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LBPA schedules Christmas holiday events

Once again the Holiday Season is arriving fast, and we are looking ahead to the Christmas Season.

Our Annual Holiday Preview will be held on Friday and Saturday Nov. 17 and 18. We hold this in conjunction with the Ladies Day Out to usher in the Holidays.

This year we are planning something EXCITING for our annual Christmas Walk.

Our Hometown Christmas will celebrate "Miracle on Main." We are planning a lighted parade with a luminary walk from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. The Parade will begin at 6 p.m. starting at the Village Hall, down Main Street, crossing the railroad tracks, and continuing up Railroad Street and tentatively ending at Lobdell Transportation.

During the parade we will have a tree lighting ceremony on the square Downtown as Santa passes by.

A window decorating and a yard decorating contest will be held in conjunction with this themed event. Entry forms must be turned in by Nov. 27. Judging will take place on Nov. 30, and Dec. 1.

A Community Giving Tree will be at Fluegel's. This tree will consist of items listed on an ornament for under privileged children and needs for community families. Everything will be in code without names visible. Adults may be added if we have abundant giving. Response for the giving tree last year was abundant.

We are also having a Teacher Tree for teacher's needs at Lena-Winslow Schools. With all the budget cuts, classroom needs have been noted and we have volunteered to help.

Children may visit Santa at Citizens State Bank, following the Parade until 8:30 p.m., or deposit let-

ters to Santa in his mailbox that is in the bank lobby. Their letters will be answered by Santa! He is so excited to hear from all the children in the area.

The Lena United Methodist Church will be hosting a cookie walk again this year and a Chili Supper.

The Lena Library is hosting a family fun night with Christmas readings.

We hope you will join us in our excitement for all the festivities we have planned.

Remember we all need to work together for the better of Lena. It's a GREAT Place to LIVE



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Ridin' high

The top sellers for the Lena-Winslow PTO fundraiser were treated last week to a limo ride. Congratulations top sellers!

Lena library news

By Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR

We all had a lot of fun seeing all of the trick-or-treaters that came to see us for Halloween. It was cold, but it was worth it to see all of the great costumes and smiling faces. Both story hour groups had their Halloween parties. Everyone came dressed in their costumes and all left with a few prizes, lots of candy, and bellies full of treats. The afterschool group had fun with Halloween themed BINGO. Mrs. Kathy had some great prizes for them to choose from, and they also went home with a few treats and cupcakes.

This last week the theme was "Being Thankful". All of the afterschool kids made posters with stickers, leaves, and some drawings to show what they were most thankful for. The class really had a good time talking about what it means to

be thankful, and got very creative when decorating their posters. They are currently on display here at the library, so stop by and check them out. We have a very talented group of kids, and it is obvious they all worked very hard on them. After all of that the kids finished up by playing one of their favorite games, Outburst. It sounded like everyone had a great time.

The story hour groups had fun making leaf piles and reading the books Give Thanks for Each Day and Bear Says Thanks. They made a "give thanks for friends" craft as well. They were adorable. Each

with forest friends like fox, raccoon, and squirrel, fall leaves, and pumpkins. The kids even had time for songs like "I'm a Little Turkey", "If You're Thankful and You Know It", "Thanksgiving Dinner", "Leaves are Falling", and "Leaves on the Trees", and flannel board, where the kids had to help Mrs. Kathy find Leafie, Pumpkin and the turkey's feathers. All of the kids were very excited to show off their crafts when it was time to go.

New Books: A Christmas Return-Anne Perry, Every Breath You Take-Mary Higgins Clark, Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway-Jeff Kin-

ney, In This Moment-Karen Kingsbury, The Midnight Line-Lee Child, and Noel Diary-Richard Paul Evans, there are even a few more bestsellers we are waiting on this month, so stay tuned.

New Audio books: The Rooster Bar-John Grisham, Two Kinds of Truth-Michael Connelly, Deep Freeze-John Sanford, and First Snow-Nora Roberts.

Our next book club will meet after the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 29, at 9:30. Try to find some time between grocery shopping and preparing that feast to relax, read a book, and come tell us about it.



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Sophomores: Isabella Kostallari, Jenna Robinson

Freshmen: Makayla Milam, Caitlin Niesman

8th Grade: Savanah Brandt, Benjamin Bremmer, Conor DeZell, Oliver Petta, Brynn Solt, Sidney Wright

7th Grade: Addison Bremmer, Nathan Brinkmeier, Jordan Johnson, Laine Rosenstiel

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Peyton Asche, Burgundy Barklow, Hannah Cassell, Tyra Clark, Laura Dickman, Gwen Heimerdinger, Taylor Hillman, Kayla Niehaus, Siara Simons, Matthew Werkheiser, Jazmin Wingert

Juniors: Tia Clark, Madison Downs, Mackenzie Endress, Caitlyn Krell, Zachariah Lieb, Andrew Lorig, Lydia Lott, Isabel Pena, Li-ana Rosenstiel, Braden Smargiassi

Sophomores: Nicole Adolph, Zander Endress, Sydney Foulker, Autumn Gray, Hailey Johnson, Madalyn Lukowski, Alayna Palmer, Kayla Runkle

Freshmen: Carter Brudi, Molly Cropper, Aliya Fischer, Macie Kaney, Fenixx Menefee, Makayla Ruttman, Mick Sesker, Madyson Stephan, Jenee Stultz, Ella Williams

8th Grade: Kenner Brinkmeier, Madilyn Diddens, Kendall Dixon,

Christian Fischer, Jacob Joseph, Owen Joseph, Audra Lartz, Cody Pitts, Brianna Stager, Alena Welch

7th Grade: Emma Boyer, Ries Diehl, Jonathan Dinderman, Blane Foulker, Cade Monks, Brea Muss-er, Tanner Perdue, Nicholas Pol-izzi, Brooklyn Schreck, Levi Shef-fey, Lily Stichter, Hunter Vick

Honor Roll

Seniors: Amber Baumgartner, Abbey Goldsmith, Garrett Handsaker, Brodie Kaney, Kyle Mellnick, Roderick Munson, Seth Palmer, Kilynn Perdue, Delanie Strohecker, Alexis Tollers, Ashlee Wolf

Juniors: Olivia Cummins, Elizabeth Dixon, Brooke Hass, Addison Keltner, Jarod Kempel, Collyn Kuberski, Drake Musser, Lucas Petersen, Maxwell Polizzi, Amber Roach, Kerstan Shippy, Brock Smargiassi, Ashlee Strock

Sophomores: Taylor Campbell, Nicolas Diaz, Braden Diddens, Abby Ditsworth, Quinn Schneider

Freshmen: Estrella Ayala, Marianna Brenner, Alexis Daves, Aiden Gassman, Nicholas Knoup, Madison Lesko, Wayne McClaran, Miranda Mellentine, Montana Sargent, Jase Sheffey

8th Grade: Cheyenne Handsaker, Benjamin Hass, Brady Heinrich, Adalit Hinojosa Gonzalez, Brody Mellentine

7th Grade: Adrianna Maltry, Dylan Olvera, Jaden Robinson, Shana Youtzy



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Pearl City Lions project

The Pearl City Lions Club recently built a ramp (see photo) for a needy person in Freeport. Over a dozen Lions and friends took turns in preparing for and constructing the ramp which took the major portion of three days to complete. The Pearl City Lions are always looking for projects which will benefit people in the Pearl City area and they welcome your thoughts. In addition the Lions are always looking for new members who would like to participate in various Pearl City Lions service projects. Contact any Lion and mention your interest in joining.

Lena Historical Society opens Christmas gift box fundraiser

The members of The Lena Historical Society are taking orders for gift boxes containing three types of cheese (Muenster, Marble & Cheddar) and a beef sausage log. Products for these gift boxes are from Torkelson Cheese and AJ Lena Maid Meats. Profits from the sale of these gift boxes are used to maintain the Lena Historical Museum. The cost of the gift box is \$25 and will be available Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Lena Museum, 424 W. Grove St., Lena.

Deadline for orders is Nov. 24. You may place your order at Cindy's Beauty Salon, 404 Grove St, - 815-369-4030, Eleanor Holmes

at 815-369- 4304 or by mail to LAHS, Box 620, Lena, IL, 61048 Payment is not required until pickup on Dec. 9.

Mighty Richland Players present 2017 Christmas Show

The Mighty Richland Players Dessert Theater in Orangeville is bringing in the holiday season by presenting "A Holiday Bucket List." Performances will be Saturday, Nov. 25, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 26, at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a variety of great seasonal music, a short play, and musical acts, all with the true spirit of Christmas sprinkled in.

The show is filled with talent of many well-known actors from past shows plus some wonderful guests who will be joining us this season. There will be performances by Sandy Sweitzer, Mary Jo Frederick, Bonnie Scheider, Kim McIver, Keisha Leehan, Ron Pallek, Becca Maves, Chase Bender, Leah Baker, and Amy Jo Beightol.

Performances include a delicious homemade dessert and traditional hot cider, all served in the atmosphere of Orangeville's historic Masonic building, and located at 203 W. High St, Orangeville, Illinois. The

building has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Please contact the theater at 815-819-1310 or email mightyrichlandplayers@gmail.com for reservations and questions. The cost is \$20 per ticket, and group rates are available.

Monroe Clinic Urgent Care-Freeport and E-Visits open Thanksgiving

For Thanksgiving, all Monroe Clinic locations, including Monroe Clinic-FastCare and the retail pharmacy, are closed on Nov. 23. Monroe Clinic Urgent Care-Freeport, 1301 S. Kiwanis Dr., Freeport, Ill., is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and Monroe Clinic e-visits are available from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for MyChart users 18 years and older. As always, the Emergency Department, hospital lower-level at 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe, Wis., is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

E-visits are for patients experiencing cold symptoms, urinary problems, skin rashes, red/irritated eyes, diarrhea or consistent cough. MyChart users can exchange electronic messages with a Monroe Clinic provider, where they describe symptoms, ask questions and even upload photos. E-visits are for MyChart users and are accessible via computer or tablet. Anyone can sign up at mychart.monroeclinic.org. Registration is free.

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Marjorie A. Fryer
We want to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness, cards, phone calls, food, flowers and memorial donations at the time of our mother's passing. Thanks to the Monroe Clinic Hospice Home and Graceland Manor for the great care Mom received, as well as the doctors and nurses of the Monroe Clinic. A special thanks to Pastor Judy Sherk for the wonderful funeral service, the church ladies for the luncheon, the organist for the beautiful music and Leamon Funeral Home for everything they did during this difficult time.
Dennis and Janice Fryer & Family
Kurt and Charlotte Schilling & Family
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Lena-Winslow fights Forrester for shot at state title

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Before any other business can be handled and before basketball is allowed to get everyone involved for Thanksgiving Tip-off Tournaments, Lena-Winslow and Forrester will still have to play one more football game.

The Panthers host the defending State Champion Cardinals in the Saturday, 2 p.m., Class 1A Semi-Final. The winner of the "expected sell-out" will be asked to move on to represent the NUIC in the 2017 IHSA Class 1A State Finals next weekend in DeKalb.

It is a fantastically familiar theme for many northern Illinois football fans. With so much heritage playing from the heart of Jo Daviess County to the banks of the Rockford River

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weekly, the bracket seemed to indicate this type of a situation occurring.

Many former State Champions call the Northwest home and a lot of NUIC teams were in the State's Elite Eight this year. Five teams from the Upstate and Northwest represented the best of Class 1A Football this season. Upstate Champion Stockton, runner-up Milledgeville and Freeport Aquin joined Lena-Winslow and Forrester in the second round games. The winners moved on to the Quarterfinal last week. Now it's the Semi-Final.

Lena-Winslow is already a champion this season. They ran through their regular campaign undefeated. An impressive theme considering they won the NUIC outright. They were 9-0 against some of the best teams in the State of Illinois and they knocked off EPC, Dakota and Forrester along the way.

They were the highest scoring offense entering the IHSA Class 1A State Tournament and ranked top-three on the defensive side. They are the "team to beat!" Now they have

to get through the defending State Champion Cardinals for the right to play for the Class 1A Title at Huskie Stadium next weekend.

Forrester lost 28-14 in its second game of the season. Since the Lena-Winslow win they ran off ten straight victories. They haven't allowed more than 19 points a game since the week three showdown with the Aquin Bulldogs, in which they scored 50. They haven't scored less than 40 points a night since the second round, Class 1A win over the

Fulton Steamers, 30-6.

The Cardinals shut out the Princeville Princes last week 42-0 to advance to the 1A Semi-Final. They are rolling and come in with a lot of experience. Forrester has been in the playoffs every year since the end of the 2009 season. They have two State Titles in that span.

The Panthers are a perfect compliment. They haven't scored less than 34 points any night since their week two, two touchdown win over Forrester. Lena-Winslow has been in the playoffs every year since 1999 with Head Coach Ric Arand gradually learning each season how to forge an even better team the next. They are shooting for their third Class 1A Title in the past seven years on Saturday.

O'Ville Broncos bring big bang to basketball season

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The Orangeville Broncos boys' basketball team was a good team last year and they found ways to beat back some historically-strong programs along the way. This year there is already talk brewing about how things could shape up. The Broncos are senior-laden and that means they have a good chance to bank on their earlier, career successes, in high-pressure situations.

The Broncos have a chance to get the quick start they need as they play as in invited guest in the River Ridge Thanksgiving Tip-Off Classic next week. When it comes to seeing if they are built to collect tournament hardware, the meeting with area familiars should provide a good, early season snapshot.

A lot of the offense is going to be looking to go through captain and veteran leader Austin Guy. The senior joins with senior teammates Blake Beightol, Caden Getz, Josh Boomgarden, Noah Parriott, Trey Sullivan and Andre Minnaert. They are going to have chances to score a lot of points and the defense they could bring with a solid forward presence, could provide a lot of "put-back" opportunities.

On Wednesday, Nov. 22 the Broncos face host River Ridge in the season-opener. They will be looking to improve upon their 17-13 February 2017 close and Regional Championship finish. The Wildcats were Regional Champions in 2012 and followed it up with the honors through the close of the 2014 season. They were 17-6 when they closed 2016 and they were 19-9 last year. They have been getting better for a while now. The night-one meeting with Orangeville could be an early indicator of how competitive the West might be.

On night two, Friday, Nov. 24, the Broncos face East Dubuque.

The Warriors were impressive last season. They won 31 games and wrapped up a five-season stretch that saw them win 125 games. Pearl City stands up to Orangeville on night three of the River Ridge Thanksgiving Tip-Off Classic. They will suit up for battle on Saturday, Nov. 25.

It will be important for Orangeville to stand strong in the season-opening tournament at River Ridge. They have to be ready to face East Dubuque to open the NUIC schedule just a few days later. The two teams meet on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

A short break after the East Dubuque road game will be over in December as the Broncos face the Forrester Cardinals for the 2017-2018 home opener on Thursday, Dec. 7.

United Way of Northwest Illinois names new executive director

The United Way of Northwest Illinois is pleased to announce Connie Kraft as the organization's new executive director after a thorough and lengthy search process by the board's executive search committee.

The committee would like to thank the outpouring of applicants who took the time to apply for the position and the community for their support and well wishes during the transition.

Kraft stood above other applicants with her experience in both fundraising development and collaborative strategies. She has also been an active member of the community for decades and presents a friendly and familiar face to several agencies and organizations currently working on United Way initiatives.

"We are excited to have Ms. Kraft assume the Executive Director responsibilities. She comes with over 13 years of experience in non-profit work, a strong understanding of the

work the United Way of Northwest Illinois has done in the past, and knowledge of the various organizations in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. We look forward to seeing the United Way's presence continue to grow under her guidance," said United Way Board of Directors Chair Chris Shockey.

Kraft began her non-profit career at RAMP as personal assistant coordinator, and quickly advanced to development associate assisting in their capital campaign and then to manager of the Stephenson County office. After leaving RAMP, she proceeded to cultivate her talent as member service director at the Family YMCA of Northwest Illinois.

"I am thrilled and honored to

have been chosen for this position. I look forward to getting to know the United Way donors, board, staff and community agencies and I am excited to learn more about the successful collective impact initiatives that were established under Tiffany's direction. I have big shoes to fill and I look forward to jumping right into this year's United Way campaign season!," Kraft said.

The executive director position was vacated by Tiffany Nieman in September. Nieman worked diligently over the last four years to engage the community in United Way's Collective Impact Model; a strategy which is proving to create lasting change for agencies and projects in the area.

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- The Sugar Bowl
- Tim's Auto Care
- Twisted Metal
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- Wagner's Automotive
- Your Reflections Salon

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and this week's recipes are some you might want to try. Several use the crock pot, so they won't use oven space. Have a great time picking out food for the big day.

The first recipe is for an interesting ranch dip. If you like avocados, this is great for your appetizer before eating turkey dinner. I know that I like to have a few appetizers to keep people out of the kitchen while I am finishing up dinner!

Avocado Ranch Dip

- 1 avocado
- 1/2 C. buttermilk
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1/2 C. parsley
- 1/2 C. dill
- 1 chopped scallion
- 1 T. wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper

Puree the avocado in a food processor with the buttermilk, mayo, parsley and dill. Add the green onions and pulse. In the feeder tub, add the wine vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

Serve with baby lettuce leaves, cucumber spears, or celery.

This recipe was suggested to me from a reader who got it at the Senior Center in Freeport. The use of the jellied cranberry sauce makes it a great Thanksgiving or Christmas salad. The ginger ale gives it just a little zip. Enjoy this nice salad any time during the holidays.

Holiday Jell-O

- 1 can (13 oz.) crushed pineapple
- 1 box (6 oz.) lemon Jell-O
- 1 bottle (7 oz.) ginger ale
- 2 C. jellied cranberry sauce
- Topping:
- 1 1/2 C. Cool Whip, thawed
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- Toasted pecans

Drain the pineapple and add water to make 1 cup. Heat to boiling. In a large bowl, dissolve gelatin in hot pineapple water. Cool add the cranberry sauce, ginger ale, and pineapple. Pour into a 9 x 13 pan and refrigerate until set.

In a mixing bowl whip the cool whip and cream cheese until smooth. Spread over Jell-O salad and top with toasted pecans.

The traditional vegetable for Thanksgiving is the green bean casserole. This easy and good recipe is made in the crock pot, so you keep your oven free for the "big" stuff.

Green Bean Casserole in the Slow Cooker

- 3 T. butter
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced
- 5 T. flour
- 1 C. half-and-half
- 2 t. salt
- 1 t. Italian seasoning
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 2 lbs. fresh green beans, cut in 20 inch pieces
- 1 C. French fried onions

Spray a 4-6 qt. slow cooker with cooking spray. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add the mushrooms and onions; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic; cook for 1 minute. Stir in flour and cook, stirring constantly for 2 minutes. Gradually stir in half and half, salt, Italian seasoning, and pepper. Cook until mixture thickens, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in green beans, and spread mixture into slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low until beans

are nearly tender, 4-5 hours. Stir mixture and increase the heat to high. Cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally until sauce is thickened and beans are tender, about 30 minutes more. Transfer to a serving dish and top with French fried onions.

Another staple side at holiday time involves a corn casserole. This recipe is a bit different because it uses Swiss cheese. The evaporated milk makes it extra creamy.

Swiss Corn Casserole

- 4 large eggs
- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 4 C. frozen corn, thawed
- 3 C. shredded Swiss cheese, divided
- 1/4 t. chopped onion
- 3 C. bread crumbs
- 1/4 C. butter, melted

Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, whisk together the first four ingredients; stir in corn, 1 1/2 cups cheese and onion. Transfer to a greased 11 x 7 baking dish sprayed with cooking spray.

Toss bread crumbs with melted butter and distribute over the casserole. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered, until golden brown and heated through, about 35-45 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

This nontraditional dressing or stuffing recipe is a great one to try. In our family we always had some traditional dressing and some other kind of dressing. (My mother liked to try new things, and my father wasn't very good about trying anything. I think she made some different dishes at holidays because she really wanted to try new things, and she figured that someone would help her eat them!) This stuffing has some cheese, some mushrooms, and lots of great flavor.

Cheesy Mushroom Stuffing

- 4 T. unsalted butter, plus more for the dish
- 12 oz. mushrooms, sliced
- 4 green onions, sliced (white and green parts separated)
- 1 T. chopped fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 large eggs
- 2 1/2 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1 1/4 C. chicken broth
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- 12 C. of cubes of stale crusty white bread
- 1 1/4 C. grated fontina cheese
- 1 1/4 C. grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 C. chopped fresh Parsley

Preheat the oven to 340. Melt 2 T. butter in a large nonstick skillet over

medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender and lightly browned, about 6 minutes. Push the mushrooms to one side of the skillet and add the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, then add the green onion whites, thyme, 1 t. salt and 1/8 t. pepper. Cook, stirring until the onion is softened, about 3 minutes.

Whisk the eggs, heavy cream, broth, garlic, 1 t. salt and 1/8 t. pepper in a large bowl. Stir in the bread cubes, mushroom mixture, 1 cup each of the fontina and the cheddar, the greens from the onions and the parsley. Let sit 20 minutes to allow the bread to soak up the egg mixture.

Butter a 3 quart baking dish. Add the stuffing and top with the remaining cheeses. Bake until golden brown, about 1 hour. Let sit about 20 minutes before serving.

I don't often put a roast turkey in the column. This one was suggested to me because of the addition of the Dijon and the Worcestershire. I do loosen the skin and place butter under my turkey's skin; this butter has just a little more flavor than usual. I also put onion and celery in the cavity of my bird for flavor and just because I think it needs something. My mother and my grandmother rarely ever stuffed the bird with dressing. This practice was started long before the cooking instructors decided that it wasn't always healthy to stuff the bird with dressing. We all survived, but today you really need to check everything for safety sake with a meat thermometer.

Roast Turkey with Herb Butter

- 1 C. butter, softened
- 2 T. dried sage
- 6 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 T. Dijon Mustard
- 2 T. Worcestershire
- 1 t. pepper
- 1 turkey (14 lb.) thawed
- 2 T. oil

Preheat the oven to 325. Mix all the ingredients except the turkey and oil in a bowl until well blended. Remove the neck and giblets from the turkey cavities; discard or reserve for another use. Pat turkey dry with paper towels. Free the legs from the tucked position. (Do not cut band of skin.)

Gently loosen the skin over the breast starting at the body cavity opening by the legs. Spread the butter mixture onto the meat under the skin. Turn the legs to the tucked position. Tuck wings under the turkey. Place the turkey breast side up on a rack in a roasting pan. Brush with oil.

Bake 3 hours and 15 minutes to 3 hours and 45 minutes or until meat registers 165 on the thermometer. Cover

the breast loosely with foil to prevent overbrowning if necessary. Remove turkey from oven. Let stand 20 minutes before carving.

Need a different and good dessert for Thanksgiving? If you don't have time to make pie or if you want a change, this next dessert recipe is just for you. Again the neat thing is that you make the preparations and turn on the slow cooker. Happy cranberry dessert time!

Cranberry Cobbler

- 2 C. fresh or frozen cranberries, thawed
- 1 can (20 oz.) unsweetened pineapple tidbits, drained
- 3/4 C. sweetened shredded coconut
- 3/4 C. orange marmalade
- 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
- 6 T. butter, melted
- Topping:
- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant coconut cream pudding mix
- 4 large eggs
- 3/4 C. pineapple-orange juice
- 1/2 C. butter, melted
- 1/4 c. packed brown sugar
- 1 t. vanilla
- Whipped cream
- 1/4 C. sweetened shredded coconut, toasted

In a greased 6 qt. oval slow cooker, layer cranberries, pineapple, and 3/4 cup coconut. In a separate bowl, mix the marmalade, brown sugar and melted butter; spoon evenly over the fruit.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the first seven topping ingredients. Beat on low speed 1 minute. Beat on medium for 2 minutes. Pour over the filling.

Cook, covered on low until cobbler springs back when lightly touched, about 4 hours. Turn off slow cooker. Remove insert; let stand for 15 minutes before serving. If desired, serve with whipped cream. Top with coconut.

Football is still going on at Le-Win. The weather has turned cold, and we are preparing for winter (although I did hear we could have warm weather this coming week.) If you are looking for some new ways to celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope you try one of these recipes this week. We will be featuring some recipes for the holidays. We are looking for Christmas recipes, cookies and breads, dressing and salads, and interesting sides. If you have any new, old or interesting recipes to share, 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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CHURCH NOTES

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church schedule for 24th Week of Pentecost

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Nov. 19, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Twenty Fourth Sunday of Pentecost 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 Nov. 22, 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.

Thursday Nov. 23, Good Shepherd Congregation wishes everyone a blessed, safe and "Happy Thanksgiving."

On Saturday Nov. 25, Good Shepherd will be at the Lena Food Pantry. If you have any questions call the church at 815-369-5552.

Lena UMC to stage

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

What are you thankful for this year? Family? Health? Home? Friends?

Come join with us in giving thanks to the Lord, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22,

Thanksgiving Eve Worship service.

Lena United Methodist Church
118 W. Mason Street, Lena,
815-369-5291

Pastor Keri Rainsberger

Grace Free Church to host free Thanksgiving dinner

The Grace Free Methodist Church of McConnell, IL cordially invites you to enjoy a free Thanksgiving meal with them on Thursday Nov. 23. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. If attending please leave a message at 815-868-2152 stating number coming no later than Monday Nov. 20.

McConnell UMC to reopen Kids Church

The Youth Group at McConnell United Methodist Church is making a comeback! We invite all children ages 4-11 years old to join us at Kids Church starting on Thursday, Nov.

30, from 5:30-7:30 pm in the church gym for fun games, bible stories, songs, food and so much more!

Parents are always encouraged to attend as well as mature older youth ages 12 and up as helpers.

A love offering will be taken to help offset the expenses of food and supplies.

McConnell UMC to host painting party

McConnell United Methodist Church invites you to our painting party on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. at the church located at 211 N. Hulbert Rd in McConnell, IL.

We will have an instructor led painting of an Advent themed ornament with the Wise Men painted on a canvas. Each person who registers will paint one and be able to take home with them.

Pizza, pop, pastries and cocoa will be offered through the night.

Cost will be \$35 per person. (includes instruction, canvas and supplies)

Register and pay online at <https://squareup.com/market/inspired-painting-parties/>

Or you may mail a personal check made out to Tim Mulhall, c/o McCo-

nell UMC, PO Box 97, McConnell, IL 61050

Registration and payment must be made by Nov. 27. (if mailing a check it must be received by the 27th)

Great idea for your ladies group, Red Hat Society, church group, etc.

Please call or text Tim at 815-275-8388 with questions or to register or email us at info@mcconnellumc.org

Orangeville United Methodist Church to host free Thanksgiving Dinner

This holiday season we would like everyone in our community to enjoy a good dinner with friends and family. On Thursday, Nov. 23, there will

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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

Psalms 107:1



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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

EMMA "ARLENE" BARKER

Emma "Arlene" Barker, 96, of Warren, passed away Sunday Nov. 5, 2017 at the Lena Living Center in Lena, surrounded by her family. She was born on Oct. 18, 1921 to Turner and Nan (Pehrson) McCauley in Darlington, WI. Arlene graduated from Darlington High School in 1939; and from the Platteville Teacher's College in 1942. She taught in Brooklyn, WI prior to marrying Bob Barker on June 7, 1947 at the Darlington United Methodist Church. Bob and Arlene owned and operated the Warren Greenhouse for 53 years. Arlene enjoyed her time volunteering at the Sunny Day Preschool with her granddaughter-in-law Crystal, knitting, crocheting, and quilting. She also enjoyed watching her grandchildren's sporting events, the Green Bay Packers, and the Wisconsin Badgers. Arlene is survived by her son Michael (Jan) Barker of Warren, grandchildren; Stephanie (Jason) Artingstall, Heath Barker, Luke (Crystal) Barker, Jase (Amanda) Barker, Jack



Barker, great grandchildren; Lily, Lynkin, Delanie, Dylan, Bentley, and Finley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bob in 2004, son Dave Barker, and a sister.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

A visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of services on Sunday at the funeral home.

Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate the services.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

GERALD "GERRY" W. KOERTNER

Gerald "Gerry" W. Koertner, 71, of Lena passed away on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 at the William S. Memorial Veteran's Hospital in Madison. Gerry



was born on April 5, 1946 to Wilbur "Mose" and Marguerite "Peg" (Raders) Koertner in Freeport, IL. He graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1964. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966, and served until 1970, working on Minuteman Missiles. Gerry delivered milk for Dean's for many years before taking over the family dairy farm, which he loved sharing with his wife and two daughters. Later on in life, he worked in the financial industry selling insurance and in his retirement, enjoyed working for FS part-time. In 1982 he married his true love, Jean Bornmann. Gerry was the proud father of Brooke and Kristin. His life became even more blessed with the arrival of each of his four grandchildren, Bailey, Braden, Avery, and Liesl.

Gerry enjoyed always being there for his family, spending time with friends, volunteering for the VA and American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Jean, his daughters Brooke (Dan) Baldauf and Kristin Jones, all of Lena; grandchildren Bailey, Braden, Avery Baldauf and Liesl Jones; brother Bill (Camille) Koertner of Barrington, IL and sister Jane (Doug) Vorhies of Oxford, Mississippi, and many special family and friends.

Gerry is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was Nov. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Memorial services were held Nov. 13, at St. John Lutheran Church in Lena.

Burial will be at a later date.

Rev. Rick Bader performed the services.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

JUNE A. HAY

June A. Hay age 62, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Thursday November 9, 2017. She was born on Sept. 21, 1955 to Dan and June (Maine) Sedwick in Blackwell, OK. She married Terry Hay on Aug. 23, 1980. She worked as a secretary for Met Life in Freeport, IL. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran. She enjoyed flowers and watching the birds.

She is survived by her husband Terry of Lena, IL, Son Chris Hay of Washington and a granddaughter Aurora. Many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother and 4 brothers.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday Nov. 14, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. till time of services on Tuesday.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

LARRY WOOLCOCK

Larry Woolcock, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend went to his eternal home to be with the Lord, family and friends Nov. 5, 2017. Age is no longer important as he will now always be young and healthy.



Larry graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1972, married his blind date, Christine Thill, on Nov. 1, 1973, and together they started their family in Aug. 1974. Family was extremely important to Larry, and he loved spending time with all of them, especially his granddaughters. He was known to go out of his way whenever he could to help with them. He enjoyed visits with family and friends either by phone or in person. "Uncle Lare" as he is fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews, was always good for a laugh. Larry enjoyed his work as a manager and machinist in injection molding for many years ending a long career at PNC in Polo, IL, in December 2013.

In his spare time, he loved boating on the Mississippi River. For a number of years he rented part of an island from the Army Corp. of Engineers with his brother Jerry, and they kept house boats there. Larry and Jerry were known to take a pontoon boat up to Bellevue, Iowa, for breakfast on many weekends. Once Larry could no longer boat, he still liked to come watch the river and particularly enjoyed watching Bald Eagles in early spring and the leaves change colors in the fall. Larry's primary love was his dedication in faith to Jesus our Lord and Savior. He shared that love and passion with his church family at the Evangelical Free Church of Lena. He enjoyed helping with Awana, VBS, and attending bible study. He will be greatly missed by all.

Larry is forever etched in the hearts of his loving wife Christine Woolcock (Thill), daughters Laurinda (Nathan) Howe, Talena (Scott) Wuebbels and granddaughters April Woolcock, Jennifer Wuebbels, Elizabeth Wuebbels and Olivia Howe. He will be forever loved and remembered by his sister Faye (Darryl) Wybourn, sister-in-laws Kay Woolcock and Karen Woolcock, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and a few aunts and uncles. The family welcoming him to his eternal home with Jesus are his parents, Clarence and Selma Woolcock (Olson), one sister and brother-in-law Marilyn and Tom Costello and two brothers Edward Woolcock and Gerald Woolcock. Larry's family wishes to invite family and friends to join in the celebration of Larry's life.

Visitation services will be held on Monday, Nov. 20, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Evangelical Free Church of Lena. Memorial services will be on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. Attendees are invited to share in a light meal after the funeral service. Graveside services will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Larry's memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leadonfh.com.

ORAN W. ALLVIN

Oran W. Allvin, 90, of Warren, passed away on Monday Nov. 6, 2017 at his home. He was born on May 13, 1927 in Warren, IL to Thomas R. and Loretta B. (McKee) Allvin. He married Loraine Goetler on Sept. 21, 1951 in Rockton, IL. He worked for Fairbanks Morris in Beloit, Barber Coleman in Loves Park, IL, and Green Manufacturing in Rockton, IL. In 1972 he and his wife bought Oran and Loraine's Bar in downtown Warren, managed the Lena Golf Club for two years and then worked at Cox Construction until retirement. He was a past member of the Warren Volunteer

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be a Community-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Orangeville United Methodist Church at 111 S. East Street, Orangeville, IL. Everyone is welcomed to join us. There is no charge for this dinner and it will be open to the public. If you or someone you know cannot attend, but would like a dinner delivered to your home, please contact us at the Orangeville United Methodist Church @ 815-789-3170 so we can schedule a time to deliver your meal(s).

We will also be providing free transportation to and from the church if a ride is needed in the Orangeville community.

St. John's Lutheran Church-Pearl City

You are invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, for worship on Nov. 19, and

enjoy the sounds of the Joy Choir. The worship service will begin at 9 a.m. The Good News Sunday School and Confirmation will meet at 10:15 a.m. The November Grace Meal will be served at Noon on Nov. 19.

The Fifth Quarter Youth group (Junior High) will meet at 6 p.m. on Sundays upstairs at the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth group (High School) continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 7:30 pm. All youth groups are open to all area youth and held in the Youth and Family Center.

St. John's has embarked on a fundraiser selling 2018 calendars with an opportunity to win a \$200 drawing each week. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for \$30, please contact the church office or any member of St. John's. Phone and email information be-

low.

The Monday evening bible study meets at 7 pm in the Conference Room and will focus on the Gospel of John. The Thursday morning bible study meets at 9:30 am on Thursdays in the Conference Room and focuses on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. All bible studies are open to nonmembers and members of St. John's alike. The east door will be open for easy entrance near

the conference room or come in the front door and take the elevator to the lower level.

St. John's Lutheran Church is at 229 S. First Street, Pearl City, Illinois. The office phone number is 815-443-2215(mornings). All are invited to our weekly worship services and youth to our Sunday School and youth ministries. You may also email at prshadmin@gmail.com.

Birth

Evelyn Doubler

Brice and Catharyne Doubler of Warren, IL. are the parents of a daughter Evelyn Grace Doubler born Monday Nov. 6, 2017 at FHN Memorial Hospital, Freeport, Ill. Grandparents are Jeff and Cindy Waters of Apple River, Ill. and Howard and Donna Doubler of Warren.

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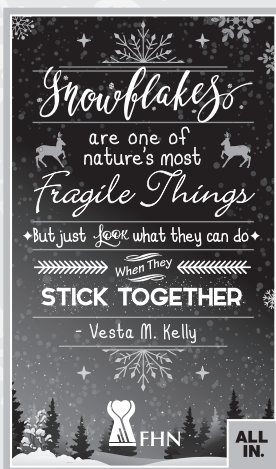
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Monday, December 4 – Saturday, December 30

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Enjoy holiday music, tour the FHN Community Festival of Trees and watch the movie *Elf* with your family. Children are welcome to attend in their pajamas.

Monday, December 4 • 5 p.m. • No charge

Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport

Holiday Storytelling

Listen to a holiday story or two in Santa's visiting area.

Tuesday, December 5 • 6:30 – 7 p.m. • No charge

Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street

Singin' at the King

Enjoy holiday music from area schools.

Thursday, December 7 • 5:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Center, King Community Campus, 511 S. Liberty Avenue, Freeport • Barrels available for non-perishable food donations to the Freeport Area Church Cooperative

Luminary Night

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ComEd accepting innovative design ideas for 'Student Innovation Contest'

ComEd wants to help grow solar energy in Illinois and is enlisting college students to help.

ComEd is launching its Student Innovation Contest and encouraging Illinois college students to design a solar dashboard that will help promote the valuable benefits of solar power to ComEd customers.

The contest is open to any individual student or team of students attending colleges or universities located in Illinois. The top submissions will win prize money as well as an

opportunity to present their ideas before a panel of judges for a chance to win a grand prize of \$5,000. Students must register through MindSumo and submit ideas by 4 p.m. central standard time on Dec. 11.

"We are excited to tap into the creative minds of talented college students who have fresh and innovative ideas to promote the value of solar energy to our customers," said Val Jensen, senior vice president of ComEd's Customer Operations.

The Student Innovation Contest is

part of an ongoing effort to promote the benefits of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA), bipartisan legislation that went into effect in June. FEJA pivots Illinois to the new clean energy economy, saving and creating thousands of clean energy jobs and providing job training for the future workforce, while also creating significant consumer and environmental benefits. FEJA is setting the stage to grow enough solar and wind energy to power one million homes. In addition, FEJA also contains significant programs for low-income communities and extends ComEd's customer

assistance programs through 2021.

Contest details

The ComEd Student Innovation Contest is a two-phase contest with cash prizes.

During Phase I, participants will submit ideas through MindSumo's online platform, and the top 50 percent of entries will win a share of \$1,600. The top five finalists will then be notified the week of Jan. 8, 2018, and invited to participate in Phase II of the contest for a chance to win additional prizes.

During Phase II, the finalists will formally present their ideas before a

panel of judges during a "Solar Idea Summit." The individual or team with the best idea will win \$5,000, second place will win \$2,500, third place will win \$1,500, and the fourth and fifth place individuals or teams will win \$500.

ComEd's "Student Innovation Contest," is a collaboration with MindSumo, a platform where college students can apply creative and problem solving skills to help companies solve problems.

For more information and to apply please visit <https://www.mindsumo.com/contests/solar-dashboard>.

Cocoa and Canvas: A Christmas Painting Party

Instructor led painting of The Wise Men Ornament on canvas



McConnell United Methodist Church 211 N. Hulbert Rd., McConnell, IL 61050

Wednesday, November 29th 6:00pm

Cost is \$35.00 Includes canvas, instruction and supplies
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NARFE to hold November meeting

National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Palisades Chapter 604 will hold its next luncheon and meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Manny's Pizza in Savanna, IL at 12 p.m.,

noon.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield FEHP representative Ken Thompson of Chicago will discuss "Open Season" – updates and options for 2018.

All active and retired federal em-

ployees, their spouses and spousal survivors are invited to attend. If you are not on the permanent list, call 815-275-8944 or 815-244-9618 to make a reservation by Tuesday Nov. 14.

Lena Holiday Preview

Friday, November 17th & Saturday, November 18th

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Highland Dairy Judging team finishes successful fall semester

The Highland Community College Dairy Judging Team recently completed another successful judging season. The 2017 Dairy Judging Team members were Charlie Elliott (Freeport), Bria Koester (Dakota), and Andrea Willing (Rock City). The team was coached again this year by Kristi Dinderman (Orangeville). The team began the season traveling to the Accelerated Genetics Contest in Viroqua, WI on September 17. The highlight of the season was a strong showing at the World Dairy Expo on Oct. 1 in Madison, WI.

Finally, the team finished the season at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY on Nov. 5. Coach Kristi Dinderman said, "I am extremely proud of our team for the work they put into preparing for our contests. A three-person team has a big disadvantage to a four-person team at these contests. To earn such high placing's with one fewer member shows great dedication and perseverance of the students."

World Dairy Expo – Madison, WI
Overall Team - 4th place
Overall Individual – Charlie Elliott (6th)
Ayrshire – Team (1st), Andrea Willing (5th)
Brown Swiss – Team (2nd), Charlie Elliott (2nd)
Holstein – Team (3rd), Charlie Elliott (5th)
Milking Shorthorn – Team (5th), Bria Koester (10th)
Jerseys – Team (5th)
Guernsey – Andrea Willing (8th)

North American International Livestock Exposition – Louisville, KY
Overall Team – 6th Place
Overall Individual – Charlie Elliott (10th)
Reasons Team – 4th Place
Reasons Individual – Charlie Elliott (9th)
Holstein – Team (3rd), Andrea Willing (4th)
Ayrshire – Team (3rd)
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Fire Department for many years. He was avid golfer and bowler.

Oran is survived by his four children; Thomas Allvin in Colorado, Curtis Allvin in Las Vegas, NV, Debra Haas in Freeport, IL, and Richard (Megan) Allvin in Lena, IL; three grandchildren; Marcus Haas, Kathleen Allvin and Josh Heim; two great grandchildren; Derrick and Addison Haas; one sister-in-law Rosemary Allvin in Green Valley, AZ; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two daughters; Kathleen Rae Allvin and Beverly Allvin, one granddaughter Melissa Heim, two brothers; Eldon R. Allvin and Austin E. Allvin.

Private family memorial services will be held.

Visitation was held Nov. 11, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

ROBERT THEODORE CARTON

Robert Theodore Carton, one of the Lord's true instruments of peace, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017.



Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 4-7 p.m. at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111-1st Street A, Moline where a rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Rock Island at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow the Funeral Mass at National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal. Military honors will be conducted. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund will be established.

Bob was born to Adiel and Augusta Carton on April 4, 1920 in Moline, IL. In his younger years, Bob and siblings worked with their mother at Carton's Grocery, Moline, the family business. He graduated with honors from St. Ambrose College in 1942. He was a two-year captain of the basketball team and an All Conference Collegiate. He was later inducted into the St. Ambrose Basketball Hall of Fame. He was a WWII veteran, having served in the European theater at the Advanced Headquarters of the Ninth

Air Force. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He was employed as Director of Employee Relations at the former Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company, retiring in 1985 after 40 years of service.

Bob met Mary Evelyn Hagan, the love of his life, in Bad Kissingen, Germany while he was serving with the Ninth Air Force. She had joined the American Red Cross and was deployed to Europe as Secretary to the Field Director for the Ninth Air Force. Theirs was a love for the ages and they celebrated 62 years of marriage before her death in 2008. Together they raised 10 children, and enjoyed 40 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Bob and his beloved Mary Evelyn entered the postulate and novitiate of the Third Order of St Francis at Sacred Heart Church in Peoria, IL and were professed as Tertiaries in 1950. Their spiritual lives continued to be strengthened by their following the Rule of Saint Francis, and they were generous in support of Catholic mission projects.

Bob was active in his community, serving on the Board of Directors for Catholic Social Services, for Skills Incorporated, for Project Now, and for the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce. He was a past president and a long standing member of the Rock Island Optimist Club. He also loved attending hundreds of sporting events in support of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His love of a good game was only surpassed by his love of the kids. His scrambled and over-easy eggs made brunch incomparable and he looked forward to making his signature Sunday dinner of roast and potatoes. He also loved grilling outdoors. His well known love of ice cream stemmed from his younger years when he was employed by the Sturdevant Dairy in Rock Island.

Bob is survived by sons: Anthony (Cynthia) Apple River, IL, Thomas (Linda) of Munster, IN, Leo (Mary) of Roseville, MN, Gerry, and daughters Barbara McAtee of Metairie, LA, Rita Sproston of Geneseo, Mary (John) Pocivasek of Moline, Ann Walas of Moline, and Regina Kline of Rock Island.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Adiel and Augusta, wife Mary Evelyn, and their son Benedict, son-in-laws Jerry Kline, Bob Sproston, and Bob Walas, grandchildren Kyle Sproston and Helen Carton, sisters Hilda, Ann, and Sister Mary Antonia O.S.F. and brothers, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George A. Carton, John and Joseph.

A special "Thank you" to Julie Frutiger who helped provide him with gentle care, compassion and comfort in his last days.

ROSETTA (ROSIE) M. MAYER

Rosetta (Rosie) M. Mayer 89 of Orangeville, IL passed away peacefully Wednesday Nov. 8, 2017 at the Monroe Clinic Hospice Home. She was born on April 5, 1928 to Adolf and Florence (Wire) Baertschi. She married Gerald Mayer on Dec. 8, 1944. They had 10 children. They farmed in the area for many years before moving to Monticello in 1965. She worked as a food server and cook until 1978 when she moved to Darien, WI to manage a gas and convenient store for 5 years. She then came back to Monroe to open her own restaurant Rose's Café, then Huckleberry Inn in Orangeville, IL. After retiring she enjoyed gardening and making many quilts for family and friends. Her quilts have made it to many states. She will be greatly missed.



She is survived by children; Sharon Andrews (Jim Briggs) Orangeville, IL, Kristine Squier. Oshgosh, WI., Rebecca (Becky) Neuenschwander Orangeville, IL, Diane (Dewey) Curran Adams, WI, Melanie Drake Monroe, WI, Timothy (Stacey) Mayer Brohead, WI., Michelle (Shelly) (Jim) Stauffacher Albany, WI, Daughter-in-law; Ann Mayer Platteville, WI, Son-in-law; Gordon Gempeler Monroe, WI, Brother Raymond of Florida, Sister-in-law Virginia Mayer Monroe, WI, 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and 41 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter Jacquelyn Lynn, son Edward Mayer, daughter Marsha Gempeler, brothers Donald and Duane and son-in-law Paul Squier.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday Nov. 13, at the Cramer-Leamon Funeral Home in Orangeville. Snacks will be provided.

Cremation Rites have been accorded per Rosie's wishes.

A memorial has been established in her name for the Monroe Clinic Hospice Home.

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

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the "Angels" at the Monroe Clinic Hospice Home for taking care of "Rosie". She loved each and every one of them.

Family Medicine Physician Isawi and Nurse Practitioner Cassi Reed join FHN

FHN is pleased to welcome two new providers, Danny Isawi, MD, and Cassi Reed, MS, FNP-BC.

Danny Isawi, MD, has joined the FHN Family Medicine team and is seeing patients at the FHN Family Healthcare Center – Highland View Drive in Freeport.

A Freeport native (and proud Pretzel), Dr. Isawi earned his medical degree at Ross University School of Medicine in Miramar, Fla. He served his family medicine residency at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Ind.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. After high school, he volunteered at FHN Memorial Hospital and worked as a pharmacy technician at CVS. During medical school, he served on a mission project in Portsmouth, Dominica, providing preventive medical care and health checks as well as providing educational awareness of geriatric issues.

To make an appointment with Dr. Isawi, call the FHN Physician Referral line toll-free at 1-877-6000-FHN

(1-877-600-0346) ext. 965 or his office at 815-235-3165.

Board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner Cassandra Reed, MS, FNP-BC, has joined the surgical team at FHN. She will assist FHN's surgeons in the operating room and see patients at FHN Specialty Care – Stephenson Street in Freeport.

Cassi earned her master's degree and family practice nursing certification from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Saint Anthony College of Nursing in Rockford, and also earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science, human fitness and performance from St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

She has been caring for patients as a nurse in the FHN Judy and Virgil Bocker Cardiovascular Center catheterization lab since 2014. She previously served on the cardiac unit at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

For more information on Cassi and the FHN surgical team, visit www.fhn.org.

Freeport Downtown Development announces annual Mistletoe Walk activities

Freeport Downtown Development Foundation is pleased to announce the activities for the 2017 Mistletoe Walk in downtown Freeport Nov. 19, from noon to 4 p.m.

The annual Mistletoe Walk attracts thousands to downtown Freeport as a kick off to the holiday season. This year, from 1 to 4 p.m. the library will host Santa Claus, kid's crafts, and refreshments. The entire downtown area will be filled with the sights and sounds of the Christmas season with free hay rides, sponsored by the Lindo Theatre and Bocker Auto Group. As in years past, Holiday Shopping Spree Raffle tickets will be on sale at various downtown businesses for a chance to win hundred of dollars in Downtown Dollars.

The Hero Tree, located in the Freeport Art Museum grass lot, is downtown Freeport's Christmas tree. It is dedicated to past and present military, police, fire and ems personnel. The tree lighting ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. The crowd will hear from city leaders.

Downtown storefronts are decorated for the season. FDDF is hosting a contest for the businesses who participate. The community will be able to vote for their favorite display.

Freeport's downtown is the core of the economic health of the city. With

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Drew Groezinger of Groezinger Produce Farms and Clara Joyce Flowers will first give participants a short lesson on different evergreen varieties and types and some advice on which evergreens work best for decorating. After the presentation, Drew will help advise participants on decorating an evergreen wreath and then creating their own evergreen centerpiece out of fresh greens.

At the conclusion of the program each participant will have a beautiful evergreen wreath and centerpiece to take home with them to help brighten up their homes for the holidays.

NEW LISTING

SHANNON - THIS HOME IS GORGEOUS!!! This premium townhouse located at the entrance of Lake Carroll has everything you could possibly want. The open floor plan has a kitchen, dining room, living room combo that is a huge space with oak hardwood floors, vaulted ceiling, and skylights that are upgraded with stained glass accents. Adjacent to this great space is a sun room/enclosed porch with beautiful views that would be the perfect place to unwind. The main floor also has a huge master suite with attached bath and walk in a closet and a second bedroom and a second bathroom. There is ample closet space, as a matter of fact, if you fill all the closets in this home, you may have a shopping problem! The finished basement is equally impressive with a family room, a third bedroom, a bonus room, and a second sun room/enclosed porch that leads to a private deck. An added bonus is a large workshop space in the basement. Mechanicals are within 5 years old with the ultra-efficient premium Carrier Infinity heating system. If you're tired of mowing lawns and shoveling snow, the townhouse lifestyle may be for you and this home should be at the top of your list! Priced at \$164,000

PRICE REDUCED

WARREN - REDUCED \$2,400 - QUANT TWO STORY HOME. Beautiful dining room featuring hardwood floors and french doors. Exquisite pillars accentuate the living and family room. Main floor laundry. All bedrooms are on the upper level. Covered front porch and a leveled back deck. One stall detached garage. Priced below assessed value! New Price \$65,000

WARREN - REDUCED \$6,000 - COME LOOK AT THIS HISTORIC 3 bedroom, 2 bath Rock home. This home is on the edge of town with some village amenities and a country feel so it has the best of both worlds. It is situated between Meridian Park and the village limits. The home is solid, well built home from the 1800s and has ample room sizes and storage. New roof in May 2017 and new windows at the property but not installed. There is an out building that could stand to be re-sided but is a nice addition to the property. Priced to sell, so don't wait too long. New Price \$89,000

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OTHER PROPERTIES

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STOCKTON - 5+/- ACRE PROPERTY ON HARD SURFACE ROAD not far from US Hwy 20. Property consists of a 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, a wood building 75 x 40 with a lean to that is 75 x 24 and a block building 80 x 40 with electric, heat, concrete floor, stool and room to add back a paint booth. Priced at \$169,900

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FHN Cancer Center awarded prestigious fellowship grant

The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) has approved funding to bring an international physician to the Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center at FHN Memorial Hospital for a 4-week fellowship program.

The UICC Technical Fellow, when he or she is chosen, will study under the supervision of FHN Radiation Oncologist Tamer Refaat Abdelrhman MD, PhD, MSCI, DABR.

Dr. Refaat, as his patients call him, already has established the Cancer Center as a training ground for physicians around the world with the Cancer Fellows Foundation, and is proud to bring UICC recognition to the Center, as well.

"This is a very prestigious acknowledgement of the quality of care we offer," Dr. Refaat said. "The LCF Cancer Center at FHN Memorial Hospital will be listed by the UICC

as a credible training center for oncologists around the world."

The UICC brings together more than 1,000 organizations in more than 160 countries, representing the world's major cancer societies, ministries of health and patient groups and includes influential policy makers, researchers and experts in cancer prevention and control. For more information on the UICC, visit www.uicc.org.

Saving money with smart meters

Cost savings and better energy choices start with knowledge. Put the new smart meter technology to work for you by learning how to manage your choices. Join Extension Educator Jay Solomon for an overview of the energy and cost saving opportunities opened by the recently installed electricity "Smart Meters". Basics of the smart meter technology, accessing your energy information, proactively managing your energy use and cost, and

ComEd consumer programs will be included in the discussion at the Saving Money with Smart Meters Workshop.

Saving Money with Smart Meters Workshop: Monday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Stockton Public Library, 140 W. Benton Ave., Stockton, IL. This workshop is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested by calling the University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125 or on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

University of Illinois Extension has received a grant to provide education about Smart Meters and energy efficiency from the Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation. The grant is funding a statewide educational effort specifically focus toward consumers served by ComEd and Ameren Illinois. Environmental and Energy Stewardship Educator Jay Solomon leads the local and statewide effort.

Regional Transportation Committee meeting notice – Region 1

The next Regional Transportation Committee meeting for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m. at Freeport Public Library located at 100 E. Douglas St., Freeport, IL 61032. Human service organizations with an interest in public transportation are strongly encouraged to attend as well as anyone that is interested in public transit.

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

The Illinois Department of Transportation has formed an agreement

with North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) for the purposes of preparing, implementing, and updating the plan for Region 1 (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties) and Region 3 (Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, and Putnam Counties). For more information about NCICG, HSTP, or if special accommodations are needed, contact Kim Zimmerman at 815- 433-5830.

• Program (Continued from page 10)

New Life in the Austin neighborhood, Chatham Business Association, North Lawndale Employment Network, and Sunshine Enterprises, based in Woodlawn. Those who complete the program successfully will be positioned to receive a privately funded loan of up to \$50,000 to launch their businesses.

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) will monitor the program. "Our research-

ers will keep a close watch on the PERC program," said ICJIA Executive Director John Maki. "We will be measuring its effectiveness so that the leadership team can make sure it's working to improve public safety outcomes."

PERC is created through a public-private partnership between the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), IDOC, the Department of Commerce and Econom-

ic Opportunity (DCEO) and the Chicago Neighborhood Initiative Micro Finance Group (CNIMFG), which will underwrite loans for the start-up capital.

"This program leverages the resources of three state agencies and a nonprofit," said Randy Kurtz, deputy director at ICJIA. "It is testimony to what can be done when organizations work together."

"We're excited and honored to be part of this program," said Erica King, vice president at the CNIMFG. "It will empower returning citizens to create opportunities for others to follow, which tracks closely our CNIMFG mission."

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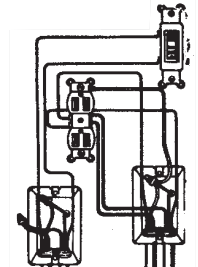
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HCC Lifelong Learning Courses slated to begin in November

Highland Community College Lifelong Learning has a few courses left for the fall semester. To register for Lifelong Learning classes, and to see a complete schedule of upcoming classes, visit highland.edu/lifelong or call 815-599-3414. For more information about Lifelong Learning and to find out the latest in new course offerings, call 815-599-3403.

Courses starting after Nov. 1 are Spanish Cuisine; Wire Wrapped Pendant; Introduction to Coding/Programming; Italian Cuisine; and

Cajun Cuisine. Below are the course descriptions and further information.

Spanish Cuisine

Location: St. John's United Church of Christ, Freeport

Registration Deadline: Nov. 6; Class Date: Nov. 13; Class Time: 5 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$45

Instructor: Michael Staver

Spain has a very diverse cuisine which changes dramatically from North to South. The Basque Region, northern Spain, encompasses both Spanish and French cuisines to the

southern region of Spain, Andalusia. Spain makes 44% of the world's olive oil and grows almost 75% of the world's saffron. Dishes featured will be from the Basque region and the southern region. Please bring containers to take food home in.

Wire Wrapped Pendant

Location: HCC/H117

Registration Deadline: Nov. 8; Class Date: Nov. 15; Class Time: 6 to 9 p.m.; Fee: \$25

Instructor: Art Dawson

In this class you will learn how to make a wire-wrapped pendant, ready to hang on your favorite necklace. A few basic styles will be taught, along with various techniques to add variation and style. No heat or power tools needed - just hand tools and wire. Ready-to-wrap pendants will be available to select the night of the class, you can bring your own from home, or you can visit instructor Art Dawson's booth at the Northwest Illinois Rock Club's 2017 Jewelry, Gem, Fossil and Mineral Show on November 11-12 at Highland Community College and purchase a pendant to

wrap. Wire will be provided. Please bring your hand tools: smooth-faced round-nose pliers, smooth-faced flat-nose pliers, and side cutters. A few tools will be available for your use. Students can expect to complete one pendant in class and learn the skills to create limitless pendants at home.

Introduction to Coding/Programming

Location: HCC/T-162

Registration Deadline: Nov. 9; Class Date: Nov. 16; Class Time: 6 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$25

Instructor: Jeremy Monigold

This course will introduce students to algorithm design (coding) and programming by explaining the importance of coding and programming skills in most industries around the world, developing an understanding of Input, Output, Arithmetic, Conditional Execution and Repetition, and assembling/writing a working program.

Italian Cuisine

Location: St. John's United Church of Christ, Freeport

Registration Deadline: Nov. 27; Class Date: Dec. 4; Class Time: 5 to

8 p.m.; Fee: \$45

Instructor: Michael Staver

Italian food is a celebration of produce and protein is a secondary thought. Recipes will be different from the Spring 2017 class. Please bring containers to take food home in.

Cajun Cuisine

Location: St. John's United Church of Christ, Freeport

Registration Deadline: Dec. 4; Class Date: Dec. 11; Class Time: 5 to 8 p.m.; Fee: \$45

Instructor: Michael Staver

Gumbo and jambalaya are two examples of classic Cajun cooking. Cajun cuisine is a melting pot of cultures including Chinese, Indian, Native American, Italian, French, and African foods. Cajun foods are hearty fare developed to feed large numbers of people with a small amount of money and live off the land. Rice is featured in many dishes because much of the terrain is either bayou or swamp, perfect rice growing conditions. Please bring containers to take food home in.

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Dec. 7, will be the date of our Christmas Party with a grab bag gift exchange. (Note the change of date.) The Lena Food Pantry will be the recipients of this month's collection of non-perishable food items. Hope to see you then.