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SOS+ salutes singing cowboys

On Thursday, May 9, at 2 p.m., the SOS+ program will be a "Salute to Singing Cowboys." And who else is most qualified to present this program, but our very own Carolyn and Al Mysliwiec. The program will begin at 2 p.m. in Calvary United Methodist Fellowship Hall in Stockton. We invite all seniors of Stockton and the surrounding areas to join the festivities. The Mysliwiecs live on a horse ranch just north of Stockton, IL where they live and love the cowboy lifestyle. They invite you to come enjoy their program, and encourage you to dust off your cowboy boots and come dress in cowboy or cowgirl fashion. There will have a prize for the best dressed cowboy and the best dressed cowgirl.

Carolyn will share the history of the most popular singing western heroes like Roy Rogers & Dale Evans and Gene Autry and other cowboys/cowgirls of the era. The rodeo industry of today grew in popularity because of the influence of the cowboys of the 50's movies and Western TV shows. Carolyn noted that many rodeo cowboys of the past and of today came to be cowboys because of legends like Roy Rogers & Gene Autry.

With Al, his guitar, and his wife, Carolyn at his side, the SOS+ group not only will enjoy a bit of cowboy history, but also be entertained with some good old country western music of days gone by. Step back into time, join us for a fun afternoon. Carolyn invites anyone who would like to participate in the singing, to come 20 minutes early and sing back-up to some of their songs. She also noted that a few extra cowboy hats & vests will be available to anyone who want to borrow them for the meeting. Have your cameras ready as Carolyn will bring her life-size cut-out of Gene Autry if you want a photo taken next to Gene.

Join us for a relaxing day of old time country music favorites. A time of fellowship and refreshments will

follow the program.

The Stockton SOS+ (Senior Outreach of Stockton and surrounding areas) is made up of volunteers working together to provide interesting programs and fellowship to our seniors. In its 15th year, SOS+ continues to provide fellowship and interesting programs for all seniors of our surrounding areas. There is no costs and all area seniors and residents are most welcome. A free will offering is taken at each meeting which helps in providing interesting and educational programs throughout the year. Volunteers are much needed. If you would like to volunteer to help or volunteer to entertain or have a story of interest to share, please let us know. Fifteen years later, "SOS+" is going strong.

For more information on SOS+ or this special event, please feel free to call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639. If you are in need of a ride to the church, please call. We would be more than happy to accommodate you.



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Annual band and chorus event

The Stockton band competed in the Organizational Competition for Band and Chorus on April 12 and 13 and scored ones in their events.

Wildcats earn blowout victory

By Trent Scheidegger
REPORTER

The River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats traveled to South Beloit last Friday as the Wildcats made quick work of their opponent. They jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning Underwood singled to center field to bring in Shetler and Patterson. Not long after Landwer walked with the bases loaded to bring in the final run of the inning.

They extended their lead even further in the second inning when the offense exploded for seven runs. It all started with a pair of walks which allowed Patterson to single bringing in two runs to give them a

5-0 lead. South Beloit struggled on the mound as four straight walks allowed the Wildcats to extend their lead with ease as before they knew it, they were up 8-0. Finally, a pair of singles by Shetler and Wurster pushed their lead to 10-0 as they went into the third inning.

After being up 11-1 heading into the fifth inning the Wildcats made the ten-run rule a sure thing with

another five runs in the top of the fifth inning as they eventually went on to win by a score of 16-1.

The Wildcats out hit South Beloit 12-2 in route to their blowout victory. Alex Nesbit went three for three on the day while scoring three runs, while Shetler and Wurster both went two for three and drove in two rbi's each. Patterson also went one for two with two rbi's and scoring

another two.

Micah Knauer started the game on the mound and earned the win going three innings while striking out six and giving up zero hits. James Sullivan finished the game pitching the final two innings while allowing just two hits and striking out four as the Wildcats went home with the victory. They are now an impressive 12-6 on the season.

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CTE students learn to cook with local food

A recent collaboration between Jo Daviess Local Foods (JDLF) and the CTE Academy in Elizabeth brought local food to the culinary arts program.

Emily Nicolin, instructor of the culinary arts class at CTE, contacted Erin Keyser, administrator of JDLF, requesting help to teach the students about local food. Keyser visited the class on April 4th and talked about the numerous benefits of local food, as well as the career opportunities in markets like JDLF.

Inspired by Nicolin's dedication to introducing students to local food, JDLF farmers donated a variety of food for the class to use in their meals. Food included ground beef from Plum River Farm, eggs from Tom & Beth O'Toole, beef brisket and whole chickens from Arnold's Farm, garlic and grains from Hazard Free Farm, and herbs and micro-greens from Driftless Natural Health.

Nicolin said, "The culinary students at the CTE Academy are excited to receive a large food donation and support for their education from JDLF! Learning to cook with local, fresh ingredients was high on the list of priorities for the students. However,

the budget doesn't always allow for such. We will be using the food to explore recipes, help feed other students in the CTE Academy, during the site visit for the construction trades, and during the end of year celebration for the NHS Seniors.



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Stockton students witness a mock traffic accident as a learning experience in advance of prom night.



Traffic crashes are a leading cause of death for teenagers, primarily due to inexperience behind the wheel, poor seat belt use and risk-taking behaviors such as speeding and distracted driving.



The deadly mock post-prom tragedy included a lifeless teenage girl wearing a blood-splattered shirt in a demolished car, while her distraught and intoxicated date was questioned by first responders.



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Drive safe on prom night

Stockton students and area first responders staged a mock accident Friday.



With prom night approaching, area EMS agencies put on a mock car wreck to show high school students the dangers of drunk and or distracted driving.

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A simulated fatal car crash was depicted in horrifying detail at Stockton High School.



For the Stockton students gathered in the high school parking lot to witness Friday's mock accident the simulated fatality conveyed an unflinchingly realistic portrayal of the tragic consequences of driving while distracted or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



Drive safe on prom night

A mock crash is also meant to serve as a reminder for parents and guardians to talk to their teens about the consequences of irresponsible driving behavior.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

ELDON E. RACKOW

Eldon E. Rackow, age 89 of Orangeville, IL, went to be with the love of his life on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in Monroe, WI. He was born on Dec. 8, 1929 in Buena Vista, IL, the son of Lester Rackow and Edna (Kortman) Rackow. Eldon married the love of his life, Lucille Miller on Oct. 29, 1950 in Freeport, IL. Eldon and Lucille farmed all their lives in the Orangeville area and Eldon drove milk truck for numerous years. He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, formerly known as Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church in Monroe, WI. He enjoyed square dancing, bowling, church activities, and spending time with his family farming. Eldon was a board trustee member of the Oneco Township.

Eldon is survived by his children-Daryl Rackow of McConnell, IL, Diane (Tom) Low of South Carolina, Cindy Rackow of Orangeville, IL, Laurie (Alan) Boeck of Monroe, WI, and Tim (Lisa) Rackow of Monroe, WI; 11 grandchildren- Jesse, Dan, Brandy, Chris, Sherrie, Cheryl, Jim Jr., Jordan, Mike, Erica, and Jennifer; 26 great-grandchildren, 2 siblings-Violet Witt of Freeport and Le Owen (Joyce) Rackow of Lena, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lucille in 2015, two siblings- Leo Rackow and Melvin Rackow.

Funeral services were held April 29, at the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Monroe, WI.

A visitation was April 28, at the Cramer-Leamon Funeral Home in Orangeville, IL.

Officiating was Pastor Andrew Ewings.

Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery in Freeport, IL.

Luncheon will follow at the church.

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

GREG SHIPPEE

Greg Shippee, Huntington Beach, CA passed away Saturday, March 9th, 2019 surrounded by family. He was born Nov. 17, 1958 in Freeport,

IL. He was the son of Willard and Jean Shippee.

Greg graduated from Lena-Winslow High School and Western Illinois University. He moved to California after graduation and started a career with McDonnell Douglas then Boeing, which was a job that he loved. He enjoyed going to concerts, especially Bob Dylan and spending time with his two rescue dogs. He loved his family so much as well as his church, St. Peters by the Sea in Huntington Beach where he filled many rolls. He is survived by his father Willard Shippee, sisters Pat (Rich) Daughenbaugh, Pam Shippee and Rhonda Scheider (Bill Henning), nieces and nephews Jeremy (Kym) Daughenbaugh, Jodi (Tim) Watter, Brian Scheider & Stacey Scheider along with great-nieces and nephews Taylor Dawson, Zach Watter, Ashley Watter & Trevor Dawson. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jean Shippee. A service will be held at a later date. A memorial has been established in his name.

JERRY D. MCNETT

Jerry D. McNett, age 51 of Warren, IL, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2019, surrounded by his loving family after fighting stage four colon cancer for the past two years and five months. He was born Sept. 1, 1967; the son of the late William and Doris (Disrud) McNett. Jerry married the love of his life, Lisa Bailey on May 25, 1991.

Jerry worked at Merkle Korff for 12 years and then Carter Motors for several years. In everything Jerry did, he did it to his fullest extent. He lived and breathed for his wife and kids. Jerry made the time and found the energy to spend every moment he could with his family and friends. Jerry was multifaceted, he was a talented artist, a poet, a pool shark, an athlete and a comedian. He enjoyed

playing basketball, throwing a ball around, fishing and playing bags every summer. One of his favorite pastimes was sitting around a campfire, drinking a cold beer and telling jokes for hours on end. Jerry was a bright spot on the lives of everyone he met and he will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa McNett of Warren; daughter, Jessica (Cory) Newingham of Monroe, WI; son, Jerod McNett, Jr.; Sisters, Joyce (Jack) Becke of Freeport, Janice (John) Bauch of Freeport, Jeanne (Ralph) Stietz of Gratiot, WI, Joleen (Butch) Thommen of Warren, Jewel (Tim Ditsworth) McNett of Benton, WI, Diane (Phil) Mays, Amy Gutzmer, Martha (Mike) Dunlavy, Linda (Jim) Johnsen, Paula (Tom) Mozoski, and Mary Kuehl; brothers, Richard (Kathy) McNett of Lena, IL, Ronald McNett of Freeport, IL, James (Tammy Ihou) McNett of Shullsburg, WI, Greg (Cindy) McNett, Mark (Shay) McNett, Jeff (Vicki) McNett, Bill McNett, Dale (Karina) McNett, and Steve (Gritley) McNett; and many nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Roger & Pete; sister, Jackie Hermann; nephew, Chase McAuliffe; and sister-in-law, Colleen McNett.

A celebration of Jerry's life was held on Saturday, April 27, at the Apple River Event Center. A time of fellowship will follow throughout the evening. A memorial fund has been established in his name. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MARION I. GUENZLER

Marion I. Guenzler, age 84 of Massbach, IL passed away Sunday, April 21, 2019 at Mercy Medical Center in Dubuque, IA. He was born Sept. 9, 1934 at the home farm in Massbach to the late Edmund and Ella (Hess) Guenzler. Marion married Joyce Endress on April 17, 1959 at St. John Lutheran Church of Massbach.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Massbach and served in the U.S Army from 1957 to 1959. Marion lived and breathed

farming. He farmed his family dairy farm his whole life and collected model tractors. Marion was a family man and was so proud of his family, especially his children.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Guenzler of Massbach, IL; his daughters, Lisa Sisti of Williamsville, IL, Julie (Michael) Yuswak of Savanna, IL, and Joy (Matt) Hoffman of Chatham, IL; his son, Dennis (Maggie) of Elizabeth, IL; his sister, Marlys Zink of Warren, IL; and his brother, Ivan (Kathy) Guenzler of Stockton, IL; his grandchildren, Jonathan and Tyler Sisti, Benjamin Yuswak, Rebecca (Josue) Quintana, Jacob (Chelsea) Guenzler, Marie Bender, Sarah (Cody Johnson) Guenzler, Ella and Ava Hoffman; his great grandchildren, Elizabeth and Blaine. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Irma Beyer, Loris Beyer, and Edna Hickman.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, April 25, at St. John Lutheran Church of Massbach. There was a visitation before the service. Interment will take place at St. John Cemetery in Massbach. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MARY DIFFENDERFER

Mary Diffenderfer, age 81 of Winslow, IL, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 20, 2019, at her home. Mary was born on Sept. 15, 1937, in Freeport, Illinois. She was the daughter of Robert and Zelda (Pierce) Garnhart. Mary graduated from Pearl City High School.

On July 31, 1955, she married the love of her life Richard Diffenderfer. They were married for 63 years. She enjoyed anything they were doing, as long as they were doing it together.

Mary ran a home daycare for many years. She enjoyed teaching children to color and learn their numbers be-

fore going off to kindergarten.

Mary loved family get-togethers and watching everyone have fun. She also loved sports. For many years, she enjoyed cheering on the Orangeville Broncos.

She is survived by her husband Richard Diffenderfer of Winslow; children, Rhonda (Jim) Wessels of McConnell; Tammy (Steve) Webster of Dakota; Mark (Kathy) Diffenderfer of McConnell; and Todd (Jodi) Diffenderfer of Lena. Mary has been blessed with 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren that will miss her dearly.

Mary was preceded in death by their son Scott Diffenderfer; parents Robert and Zelda Garnhart; and Richard's parents Charles and Edna Diffenderfer.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 26, at the Grace Free Methodist church in McConnell, IL.

A visitation was on Thursday, April 25, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL.

Pastor Richard Broburg performed the services.

Burial will be at Silent Hill Cemetery in McConnell, IL.

A memorial has been established in her memory.

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

STEPHEN C. FAHR

Stephen C. Fahr, age 70 of Winslow, IL, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2019 at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, IL. He was born May 13, 1948 in Freeport, the son of Edgar and Marion (Wenzel) Fahr. Stephen married Lucinda "Cindy" Duerst on Aug. 10, 1974 at Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello, WI. He graduated in the class of 1966 from Lena-Winslow High School. He graduated from

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On Sunday, May 5, at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, Rev. Randal Nicholas will present the sermon, "Neuroplasticity," preaching from Acts 9:1-20. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children is at 9:30 a.m. Church Council will meet at the church on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at the Beltline Café, 325 W. South St., in Freeport.

St. John's Lutheran Church (Pearl City)

You're welcome to attend worship on the Third Sunday of Easter on May 5, at 9 a.m. for Rogation Sunday. Bring your seeds to be blessed during the worship service. The Prayer Shawl Ministry and the Property Committee will meet after worship in Luther Hall. Sunday School, Confirmation and Young Adult Hour will also meet after worship.

The Men's Breakfast will be at Brother's Inn at Lanark at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1. Join in on the fun with Mexican Train Dominoes on Tuesday, May 7 at 9 a.m.

The Monday Evening (7 p.m.) and the Thursday Morning (9:30 a.m.) Bible Studies have resumed. The bible studies are open to members and non members alike.

Congratulations to the Chad & Deb Bremmer, Pearl City, IL, for winning the the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on April 21.

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.

Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches

The Willow/Kent United Methodist Churches will worship together Sunday, May 5, at Willow UMC at 9am. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be bringing the message. All are invited and welcome to stay for fellowship.

We also have special guests that will give a presentation on their powerful local law enforcement ministry. Pastor Floyd and Diana West will talk about the positive impact it is having by encouraging those in this dangerous and many times unappreciated occupation. All are invited and welcome to this time too.

Willow UMC is located seven miles SE of Stockton, IL on Willow RD. For more information please call Pastor Chuck at 815-947-2541.

When is the best time to plan your funeral?

Pre-need vs at-need. Do you want your wishes known or have you ever experienced the untimely death of a loved one and didn't know where to turn for help? Volunteer Visitors of Northwest Illinois May Community Education meeting will be "When is the Best Time to Plan Your Funeral"

held on Tuesday, May 14, 10 a.m. in our office located at 105 S. Main Street in downtown Stockton.

Our guest speaker will be Briana Saunders, Funeral Director at Leamon's Funeral Home in Lena. She will explain what a person should do before, during and after a funeral. If you have any questions about funeral planning, this is the time to ask them.

Please register for the event as seating is limited. Reservations can be made by phoning Volunteer Visitors of NW IL at 815-947-3260 by Monday, May 13.

Monroe Clinic celebrates five-star Medicare rating

Monroe Clinic is one of only 293 hospitals nationwide to achieve a 5-star ranking from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in a review process that included over 4,500 hospitals.

"Our position among the top 7% of hospitals across the nation is not just a matter of having very talented people," shared Monroe Clinic President Mike Sanders, "it is a matter of those talented people being dedicated to pursuing excellence and improvement in all areas of their work. It's their diligence in the daily tasks as well as the strategic initiatives."

CMS has been providing the Hospital Compare tool on its website, Medicare.gov, since 2005. The database allows visitors to enter a zip code then search and compare rat-

ings from area hospitals. The tool includes an overall star rating of each hospital, as well as individual ratings for specific quality factors, including patient experience, safety, effectiveness of care, patient re-admissions, efficient use of medical imaging, timeliness of care, and mortality.

The CMS system uses a star rating similar to that used by hotels, restaurants and other service industries where consumers choose a high number of stars to indicate the best experience possible.

The 2019 CMS designation by ranking of the 4500 hospitals breaks out as follows:

- One star (lowest performing): 282 hospitals
- Two stars: 800 hospitals

- Three stars: 1,264 hospitals
- Four stars: 1,086 hospitals
- Five stars (highest performing): 293 hospitals

Such achievement recognitions serve an important purpose in the healthcare industry, says Chelsea Hardacre, and Monroe Clinic Quality Director. Hardacre explains the Hospital Compare database has a direct and multi-dimensional impact on patients and the care they receive.

"The 5-star rating system helps empower patients to understand health care performance through a truly objective lens," said Hardacre. "We are gratified to have the hard work of Monroe Clinic recognized by CMS. We hope our patients further recognize how those efforts positively affect their own care."

Lena Living Center to host wellness author

On May 4, Lena Living Center is excited to bring an award-winning author, organic wellness expert, and certified mind-body health/Ayurveda educator Mary Beth Janssen to our Books & Bling Event. Mary Beth will share insights from her new book, The Book of Self Care: Remedies for Healing Mind, Body and Soul.

Mary Beth was personally trained by Deepak Chopra, M.D. and partner David Simon M.D. She has shared the same stage with the

likes of Dr. Mehmet O, Bob Greene and Sue Orman among others. Mary Beth writes a popular column, "Ask the Organic Wellness Expert" for Organic Spa Magazine and has authored eight books.

Come join us for this free event at Lena Living Center LLC 1010 S. Logan Street Lena, Illinois on Saturday, May 4 from 2 until 5 p.m. Copies of her new book will be available for purchase and signing. This would make a wonderful Mother's Day gift, Graduation gift

or Teachers Appreciation gift. Mimosas and petite desserts will be served

If you or someone you know would benefit from hearing more about enhancing your consciousness and compassion and learn guidance on practices to nurture yourself plan to attend this notable event. You will laugh, lighten up and learn new tools to help you create a healthier and happier you.

Reservations are required to attend this event. Call Lena Living Center at 815-821-3512 OR 708-417-2911 through Wednesday May 1.

Monroe Clinic sponsors mental health first aid training

As part of Monroe Clinic's commitment to improved mental health in our community, Monroe Clinic is offering two Mental Health First Aid Courses. There will be trainings on Tuesday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Church, 2702 5th Street, Monroe, Wis. and Tuesday, May 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Senior Resource Center-Activities Center, 206 E. Stephenson St., Freeport, Ill.

Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a mental health crisis, by connecting

them with appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course - first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, caring citizens. The cost to attend is \$25. Lunch is provided.

Research shows that you are more likely to encounter someone - friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or member of the community - in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Learn the signs to help. Email Tammie Jamiska at tammie.jamiska@ssmhealth.com to register.

Birth

Samson Anthony Flores

Sammuel and Samantha Flores of Oak Harbor, Washington are pleased to announce the birth of their new son Samson Anthony born Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the Naval Hospital Oak Harbor Oak Harbor. Grandparents are Jodi Schubert of Oak Harbor, WA., Sylvia & Richard of CA. Great grandparents are Jim & Judy Schubert of Stockton, IL, David & Pamela Bernal of CA., Patsy Flores of CA., and Sylvia Cano of CA. Great great grandmother is Irene Schubert of Stockton, IL.



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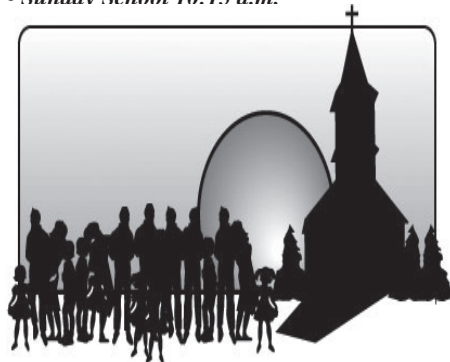
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Carroll/Jo Daviess County cancer survivors honored

By Bev Lundquist

CARROLL CO. CANCER RELAY FOR LIFE COMMITTEE

One hundred seventeen cancer survivors, spouses, caretakers, and guests joined the "Angels Among Us" to help fight cancer at the recent Relay for Life Cancer Survivor celebration and dinner. The survivors were greeted outside by Steve & Char Behrens with their giant bubbles. Each survivor was given an angel that they could take home. Following a delicious meal, the group was entertained by "His Angels", a singing group from Chadwick and Lanark. Betty Clementz, cancer survivor and active in the Whiteside County Relay for Life, talked about being a cancer survivor and of the help available through the American Cancer Society.

Many businesses, organizations, and individuals contributed to this very successful dinner. The survivor committee would like to say a "big thank you" to the Mt. Carroll Church of God for the use of their facility, to all of those contributing food, monetary contributions, and helping in any way to honor these survivors. A job well done!

To all cancer survivors - we want to remind you that we have another

event planned for Saturday, June 8, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church/Antl Hall in Savanna, when the Relay for Life Event - Survivor Victory Lap will be held. The

Relay gets underway at 5 p.m. and will run until 9 p.m. The Relay is open to the public and we encourage everyone to come and help in our fight against cancer!



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Betty Clementz, spoke at the relay dinner, is a cancer survivor, and active with Whiteside County Relay for Life; Pat Townsend, Stockton, and Kris Eden, Pearl City are on the Relay for Life Committee.

Highland Spring Orchestra Concert offers melodies and classics

Enjoy a night of springtime melodies and music of the classics with the Spring Orchestra Concert Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre at the Ferguson Fine Arts Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill.

Under the direction of Brandon Lamm, the orchestra will perform the Overture to Handel's "Royal Fireworks Suite," "Gymnopedie #1" by Satie, "St. Paul's Suite" by Holst, Mozart's "Symphony #40," plus a collection of western movie themes called "Go West."

Lamm states, "From Mozart to classic Westerns, this concert is full of great themes, all rich with character."

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information visit highland.edu.

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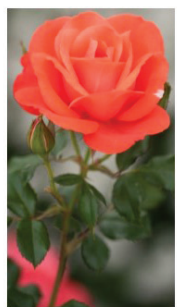
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Stockton Strong hosts 'Decades' family fun run

Are you looking for an excuse to dress in groovy or outrageous decades attire? Then join us for the fourth annual Family Fun Run hosted by Stockton Strong on Friday evening, May 3 with our "decades" theme. The event is designed for families of all ages to enjoy activity as they work together to complete the two-mile run with obstacle course.

For the last three years, families and participants have joined us at Stockton Memorial Park for a wonderful start to the weekend. Families with children of all ages are asked to dress for their favorite decade and participate in the fun before, during and after the event.

"We just want to provide activities that families can do together in our area. Stockton Strong is working to make family events more available in our community and the fun run has the added bonus of getting everyone outside for what will hopefully be a lovely spring evening," said event coordinator Kate McPeck.

Participants are encouraged to register for the event in advance so everyone will get a t-shirt. Registration can be done online at signmeup.com/122923 or by printing off a paper form from the Stockton Strong Facebook page. Registration is \$15/person, \$40/family for a family of 4, and \$50 for a family of 5 or more.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes!

Registration begins at 5:15 pm on the west side of the Stockton Memorial Park and the race begins at 6 p.m. Plan to come a little before race time to take advantage of the photo props and frames with your race buddies.

The Stockton Servant Leaders

will be collecting non-perishable food items for the SNOW Program (Stockton Nutrition Outreach Now) near the registration table. Every donation counts for our students, so please remember to bring a non-perishable snack a kid would enjoy.

After you work up an appetite during the race, don't leave town

hungry! Several Stockton restaurants are offering coupons for race participants to enjoy a meal after the race!

For more information and to stay in touch for future race details, "Like" "Stockton Strong" on Facebook and check for the event "Decades Family Fun Run."

ENF to sponsor a Spring Big Bird Day

The Eagle Nature Foundation is sponsoring a Spring Big Bird Day on May 11, to be conducted by Naturalist, Terrence Ingram, at Apple Creek Arboretum, 8384 North Broadway, Apple River, IL. On that day Mr. Ingram will be trying to count all of the species of birds he can see from dawn to dusk. He will be attempting to document all of the species of birds that he can see on that day to compare with the species of birds which he has seen on past Spring Big Bird Days. This Big Bird Day is his attempt to document the many birds, which will have returned to the area this year.

Mr. Ingram invites anyone and everyone to join him on that day to see what birds they can find. He could definitely use help in seeing the birds.

To help the Eagle Nature Foundation, (ENF), Mr. Ingram is asking people to pledge \$\$\$ to ENF for every species of bird that he is able to see on that date, or just send in a donation for his efforts. Last year on Spring Big Bird Day he saw only 45 different species of birds.

ENF will use the raised funds to help in their efforts to preserve the bald eagle and to find out why the bald eagles are not reproducing, or the young are not surviving as well as they should be. Send your pledges and/or donations to: ENF, 300

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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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should I sell? How can I get the best price for my timber? Is there a best time to harvest?

The Northwest Illinois Forestry Association will be hosting a presentation on May 4, at the Larry and Sally Priske Tree Farm near Galena to address these and many other questions regarding tree harvesting. This session will be conducted by loggers Steines and Griebel of Bellevue Iowa, who have been in business for 37 years. This is a great opportunity for participants to gather information on logging from a loggers' perspective. The event will start at 9 a.m. and last approximately three hours. The location is 4700 N. Council Hill Rd. If traveling from Highway US 20, turn onto Main Street towards downtown Galena. Main turns into Dewey Ave. which turns into Council Hill Rd. Continue approximately two miles to the Priske Farm.

All NIFA events are open to the public. For up to date information on other activities, become a member by going to <https://www.nifatrees.org/Membership-Application>



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Forensics speech and debate

The Highland Community College Forensics Speech & Debate Team placed third in Regional competition.

(Back row, left to right) Lucas Boomgarden, Tommy Tempel, April Woolcock, and Luthien Jonis (front row, left to right) Michelle Johnson, Payton Demichele, Maggie Finazzo, and Alec Aurand.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

I said goodbye to Easter and put my bunnies away. I really enjoyed having them out because I missed Easter last year. I also missed my spring flowers. Tulips are springing up in places I didn't know I had tulips. My daffodils are blooming; I hope they like cool and wet weather because that is what is forecast for this week. I feel sorry for the people who are scheduling sporting events and farmers who are in the field. Maybe the forecast is wrong; that's what we are all hoping. If weather is bad, we can stay inside and cook! This week's recipes have some different flavors and some traditional ones too.

This artichoke spread is a good one for the slow cooker. It uses water-packed artichoke hearts and fresh spinach. When served on garlic bread pieces or pita chips, it is very tasty. You do have to like artichokes and spinach to enjoy this appetizer. If you have never tried artichokes in a dip with cheese, try this one.

Artichoke Spread

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, cubed
1 can (14 oz.) water-packed artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
1 C. fresh spinach, torn

¾ C. shredded Parmesan cheese
2 green onions, chopped
Combine cream cheese, artichokes, spinach, Parmesan, and green onions in a bowl; transfer to a 1½ qt. slow cooker. Cook, covered on low, until cheese is melted, 2-3 hours. If the mixture is too thick to spread, add milk a tablespoon at a time until you have your desired thickness. Serve on small pieces of garlic bread or pita chips.

Kale is still the "in" salad green according to the cooking shows. This one has a creamy peanut dressing. I also always use the low sodium soy sauce when I make anything. Enjoy this green salad that is full of vegetables.

Kale Salad with Peanut Dressing

¼ C. creamy peanut butter
2 T. rice vinegar
2 T. lime juice
1 T. oil
1T. soy sauce
1 T. water
1 T. sugar
2 thinly sliced bunches of kale
¾ C. frozen peas thawed
7 thinly sliced radishes
½ C. chopped peanuts
Sesame seeds for garnish (opt.)

Whisk, peanut butter, vinegar, lime juice, oil, soy sauce, water and sugar in a bowl or place in mason jar with lid and shake ingredients until blended. Place kale in bowl and add peas, and radishes. Toss with dressing. Sprinkle peanuts and sesame seeds over salad.

I was looking for a salad to take to a friend's home on Easter. I remembered one my mother and I both made. Tam, my card club friend, makes this also. I really love this salad.

ad. So I dusted off my recipes, and found this tasty Jell-O salad. Just an observation—not a lot of people make gelatin salads anymore. The section for gelatin and the number of flavors is getting much smaller. I hope it isn't going to go away forever because I would miss it.

Sea Foam Salad

1 large can pears (1 lb. 13 oz)
1 large pkg. lime gelatin
1 8 oz pkg. cream cheese
2 T. cream
1 cup heavy whipping cream, whipped

Drain juice from pears. Heat 1 cup of the pear juice to boiling; pour over gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. Beat cream cheese and 2 T. cream until smooth. Add gelatin mixture and beat until blended. Chill mixture until partially thickened. Fold in well drained, mashed pears, and whipped cream. Pour into a mold or a bowl. Chill until firm.

I have made beef stroganoff on the stove, but have never had it in casserole form. You could make it the night before and put it in the oven. I really like this way of preparing it, and I hope you will also.

Beef Stroganoff Casserole

4 T. unsalted butter, divided
1½ lbs. beef tenderloin tips, cubed
1 T. Montreal steak seasoning
½ t. salt
1 pkg. (8 oz.) sliced fresh mushrooms
1 small yellow onion, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1½ C. heavy whipping cream
4 oz. cream cheese, cubed
1 pkg. (8 oz.) wide egg noodles, cooked according to package directions and drained
2 T. chopped fresh parsley

¼ C. finely grated Parmesan cheese

Pre heat the oven to 350. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. In a large saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons butter over medium-high heat. Add beef, steak seasoning, and salt; cook until browned, about 8 minutes. Remove beef using a slotted spoon. Add mushrooms and remaining butter to pan; cook until browned, about 6 minutes. Add onion and garlic and cook until tender, about 4 minutes. Whisk in cream and cream cheese until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in beef, cooked pasta, and parsley; Pour mixture into prepared dish; sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake until bubbly and golden brown, about 25 minutes.

Asparagus has been at a good price in the grocery stores of late. This sauté is very much like a stir fry. Enjoy this great beef with asparagus dish.

Asparagus Beef Sauté

1 lb. sirloin steak, cut into 3 to 4 inch cubes
½ t. salt
¼ t. pepper
1 T. canola oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 green onion, sliced
¼ C. butter, cubed
1 lb. fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2 inch pieces
½ lb. fresh mushrooms
2 T. reduced sodium soy sauce
1½ t. lemon juice
Toss beef with salt and pepper. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium high heat; sauté beef 2 minutes. Add garlic and onion, cook and stir until beef is browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from pan.

In the same skillet, heat butter

over medium-high heat; sauté asparagus and mushrooms until asparagus is crisp-tender. Add beef, soy sauce and lemon juice; heat through, tossing to combine. Serve with rice.

This rhubarb recipe is a little different in that it slightly resembles rolls and it also resembles an upside down cake if you flip it out after baking. Bisquick is an easy way to make crust, and it doesn't involve yeast. Enjoy this tasty rhubarb dessert.

Rhubarb Cranberry Roll Ups

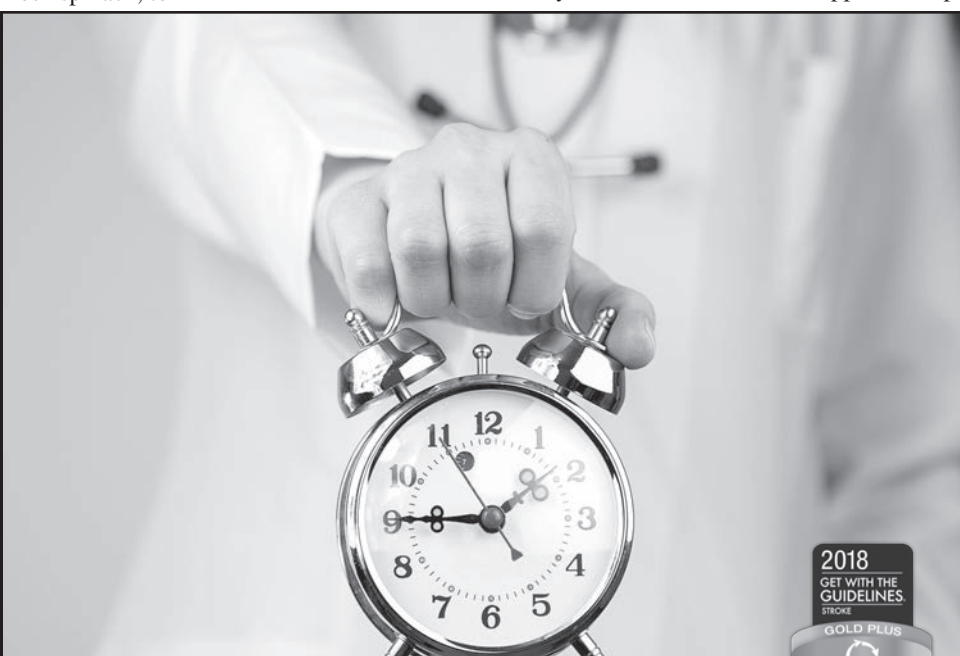
1 C. plus 2 T. sugar
½ C. cranberry juice
4 C. sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
2½ C. Bisquick
¼ C. plus 2 T. packed brown sugar
½ t. nutmeg
¼ t. cinnamon
½ C. milk
1 T. vegetable oil
3 T. butter, softened

Preheat the oven to 425. Generously grease a 2-quart round baking pan. Stir together 1 cup white sugar and the cranberry juice in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; boil gently uncovered, stirring occasionally until slightly thickened, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat. Sprinkle 2 cups rhubarb in prepared baking pan.

In a large bowl, stir together the Bisquick, 2 tablespoons of brown sugar, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Stir in milk and oil until a soft dough forms. Roll dough into a 10 inch square on a floured surface; spread with butter. Top evenly with remaining 2 cups of rhubarb and sprinkle with remaining brown sugar. Starting

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Lena-Winslow seventh grade students visit Lincoln's tomb in Springfield.

LeWin seventh grade visits Springfield

The Lena-Winslow Education Foundation awarded a grant to the seventh grade history class to travel to Springfield, Illinois. First stop was to the Abraham Lincoln Museum. There students saw a replica of the White House, Lincoln at a cabinet meeting, and a production of "The Ghost of Abraham Lincoln." In the afternoon they went to Lincoln's Tomb and learned the history behind the tomb and then saw the gravesite. They traveled to the capital building where they were able to go onto the

Senate floor. They ended the day at Lincoln's home which has been refurbished back to 85% of the original furnishings. The grant for the trip was one of many that the Foundation grants awarded this year to teachers and students in the Lena-Winslow School District. If you would like to help with grants such as this one, donations to the Foundation are accepted at any time. Contact the LeWin District Office at 815-369-3100 or visit the website for further information.

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Eighteen organizations from Jo-Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County sponsor the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing, a cooperative fundraiser.

Sponsoring organizations include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Freeport Dance Team, Galena Music Boosters, Hanover Alumni Association, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, River Ridge Education Association, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Strong, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters. Sub-contracting organizations include: Elizabeth Food Basket, Elizabeth Historical Society, Galena Elks Scholarship Committee, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Scales Mound Travelers and Volunteer Visitors of Northwest

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The April 2019 winners are:

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2nd . Tuesday . \$50 - Lena State Bank
3rd . Wednesday . \$50 - Jessi Curry, Freeport
4th . Thursday . \$50 - Johnny & Sue Eversoll, Elizabeth
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14th . Sunday . \$50 - Myron Koester, Elizabeth
15th . Monday . \$150 - Kelsey

Randall, Elizabeth

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19th . Friday . \$50 - Janet Molitor, Stockton
20th . Saturday . \$50 - Johnny & Sue Eversoll, Elizabeth
21st . Sunday . \$250 - Mike Dascher, Hanover
22nd . Monday . \$50 - Mike Harris, Nora
23rd . Tuesday . \$50 - Dan Tindell, Galena
24th . Wednesday . \$50 - Julia Moore, Lena
25th . Thursday . \$50 - Connie Kempel, Lena
26th . Friday . \$50 - Bob & Mary Kay Wiemerskirk, Rockford
27th . Saturday . \$50 - Ross Vehmeier, Lena
28th . Sunday . \$50 - Kim Thorsen, Elizabeth
29th . Monday . \$50 - Mark Manns, Bakersfield, CA
30th . Tuesday . \$50 - Tori Ertmer, Ottumwa, IA

Area farmer directs America's Farmers Grow Communities donation To Pearl City School District

County farmer Ryan Keltner directed \$2,500 to Pearl City High Schools FFA through America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Bayer Fund. As part of their mission FFA will use the funds to purchase supplies for the greenhouse the FFA will be receiving this summer." said, Dr. Kelly Mandrell, Pearl City High School, Junior/Senior High School Principal.

Celebrating its 10th year, America's Farmers Grow Communities partners with farmers to support nonprofit organizations strengthening rural communities. The program offers farmers the chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit of their choice. It has awarded more than \$33 million to over 8,000 nonprofits across rural America.

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America's best resources, which is why Grow Communities partners with them to direct donations to the organizations they are passionate about and that make a positive impact and a better life in communi-

ties."

To learn more about the America's Farmers Grow Communities program, visit www.AmericasFarmers.com or follow on Facebook at [facebook.com/AmericasFarmers](https://www.facebook.com/AmericasFarmers).

JDCF announces 'Biggest Tree Contest'

You may hear people speak of them reverently. You might catch word of a "big tree," an important tree, a "Champion Tree." But what does this mean? JDCF is sponsoring a 'Biggest Tree Contest' to celebrate the wonder of Illinois native trees. Gather the family for a hike in your back 40, set aside, or tree stands to discover and record the largest native trees within each of the designated species that grow in Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson counties. For those living in town, take a look in your own front yards, head to public parks and preserves, or take a drive along less-traveled roads in search of big trees. We hope that in your pursuit of these giants, you will become more aware of the beauty and importance of Illinois' native trees. Rules,

species list, instructions, and a nomination form can be found at www.jdcf.org/events. The contest will run from April - October, 2019.

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a member supported local non-profit whose mission is to preserve land for the lasting well-being of people and wildlife. JDCF owns several beautiful and unique preserves that are open to the public for hiking, wildlife viewing, and picnicking, including a new addition to the popular Horseshoe Mound. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF preserves. For more information about JDCF, please visit their office at 126 N Main Street, Elizabeth IL, or contact them at www.jdcf.org, or info@jdcf.org.

•Obits (Continued from page 5)

the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1970 with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Stephen was a former manager of the Northwest Co-op, starting in 1973, and farmed for numerous years in the area. He was a lifetime member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Stephen is survived by his wife Lucinda "Cindy" of Winslow; son Christopher Fahr of Winslow; daughter Sarah (Nicholas) Baker of Monroe, WI; grandchildren Nathaniel and Cameron Baker; mother Marion Fahr of Lena; and brother Paul (Bethany) Fahr of Winslow.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edgar.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 25, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena.

Funeral Service were on Friday, April 26, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena with a visitation from until the time of service.

Officiating was Pastor Miho Yasukawa.

Interment will take place at the Lena Burial Park.

Luncheon followed at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 11)

with the long edge, roll up dough to form a log. Gently press seam down; cut crosswise into 9 rolls. Arrange rolls in prepared dish. Pour reserved cranberry syrup over the rolls; sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons of white sugar. Bake until rolls are golden brown and sauce is bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes. If deserved loosen the sides of the baking dish and invert onto a serving platter.

I wrote the first paragraph several days ago, and now they are forecasting snow for this weekend. The winter won't quit. Vegetation is popping up all over, magnolia trees are blooming, and we don't need snow! I got that off my chest, and I am sure you are as frustrated as I am. Proms

were this past weekend, and I hate when girls have to wear winter coats over their beautiful dresses, and corsages and bouts have to be covered. It sounds like rain for this week. It is time for April showers (both rain and snow) to quit, so the May flowers and the corn and beans can get planted. Now that I have wasted your time venting, we continue to look for some spring recipes that include asparagus and rhubarb.

If you have any brunch items you would like to share, send them our way. You can contact us in person, by mail, or email us at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 213 S. Center St. or email scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com

Jo Daviess Local Foods lists new producers

Four new producers recently joined Jo Daviess Local Foods (JDLF), the online farmers' market. These new producers include:

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Miss Pena connects for a base hit.

Pearl City bounces back

By Trent Scheidegger
REPORTER

The Pearl City Wolves baseball team faced off with River Ridge-Scales Mound not once, but twice to begin their week. On Tuesday, the Wolves traveled to the Wildcat's diamond for the first of their matchups. It was a low scoring battle throughout as the Wildcats eventually walked away with a 1-0 win over the Wolves. The only run of the game came in the bottom of the third inning when Wurster doubled to center field, bringing in Shetter to score.

Zach Lieb pitched an outstanding game on the mound for the Wolves, going six innings while allowing just four hits and racking up eleven strikeouts. Lieb did everything he could to give the team a chance, but with no offensive support, he took the loss on the day.

On Thursday things were a bit different. This time, the Wildcats traveled to Pearl City for their second matchup of the week. Both teams got their offenses going in this one as they each put up three runs in the first inning. Following a dropped third

strike, the Wildcats got on the scoreboard first when Knauer singled to bring in a run. Eventually a walk with the bases loaded pushed their lead to three. The Wolves were able to answer in the bottom half, however, when a pair of walks and a single loaded the bases for Tichler to single and drive in a run. Musser then hit a sac fly and Kuberski singled to right field bringing in Lieb and tying the game at three all.

That was as close as the Wolves would get, however, as the Wildcats put up five runs in the top of the third and further expanded their lead in the final two innings with another four runs.

Tickler, Musser, and Kuberski each had rbi's in the game, but were unable to keep up with the Wildcats output as they eventually fell by a score of 12-5.


The Wolves managed to bounce back to end their week, however, as they traveled to Oregon for their third matchup in the week. This time they came out as victors after they took two losses earlier in the week, they defeated Oregon 9-6.

Woodbine Unit of HCE meeting summary

The Woodbine Unit of Home and Community Education met at the home of Eloise Pierce for their March meeting. Eloise provided a good Irish luncheon. President Sandy Groezinger called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with members answering with information on India.

The lesson was given by Eloise Pierce on our country of study this year, India. Following the lesson, the group was served chai tea, using cardamom as a spice for flavor.

The April meeting was hosted by Josie Bonjour. After the call to order, the lesson "Communicating Challenges and Strategies for helping persons with dementia" was presented by Ann Coppennoll. Reports by committee members included preparing for the annual HCE meeting on April 30, at the Apple River Events Center. A delicious luncheon was served by Josie. The next meeting will be held May 13, with a program on India provided by Meg Groezinger, who recently returned from a trip to India.



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