-3574.

Farm-to-Farm 5K benefits Ag-in-the-Classroom

The inaugural Farm-to-Farm 5K and Fun Run will take place on Saturday April 1 at Kent Farms, 12662 N Christian Hollow Road, Winslow, IL. Sponsored by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Young Leaders, this fun family event will feature a scenic out-and-back 5K (3.1 mile) course showcasing local agriculture with displays, signage,

a petting zoo and kids' activities. Early registration discounts end on March 20, and signups up till race time can't be guaranteed a race shirt. Finisher medals, age group and overall prizes, swag bags and food are included, and registration forms can be downloaded at www.stephensoncfb.org or you can register online at www.GetMeRegistered.com/FarmToFarm5K.

Race day registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the Chore Boot 40-Yard Dash at 9:30 a.m. and the 5K commencing at 10 a.m. Proceeds from the event will support Agriculture-in-the-Classroom activities in Stephenson County coordinated by the Conservation & Agricultural Partners (CAP) Foundation.

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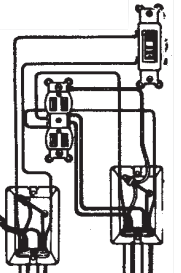
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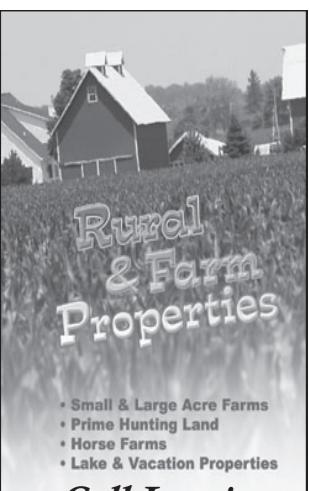
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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I hope everyone enjoyed their St. Patrick's Day. I know there was a lot of corned beef and cabbage consumed. We are still fluctuating in the temperature department, but hopefully the students will have some warmer weather for their Spring Break. This week we are not breaking from cooking. The column will feature a new take on an old favorite salad, a Lenten main course, a great stew, and two good desserts.

The first recipe is for a creamy grape salad. I have made this grape salad numerous ways, but this one is another variation. Enjoy a new taste to an old favorite.

Creamy Grape Salad

2 C. seedless green grapes, halved
2 C. seedless red grapes, halved
½ C. slivered almonds, toasted
4 oz. cream cheese
½ C. sour cream
¼ C. packed brown sugar
Combine the fruit and nuts in a

large bowl. Microwave the cream cheese on HIGH 20 to 30 seconds or until softened. Whisk until creamy. Add the sour cream and sugar and mix well. Add the cream cheese mixture to the fruit mixture and mix lightly.

Our Lenten entrée today is an easy one to make. It is a burger made with tuna. It is a nice change from beef, and it is moist. You can broil the burger instead of frying it if you are cutting calories.

Tuna Burgers

1 large egg, lightly beaten
½ C. dry bread crumbs
½ C. finely chopped celery
1/3 C. mayonnaise
¼ C. finely chopped onion
2 T. chili sauce
1 pouch (6.4 oz.) light tuna in water

2 T. butter
Hamburger buns, split and toasted
Lettuce and tomato, optional
Mix the first six ingredients; fold in tuna and shape into four patties.

In a large skillet, heat the butter over medium heat. Cook the patties until lightly browned, about 4-5 minutes per side. Serve on buns with garnish.

This next main course recipe takes stew and adds some pasta. Serve it with some crusty bread and a salad, and you will have a great main dish.

Beef Stew with Pasta

3 T. olive oil, divided
2 lbs. beef stew meat

4 medium carrots, but into 1-inch pieces

1 large onion, chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 can (14 ½ oz.) diced tomatoes, drained

1 can (12 oz.) tomato paste
2 cartons (32 oz. each) chicken broth or beef broth

¾ t. salt
½ t. pepper
2 T. minced parsley, optional
4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed

1 can (15 oz. white kidney beans or cannelloni beans, rinsed and drained
¼ C. grated Parmesan
1½ C. uncooked macaroni
2 C. chopped fresh spinach

In a large Dutch oven or kettle, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over medium high heat; brown half of the beef. Remove and repeat. In the same pan, sauté the carrots and onion in remaining oil until onion is tender, about 2-3 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute. Stir in the tomatoes, tomato paste, broth, salt, pepper, beef and parsley; bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered for 1½ hours.

Stir in potatoes, beans and cheese. Bring to a boil. Stir in macaroni. Reduce the heat and simmer, uncovered until beef and vegetables are tender, about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in spinach until wilted. Serve immediately.

This next recipe is an easy way to

have a tasty bread. Save this for the brunch table because it is a good one with an egg casserole. It is good as a breakfast bread all by itself. Enjoy this easy way to make a great bread.

Orange Dream

Pull-Apart Bread

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese
2 tubes (7 ½ oz. each) small refrigerated buttermilk biscuits, 10 count
1 C. packed brown sugar
1 C. chopped pecans
4 t. grated orange peel
½ C. butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 375. Cut cream cheese into 20 pieces. Using a small knife, cut a horizontal pocket into the side of each biscuit; fill each with a piece of cream cheese. Pinch the opening to seal.

In a shallow bowl, mix the brown sugar, pecans and orange peel. Dip the biscuits in melted butter; roll in brown sugar mixture. Stand biscuits on their sides in a greased 10-inch fluted tube pan. Bake 35-40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool in pan for 5 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. Serve warm.

This great tasting cake will get you in the mood for spring. The original Tres Leches Cake is much more complicated, but using a cake mix makes this much easier to make. It is not for the faint hearted because it uses some really great ingredients that will help you satisfy your sweet tooth. Enjoy this good treat—it is good enough to save for Easter dinner dessert.

Shortcut Tres Leches Cake

1 pkg. butter recipe yellow cake mix
3 large eggs
1/3 C. milk
½ C. butter softened
1 t. vanilla
Topping
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
1 C. heavy whipping cream
Whipped Cream
1 C. heavy whipping cream

2 T. powdered sugar
1 t. vanilla

Preheat the oven to 350. Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, milk, softened butter and vanilla; beat on low speed for 30 seconds, then on medium speed for 2 minutes. Transfer to the prepared pan. Bake 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick in the center comes out clean.

Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 20 minutes. In a 4-cup measuring cup, whisk the topping ingredients until blended. Using a skewer, generously poke holes in the top of the warm cake. Slowly pour the milk mixture over the cake, filling the holes. Cool 20 minutes longer. Refrigerate the cake, covered, at least 4 hours or overnight.

In a bowl, beat the cream until it begins to thicken. Add the powdered sugar and vanilla; beat until soft peaks form. Spread over the cake.

We are moving to a new chapter in the Not So Skinny Cook life. March will probably be going out like the lion it came in as. I was in Texas last week, and loved the green and flowers which were beautiful. I tell myself that we will have that soon!! We lost two special ladies while I was gone. Our community was blessed by their service—Jane at the Park District, and Kelli at the school. They were both courageous women whose lives touched many and made the world a better place. My deepest sympathy to all of their family and friends.

As school begins its last quarter, spring sports are waiting for a warm up. I know things will be fast and furious as April begins. As we go towards Easter, we continue to look for Lenten recipes. If you find some great seafood or meatless recipes or have some good brunch and ham recipes for Easter, you can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, *Shopper's Guide* at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.

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On March 13, the winners from fourth, fifth, and sixth grades read their stories at their celebration for friends and family members. For these grades one book was chosen for the "Overall Grade Level" books. The overall winners have the opportunity to go to Bloomington, IL in May for a larger Young Author Recognition.

On March 14, the winners from Kin-

dergarten, first, second, and third grades had their celebration with their friends and family attending. The following is a list of all winners, their teachers, and the title of their books.

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Kindergarten—Mrs. Bunker-Jonah Ehlers—"Clay Saves the Day"

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First Grade—Mrs. Lorig-Charlotte Musser—"What a Busy Week for Coper"

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Fourth Grade—Mrs. Schaeffer-Jaxsyn Kempel—"The Forest"

Fifth Grade—Mrs. Visel-Shyanna Ditzler—"My Santa Book: Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Sixth Grade—Mrs. Scott-Jonathan Dinderman—"Buster"

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Overall 5th Grade winner—Sonny Morse—"Santa's Secrets"

Overall 6th Grade winner—Jayden Robinson—"The Search for Food"

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STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

Illinois Housing Development Authority
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Jennifer K. Tanik; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

16CH 00078

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE

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Dubuque Bank and Trust
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Cody Sullivan; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

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Prairie Enthusiasts host annual conference and banquet

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

On Saturday March 4, the Northwest Illinois (NIPE) Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE) hosted the organizations' annual conference and banquet. The event was a special occasion because the date marked the 30th anniversary of TPE. Also, for the first time NIPE and the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) partnered with one another to bring this event to northwest Illi-

nois. The topic of this year's meeting was Landscapes of the Future: Challenges and Opportunities. The Eagle Ridge Resort in the Galena Territory was the location of the affair. Laura Dufford, NIPE President and Steve Barg, Executive Director of JDCF and their committees were instrumental in putting together all that was needed to make this event a success.

NIPE and JDCF are two of the better known conservation organiza-

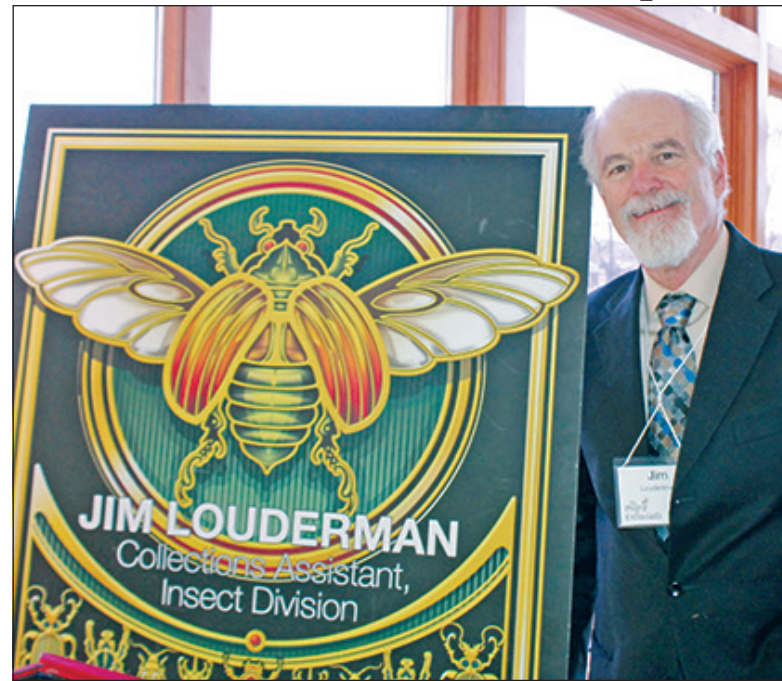
tions in northwest Illinois. NIPE has been involved with the restoration and reclamation of the Illinois tall grass prairie on private and public lands for more than 20 years. JDCF has been a conservator of lands for an equal amount of time. The two groups have combined their talents and energies on a number of projects. This pairing has resulted in not simply prairie restoration, but the opening of the lands for public use. These restorations brought about open spaces such as Casper Bluffs, Gateway Park, the Wapello Land and Water Reserve and several other properties where the Illinois tall grass prairie can be enjoyed by community and tourists alike.

As with any conference, there were a number of vendors and like-minded organizations that set up booths. A few of the favorites were Northern Illinois Audubon Society, Prairie Moon Nursery and Wild Birds Unlimited.

Jim Louderman of the Field Museum in Chicago brought his menagerie of creepy things. Louderman said, "The Asian Emerald Ash Borer remains a considerable threat to the landscape and may not be completely eradicated for another five years." Also on display was a liquid filled tube containing Zombie Worms. The Zombie Worm is water borne and invades the body of a grass hopper and destroys the brain of that insect. You can't make up this stuff even when it's right out of a 1950's sci-fi movie. Louderman, while doing field studies on the Wapello Land and Water Reserve near Hanover has found a number of insects present that are rare in Illinois and two heretofore unknown species. Louderman said, "Every time we do a field survey at Wapello, I'm amazed at the diversity of the insect population we find. That diversity means a healthy prairie."

Some of the local speakers and subjects were Jim Rachuy, prairie restorations, Emily Lubcke, oak savannas and Randy Nyboer, herpetofauna. Herpetofauna is snakes, lizards, turtles and such.

One of two keynote speakers, Jeff



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Walk of the Nature Conservancy in Illinois spoke on changes in earth's climate. Although some of the statistic were sobering, Walk said, "Things can be turned around in spite of how quickly things are changing."

A second Keynote speaker, Bob Palmer, is Deputy Chief Ranger, Pacific West Region, the National Park Service. Palmer spoke on the history of the conservation movement in the upper Midwest. Prior to his current assignment, Palmer was the Chief Ranger at Effigy Mounds National Monument. The Effigy Mounds are a series of earthen sculptures created by Native Americans. The giant effigies are in the shapes of birds and bears. The monument itself is an open area of more than 2000 acres overlooking the Mississippi River in northeast Iowa.

Palmer related the story of the near 50 year struggle to get the National Parks and National Monument systems up and running and spoke at

length about land protection and heritage protection. Palmer explained such tools as the Lacey act and the Native American Repatriation Act. To summarize those acts he said, "The acts give the Park Service the authority to arrest and or seek the prosecution of those who unlawfully remove from parks, monuments or heritage sights any plants, animals, property or artifacts."

NIPE and JDCF each offer volunteer opportunities that allow the public to learn about prairie conservation through hands on experience. Prescribed burns, land management, seed collection and species monitoring are but a few of the opportunities. If you would like to learn more, or visit one of their properties fell free to contact them.

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