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Apple Canyon Lake opens golden anniversary season

By John Day
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This year marks the 50th anniversary of Apple Canyon Lake, in rural Apple River. In 1969, Jo Daviess County was thought of as the wilderness by most other parts of Illinois. Most residents were employed in agriculture. The most important attraction in the area was the home of Ulysses S. Grant of Galena, who was the Commanding General of the Union forces during the Civil War and our eighteenth President.

Harvey Branigar, a real estate developer from the Chicago area had come through this part of Illinois and was impressed with the scenery. Branigar had a vision about making this part of Illinois a retreat for weary urban residents of the Chicago area. He believed that given the opportunity to purchase country property in a place like Northwest Illinois, people would make the two-hour drive from Chicago to acquire vacation homes. From here, the idea of Apple Canyon Lake as we know it was born.

In 1969 the construction of dam was begun which would create the lake. A camp site and sales office were erected along with a few small buildings.

Recently, Ralph Wunder, Apple Canyon Lake Recreation Director from August 1972 through May, 1973 sat down with Cindy Carton,

Apple Canyon Lake Communications and Recreation Manager, to talk about the past. When Carton asked what things were like early on, the answer was, "Nothing at all like what you see today. When the project started, this was still pretty much pastureland. And not very good pastureland. When Branigar came out here and began offering farmers one thousand dollars an acre for 160-acre dairy farms, they thought he was crazy. Most of the landowners took the offer."

As the actual construction of roads, beaches, community buildings and the dam started, Wunder was responsible for a bit of everything, from tours to entertainment. Wunder said, "Before any of the houses or community buildings went up, many visitors and potential buyers used the campground we had. We would have bonfires and parties on the beach. On Fridays I would make a 10-gallon pot of chili. I even wore a chef's hat."

"On Wednesdays, I would show films we borrowed from local libraries, using a 16mm projector. It was all family fun kind of stuff. Back then there wasn't as much to do as today. There were some trails through wooded areas. For a short time, there was a small herd of fallow deer that Branigars' people had brought in. People were fascinated

with them."

Things have certainly changed over the last 50 years. Today, Apple Canyon Lake boasts a 480-acre lake with 15 miles of shoreline that surrounds the lake. 85 percent of the 15 miles of shoreline surrounding the lake will remain a greenspace. The lake itself is consistently rated in the top ten for water clarity and quality by the Illinois EPA. Fishermen rate the pursuit of bass and walleye as some of the best fishing in Illinois.

The Property Owners Association and management work hard to keep

the lake healthy and in pristine condition. The community has put into affect a watershed plan, lake water monitoring and greenway stewardships.

Amenities for property owners have gotten more contemporary over the years as well. Apple Canyon Lake features include an owners clubhouse, outdoor pool, beach, 13 miles of UTV and walking trails, tennis courts, fitness center, marina convenience store, public 9-hole golf course, and public lakeside restaurant—The Cove. Carton said, "We

have a full calendar of events and activities for our members this year; and several public events, as well including our Smoke on the Water BBQ Cook Off on May 25 and the Trail Trekker 5K Color Run on July 27.

In 50 years, Apple Canyon Lake has grown into an established residential community but has kept its country, into-the-woods vacation get-away personality. For more information, look for Apple Canyon Lake on Facebook or check their website, www.applecanyonlake.org.

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 Special BOE Meeting

A special meeting to fill the board vacancy for the Stockton Community Unit School District #206 Board of Education was called to order at 6:06 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 in the High School Library. Board members present included Neill Cahill, Rodger Groezinger, Nicole Haas, Scott Hayes, John Raab, and Todd Vincent. There were no amendments to the agenda.

The board voted to go into closed session under the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 for the purpose of discussion pertaining to the selection of a person to fill a public office and discussion relating to student matters

at 6:07 pm 6-0 following a motion by Haas and second by Cahill.

The board voted to return to open session at 7:11 p.m. 6-0 following a motion by Vincent and second by Groezinger.

Under new business, the board voted 4-2 following a motion by Raab and second by Hayes to appoint Stephanie Broshous to fill the vacant seat on the board that will end in April of 2021. Voting yes was Groezinger, Hayes, Raab, and Vincent. Voting no was Haas and Cahill.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. following a motion by Groezinger



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CAPITOL RECAP: Pritzker outlines draft \$41.5 billion 'Rebuild Illinois' capital plan

By Capitol News Illinois staff

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Friday, May 17, briefed lawmakers on a proposed capital improvements plan that calls for spending \$41.5 billion on transportation, education, public health and other infrastructure projects over six years, funded by a host of new or increased taxes and fees.

The proposal, which officials say represents only a "preliminary draft" of what a final capital bill could look like, was shared with legislative leaders early Friday. A copy was obtained by Capitol News Illinois.

"As a result of working group sessions with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle from both chambers of the General Assembly, the administration is working on a preliminary draft of a comprehensive capital plan that will put 540,000 Illinoisans back to work and finally fix our crumbling infrastructure," Pritzker's press secretary, Jordan Abudayyeh, said in a statement after several news organizations had obtained the document. "The administration looks forward to continuing to engaging in productive conversations before the proposal is finalized."

The program, which the administration is branding as "Rebuild Illinois," would combine \$17.8 billion in new bonds with \$10 billion in federal funding; \$7 billion in current, ongoing state revenues; and \$6.6 billion in local government revenues and private sources of funding.

The bulk of the spending — about \$28.6 billion, or 69 percent — would be earmarked for transportation projects, including roads and bridges, mass transit, rail and aviation.

Among the major projects listed in the draft plan are \$1 billion to improve a portion of Interstate 80 in Will County; \$135.4 million to reconstruct the interchange between Interstate 55 and Interstate 72 south of Springfield; and \$61.2 million for improvements to a stretch of U.S. Highway 40 that runs through Effingham.

The draft also calls for \$5.9 billion, or 14 percent of the total, in spending on education buildings, including \$2.4 billion for college and university campuses and \$3.5 billion for preK-12 schools.

The rest of the funding would go toward improving state facilities, environmental conservation projects, broadband deployment, health care and human services projects such as construction of affordable housing, and economic and community development projects.

To pay for the state's share of those ventures, Pritzker has suggested rais-

ing nearly \$1.8 billion per year in new or higher taxes and fees. The largest of those would be doubling the state's motor fuels tax from 19 cents to 34 cents per gallon, a smaller increase than has been suggested in other proposals. That would generate an estimated \$560 million.

Others include raising registration fees for both traditional and electric vehicles; doubling the tax on real estate transfers of nonresidential property from 50 cents to \$1 for each \$500 in market value; imposing a new tax of \$1 per ride on ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft; imposing a new 7 percent tax on cable, satellite and streaming services; raising the state's liquor gallonage tax; adding a new tax on parking garage fees; removing the sales tax exemption on the value of traded-in property; and dedicating a portion of a proposed video gambling terminal tax increase to the capital plan.

GRADUATED INCOME TAX: With only two weeks remaining in the 2019 regular session, Democrats in the Illinois House say they are close to securing the 71 votes needed to pass one of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's top priorities, a constitutional amendment to overhaul the state's income tax system.

"I think we are rapidly closing in on 71 and I'm confident the governor will, with the personal meetings he's having with members, get us over the hump," Rep. Robert Martwick, a Chicago Democrat and the lead sponsor of the measure in the House, said Thursday, May 16.

The proposed amendment, which cleared the Senate on May 1, would allow the General Assembly to replace the state's "flat" income tax system, where all tax filers pay the same rate, regardless of their income, with a multi-bracket "graduated" tax that would impose higher rates on higher levels of income.

But the amendment has languished in the House Revenue and Finance Committee while Democratic leaders have struggled to secure the three-fifths majority, 71 votes, needed to place the issue on the November 2020 ballot. In that election, it would need support from either three-fifths of those voting on the question or a majority of all people voting in the election in order to take effect.

Pritzker has said he believes a graduated tax is the only way to solve the state's long-term structural budget deficit without making draconian cuts in funding for public services. Opponents, however, argue that such a system would make it easier in the future for lawmakers to raise taxes

on selected groups of people.

In addition to the amendment, the Senate also passed a bill May 1 spelling out what the new tax rates would be if the amendment is approved.

Rep. Michael Zalewski, a River-side Democrat who chairs the Revenue and Finance Committee, also said he's hopeful Pritzker can secure the votes needed in the House.

"I think the governor has had some productive conversations with members in the last week," he said.

Zalewski's committee is scheduled to meet Monday afternoon, May 20, and some observers believe the amendment could come up for a vote then, sending it to the full House for a vote.

If the measure is to pass the House, supporters will have to secure the votes entirely from within the 73-member Democratic caucus because House Republicans have said they are unanimously against it.

HOUSE GOP MEMO: Illinois House Republican leadership will brief their members Monday, May 20, on a balanced budget proposal which they say the governor's office won't listen to, according to an internal caucus memo obtained by Capitol News Illinois on Friday, May 16.

"While Governor Pritzker has been occupied hosting cocktail parties, the House Republican Caucus budget team has been working diligently to ensure we are on sound footing offering a budget plan that doesn't rely on additional tax increases on Illinois families and small businesses," Deputy Republican Leader Tom Demmer, of Dixon, said in the memo.

Jordan Abudayyeh, a spokeswoman for Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, however, said the governor remains in contact with Republican leadership.

"The legislative leaders of both parties are in regular contact with the governor himself and staff. As negotiations continue on a variety of issues, the governor is happy to meet with leaders in the format they prefer," she said.

On Thursday, Demmer said bipartisan House working groups which include representatives of the governor's office have been meeting throughout the legislative session to identify cuts of 6 to 10 percent across state agencies—cuts that Demmer said are largely no longer needed due to increased revenue estimates.

The last meeting between the governor and all four legislative leaders, however, occurred on April 11.

The memo carries the same tone taken by the House GOP in a pair of news conferences in which they

claimed greater-than-expected April revenues allow for a balanced budget that is not reliant on new taxes.

That unexpected April revenue totaled \$1.5 billion and led government financial forecasters to up their fiscal year 2020 revenue estimate by \$800 million.

The House GOP said the added revenue estimates, coupled with new revenue streams from Pritzker-backed proposals, will eliminate the prospect of "draconian cuts," the idea of which they believe Democrats are using to sell tax increases such as a graduated income tax to the public.

TEACHER TESTING: A test required for teacher licensing that many argue has contributed to the state's teacher shortage might soon be suspended.

The Illinois Senate on Thursday, May 16, passed and sent to Gov. J.B. Pritzker House Bill 423, which would put what is known as the "test of basic skills" on hold until July 1, 2025, while state officials try to determine whether that will help relieve the state's teacher shortage.

The bill also calls on the Illinois State Board of Education to re-evaluate the method it uses to score another mandatory test that prospective teachers must pass, one that measures their mastery of the content area in which they want to teach.

Those tests are among three tests that people applying for teaching licenses in Illinois must pass. They also must pass a test covering their content area and a test covering teaching practices and standards, known as the edTPA.

A separate bill, House Bill 256, by Chicago Democratic Rep. Will Guzzardi, would drastically overhaul that exam as well by removing a component requiring prospective Illinois teachers to videotape themselves in an actual classroom setting. That bill also passed the House in April but so far has not been assigned to a Senate committee.

Those tests were the subject of extensive hearings in the Illinois House where Rep. Sue Scherer, a Decatur Democrat and chief sponsor of the bill, questioned their value and effectiveness. She and others have also suggested that they deter many people from trying to enter the teaching profession and that they have a

disproportionate impact on people of color, contributing to the state's teacher shortage.

"We are at a crisis level in the teacher shortage," Scherer said on the House floor during debate over the bill. "It's affecting basically every region in every area across the state, which some people are unaware of. Many classrooms are sitting there without a qualified teacher. I know of a school district that right now has 50 open classrooms without a qualified teacher."

The bill suspending the basic skills test until 2015 passed the House in April, 85-25. It passed the Senate on Thursday, 55-0.

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION: Some provisions that advocates for recreational marijuana legalization have said are the most important facets of their bill faced the stiffest questions at a legislative hearing Wednesday, May 15.

"Throughout all of the work we've been doing, there's been three real themes that have arisen on why we should be doing this," said state Sen. Heather Steans, Senate Bill 7's sponsor. "We want public safety, particularly for our kids; we want social justice; and we want, by getting our policy right, additional revenue for the state."

But, at an Illinois Senate Executive Committee hearing, Steans, D-Chicago, and fellow legalization supporters faced questions about expungement measures in the current bill, public health effects of legalization and normalization of marijuana, and where the revenues resulting from legalization will be distributed.

Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell said Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office is willing to negotiate the expungement matter as lawmakers questioned the process laid out in the current bill.

State Sen. Dale Righter, a Mattoon Republican, questioned why the expungement provision applies to people who faced charges for possessing up to 500 grams of marijuana when the current legislation allows for possession of up to only 30 grams.

Mitchell said that amount was chosen because companies would be manufacturing that much cannabis with intent to deliver while some were sitting in jail for the same offense.

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Civil War general from Illinois considered creator of Memorial Day

By Charles Mills
EFFINGHAM DAILY NEWS

Civil War General John A. Logan is credited with creating what we know today as Memorial Day, according to the executive director of

the museum in Murphysboro, Illinois, that is dedicated to him.

Logan was born Feb. 9, 1826 in Jackson County, Illinois, on family property that became a part of the City of Murphysboro in 1843.

"General Logan founded Memorial Day as a national holiday," said P. Michael Jones, executive director of the General John A. Logan Museum. "He did that when he issued General Order Number 11 on May 5, 1868,

as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, sometimes referred to as the GAR."

Jones said several cities have claimed to be the first to observe Memorial Day – or Decoration Day, as it was called after the Civil War.

"The question is not who started the Memorial Day we have today, it was John A. Logan," Jones said. "The question is, where did Logan get his idea?"

Jones said historians have several theories about where it started. However, according to research, newspapers printed in the 1930s and 1940s stated Memorial Day started in the South. Jones said today some Southern states observe Confederate Memorial Day.

In her book "Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife: An Autobiography," Logan's wife, Mary Logan, wrote about her March 1868 visit to Virginia:

"In the churchyard near Petersburg we saw hundreds of the graves of Confederate soldiers. These graves had upon them small bleached Confederate flags and faded flowers."

She said her husband Gen. Logan was interested in her trip when she returned and told him how touched she was to see the decorated graves. Gen. Logan issued the General Order to observe Memorial Day two months later, in May 1868.

However, Jones said historians believe John A. Logan should have been aware of the memorial observa-

tions being made in the South due to press coverage at the time.

Logan, as commander-in-chief of the GAR, a Union veterans organization, issued General Order Number 11, the Memorial Day Order, on May 5, 1868 from the GAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jones said the GAR was a precursor to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

At the time he issued his General Order, Logan was also an Illinois representative at large of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the whole state of Illinois and not one specific district.

The Memorial Day General Order states:

"The 30th of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land.

"Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds about them with the choicest flowers of springtime.

"It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

According to Jones, Logan's General Order is still read during Memorial Day ceremonies around the United States.

Affordable health screenings coming to Stockton

Residents living in and around the Stockton, Illinois can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant will host this community event on 6/17/2019. The site is located at 3500 E Center Rd in Stockton.

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Tammy Duckworth: 'I think every Memorial Day about the guys from Illinois that never made it home'

By Charles Mills
EFFINGHAM DAILY NEWS

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth spends Memorial Day honoring her friends in the military who have fallen and the heroic soldiers who kept her from numbering among the dead.

"Memorial Day is a day to honor our heroic dead," said Duckworth, the junior senator from Illinois. "People often confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day. Veterans Day is when we thank our veterans for their service and Memorial Day is specifically to honor the fallen."

Duckworth retired from military service in 2014 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after serving 23 years. She flew Black Hawk helicopter combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Deployed to Iraq in 2004, it was on Nov. 12 of that year when a rocket-propelled grenade took down her helicopter. She lost her legs and has limited use of her right arm.

"I think every Memorial Day about the guys from the Illinois National Guard that I knew that never made it home from Iraq," Duckworth said.

"Whether it's the CH-47 (Chinook helicopter) crew that was shot down in Iraq from the Peoria unit, or whether it was Sgt. First Class Bill Chaney of my own unit out of Chicago Midway Airport, who was a Vietnam Veteran and deployed to Iraq at the age of 59, who died of natural causes and never made it home. Or whether it was the young men, that as a public official, I went to their deployment ceremony out of Woodstock, Illinois, who were killed coming back."

Duckworth said the Chinook CH-47 helicopter shot down on Nov. 2, 2003, was part of the Illinois Army National Guard unit based in Peoria. Sixteen were killed and 20 wounded. Among the dead was Illinois Army National Guard Pilot 1st Lt. Brian D. Slavenas.

Friends and family in Genoa described Slavenas to The Associated Press as a "gentle giant," a nonviolent man who felt a duty to his country.

"He wasn't one of those gung-ho, want-to-go-to-war-type guys," his brother, Eric Slavenas, told AP. "He was there to do a job."

Duckworth said people serve their country in the military for many reasons. She began Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

"I found myself in all of my classes becoming friends with either currently serving guardsmen and reservists or with veterans in my class on the G.I. Bill," Duckworth said. "I remember watching the Berlin Wall come down and I remember seeing all of those East Germans and Czechoslovakians fleeing the Soviet Union.

"People were grabbing whatever possessions they could carry and running into freedom," Duckworth said. "And I remember thinking how proud I was to be an American and it was my nation standing with the NATO allies that represented freedom and liberty."

"I fell in love with the meritocracy of the Army and decided that this was something I wanted to do as part

of my life," Duckworth said. "I just wanted to do my part for this nation that I love more than my own life."

After receiving her Master's of Arts Degree in International Affairs at George Washington University, Duckworth pursued a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, where she finished her ROTC training in May 1992 and received her commission as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. Her first choice was to be a helicopter pilot, because that was one of the few Army combat assignments offered to women at the time.

Duckworth grew up in various cities throughout Southeast Asia. Her father, Franklin Duckworth, worked for the United Nations Refugee Program after he retired from the military, where he had served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Working for the U.N., Franklin Duckworth provided humanitarian aid to the Vietnamese boat people and refugees fleeing Laos and Cambodia, then worked for multinational corporations.

"Memorial Day was something we always observed at the U.S. Embassy to honor our heroic dead," Duckworth said. "My family history on my dad's side goes back to the Revolution, and Memorial Day was always significant in my family."

Duckworth led a bipartisan congressional delegation to Iraq in April. She returned to Iraq for the first time since her helicopter was shot down in 2004.

"Memorial Day isn't about me now," Duckworth said. "I survived the shoot down. If I was killed, Memorial Day would be about me, but thanks to the heroism of both my crew of my aircraft and the second aircraft in our flight, I made it home."

"My pilot-in-command received a Distinguished Flying Cross," Duckworth said, referring to Dan Milberg of the Missouri National Guard. "And I want to be sure to always honor that."

"Because they saved me, Memorial Day isn't about me," Duckworth said. "And I get to honor them and get to honor our fallen dead and work as hard as I can for our veterans, work as hard as I can for family members of the fallen, and make sure we stand by every one of our military men and women."

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Obituary

RUTH KINGERY PAULEY

Ruth Kingery Pauley, 94, formerly of rural Mt. Carroll, passed away Monday evening May 13, at the Community Home Living Options in Monroe, Wisconsin.



Ruth was the second oldest daughter of Charles E. and Elfreda Wenzel Kingery. She was the valedictorian for the Mt. Carroll High School class of 1942 and attended Shimer College for one year. She married Glen Pauley in 1943 and they spent most of their 71 years together as farmers in Salem Township. A former 4-H leader, she was a member of Carroll County Home Extension and First Lutheran Church of Chadwick.

Ruth is survived by four children

- Larry (Donna) Pauley of North Smithfield, RI, Linda (Allan) Haeger of East Troy, WI, Douglas (Darlene) Pauley of Winslow, and Darrell (Jan) Pauley of Pearl City, eight grandchildren, - Travis Pauley, Gretchen Pauley Streeter, Jeff Haeger, Julie Haeger Bortoli, Jody Pauley Indergand, Mark Pauley, Chris Pauley Tim Pauley, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband Glen M. Pauley, her brother Charles (Bill) Kingery, and sisters Fern Henry, Helen Fritz, and Gene Hoak.

A funeral service was held Friday, May 17, at the First Lutheran Church, Chadwick, with a luncheon following. Burial will take place in Lanark Cemetery, Lanark, Illinois. Visitation was held prior to the service at the church. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.lawjones-funeralhome.com. A memorial fund has been established in Ruth's honor.

Birth



Aspynn Marie Weaver

Kevin and Kristina (Bonnet) Weaver are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Aspynn Marie Weaver, born on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:03 a.m. Grandparents are Dan & Cindy Bonnet of Lena and John and the late Jean Weaver of Red Oak. Aspynn has a big brother, Bayley, 3.

Beware the one ring robocall scam

Has it happened to you? - Five calls, all from West Africa, only one ring each.

The Federal Communications Commission issued a warning about this type of scam call on Friday. According to the alert, if you are called several times in a row, with only one ring each call—then whoever is behind the calls is probably trying to get you to call the number back.

If you were to return the call, a person or a recording might answer, in an effort to keep you on the phone. And as you try to make sense of the call, you'd be taking on expensive toll charges, much like if you were to call a 900 number. But you probably wouldn't know until you got the phone bill. The per-minute rate of making

the call would depend on your carrier, your location, and how long you spend on the line.

This specific type of scam call is known as "one ring" or "Wangiri," Japanese for one telephone ring, and it's one iteration of international revenue share fraud.

"International revenue share fraud is when fraudsters intentionally drive phone calls to premium rate phone numbers," Tim Prugar, vice president of fraud-detection company Next Caller told the New York Times. "These fraudsters get a kickback from the call."

A report from robocall monitoring and blocking service YouMail estimates there were 4.9 billion robocalls made to U.S. residents in April.

According to the FCC, recent reports show a surge in these one-ring scam calls happening in recent days in Arizona and New York, largely coming from a "222" country code, which belongs to Mauritania, Africa. My one-ring calls last night came from "232," the country code for Sierra Leone.

Scammers can use software to spoof phone numbers and cheaply blast many phones in one area with robocalls. Prugar told the Times that perhaps one percent of robocalls lead to someone calling back—but if an operation can cheaply make 100 million calls, that would then bring in 1 million hits.

The FCC has asked targets of this type of scam to file a complaint with the agency.

Medicare basics class rescheduled in Galena

If you need to know anything about Medicare, a Medicare Basics class may be the most informative 1 1/2 hours that you can spend ... and it's free.

The Medicare Basics class originally announced for June 12 in Galena has been rescheduled to June 19. It will be held at the West Galena Township Office, 607 Gear St., Galena, with the next class at 10 a.m.,

Wednesday, June 19.

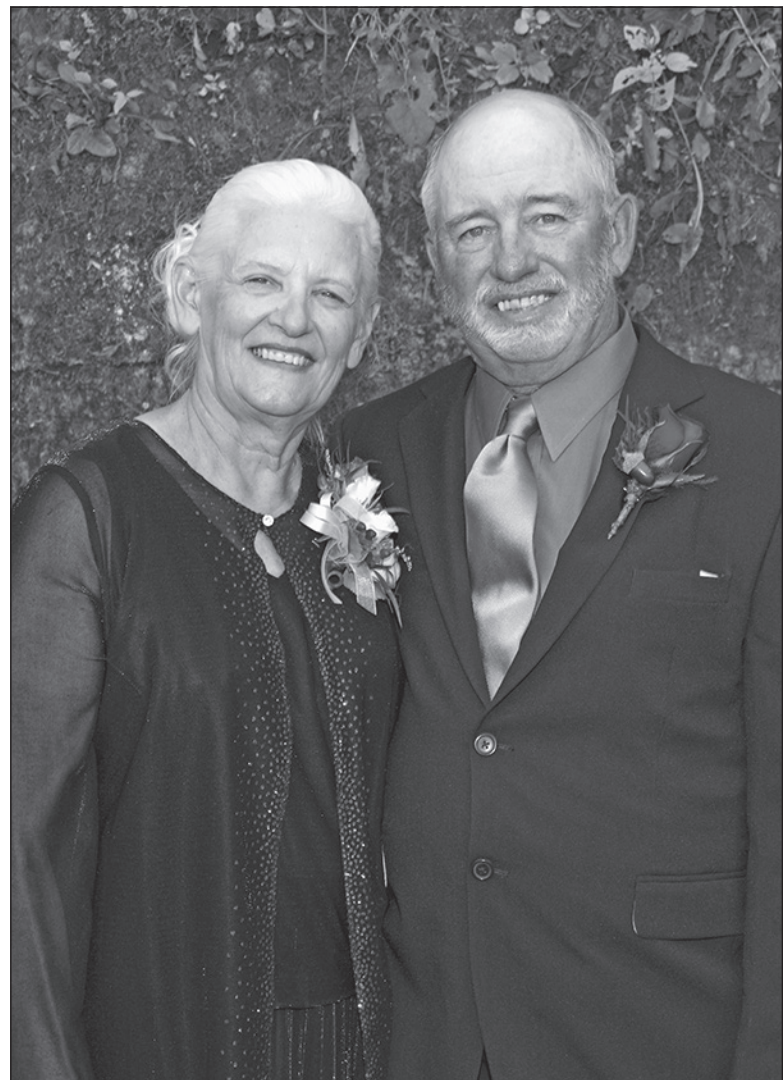
Medicare Basics is ideal for those who are within three years of going on Medicare, who are already on Medicare and need a refresher or for children or caregivers of people who are planning to go on Medicare or are already on Medicare.

In Galena, classes are held bi-monthly. Freeport classes are held monthly at the Senior Activity

Center, 216 E. Stephenson St., Freeport. Times fluctuate to accommodate those who still work. Upcoming Freeport classes are on Tuesday, May 21, at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. and on Tuesday, June 18, at 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Call 815-235-9777, ext. 221, to make a reservation for any class.

All classes are taught by Ralph

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Pals celebrate 50 years

Larry and Shirley Pals are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house celebration on June 2nd from 1-4 pm at the Jane Addams Community Center in Cedarville, IL. Larry, and the former Shirley Hull were married on June 8, 1969 at Red Oak United Methodist Church in Red Oak, IL. Reverend John Bruce was the officiant. Their children are: James Pals, Steve Pals, and Chad (Hannah) Pals, all of Freeport, IL and Peggy (Todd) Dieken of Rock City, IL. They have 8 grandchildren. In addition to being partners in marriage, they have been partners in farming for the last 50 years. If you are unable to attend the open house celebration, we invite you to send them a card at 4228 N. Scioto Mills Rd, Freeport, IL. No gifts please.



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Carman Legacy Tour 2019 free concert

Legendary Christian Artist CAR-MAN will be in Galena, Illinois at Crossroads Community Church, 900 Galena Square Drive at 7 p.m. Friday, June 7. This is a FREE concert with General Admission available on a first come basis doors open at 6 p.m.

Carman, with over 10 Million record sales, 15 Gold and Platinum CD's and Videos, remains to this day, Gospel Music's only Stadium act. He holds world records for the largest Concerts, outdoors 80,000 and 71,132 indoors. He has won over 1,000,000 people to Christ. Carman, an Italian American, born in Trenton, New Jersey, spent years in military school and originally set out to be a boxer. In 1976 his life course was changed at an Andrae Crouch concert, and he began to write the songs that would forever alter generations

of gospel song writers. Carman defied description and consistently operated outside of the box of Christian music, with innovating new and fresh ways to present the message. With 35 music videos, he reinvented the genre of the visual arts in Christian music and dance as an art form within the church. He remains what is best described as a cultural phenomenon and a true American Original.

A limited number of Reserved Premium Tickets are available for \$100 each. These tickets include early admission, premium reserved seats, a signed CD, and an invitation to a personal meet and greet with Carman after the concert. These tickets are available at <https://crossroadstix.tix.com> or call 563-543-5201 for details.

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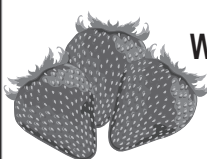
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Salem United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m. will be the last Sunday School classes for adults and children until fall at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the children participating. Rev. Randal Nicholas' sermon will be "No Sun, No Moon, No Night" from Revelation 21:10, 22 through 22:5. The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group will meet at Stella's, 100 N Main Street in Stockton on Wednesday, May 29.

Salem will celebrate the May birthdays at the Lena Living Center on Friday, May 31, at 2 p.m., not May 24 as stated last week.

Summer worship time is 9:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, June 2, continuing through the summer.

St. John's Lutheran Church (Pearl City)

You're welcome to attend worship at St. John's on the Sixth Sunday of Easter on May 26 at 9 a.m. The service will include the dedication of memorial gifts received during the last year and a baptism. Young Adult Hour will also meet after worship.

Warm weather or not, It's time for the St. John's Brat Stand to resume for the summer. Join us on May 25 to kick off the summer with a Brat or Hot Dog in downtown Pearl City at the American Legion Parking Lot from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! St. John's will host a VeggieTales VBS on June 4-8, 2018 at 8:30-11:30 each morning with a program on the night of June 8 at 6 p.m. Registration is now available online at www.StJohnsPearlCity.org/VBS or at the church. You may also contact St. John's and request a registration form sent to you.

St. John's church was the winner of the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on May 19, 2019 as it was given by an anonymous donor. Thank you!

The Eve of the Ascension worship service will be held on Wednesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. The service includes Holy Communion.

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.

Stockton United Methodist Church

On June 2 at 6 p.m., His Angels will be giving a program after the Mother/Daughter Potluck. For reservations please call 815-947-3375 by May 29 to be sure we have adequate seating arranged. Please bring a dish to pass, drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone is welcome; bring a sister, aunt, grandmother, or a friend, anyone you want to spend an evening with sharing good food, fellowship and entertainment.

Regular worship time is 10:45; please feel free to join us at any time.

We will be having a special Memorial Day service on May 26 at 10:45. Join us in remembering all those gone on before us.

Our doors are always open to those who wish to enter and be welcomed.

We are located on the corner of Hudson and Benton Sts and are handicap accessible.

For information please call Pastor Chuck at 815-947-2541 or check out our website at <http://stocktonwumc.org> and also on Facebook -Stockton United Methodist Church

Willow United Methodist Church

The Willow United Methodist Church will worship Sunday, May 19, at 9a.m. Pastor Chuck Wolbers will be bringing the message. All are invited and welcome to stay for fellowship after the message followed by Sunday School at 10:30. We are using the Upper Room daily devotional and God's Word. 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

Volunteer Visitors of Northwest Illinois closes after 36 years of service

Volunteer Visitors of Northwest Illinois, Inc. previously known as Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois, and before that, Hospice of Northwest Illinois, has been a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization in the tri-county area for the past 36 years. Hospice of Northwest Illinois was established in 1983 when there were no other "end of life care" organizations in our area.

We have worked with local hospice organizations to provide support and comfort care to those who are grieving and palliative care for those diagnosed with a terminal illness, as well as their families. We have offered companionship to those who might be confined to their homes because of an accident or illness and we have provided respite care for caregivers.

Our ability to provide care to everyone at no charge has been made possible entirely by fundraisers and the generous donations and gifts from individuals, organizations and local businesses. It's very difficult to find the best words to let you know how very much we appreciate you all. All care has been available without charge regardless of age, income level, race or religious beliefs.

Today we are emotionally sad to announce that Volunteer Visitors of Northwest Illinois will be officially closing their doors effective June 30, 2019.

Like many organizations today, our ability to recruit volunteers to expand our agency has been limited and most patients needing our services are finding it easier to reach out to agencies offering insurance

paid coverage or Medicare/Medicaid. Therefore, we find ourselves at a point where we are not serving the community as best we can. Our current clients will be contacted regarding the continuance of volunteers as friends and no longer affiliated with Volunteer Visitors.

We have moved our Quilt Raffle drawing to June 20. If you haven't yet purchased your chances to win this beautiful Log Cabin patterned quilt, you may purchase your chances at our office located at 105 S. Main St. in Stockton, or call us at 815-947-3260 for more information.

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JDCF safaris launching in June

This summer, the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) is offering the public an opportunity for adventures in our nature preserves as part of small groups led by expert guides. We are calling these expeditions "safaris." Our first safaris will take visitors to the habitats of rare and beautiful birds and to the remnants of ancient Native peoples.

Our new "Thunderbird" safari – June 15/16 – will be guided by archaeologist and historian, Dr. Phil Millhouse. Phil brings his unique experience as a foremost expert on Native American cultural sites of Northwest Illinois to a tour of JDCF's Casper Bluff Land and Water Reserve, near Galena. Phil will guide visitors to the remnants of ancient native peoples, still visible after thousands of years, including the state's only known intact Thunderbird effigy. Phil is excited to be a lead guide and share his knowledge as we launch our archaeological safari adventures. "As you know, encouraging appreciation of heritage has to be kept alive," Phil said. "The safaris are a great way to this," he said.

ENF lists Big Bird Day results

On Saturday, May 11, Terrence Ingram, Executive Director of the Eagle Nature Foundation, ENF, conducted his Spring Big Bird Day for 2019. Spring Big Bird Day was originally started as an attempt by Mr. Ingram to document the loss of bird life due to Roundup and other chemicals that are used by the commercial farmers in the area. This information was used last fall when he wrote Silent Fall. This day is also used as a fund raiser for ENF with people pledging \$\$ to ENF for every different species seen.

May 11 was a cold dreary day with occasional periods of rain throughout much of the day. On this day Mr. Ingram only saw 42 different species of birds from dawn to dusk. Four years ago he saw 54 different species on his Spring Big Bird Day.

It was too cold for most insects to be flying, so there were no flycatchers and only one swallow and one warbler seen on that day. Only two hawks were seen. Almost no birds were seen migrating north all day, but at about 3:30 in the afternoon a flock of 27 brown pelicans was observed migrating north.

Only one individual bird was seen of 19 different species, including wood duck, turkey vulture, red-tailed hawk, northern harrier, barred owl, common flicker, yellow bellied sapsucker, barn swallow, house wren, catbird, brown thrasher, common grackle, prothonotary warbler, indigo bunting, pine siskin, white throated sparrow and song sparrow. In another year or two if the trend continues, many of these species may not be seen on Big Bird Day.

For more information contact, Terrence Ingram, Exec. Director, Eagle Nature Foundation, 300 East Hickory Street, Apple River, IL 61001.

Our new "Bobolink" safaris – June 22 or June 29 – will be guided by international birding expert Bobbi Asher. Bobbi sits on the boards of both the International Crane Foundation and Chicago Audubon Society. She has traveled the globe on birding adventures and brings her experience to a tour of JDCF's Valley of Eden Bird Sanctuary, near Stockton, during the peak of the Bobolink breeding season. "Valley of Eden is one of my favorite places to bird. I'm excited for people to experience its variety of habitats and some of the uncommon birds it hosts."

Most JDCF preserves are open to the public and can be enjoyed year-round. With our safaris, we are adding the opportunity to experience them even more fully as their

secrets are unlocked by experts. JDCF Associate Director Christie Trifone-Simon says that she hopes "Bobolink" and "Thunderbird" are only the beginning. "Surveys show that visitors are drawn to our region because of its natural wonders," Christie said. "We anticipate that JDCF safaris will be an important new way to experience those wonders." JDCF plans to add additional safaris in the near future, featuring tours of other Native American cultural sites, explorations of the region's oak ecosystems, rare and beautiful butterflies, nocturnal birds and more.

Fees for the safaris will be used to further JDCF's conservation work. JDCF is not funded by the government. We rely on memberships and the generosity of our do-

nors. With their support, JDCF has been able to conserve and protect more than 6000 acres for the legacy of the peoples who came before us and the benefit of people and wildlife today. For more information on the safaris, please go to www.jdcf.org.

Did you know the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation is a local, member supported 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 such as community favorites Casper Bluff and Horseshoe Mound. No tax dollars are used for the acquisition, restoration, or maintenance of JDCF properties.

Around the Northern Hills with Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau Manager Annette Eggers

The quest for Jo Daviess County's best burger is entering the next phase. The top three eateries in the running for the best burger are: Jug's Main Street Tap, Slim's Eats & Treats and Taste Country Roadhouse.

Place your vote by May 31st at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XR7ZZSV>

The overall winning restaurant will receive a plaque and a Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau membership.

Each online voter will be entered for a drawing to win a \$50 gift certificate.

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Area student studies abroad

Eighty-one Cornell College students studied abroad during the spring 2019 semester, including Daniel Klever of Elizabeth, IL who traveled to New Zealand.

Cornell's distinctive "One Course at a Time" schedule provides students with experiential learning opportunities not available on a traditional semester plan, including traveling with professors and peers to see first-hand and up close the subject of their course of study. Students can also choose to study abroad for more than one block at a time.

Daviess County Farm Bureau is asking families, school groups, churches, and other organizations to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City. In turn the farm bureau will deliver the collected tabs to the Iowa City facility for its fundraising campaign. The Ronald McDonald House Charities provide a home-away-from-home for families whose children are hospitalized and seriously ill.

Please drop off collected tabs in any kind of container to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office Monday – Friday, 8 – 4:30.

This recycling program is beneficial for everyone involved. It does not interfere with other can recycling programs and recycles a resource

that might otherwise go to waste. More importantly, children and their families are being helped during their time of need.

Did you know that if you are a Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau member and a customer of Stephenson Service Company that you may be eligible for FS patronage benefits? How does it work? Qualified purchases you make from FS gives you the potential to become an owner of the company, thereby giving you a voice in its governance. Each year, the FS Board of Directors considers the payment of patronage refunds based on each division's sales and profitability and only pays patronage refunds to Farm Bureau members. If you're not already a member, please contact our office at 815-858-2235 or sign up at www.myifb.org.

Farm Fun Fact: May is National Hamburger Month. Make sure to place your vote for the best burger in Jo Daviess County! Check out the link on our website.



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College News

Stockton's Fox part of UW-Whitewater baseball conference title

Hayden Fox, a native of Stockton, IL, and graduate of Stockton High School, is a member of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater baseball team, which clinched its third straight Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season championship and its sixth in the last seven years last week and will host the WIAC Championship tournament starting this Friday.

Fox, a freshman at UW-Whitewater, is majoring in business.

The Warhawks (31-9 overall) now own 19 WIAC regular season championships, second-most in league history.

UW-Whitewater begins play at the WIAC Championship Friday at 1 p.m. against UW-Stout. All games in the four-team tournament will be held at Prucha Field at James B. Miller Stadium on the UW-Whitewater campus.

GCGS June program to be on Wisconsin labor union history

Ken Germanson, president emeritus of the Wisconsin Labor History Society in Milwaukee, will present the story of how workers struggled to create better lives for their families and for generations to come.

The Green County Genealogical Society meeting will be held in the second floor meeting room of the Monroe Public Library at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1. Refreshments are available for 15 minutes before the meeting. Visitors are always welcome and there is no cost to attend. You may call Sharon Mitchell (815-868-2416) or Donna Kjendlie (608-921-1537) if you have questions. Please leave a message if we are not available to answer.



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"I think the idea here is that those who are convicted of these offenses should not suffer the lifelong consequences of having this criminal record," he said.

Republican Sen. Jason Barickman, of Bloomington, said he was interested in coming to an agreement on cannabis legalization. But he said he preferred an expungement process that is initiated by a blanket pardon by the governor, rather than passed by the Legislature with the onus on the Illinois State Police to identify individuals eligible for expungement.

Steans said revenue resulting from legalization is expected to reach \$500 million annually when the program is fully matured, but fiscal year 2020 revenue estimates would be closer to \$56 million – far less than the \$170 million in Pritzker's January budget proposal. In FY 2021, estimates are for about \$140 million.

Several opponents testified against legalization, pointing to public health consequences such as increases in driving under the influence and normalization leading to increased use. Some said legalization will send the message to youth that marijuana use is OK.

ABORTION BILLS: Democratic lawmakers demanded their colleagues take action on a controversial, sweeping reproductive health care bill at a rally Wednesday, May 15, just outside the Statehouse. Their call for the Reproductive

Health Act to get a committee hearing comes amid recent action by other states to restrict access to abortion procedures.

The act, proposed in the House by Rep. Kelly Cassidy, from Chicago, and in the Senate by Sen. Melinda Bush, from Grayslake, would repeal Illinois' abortion law and replace it with what backers and detractors agree would be the most liberal reproductive health care legislation in the country.

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker has vowed to "make Illinois the most progressive state in the nation for access to reproductive health care," seemingly indicating he would sign the bill if it arrived on his desk.

But after its introduction in February, both versions have sat in legislative limbo.

"Since that day, each week has brought a new horror, a new reason why this is so much more important," Cassidy said. "I woke up this morning to yet more news of how close we are to losing our right to self-determination, our right to access true reproductive health care."

She was referencing a law signed Wednesday by Alabama's governor effectively banning abortion in the state. Others, including Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ohio have passed other restrictive laws this year.

Some of those states aim to get their laws before the U.S. Supreme Court in hopes of overturning Roe v.

Wade, the landmark 1973 case that legalized abortion nationwide.

Sara Hutchinson Ratcliffe, vice president of Catholics for Choice, called those bills "onerous and cruel." The group supports the Reproductive Health Act.

Cassidy and Bush were joined by about 20 legislators from both chambers of the General Assembly in urging their colleagues to codify the protections enshrined in the act, given the current political climate. Behind the group were about 60 women dressed as Handmaids, characters from Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel.

CAPITAL BILL: A new report says subpar roads in Illinois are costing drivers \$1,300 to \$2,600 in repair, safety and congestion costs annually, and that number will increase if the state does not take action on an infrastructure bill this legislative session.

Unveiling the report Wednesday, May 15, at the Capitol, representatives of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce joined one Democrat and two Republican lawmakers who said they are ready to take the lead on an infrastructure bill, and all sources of revenue – including hikes to the motor fuel tax and vehicle registration fees – are on the table.

"You can't build 21st century infrastructure with 1990s money. There isn't enough efficiency, there isn't enough reform, you just can't do it," said Republican Rep. Margo McDermid, of Mokena. "We still need to look at the fact that our buying power has plummeted because cars are much more efficient and we don't get as much money in, number one. And number two, inflation. We haven't raised that (gas tax) number since 1990."

McDermid joined the two other lawmakers, Sen. Martin Sandoval (D-Chicago) and Don DeWitte (R-St. Charles), in saying the independent report by national transportation research group, TRIP, demonstrates the cost of inaction on an infrastructure bill.

"The real question we have to ask is, 'What is the cost if we do nothing?'" DeWitte said. "[The report] is more evidence that the longer we wait, not only do things get worse, but the more expensive it becomes."

The report estimates drivers in Illinois face \$18.3 billion in annual vehicle costs as a result of rough roads, traffic crashes, and lost time and wasted fuel caused by congestion.

In Springfield, that boils down to about \$1,300 per person annually. In the Chicago area, it amounts to about \$2,600 each year.

Sandoval, who chairs the Sen-

ate committee that has been touring the state to hear from local officials about infrastructure needs, is sponsoring legislation to raise the state's gas tax by up to 25 cents while hiking vehicle registration fees. He said his proposal, which would raise \$2.4 billion in revenue, is a launching point for discussions on a capital bill.

DCFS REFORMS: Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker vowed Wednesday, May 15, to carry out all of the recommendations in a new, independent report that calls for sweeping reforms at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to prevent future deaths of children who have been in foster care or other child welfare programs.

The report by Chapin Hall, a child and family welfare policy research institute at the University of Chicago, focused on what are known as "Intact Family Services," which are intended to address cases of child abuse or neglect without removing those children from their homes.

In most cases, those services are provided by outside agencies that contract with DCFS, although the agency does keep direct control of certain "high-risk" cases. Over the past several months, there have been a number of high-profile deaths of children whose families had previously received those services.

The report cited a number of "systemic influences" within DCFS that have prevented the agency from operating those programs effectively. Those include "structural" issues in the way in which teams and individuals are organized and held accountable; "procedural" issues involving how cases are managed and how work flows in business processes; and "cultural" issues involving commonly held beliefs among people who work in the system.

"These challenges are the result of many years of misguided decisions, underdeveloped program rollouts and unacceptable funding cuts," Pritzker said at a Statehouse news conference. "There is nowhere in the Illinois government that has been more hollowed out than DCFS. And there is nowhere in state government where those cuts have done more damage."

The report noted the rate of child deaths from maltreatment is actually slightly lower than the national rate – 2.19 per 100,000 children in Illinois, versus 2.36 per 100,000 children nationally. It also noted that while the actual number of child maltreatment-related deaths each year has been declining, the actual incidence of child abuse and neglect has been growing.

In his budget proposal, Pritzker has asked lawmakers for an additional \$75 million for DCFS and authority to hire an additional 126 case workers.

But the report calls for additional reforms within the agency, such as working with courts and prosecutors to refine the criteria used for removing children from their homes, refining protocols for closing Intact Family Services cases, and improving the quality of supervision within the agency to provide more clear lines of authority and supervision.

"The recommendations provided by Chapin Hall amount to an overhaul of Intact Family Services," Pritzker said. "I am committed to carrying out that overhaul as quickly and effectively as possible."

HEALTH CARE SERVICES: Illinois falls short in providing the funding and worker compensation to keep the health care services industry stable, advocates representing various organizations from around the state said this week.

Of the state's 102 counties, 85 are designated as "health professional shortage areas," Sara Howe, CEO for the Illinois Association for Behavioral Health, said during a House Appropriations-Human Service Committee meeting Thursday, May 16, at the Capitol.

Howe said Illinois is a "detox desert" with limited facilities, a national ranking of fifth for adult binge drinking, and hospitalization rates for adults with serious mental disorders that are 1.5 times higher than the national average.

While requests for substance abuse and mental health services have increased, organizations that provide them have been underfunded for at least a decade, she added.

"At the same time, the rates for mental health and substance use disorders have remained stagnant with only sporadic, inconsistent and negligible increases that have not kept pace with the cost of providing quality, evidenced-based services," Howe said.

Rep. Robyn Gabel, a Democrat from Evanston, sponsored HB 2717 to increase by 10 percent the funding for community-based substance abuse center grants available through the Department of Human Services (to \$9.2 million) and for certified community mental health centers (to \$19.3 million).

Howe said those appropriations would be "a down payment to reverse the damage we've seen," but the actual amount needed to bring funding back in pace with cost is most likely higher.

Several organizations that provide services for the elderly and children hold a common position on funding: They need more money simply to maintain the services provided.

Sister Catherine Ryan, on behalf of Maryville Academy as well as Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, and Dr. Peter Smith, medical director of Almost Home Kids, gave testimony about services provided to children with complex needs and representing "stressed" populations.



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SONYA WILLIAMSON PHOTOS *The Scoop Today*

Blackhawk Track

Stockton's Garrett Luke stretches into the long jump.



Addison Ernst extends into her long jump at the Lena Conference meet.



Leah Warner and Cami Vincent keep a steady pace in the 1600 meter race.



Braden Freese opens his kick in the 200 yard run.



Katie Chrome shows great endurance in the 1600 meter race.



Stockton's Parker Luke pushes to the finish in the 200 yard dash.

Water bath and pressure canning basics

Spring is here and that means gardening and the bounties of gardening are just around the corner. Have you thought about what you will do with all of that wonderful produce? I would recommend coming up with a game plan. Having a plan will help you not only enjoy your produce throughout the summer months, but also throughout the entire year.

Once you decided what you will be planting and how much you will need to plant, consider what you will do with what you grow. Will you be growing extra to give to family, friends, or the local food pantry? Perhaps you've thought about canning or freezing your extra produce, but just didn't know where to start, consider the Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely, home food preservation programs.

If canning is something you have always thought about learning or want

to update your food preservation knowledge this workshop is for you. Join University of Illinois Extension's Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Diane Reinhold, for Yes! You Can: Preserve It Safely – Water Bath and Pressure Canning Basics. This workshop will cover safe food handling practices, the latest, most up-to-date food preservation information, and you will also be able to get your dial gauge pressure canner tested for accuracy. If you have a dial gauge pressure canner you need to get it tested once a year!

This workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 11, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL. This program is free to attend, but pre-registration is required. Call our office today to register at (815) 858-2273, or visit us online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>. The deadline to register is Friday, June 7.

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Wildcats get comeback win over Pearl City

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Last Saturday, the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats hosted the Pearl City Wolves baseball squad for what would be a battle from start to finish.

The Wolves jumped out to an early lead as they came out swinging from the start. The Wolves took advantage of a walk and an error by the Wildcat defense, when Drake Musser came to the plate and hit a two-run home run to right field, giving the Wolves a quick 3-0 lead.

The Wildcats got a run back in the bottom of the second, when Bennett Reese hit a sacrifice fly, which brought in Kameron Kiley to score. The sac fly cut the Wolves lead to just two runs. River Ridge-Scales Mound took their first lead of the day in the bottom of the third. Kaelan Shetler got the inning started with a double to right field. Following a single and a walk, underwood came through with a line drive to center field to drive in a run. Micah Knauer came through clutch in the following at bat when he doubled to center field, bringing in Andy Wurster and

Tayden Patterson to score, putting the Wildcats up 5-3.

Pearl City managed to get a run back the top of the fourth when Kade Knoup tripled on a ball to right field, driving in a run to bring the score to 5-4. The score would remain that way until the bottom of the sixth when the Wildcats got a very important insurance run. Taking advantage of a Pearl City error, Kiley scored to put River Ridge-Scales Mound up 6-4.

That error would prove to be the difference maker in this one, as the Wolves begun to fight back in their final at bat but were only able to bring one run across as the Wildcats eventually won by a score of 6-5.

The Wildcats were led by Knauer, who went two for three with two rbi's on the day. Shetler and Wurster each had two hits, and Reese went one for three with two rbi's in the game. Knauer was impressive from the mound as well. He pitched all seven innings, striking out eleven and allowing zero earned runs on six hits. All five of the Wolves runs were unearned. The win put the Wildcats overall record at 19-8 on the year.

Pearl City Baseball Regionals

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Pearl City Wolves baseball squad opened up the playoffs last Wednesday when they faced off with Alden Hebron High School for the regional opener. The Wolves proved to be too much for Alden Hebron, as they had control of this one from start to finish.

The Wolves took their first lead of the day in the second inning when Cayden Kuberski singled to left field, bringing in his brother Collyn to score their first run. Soon after, Braden Smargiassi singled to center field to bring in the second run of the inning.

Pearl City was able to extend their lead in the top of the third when Cayden walked with the bases loaded, giving him his second rbi of the day. The score would remain 3-0 until the top of the fifth when Logan Krell doubled on a line drive to center field, bringing in Kuberski to score once again.

The Wolves big inning of the day came in the sixth when they took advantage of some spotty pitching by Alden Hebron. The Wolves collected five walks in the inning, two

of which were batters that were hit by the pitch. All of the walks and a double by Caleb Tichler allowed the Wolves to extend their lead to 9-1.

Alden Hebron struggled to find the strike zone again in the seventh inning as a trio of walks and a single by Logan Krell allowed the Wolves to go up by 13-2, which would be the final score of the regional opener.

The Wolves were led offensively by Krell, who went two for three with three rbi's. Cayden Kuberski was also impressive, going one for one with four rbi's, two runs scored, and three walks on the day. The duo played a major role in the Wolves offensive blowout.

Braden Smargiassi was impressive on the mound, pitching just over six innings while allowing two earned runs on five hits while striking out ten batters.

The regional victory gave the Wolves the opportunity to face off with the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats in the regional championship. The wolves battled from start to finish, but ultimately fell short to the Wildcats by a score of 6-5 as their season comes to an end. Pearl City went 8-12 on the season.

Lena Beautification Committee and LBPA thank you

The Lena Beautification Committee and LBPA would like to thank the generous people that have contributed to the flowers that were just planted in downtown Lena this past week.

Sponsors are: Brian & Jo Wenzel, Community Bank, Citizens Bank, Lena State Bank, Jim & Lee Cox, John & Charmaine Magee, Lena Historical Society, Lena Living Center, My Friends Closet, Flynn Insurance Group, Engel's Jewelry, Paris Hughes, Lingle Design, Lena Lions, Julie Wenzel, Ben & Gail Mayer, Leamon's Funeral Home Ltd., FHN, and AJ Meats.

The Planters are maintained by The Lena Beautification Committee. This dedicated group waters the flowers every day during the growing season. During the summer they honor three homeowners with a "Yard of the Month" award. They will also plant new flowers for the fall season and decorate planters for Christmas. Other projects include: maintenance of the Visitor Booth, honoring three homes for their exceptional Christmas displays, sponsoring Santa's House, judging Christmas parade entries and store front decorations.



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Listings

Lena • \$122,500



Charm throughout this 3+ bedroom home. The covered front porch welcomes you into the bright and airy living room & dining room. There is a main bedroom with access to the half bath. Upstairs you will find the other 2 + bedrooms and the full bath with double bowl vanity. The other room upstairs is being used as an office/toy room, it would make a cute nursery. The kitchen has stainless steel appliances, door to enclosed back porch, deck and partially fenced in back yard. There is a dream 30' x 36' garage with 10' walls, 8' x 10' doors, insulated, heated and has a concrete floor w/floor drains. Home has Nest smoke & carbon detectors and thermostat.

Lena • \$139,900



Two story on corner lot close to park. The home has 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, kitchen with snack bar, dining room, living room, LL family room and 3 seasons porch. Beautiful wood floors, crown molding & trim, built-ins in the upper hallway. One of the bedrooms is currently being used as an office and another one is being used as the laundry. There are laundry hook ups in the basement so it can be moved back down. Walk up attic for storage needs. There is a one stall garage and another two stall garage off of the alley. Pending Home Sale.

Pearl City • \$575,000



Stunning country property on 42 +/- acres of sheer paradise! Wildlife galore, creek, timber, and pasture. This property has all that you could possibly want. Spacious master suite with tray ceiling, sitting area, gas fireplace, his & hers walk in closets, ensuite with jetted tub, shower, double bowl vanity. Three more bedrooms on the upper level, one with it's own full bath and a Jack & Jill bath between the two other bedrooms. Upper hall over looks the family room with spectacular views of the back. The family room has a gas fireplace with built in bookcases. There is a living room, dining room and formal dining room. The office on the main floor could also be a 5th bedroom with a walk in closet. The lower level has another family room with wet bar, half bath and workshop. Plenty of storage and a lower level garage. Back deck with pull out awning, lower concrete patio ready for your hot tub plus a covered front porch. A 32 x 40 building could be used for your toys or animals.

Winslow • \$55,900



Walk into an enclosed front porch which leads you to the eat in kitchen. On the main level you will also find the living room, master bedroom, full bath and laundry room. Upstairs you will find 2 bedrooms with hall closet for one of the bedrooms. Outside there is a back deck and 2 stall detached garage with plenty of area to play in the backyard.

Lena • \$64,900



Historic stone school house turned into a 1 bedroom, 1 bath home. Spacious living room, dining room, kitchen, main floor laundry and mud room. 1 car attached garage has pull down stairs with attic storage.

Stockton • \$199,990



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Home features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, den, eat in kitchen, dining room, mud room, enclosed front porch with wood stove. Door in mudroom leads to a concrete patio and large back yard. Walk in closet in main floor bedroom.

Stockton • \$35,000



Looking for a project with good square footage? This home is waiting for your updates. Main floor has front and back porches (not included in square footage), living room, dining room, parlor and kitchen. Upper level has the three bedrooms and full bath. There is a garage and another small shed in the back. Property is being sold "as is".

Lena • \$49,900



Cozy 2 bedroom home features open kitchen, dining room, main floor laundry, large living room, and main floor bath. Why pay rent when you can own.

Stockton • \$69,900



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Stockton • \$51,000



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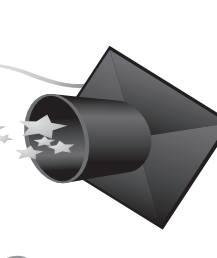
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Sunday, June 23 *THE SPOTTED DOG*

Sunday, June 30 *FEVER RIVER STRING BAND*

Sunday, July 14 *INSPIRATION*

Sunday, July 21 *A PIRATE OVER 50*

Sunday, July 28 *JUST FOR KICKS**

Sunday, August 4 *ELIZABETH MARY*

Sunday, August 11 *DAN, DEB & DEWEY*

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LEGALS

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
WARREN TOWNSHIP
FISCAL ENDING MARCH 31, 2019
REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$85,122.82; Replacement Tax-\$14,243.10; Social Security-\$6,518.83; Audit-\$995.59; Interest-\$675.56; TOIRMA-\$1,348.00.
TOTAL REVENUES \$101,389.48
GENERAL ASSISTANCE \$13,461.01
COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Under \$1500-William Bourquin, Carol Aurand, Dennis Dawson, Roger Kent, Gary Roberts; Under \$2000.00-Donna Ernst; Under \$6000.00 Laura Busch; Under \$25000.00-Tim Niemann \$23,337.00
TOTAL COMPENSATION \$31,833.40
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Transfer to Road & Bridge-\$60,000.00; TOIRMA-\$3687.00; Warren Township Library-\$2,079.43; Beggin Lamm-\$1600.00; TTL \$9018.00; IDOR \$1500.00; All Others Less Than \$2000.00-5000.00-\$36,399.21
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$114,283.64

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND
FISCAL ENDING MARCH 31, 2019
REVENUE SUMMARY: Transfer From Town Fund-\$60,000.00; Replacement Tax \$12,821.20; Road & Bridge-\$28,932.57; Building & Equipment-\$19,022.32; Road Damage-\$6,146.75; TOIRMA Refund-\$4,307.01; Interest-\$123.35; Misc \$20,951.71 (sent twice); From Special Bridge-\$12,667.80; JDC Misc-\$31.14
TOTAL REVENUE: **\$165,003.86**

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: None
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Farmers Exchange-\$1,164.95; Village of Warren-\$7,781.91; TOIRMA-\$5,530.00; F&K Tire Service-\$2,473.87; Willow Repair-\$1,614.22; Civil Materials-\$48,379.97; Bonnell Industries-\$6,706.88; Stagecoach Limestone-\$6,573.16; Stockton Auto Supply-\$2,993.12; Burmeister-\$58.93; Metal Culvers-\$2310.00; Pax Excavating-\$1,325.00; Newman-\$184.46; Louis Trenching-\$54,917.00; Jordan Ag-\$1,070.00; Rick Sales-\$22.46; Martin Equipment-\$371.44; NAPA-\$448.39; Spahn & Rose-\$3,415.11; Werhane-\$1404.09; JDC-\$140.00; Metal Culverts-\$548.09
TOTAL EXPENSE: **\$150,999.34**

TOWN	ROAD & BRIDGE	SPECIAL BRIDGE	GA
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE			
\$110,015.09	\$44,956.92	\$19,155.74	\$61,350.53
REVENUE			
\$101,389.48	\$165,003.86	\$15,652.64	\$13,663.51
EXPENSES			
\$114,283.64	\$150,999.34	\$29,376.82	\$1,706.59
ENDING FUND BALANCE			
\$97,120.93	\$58,961.44	\$5,431.56	\$73,307.45

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO THIS 9TH DAY
OF APRIL, 2019. LAURA BUSCH-SUPERVISOR
I DONNA ERNST, CLERK OF WARREN TOWNSHIP, JO-DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019.

(Published in The Scoop Today May 22, 2019)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE STOCKTON
TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
MAY 1, 2018 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2019

RECEIPTS:	
Real Estate Taxes	\$173,424.00
Swimming Pool Fees	27,808.00
Interest Income	78.00
State Replacement Tax	4,014.00
Park House Fees	3,415.00
Memorials	1,300.00
School Reimbursement	0.00
TIF Reimbursement	1,325.00
Other Misc. Receipts	<u>0.00</u>
	\$211,364.00
Bond/Loan	245,000.00
Total Receipts	\$456,364.00
EXPENDITURES:	

Bond/Loan 245,000.00
Total Receipts \$456,364.00

Bond Expense	\$ -0-
Interest Expense	668.00
Bond/Loan Principal	65,000.00
Salaries and Wages	77,840.00
Payroll Taxes	6,580.00
Insurance	18,426.00
Electricity	18,235.00
Fuel	1,086.00
Education	1,500.00
Supplies	21,831.00
Repairs & Maint.	16,185.00
Legal Fees & Publications	10,169.00
Water and Sewer	1,916.00
Telephone	4,401.00
Other Misc. (rent, donations, ads, fees, postage)	1,000.00
Improvements	174,677.00
Equipment	-0-
Property Taxes (on Aqua Sod Acres prop)	2,579.00
Contract Labor	<u>2,828.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$424,921.00
Difference of Receipts	31,443.00
Versus Expenditures	
Fund Balance -	
Beginning of fiscal year (05/01/18)	<u>31,339.00</u>
Fund Balance -	\$62,782.00
End of Fiscal Year (04/30/19)	

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JO DAVIESS COUNTY)
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STEVE JORDAN, SUSAN SCHAMBERGER and JON TOWNSEND, Commissioners of the Stockton Township Park District, being each duly sworn, on oath, state that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of public funds received and disbursed by them as Commissioners during the fiscal year of the Stockton Township Park District beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019 including statement of funds on hand at the beginning and end of such fiscal year.

DATED: May 15, 2019.

/s/Steve Jordan /s/Susan Schamberger
STEVE JORDAN SUSAN SCHAMBERGER

/s/Jon Townsend
JON TOWNSEND
Signed and sworn to before me
on May 15, 2019
RONALD PAJA

Notary Public
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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Stockton Park District, Jo Daviess County, IL for its fiscal year beginning on May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020 has been prepared and is available for public review at the Park House and in the lobbies of Illinois Bank & Trust and Citizens State Bank in Stockton, IL.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a public hearing on said proposed Budget and Appropri-

ation Ordinance of the Stockton Park District for the 2019/2020 fiscal year will be held in the Park House at the Stockton Park at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at which time and place all persons interested in said matter may appear and be heard.

/s/RONALD PAJA
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University Of Illinois Extension and Illinois Milk Producers Association partner to showcase dairy technology

The Illinois Milk Producers Association and University of Illinois Extension will host the 8th annual Dairy Technology Showcase Friday, June 28. The tour will highlight dairy technology and dairy management at Lenkaitis Holsteins Dairy Farm in Kane County near St. Charles, Illinois.

"These tours provide an excellent opportunity for Illinois dairy farmers and industry representatives to get a look at the latest and greatest dairy technology and management," said Tasha Bunting, manager, Illinois Milk Producers Association. "The best part is, participants can really talk with dairy farmers who have implemented these systems and learn from one another."

The farm tour will be held at Lenkaitis Holsteins Dairy Farm, owned and operated by Andy and Sarah Lenkaitis along with Albert and Mary Etta Lenkaitis, located at 6N509 Corron Rd., St. Charles, IL. The Lenkaitis family farm is home to 90 Holstein cows (mostly red and white) housed in a freestall facility. The freestall barn incorporates a modern manure handling system which includes a manure separator. The separated manure solids are then used as bedding with any extra sold to create an additional revenue stream.

Lenkaitis feed their calves a milk replacer diet which includes starter and hay, prior to weaning, in a recently retrofitted tiestall barn with an automated ventilation system. The family raises their own replacement heifers.

Cows are milked in an automated milking system using two GEA Monobox robotic milkers with an average of more than three milkings per cow each day. The milking herd is currently producing an average of 80 pounds of milk per cow, per day. The modern free stall and GEA robotic milking facility was built in 2017 to maximize technology, milking management, cow comfort, and labor management.

The farm stop will include an organized tour conducted by the Lenkaitis family along with management discussions and a research update session led by Dr. Phil Cardoso, University of Illinois.

The tentative tour agenda is as follows:

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Guided farm tour

11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Data Management in Automated Systems Presentation by Andy Lenkaitis

12:15 p.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch at the farm

1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Dairy Research Update by Dr. Phil Cardoso and Dairy Focus Team

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Self-guided farm visit

Contact Tasha Bunting, at 309-557-3703 or tbunting@ilfb.org, for more information on the tour.

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

It is hard to believe that we are heading into summer. Memorial Day is the official beginning of our summer season. We have had only a few really good days, so it is hard to believe that the season will be official. Today's column features some recipes for a summer get together or maybe an end to spring gathering.

This first recipe is for a cheese spread that you can use all summer long. It is easy to put together and stays in the refrigerator for a time.

Garlic and Herb Cheese Spread

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
 ½ C. fresh parsley leaves
 ¼ C. fresh basil leaves
 1 t. lemon juice
 1 small garlic clove, minced
 ¼ t. salt
 ¼ t. pepper

Process all ingredients in food processor until smooth, about 20 seconds, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed. Serve on crackers, breadsticks, or vegetables. You can also use this spread on baked potatoes by adding a little half and half to make it thinner.

Summer ushers in certain foods, and deviled eggs is one of them. This short recipe has the added zip of buffalo sauce to make them extra tasty.

Buffalo Deviled Eggs

Boil a dozen eggs and run cold ice water on eggs. Let cool completely; peel and cut in half lengthwise. Mash the egg yolks until yolks are finely crushed. Add ¼ cup buffalo wing sauce and 3 tablespoons blue cheese dressing. Spoon into the egg whites and top with diced celery.

If you are looking for a refreshing summer salad, this buttermilk and

Parmesan dressing salad will fill the bill. The addition of the pepperoncini gives it just the right zip.

Italian Salad with Creamy Parmesan Dressing

Dressing
 ½ C. mayonnaise
 ¼ C. buttermilk
 ¼ C. grated Parmesan cheese
 1 T. fresh lemon juice
 1 t. pepper
 1 t. minced fresh garlic
 ¼ t. sugar
 Salt to taste

Salad:

4 C. chopped romaine
 ½ C. halved cherry or grape tomatoes
 ¼ C. sliced pepperoncini
 ¼ C. sliced red onion
 ¼ C. sliced Kalamata olives

Whisk together the mayo, buttermilk, Parmesan, lemon juice, pepper, garlic and sugar for the dressing; season with salt and chill until ready to serve (at least an hour). Combine romaine, tomatoes, pepperoncini, onion and olives. Drizzle dressing over the salad.

A lot of people equate summer picnics with baked beans. This recipe is an easy onto make in the slow cooker. If you are going away, pack up the cooker for a traditional treat. Just remember the beans have to soak overnight and then they cook for another ten to twelve hours.

Boston Baked Beans

1 lb. dried navy beans
 6 C. water divided
 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
 1 large onion, chopped
 ½ C. packed brown sugar
 ½ C. molasses
 ¼ C. sugar
 1 t. ground mustard
 1 t. salt
 ¼ t. ground cloves
 ½ t. pepper

Sort beans and rinse in cold water. Place beans in a 4 qt. slow cooker; add 4 cups of water. Cover and let stand overnight. Drain and rinse beans, discarding liquid. Return beans to slow cooker; add bacon. In a small bowl, combine onion, brown sugar,

molasses, sugar, mustard, salt, cloves, pepper, and remaining water. Pour mixture over beans; stir to combine. Cover and cook on low 10 to 12 hours or until beans are tender.

It hasn't been the best weather to grill, so the next two recipes are traditional ones that won't rely on the weather. The first one is easy to make, and almost everybody likes beef sandwiches. The second one is my family's (actually it was from one of the older church cookbooks), tried and true barbeque beef. My mother always said it was delicious, easy and economical because it didn't have a lot of ingredients. It also had ingredients that were cheap! Enjoy these two meat dishes for your holiday cooking. Both can be made ahead of time.

French Dip Sandwiches

2 T. oil, divided
 3 to 3½ boneless chuck roast
 2 ½ t. steak seasoning, divided
 2 medium sweet yellow onions sliced
 1 large green pepper, seeded and sliced
 2 cloves garlic, minced
 2 sprig fresh thyme
 1 sprig fresh rosemary
 2 C. beef broth
 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
 6 hoagie rolls, split lengthwise
 6 slices provolone cheese

In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of oil over medium-high heat. Sprinkle roast all over with 2 teaspoons steak seasoning; cook until browned all over, about 3 minutes per side. Remove roast from skillet. Heat remaining tablespoon of oil in same skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and bell pepper; cook, stirring frequently, until lightly browned, 2 to 3 minutes. Add garlic; cook, stirring frequently, for 1 minute.

Transfer half of onion mixture to a 6 quart slow cooker; top with roast, remaining onion mixture, thyme, and rosemary. Sprinkle with remaining ½ teaspoon steak seasoning. Pour broth and Worcestershire around roast. Cover and cook until very tender, 5 to 6 hours on high or 8 to 10 hours on low. Transfer roast to a cutting board, and let stand for 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer onion mixture to a bowl, and keep warm. Skim fat off of cooking liquid; strain, discarding solids, and keep warm. Slice or shred roast. Preheat oven to 350. On hoagie rolls, layer cheese, roast and onion mixture; place on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until sandwiches are heated through and cheese is melted, 5 to 10 minutes. Serve immediately with reserved cooking liquid.

Barbeque

1 lb. ground beef
 ½ C. chopped onion
 ¼ C. chopped celery
 Can of tomato soup
 ¼ C. catsup
 1 T. vinegar
 1 T. sugar
 1 t. salt
 1 ½ t. pepper

Brown meat in pan and add the vegetables. Cook until vegetables are tender. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well and simmer for 20 minutes.

(I put it in the crock pot for several hours.)

This recipe has caused a lot of controversy. Some people call it a salad, and some people call it a dessert. I call it a dessert, and say it is just plain good.

Pretzel Strawberry Dessert

2 C. crushed pretzels
 ¼ C. butter, melted
 2 T. sugar
 Filling:
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese softened
 1 C. sugar
 1 carton (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed
 Topping:
 2 pkg. (3 oz. each) strawberry gelatin

2 C. boiling water
 ½ C. cold water
 Preheat the oven to 350. Mix crushed pretzels, melted butter and sugar; press into the bottom of an ungreased 9 x 13 baking dish. Bake 10 minutes. Cool completely.

Filling: beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Stir in whipped topping; spread over crust. Refrigerate, covered, until cold. In a small bowl, dissolve the gelatin in boiling water; stir in cold water; refrigerate until partially set. Pour carefully over the filling. Refrigerate, covered, until firm, 4 to 6 hours. Cut into squares.

The last recipe is for a moist and delicious strawberry cake. It is great because it doesn't make a lot; you can probably finish it off at one meal. Enjoy this tasty summer treat.

Strawberry Cream Cheese Crumb Cake

½ C. unsalted butter, softened
 ½ C. plus 1/3 C. white sugar, divided
 ¼ C. firmly packed brown sugar
 2 eggs
 1 t. vanilla
 1 t. strawberry extract
 1½ C. plus 2 T. flour, divided
 1/4 t. salt
 1 t. baking powder
 ¼ C. plus 2 T. whole buttermilk, divided
 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

1/3 C. strawberry preserves
 1 C. thinly sliced fresh strawberries
 1 C. Coffee Cake Crumble
 Coffee Cake Crumble
 1¾ C. flour
 1 C. firmly packed brown sugar
 ½ t. salt
 ¾ C. cold unsalted butter cubed
 Crumble: In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, brown sugar, and salt. Using your fingers, work in butter until mixture forms large crumbs.

Cake: Preheat the oven to 350. Spray an 8 inch square baking pan with cooking spray with flour. Line the pan with parchment paper, letting the excess extend over the sides of the pan. Spray the paper.

In a large bowl, beat butter, ½ cup of granulated sugar and all the brown sugar with a mixer at medium speed until fluffy, 3 to 4 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of the bowl. Add eggs,

one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in extracts.

In a medium bowl, whisk together 1½ cups flour, baking powder, and salt. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with ¼ C. buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture, beating just until combined after each addition. Spread batter into prepared pan.

In another large bowl, beat cream cheese and remaining ½ cup sugar with a mixer at medium spread until cream creamy, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Beat in remaining 2 tablespoons of buttermilk, until combined. Spread mixture onto batter in pan. Spread preserves onto cream cheese mixture, and top with strawberries. Sprinkle Coffee Cake crumble onto strawberries. Bake for 25 minutes. Loosely cover with foil, and bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, about 25 minutes more. Let cool in pan on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Using excess parchment handles, remove from pan before cutting. Serve warm.

Graduations are here, and soon school will be out for another year. I got my first taste of morel mushrooms, rib eye steak, and a salad. I also had fresh asparagus from my patch. It was divine! I need to get cemetery pots ready for the weekend. I am looking forward to fresh fruits and vegetables. We continue to look for some spring and summer recipes that include asparagus and rhubarb.

If you have any strawberry recipes 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

The 120th Townsend family reunion

The 120th Annual Townsend Family Reunion will be held June 2, 2019 at the Stockton Lions Memorial Park. A potluck will be held at 12:30. Please bring a dish to pass, and table service.

Since 1901, the Townsend Family has celebrated family with a reunion. This year, in honor of 120 years of family gatherings, lunch and the business meeting will be held at the Park House and then the family will move to the first Townsend Homestead, located on Apple Canyon Park Road, northwest of Stockton. The rock home was built in 1857 by George Nelson Townsend, and has been in the family since that time. This home has been on the US Registry of Historic Places since 2005. Currently Jerry and Cathy Townsend live in the rock house. Halstead Townsend, a brother of George N. built his home on the other side of the hill a few years later.

Please join us on this special occasion as we celebrate 120 years of family.

Light a luminary in honor/memory of a loved one

You are invited to this year's Carroll County Cancer Relay for Life scheduled for Saturday, June 8, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church/Antl Hall in Savanna. It will be held inside the church/hall from 5 – 9 p.m. so you don't have to worry about rain or hot or cold temperatures.

When the sun goes down at the Relay for Life event, hope shines the brightest. During the Luminaria ceremony, hundreds of luminaria will light the sanctuary to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has taken too much. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and perseverance with which we all continue to fight.

You can keep the flame of hope lit by dedicating a luminaria in memory of someone lost to cancer or in honor of someone still fighting or who has beaten the disease. The Luminaria ceremony will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Relay. Anyone interested in purchasing a luminaria (\$10) in honor/memory of someone please contact Bev Lundquist at 815-244-9684 and she will get you a form.

•Recap (Continued from page 1)

Most receive insurance through the state.

The reimbursement for service through insurance amounts to \$683 a day, Ryan said, when the actual cost of services is \$950. House Bill 2714, also sponsored by Gabel, would allow alternative, transitional facilities like the ones Ryan and Smith represent to receive a reimbursement of \$950.

TOBACCO TAX: A Democratic state lawmaker on Thursday, May 16, called Senate President John Cullerton's proposal to raise Illinois' usage tax on tobacco products "too unreasonable" at a time when the General Assembly is considering a slew of other tax hikes.

Cullerton announced last week he wants to increase the state's tax on a pack of cigarettes by \$1, to \$2.98. That is about triple the 32 cents Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker introduced in his budget proposal.

The Senate president's initiative would also include a 64 percent bump on the wholesale price of other tobacco products, including cigars, chewing tobacco and snuff.

But Rep. Thaddeus Jones, from Calumet City, said that plan would turn Illinois into a "job creator" for surrounding states.

"I appreciate President Cullerton for his advocacy, but this is the wrong way to go. We've gone through several phases of taxing cigarettes that

now is driving businesses and driving people away from Illinois and driving them to border states, and we've got to stop it," Jones said. "It's not having the effect that the president wants. It's not stopping people from smoking. What it's doing is making people in my community who can least afford it, who are on a fixed income, choose to go to Indiana to make sure they get cigarettes."

His constituents are already traveling to Indiana to get gas and groceries, he said. Some purchase tobacco products there as well.

Cullerton has not officially filed legislation to raise the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products, but is expected to do so next week.

SNAP DECISION: The Illinois Senate on Friday, May 17, passed with a 48-1 vote a bill that would allow those who are elderly, disabled or homeless to use their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to purchase meals from restaurants.

House Bill 3343, sponsored by Rep. Sonya M. Harper, D-Chicago, goes to Gov. J.B. Pritzker for his signature. The House passed the bill March 29.

Known as the Restaurants Meal Program, the elderly and a spouse, disabled persons and those who are homeless have the option to purchase prepared meals with SNAP benefits. Those populations were selected

because of the difficulties they may have when preparing meals.

PRIVATE DETENTION CENTERS: A bill that would ban for-profit immigrant detention centers in Illinois is now on its way to Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

The Illinois Senate voted 34-to-14 on Thursday, May 16, to pass House Bill 2020. It previously passed the House on April 10 by a vote of 85-to-26.

The bill would prohibit the state or any local unit of government from entering into any agreement to detain people in privately-owned facilities. It also prohibits them from spending any money to subsidize or defray the costs of developing or operating one.

It would take effect immediately if signed by Pritzker.

The bill was introduced in response to a proposal to build a private federal detention center in the village of Dwight, about 80 miles southwest of Chicago.

According to published reports, Dwight's village board had voted in March to annex and rezone a parcel of land where Virginia-based Immigration Centers of America planned to build and operate a detention center on contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Illinois has prohibited the development of private prisons since 2012. The new legislation would expand that law to include private detention centers. However, it would not apply to state work release centers or juvenile residential facilities that provide care and treatment by nonprofit contractors.

GOP BUDGET PROPOSAL: Illinois House Republicans called a news conference Thursday, May 16, to unveil a "fiscal year 2020 balanced budget proposal" in the form of a one-page document detailing \$2.6 billion more in revenue than House working groups had previously planned for.

"The important part here is we're not presenting a plan and saying 'take it or leave it,'" Deputy Minority

Leader Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, said. "We're saying there are new dollars that are on the table, that individual members have not yet been given the chance to weigh out. We believe their priorities should be heard."

Demmer said House working groups have been negotiating a balanced budget without new revenue that would be achieved by cuts of 6 percent to 10 percent from fiscal year 2019 expenditures across agencies.

But many of those cuts will not be needed, he said, because of increased fiscal year 2020 revenue estimates by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, as well as a handful of other new revenue streams Republicans stand ready to support.

"These numbers do not come out of a Republican think tank. This comes from the governor's own agency," House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, said at the news conference.

Demmer said the increased estimates include \$845 million for fiscal year 2020 in added income tax (\$800 million) and sales tax (\$45 million) revenue without any increased taxes. These estimates were increased by COGFA and GOMB based on an unexpected \$1.5 billion April revenue windfall, and they allowed Gov. J.B. Pritzker to scrap an unpopular proposal to decrease the state's mandated payment to its pension fund for FY2020.

Another \$1.4 billion depends on revenue proposals backed by Pritzker. That includes slightly more than \$1 billion in general revenue funding that would be freed up by a tax on Medicaid managed care organizations.

Demmer said MCO tax money will go to a special "Health Care Provider Relief Fund," where it will be matched by federal funds. This will allow General Revenue Funds previously used for Medicaid expenditures to remain in the GRF to be used for other budgeting purposes while the same level of Medicaid spending is maintained.

"Without changing the dollars that are being paid for Medicaid, it reduces your general revenue fund liability," Demmer said in a follow-up interview.

The Republicans also account for \$212 million in added revenue from legalized sports gambling, using the estimates of another Pritzker proposal.

ROCKFORD CASINO: Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara said lawmakers have to move quickly before the city's chances to build a casino are "virtually eliminated" by a northern rival.

Just 15 minutes away in Beloit, Wisconsin, the Ho-Chunk Nation tribe awaits federal approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to build a casino there, the Beloit Daily News has reported.

Some estimates say that project could employ up to 5,000 people and generate more than \$5 million in annual revenue for the local government.

If that casino is built before Rockford has a chance to build one, "Illinois residents would bypass our community and our state and take their dollars to Wisconsin," McNamara said Thursday, May 16.

But it's unclear if Illinois lawmakers will pass a "gambling expansion" bill in time for the end of the legislative session on May 31.

No language for such a bill has been filed, but it would likely be similar to ones that were proposed in prior years but failed to pass, which would have created six more state casino licenses. Illinois currently has 10 casinos.

"We have talked and talked and talked about casino expansion, literally since before I could drive," McNamara told House lawmakers in a hearing on gambling expansion earlier this month. "You hold all the power, we need you to take action."

COMMUNITY HOMES: DeKalb County resident Tony Stahl said he waited five years for the state to put his disabled daughter, Allison, in the selection process that would allow her to live in her own home in a community. It took an extra three years before that home was found, he said.

After that eight-year wait, Allison is living and paying rent with two roommates in Sycamore, where she also works at WalMart, ushers at a church, and dances at a studio.

Only the community home, rather than a state institution, could "fully address her personal care, medical, and community living needs," her father said.

Nearly 300 other advocates and people with disabilities came to the Capitol on Thursday, May 16, to say something similar.

"By segregating people, by limiting access to services and supports necessary for participation, Illinois' communities are missing out on the benefits and contributions of people with disabilities," said Meg Cooch, executive director of The Arc of Illinois, a Chicago-based advocacy group.

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Single Family Rehab Program with Roof Only Option

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency (NICAA) has funding available for homeowners of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties through the Illinois Housing Development Authority Trust Fund for the Single Family Rehab Program with Roof Only Option.

The Single Family Rehabilitation Program will assist income eligible homeowners to repair their homes and remove health and safety hazards by replacing costly maintenance items. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$45,000 in assistance as a five-year forgivable loan.

With the Roof Only option, eligible homeowners may address only the roof on their home if no other health and safety issues are present. The program offers assistance to mitigate roof damage and deterioration so the property is insurable. Eligible homeowners may receive up to \$16,500 in assistance as a three-year forgivable loan.

To qualify for this program, households must have annual income equal to or less than the following income guidelines:

People in Household	Stephenson Co.	Jo Daviess Co.
1	\$35,800	\$38,750
2	\$40,900	\$44,300
3	\$46,000	\$49,850
4	\$51,100	\$55,350
5	\$55,200	\$59,800
6	\$59,300	\$64,250
7	\$63,400	\$68,650
8	\$67,500	\$73,100

Grant recipients for this assistance are selected by a lottery system. Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to add your name to the lottery list no later than Thursday, May 30, 2019.

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Take the sting out of spring nettles

By Chris Hardie

From this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower, safety. — Shakespeare, Henry IV

"If you look at the nettle, it will know that you're going to touch it and it won't sting."

I was only 5 years old, but I had plenty of reason to doubt that advice from my great-uncle Leland Clair. I knew those green plants that were plentiful around the farm were something to avoid. And he loved to

tease me.

Seeing my hesitation, Uncle Leland grabbed a nettle leaf.

Nettles are among the first green plants of spring. Harvested at that age they can be made into soup. (Photo: Chris Hardie via Agri-View)

"See," he said. "It doesn't bite if you look at it."

I slowly reached out and touched the leaf. To my surprise the sting was not there.

Urtica dioica, or nettles, are one of the first green plants in the spring. Their leaves have hollow stinging hairs called trichomes that inject histamine and chemicals into skin, producing a burning sensation. Despite their reputation as plants to avoid, nettles have long been used as food, medicine, tea and as a tex-

tile material. I would avoid nettle underwear, though.

After a long winter in northern climates, one of the first green plants of early spring is a welcome sight. A few years ago my wife, Sherry, decided to make nettle soup — a popular food use for the plant. The key to making them edible is to harvest young and tender leaves. Then slightly steam them in a covered pan with a little water. The burning chemicals are released in the form of a dark liquid that is discarded.

The problem with the recipe Sherry followed was that it didn't specify how many nettles to use, vaguely stating "two bunches." Believing more would be better than less, Sherry prepared extra. The bright-green soup was a wee bit rich

in chlorophyll. I've never eaten the scrapings off the bottom of a lawn mower, but that's how I would describe the taste.

The real taste is similar to spinach and cucumber. The leaves can be dried to make an herbal tea and it's even used in beer.

As herbs, nettles are used to treat rheumatism and gout as well as disorders of the kidneys, urinary tract or gastrointestinal tract. It's the latter that has a severe test during the annual nettle-eating contest held each year in England.

The tiny village of Marshwood in West Dorset is where the Bottle Inn hosts the gastronomical challenge that makes eating dozens of hot dogs seem rather boring. The contest supposedly began when two farmers

at the inn argued over who had the longest stinging-nettle stalk in their fields. One farmer came in with a 15-foot stalk and said if anyone had a longer one, he would eat the difference. Sure enough, another farmer brought in a 16-footer; the loser ate a foot of raw stinging nettle.

The challenge's contestants are given 2-foot stalks. They need to strip and eat as many leaves as they can in an hour. This past year's winner — the aptly named Philip Thorne — ate 104 feet of leaves. Contestants wash down their numb mouths with lots of beer. They then experience several days of gastrointestinal distress that apparently gives new meaning to green death.

Another traditional use of nettles among healers is called urtication, or flogging with stalks of nettles to provoke inflammation. I have the same reaction when I watch too much C-SPAN — which could be defined as any. At least the healers hope to treat rheumatism, and improve circulation and fatigue, not inflict it.

It turns out Uncle Leland was at least partially correct. If one looks closely at a nettle leaf, it will be apparent that hairs point from the top of the leaf to the bottom. So if the harvester runs his or her finger from the top to the bottom — or grabs the center of the leaf — the harvester will likely not be stung. And it helps that finger tips and palms have a little tougher skin.

But when weeding the garden, it's difficult to see all the plants. So being stung when coming into contact with a nettle goes with the territory.

Uncle Leland died 45 years ago, but I always think of him when I'm stung by an unsuspecting nettle.

I should have looked at it first.

Orangeville Memorial Day service

Orangeville American Legion Post 720 will be holding the 2019 Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 27, at 2 p.m., at Sunset Acres Cemetery in Orangeville.

American Legion Auxiliary to host Memorial Day Breakfast

A breakfast is being held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, at the Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main St., Lena, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

It is being served from 7 to 9:30 a.m.—come eat breakfast and watch the parade at 10

Serving: Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee. \$4 under 10 and \$7 over 10. Carryouts available

Timber Lake Playhouse announces playhouse events

Timber Lake Playhouse (TLP), the premier professional summer theatre of northwest Illinois, announces many events throughout the summer.

Come tour the TLP grounds on Saturday, May 25. Tours begin at 10 in front of the theatre. Hot dogs and chips will be served in the dining hall beginning at 11:30.

Families will love to have Lunch with Ariel, the Little Mermaid, on Saturday, June 1 from noon to 1:30. Have lunch, enjoy activities, and get your picture taken with Ariel. Tickets for lunch are \$15. Purchase your ticket to the matinee performance of Disney's The Little Mermaid separately.

Always a favorite at TLP are the Company Cabarets. Theatre goes come to The Deck after the performance to see the TLP company members perform under the stars.

Get your reservations in for this free event before they are all gone. This year's Cabarets are scheduled for Saturday, June 22 and Saturday, July 27 after the show.

Again this year, TLP will host a Mystery Dinner Theatre in The Barn on Saturday, June 29. Dinner begins at 6:30. This year's mystery revolves around the murder of long-time sheriff, Jack Daniels. Join TLP as we try to solve the crime. Tickets for Dinner and the game are \$35.

TLP will welcome former company members to the theatre on Aug. 24 through 26 for the Second Annual Alumni Weekend. TLP patrons are invited to attend the Alumni Cabaret Performance on Monday, Aug. 26 at 7 on The Deck. Contact the Box Office for reservations for this event.

This weekend, TLP continues their Concert Series with Dolly...

and Friends featuring Nashville recording artist, Brooke Byam. Join Brooke and friends for an evening of music and fun onstage at TLP. Hear your favorites by Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn, Buck Owens and of course, Dolly! Dolly ... and Friends will be at Timber Lake Playhouse on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 at 7:00 and Sunday, May 17 at 2:00. Then, kick off your Memorial Day weekend on Friday, May 24 at 7:00 with Felix and Fingers, Dueling Pianos. Tickets for TLP concerts are \$25 for the general public and \$20 for TLP Subscribers.

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Orangeville defeats Lady Panthers in Regional Championship

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos softball squad hosted the Lena-Winslow Panthers last Saturday for what would be the regional championship. After finishing their regular season with a 13-9 record, the Panthers managed to collect a win in the opening round of regionals, which set them up with a tough matchup against Orangeville, who came in at 23-4. Both teams were held scoreless throughout the first inning. Orangeville jumped on top quickly however, with an explosive second

runs. Timber Oakes got the scoring parade started with a solo home run to right field. Kirsten Frautschy was able to single in their next at bat which set up Grace Edler, who hit a two run shot to center field which quickly put the Broncos up 3-0. Tessa Janecke did not want to get left out of the home run party, as she went back to back with Edler with a solo homer to left field. The Broncos capped off their inning with a sacrifice bunt from Tori Plowman and a single by Payton Meier which brought in another two runs, putting them up 6-0 in just a matter of seconds. After holding the Panthers

scoreless in the top of the third, the Broncos further extended their lead in the bottom half when Janecke hit a sacrifice fly to center field for her second rbi of the day. The Panthers weren't quite ready to give up, however. In the fourth they came together to put up a fight as the offense finally got on the scoreboard. A pair of singles from Kierra-Lynn Schulz and Zoe Johnson got things started, and Schulz eventually scored their first run by taking home on a wild pitch. Kaidyn Sargent, who was at the plate, eventually walked. The Panthers were active on the base paths as Kamryn Cain would score

their second run on a steal of home plate. Jordan Streckwald then hit a line drive to right field which brought in Sargent to score as they cut the Orangeville lead to just four. Eventually a single from Jaiden Rakowska brought in Streckwald for their fourth run of the day. That is where their momentum would run out, however, as their inning ended and they went into the fifth trailing 7-4. Orangeville got those four runs back in the bottom of the fifth when their offense exploded once again. The Broncos took advantage of a pair of walks which eventually allowed Janecke to hit

her second homer of the day, this time a three run blast to put them up 11-4 over Lena-Winslow. The score would remain that way for the rest of the game as the Broncos took the regional championship with an impressive team outing. The Broncos had a full team effort as they worked towards the win. They were led by Janecke, who hit two home runs with four rbi's. Edler, who went one for three with a homer, two rbi's and a run scored, and Timber Oakes, who went one for two with a home run and two runs scored. The Broncos overall record on the season is now 24-4.

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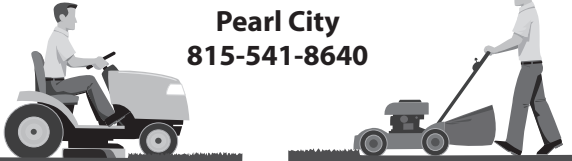
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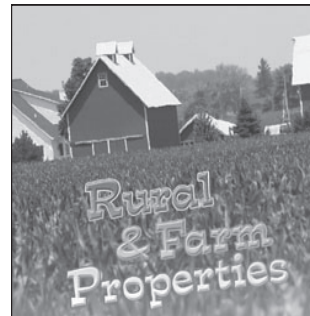
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Cooch said Illinois is second only to Texas in the number of disabled persons it puts into institutions, and that the average annual cost to house someone there – \$280,000 – does not compare to the \$34,000 average yearly cost to help them live in communities instead.

Cooch and representatives from the Going Home Coalition held a news conference to urge lawmakers to provide more funding for community-based living for people with disabilities. Among other things, they argued that the \$107 million that Gov. J.B. Pritzker proposed to give to the Department of Human Services to help the agency comply with the new minimum wage law is not enough.

CHILDHOOD TRAUMA: Wednesday, May 15, state lawmakers marked the first Trauma-Informed Awareness Day by speaking about the importance of addressing adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, that people carry with them through life.

"We have research that shows trauma impacts the brains of our children," said state Rep. Karina Villa, D-West Chicago. "But the great news is with trauma-informed care, we can teach resiliency and we can make a difference in the future of our students."

ACEs can range from physical, emotional or sexual abuse as a child to domestic violence in the home. They can also be experiences with racism or involvement with the foster care system.

They impact physical and mental health, and can lead to poor health as an adult. A person who has experienced eight or more ACEs is expected to live 20 fewer years than someone who has had none, the CDC study showed.

During a Wednesday news conference at the Capitol, Villa joined Sen. Julie Morrison (D-Deerfield), Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Department of Human Services head Grace Hou, and Mikva Youth mental health representatives in discussing legislative attempts to help children with trauma.

Senate Resolution 99, sponsored by Morrison and adopted March 21, aims to shift how short- and long-term trauma events are approached from a health care aspect.

Trauma-informed awareness is something Raoul said he's advocated for in the past, but with a focus on criminal justice.

When Raoul worked as a Cook County prosecutor, he said it was common for someone who had originally come to his office as a victim to later be there for crimes they had committed.

He acknowledged that it didn't need to happen.

"Had we appropriately invested in trauma-informed services, we would have interrupted that minor respondent from having come back into the building as somebody who committed a crime," Raoul said.

SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE: A group of K-12 education representatives on Tuesday, May 14, added to the chorus of calls for a statewide capital infrastructure bill that goes beyond road and bridge projects.

At a Capitol press event, the group detailed infrastructure needs at school districts across the state, appearing in front of poster boards with images of outdated and dilapidated Illinois school facilities. They did not, however, give any suggestions as to how the revenue for capital infrastructure projects could be raised.

"I think our role is to show that the need exists across the state pret-

ty widespread, and then show the most effective and efficient ways that we could use the money to enhance educational opportunities," said Brent Clark, executive director of the Illinois Association of School Administrators. "I think our big job is to rely on the General Assembly to determine the revenues to fund a capital bill."

In a budget proposal packet distributed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in January, K-12 deferred maintenance needs were estimated at \$9.3 billion. The state has not passed a capital projects bill since 2009.

Superintendents at the news conference detailed 100-year-old buildings, excessive use of mobile classrooms and crumbling facilities that schools don't have the funding to correct.

The General Assembly is discussing an infrastructure funding bill which would increase motor fuel taxes and state licensing fees, but the \$2.4 billion in estimated revenue generated in that proposal could be used only for roads and bridges due to a "lock box" amendment passed in 2016.

Funding for vertical infrastructure would have to come from other sources. State Rep. Will Davis, a Homewood Democrat, said discussions for revenue are ongoing, although he did not give specifics as to where money would come from.

"What these folks behind me (superintendents and education representatives) also have to do is advocate, not just for the project itself, because I'm sure that our legislators will support the project," Davis said. "They also have to encourage their legislators to be open-minded when it comes to the revenue side of this as well because it is going to take some tough votes to get us to where we need to go."

HALTING HIV'S SPREAD: Gov. J.B. Pritzker and several public health advocates outlined an ambitious plan Tuesday, May 14, to halt the spread of HIV in Illinois by 2030.

Speaking at a Statehouse news conference, Pritzker unveiled a multi-pronged strategy called "Getting to Zero" that calls for expanding access to antiviral drugs for people already infected with the virus, and preventive medication – known as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or "PrEP" – for people who are at high risk of contracting the disease.

"While this virus' most horrifying and unsparing days may be behind us, we know that the disease rages on," Pritzker said.

"Over the last few years, we've seen HIV prevention funding dry up," he added. "HIV testing rates have gone down, and HIV prevention and treatment agencies have laid off staff. I have always said that health care is a right, and not a privilege. All Illinoisans deserve access to that right, and that includes those who are living with or vulnerable to HIV."

The Getting to Zero plan is a collaborative project involving the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Chicago Department of Public Health, outgoing Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office and the

AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

It calls for increasing investments over the next five years to expand the HIV health care and public health workforce, increase access to PrEP and use data to target resources to the most at-risk communities. It also aims to increase funding for treatment of other conditions that often accompany HIV infection and AIDS, including mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and screening and treatment of other sexually-transmitted diseases.

"This plan paves the path towards the day when there will be zero transmissions of HIV in the state of Illinois and every person living with HIV will thrive," said John Peller, president and CEO of the Chicago AIDS Foundation.

GAMBLING AT WRIGLEY?: Sports betting could take place at the home of the White Sox, Bears, Bulls and Cubs depending on which details emerge in a final bill to legalize the practice in Illinois.

Rep. Michael Zalewski (D-Riverside) has championed this year's effort to bring sports wagering to the state, and several different plans for doing so have been filed in recent months.

Three of those plans would allow betting operators to set up wagering sites at or within five blocks of Guaranteed Rate Field, Soldier Field, United Center and Wrigley Field, with the approval of the teams that play there.

One of those plans would make betting operators pay a .25 percent royalty fee to the sports leagues, while also requiring the use of official league data.

But that plan, filed as the third amendment to Zalewski's House Bill 3308, has not been discussed in legislative hearings on the matter since the first batch of sports betting plans were released in mid-March.

Meanwhile, the other two plans that also allow betting at pro facilities were released more recently, and do not include royalty fees to the leagues.

On Monday, Iowa became the 10th in a growing list of states to legalize sports betting since a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year allowed the practice.

As Illinois lawmakers are still struggling to accommodate the various interests – including casinos, race tracks, online or mobile operators, professional leagues and more – Zalewski did not give a definite timeline for when a final sports betting bill might emerge for a vote on the House floor.

"I'd say I'd like a vote as soon as we can get enough support," he said.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: Opponents of legislation that would create tougher penalties for intentional damage to critical infrastructure say the bill would actually infringe on an individual's right to protest at those facilities and against the companies that operate them.

Representatives of more than 50 groups statewide said during a news conference Tuesday morning, May 14, at the Capitol that House Bill 1633 provides protections to "big

industry" that could harm the environment and intimidate potential protesters.

The bill, approved by the House last month, would cover intentional damage to equipment in a critical infrastructure facility. Those facilities would include oil pipelines, nuclear power plants, pumping stations, gas processing plants, military bases, more than 9,900 miles of railroad tracks in Illinois and other facilities.

"We're here to urge state senators and Gov.[J.B.]Pritzker to stand up against this bill and look at it for what it is," said Kylah Johnston, a spokesperson with The People's Lobby. "An attempt by conservatives and fossil fuel industry to ... raise new charges against black and brown communities that are already disproportionately affected by pollution and criminal justice."

Elizabeth Kosuth, a leader with Illinois People's Action, said the bill should be called the "protect big energy from the people bill," and that it's nothing more than an attempt by energy industries and their ally, American Legislative Exchange Council, to deter people from protesting against the industries and their impacts on the environment.

"A healthy environment won't just happen because we wish it," Kosuth said. "As with all social movements, we must push, organize, and yes, even protest."

Mark Denzler, president and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, said the bill isn't an attempt to stifle the voices of anyone who wants to protest.

"They can protest," Denzler said. "We're looking at the individual who's committing more enhanced crime by knowingly damaging infrastructure."

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Woodbine Unit of Home and Community Education

The May meeting of the Woodbine Unit of HCE was in the home of Jackie Haug and Bonnie Jezbera.

The unit hosted a special guest for our program. As a part of our Cultural Enrichment study, we are learning about India this year. Mary Ellen Gibbs, formerly of Stockton and living in Galena, had recently visited India, and shared her photos, textiles, and glassware. She talked about the food, not always spicy; transportation, much by train (trains are the largest employer of people in India), and all the people, who were friendly and courteous.

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Research has well documented the health benefits from consuming

a balanced diet; one that is low in saturated fat and sodium, and rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. In addition to the many health benefits, students who consume healthy meals are more attentive in class, are able to retain more information and are less likely to be tired. Thus, improving the quality of meals served during the school day is an essential step towards ensuring students are given the opportunity to consume nutritious foods that provide the basis for academic achievement. And

the changes that have occurred within the NSLP in recent years focus on helping students receive those benefits.

"Many do not realize the NSLP is based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which provide evidence-based recommendations to promote health, prevent chronic disease and helps people to reach and maintain a healthy weight," states Diane Reinhold, U of I Extension, Nutrition and Wellness Educator. To help schools and foodservice authorities (SFA) in understanding and implementing these changes, the USDA has established professional standards for SFA. These standards allow SFA to receive continuing education and training to aid them in creating nutritious, safe and enjoyable meals.

University of Illinois Extension has partnered with the Illinois State Board of Education, to offer professional development trainings for school foodservice professionals.

The first training will be on Thursday, June 6, from 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Pearl City High School, 100 South Summit St, Pearl City IL.

The second training will be on Tuesday, August 6, from 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the South Beloit High School, 245 Prairie Hill Road, South Beloit, IL.

These trainings will provide six hours of USDA Professional Standards credits for the 2019-2020 school year. There is no charge for this training; however, preregistration is required. To learn more about the trainings and to register, call us at (815)235-4125 or visit us online: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw>.

Diane Reinhold is a University of Illinois Extension, Nutrition and Wellness Educator and registered dietitian. For more about upcoming

programming on nutrition and wellness, visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call 815-235-4125.



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Leadership recognition

On Friday, May 10, Nicholas Davis and Isaac Stadel, seniors at Scales Mound High School attended the Illinois Principal Association Student Leadership Recognition Brunch in Dixon, Illinois. These students were nominated by their teachers for their examples of character, achievement and leadership.

Nicholas Davis will be attending the University of Illinois next year majoring in aerospace engineering and Isaac Stadel will be attending the University of Wisconsin - Platteville majoring in mechanical engineering.

Highland Board of Trustees swear in new members and recognizes outgoing

At an organizational meeting of the Highland Community College Board of Trustees, held on Monday, April 29, two recently-elected board members were sworn in and seated, and the outgoing trustee and student trustee were recognized.

Shawn Boldt and Jim Endress were sworn in by Terri Grimes, board secretary. Recognized were outgoing student trustee Erin Schrader and board member Diane Gallagher. Endress was elected board chair and Blake Musser was elected vice chair. Other members of the board are David Shockey, Douglas Block, Dr. Steve Jennings, and Pennie Groezinger. Terri Grimes was elected board secretary.

Gallagher, of East Dubuque, began her term on the board in 2001. During her tenure on the board, Gallagher served as the board's Audit & Finance Committee Co-Chair; served as a representative to the Illinois Com-

munity College Trustees Association (ICCTA), where she was a member of the Women in Leadership committee; served as the ICCTA Northwest Region Chair; and was recognized with numerous awards, most notably ICCTA's Ray Hartstein Trustee Achievement Award in 2016. She also served on various committees for the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) and received ACCT's M. Dale Ensign Trustee Leadership award in October 2016.

Erin Schrader served as the student trustee for the 2018-2019 term. She will graduate, Magna Cum Laude, from Highland Community College on May 18. Schrader has served as a member of Student Senate; been on the Dean's list; been active in music and theatre; and most recently received Highland's Citizenship award.

For more information visit highland.edu.

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Highland's 'The Prairie Wind' is now available

The 2019 issue of the "The Prairie Wind" art and literary magazine is now available at the following locations on the Highland Community College campus and in Freeport:

* The Clarence Mitchell Library, Marvin-Burt Liberal Arts Center, second floor

* J. Rosemary Shockey Bookstore, Student/Conference Center, first floor

* The Fine Arts Office, Ferguson Fine Arts Center

* Starbucks

* Higher Grounds

* Zealous Art Studio & Tattoo

* Cork 'n' Keg & Liquors

"The Prairie Wind" is a diverse collection of poetry, artwork, photography, and music from the many members of the Highland community. It is produced annually by students and staff in the Humanities and Fine Arts departments at Highland Community College. Published since 1992, each issue is created by an editorial staff composed

of students and volunteer community members who are guided by a team of faculty advisors. There is no cost for the magazine.

Contributors published in this year's issue are: Carol Ahrens; Linda M. Hoch Auman; Ellen Bartels; Karen Beck; Cathy Conder; Melinda Cook; W. P. DeGraw; Barbara Fogel; Marcy Folgate; Ruth Ann Geary; Emily Gerke; Alex Getz; Lynn Giles; Jane Goodspeed; Roger Goodspeed; Katrina Guthrie; Faye Sanders-Hughes; Jan Kitazaki; John Y. Kitazaki; Anne Swan-Johnson; Hailie Lenz; Lane Lessman; Cassidy Loberg; Brandon Loos; Baylee Manus; Anita Meyers; Sydney Mitchell; Nanette Mosher; Madison Pitts; Kathleen Quiroz; Ethan Richter; Kellene M. Simler; Jenna Skarlupka; Nina Stachewicz; Daniel Tajili; Barbara Untersee; Linda Vietmeyer; Margaret Watson; Kathleen Manning Weber; Sheila Kelly Welch, and Austin Williams



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Senator Duckworth deployed

U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois was deployed to Iraq as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot in 2004. Duckworth's Black Hawk helicopter was shot down in Iraq by a rocket-propelled grenade on Nov. 12, 2004.

Are you backyard ready for Spring?

Your family yard is extension for your home – providing a respite from stress, offering an outside entertainment area, expanding your living space and giving kids and pets a safe place to play. Research shows children reap numerous health, social and personal benefits from spending time outside playing.

Here are some top tips to help you get Backyard Ready this spring courtesy of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute.

Plan for Fun: Depending on your lifestyle and climate, consider an

outdoor room, turfgrass for a game of croquet and a place for kids to run and play, trees and shrubs for privacy and a game of hide and seek, fire pit, pergola, sandbox (for kids and dogs to dig!), outdoor furniture, or a decorative water feature.

Plant for Kids & Pets: There are many species of turfgrass to choose from to create pet and kids play space. Your local garden center or landscaper can help you identify what will work best for your climate zone and lifestyle. And don't forget to avoid toxic plants to pets if they are a member of your family.

Remember Wildlife & Pollinators: Grass, trees, shrubs and flowering plants provide food and habitat for birds, small mammals, and pollinators, so plant to support them.

Take Stock of Equipment: Do you need to update, upgrade or replace your outdoor power equipment, like a lawn mower, hedger/trimmer or edger? Want to install a water solution like a smart irrigation system? Invest in outdoor power equipment now so you are ready to roll for spring!

For more information, go to savelivinglandscapes.com

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won't be having our Luau this July, those of you who so generously gave to earn tickets and have your leaf on our Sponsorship Tree will be hearing from us very soon with an alternative plan. We thank you so much for your generosity. And please stop in and see our tree.

All money presently in our accounts as well as our owned assets will be distributed to other non-profit organizations in our area.

We want to very sincerely thank all who have offered referrals, served as volunteers in any capacity or provided client care in any way. Without you there would have been no Volunteer Hospice/Visitors. A huge "Thank you" goes out to Joann Robinson who has served as our Executive Director for the past 20 years and to our very dedicated Board of Directors who had to make this very difficult decision.

We want to also thank all the businesses in the tri-county area who have supported us in incredible ways over the years. And finally, we want

Monroe Clinic FastCare is moving to a new temporary location

Monday, May 20 was Monroe Clinic FastCare's last day at the Monroe Shopko. FastCare will reopen on Wednesday, May 22 at 8 a.m. at a temporary location in the Monroe Clinic hospital lobby

Use the hospital main entrance and follow the signs to FastCare's temporary location.

FastCare's hours and services will remain the same.

For more information, go to www.monroeclinic.org/fastcare.

to thank all those agencies, friends and families who have supported us along the way. You are the ones who made our Sunset Luau's such a success. You gave us so many laughs and such fun at our Turkey Trot and then the Bunny Bowl. You made your front doors beautiful with evergreens we sold from Mickman's. And so many of you supported us with brats, burgers and bake sales when we were at Sullivan's and A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats. Your support in those fundraisers and all the others, allowed us to serve those in need in JoDaviness, Carroll and Stephenson Counties for the past 36 years. We are blessed to live and serve in such a generous, friendly and giving community and we appreciate you all.

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Norman, who has more than 40 years of experience in insurance and financial services. He is also a licensed SHIP counselor.

Expect to learn basic Medicare information such as the parts of Medicare, about Medicare supplements, and Advantage plans plus senior tax exemptions with time for a Q&A. Norman encourages people to bring their burning Medicare questions.

The Senior Resource Center offers programs, education and activities for people 50 and beyond, their families and caregivers in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. The programs include Adult Protective Services, AARP Tax-Aide, Information & Assistance, Money Management Program, Case Management, Transit and Education & Activities.

For more information or other questions about the Senior Resource Center, call 815-235-9777 or go to the center's website, www.seniorresourcecenter.net.

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