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It's curtain time for Orangeville theater

The Mighty Richland Players in Orangeville have set their 2018 season and are well into rehearsals for the winter show, "Let Him Sleep 'Til It's Time for His Funeral."



This comedy has an ensemble cast and crew, and brings together people from McHenry, Pearl City, Freeport, Monroe, and Orangeville. The show synopsis is about a man who is anxious about turning fifty. His wife, trying to be funny and to also show her husband how much he is loved, plans a funeral for him. When he finds her notes on it, he thinks she is trying to kill him because she has obviously planned his funeral. He tells her he is taking a fishing trip but is really running off to Mexico. She finds the ticket and thinks he is leaving her. Just when it looks like everything is about to unravel for both of them, fate steps in and causes even more havoc.

Weekend dessert theater show dates are March 2 and 3, at 7:30 p.m. and March 4, at 2 p.m.

Several more shows and events are planned for this year. "Opal's Husband" brings back the lovable Opal to the Mighty Richland Players stage. This time she's looking for a husband for Rosie and answers a lonely hearts ad placed by, "Mister Handsome." When he shows up, he proves to be a ninety-five-year-old escapee from a nursing home. When Rosie rejects her would-be suitor, Opal reluctantly agrees to marry him in order to keep the old man from the clutches of his scheming daughter. Weekend show dates are June 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m., and June 24, at 2 p.m.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" will round out 2018. It is one of the most beloved TV Christmas shows of all time, and now it has become a wonderful play. Keeping true to the TV

show, it brings to life the Charlie Brown characters we've come to love. Beautiful music of the season will ac-

company the show to round out this production. Weekend show dates are Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 25 at 2 p.m., and Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. A special Christmas season dinner performance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. A special Children's Matinee (adults welcome) will be held on: Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Bring the kids to see the show, meet the cast, and have their picture taken with Snoopy and all of the Peanuts Gang. (This is not a dessert performance.)

"Cruising for Murder" is an interactive murder mystery dinner to be held at the Orangeville theater on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$40/person, and is a fundraiser for the Orangeville theater. All aboard for an arousing adventure filled with peculiar passengers and conspiring crew members. After a luxurious week at sea, all on board the Mystery of the Seas are ready for a night of romance and intrigue at the Captain's Cocktail Reception—an extravagant affair. Adrift on the ocean, there is no better place to escape your troubles...or for a murder. Who could the killer be? Trapped at sea, no one is safe and everyone is a suspect. As secrets are revealed, everyone's innocence will come into question as the assassin tries to appear angelic. Sharpen your sleuthing skills, for that's what you will have to rely on to call out the killer!

All shows will be at the historic Masonic Lodge located at 203 West High Street in Orangeville. For more information on any of the shows or the theater itself, please log onto mightyrichlandplayers.com. Tickets can be obtained for any show by calling (815) 819-1310.



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As a team, Lena-Winslow/Orangeville finished second in the Small School division at the Jefferson High School speech tournament in Rockford. Front row from left: Justin Malone, Alysse Potter, Jennifer Swedlund, Andrea Sutter; middle row from left: Mollee Brumfield, Maddie Meador, Abby Strominger, Asa Lake; top row from left: Ashlyn Enck, Lucas Boomgarden, Lucas Schoaf.

Lena-Winslow/Orangeville speech stars keep shining

In any sport or activity, there are always surprises, some good, and some bad. There's that game that was lost that should have been won, the potential All-Star pitcher whose season came to a close with a Tommy John surgery, the upset victory that no one saw coming, the un-recruited walk-on player that becomes a starter.

In competitive speech, one of the million or so unwritten rules is that freshman are supposed to win rook-

ie awards at tournaments. Freshman aren't supposed to be experienced enough to win varsity medals. The problem with that, though, is somebody forgot to tell this to Allyse Potter, Jennifer Swedlund, and Lucas Schoaf. They think they are good enough to win varsity medals. And they're right. Surprise!

"I'm not surprised at all," said head coach Tom Fore. "Allyse, Lucas, and Jennifer, all Le-Win freshmen, have been getting better and better as the

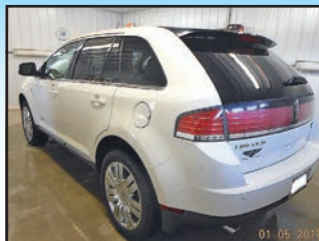
season went on. But at our last regular-season tournament, all three broke into the varsity category."

That last tournament was held at Rockford's Jefferson High School on Saturday, Jan. 27. The highest of these "rookie-varsity" awards went to Alysse, who captured a third place varsity medal in Original Oratory. Entered in the tournament's novice division, she beat out 19 other com-

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Senior Resource Center uses foundation grant to release new agency brochure

Thanks to the Freeport Community Foundation, the Senior Resource Center is releasing a new agency brochure highlighting its programs. The brochure is one of four items the SRC purchased with the \$2,135 grant to expand its marketing library.

"We are so grateful to the Freeport Community Foundation for their generosity that enabled us to develop these marketing materials," said Susan Lambert, Senior Resource Center executive director. "They will work with our existing efforts to spread the work

about our Eight Pillars of Service – our programs – and help us to become better known in the community."

The new marketing materials provided by the grant are the professionally designed tri-fold agency brochure, professional printing for the Money Management Program brochure and new pens and magnets. All items will be distributed at SRC events, by staff and in various locations around Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties.

The Senior Resource Center provides its programs from three locations in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. In its 40-year history, the SRC has expanded and serves thousands annually. Its mission is to grow by enhancing and developing services and programs

that inspire community involvement, offer support and resources, and advocate independence and well-being of all seniors and disabled adults.

The purpose of the Freeport Community Foundation is to help provide for the well-being of the citizens of northwest Illinois by accumulating assets in the form of permanent funds and prudently distributing income from those funds to charitable organizations. In its most recent funding cycle, the foundation distributed \$58,069.79 to nine organizations.

If you are interested in receiving a new agency brochure, please contact Julie at the Senior Resource Center, 815-235-9777, ext. 254, or by email at jhilliger@srcntr.net

College News

UW-Platteville

announces Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in their respective colleges in the fall 2017 semester.

The College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include:

Veronica Moote of Apple River, Business Administration

Lena

Chelsea Davis, Psychology
Taylor Wedge, Criminal Justice

Pearl City

Greta Heimerdinger, Agricultural Business
Jacquelyn Purple, Elementary Education

John Werkheiser, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics
Founded in 1866, UW-Platteville is located in the southwest corner of Wisconsin, and has nearly 9,000 students. For more information on the university, visit uwplatt.edu.

2018 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference slated for March 7

The 2018 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, in Stockton, IL. Plan to join the University of Illinois Extension for this annual conference from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 223 E Front Ave, Stockton, IL

Presenters at the event will include Denise Schwab, ISU Extension Beef Field Specialist, Russel Higgins, U of I Extension Commercial Ag Educator, Teresa Steckler, U of I Extension Commercial Ag Edu-

cator, Jay Solomon, U of I Extension Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator, Philip Alberti, U of I Extension Commercial Ag Educator, and Matt Bunger NRCS Grasslands Specialist.

To register for the 2018 Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference, call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 858-2273 or register on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw. Registration fee is \$20 before February 23, \$25 after February 23, or \$30 the day of the conference.

League of Women Voters hosting candidate forum

The League of Women Voters of Freeport is hosting a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Freeport Public Library. The Forum is being co-sponsored by the Freeport Public Library Foundation. Alan Wenzel, former director of the Highland College Leadership Institute, will serve as moderator.

Candidates in contested races for the Stephenson County Board (Jerry Clay and Eric D. Coy, O.D. for District L, Gail Clore and Andy Schroeder for District G), Stephenson County Sheriff (David A. Snyders

and Stephen Schaible), and State Representative District 89 (Andrew Chesney and Steven Fricke) have been invited and will be presented with questions that are broad-based and issue-oriented; questions will not be provided in advance. All candidates for contested positions will be asked the same questions. Candidates will also be able to make opening and closing statements. Responses will be timed to ensure all candidates are heard equally.

All voters and interested members of the public are invited.

Area Big Brothers Big Sisters Program closing

FHN has announced the discontinuation of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Illinois, a program of FHN, effective 2/18/18.

"This is obviously unfortunate," said FHN Vice President of Patient Services/Chief Nursing Officer Kathryn Martinez. "We were recently informed by the national Big Brothers Big Sisters organization of a number of new requirements for operating a Big Brothers Big Sisters program that we are not able to meet. These include hiring a full-time program director and two full-time staff, annual revenue of at least \$200,000, and a minimum of 100 Big/Little matches.

"Based on our current funding status, these are well beyond our current means," said FHN Family Counseling Center Prevention and Education Supervisor Beth Johnson.

Martinez said that FHN will begin an exploration into setting up a mentoring program similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters to address the specific needs and resources in northwest Illinois. If community members are interested in providing input or comments, contact Beth Johnson in FHN Family Counseling (815-599-7310 or Bjohnson2@fhn.org).

FHN also announced a bowling event in April, to be held at about the same time. Bowl For Kids' Sake has been scheduled in the past. This event will raise funds for preventive/protective services for children in northwest Illinois, including mentoring (funds raised prior to Dec. 31, 2017 have already been used to support the Big Brothers Big Sisters program that is closing). The event will also kick off the 50th anniversary celebration of Jane Addams Family Counseling, which joined FHN to become FHN Family Counseling in 2000.

Clarence Mitchell Library and Natural Sciences & Mathematics Division present a Science Café

Highland Community College's Clarence Mitchell Library and Natural Science & Mathematics Division are pleased to offer "A Science Café: Giant Pandas" at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 in the Clarence Mitchell Library.

Dr. Sarah Bexell, Director of Conservation Education with the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in Chengdu, Sichuan China, will present the natural history, the behavior and the extinction crisis of the giant panda. A question and answer discussion will take place at

the end of the presentation.

Dr. Bexell is a Freeport native who brings a wealth of experience and information from her experience with research and education in conservation education in China.

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

Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension schedules February meeting

The Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will hold its regular February meeting, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Pearl City Public Library in Pearl City, Illinois. Karen Pohl will give the lesson on "Garden Pest Identification and Control". Refreshments will be served by Judy Shippee and Marie Boyer. We will be gifting new bride, Rachel Ferguson, with a monetary bridal shower and a favorite recipe from each member. The non-perishable food items collected this month will be given to the Pearl City Food Pantry.

Cookies for veterans

Any veteran who stops at the bakery at the Lena Sullivan's store on Wednesday, Feb. 14 will receive free Valentine cookie compliments of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary. Just a small thank you for our veterans

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petitors, nine of which were varsity, based on high preliminary round scores.

A "next-in" award is given to those six students who score seventh through twelfth places based upon preliminary round scores. These awards are also considered varsity. Jennifer won third in Informative Speaking in this category while Lucas wound up with fifth in Original Comedy.

Other awards handed out to Le-Win/Orangeville team members that day were Abby Strominger and Maddie Meador (first place novice, Dramatic Duet Acting), Mollee Brumfield (fourth next-in, Dramatic Interpretation), Ashlyn Enck (fifth next-in, Extemporaneous and sixth next-in, Special Occasion Speaking), Asa Lake (fifth varsity, Humorous Interpretation), Justin Malone (first, next-in Oratorical Declamation and second, next-in Radio), Abby Strominger (fifth novice, Poetry).

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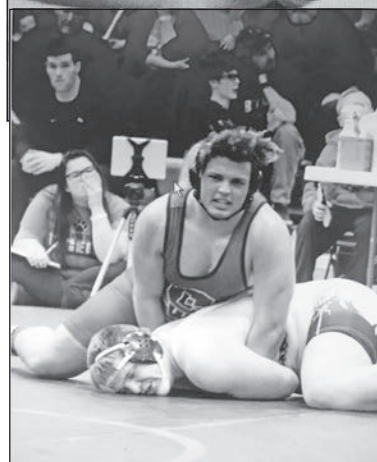
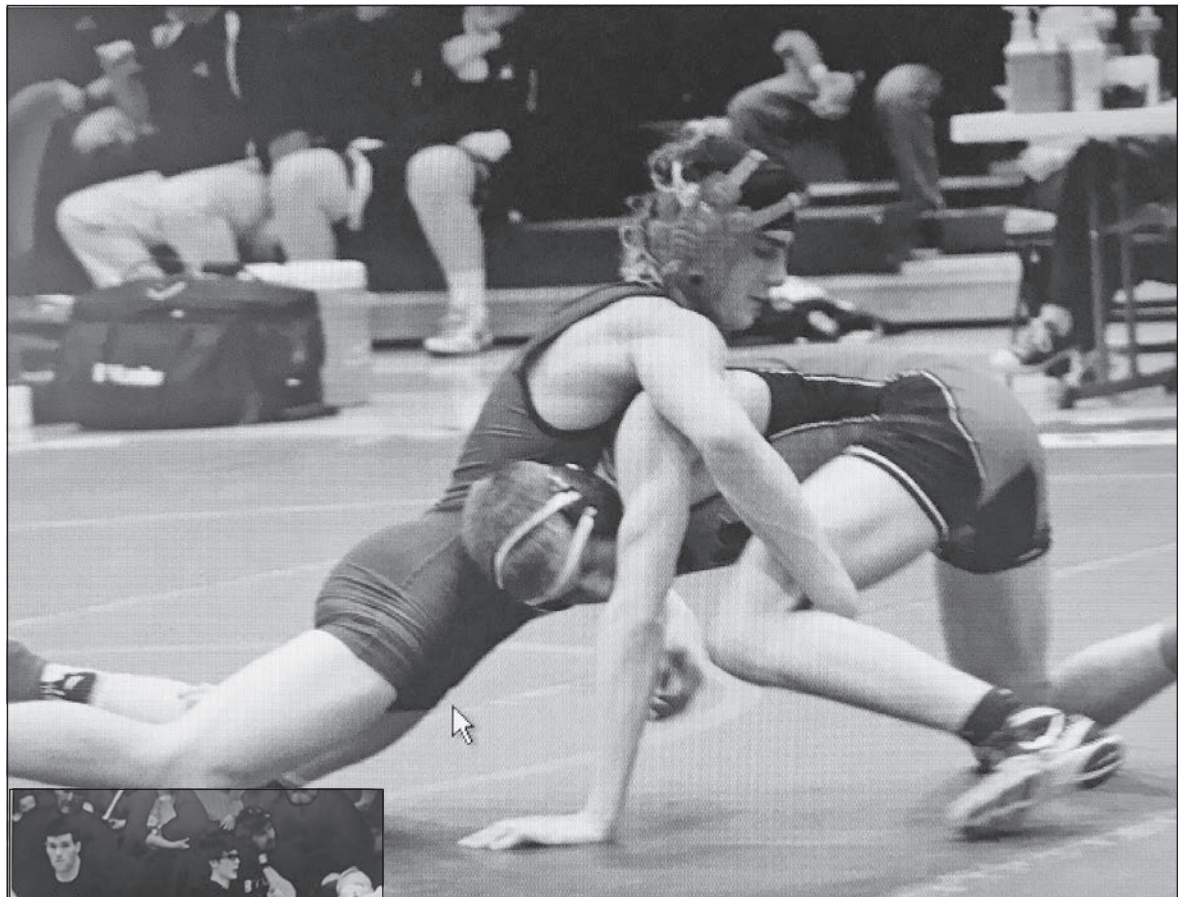
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2018 Winnebago 1A Wrestling Regional

Winners in the 126lb weight class are Carlos Sanchez (Winnebago) 1st place, Tanner Kalkbrenner (Lena-Winslow/Stockton) 2nd place, and Ayden Whaley (Byron) 3rd place. These wrestlers will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.



Winners in the 145lb weight class are Jeremiah Hermann (Lena-Winslow/Stockton) 1st place, Chris Alaniz (Oregon) 2nd place, and Cade Slayton (Dakota) 3rd place. These wrestlers will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.



Winners in the 138lb weight class are Hunter Luke (Lena-Winslow/Stockton) 1st place, Bryce Faworski (Winnebago) 2nd place, and Abitua Austin (Stillman Valley) 3rd place. These wrestlers will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.



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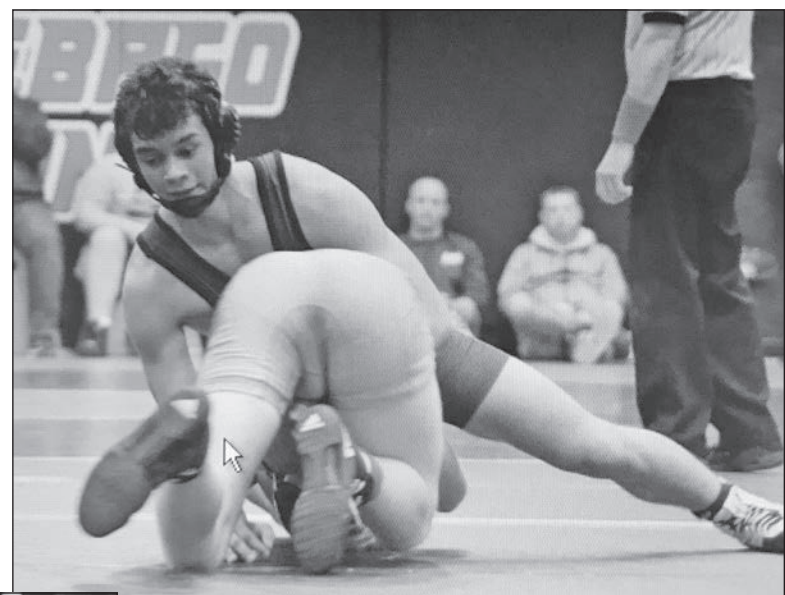
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2018 Winnibago 1A Wrestling Regional

Winners in the 170lb weight class are Rahveon Valentine (Lena-Winslow/Stockton) 1st place, Alex Hoffman (Du-Pec) 2nd place, and Ricky Messling (Byron) 3rd place. These wrestlers will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.



Winners in the 152lb weight class are Andrew Wenzel (Dakota) 1st place, Jason Hermann (Lena-Winslow/Stockton) 2nd place, and Evan Walters (Byron) 3rd place. These wrestlers will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.





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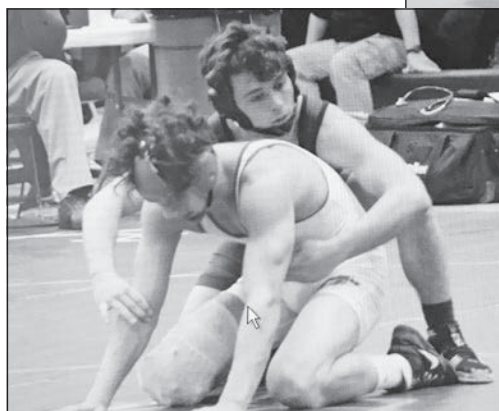
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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

DONALD D. HARWICK

Donald D. Harwick, age 82 of Warren passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 at FHN Hospital with his family by his side. He was born on July 26, 1935 at home in rural Schapville in Jo Daviess County, IL to Delbert and Evelyn (Hammer) Harwick. His first marriage was to Barb Posey and they had two sons. He married Ruth Ann Blair on July 17, 1959 at the Baptist Church in Warren, IL and they had two daughters. Early in his life, Don worked at his uncle's farm, a rock quarry, cheese factories, and as a truck driver for a canning company. He was best known as a line clearance tree trimmer which he did for over 50 years and was a member of IBEW for over 60 years. Don was also known for being exceptionally mechanically inclined and could fix anything from a small radio to rebuilding an engine. Don enjoyed horses for many years; owning, training, shoeing, breeding, and trail riding. He started riding motorcycles at a young age and passed that love to his family. Some of his favorite bikes were Harley, Triumph, BMW, and especially Moto Guzzi. He loved touring the country on his bike with his wife Ruth. After their motorcycling years were over, they enjoyed road trips with their PT Cruiser convertible. He also loved fishing, camping, and boating with his family. After retirement Don and Ruth spent their winters at their home in Winter Haven Resort in Brownsville, TX where they enjoyed warm weather and great friends. He is survived by his loving wife



Ruth of 58 years; four children- Daniel Harwick, James (Molly) Harwick, Margie Capp and Penny (Larry) Tingler; grandchildren- Greg Harwick, Jolene (Matt) Raab, Lucas (Melissa) Harwick, Amy (Dave) Hynek, Deana Capp, Kristina Capp, Enrique (Chantal) Medina, Maria Medina, Don (Jane) Tingler, Daniel (Lilliana) Tingler and Tyler (Rae' Ana) Tingler; 18 great grandchildren; brothers Eugene (Sue) and Kenneth; sister Cheryl (Dave) Rollinger; and sisters-in-law Phyllis Harwick and Deloris Scott.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Darlene (James) Sigafus, brother Gerald Harwick, sister-in-law Clara Harwick, and brothers-in-law Robert (Margie) and Charles (Clara) Blair and Ralph Scott.

Funeral services were held Feb. 2, at the Apple River Event Center.

Officiating was Paul Fritz.

Visitation was Feb. 1, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren.

Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

RANDALL SCHUBERT

Randall Schubert age 76, of Lena passed away on Tuesday Jan. 30, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on Aug. 24, 1941 in Woodbine, IL to Oscar and Marie (Stadel) Schubert Sr. He married Lucinda "Cindy" Kuhse in May of 1994. Randall's first home was in Woodbine, IL, where he lived until moving to the farm in the Wards



Grove area. In 1961 he joined the Army. He began his time in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and then Ft. Wachtanka, AZ and then spent 2 1/2 years in Germany in the 93rd Signal Battalion, studying communications. When he returned home Randall started his career as a carpenter for Lena Builders until 1980 and then went to Chicago to carry on his trade until retirement in 2002. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Randall and Cindy did 20 consecutive years of Walleye fishing in Canada. He also loved gardening and planting flowers.

He is survived by his wife Cindy of Lena, three daughters; Darcey (John) Goebel of Lena, Stacey (Dan Rabe) Schubert of Winslow and Lisa (Chris) Raab of Warren, IL. six grandchildren; Jennifer (Rob) Ernst of Stockton, Samantha (Mike) Gassman of Florida, Tyler Campbell of Winslow, Jordan (Haley Olin) Schubert of Brodhead, WI, Rebecca Raab and Kimberly Raab of Warren. three great grandchildren; Vanessa and Robbie Ernst of Stockton, Riddick Campbell of Dixon. two sisters; Nancy (JD) Clemons and Sally (Ron) Buchenau and one brother Richard (Lydia) Schubert. five sisters-in-law. two small pets Mia and Benji.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Bret Schubert, two sisters Alta and Betty, five brothers; Oscar, James, Dale, Roger and Gary, mother-in-law Lucille Rouse.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, at the Leamon Funeral Home.

Visitation was Feb. 4, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park.

A memorial has been established in his name.

A luncheon will be held following services at the Lena United Methodist Church.

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

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Please call us at 815-947-3260 or email at volhospice@mediacombb.net to reserve your place by Monday, Feb. 12.

Area couple celebrates sixty-five years of marriage

Reverend Robert Phelps and Wauneta Fern Atteberry were united in marriage 65 years ago on Feb. 1, 1953 in Iuka, IL. They are celebrating their anniversary and Bob's birthday on Feb. 10, 2-4 p.m., at the Mt. Carroll Church of God. Bob's eighty-fifth birthday is Feb. 27. Rev. Phelps is still Pastor at Pleasant Valley and Berreman Churches of God. Wauneta (Fern) taught school at Apple River. Their four children are Phil (Dawn), Steve (Kris), Rick (Deceased), Pam, and their nephew Jerry. They have seven grandchildren: Mindy (Shawn), Melinda, Derek, Chelsea (Paco), Sheldon, KC, and Shain, and six great grandchildren: Kobe, Mackenzie, Faith, Addison, Ryker, and Darlena. Please come help us celebrate on Feb. 10. No gifts, please. A light lunch will be provided.

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CHURCH NEWS

St. John's Lutheran Church to host Pancake & Sausage Supper

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City for worship on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 9 a.m. The worship will include the Joy Choir. After the worship, Sunday School and Confirmation classes will meet at 10:15 a.m. The Property Committee will meet after the worship. In addition, a training will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 11, for all those serving as Worship Assistants. The SPOTS youth group (fifth-sixth grades) will meet at 11 a.m. upstairs in the Youth and Family Center.

St. John's will host a Pancake and Sausage Supper on Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 4:30 - 7 p.m. The menu is pancakes, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, applesauce, cookies, cheese, milk and coffee. All tickets sold at the door: Adults \$7, 3-10 year-olds \$3.50 and 2 and under are free. Carry-outs are available. The church is handicap accessible.

The Fifth Quarter Youth group (Junior High) will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, upstairs at the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis Youth group (High School) continues to meet on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. All youth groups are open to all area youth and held in the Youth and Family Center.

All those interested in playing Mexican Train Dominoes are welcome to join in on the fun on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 9 a.m. at St. John's. Men's breakfast will be held at Little John's (Pearl City) at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The Women's Gathering will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at St. John's beginning with fellowship followed by a Bible Study and brief meeting.

McKinzie Munson, Pecatonica, Illinois, won the \$200 Calendar drawing on Jan. 24. Mara McCarrren, Forreston, Illinois, won the \$200 Calendar drawing on Jan. 31. It's not too late. St. John's is 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 below.

The Monday Evening Bible Study (7 p.m.) and the Thursday morning Bible Study (9:30 a.m.) continue to meet. The Members and non members alike are welcome.

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on Feb. 14. Imposition of Ashes with an abbreviate service will be held at Noon on Ash Wednesday with a full service at 7 p.m.

Need a place to hold an event in Pearl City? The main hall at St. John's is available for rent. Call the church for more information and availability.

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.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on Feb. 11, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Transfiguration Sunday with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

On Tuesday Feb. 13, at 9:45 a.m. Good Shepherd will meet for Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center.

On Wednesday Feb. 14, 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 to join them for a joint worship service with Lena UMC on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd. The service includes distribution of ashes, prayer, confession, scripture readings, a brief message, and communion.

On Thursday Feb. 15, Good Shepherd will be at the Friendship Center for Devotions and Dessert at 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call the church at 815-369-5552.

Kent/Willow United Methodist Churches

Kent/Willow UMC will worship together Sunday Feb. 11, at Kent UMC at 9 a.m. All are welcome and invited to hear Pastor Chuck with his message of "Preparing for Lent before it starts on Feb. 14. A message you won't want to miss. And then also to stay for the fellowship following.

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On Feb 2, a group of compassionate people gathered at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4700 Augustana Drive at to learn more about the homeless population and assemble over 100

bags. Each bag will contain a \$5 McDonalds Card, scarf/ hat, chewing gum, crackers with meat or cheese, beef jerky, a granola bar, a juice drink, wipes, warm socks, hand warmers, and lip balm. The bags will be distributed throughout the community. Keeping a bag in your car is being ready to help a human living on the street who is affected by hunger and cold.

In March, Rockford Area Luther-

an Ministries and Rockford Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation are partnering to create basic needs for victims of human trafficking. To organize a collection contact the Rockford Area Lutheran Ministries office at 815-962-4279 or RalmMail@aol.com.

For more information about the basic needs bags or other ministries, visit www.RockTheGood.com, contact the office at 815-962-4279 or RALM-mail@aol.com

Lenten journey in Kent begins Ash Wednesday

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent will hold Ash Wednesday worship service on Feb. 14, at 4:30 p.m. Our worship begins with a solemn call to repentance, and the congregation is invited to come forward for the imposition of ashes. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. The pastor makes the sign of the cross on our foreheads with the words "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." With the cross on our brows, we leave to begin our Lenten Journey of forty days. All are welcome to worship with us. St. Paul's is located in the suburbs of Kent on 1334 N. Sunnyside Road. For more information, call 232-4010.

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Pantherhawks win Winnebago Regional

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Some recent long journeys and Invitational efforts have proven to bring honors for this year's Stockton/Lena-Winslow Pantherhawks. They are the defending small-school State Champion and now a two-time defending Regional Champion.

The Pantherhawks were under a lot of pressure in the post-season opening, 1A Winnebago Regional, but they handled it well and as a team they were the strongest. As a result, they are sending many of their stand-out student-athletes on to the second round in the 1A Tournament in the Morrison Sectional.

The maturity is showing. They've been tested in multi-team local tour-

naments and have survived strong fields in distant venues. This past weekend they carried a fourth-place finish with them, from an involved Invitational in Litchfield, nearly four hours away.

The Pantherhawks are Regional Champions and wrapped up Winnebago against a loaded field, with a lot of strong programs including area rivals Dakota, Byron and the host Indians. In the end though, they did what all champions must. They took the first step. Morrison will host the 1A Sectional.

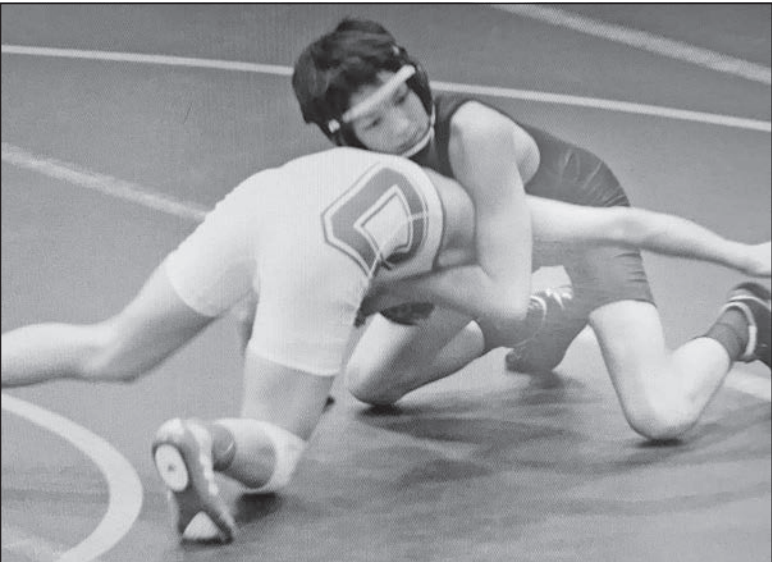
Nine Sectional qualifiers were acknowledged. Jaden Rice, Tanner Kalkbrenner, Hunter Luke, Jeremiah Hermann, Jason Hermann, Colin Dvorak, Rahveon Valentine, Elijah Rowe and Ian Kuehl moved on. Alternates Simon Rillie, Winston McPeck and Gabe Etrmer will make themselves available for the Sectional run.

This year 14 different weight classes represent the number of champions that will be found in the 1A Tournament. Those decisions will be made from 106 pounds to

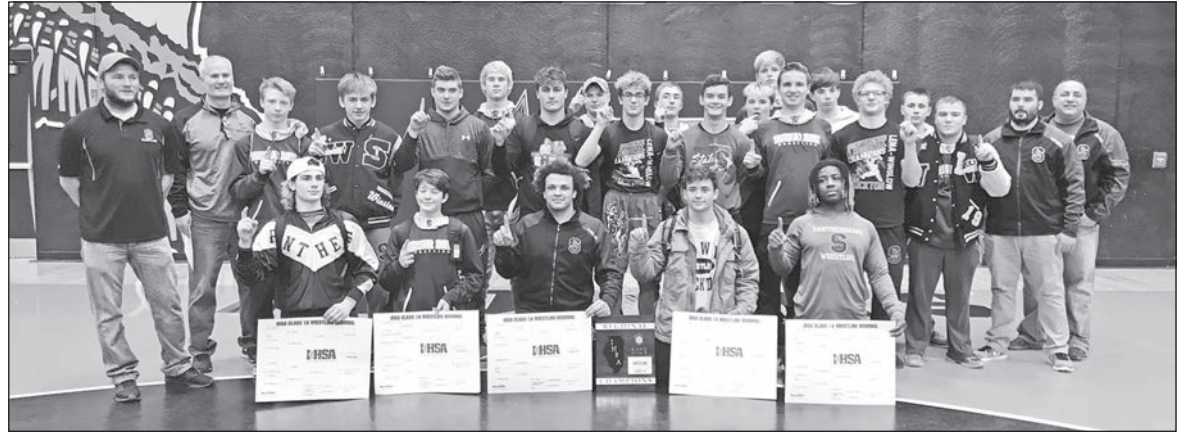
285/heavyweight.

Other teams that advanced out of the Winnebago Regional will join the champion Pantherhawks in Morrison for the Team Dual Sectional.

Oregon High School will host the Regional representatives from the 1A Tournament in the small-school Sectional before sending their survivors on to wrestle for individual honors at the State Farm Center in Campaign. The Team Champion will be crowned at the Grossinger Motors Arena in Bloomington.



Lena-Winslow/Stockton Pantherhawk wrestler Jaden Rice won the 106lb weight class and will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.



The 2018 1A Regional Tournament took place Feb 3, at Winnebago High School. The Lena-Winslow/Stockton Pantherhawks claimed the regional championship title.

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HCC Lifelong Learning offers Civil War sessions

Dr. Gordon Dammann, who founded the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland, will be teaching Basic Look at the Civil War, 1861-1865, at the Galeana Public Library. Class meets Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, from 2-4 p.m. Topics include events leading up to the war, deciding battles, Civil War medicine, the home front, and reconstruction. To register go to highland.edu/lifelong

ered for publication.

The annual magazine publishes in May.

Submission guidelines are available at www.highland.edu/community/prairiewind.asp. The deadline is Feb. 28, 2018. More information is available from the magazine's faculty advisors:

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Highland Community College, 2998 West Pearl City Road, Freeport, Ill has published the annual magazine since 1992. It is a cooperative project of the Humanities, Graphic Design, Art, and Music departments in the Division of Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts. The editorial board is composed of students and volunteer community members who are guided by a team of faculty advisors.



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We at the Senior Resource Center truly want to know so we have set aside two hours to give you the chance to open up and tell us what keeps you awake at night. What is really on your mind?

You can share your thoughts at the Tell Us What Matters Forum on Monday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event will be held at the Senior Activity Center, 216 E. Stephenson St., Freeport. Refreshments will be served.

"The Senior Resource Center wants

to ensure that we remain in touch with the people who we are serving so we decided the best way to do that was to ask them to share their concerns, thoughts and feelings," said Susan Lambert, Senior Resource Center executive director. "We ultimately hope to use the information we receive to improve our programs and activities and offer the support and resources our seniors tell us they need."

Attendees may want to consider what matters to them before attending. Is it health care, safety, taxes or being able to stay in your own home?

Or maybe it is finances, transportation, home care, family relationships or loneliness. Your thoughts will help us design expanded programming to address your concerns.

Each attendee will have a limited amount of time to speak at the forum so that many people can be heard.

Reservations are required due to seating limitations. Call the Senior Resource Center at 815-235-9777 by Thursday, Feb. 8, to save your spot. If you need a ride to the forum on the SRC bus, reserve your spot by Wednesday, Feb. 7, by calling 815-235-9777.

BLACK HAWK RUN GOLF COURSE MEMBERSHIP LETTER

We are pleased to inform you that the 2018 Black Hawk Run Golf Course Season is right around the corner. With the help of a great community, memberships, and new customers, Black Hawk Run is able to continue to grow. John Warner & Weston Burkholder, course managers, are excited to get the 2018 Season under way.

In 2018, the golf membership prices will remain the same as last golf season. We will be hosting the annual membership meeting **Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**; please join us for food and refreshments. If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, or any businesses that may like to have a corporate membership, please bring them along!

With many new additions and ideas to make the course better, it's been a success. We have made several improvements during the off season to help make your experience at the course better!

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Agriculture Educator joins area Illinois Extension staff

Production agriculture in Northwest Illinois will now have access to a new resource from Illinois Extension. Phillip Alberti has joined the staff of the University of Illinois Extension in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties (Unit 1) as an Extension Educator working in crop sciences. "We are happy to have Phillip on staff and have worked hard to make this position a reality," said Margaret Larson, County Extension Director. "He will be focusing much of his work in north-

ern Illinois but will also be involved with statewide events and programs and will work closely with College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) staff on research projects." She further stated that Alberti will be working closely with the staff of Unit 1 to provide agriculture-related programs and events in northwest Illinois, and that he will increase opportunities for training and education for area producers.

A native of Wisconsin, Phillip is a

graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received his Master of Sciences in Agronomy from South Dakota State University, where he worked on research plots as part of his graduate assistantship. Alberti's assistantship focused on the Impact of no-till systems with regards to best management practices for alternative oilseed crops in the region. "No-till production has had a large presence in Illinois for some time, but we are continually looking to improve our management of these

systems given the additional challenges they can provide," says Alberti. He also completed internships with Dow AgroSciences in Olivia, MN and Seminis Vegetable Seed, DeForest, WI.



Phillip Alberti

"Phillip's position is the pilot for locally-based commercial agriculture educator positions in the state," said Suzanne Bissonnette, Assistant Dean for Agriculture and Natural Resources. She added that his position supports the educational and critical research needs of commercial agriculture production in Unit 1 and Northern Illinois, and will address issues of high local

relevance to crop producers.

Alberti's first area presentation will be the Extension's Northwest Illinois Grazing Conference on Wednesday, March 7, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton, IL, where he will present on the topic "Pasture Renovation: Soil Test Recommendations and How to Achieve Them." Regarding the topic, Alberti said "Whether you are converting land from row crops to pasture, or vice versa, it is critical to treat each situation individually given the wide array of factors that can influence soil fertility. With that being said, there is value in defining general soil test ranges that will allow you to achieve individual production goals," says Alberti. To reach Phillip Alberti or to learn more about resources and educational opportunities in agriculture, Contact University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125.



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To get rid of the problem, Claudius banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret.

When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Valentine was arrested and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. The sentence was carried out on Feb. 14, on or

about the year 270.

Legend also has it that while in jail, St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine."

For his great service, Valentine was named a saint after his death.

In truth, the exact origins and identity of St. Valentine are unclear. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "At least three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, are mentioned in the early martyrologies under the date of 14 February." One was a priest in Rome, the second one was a bishop of Interamna (now Terni, Italy) and the third St. Valentine

was a martyr in the Roman province of Africa.

Legends vary on how the martyr's name became connected with romance. The date of his death may have become mingled with the Feast of Lupercalia, a pagan festival of love. On these occasions, the names of young women were placed in a box, from which they were drawn by the men as chance directed. In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius decided to put an end to the Feast of Lupercalia, and he declared that Feb. 14 be celebrated as St. Valentine's Day.

Gradually, Feb. 14 became a date for exchanging love messages, poems and simple gifts such as flowers.

College News

Central College students named to Dean's List

More than 400 students earned a spot on the fall 2017 dean's list for Central College.

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Pearl City 5th graders Derek Niesman and Kegan DeZell work together on the STEAM activities.



ROE STEAM Activity Day

On Thursday, Feb. 1st, ROE #8 staff visited Pearl City Elementary School. The students in grades Kindergarten through sixth as well as eighth graders participated in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) activity. The students were read the book, Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty. Then students had to work together to create a bridge that would support a certain weight. Many lessons were learned as students continued to work to improve on their inventions.

(Left Bottom) Pearl City fifth graders Kristopher Feld and Ryan Potter enjoy working on their bridge together.



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Snow Car at the Rafters

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Hey, it wouldn't be a race with judges, flag wavers, stop and go lights and rules, so these folks showed up to make sure it all ran smoothly.



There are winners and there are also-rans in the annual Lena Winterfest Snow Car event. This one obviously also ran. More pictures on page 19.

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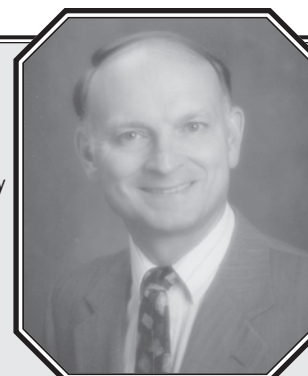
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Pearl City Lady Wolves prepared for post-season opener

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Because of the success they've had this season, a shorter path to the East Dubuque Regional Championship opened up for the Pearl City Lady Wolves. The IHSA Selection Committee noticed how strong they've played, especially lately. Their discovery meant the Lady Wolves didn't have to start the second-season on Monday. They got a better seed than a lot of their friends from the NUIC. The Lady Wolves will play in the 1A Games tonight and they hope to be marching towards Aquin before the week is over.

Lena-Winslow and River Ridge/Scales Mound opened the 1A Girl's Basketball Championship Tournament on Monday in East Dubuque. The Lady Wildcats were issued the

seven seed. The Lady Panthers got the eight. Pearl City picked up the four and, as a result, a bye into the 1A Regional Semi-Final tonight.

Besides their stronger, overall record of 14-13 and 7-5 in the NUIC-West, the Lady Wolves got a better starting position because they did well in head-to-head matches against other West warriors. A lot of those programs have already tipped-off the 1A and 2A tournaments and most have, subsequently, gone home.

The East Dubuque tournament openers were both Lady Wildcats victims this season. Pearl City beat River Ridge/Scales Mound three of four times since December. They've taken down Lena-Winslow on two-of-three opportunities. The Monday winner moved into the path of the top seed in the Freeport Aquin Sectional

Complex, East Dubuque on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The six-seed Lady Wolves face four-seed Dakota in the 7 p.m. game Wednesday, Feb. 7. A win at that point moves Pearl City into a position to fight for a Regional Championship. It would be an upset, but they've seen Dakota before and they've beaten them.

Pearl City knocked off Dakota in their own Thanksgiving Invitational on Nov. 25, 47-43 in overtime. Dakota got a few things in place for their second meeting in late January. The Lady Indians won 52-40. Since the win over Pearl City a little over a week ago, Dakota has only dropped one game. They lost a 48-42 decision to defending Regional Champion Pecatonica.

Pearl City has been playing

well down the stretch too, though. They've won two-of-three games, helping to lock-in their position, three-games back of State-ranked, West Champion Stockton. The only game they lost during that run was to the Lady Blackhawks and it was in Stockton. The season closed in a

25-point win at home over West Carroll last Friday night.

If an indication of how they've played over the final weeks foreshadows what could be in the post-season, Pearl City looks like they have a shot to get to Friday and the East Dubuque Regional Final.

Defending Champion ready for rebound effect

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

This Friday night representatives from across Illinois do their part to help level the playing field for the "all-school post-season", which is about to begin. The IHSA Selection Committee meets to seed the brackets for the soon-to-be beginning second season on Feb. 9.

All the 1A and 2A boys' basketball teams that are academically-eligible to participate, will line up to do battle from all corners of the State beginning Monday, Feb. 19.

The defending Regional Champion Orangeville Broncos get the chance to start things off and they know if they do what they did last year, and play like they did, they will be heading to Lanark for the Eastland 1A Sectional. They won 16 games last season and captured the 1A Regional Title. The trophy took its place within the glass bookcase this year.

With a week of games to play in the regular season, there is a lot of work for Orangeville to do, before they can

really turn their attention towards pursuit of a repeat title in the post-season. At tip-off this week, the NUIC-East was wide open. A lot of teams were hovering near the top, waiting for their chance to knock a co-challenger out. The Broncos get their chance this Friday when they face Freeport Aquin.

As the IHSA Selection Committee is meeting, Orangeville will be playing host to Aquin. The East leader is one of the best teams in the NUIC. They are 9-1 in the conference and have a one-win cushion over 7-2 Orangeville.

If Orangeville upsets Aquin this Friday night it will mean the top four teams in the East have two losses each, depending on their own outcomes on Selection Friday. With only one conference loss, Aquin is in complete control. Someone has to beat the Bulldogs, or they will capture the East alone. Orangeville could be the one to do it this Friday night. Their two-loss mark keeps the Broncos tied with Polo and Milledgeville, all chasing Aquin.

The race got tighter this past work, thanks to good footwork by Milledgeville. They shot past Polo by a 76-71 final tally. It helped set up the situation Orangeville currently finds itself in, fighting with three other top programs for the regular season NUIC-East Title.

The post-season schedule is being set this Friday. At the time this week's edition must come out, details on seeds were not known. Orangeville looks to be in a good position for a possible tip-off in the post-season, occurring, possibly at the Regional Semi-Final level. If they topple Aquin, it could be from an even higher starting point though.

Regional sites have been selected. Dakota and East Dubuque will host the two opening round tournaments in Sub-Sectional A. Amboy and Polo host Regionals in Sub-Sectional B. The four Regional Champions move on to the Eastland Sectional for game play the week of Feb. 26.

Le-Win schools schedule annual spelling bee

The Lena-Winslow Annual Spelling Bee will take place Thursday, Feb. 8. The Spelling Bee competition will take place at 9:15 a.m. in the Lena-Winslow Elementary Cafeteria for grades four through eight. The two winners of this event will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee to be held on Feb. 20, in Pearl City. Winners from the Regional Spelling Bee will be advancing to the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition in Washington DC.

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Done over by flu? Don't overdo it with acetaminophen

By Matt Novak and Tony Burda
ILLINOIS POISON CENTER

While the flu always has the potential to be deadly, you may not know about a hidden danger lurking in your medicine cabinet, especially during cold and flu season: acetaminophen (Tylenol).

Acetaminophen is a common drug for treating flu symptoms, like fever and chills, muscle and body aches, headaches, and sore throats. Acetaminophen, however, can't do it all; in order to treat a cough or runny nose, someone experiencing flu symptoms usually turns to additional over-the-counter products for relief. And here's where trouble can arise: multi-symptom cold symptom relief

products often also contain acetaminophen. The maximum daily dose of acetaminophen recommended by McNeal, the maker of Tylenol, is 3,000 mg for adults. The dosing for children is based on weight; age and/or weight-based dosing is on the back of boxes, vials and containers of pediatric formulations of acetaminophen to help guide caregivers. If a person takes multiple acetaminophen-containing products, the math can quickly add up to a potentially toxic dose.

For example, let's say an adult takes Vicks DayQuil™ multi-symptom relief medication four times a day. Each dose of the medication contains 650 mg of acetaminophen, for a total daily dose 2,600 mg. If this

person also takes a single, 500 mg dose of TYLENOL® Extra Strength, they're already over the recommended limit of 3,000 mg per day. Furthermore, if they don't realize both products contain acetaminophen and take the maximum recommended dose of both products in a single day they'll have ingested 5,600 mg, a potentially toxic amount. And that doesn't even take into account a dose of Vicks NyQuil™ at bedtime, which would put the patient at 6,250 mg of acetaminophen. Adhering to the labeled daily acetaminophen dose is paramount because too much of this drug is a well-documented cause of liver damage, which can lead to liver transplant or even death.

An eye-opening report in a recent New York Times article highlights this very real and dangerous issue. The patient, a 20-year-old pregnant woman, had been battling flu-like symptoms, and as her condition worsened, she presented to the hospital emergency department for a third

time. Blood laboratory abnormalities indicated significant liver damage. A doctor in the ICU eventually discovered that the patient unknowingly overdosed on acetaminophen by taking twice the recommended daily dose for several days. She was treated with an intravenous antidote, and fortunately, she made a full recovery.

When acetaminophen doses are repeatedly exceeded, or a single large overdose occurs, acetaminophen damages the liver.

Certain patient populations may be at greater risk for acetaminophen-induced liver damage, even at recommended doses. Conditions associated with poor dietary intake—including viral illnesses like the common cold or flu, AIDS, pregnancy, chronic heavy alcohol use, and anorexia—can decrease the liver's ability to avoid the toxic effects of excess acetaminophen. Nationally, U.S. poison control centers receive over 100,000 cases involving acetaminophen annually. In 2017, the Illinois

Poison Center (IPC) was consulted on 5,000 cases involving acetaminophen. These statistics make it one of the most common drugs involved in accidental poisonings and intentional drug overdoses.

This doesn't mean acetaminophen-containing products shouldn't be used when needed. Rather, individuals should always follow the instructions listed on medications carefully, pay special attention to label warnings and be aware of all the ingredients in over-the-counter cold products—and any other kind of medication. Do exactly as the TV and radio ads suggest and “use only as directed.” If you have any questions about acetaminophen, consult your physician or pharmacist or call the IPC at 1-800-222-1222. By taking these precautions, you can at least breathe easy (figuratively speaking) about medication safety—and hopefully, it won't be long before your flu relief medicine has you literally breathing easy as well.

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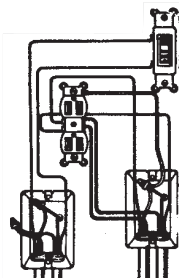
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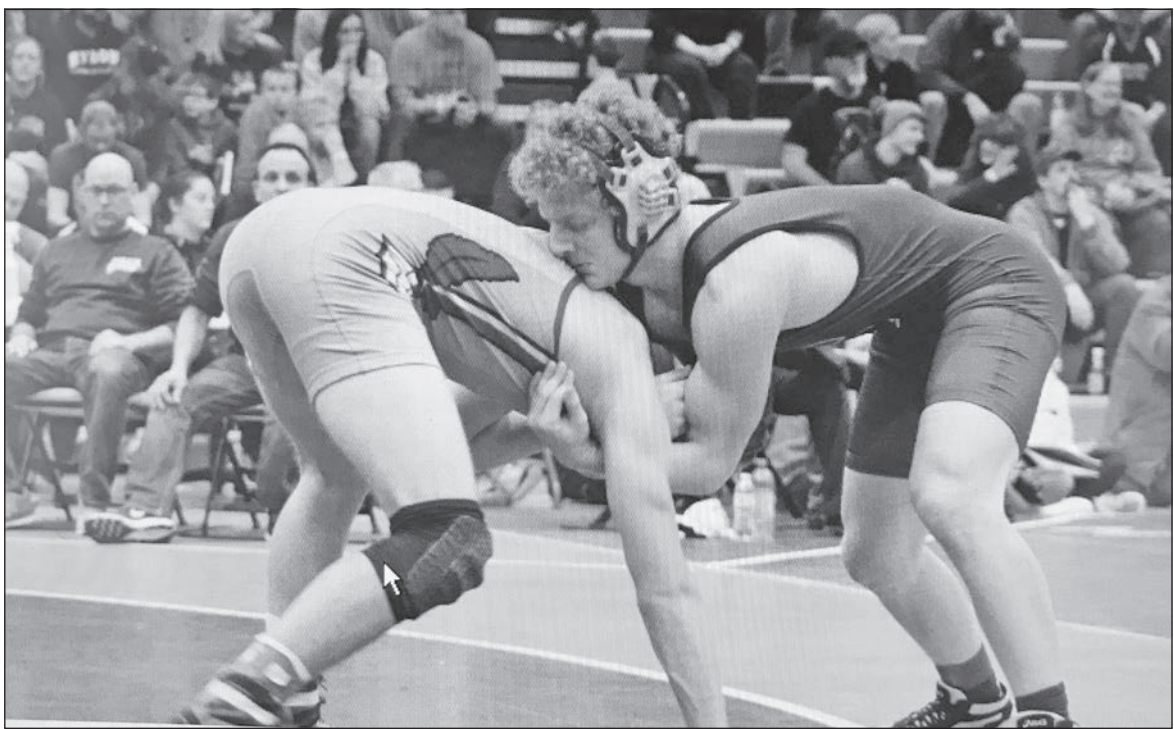
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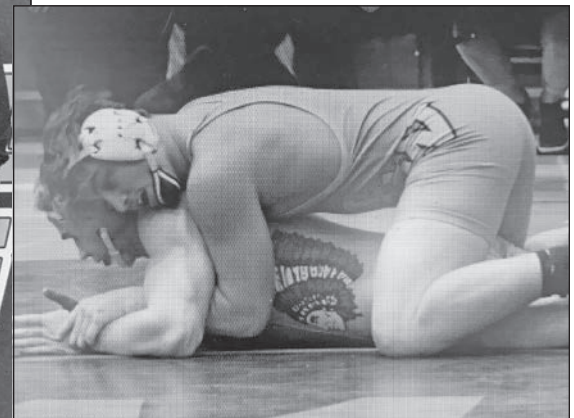


Winners in the 160lb weight class are Jonah Pearson (Byron) 1st place, Elijah Rowe (Lena-Winslow/Stockton) 2nd place, and Grant Gallagher (Dakota) 3rd place. These wrestlers will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.



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2018 Winnebago 1A Wrestling Regional



Winners in the 285lb weight class are Ian Kuehl (Lena-Winslow/Stockton) 1st place, Tyler Elsburry (Byron) 2nd place, and Erik Quinnett (Dakota) 3rd place. These wrestlers will be moving on to the Oregon Sectional held this weekend.

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Snow Car at the Rafters

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Many area businesses sponsored "Snowcars" along with their choice of a local driver, all hoping to bring home the bacon or at least have some fun at the Rafters Snow Car event.

(Right) The weather was unseasonably comfortable and the "Hot Chocolate" drinks were warming and tasty, but the bonfire was the place to be when the sun started to fade.



The folks from Fluegel Family Farms were among the entries at last weekend's Snow Car Lena Winterfest event.



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Winslow - \$72,500

Cozy 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath home on large lot. This home has a spacious entry, beautiful wood on stairs, family room, living room, dining room, updated kitchen and main floor laundry. Covered front porch with maintenance free decking, oversized 2+ car garage with storage space and roll up door for your yard equipment. Newers include garage roof, furnace, updated kitchen, central air.

Listings



Lena • \$54,900



WHY RENT WHEN YOU COULD OWN for the same cost or less? Cozy 2 bedroom home features open kitchen, dining room, main floor laundry, large living room, and main floor bath. One stall attached garage with breezeway, nice size back yard.

Sale Pending



Pearl City - \$60,000

Home features 2+ bedrooms, tandem rooms upstairs, spacious living room, eat in kitchen with walk in pantry closet, full basement could be used as added living space as it has a walk out door. Large garage with loft above and storage room below with backyard access. This is a double lot with part of the lot fenced in.

Lots



Cedarville - \$79,900



Updated home features family room with gas fireplace, living room, large kitchen & dining area make this main floor perfect for family gatherings or entertaining. Patio door in dining room leads out to the deck and the spacious backyard that is partially fenced in. Upper floor has the 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths one of which houses the laundry, large landing area with room enough for a computer desk. The master bath has a whirlpool tub and skylight.



Shannon - \$104,900



Move in ready home on corner lot. Great outdoor space for all of your entertaining or just relaxing! Covered front porch, rear deck plus deck around the above ground heated 25' pool. Main floor offers open living dining room, living room has patio door to the rear deck, spacious eat in kitchen with an abundance of cabinets and door to back yard, master bedroom with enormous walk in closet and half bath, laundry and full bath. Upstairs you will find two bedrooms with double closets and another full bath that has double bowl vanity. Two car garage with service door to deck and service door to small side deck. There is a detached 1 car garage and storage shed in the back yard.



Not able to find your dream home? Why not buy a lot and build your dream home. Currently 19 lots available in Oak View Terrace Subdivision.
Lena - \$32,000 - \$38,500

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