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Stephenson County Historical Society to stage Lincoln Conference

By John Day
CORRESPONDENT

The Stephenson County Historical Society has begun to make ready for a very special event, the 160th anniversary of the Lincoln – Douglas debates. This year Lincoln will be returning to Freeport. Actually, fifty or more people in the personage of Lincoln will be coming to Freeport for the 2018 Association of Lincoln Presenters Conference. Additionally, Freeport may see several people who look like Mary Lincoln, Stephen Douglas or other memorable characters from our nation's past.

The Association of Lincoln Presenters which is holding its conference April 19 through 22, has scheduled meetings, conferences, lectures and other events. To recognize the anniversary of the debates and acknowledge the Lincoln Presenters, the Stephenson County Historical Society has arranged a special exhibit and private showing of the artifacts in the Society's collection for those attending the conference before opening the display to the public. The exhibit will present artifacts and period photographs that are rare, unique and quirky. Many of the items will offer glimpses into Lincoln the man and the President. Other articles will emphasize the connection between Lincoln and Freeport.

The Historical Society calls the 1857 Oscar Taylor house home and Sharon Welton is the current Director who settled in Lena near 30 years ago and began doing volunteer work for the historical society in that town. In 2014 Welton took over the Directors duties in Freeport with the departure of Dr. Ed Finch. Welton said, "We're looking forward to having the Lincoln Presenters here in Freeport. We've planned to have a private showing for them on Friday afternoon April 20.

In a museum that has well over ten thousand pieces in its collection, most of which is in storage, putting together the exhibit can be a challenge. Welton said, "There has to be some logic to what is put in cabinets or hung on

walls. There has to be a theme while at the same time offering a broad range of artifacts for viewing.

"We have a great number of period photographs of Lincoln, his family and contemporaries. There are a lot of pieces that represent the many reenactments of the debates that have been done over the years. There's a lot that let us look into what the world was like during Lincolns lifetime."

Among the treasures that will be put in the exhibit are a rare photo of Lincoln's funeral in Chicago, a rare Lincoln engraving circa 1867, a theater lobby card from the movie Abe Lincoln in Illinois which starred Raymond Massey and a large newspaper page reporting the assassination of Lincoln. Other high points of the display are a chair from the hotel room where Lincoln stayed in Freeport for the debates and a bronze 1865 Peace Medal bearing Lincolns image.

Just recently Welton had received a packet of Civil War letters from a museum in Medford, Oregon. Welton said, "Apparently, someone walked into this museum and gave them the letters. Determining that these were correspondence between an Illinois soldier and his family, the museum offered them to us.

"The challenge for the future is stay modern. That means more family programming, staying relevant and attracting new visitors and members. We also have to think about new acquisitions. Acquisitions do not have to be major finds worth large amounts of money. Often times it can be the stuff found in your grandparent's estate in the form of letters, pictures or documents. We're always open to taking a look at what you've found."

The Lincoln exhibit will open to the public beginning on April 21, and will last for about one month. The Stephenson County Historical Society is located at 1440 S. Carroll Avenue and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. The museum can be reached at 815-23- 8419 or on Facebook.



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Serving others

After reading a short story, called Beatrice's Goat, the third graders in Mrs. Teske's/Ms. Leddy's class got inspired to make a difference in someone's life. The students raised \$1, 050 for Heifer International gifting people in need an animal to have a better life. Heifer International's mission is to provide a hand up not a hand out. This project opened many discussions about what it means to serve others in the world and how to truly make a difference.

Citizens State Bank to host free Community Shred Day

Safeguard your personal information by shredding confidential documents.

Citizens State Bank is celebrating Community Banking Month and Money Smart Week (April 21 – 28) with a free Community Shred Day at its Lena location. Shred Days are a great way to reduce the risk of identity theft and to help the environment through recycling unwanted documents.

"Documents like bank and credit card statements, tax and other financial records, and healthcare paperwork are

all targets for identity thieves," said CSB President and CEO Amy Baker. "Now, while people are thinking about spring cleaning, we're happy to help people safeguard their private information while they're reducing paper clutter. We are proud to offer this service free of charge as a way to serve our communities."

The public is invited to bring paper documents to be destroyed (maximum 100 lbs. per person) from 9 – 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28 to the Citizens State Bank Lena location – 102 W. Main Street.

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Lena-Winslow holds FFA Chapter Banquet

The Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter held its annual Chapter banquet on Sunday, April 8. At this banquet the outstanding members in many different categories were announced, community members who have helped the chapter over the past year were recognized, the Sr. Scholarship awards were announced, SAE scholarships were announced and the officers for the 2018-2019 FFA year were installed. Below is a list of the highlights.

- Outstanding Greenhand – Braden Baldauf
- Outstanding sophomore – Sammantha Kempel
- Outstanding Jr. – Meagan Mader
- Outstanding Sr. – Emma Bower
- Plot manager Recognition – Reid Huneke and Huneke farms
- Sr. Scholarship award winners (\$500 each) – Miranda Luke and Della Crain
- DeKalb Award (agriculture academic excellence) – Viola Kluck
- President – Hannah Milliken
- Vice President – Sammantha Kempel
- Reporter – Maddie Meador
- Secretary – Jackie Moest
- Treasurer – Rachel Young
- Sentinel – Braden Baldauf
- Historian – Cole Gerber



The Lena-Winslow FFA Chapter Retiring officers are Ashlyn Enck, Rachel Young, Sammantha Kempel, Hannah Milliken, Miranda Luke, Jackie Moest, Meagan Mader

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The Whiskey Belles roots are in Country Music. Born of Gin Halls and Juke Joints - Hank Williams passion, Carter family harmonies, with a little Hee Haw mixed in for good measure. The Whiskey Belles are an all female traditional country and Americana trio based out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Belles are widely known for captivating shows featuring their own take on classic and obscure vintage-country, Americana, folk-revival and roots-country tunes, with their witty originals sprinkled in. They've been compared with Pistol Annies, Dixie Chicks and the Trio (Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt). The Whiskey Belles have personalities as big as the Texan skyline. They have a great time on stage and love to share the fun with their audience.

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Illinois Extension offers Pop-Up Shop Workshop
A Pop-Up Shop Workshop will be held locally on Monday, May 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pretzel City Kitchens (inside Wager House), 1 E. Spring Street, Freeport and on Tuesday, May 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Easter Seals Building, 650 N. Main Street, Rockford. There is no charge to attend but registration is requested. Registration can be completed on-line at web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw or by calling Illinois Extension at (815) 235-4125.

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A big red dog

Clifford visited some Pearl City Elementary Students as they prepare for their Spring Book Fair, which is Thursday, April 12, from 4-8 p.m. Pictured is sixth grader, Ethan Petta, reading a Clifford book to second graders, as Clifford, (sixth grader Weston Groenewold) listens.

Lena Library News

By Brittany Gaulrapp
DIRECTOR

It's finally Spring, although nobody told Mother Nature yet, and we are "springing" into this season here at the library. All of our classes made butterflies this past week and the afterschool classes are on display. All of the kids did a great job, so stop by and check them out. We will soon be wrapping up our classes for the year as the kids will be out of school and enjoying their summer vacations before we know it. You know what summer vacation means right, SUMMER READING. As always, sign up will begin the first week of June and we offer classes for children ages third through fifth grade, so please keep us in mind as you make your summer plans. It is a great way to keep kids reading through the summer, and having fun at the same time.

The story hour kids have been busy as well. They have all been tak-

ing about April showers, May flowers, springtime and butterflies. Both groups made a fun snack they could eat: marshmallow clouds and Fruit Loop rainbows. After crafting their delicious snack, the kids read Little Blue Truck's Springtime, What Makes a Rainbow?, and How Do You Know It's Spring? They sang some springtime tunes as well: "The Rabbit", "Rainbow Rhyme", "It's Spring.", "April Showers", and "I Wish I Was a Little Hunk Of Mud". This past week was all about butterflies. As I mentioned before all of the kids decorated coffee filter butterflies. The story hour kids also made sparkly foam butterflies as well. They read Kitten's Spring, and Billy Bunny and the Butterflies.

Don't forget about our book discussion group. We will be meeting again on April 25, at 9:30. Grab your favorite book and come join us.

To All Concerned People:

We, the Pearl City Legion Post 1014, are an active post. We are not dissolving. We will continue to be an active legion. We had to quit having meals because of our health issues and many involved. We are not getting rid of a lot of the little things that are very important to the Legion; including the bell flag pole, the sign, pictures, etc.

Thank you, Pearl City Legion

Friendship Center provides socialization, proper nutrition, and health monitoring

The Friendship Center is an Adult Day Care in Lena which serves those who need assistance or can't be left alone and those who need respite care for their caregivers. It's a great program that provides socialization, proper nutrition and health monitoring. We have a nurse available every day and a handicap accessible bus and van for transportation.

My Friend's Closet contributes a portion of their profits to the ministry of the Friendship Center to insure that no one is turned away and it is affordable to everyone. We appreciate our staff, volunteers, and clients. If you have not been to the Friendship Center, please stop by and visit—everyone there would love to chat with you. If you have a talent you would like to share, wouldn't mind playing games with the clients, or helping out in other ways—please give Robin Woolcock, the Program Director a call at 815-369-2690. We have moved, and are now located in the old Mama Lena's building at 311 N. Lake Road, Lena.

The Friendship Center is looking for a van driver

for Tuesday afternoons, and a substitute bus driver. If you are interested, stop in or contact Robin at the Friendship Center at 815-369-2690.

The Friendship Center is also looking for a PRN (as needed) CNA. Please stop in or call Robin at the Friendship Center if interested 815-369-2690.

Caregiver's Support Group (sponsored by the Friendship Center) —Please join us for our Caregiver's Support Group on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 1:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Our Caregiver's Support Group's goal is to provide emotional support, information and re-sources to anyone who is a caregiver. If you know of anyone in this role, please share this information with them. You may be their only outlet to find out about this much needed support system. If you need someone to help watch your loved one, so that you can attend our meeting, contact The Friendship Center at 815-369-2690 and ask for Robin or Denise. Please join us on the second Wednesdays each month at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church.

News from the Lena Community Park District

By Deb Dietz
LCPD PRESIDENT

As we shiver into a late spring the park is get ready to provide the area with various recreational opportunities. Our 2017 recreation director Shari Staton has turned the reins over to our new recreation director Stephanie Broushous. The rest of the staff will remain pretty much unchanged. We have our registration dates lined up, plus you may also register at the office during regular hours.

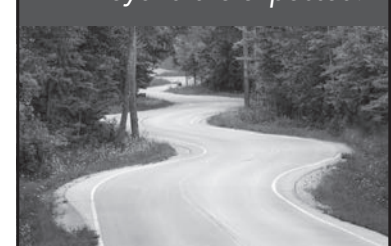
LCPD owes a great debt of gratitude to Adkins Energy for the new security system that is currently being installed. Adkins Energy donated \$10,000. to the park for a security system and to upgrade computers. This was a wonderful gift and very timely as we have been cutting our spending and lowering taxes. We have had an ongoing problem with certain activities in the parks, but feel certain that knowing that cameras are recording park visitors will quickly change things! We did have vandals break out a large

plate glass window at the pool early last winter. It is sad that there are people who would enjoy that type of destructive behavior. Parents need to remind their kids and grandkids that they are the ones who pay the park bills, and that destruction only ends up costing the individual families more to cover the cost of repairs.

The board would like some public input regarding our future plans. We currently have the Damascus Landing and Boat Launch. The park district bought it, built it up to it's current condition (with the help of a state grant covering part of the costs) and currently covers the cost of upkeep and repairs. Since it is on the river, there are expenses for repair, silting in around the launch, etc. The majority of the use appears to be folks from outside the district. The board is considering giving the landing to the county. While our taxpayers have put plenty of district money into the landing, it will never return that with any sort of cash flow, but will always require

more district dollars for upkeep. With that in mind, as a district taxpayer, do you support giving it to the county? The county would keep it open for use like the park has. It would be a time and money saver for the park district, allowing us to use the efforts of our staff and the costs for other facilities and programs in the district. So, what do you folks within the district think? Please let the park know if you have strong feelings either way. You can get in touch with the park by phone (815-369-5351), by email (lenapark@aero-inc.net), by attending our meetings (3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30) or call me at home at 815-369-4334.

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All submitted bids will be in a sealed envelope marked, "Police Department Vehicle Bid". Bids will be accepted at the Village Hall (122 E. Main St., P.O. Box 607) until 5:00 p.m. May 10, 2018. The minimum bid should be \$500.00 and vehicle can be seen at Village Hall.

Bid opening will be conducted on May 14, 2018 at the Village Board Meeting. The Village will sell the vehicle to the highest responsible bidder.

The Village of Lena reserves the right to reject any and all bids which do not comply with bid requirements. Upon the acceptance of a bid, the Village of Lena requires payment in the form of a cashier's check or money order and must be submitted within three business days of bid acceptance.

VIEWPOINT

Madigan files action against alternative electric supplier

Attorney General Lisa Madigan today filed a lawsuit against Major Energy Electric Services LLC (Major Energy), an alternative retail electric supplier (ARES), for misleading thousands of Illinois customers about the company's costly electricity contracts using high-pressure sales tactics to push people to enroll without explaining the service or the costs. Madigan was joined by consumer advocates with AARP, the Better Business Bureau and U.S. PIRG to announce her lawsuit.

The deceptive sales pitches have resulted in nearly all Major Energy customers consistently paying higher rates for electricity. Since April 2012, Major Energy customers have paid nearly \$2.5 million more in rates and extra fees than they would have paid if they had remained with the regulated utility.

Madigan's lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court, alleges that Major Energy and its sales representatives used aggressive and deceptive sales tactics to enroll customers in the ComEd territory into expensive contracts for electricity. Major Energy sales agents failed to tell customers critical information, including the price and length of the contracts and that customers would be charged a monthly fee. Madigan alleged many customers were given the false impression they were signing up for a discounted rate from ComEd when in reality, they were switched to Major Energy, where they routinely paid higher prices for their electricity.

"Major Energy's business model is nothing more than outright fraud, and unfortunately, Major Energy is not the only company engaged in this fraud," Madigan said. "But through my lawsuit today, we can put this bad company out of business for good in Illinois."

Madigan's lawsuit stems from Major Energy's sales pitches, delivered

mainly through telemarketing calls and door-to-door sales, which misinformed customers that the company would give them a lower rate because of changes to the law due to deregulation. Madigan's suit alleges that company sales representatives made no effort to accurately describe the product in the sales pitch. Instead, Major Energy sales representatives offered to apply a "rate reduction" and spoke in ambiguities to confuse consumers into thinking that Major Energy is somehow affiliated with ComEd. The sales representatives employed the deceptive tactics in order to obtain the customer's account number and then push them into an automated third-party verification to complete the transaction—at times without the consumer even knowing

that they had been sold anything.

Madigan's lawsuit also alleges Major Energy sales agents aggressively contacted consumers who had previously canceled Major Energy's service through "win-back" calls in which sales representatives tell people they have been "illegally switched" to a different supplier and then switch them back to Major Energy without fully explaining the terms and conditions. Madigan also alleges that Major Energy sales representatives misrepresented the applicable ComEd rate and failed to inform customers that fixed rates only applied for a certain period of time, after which the customer would be switched to a month-to-month variable rate plan that was far more expensive.

Currently in Illinois, there are at least 98 alternative retail electric suppliers, or ARES, authorized to sell electricity, and data shows their customers generally are paying higher prices than customers with traditional utilities. According to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), ARES customers in the ComEd territory as a whole have paid more than \$198 million more for electricity than traditional utility customers from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. Statewide, residential and small commercial customers enrolled with ARES have paid almost \$400 million more in electricity costs in the last three years.

The lawsuit against Major Energy is Madigan's latest against an alternative retail electricity supplier. Her office previously settled with Ethical Electric Inc. and PALMco Power IL LLC and is in ongoing litigation with Sperian Energy Corp. Madigan is pursuing investigations into other ARES.

Madigan's office is asking the court to provide full restitution of nearly \$2.5 million to impacted consumers and to revoke Major Energy's license to do business in the state of Illinois.

Madigan is currently pursuing legislation to require stronger oversight of alternative retail electric and gas suppliers.

Madigan offered the following advice:

NEVER answer the door to a stranger, especially if they are trying to get you to switch your utility service.

NEVER show or share your utility bill or account number with someone who comes to your door.

Do not sign anything!

Be wary of any offer that promises or guarantees savings.

No alternative supplier is affiliated with or endorsed by your utility or the government. If you sign up for service with an alternative supplier, you are entering a new contract with a different company.

Assistant Attorneys General Caitlyn McEllis, Aaron Chait, Anna Crane, Darren Kinhead, Tom Verticchio and Chicago Public Utilities Bureau Chief Janice Dale are handling the lawsuit for Madigan's Public Interest Division.

College News

Upper Iowa University lists December 2017 graduates

Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce its December 2017 graduates including Erica Chapple of Orangeville, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services.

Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, not-for-profit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to about 5,800 students-nationally and internationally-at its Fayette campus, 25 U.S. education centers, as well as centers in Malaysia and Hong Kong.

Recoveries during Attorney General Madigan's tenure top \$14 billion

Attorney General Lisa Madigan today announced her office collected \$864 million in revenue on behalf of the state through litigation and collection efforts in 2017. Since Madigan took office, her office has collected over \$14 billion on behalf of the state.

The revenue collected for the state by Madigan shows that for every dollar of taxpayer funding her office received, she generated \$28.01 back to the state.

"Since becoming Attorney General, I have brought in more than \$14 billion for Illinois, including nearly half a billion dollars in funding for our state's pension systems as the result of the 2008 financial crisis," Madigan said. "I am proud of my work to generate needed revenue for

the state of Illinois especially during difficult economic times."

The revenue collected by Madigan in 2017 included \$19.5 million for Illinois pension systems from a settlement with Moody's Investors Service to resolve an investigation into its marketing and sale of risky residential mortgage-backed securities leading up to the 2008 economic collapse. In addition to this settlement, Madigan has reached six other settlements – with Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley and Standard & Poor's – stemming from investments in mortgage-backed securities that resulted in recovering over \$450 million for the pension systems.

Madigan's office also collected over \$339 million through collections litigation, including cases involving the collection of funds for damage to state property, child support enforcement, fines and penalties. Madigan also collected more than \$250 million through tobacco litigation and more than \$254 million in estate tax revenues.

In addition to recoveries for the state, Madigan's Consumer Fraud Bureaus mediated nearly 25,000 complaints in 2017 and provided more than \$6 million in mediated savings for Illinois consumers.

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Bustos: Trump's trade actions hurt hardworking farmers

Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-IL), member of the House Agriculture Committee, issued the following statement following China's announcement to impose tariffs on US imports in retaliation to President Trump's plan to place tariffs on Chinese goods.

"President Trump's actions are hurting hardworking families across the Heartland. Now that he's started a trade war, Illinois' pork, soybean, corn and other agricultural producers are paying the price. As I have said many times, I support fighting for fair trade and standing up for American manufacturing, but I ex-

pect this Administration to fight just as hard to protect and open markets for our Illinois farmers. Today, farmers across the heartland are now feeling the consequences of an impulsive and reckless president."

Illinois is the nation's largest soybean producer growing 611.9 million bushels annually, of which 25% is exported to China. Illinois is also a top producer in pork and ethanol which face steep tariffs. Illinois pork production contributes \$1.8 billion to the state economy and China accounted for one third of pork variety meat exports last year.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

LOLA JEAN DIETERLE

Lola Jean Dieterle, 90, of Lena, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2018 at Presence St. Joseph Center in Freeport, surrounded by her family. She was born on June 9, 1927 to Alfred and Pearl (Stukenberg) Zumdahl in Mt. Morris, IL. She married Leo Vincent Dieterle on Aug. 3, 1947, and together they raised five daughters. Lola enjoyed gardening, playing cards, cooking, doing crafts; especially sewing, dancing, and spending time with her family. She also enjoyed traveling, especially to Germany, going on Alaskan and Bahamas cruises, and going to the Bahamas for her grandson's wedding. Lola was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena.

Lola is survived by her daughters Karon (Jack) Fischer of Rolling Meadows, IL, Cynthia Marchant of Glendale, AZ, Charlene Dieterle of Madison, WI, Teresa Stamm of Lena, IL, Mary Lynn (James) Crain of Summerville, SC; nine grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Leo in 1994, and her sister Phyllis Binkley.

A visitation and funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena.

Rev. Father Andrew Skorbutt performed the services.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

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

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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



PHILLIP L. BRUNNER

Phillip L. Brunner, age 84 of Stockton, IL passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2018 surrounded by his family at FHN Memorial Hospital. He was born in Rural Stockton/Pleasant Valley Township on April 2, 1934 to the late Lloyd and Bessie (Althof)



Brunner. Phillip was a 1951 graduate of Stockton High School. He married Mary Kay Bernhardt on June 1, 1961 in Ottawa, IL. Kay passed away on June 30, 2008.

Phillip was a proud veteran who served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was an active member of the Stockton VFW, Shannon American Legion and NRA. He farmed all his life on the home farm. Phillip served on the Pleasant Valley Township for many years as Supervisor and Road Commissioner. He was a loving father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by special friend, Myrna Handel of Mt. Carroll; his son, Mark (Kim) Brunner of Mt. Carroll; his daughter, Jan (Scott) Langfield of Stockton; his grandchildren, Drew (Bre) Trotter who serves in the United States Navy, Jacob Brunner, Kaylynn Brunner, Shawn (Megan) Langfield, Nick (Denise) Langfield who serves in the United States Army, Ashley (Fiance, Ryan Gadow) Langfield and Emily Langfield; his step great grandchildren, Damiano, Amir and Mason; his sister, Mary (long time family friend Dayle) Nagel. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay; his parents, Lloyd and Bessie; his brother, James Sr and his brother-in-law, John Bernhardt.

There was a visitation at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton on Sunday, April 15, and a graveside service at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. where Military Rites will be performed by Stockton VFW and Shannon American Legion. In Lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

VIRGIL D. BRINKMEIER

Virgil D. Brinkmeier, 91, of Lena, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Polo Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center. He was born on July 17, 1926 to Paul and Alma (Busch) Brinkmeier. Virgil married Cheryl Mammoser on Nov. 25, 1950 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pearl City. Virgil began farming in the rural Nora



area. Virgil and Cheryl bought the Southside City Service in Stockton, and then in 1958 they moved to Lena and bought a farm there. Together Virgil and Cheryl started Lena Sales Inc. in 1963. In 1976 Virgil went back to farming. After Virgil retired from farming, he enjoyed working with his son Dan for the Erin Township, plowing and maintaining roads. Cheryl and Virgil traveled, and enjoyed traveling with their camper to local parks and lakes and their own camp Virgie. Every year, they would spend a month in California visiting Cheryl's sister Phyllis. While in California they would visit several other family members. Virgil enjoyed golfing with Cheryl, and he was on golf leagues. Family was everything to Virgil. He would play cards with his family and friends, especially 500 and hand & foot canasta. He enjoyed competitive games of croquet, badminton, and ping pong with his family. Virgil looked forward to family dinners. His great-grandchildren Jax, Ella, and Austin knew him as grandpa Cheetos, since he always had cheetos.

Virgil is survived by his children Linda Korte of Lena, Betty Pries of Fitchburg, WI, Dan (LeeAnn) Brinkmeier of Lena, grandchildren; Eric (Erin) Korte, Tiffanie Korte, and Matthew Brinkmeier, great-grandchildren; Jaxon, Ella, and Austin, a half sister Shirley Goldsmith, step brother Fred Asche, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Cheryl in 2009, son-in-law Richard Korte in 2013, grandson Craig Brinkmeier on February 22, 2018, brothers and sisters; Lloyd (Helen) Brinkmeier, Orin (Lorraine) Brinkmeier, Gerald (Jacquelin) Brinkmeier, Evora (Preston) Kempel, Nelda (Myron) Block, Ruby (Jay) Parkinson, Mildred (Mel) Bowden.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 9, at the Lena United Methodist

Church in Lena.

A visitation was Sunday, April 8, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena.

Pastor Keri Rainsberger officiated the services.

Burial will be at Lena Burial Park in Lena.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

KENNETH "RUSS" RUSSELL SIMPSON

Kenneth "Russ" Russell Simpson age 70, of Mt. Carroll, Illinois passed away Thursday, April 12, 2018 at CGH Medical Center in Sterling. A visitation will take place from 4-8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Law-Jones Funeral Home in Mt. Carroll. Memorials may be given to the family in Russ' memory. Friends and family are invited to share in Russ' life at www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Russ was born August 29, 1947 in Moline, Illinois, the son of Kenneth and Leola (Brown) Simpson. He attended Mt. Carroll High School and graduated with the Class of 1965. Russ then went on to attend the Milwaukee School of Engineering, where he received his bachelor's degree. In 2015, Russ graduated from the UW Platteville with his master's degree in Business.

Russ married the love of his life Susan Madey in Bensenville, Illinois on May 1, 1983. Russ and Sue owned and operated the Coast to Coast, which later became the True Value in Mt. Carroll. Russ served as president on the board and worked for Jo-Carroll Energy in Elizabeth for many years. Most recently, Russ owned and operated Business Support Resources LLC in Mt. Carroll. He also taught online classes for the University of Illinois.

Russ was a member of the Palisades Amateur Radio Club, many will remember him signing off K9TI. He served on the Campbell Center Board in Mt. Carroll for many years. He enjoyed wood working and never missed the opportunity to teach leadership skills. Most of all, Russ cherished the moments that he spent watching his son's sporting events. He was Cory's biggest fan.

Russ will be dearly missed by his wife, Susan; son, Cory Simpson of Mt. Carroll; sister, Bonnie (Bob) Donnell of Sterling, Illinois; three brothers, Glenn (Linda) Simpson of Lewiston, Michigan, Junior (Nina) Simpson of Highland Park, Illinois, Kevin Simpson of Milledgeville, Illinois; father, Kenneth of Mt. Carroll; a sister-in-law, Barbara (Russ) Sauer of San Jose, California; and many nieces and nephews. Russ was preceded in death by his mother.

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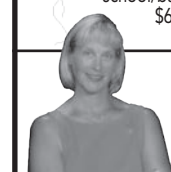
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Highland Community College seeks nominations for Daisy Faculty and Student Award in Nursing

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Highland Community College is seeking nominations now for The DAISY Faculty Award and for the DAISY in Training Award. The award is about celebrating nursing faculty and students for their inspirational influence on nurses of today and tomorrow.

The DAISY in Training Award is designed to remind students, even on the hardest days in nursing school, why becoming a nurse is an enriching career choice. It is for those students who exemplify the delivery of clinical care in a compassionate way to patients and their families.

The DAISY Faculty Award was established to provide colleges and schools of nursing, a national recognition program to demonstrate a commitment and influence on their students. The DAISY Foundation

recognizes faculty retention; engagement and a positive work environment. The faculty award program is about encouraging nursing faculty to continue teaching.

The DAISY Awards were established in memory of J. Patrick Barnes, who died at 33 from an auto-immune disease. The Barnes Family was awestruck by the clinical skills, caring, and compassion of the nurses who cared for Patrick. They created this national award to demonstrate appreciation to the faculty of nursing students and to say thank you.

Highland Community College believes that by recognizing faculty and students for going above-and-beyond care and compassion shown to patients and their families is what it truly means to be a nurse.

The deadline for nominations is May 1. For questions, contact Jessica Larson, RN, MSN, Nursing Faculty at 815-599-3452 or by email at jessica.larson@highland.edu. Nomination forms can be found at highland.edu.



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HCC Agriculture students Drew Groezinger, Olivia Kepner, Michelle Johnson, Carli Reeverts, Andrea Willing, and Stephanie Nadig (Back) Aaron Ackerman, Charlie Elliott visit the Pig Adventure at the Fair Oaks Farm in Kentucky.

Highland Community College Agriculture Club travels to national PAS Conference

Highland Community College Agriculture students recently participated in the National Post-Secondary Agriculture Students (PAS) Annual Conference March 13-16 at The Galt House in Louisville, Ky.

Eight students qualified to compete during the conference by placing at one of the two state-level contests held earlier in the year. PAS is a national student organization that provides opportunities for college agriculture students to experience individual growth, leadership and career preparation through competition and cooperative activities.

Congratulations to following Highland Agriculture students that competed at the national conference.

- Dairy Specialist Team consisting of Charlie Elliott (Dakota), Carli Reeverts (Winnebago), and Andrea Willing (Dakota), earned fourth place. Individually Charlie Elliott finished in eighth place

- Floriculture Specialist Team of Michelle Johnson (Stillman Valley) and Drew Groezinger (Stockton) finished in second place. Individually Drew Groezinger earned a second place and Michelle Johnson finished in fifth place..

- Drew Groezinger (Stockton), second place Floriculture Employment Interview

- Andrea Willing (Dakota), third Place in Dairy Production Employment Interview

- Stephanie Nadig (Stockton), fifth

place in Career Progress: Ruminant Animal Systems

- Aaron Ackerman (Pecatonica), fifth Place in AG Sales Presentation

- Olivia Kepner (Stockton), tenth place in Career Planning: Non-Ruminant Animal Systems

The Highland Agriculture Department would like to thank the State Bank of Freeport for their continued sponsorship of the Highland AG Club, The Growmark Community College Fund for helping sponsor our trip to the National PAS Conference, as well as our area high school agriculture programs and instructors who inspire our students to pursue their passion for agriculture.

To learn more about the HCC Agriculture Department please contact Justin Ebert justin.ebert@highland.edu or Monica Pierce monica.pierce@highland.edu.

Music fills the air at Highland with April spring concerts

April is the month of music with several concerts set to take place at Highland Community College's Fine Arts Theatre in the aFerguson Fine Arts Center located at 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, Ill.

The Highland Concert Band will perform their annual spring concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 in the Fine Arts Theatre. The Highland Concert Band is featuring two great American composers. The music of Vincent Persichetti and Aaron Copland will be the anchors for the concert. The Concert Band will play Persichetti's 1949 Diver-

timento and Copland's 1954 "The Promise of Living," from his Opera "The Tenderland."

Then the ensemble will spend time introducing the music of three contemporary composers: David Mislanka, Carl Holmquist, and Robert W. Smith. Mother Earth; Mislanka, Play; Holmquist, and Songs for Earth, Water, Fire, & Sky; Smith will celebrate spring, Mother Earth, and a promise of something fun to come.

The Big Band and the Royal

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Good Shepherd Lutheran

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather for worship on April 22, at Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to worship on this Fourth Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion. Following worship, there will be a special bake sale for a 4-H project which proceeds goes for Puerto Rico hurricane relief. All Sunday School children will gather for Sunday School Opening at 10:45 a.m. followed by learning, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

From 8–Noon, Sunday, April 22, there will be a pancake breakfast with sausage and drink, at Little John's, on Main Street, Pearl City. Cost will be \$5/per person, with proceeds going to the Youth Group for the National Youth Gathering in June.

On Wednesday April 25, 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! At 6:30pm on Wednesday Confirmation students in 7th-8th grade will meet for learning, fun, prayer, and fellowship

On Saturday April 28, Good Shepherd will be at Lena Food Pantry, at 4:30 p.m. the Men's Group will meet in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions call the church at 815-369-5552.

St John Lutheran Church

Caregivers' Support Group—Please join us for our Caregivers' Support Group on Wednesday, May 9, at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Group's goal is to provide emotional support, information, and resources to anyone who is a caregiver. If you need someone to help watch your loved one so you can attend our meeting, please contact The Friendship Center at 815-369-2690 and ask for Robin or Denise. The Friendship Center is an Adult Day Care in Lena which serves those who need assistance or can't be left alone and those who need respite care for their caregivers. It provides socialization, proper nutrition, and health monitoring. There is a nurse on staff every day, and we have a handicapped accessible bus and van for transportation. The Friendship Center is located in the old Mama Lena building at 311 N. Lake Road, Lena.

Relay For Life—St. John's Relay for Life team will participate on April 28, 2-5 p.m. at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds. During the day there will be food, DJ, games, and FUN!

My Friend's Closet (Thrift Shop)—As part of our remodeling and expansion, we will be closed from April 16-21 for painting and carpeting.

Worship schedule—Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.; Sundays at 8 and 10:30 p.m., with classes for children and adults from 9:15-10:15. The church is located on the west side of Lena at 625 Country Lane Drive. Please join us for worship this weekend.

St. John Lutheran Church to host breakfast

You're invited to join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City for worship on Sunday, April 22, at 9 a.m. for the fourth Sunday of Easter. After the worship, Sunday School and Confirmation students will meet at 10:15 a.m. The SPOTS (fifth and sixth grades) Youth group will meet at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 22.

The young people attending the National Youth Gathering this summer are having a Pancake and Sausage breakfast at Little John's in Pearl City on Sunday, April 22, from 8 a.m. til Noon. Cost is \$5/person. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

The 5th Quarter (seventh and eighth grades) will meet on Sunday, April 22, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth and Family Center. The Genesis (high school) youth group will meet from 7:30- 9 p.m. on Sunday in the Youth and Family Center. All youth are welcome to attend.

Brenda Hass, Pearl City, IL, won the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on April 11.

The Women's Gathering will meet on Tuesday, April 17, at St. John at 8:45 a.m. The morning will include a bible study, cleaning the kitchen and lunch. Sign-up on the bulletin board if you are able to help.

Bible Studies have resumed on Mondays 7 p.m. or on Thursday morn-

ings at 9:30 a.m. Both bible studies are held in the Conference Room and are open to members and non-members alike.

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.

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton to host Dinner and a Song

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vator available). The second dinner seating is at 7 p.m. The dinner and concert are \$20 - age 10 and younger, \$10. Reserved seating is recommended, as seating is limited. Purchase tickets from Mark & Shei-

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• **Concerts** (Continued from page 6)

Scots perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27, in the Fine Arts Center. The Royal Scots, Highland's premier vocal ensemble, will present pop tunes, contemporary jazz compositions by Jeremy Landig, and jazz standards, including a new arrangement by student Joseph Quiroz. The Highland Big Band will perform classic repertoire from the Stan Kenton, Count Basie, and Tonight Show Big Bands.

The Spring Orchestra concert is held April 29 at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre. The Highland Orchestra is in its second semester and will perform a variety of fun and accessible classical selections, including Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue (featuring Grace Cifonie on piano), Anderson's Typewriter (featuring Ian Hunter on typewriter), and two movements from Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite (including In the Hall of the Mountain King).

The Highland Youth Choir will

round out spring concerts with a performance at 6:30 p.m. on April 30 in the Fine Arts Theatre. The first half of the program will include a variety of songs including "A World of Music" by Teresa Jennings, Donald Moore's "Cantate Canon," and "Listen to the Rain" composed by Stephen Lawrence. The second half of the program will be a presentation of "HATS! A Musical That Celebrates What's Underneath" by John Jacobson and John Higgins.

The Chorale and Chamber Singers Concert and the Big Band and Royal Scots Concert are box office events. The other concerts are free. Order tickets by phone at 815-599-3718.

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Orangeville over powered by visiting Clippers

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The Orangeville Lady Broncos discovered what many other teams in the NUIC already have this year. The Amboy Clippers softball team registers a lot of hits each time they head out on the field. They also, consistently, get a lot of players involved when they do it.

This past Friday the 13th, luck wasn't with the visiting Broncos. The host Lady Clippers captured the NUIC meeting, 5-1, with nine hits logged into the game-book to support their afternoon's efforts.

Amboy hits a lot of line drive shots. On Friday they found a groove and then shared the wealth in the dug-out, with the results paying off at the plate.

The Clippers plated one in the first and then kept the scoring going through the first third of the game. Amboy built a 4-0 edge, before Orangeville got on the board.

The Clippers shutdown Oran-

geville in the first and then continued that trend well into the late innings of the game. The Lady Broncos wouldn't break through until the fifth inning. They scored once. Amboy held the 4-1 lead and eventually tacked on one additionally in the bottom of the sixth.

Kenzie Riemer had two hits in the 5-1 loss. She led her Lady Broncos with a double registered for her efforts. As a team Orangeville got on base five times, courtesy of the hit. They were the recipient of one Lady Clipper's miscue.

Hannah Holland was tagged with the loss for Orangeville. She gave up eight hits in her nearly six-innings pitched. She struck-out six and walked one in the game.

Earlier in the week, in the home-and-away series opener with Amboy, the Lady Broncos found just enough offense to hold back the Clippers and secure the Tuesday comeback win 7-6.

The Lady Clippers struck first in

the Tuesday loss to Orangeville. Two runs scored before the hosts took their first swings. When the Lady Broncos batted in the bottom of the inning, they cut their opening deficit in half, 2-1.

Amboy was held down in the second, but assured the same task wouldn't occur the next time up. Fortunate swings and advantageous outcomes helped produce two more runs as they held the 4-1 lead, with

Orangeville set to bat in the bottom of the third.

The Lady Broncos responded as they did in the first. They got one runner home to set up a possible one swing opportunity. The 4-2, third-inning deficit meant it might have to be a one-on and one-out style, but it did allow for possibilities to develop. They got things back under control in the home fifth where they scored the two they needed.

April opens with eighth-inning win for Panthers

By Chris Johnson
REPORTER

The first full month of games on the baseball diamonds for the Lena-Winslow Panthers began on April 2. It was a dramatic late-inning shut-down by Panthers pitchers that preserved the NUIC-West win over the Orangeville Broncos, 8-7, in eight innings.

There were a lot of concerns that the Panthers offense could run into some early trouble. Pitchers were hitting early strides. The visiting Broncos got the start they wanted and then added to it, before Lena-Winslow had a chance to try to level things out.

In the top of the second, the Broncos plated a single run and then shut-out Lena-Winslow in the bottom of the frame. Orangeville opened a stretch where it would see six runners cross to help pad the early advantage. With Orangeville in front 4-0 in the top of the third, the Panthers' bats got a few things

to drop.

Lena-Winslow scored three times and entered the fourth in "one-swing" distance, within one run, down 4-3. Orangeville, led by seniors Brenden Waters and Caden Getz, re-staked its claim on the edge moments later.

Two Broncos crossed in the top of the fourth and the lead was back to three in favor of the visitors, in front 6-3. The led grew a little more in the visitor's fifth.

Orangeville connected for an insurance run and entered the Panthers' home half of the fifth in front four scores, 7-3.

The Panthers took advantage of everything the visitors offered them after that. They plated run-after-run until three had taken permanent position on the game ledger. With the lead cut to one, 7-6, Orangeville was kept away from the plate. The shut-out performance through the final three innings pushed the game into the bottom of the eighth.

CTE Academy National Art Honor Society Annual Library Print Show

We're back with a brand-new theme and amazing prints. Artwork will be coming to a library near you the week of April 9 and be on display until the week of May 7. This year's theme is Rewind. NAHS members made work around the idea of going back in time.

Work will be on display at the following locations: Elizabeth Public Library, ETown Coffee, Galena Center for the Arts, Galena Public Library, Hanover Public Library, Mt. Carroll Public Library, Regional Office of Education (Freeport office), Savanna Public Library,

Scales Mound School Library, Stockton Public Library, Warren Public Library, York (Thomson) Public Library, and Chestnut Mountain Resort. Exact display dates will vary depending on the location.

All prints are on sale for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Proceeds to directly back to the National Art Honor Society. Exhibit brochures at each location will include an order form and instruction. For more information, contact chapter sponsor Irene Thraen-Borowski at irene@cte-academy.net or 815-858-2203 ext. 8.

Amboy scored once in the sixth and followed up the task in the seventh to tie the game at six. With half an inning of regulation to go, Orangeville completed the comeback attempt by a final score of 7-6.

This week's schedule opened on the road at Dakota on Tuesday, April 17 before turning home a day later to host Durand. Road matches carry the Lady Broncos into an April 27 meeting with Juda.

The Panthers produced the run they needed and completed the comeback attempt with the 8-7, extra-inning decision. Lena-Winslow got a lot of extra help in the NUIC win. Orangeville committed five errors. In comparison, the hosts were only charged with three mishaps.

The Broncos pitching got better results early. Orangeville's offense was able to connect nine times in support of their seven runs scored. Lena-Winslow was credited with three hits in the game. A lot of free passes were also acted upon in the Monday winner.

The April-opening win preceded some days of fairly-unplayable conditions as the Panthers prepared for a stretch that saw them open out of the conference, against Big Northern representative Oregon on Saturday, April 14. A date that saw many games across the area forced to be re-scheduled.

Attention turned to the NUIC this week with an away and home series with the Galena Pirates beginning on Tuesday, April 17 and wrapping up on Thursday, April 19.

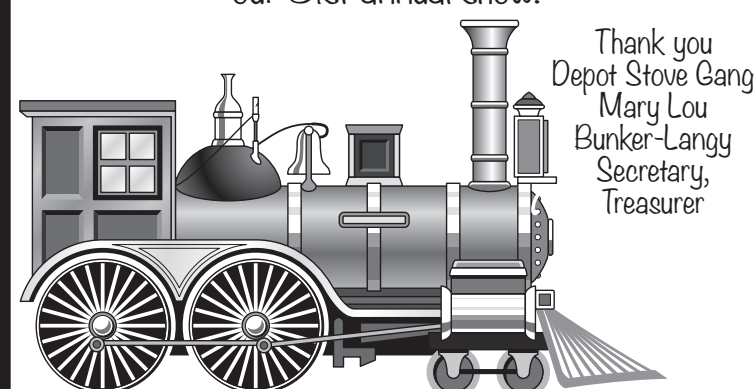
Matches with Dakota and East Dubuque help the spring season move through the later days of April.

Women's slow pitch league looking for players

The Lena Women's Slow Pitch League is inviting players (women 18 years or older) or teams from Lena and the surrounding areas to join. Games are played on Thursday nights at Dodd's Park in Lena beginning May 17. Please contact Louise Workinger for more information or to sign up. 815-369-4823

The Lena Depot Stove Gang would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to the following:
Lena-Winslow Community School District; Lena Community Park District; Pearl City Schools for letting us use their floor covering; Scott Baldauf, Jodie Bonebright, and Louis Bunker for letting the club use their property for our large signs; Lena Lions; Dave & June Bergeman for our sign storage; Stockton Boy Scouts; Alec and Trevor Aurand; Dennis and Amber Griepentrag and family for helping set up tables and taking them down on Sunday night plus outside signs; Doug and Ryan Wybourn for cleaning and removing all of the floor coverings. Last but not least our 3 gym organizers: Dan Langy, Nate Howe, Dan Smunt and Chris Brinker. Also for Ben Mayer helping Mary Lou with her many odd jobs plus our club members. The delicious food from our Le-Win Music Boosters.

Our 30th show would not be possible without all the community support. See everyone in 2019 for our 31st annual show.



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LEGALS

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 20th, 2018 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business know as **Oak Leaf Home Company, LLC** located at **10902 N. Wachlin Road, McConnell IL 61050**

Dated March 20th, 2018

/s/ **VICI R. OTTE**

Vici R. Otte

Stephenson County Clerk

by **MELISSA LUY**

Deputy

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On April 19, 2018 at 9:00 am, a meeting conducted by the Lena-Winslow School District will take place in the District Board Room at 401 Fremont St, Lena, IIL. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the District's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2018-19 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Lena-Winslow School District, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Superintendent Dr. Tom Chiles at 815-369-3100.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF STEPHENSON

In the Matter of the Estate of CATHERINE A. KOSSIAN, Deceased

CASE NO. 14 P 81

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON, STATE OF ILLINOIS, a probate estate captioned In the Matter of the Estate of CATHERINE A. KOSSIAN, Deceased, No. 2014-P-81 is pending and PUBLICATION NOTICE IS

HEREBY GIVEN MITCHELL J. LACH OR HIS HEIRS that you are entitled to receive and approve the Final Inventory and Accounting of the Estate and the Final Report of the Independent Representative. UNLESS MITCHELL J. LACH OR HIS HEIRS shall file an appearance in said case with the office of the STEPHENSON County, Clerk of the Circuit Court, 15 N Galena Ave, Freeport, IL 61032 on or before MAY 30, 2018, AN ORDER APPROVING THE FINAL INVENTORY AND ACCOUNTING AND THE FINAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ENTERED AND MITCHELL J. LACH AND/OR HIS HEIRS WILL BE DEFAULTED AND BOUND THEREBY. This notice prepared by Attorney Glen R. Weber, Mateer, Goff & Associates, 401 West State Street, Suite 400, Rockford, IL 61101; tel (815) 965-7745; Gweber@mateerlawfirm.com.

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

The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee (CWABS 2005-12)

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

William Lucas; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

18 CH 2

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 3/27/2018, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on June 1, 2018 at the hour of 9:30AM at Stephenson County Courthouse

15 North Galena Avenue

1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 11 IN BLOCK 30 IN KNOWLTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF FREEPORT AND RUNNING THENCE EASTERLY ON

AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 11, 96 FEET, THENCE NORTH 50 FEET, THENCE WESTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 99.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO WALNUT STREET, THENCE SOUTHERLY ON AND ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN 18-14-31-409-003

Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 807 South Walnut Street Freeport, IL 61032

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

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

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

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

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

of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-17-18394.

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Illinois living organ donor seeks to raise awareness, help set Guinness World Record

By Joan Henderson
CORRESPONDENT

My name is Joan Henderson. I am writing you to inform you of an event taking place this week.

More than 250 living organ donors have already registered for an unprecedented event on Saturday, April 21, in Chicago and I plan to be among them.

By doing so, I will help organizers set a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of living organ donors in history. The meet-up, known as the Guinness World Record Attempt: Living Donor Rally, will happen at Millennium Park's Cloud Gate, the bean-shaped sculpture that is known as "The Bean."

Even more significantly, we are aiming to raise awareness of the significant need for living donors. The event is happening during National Donate Life Month.

So far, donors from nearly 40 states and from as far away as India have registered to come to the gathering. (Others from the area may also be participating in the event, too.)

Although roughly half of all American adults have registered to be organ donors upon their death, it's not nearly enough. According to the American Transplant Foundation, more than 120,000 people in the United States are waiting for organ transplants and on an average day, about 20 people die while waiting for a transplant.

Kidneys are the most commonly transplanted organ—and the most in need.

A little about my story:

I donated my bone marrow in January, 2017 at the university of Madison Wisconsin cancer center to my mother Sue Roberts who was diagnosed with acute leukemia in 2016.

From my perspective, the best part about being a donor is the ability to extend another's life for a day a week a month a year or longer. I enjoyed spending the time we had left together and wished I could have had many years instead of months with my mother. I was very happy my cells could extend her life longer than without the transplant. It's still hard to lose a love one under any circumstances. Cherishing the time together is what gives us strength.

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If you are interested in following up with me, please let me know and I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have. My contact information is at the bottom of this email, and I also have photos from my experience that I can share.

Another individual you may wish to contact is Laurie Lee, an organ donor and co-coordinator of the Guinness World Record attempt. Laurie is at laurie@swiftpassport.com and 312-927-7655.

More about "The Bean":

British artist Sir Anish Kapoor's design of the Bean was inspired by liquid mercury and the sculpture's

surface reflects and distorts the city's skyline.

"Because the bean resembles the human kidney, it's quite meaningful to those in the transplant community," said event co-organizer Laurie Lee. "What better place to meet than at the world's largest kidney? We want to connect, support, celebrate, and inspire others to consider living organ donation as an option."

Tickets for the event are \$10 for donors, \$20 for family and friends. Kids are free!

Proceeds from ticket sales will start a living organ donor fund for

Lena Live Wires meet

By Krista KEENE
CLUB REPORTER

The Lena Live Wires April 9, 4-H meeting was held at St John's Lutheran Church in Lena IL. The pledges were led by Hannah Pecoraro. Madi Schierloh led the roll call and the question was, "What is your favorite cookie?" Madi Schierloh read the Secretary's report, and Sheila Keene gave the Treasurer's report. There was a motion to approve the minutes with corrections made by Krista Keene. Isabella Forbes seconded the motion. Under old business we discussed the Pork Chop Dinner that was held on Sunday April 8. We will be having our archery night on April 27 in Freeport. Under new business we talked about donating a medallion for the fair. For all those interested in public speaking, the signup deadline is April 20. The next meeting will be May 14, at the Lena Friendship Center and we will be planting flowers. Our snack for the next meeting will be ice cream from the Lena Drive-In. Madi Schierloh did a talk on horses. Isabella Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Madi seconded the motion.

NOTICE FOR INVITATION TO BID FOR A NEW MUNICIPAL SKID LOADER

The Village of Lena desires to purchase a new skid loader and accepting written, sealed bids through May 10, 2018, at Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., PO Box 607, Lena, IL 61048. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with "Skid Loader" clearly marked on the envelope. Skid Loader specifications may be obtained at the Lena Village Hall.

The bid opening will be at the Village Board Meeting on May 14, 2018 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL. Bidders need not be present.

By submitting a bid, each bidder agrees that they will comply with all the applicable state and local statutes and ordinances which apply to the bidding of this equipment including but not limited to bid rigging and anti-collusion statutes. The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids at its own exclusive option.

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More background

about the event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/living-donors-meeting-to-attempt-guinness-world-record-tickets-41312598093>

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Consigned items can be brought in on Friday April 20th, 8 am till 8 pm, Sat April 21st, 7 am. To 6pm. DOORS CLOSE, GATE CLOSED AT 6PM!!!! **NO CONSIGNMENTS SALE DAY. NO BUY BACK FEE!!** All titled items must be accompanied by title or proof of title, and \$25 non-refundable doc fee. Any Freon based items require \$15.00 sign in fee. No used tires, old non-digital TV's, glass, storm windows, microwaves, truck toppers and bed liners, used tires. Firemen reserve the right to refuse consignments due to saleable condition or usefulness. WE WILL NOT BE YOUR DUMPSTER!!!! Not responsible for consigned items that do not show up sale day. Call to be sure it's here! Always lots more not advertised.

MOWERS, ATV, YARD AND GARDEN, ETC.: (sell at 12:30 start with weeders, cutters, snowblowers, etc.) JD 345, 20hp, 48" deck, 275 hrs, JD snow blade and wheel wts., from Fullerton Estate. New JD 160 & 155, hydro, 48" decks, full warranty; JDX390, 48" hydro, p.s. and hyd lift; JD LT 180, 42" hydro; CC LGTX 1054, hydro, 54" deck; CC LTX 1046 hydro, 46", bagger and 42" snowblower/chains; Toro 16hp, 38" hydro; Toro 50" zero turn; White 18.5 hp w/42" deck; JD D120 42" hydro, 110 hrs, uses oil, mechanics buddy; 17 ft alum canoe; 42" 2-Agri-Fab lawn sweepers; Minnkota V2 Power drive trolling motor; CC 1050 LT 50" hydro; 5 hp chipper; JD lawn cart; 2-Troy blit rear tine 5hp roto tiller; 8 hp Briggs Horizontal shaft engine; 42" JD blade; Swisher 60" pull mower w/5 hp motor; 98 JD 4x2 gator, 600 hrs; White 18.5 hp w/46" deck, 3 bag system attach.; MTD 2 stage snowblower; E-ton 4 wheeler; Toro Z Master commercial Z-turn 60" mower; X Mark Vintage stand-on 60; 2008 Yamaha Nitro snowmobile, 1049c; X-Mark Turf Tracer 60" walk behind.

VEHICLES, BOATS, CYCLES, TRAILERS(sell approx. 10:30). 1987 Lazy N 22' GN 2 horse trailer, tack room, living quarters, heat, stove, water; Box of Harley Parts; 2002 Pontiac Montana, dependable; 99 GMC suburban 1500, good tires, leather, loaded, fresh tune up; 2005 Ford Taurus, 4 door, 77k actual, gramma's car; 2003 Chev Trailblazer, LTZ, ex cond, 174K; 14 fishing boat w/hp motor and trailer; 99 Dodge Dakota, 2wd, ex cab, new tires; Star Craft Medalist 1500 open bow runabout, Merc 60 out board, trailer; DMI chrome bumper, fits full Chevy; 1994 Olds Cutlass convertible, 127k, red, leather, 4.3 V-6, Arkansas car, no rust; JD Spitfire 400 snowmobile; 2003 Dodge Dakota ex cab, 4x4, 75k, V-6; bikes; 2007 Isuzu 16' box truck w/ lift gate, new manifold and air bag suspension, 200k; 99 Ford F-250, 7.3 dsl, 189k, 4x4, ex cab, 6 sp man, 8' single wheel flatbed, 6" lift.

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presenter of Norwegian-American heritage programs. The program is about the Norwegian immigrant experience crossing the Atlantic on a "coffin ship" and specifically about one of Glenn's ancestor families and their struggle to begin a new life in America. A Norwegian display will be provided by the Monroe Ostestaden Lodge of the Sons of Norway.

The meeting will be held in the second floor meeting room of the Monroe Public Library at 925 16 Avenue. You don't need to be a member to attend. Call Sharon Mitchell (815-868-2416) or Donna Kjendlie (608-921-1537) if you have questions. Please leave a mes-

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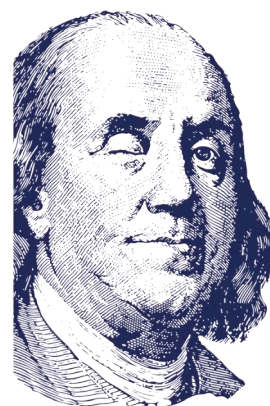
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