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Elizabeth woman sentenced in child's death case

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

An Elizabeth, Illinois woman, who has previous convictions from other crimes in Wisconsin, has been sentenced to 16-and-a-half years in prison for killing her infant son last May.

On Feb. 1, 2018, Elizabeth M. Roen, 27, of Elizabeth, Illinois pled guilty as part of a plea agreement to the charge of Aggravated Battery: Great Bodily Harm, which is a Class X Felony. As a result of her plea of guilty, Ms. Roen was sentenced by Judge William A. Kelly to 16.5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. She will serve 85% of her sentence and upon her release; Roen will be on Mandatory Supervised Release (formerly known as parole) for three years. She will also be required to register under the Murder and Violent Offender against Children Registration Act.

The charge Ms. Roen pled guilty to indicated she knowingly caused great bodily harm to "T.L.", a child under the age of 13 years, in that she covered the mouth and nose of "T.L." with her hand, which resulted in the suffocation and death of "T.L."

Roen's prior convictions in Grant County, WI include two counts of child abuse in 2009 and a sex crimes conviction in 2010, which led to her having to register as a sex offender.

The 2009 conviction stems from an investigation in the Village of Livingston, WI, involving Roen's two-year-old daughter.

According to the 2009 criminal complaint, Roen, then 19, told investigators she had turned on the tap in the bathtub, which came out cold at

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Stockton Spelling Bee

The Annual Stockton Spelling Bee took place Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Middle School Gym for grades four through eight. The two winners of this event advanced 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.

Jo Daviess County Democratic Central Committee Chair resigns

Since recently learning that at the April 2018 Illinois Democratic Convention County Chairs will be reinstalled or newly installed, and after numerous discussions with Vice Chair Kate Freeman regarding a smooth transition of power, I have decided to resign my position as Chair of the Jo Daviess County Democratic Central Committee effectively immediately. All duties and responsibilities now transfer to Vice Chair Kate Freeman.

I have dedicated the last four years to this organization, the last two as Chair. It has been one of the most challenging and rewarding positions

I have had the pleasure of holding. However, if we are to advance this organization to the level to succeed, it is time to hand the ball to the next leader.

The Chair position is too much for one individual to handle if we are striving for success. I have reached the point that I can no longer dedi-

cate the time and energy needed to guarantee success and manage the other responsibilities in my life. The Chair position is an extremely high energy and exhausting position if done right. All volunteers should be commended for their commitment to the citizens of Jo Daviess County. We have worked hard and moved

the ball down the field. I believe it is time for the next Chair, along with the Precinct Leaders and other volunteers to pick up the ball and score in November.

I intend to remain available to assist you in any way needed. Until then, I wish you the best.-John Freitag



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Volunteer Hospice of NW IL Office to host Senior Brain Games

If you have a knack for trivia, then grab some friends and come on down to the Senior Brain Games practice session to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Volunteer Hospice of NW IL Office – 105 S Main St, Stockton, IL. The Senior Brain Games will be a team trivia event, consisting of four rounds of play – each round consisting of five questions. Questions will be from a variety of different categories, similar to the categories in Trivial Pursuit, and teams will have to be strategic with how they earn points with their answers.

The local First Place Winners will advance to compete at the Regional Competition. Regional First Place Winners will advance to the State Competition, held at the Illinois State Fair on Senior Day – Monday, Aug. 13.

The Illinois State Senior Brain Games competition is an exciting statewide program that provides Illinois adults age 50 and older the opportunity to showcase and celebrate a lifetime of knowledge in an exciting team event. The program is coordinated by the Association of Illinois Senior Centers with the help of the Illinois Department on Aging.

Call Stacy Kutz-Deline at the Senior Resource Center at 815-235-9777, ext. 258 to register or for more information. Come join the fun.

Soil and Water Management Seminar offers continuing education

Soil and water interactions will be the focus of a Soil and Water Management Webinar sponsored by University of Illinois Extension on Feb. 20. The workshop will be held at the University of Illinois Extension in Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Offices. Presentations will be delivered via web conferencing from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

“Those attending will hear about the latest University of Illinois research on soil erosion and how extreme weather affects nutrient transport. Other presenters from Purdue, Georgia and Missouri will discuss

cover crop selection, soil microbes, and soil health tests,” says Duane Friend, U of I Extension Educator. Certified Crop Advisors will receive 4.5 continuing education units in Soil and Water Management by attending this seminar.

Registration is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. The registration deadline is Feb. 19. Registration can be completed on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsr or by calling the University of Illinois Extension: Jo Daviess County 815-858-2273, Stephenson County 815-235-4125, or Winnebago County 815-986-4357.

Northwest Illinois Forestry Association schedules February meeting

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association will host Paul Searl, Jo Daviess County Natural Resource and Conservation Service soil conservationist, for its Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. meeting at the Stockton Public Library, 140 W Benton, Stockton. Mr. Searl will present information

regarding the forestry portion of the federal Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of agricultural and forest land enrolled. CSP helps reward landowners for existing conservation

efforts while encouraging continued improvement through “enhancements”, or management activities that go above and beyond conservation practice standard requirements, helping the producer achieve a higher level of conservation. Paul will touch upon how a CSP Forestry contract can compliment a Forest Management Plan and the process for enrollment in CSP.

There will be a brief NIFA business meeting to finalize the 2018 agenda before Mr. Searl’s presentation. The public is welcome to attend and learn more about forestry in northwestern Illinois. A special invitation is extended to young people interested in forestry and the opportunities it can provide in our area and throughout the nation. More information about NIFA can be found at www.nifatrees.org.

Stockton FFA to host line dancing classes

The Stockton FFA Chapter will be hosting line dancing classes the first four Fridays in March from 7-9 p.m. (March 2, 9, 16, 23) Classes will be held in the Stockton Middle School Gym. The event is FREE and open to the public. Ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The Stockton FFA Chapter will be providing finger food and drink. If you have any questions, please call Stockton FFA Chapter Advisor Jacob Snook at 815-947-3323.

Stockton Music Boosters herald annual fundraiser

The Stockton Music Boosters are having a fundraiser supper at Stella’s Café in Stockton on March 9. There are two seating times of 5:30 and 7 p.m. The meal is \$25 per person with a choice of Prime Rib, Coconut Shrimp, or Mushroom stuffed chicken. There will be students performing solos and ensembles and a sneak preview of the upcoming musical “Hello Dolly”.

Please call Stella’s for reservations.

Stockton Civil War Reenactment cancelled

After a lot of soul-searching, the Stockton Civil War Reenactment Committee has made the very difficult decision to end the event.

Thank you to everyone that has helped make the annual Battle of Morseville event a memorable experience for the past 19 years.

We are grateful for the friends we have made and the memories we have created, and are most especially proud that for 19 years we worked with such an amazing group of committee members, volunteers and re-enactors to help bring history alive.

Planetary Studies Foundation to host climate change discussion

Come join the Planetary Studies Foundation as they host WQAD’s Senior Meteorologist, Eric Sorensen on the topic of discussion on How Our Earth is Affected by Climate Change. This program will be held on Monday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Planetary Studies Foundation Earth and Space Science Museum located at 115 N. Main Street in Elizabeth, IL. Climate change has been going on for millions of years. This discussion group

will touch on how various oceans are changing physically; weather patterns across the world are making countries either prospering or struggle. This discussion groups is to make the general public aware that we must be prepared for these changes. There is no fee for attending this discussion group. For more information please contact Diane Sipiera at the Planetary Studies Foundation at 815-858-2014 or at dsipiera@planets.org.

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first. She left the child standing in the water and went back to change the sheets. When she returned, she noticed her daughter’s feet were starting to blister. The toddler also had a black eye and a cut below her eye, but she was not taken to the hospital until the following day, according to the Grant County Sheriff’s Department.

A doctor in Madison who examined the child’s injuries told investigators, “This incident definitely didn’t happen the way (Roan) presented it and this was definitely a physical abuse of a child case.” He said the burns on her hands were consistent with dipping or immersion injuries, but at a preliminary hearing in Lancaster, WI., Judge George Curry ruled that the evidence supported a charge of reckless child abuse, but not intentional and said the child’s injuries could be accidental as easily as they could be intentional.

A Grant County jury later found

Roan guilty of child abuse and recklessly causing bodily harm to a child, but noted the foster care home where she was staying with her child had the water heater setting too high. The foster parents received a monetary fine.

Then in 2010, Roan was found guilty of having sexual intercourse with her brother and was sentenced to five years probation and three months in jail with work release.

Police in Elizabeth, on May 11, 2017 responded to a call of a baby not breathing. Emergency crews took six-month-old TL to the hospital where he later died. Authorities said Roan told investigators the baby would not stop crying and that she was “frustrated” and “lost it.”

The Elizabeth Police Department, Jo Daviess County Sheriff’s Office and the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) Investigative Unit handled the investigation of the Jo Daviess County case.

Wish
Pauline Feltmeyer
a happy 95th
Birthday
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The Stockton Ambulance would like to thank the family and friends of Doris Eshleman for the lovely memorial gift. Your gift will be used to continue on what Doris started so many years ago by offering scholarships to the EMT Basic classes.

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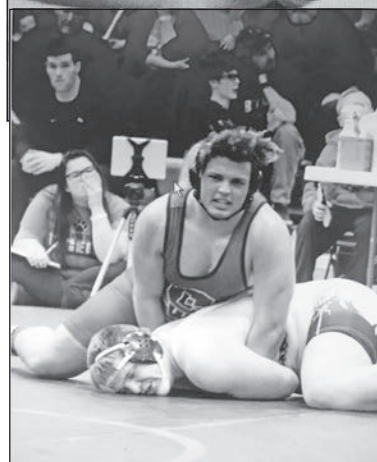
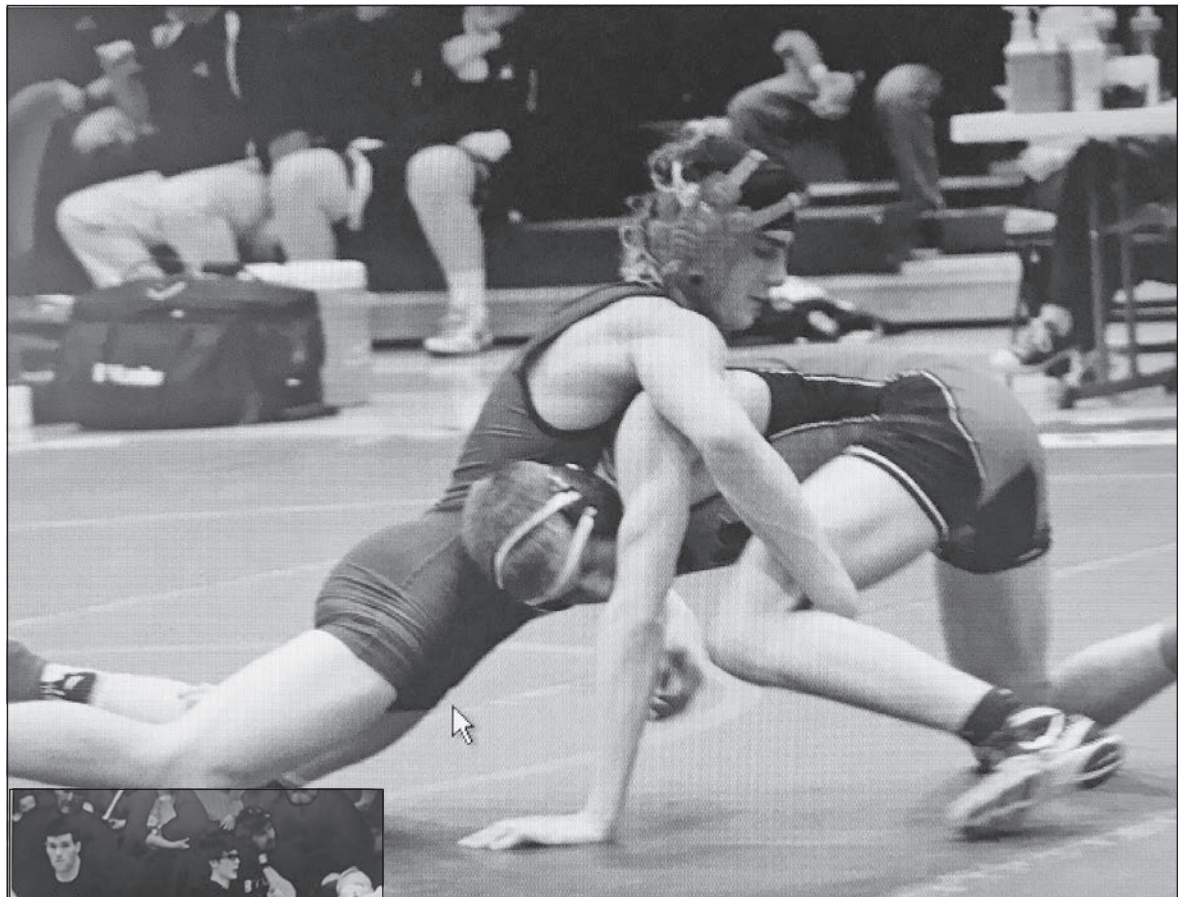
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2018 Winnebago 1A Wrestling Regional

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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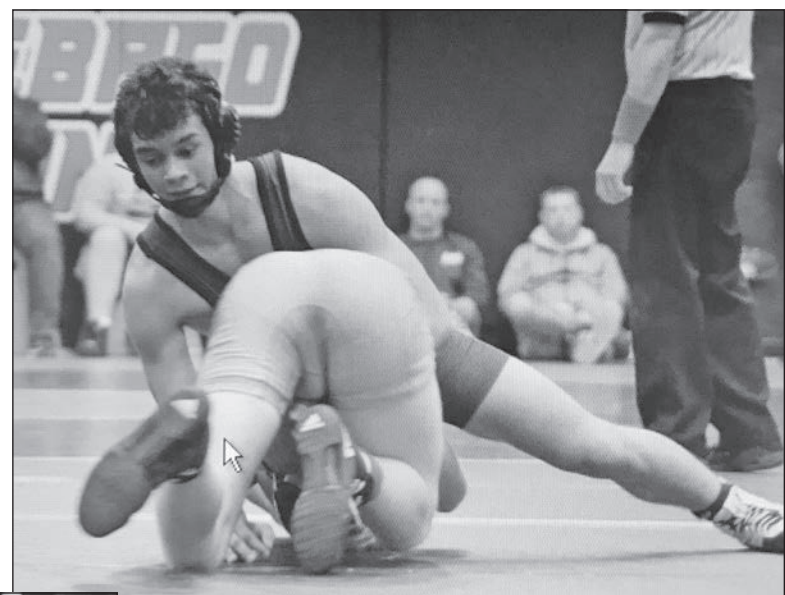
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2018 Winnabago 1A Wrestling Regional

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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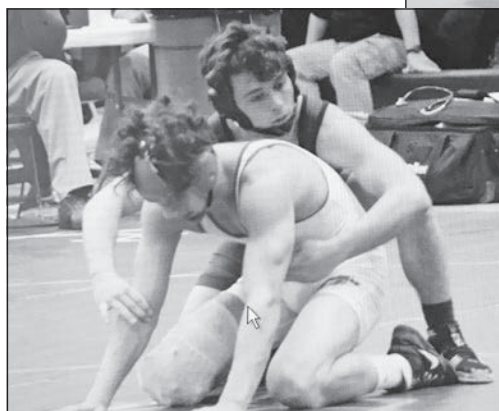
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ON THE RECORD

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.leadonfh.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.leadonfh.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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No registrations after Feb. 28th

Please call Jen Gile 815-541-6028 or Trent Gile 224-548-1075 with questions.

We need parents to volunteer for coaching to keep our program alive!

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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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- *Sunday Worship – 9:45 a.m.*

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

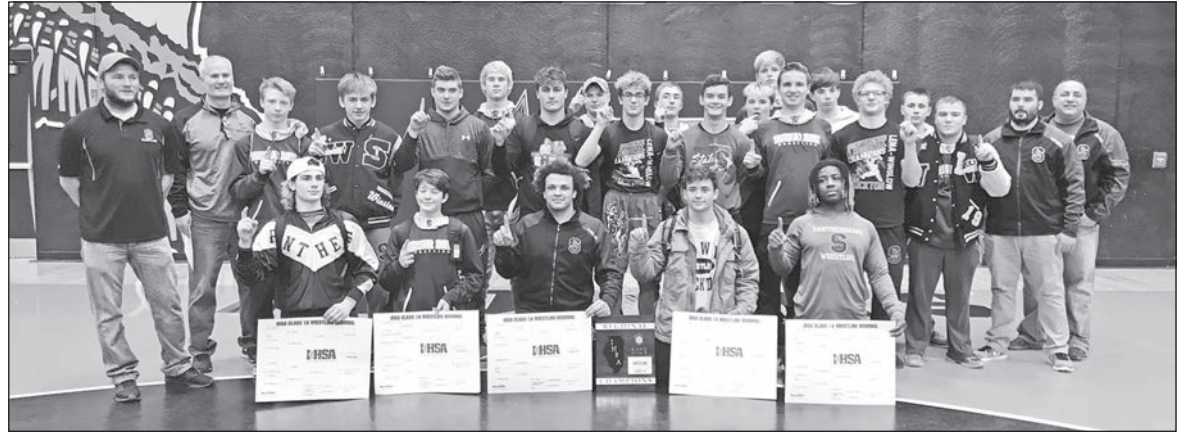
285/heavyweight.

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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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.

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



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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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If you would like to book golf outings, community events, fundraisers, public or private events we will be more than helpful to make these events a success. Call in advance; we have several events booked for 2018.

We would like to thank our members and customers for a successful 2017 season. With your help and support we will try to make this a great course. Please continue your support; tell your friends and family members to come join us. Our 5 year plan is in place to make every golfing experience 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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Under the rule of Claudius the Cruel, Rome was involved in many unpopular and bloody campaigns. The emperor had to maintain a strong army, but was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. Claudius believed that Roman men were unwilling to join the army because of their strong attachment to their wives and families.

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.

The honor is awarded to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale while taking 12 or more graded credit hours for the semester.

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Jordan Fox of Stockton
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Farm Analysis Solution Tools: tools for better decisions

Join the University of Illinois Extension for FAST Training 2018. This is a workshop focused on making informed decisions using your computer and spreadsheet tools developed by members of the University of Illinois' farmdoc team. This one-day hands-on workshop will further participants' understandings of Microsoft Excel applications and introduce FAST spreadsheets developed by agricultural economists at the University of Illinois.

Farm Analysis Solution Tools (FAST) are a series of Microsoft Excel spreadsheets that assist users to make various farm business decisions. These tools offer guidance in the following areas: livestock management, financial analysis, investment analysis, loan analysis, farm management, grain marketing and management, and risk management.

The 2018 crop year is setting up to offer tight margins again. It also appears that base prices for crop insurance could be set at relatively low lev-

els. This training session is designed to get users to take a look at potential return scenarios for 2018 and perform financial analysis using FAST Tools.

The morning session focuses on tools for assembling cash flow statements as well as crop insurance and risk management options. The afternoon session will demonstrate the features in our Balance Sheet Tool. This tool allows the user to assemble and database balance sheet information and perform ratio analysis over multiple years.

As part of the "hands-on" training, each participant will have access to a laptop computer that is provided in the registration cost. SAVE \$30 by bringing your own laptop equipped with a DVD-ROM drive (or USB

drive) and Microsoft Excel, version 2007 or higher. All participants will receive a copy of the FAST software, workshop notes, a one-year subscription to FAST updates, and a complementary lunch.

FAST Training 2018 will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27, hosted by the University of Illinois-Extension-Stephenson County at the Highland Community College Student Conference Center, 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport. The training will start at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 3 p.m. Registration is \$100 (\$70 if you bring your own laptop). Registration is required by Feb. 19. Register by calling the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125 or on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw.

Two new members join SSM Health Ministries and SSM Health Board of Directors

Two new members have been appointed to SSM Health Ministries – Sr. Mary Noel Brown, CSA, of Fond du Lac, Wis., and Fr. Michael Rozier, S.J., of Ann Arbor, Mich. As

the health system's sponsoring body, SSM Health Ministries is responsible for preserving the organization's Roman Catholic identity and serving as liaison to the Vatican. With the

Eagle Nature Foundation tour bus seats available

Terrence Ingram, President of the Eagle Nature Foundation (ENF), has just announced that ENF still has seats available on each of their bus tours. This includes the Feb. 10 and Feb. 24, 4-hour Bald Eagle Bus Tours which leave from the Best Western Motel in Galena, IL at 8 a.m. on each Saturday morning. There are also seats available on the 4-day Wildlife/Historical Bus Tour to Nebraska on March 12 to 15. This tour leaves from the Ramada in Galena, IL at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 12 and returns about 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15.

The cost per seat for the 4-hr Bald Eagle Tours is \$75 per adult and \$50 for children, 17 and under. The cost for the Nebraska Tour is \$895 per person or \$845 per person dbl-occ or for groups of 4 or more the price is \$795 per person or \$745 per person dbl.occ.

More information about each tour may be found on ENF's website, eaglenature.com and a person may register and pay with PayPal for any of these tours on the website by looking at the events. All three of the tours will be led by Naturalist/Historian, Terrence Ingram who has been leading Bald Eagle Bus Tours ever since 1965.

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

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SM BOE January meeting summary

The following is a summary of action taken at the Jan. 15, Scales Mound CUSD #211 School Board meeting. For more information please contact Ruth Foley or Dr. Bill Caron at 815-845-2215.

In an abbreviated agenda, Scales Mound CUSD #211 approved the following:

- High school field trip to the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, Illinois on May 9
- High school civics class participation in Mock Collective Bargaining field trip on March 21
- The resignation of Mrs. Krista Wilhelm as assistant play director
- The seniority list for certified staff
- The seniority list for non-certified staff

In other business, the Board heard a presentation from Mrs. Ziarko, FFA

Trap Shooting coach, requesting the districts participation in the Illinois H.S. Clay Target League. This League would be open to all Scales Mound Students in grades 8-12 and afford the students the opportunity to earn a bid to the State Clay Target Tournament. The Board approved the request.

Superintendent, Dr. Bill Caron, presented a number of policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits to the Board for a first reading. These items are being updated in response to new legislation, the Governor's executive actions, and updates to school code. The updated material will be presented to the Board for a second reading and possible approval at the next Board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Edward Jones named One of the World's Most Admired Companies

Compiled By Jordanna McPeck
STOCKTON SENIOR BRANCH OFFICE
ADMINISTRATOR

Financial services firm Edward Jones has been named to FORTUNE magazine's list of the World's Most Admired Companies, a ranking of the most respected and reputable companies.

Based on a survey of 3,900 executives, directors, analysts and experts, the ranking takes into account nine criteria from investment value and quality of management and products, to social responsibility and the ability to attract talent.

To create this list, FORTUNE magazine and Korn Ferry whittled down a list of about 1,500 of the world's largest companies based on revenue to a pool of 680 with the highest revenues in each of 52

industries. Twenty-nine countries were represented. A total of 330 companies make the final list. Edward Jones ranked sixth in the category of Securities/Asset Management.

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the investments its financial advisors offer to the location of its branch offices, caters to individual investors. The firm's 15,000-plus financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients and care for \$1 trillion in assets under management. Visit the firm's website at www.edwardjones.com and its recruiting website at www.careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.

LEGALS

2018 OWNER OCCUPIED EXEMPTION DEADLINE

Qualifications:

• Must own and occupy home as a full time resident as of January 1, 2018

• Must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property

Apply at the Chief County Assessment Office, 330 N. Bench Street, Galena, IL prior to May 31, 2018 or phone 815-777-1016. Applicants are required to submit a copy of their driver's license and their deed or purchase contract. Those currently receiving this exemption do not need to reapply.

Chief County Assessment Office
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Our File Number: 50591
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
BELMONT BANK & TRUST
COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

v.
PALLADINETTI
PROPERTIES &
DEVELOPMENT, LLC;
APPLE CANYON LAKE
PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION;
PATRICIA PALLADINETTI,
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

2018CH 1

Owner Occupied
Single-Family Home
9A-150 Hawthorne Drive
Apple River, IL 61001

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed Notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff against you and other Defendants, praying for the foreclosure of certain Mortgages conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 150 IN HAWTHORNE UNIT OF BRANIGAR'S APPLE CANYON LAKE SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10, A PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 15, ALL IN TOWNSHIP

28 NORTH, RANGE 3, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THOMPSON TOWNSHIP, JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1969 AS DOCUMENT NO. 118885 AND LOCATED IN PLAN HOLD B OF PLATS, NO/13-B, IN JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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and which said Mortgages were made by PALLADINETTI PROPERTIES & DEVELOPMENT, LLC as Mortgagor and BELMONT BANK & TRUST COMPANY as Mortgagee, and which (i) said first Mortgage was recorded on January 22, 2008 as document 339790 and modified by Modification of Mortgage recorded January 6, 2012 as document 366644; and (ii) which second Mortgage was recorded on April 28, 2016 as document 389258; all in the Office of the Jo Daviess County Recorder of Deeds;

And for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending;

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, said above named Defendants, file your Answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your Appearance therein in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jo Daviess County, Chancery Division, in the City of Galena, Illinois, on or before the March 2, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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2018 SENIOR CITIZENS

ASSESSMENT FREEZE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Qualifications:

• Must be 65 years of age or older in 2018

• Have used the property as your principal place of residence since January 1, 2017

• Own the property on January 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018

• Must be a single family residence

• Be liable for the payment of property taxes for 2017 and 2018

• Have a total household income of no more than \$65,000 for 2017

You must submit a copy of both your Federal and State income tax forms and a Statement of Social Security Benefits with your application. If you do not file income tax, then you must submit a copy of your Statement of Social Security Benefits, Statement of Pension Benefits, W-2's and 1099's or any other household income. You must apply for this exemption every year.

This exemption freezes the assessed value of your property. It does not freeze your tax bill. The deadline for filing is July 1, 2018.

If this is the first time you are eligible, please contact the County Assessment Office at (815) 777-1016 for an application.

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2018 Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

• You must be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, Illinois National Guard, or U.S. Reserve Forces and not dishonorably discharged.

• You must have at least a 30% service-connected disability certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

• You must own and occupy the property as the primary residence on January 1, 2018 and be liable for the payment of the property taxes.

• You must have a total EAV of less than \$250,000 for the primary residence.

A certified DD Form 214 and a current disability certification letter from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs for the current assessment year must be provided.

If you have applied for this exemption in the previous year,

you must reapply for the current year in order to continue the benefits. Failure to reapply, could result in the termination of the exemption.

Deadline for filing an application is July 1, 2018.

Please contact the Chief County Assessment Office at 815-777-1016 for an application.
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2018 Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

• You must be disabled or become disabled during the assessment year.

• You must own or have a legal or equitable interest in the property on January 1, 2018.

• You must occupy the property as your principal residence on January 1, 2018.

• You must be liable for the payment of the property taxes.

Proof of disability must be submitted in the form of a Class 2 Illinois Disabled Person

Identification Card, Social Security Administration disability benefits, Veterans Administration disability benefits (100% disability), Railroad or Civil Service disability benefits (100% disability).

If you have applied for this exemption in the previous year, you must reapply for the current year in order to continue the benefits. Failure to reapply, could result in the termination of the exemption.

Deadline for filing is July 1, 2018.

Please contact the Chief County Assessment Office at 815-777-1016 for an application.
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Returning Veterans Homestead Exemption

Qualifications:

• You must be an Illinois resident who has served as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, Illinois National Guard or U.S. Reserve Forces.

• You must have recently returned from active duty in an armed conflict involving the armed forces of the U.S.

• You must have owned or had a legal or equitable interest on January 1, 2018.

• You must be liable for the payment of property taxes.

A certified DD Form 214 must be provided or if not discharged, then your military orders and travel voucher showing date of return must be provided.

Deadline for filing is December 31, 2018.

Please contact the Chief County Assessment Office at 815-777-1016 for an application.

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2018 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE

Qualifications:

• Must own and occupy home as a full time resident as of January 1, 2018

• Must be liable for paying the real estate taxes on the property

• Must be of the age of 65 or older in 2018

Apply at the Chief County Assessment Office, 330 N. Bench Street, Galena, IL prior to May 31, 2018 or phone 815-777-1016. First time applicants are required to submit a copy of their driver's license. Those currently receiving this exemption do not need to reapply.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE 15TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JO DAVIESS COUNTY
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GERTRUDE M. KLOPF,
Deceased.

2018 P 3

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS

Notice is given to creditors of the death of GERTRUDE M. KLOPF, of 4401 S. Klopff Rd., Stockton, IL 61085, on January 13, 2018. Letters of Office were issued on January 25, 2018, to PAMELA KLOPF, of 4401 S. Klopff Rd., Stockton, IL 61085, and KIMBERLY BABER, of 503 N. Hudson St., Stockton, IL 61085, as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Ronald Paja, 116 S. Main St., P.O. Box 124, Stockton, IL 61085.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before July 15, 2018 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Jo Daviess County Courthouse, 303 N. Bench St., Galena, IL 61036, and any claim not filed on or before July 15, 2018 will be barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Co-Executors and to their attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED: January 31, 2018.

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Hornets pick-up post-season start-up position

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The Class 1A Boys' Basketball State Playoffs begin on Monday, Feb. 16 and the Scales Mound Hornets have a good idea how things have to go, before spring-season practices begin.

Based on how the winter campaign has progressed, a Monday start-up seems likely for Scales Mound and East Dubuque could be a good place to do it. Dakota hosts the second Regional in the Eastland Sectional, Sub-Sectional Complex.

The Hornets open the final week of the regular season looking to get everything in place before the 1A

Tournament starts in a little over a week. They've had a busy run through the West recently.

Since a Jan. 19 showdown with Pearl City, the Hornets have had to deal with Galena, Lena-Winslow and East Dubuque, all on the road. On Thursday, Feb. 1, the Hornets fell to neighbor River Ridge, 74-41.

The Wildcats were too fast. They ran the ball past Hornets defenders on their way to a 30-point opening quarter. Scales Mound had a strong period. They answered the 'Cats attack with 16 of their own.

River Ridge wasn't as dominant in the second. However, the 18 points scored in the period man-

aged to stretch the first-period advantage to a two-to-one margin at the break, 48-24.

The game slowed slightly in the third. The two teams combined for 16 points total and with eight minutes to go, the lead was 60-28 River Ridge. The visitors held on for the NUIC-decision, 74-41.

Games at Shullsburg and River Ridge still wait for Scales Mound this season. On Tuesday, Feb. 6 they slipped north. On Tuesday, Feb. 13 the Galena Pirates come in for the regular season home-closer. The final game on the 2017-2018 calendar will be played on Friday, Feb. 16. The playoffs start after that

and Scales Mound knows the field they will be up against.

The Hornets will do battle with teams that have to deal directly with Sub-Section hosts Dakota or East Dubuque, or had to work through the field to get their shots at the host schools.

Other programs such as Galena, River Ridge, Stockton and Warren are faced with the same problem Scales Mound is. When the post-season starts the team playing best, after taking control, will go the farthest. Some teams are more "loaded" than others. After a Monday night, post-season opener, the field thins quickly by the time the

Regional Championship tips-off, generally just a few days later.

For Scales Mound, following an upset in the post-season tip-off, they will move on to night two, in the Region's Final Four. It will be against one of the top seeds on the post-season bracket. An upset in the Regional Semi-Final opens the door for even better things. In the playoffs a team that plays its best under pressure can pull off many upsets.

The IHSA Selection Committee meets this week. Seeds will be issued on Friday, Feb. 9. After that, teams know exactly where they will be going.

Blackhawks defense remains strong

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

Season averages are one set of numbers statisticians can draw from to help determine the direction a team is going. By looking at what has been accomplished, an idea can be built as to how things could go. With the post-season that means a new start to get things going in the right direction, right away.

For the Stockton boys' basketball team, defense continues to be strength. It has played consistently well for a while now. They have managed many games and kept the brakes affixed on some quick-strike programs.

A lot of high-powered offenses operate in the NUIC. The leaders have been averaging over 50 points a game this season. Stockton's defense has only allowed one team to score more than 50 since early January. The West's highest scoring team, River Ridge, dropped down below their season average in a ten-point win a little over two weeks ago.

Stockton got a lot of things in

place this past week as they enjoyed a late-season home stand, against a few teams that will be making their own post-season journey within the next week or so.

On Friday, Jan. 26, Galena visited Stockton and left with an eleven-point decision, 45-34. It was was a win for the visitors, but the Blackhawks held them to ten percent below their season, conference average. Pearl City followed a few days later and barely reached 40, in their own ten-point decision.

The home stretch closed for the Blackhawks on Saturday, Feb. 3 with Stockton again doing a good job containing a dangerous offense. Lena-Winslow won the match 45-32 and, as a result, earned the right to continue leading the West with Pearl City.

The Blackhawks close the regular season on the road at Pearl City on Friday, Feb. 16. Before that though, they will be home to host the West Carroll Thunder on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

The closing stretch began for Stockton on the road at Freeport

Aquin on Tuesday night, Feb. 6. Details of that contest however, are unavailable at this time. It is known that it would have been a big late-season upset, if the Blackhawks knocked off the Bulldogs. They are the best in the East. They are 9-1 in conference battles and have averaged over 60 points a game this season.

Stockton's test on Tuesday involved slowing one of the most dangerous offenses in the NUIC and, hopefully, finding enough offense to throw the post-season bracket-makers into a tailspin.

The IHSA Selection Committee meets this Friday, Feb. 9 to hand out seeds for the upcoming Class 1A State Tournament. Stockton does appear to be slated for an appearance at East Dubuque, when the post-season begins on Monday, Feb. 19. Dakota will host the second Regional, feeding into the Eastland Sectional Complex.

Other teams involved in the bracket-schematic includes Galena, River Ridge, Lena-Winslow, Orangeville and many more NUIC-familiars.

CDC recommends three steps to fight flu

1. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

People who are at high risk for influenza complications should contact a health care professional promptly if they get flu symptoms, even if they have been vaccinated this season.

If you get sick with flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat your illness.

CDC recommends rapid treatment of seriously ill and high-risk flu patients with antiviral drugs.

It is very important that antiviral drugs are used early to treat hospitalized patients, people with severe flu illness, and people who are at high risk of serious flu complications based on their age or health.

2. Take every day preventative actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

If possible, try to avoid close contact with sick people. If you do get sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Also, clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like flu.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth because germs spread this way. Cover mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

3. If you have not gotten a flu vaccine yet this season, get vaccinated now - it's not too late!

With many more weeks of flu activity expected for this flu season, there is still time to get vaccinated if you haven't already done so. As long as flu viruses are circulating, vaccination can protect you against flu.

Timber Lake Playhouse announces local auditions for their 2018 season

Timber Lake Playhouse (TLP), the premier professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, announces Local Auditions for the 2018 Summer Season productions of Beauty and the Beast, Born Yesterday, The Full Monty and Fiddler on the Roof to be held at the West Carroll Middle School in Mt. Carroll on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10 until 5.

TLP's Artistic Director, Paul Stancato, will be on hand to cast several youth and adult actors for the following roles:

*ONE child for the role of Chip in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

*ONE male child age 10 to 12 for the role of Nathan (12 years old) in THE FULL MONTY

*Up to EIGHT CHILDREN for

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*TWO female children ages 8 to 12 for the roles of Shprintze & Bielke in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

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"Timber Lake Playhouse is committed to bringing more opportunity for our local artists to become involved in the work at the playhouse," said Executive Director, Dan Danielowski. "We have a great program that should be shared locally as much as possible." Timber Lake Playhouse's season includes Beauty and the Beast, Born Yesterday, The Full Monty, Baskerville, Fiddler On the Roof and Forever Plaid.

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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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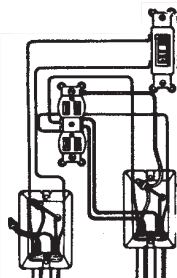
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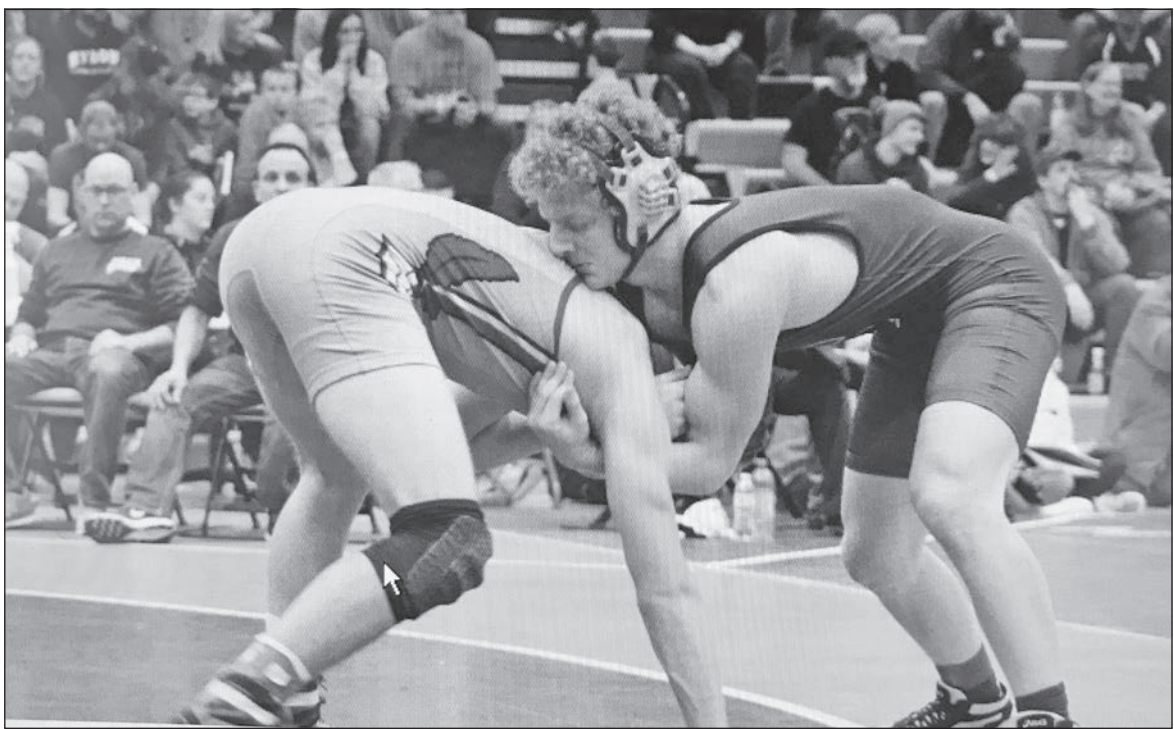


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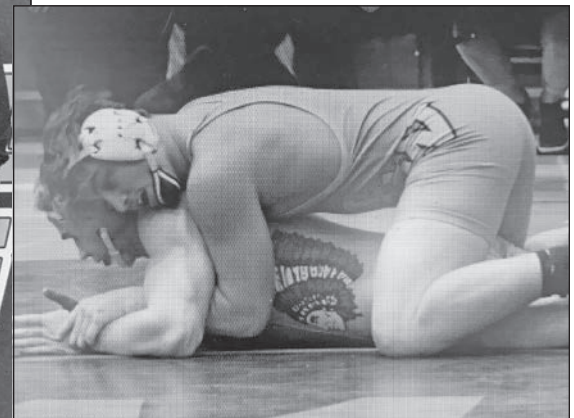


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Farm Equipment: Belarus 425A Tractor, C/H, 4wd, 3pt, PTO, 2000 Hrs – 1 Owner. IH 1086 Tractor, C/A/H, 2wd, 3pt, Dual PTO, 2wd. White 6100 16R Planter, Yetter Openers, Markers, 3pt Hook Up – *Clean*. MF 504D Tractor W/ Loader, O-Rops, D, 2wd – *Clean*. Meyers 390 Spreader W/ End Gate. Loftness 6R Stalk Shredder – *Nice*. MF 1000 Specialty Sprayer. Case IH 6500 Disc Chisel. JD MoCo 936 Disc Bine. JD 568 Round Baler, Net, Bale Kick, 6,800 Bales. Kuhn GA4220TH Rotary Rake. Kilbros 375 Wagon. Ez-Flow 220 Gravity Wagon. Kilbros 350 Center Dump Wagon. Meyers 390 Spreader. Meyer 395A Manure Spreader, Vertical Beater. NH 7210 QT Loader. Kinzie Grain Cart W/ Tractor Tires. JD 920 Grain Head Platform. 20' Head Carrier. Westfield 8x60 Auger. Wilrich 5 Shank 3pt Line Ripper. Specialist NF1000 Pull-Type Sprayer, 60' Booms, PTO Pump. Miller Pro 4100 Chopper Box W/ Tandem Gear. '02 Wilson 41' Grain Trailer, 11R, 24.5 Tires. Schuler MS550 TMR Mixer. Century 500 Gal Spray W/ 40' Booms, PTO Pump.

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Certified Livestock Manager training to be held in Freeport

University of Illinois Extension has scheduled workshops to provide Illinois livestock producers the manure management training they need to meet the requirements of the state's Livestock Management Facilities Act.

Locally, Certified Livestock Manager Training will be hosted by the University of Illinois Extension on

Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 W Spring Street, Freeport. The workshop begins promptly at 9 a.m. and will take 3 1/2 hours with the IDOA exam administered afterward.

The workshop will offer a general curriculum designed to keep producers current on the latest industry practices. The curriculum covers the ba-

sics of nutrient management as well as new technologies, research, and trends, so producers who have completed the training and are renewing their certification will benefit.

The Livestock Management Facilities Act requires facilities with 300 or more animal units to have at least one employee certified in proper manure handling procedures. For facilities with 300 to 999 animal units, the employee must attend a workshop or pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Certified Livestock Manager exam. Employees of facilities with 1,000 or more animal units must do both to achieve certification.

Registration is now open at 217-244-9687 or register online at web.extension.illinois.edu/lfmm/certification.html. The cost is \$35. If more than one employee from the same farm signs up, each additional registration will cost \$25. Lunch will not be offered, but coffee and donuts will be provided. For general questions, call the University of Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125.

Wa Tan Ye to host bake sale

Wa Tan Ye, a club with the motto "Service Foremost", will be hosting a bake sale at Citizens State Bank, Stockton, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. on Feb. 10. Come support the club as they raise funds for people and programs in the greater Stockton community.

The Stockton Club Wa Tan Ye, organized in 1956, has started a new season of service and giving to the greater community of Stockton. The club, whose motto is Service Foremost, has the objective of the giving of service in the community where

their members live. Members provide, on average 150 hours of service to the community every month. The club supports the backpack program (SNOW) for the Stockton Schools, the Stockton Food pantry, Dolly Parton Imagination Library (books for preschoolers), scholarships and more. The club funded the building of one of the Stockton Park shelters and is a member of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce.

Please join us on Feb. 10, and support the Wa Tan Ye club for their projects.



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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.

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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.



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