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Former Lena-Winslow student dies tragically

Compiled by Tony Carton
EDITOR

Folks in the Lena area are grieving over the loss of 2015 Lena-Winslow High School graduate Colton Drye who died Monday in an automobile accident near Walcott, Iowa. A 2015 Le-Win graduate, Drye was the starting safety on the 2013 state championship team as a junior, and again on the 2014 quarterfinal team. Drye was a senior airman in the U.S. Air Force serving as a Special Operation TACP in Fort Hood, Texas. He was based in Texas and was return-

ing home for a visit when the accident happened.

According to the Iowa State Patrol crash report Drye, 22, died after the crash. He was driving a Mitsubishi Outlander eastbound near Mile Marker 289 on I80, and apparently did not slow down while merging for road construction. His vehicle crashed into a stopped truck.

His passenger, Aubree Rosa, 22, of Glendora, California, was transported by Medic Ambulance to Genesis Medical Center-East Rusholme Street, Davenport.

Highland's nursing program receives number four ranking in Illinois

The Nursing program at Highland Community College is ranked fourth out of 63 programs in Illinois for value, according to Nursing Explorer website. Number one in the ranking was Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Ill.

The published best value findings are explored and gathered about nursing programs available across the United States from different government organizations to make it available to students as part of a searchable database. According to Kim Carlson, Outreach Coordinator for Nursing Explorer, "We source general institutional information from the Department of Education and list of nursing programs from the state board of nursing and accreditation information from Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing."

"We are honored to receive this news," said Dr. Jennifer Grobe, Associate Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. "We value the fact that Highland offers a high-quality education at an affordable price. Our

faculty and staff strive to educate future nurses to be the best and the brightest and it is tremendous that Nursing Explorer is recognizing our hard work."

This year Nursing Explorer gathered more than 3,000 nursing schools data and ranked 1,721 schools across 45 states. The ranking was based on a NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) formula for pass rate and net price. The formula gives a 70 percent weight to NCLEX pass rate and 30 percent weight to net-price. The result of the calculation is a score between one and 100 that reflects the quality of education offered at the school and the affordability. If a school has a high NCLEX pass rate and low tuition, then ranks will be higher.

From 2016 to 2019, HCC graduated 136 nurses and in 2019, with 44 nursing graduates, was one of the largest classes to date. In 2018, HCC had a 97 percent pass rate for its students.

For more information on Highland's Nursing Program, visit highland.edu.



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Catch 'em in the Cradle

The Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a teachers' sorority, recently donated books to the FHN Birthing Center. One of the chapter's service projects is "Catch 'Em in the Cradle". To boost reading, a book will be given to each newborn baby at FHN. In photo, are Peggy Eilders, DKG member, and Donna Alt, CNA, receiving the books on behalf of FHN.

Learn everyday exercise tips with FHN program

The August Community Health Forum from the Stephenson County Health Department and FHN is the third of three programs focusing on the importance of exercise to your health.

Dr. Lynn Herrmann will talk about ways to incorporate exercise into your everyday life – no gym needed – to help manage appetite and weight and increase fitness at Get Moving III: Ev-

eryday Exercise Tuesday, Aug. 13.

The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street in Freeport. It is free to attend; light refreshments will be served and no registration is necessary. The audience is encouraged to take part in the discussion and there will be time for questions.

The series will continue through November with the following pro-

grams:

Sept. 10: Chemicals' Effects on Your Health

Oct. 8: Addicted to Our Devices: Is Addiction Affecting You?

Nov. 12: The Pot Puzzle: Medical & Recreational Cannabis

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Stephenson County Fair Master Showmanship results

On July 13, 2019, Stephenson County 4-H members participated in the Master Showmanship contest, which was coordinated by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County 4-H. We had ten (10) 4-H members between the ages of 14-18 compete showing swine, sheep and beef in their respective show rings. The members included Drake Musser, Caleb Visel, Faith Weber, Jazmin Wingert, Paige Weber, Sierra Eversoll, Dalia Weber, Jase Sheffey, Ben Bremmer, Ross Stabenow. Judging was completed by Ms. Annette Gruhn from Lanark, IL, who donated her honorarium back to the 4-H program. Each participant received a \$20 gift card for Farm & Fleet. Caleb Visel earned reserved champion and received a feed scoop, bucket and \$100. Drake Musser received champion with a feed scoop, bucket, and \$200. Drake will represent the Stephenson County 4-H at the state contest on Aug. 9, 2019 at the Illinois State Fair.

Master Showmanship contestants are shown here with the Stephenson County Fair queens.



Special Thank You

To the volunteers who put the stones in place at the Lena Volunteer Park.
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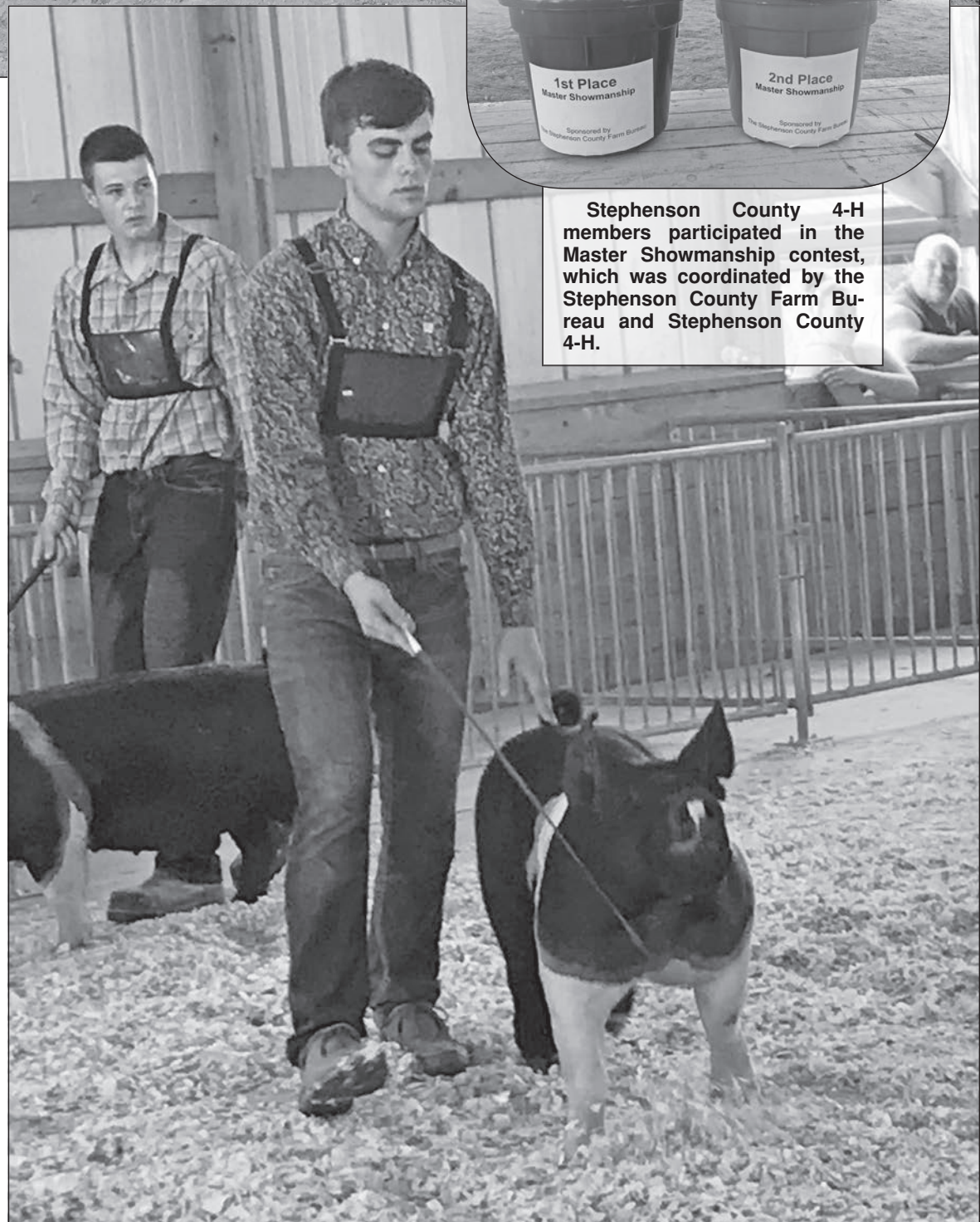
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Champion Drake Musser showing swine for Master Showmanship.

Capitol Recap: New laws aim to protect law enforcement, roadside workers

By Capitol News Illinois

Drivers in Illinois who injure roadside workers or fail to obey construction zone signals now face the possibility of enhanced fines, and even jail time.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a package of bills Tuesday, July 30, that he said are aimed at protecting law enforcement, first responders and road workers.

Among them was Senate Bill 1862, which provides enhanced penalties for violations of "Scott's Law," a state law requiring motorists to slow down and, if possible, change lanes when approaching a law enforcement vehicle or other emergency responder that has pulled over on the side of the road.

"Since 2002, Scott's Law has said that drivers approaching a vehicle with their hazard lights on must slow down and move over. This is not optional," Pritzker said in a statement announcing the bill signings. "This is how we keep our heroes and first responders as safe as possible in their line of work."

Scott's Law was named after Lt. Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department, who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash scene.

The bill increases the minimum fine to \$250 for a first violation of Scott's Law, and to \$750 for a second violation. It also adds a \$250 fee for any violation, with that money going into a new fund to pay for driver education materials.

In addition, the new law allows drivers to be charged with a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail, if the violation results in damage to another vehicle. For cases in which the violation results in the injury or death of another person, drivers can be charged with a Class 4 felony, punishable by one to three years in prison.

The new law takes effect immediately.

So far in 2019, three Illinois State Police officers have been killed in traffic accidents on state highways, including two incidents that involved violations of Scott's Law.

STATE FAIR: The 162nd Illinois State Fair is set to open Thursday, Aug. 8, in Springfield, and fair officials said they expect this to be one of the best iterations in years.

The 366 acres the event spans have never looked better; buildings, some over 100 years old, have been remodeled; and 50 new vendors have been added, state officials said.

"What an experience this has been," John Sullivan, director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, said Thursday, Aug. 1, during a media preview of the event. "I'd say over the last 30 days, to watch the fairgrounds transform into what you see here today, is just quite remarkable."

This is Sullivan's first year as director of the state agency overseeing the fair, the theme for which is

"Building Our Future."

Adult admission prices were slashed from \$10 to \$5 Sunday through Thursday, Gordon said. Tickets for seniors remain at \$3 and are free for children ages 12 and younger.

Back this year is the Coliseum, which was closed for renovations in 2016 because of "structural issues," Sullivan said. The construction crew removed the roof and wooden "skeleton" of the building and replaced it with steel.

After roughly a \$12 million restoration, it will be a "highlight" of the fair, Sullivan said.

But a focus on Illinois' agriculture community will be an important focus this year, too, he said.

"The fair was created as an ag fair and it kind of drifted in and out with the focus, but I am trying to bring that focus back, because I think agriculture is the number one business in this state — \$19 billion it generates in revenue," Sullivan said. "We want to highlight what agriculture means to the state."

COLLEGE AID: A pair of Illinois House committees has scheduled a joint hearing next week to explore recent news reports about wealthy parents exploiting a legal loophole in order to draw down more student financial aid for their children.

The story was first reported online Monday, July 29, by ProPublica Illinois, which said it identified nearly four dozen cases of parents in suburban Lake County, north of Chicago, who had assigned guardianship of their teenage children to a friend or relative, thus allowing their children to declare themselves financially independent of their families so they could qualify for federal, state and college financial aid.

Of particular concern to Illinois lawmakers is the state-funded Monetary Award Program, or MAP grants, which are awarded on the basis of financial need.

"Particularly in the wake of former Governor (Bruce) Rauner's budget crisis in which these students took the brunt of the pain, it is outrageous to learn that some wealthy families have decided to game the system at the expense of those who truly need help affording an education," Chicago Democratic Rep. LaShawn K. Ford, who chairs the House Higher Education Budget Committee, said in a news release announcing the hearings.

In addition to the legislative inquiry, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker has said he is directing his staff to investigate to determine how widespread the problem is in Illinois.

The legislative hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Bilandic state office building in Chicago.

EQUAL PAY: Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law Wednesday, July 31, a bill aimed at equalizing pay between men and women.

House Bill 834 prohibits employ-

ers in Illinois from asking job applicants about their salary history. Advocates say the measure will help stem wage inequality among men and women.

"In 2019, women in Illinois still make roughly 20 percent less than their male counterparts, and for women of color the disparities are even greater," Rep. Anna Moeller, an Elgin Democrat and the bill's House sponsor, said in a statement. "HB 834 is aimed at closing that wage gap. It ends the pernicious practice of using prior wages to determine future pay, and increases the penalties on companies and organizations that utilize discriminatory pay practices."

The new law will take effect in 60 days and will also prohibit employers from preventing employees from discussing their salary, benefits or other compensation with colleagues.

While the bill prevents a potential employer from seeking salary and benefit history from a previous employer, there are some exceptions. It does not prevent an employer from looking up a salary that is a matter of public record or available through the Freedom of Information Act, and it does not apply if an applicant is a current employee seeking another job within the same company.

If an applicant voluntarily discloses their salary or benefits history, an employer is not in violation of the law unless that information is used as a factor in determining whether to hire the person or determine their future wages.

If an employer violates the salary history provisions, the applicant may be eligible for up to \$10,000 in damages and other fee reimbursements through civil litigation. Any legal action must be brought within five years of the alleged offense.

LANGUAGE STANDARDS: Foreign language teachers in Illinois are being asked to update the way they teach those courses starting in the upcoming school year by putting more emphasis on world cultures and how to use languages across different academic disciplines.

The Illinois State Board of Education on Wednesday, July 31, released its newly-updated educational standards for world languages, replacing ones that were adopted in 1997.

"The Illinois State Board of Education supports biliteracy, not only to prepare students to thrive in an increasingly global society and economy, but also to build stronger and more connected communities here at home," State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen Ayala said in a news release. "Exploring and interacting with different cultures and perspectives strengthens students' critical thinking and problem solving skills."

Traditionally, foreign language classes have focused on memorizing vocabulary lists and rules of grammar so students gain a functional understanding of the printed and spoken word of another culture.

But Kim Johnson, a consultant with ISBE's Curriculum and Instruction section, said the new standards go beyond that by focusing on the people and the culture behind the language in order to give students studying that language — whether it be Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese or Russian — a broader, more multicultural view of the world.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM: Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed Senate Bill 1965 on Wednesday, July 31, expanding access to jobs in the health care industry for people with arrest or conviction records.

Currently, people with arrest or conviction records for certain kinds of crimes are barred from working in a number of health care fields unless the employer seeks a waiver from the Department of Public Health. That can happen only after the employer makes a conditional job offer and requests a fingerprint-based background check.

Pritzker's office said in a statement the new law provides a more timely and efficient waiver application process.

Among other things, it allows certain workforce "intermediaries" who provide job training as well as organizations providing pro bono legal services to initiate the background check process. It also allows people with disqualifying records to apply for waivers before they are extended a job offer.

"Over 4 million Illinoisans have an arrest or conviction record — that includes over 40 percent of our working age population," Pritzker said in a statement. "This vicious cycle of poverty, crime and injustice — which disproportionately impacts communities of color — does a disservice to everyone involved, from affected families to employers to taxpayers. I'm so proud that this legislation will dismantle another part of the wall that blocks people with records from living a dignified life."

STERIGENICS: A suburban state senator filed legislation Tuesday, July 30, that would ban emissions of a known cancer-causing gas in Illinois by 2022. It also, he hopes, would decrease the likelihood that a Willowbrook medical supply sterilization company linked to increased cancer rates in its surrounding area would ever emit the chemical again.

The gas is ethylene oxide, to which chronic exposure can cause increased cancer risks, reproductive effects and other major medical problems, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. The senator is John Curran, a Downers Grove Republican who filed Senate Bill 2264, which would ban emissions of ethylene oxide in most manufacturing processes aside from medical supply sterilization by 2021, then entirely by 2022.

The bill is the latest development in a high-profile legislative and judicial effort by Curran and other lawmakers and activists to prevent Sterigenics, a medical supply sterilization

company that emits ethylene oxide, from reopening in suburban Willowbrook.

"Sterigenics should not be allowed to reopen," Curran said. "This facility has been leaking dangerous levels of ethylene oxide into the area for decades, and there has been zero accounting for the damage that they have already done."

Sterigenics has been barred from using ethylene oxide since February, when the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency placed a seal order on its use of the gas as the public pushed back against the facility and reports continued to surface of increased cancer risk in the area by up to 10 times the normal rate.

But a pending settlement agreement between the company and the state could pave the way for Sterigenics to reopen. That agreement, known as a consent order, is between the company, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin. A court decision on whether the agreement can move forward is scheduled for Sept. 6.

If approved, it would allow Sterigenics to reopen, provided the company installs equipment that puts its emissions in line with standards laid out in the agreement and a new law which Curran helped pass earlier this year. These regulations require companies to capture 100 percent of all ethylene oxide emissions within the facility and reduce ambient ethylene oxide emissions to 0.2 parts per million.

Under the agreement, Sterigenics would be allowed to release only 85 pounds of ethylene oxide per year, down from an allowance of more than 36,000 pounds annually from a previous permit.

Curran and Republican state Reps. Jim Durkin, the House Minority Leader from Western Springs, and Deanne Mazzochi of Elmhurst, have filed a brief in that legal proceeding to oppose the reopening of Sterigenics.

Curran said he would continue to oppose the consent order in court, but would also aim to advance his legislative fix. His office said the new bill provides a "strong financial disincentive" for Sterigenics to reopen, as the company would have to spend millions of dollars to bring its emissions in line while being allowed to operate for less than three more years.

COAL ASH: Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a new state law Tuesday, July 30, aimed at ensuring safe closure of toxic coal ash pits and financial protections for taxpayers should the pits cause environmental disaster.

Coal ash is the byproduct left behind when coal is burned to produce power, and it contains harmful heavy metals such as mercury and arsenic which can seep into groundwater. In many cases, coal ash is placed in un-

• **Recap** (Continued from page 3)

lined pits, where it remains long after the power plants are closed.

Senate Bill 9 requires a coal ash impoundment owner to submit to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency a "closure alternatives analysis" addressing several closure scenarios and options laid out in the legislation. It would give the EPA the authority to choose the safest plan for coal ash remediation.

It also creates initial fees of \$50,000 for each closed coal ash plant and \$75,000 for those that have not yet been closed. Owners of operational impoundments would then pay an annual fee of \$25,000, and a \$15,000 fee would be charged for closed plants that had not yet completed "post-closure care."

The fees would be paid into the Environmental Protection Permit and Inspection Fund to be used for regulation purposes.

Senate Bill 9 also prohibits coal ash discharge into the environment and directs the IEPA to propose new rules to the Pollution Control Board governing the regulation of coal ash, including permit application requirements and what the threshold for "complete removal" is.

While advocates said the bill was a significant step forward for clean air and water, opponents including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce said changes were needed to the bill moving forward.

Rep. Mark Batinick, a Plainfield Republican, warned during a May floor debate that financial provisions in the bill might cause companies to go bankrupt and be unable to pay for safe coal ash removal.

HOSPITAL CLOSURES: Hospital corporations in Illinois now have to jump through more administrative hoops before they will be allowed to close or downsize a health care facility.

A new law that took effect this month requires the owners of those facilities to obtain a permit from the state's Health Facilities and Services Review Board before they can close a hospital, ambulatory surgical treatment center, nursing home or other health care center. It also limits the number of times they can apply to discontinue a category of services to just once every six months.

Those new provisions were included in Senate Bill 1739, which Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law July 15.

The bill was prompted by a controversy in Cook County earlier this year when California-based Pipeline Health announced plans to shut down Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park, a hospital that serves a large number of low-income patients.

Pipeline had purchased the 230-bed hospital in January, along with hospitals in Chicago and Oak Park. It initially said it planned to keep Westlake Hospital open, only to reverse that decision within a few weeks.

Under a state law known as the Health Facilities Planning Act, operators of health facilities are required to obtain a permit from the review board before they can build a new facility or modify an existing one by demonstrating there is a need for such a facility. But until passage of the new law, they could apply for an exemption from the permitting process in order to close or downsize a facility.

BALLOT ACCESS: A new California law requiring presidential candidates to release five years of tax returns to qualify for the state's primary ballot is similar to a measure an Illinois state senator called "the most clearly unconstitutional legislative proposal" he ever voted

on.

According to the Associated Press, the California law, which also applies to candidates for governor in the state, will face a likely legal challenge on U.S. Constitutional grounds.

That's something Dale Righter, a Mattoon Republican, predicted would happen when a similar bill passed the Illinois Senate on partisan lines earlier this year before stalling in a House committee.

Unlike the California law, Senate Bill 145, the Illinois bill sponsored by Democratic state Sen. Tony Munoz, would have applied to general elections. All presidential candidates would have had to release their previous five years of tax returns to be eligible for the ballot.

The Illinois bill also did not apply to candidates for governor or other constitutional officers.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed that state's bill Tuesday, July 30.

TITLE X FUNDS: Health clinics overseen by Illinois organizations that opted not to receive federal family planning dollars may have to return or destroy contraception

and other medication purchased at a discount.

All three of the state's family planning groups — the Illinois Department of Public Health, Planned Parenthood of Illinois and Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness — are declining millions in federal grants after a court allowed new rules governing the Title X program to take effect.

Forgoing the funding removes the organizations, and the clinics they oversee, from the family planning program. The decision might also eliminate the clinics' eligibility for a federal drug pricing program that allows safety net facilities to purchase medications directly from drug manufacturers and wholesalers at discounted prices.

Once clinics are no longer participants, they are not permitted to keep any of the birth control medication, intrauterine devices, treatments and other drugs purchased through the initiative.

The amount of medication Illinois clinics will need to dispose of depends on the facility, with factors including how many patients it serves and its inventory, a spokes-

man for HRSA said in an email. He clarified the rules apply to the products purchased through the program at a discounted price from a drug manufacturer or wholesaler.

There are 1,423 health facilities that participate in the drug pricing program in Illinois. Of those, 68 are Title X grantees, according to HRSA data.

Planned Parenthood's clinics will not be affected by the organization's departure from the Title X program, Brigid Leahy, senior director for public policy, said.

It is unclear how the 72 clinics overseen by the Department of Public Health might be impacted.

A spokesperson for Aunt Martha's also did not return a request for comment about how its nine clinics might be impacted.

CONSUMER DEBT: Illinois residents who have had judgments entered against them for consumer debts will soon start paying less interest on those debts, and collectors will have a shorter timeframe in which to collect on those debts.

That's the result of a new law Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed Monday, July 29. House Bill 88, known as the Consumer Fairness Act, reduces the interest rate charged on post-judgment debt of \$25,000 or less to 5 percent, instead of 9 percent. It also reduces the time for collecting on a judgment to 17 years, instead of 26 years.

The new law takes effect Jan. 1, 2020.

In a statement, Pritzker said the intent of the legislation is to relieve consumers from the burden of high-interest debt.

The bill was sponsored in the House by Rep. Will Guzzardi and in the Senate by Sen. Iris Martinez, both Chicago Democrats. It passed both chambers by unanimous votes without opposition from debt collectors or other financial institutions.

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Jo Daviess County Retired Teachers schedule August meeting

The Jo Daviess County Retired Teachers Association will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 411 W. Catlin Street in Elizabeth. The program arrangements are being completed at this time.

A lunch will be held at 12 Noon, following the meeting and program. Cost of the lunch is \$10. Reservations for the meal need to be made by Sunday, Aug. 11 to area contact people or to Mary Ann Fisher at 815-777-8336. The menu for the meal, which is prepared by members of the church, will be chicken salad, assort-

ed other salads, dessert and beverages. This meeting is hosted by the Galena teachers.

The final meeting for the year will be held on Oct. 16. For questions or additional information, please contact President Tim Sabin at 815-990-0281.

All retired teachers or administrators who have formerly been employed in the Nation's schools or in a federally sponsored school are invited to active membership. Associate membership is open to a spouse or anyone interested in the work of the Association.

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Rita, Eleanor & family,
Dean & family

Obituaries

EDWIN R. CURRY

Edwin R. Curry, age 58 of Pearl City, IL, was suddenly called home on Monday, July 29, 2019. He was born on May 29, 1961 to Robert Earl and Thelma Maxine (Wisely) Curry in Galesburg, Illinois. Graduated from Toulon High School in 1979, Blackhawk East in 1982, and Illinois State University in 1984 with an Agriculture Education Degree. He married Barbara Musser on June 27, 1987.

Ed was a social butterfly; he knew no stranger. He had a passion for Christ, family, education, and vegetable gardening. And when it came to the long-standing argument of Cubs or Cardinals, you know that Ed would always pick the St. Louis Cardinals. FFA being a big part of his life, he was honored by receiving many awards- one of his proudest was the "District 1: Excellence in Teaching" award in 2017. Ed was driven to make a difference in many ways, through FFA activities, colleagues, FFA students, River Ridge students, and Sunday school classes at Zion Community Church. Ed was called to serve the Lord as a pastor alongside Wayne Fischer and Chip Sohl at ZCC. He was very proud of his family and he especially enjoyed his 'punny' jokes. You could always count on Ed for a joke or story, a smile, and a positive attitude. He loved to beat his family in a game of cards. He was always willing to participate and help anyone at any time... for anything. Community service, volunteering and giving back to others was a big part of Ed's life. Words cannot begin to express the impact that Ed had on the people around him, including his school family, church family, Pearl City community, and his own family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Ed is survived by his wife, Barbara Curry; daughters: Kerstin (Adam) Traylor and Morgan (Keagan) Blasing; son: Grant Curry and Grandpa Ed was looking forward to the arrival of a grandchild in January. He is also survived by his siblings: Al (Jan) Curry, Audrey (Steve) Curless, Barb (Bill) Loan, Charles (Karen) Curry; In-Laws: Kenneth and Donna Musser; brother-in-law, Jim (Denise) Musser; sister-in-law, Leslie Musser and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was held Thursday, August 1st at Zion Community Church from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: 10100 West Sabin Church Rd., Pearl City, IL 61062. The funeral was on Friday, Aug. 2 at River Ridge High School, 4141 IL 84, Hanover, IL 61041. Burial and luncheon followed at Zion Community Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Zion Community Church and/or Illinois FFA Foundation. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.



COLTON GEORGE DRYE

Colton George Drye, age 22, of Belton, TX, formally of Lena passed unexpectedly away on July 29, 2019. He was born on April 23, 1997 to Richard "Rich" and Deanna (Herman) Drye in Freeport, IL. He grew up in Lena and in 2015 he graduated from Lena-Winslow High School. Colton served his country in the United States Air Force. He was currently serving as a Special Operations TACP/JTAC 9th ASOS in Fort Hood, TX. He had a strong love for the brotherhood TACP Special Ops. In his free time Colton enjoyed hockey and baseball; he competed in cross fit, and enjoyed working out. Most of all Colton had an infectious smile that would light up a room and had a heart of gold.

He is survived by his parents Rich and Deanna Drye of Lena, two brothers- Dustin of Bakersfield, CA and Andrew of Twenty-Nine Palms, CA; grandparents- George Drye of Lena, Robert and Tana Herman of Lena; great-grandmother Betty Raders of Lena; girlfriend Aubree Rosa of Glendora, CA; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and his brothers of the TACP ASOS.

Colton was preceded in death by his grandmother Norma "Jeanie" Drye, great-grandma Leona Grebner, and great-grandfather Frank Raders. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sunday August 4, 2019 at the Lena-Winslow Elementary School Fine Arts Center, 401 Freemont Street, Lena, Illinois 61048.

Funeral Service was held on Monday Aug. 5, with a visitation prior to the Funeral Service at the Lena-Winslow Elementary School Fine Arts Center, 401 Freemont Street, Lena, Illinois 61048.

Interment took place at the Lena Burial Park with full Military Honors.

Gathering followed at Route 20 Bar and Grill.

A memorial has been established in his name.

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

MARVIN DALE KAISER

Marvin Dale Kaiser, 85 years of age, passed away on July 11, 2019 at UT Health Center in Athens, Tx in the presence of loved ones.

Marvin was born on Jan. 2, 1934 to Lester and Golda Kaiser in Sterling, Ill. He attended Sterling High School and furthered his education at Northern Illinois College in Dekalb as well as Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. He excelled in Football, Basketball, Baseball and Track. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education and taught in Rock Falls and Lena, IL. before retiring. Other areas of expertise include: coaching girls' and boys' sports, physical education classes, wood working classes, driver's education and summer park program management.

Marvin is preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Golda and his oldest daughter, Diantha Marie Kaiser Cleveland.

He is survived by: three children, Danice Mary Kaiser Sarvis and husband Jimmy of Murchison, Tx, Douglas Marvin Kaiser and wife Melissa of Cassatt, SC, Dawn Michelle Kaiser-Melancon and husband Donald of Franklin, LA. Marvin has seven Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren with one on the way.

The family will hold a private, graveside service at Riverside Cemetery in Sterling, Illinois where he will be laid to rest.



ELIZABETH "BETTY" KOEHN

Elizabeth "Betty" Koehn, age 97, of Lena passed away on Aug. 1, 2019 at Walnut Acers in Freeport, IL. She was born on April 17, 1922 in Lena, IL to William and Carrie (Gerber) Diestelmeier. She married Cletus Koehn on Oct. 14, 1945 at the First English Lutheran Church in Freeport, IL. From 1941 to 1946, Betty worked for Burgess and then she worked for Micro Switch for another 17 years after that. She was a house wife and an excellent mother. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena, IL and was very strong in her faith- frequently praying for others. Betty loved an-



imals, especially her dogs Gidget and Festus, horses, and baking. She loved her family and was loved by all who met her.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law- Susan Koehn of Lena, IL, and son Ronald (Fran) Koehn; grandchildren- Chad (Tara) Koehn of San Jose, CA, Angela (Ryan) Pierce of Freeport, IL, Kimberly (Matt) Haverland of Lanark, IL, Brittney Koehn of Peoria Heights, IL, Heidi (Mike) Stingley of Freeport, IL and Jaime (Steve) Pizzolato of Freeport, IL; 10 great grandchildren- Hunter and Hayley Koehn, Jayden and Bayley Pierce, Brighton, Quinc and Zyacn Haverland, Evie Stingley, and Hanna and Hailey Pizzolato.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Cletus in 1984 and her son Donald in 2017.

Visitation was Saturday Aug. 3, 2019 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lena, IL.

Funeral Services were held following the visitation.

Officiating was Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Interment took place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL.

A memorial has been established in her name.

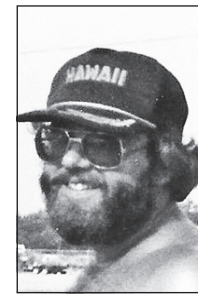
MICHAEL DUANE MICHE

Michael Duane Miche "Clancy", age 62 of Pearl City, IL passed away Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at Lena Living Center. He was born on Aug. 1, 1957 in Freeport, IL to Duane and Joyce (Span-gler) Miche.

Mike was a 1975 graduate of Pearl City High School. He worked for Whole Earth Concrete Construction and enjoyed helping on the family farm and various sports.

He is survived by his mother, Joyce Miche of Pearl City; his brothers, David Miche of Pearl City and Keith (Ruth) Miche of Pearl City. Mike was preceded in death by his dad, Duane and his grandparents.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City at 1 p.m. A visitation was held on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. also at the Funeral Home. Interment will take place at Highland Cemetery in Pearl City. A memorial Fund has been established. The family would like to give a special thank you to the family and friends that came to visit and to



the nurses and staff at Lena Living Center. Condolences may be shared with Mike's family at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

DELORES K. SCOTT

Delores K. Scott, age 83 formerly of Nora, IL, passed away July 27, 2019 at the Presence St. Joseph Center in Freeport, IL. She was born on April 26, 1936 in Freeport, the daughter of Freeman and Ruben (Hicks) Blair. She married John Mullen Sr. for 24 years and they had eight children. Delores then married Ralph Scott on April 8, 1977 in Nora.

Delores worked for many years in the factory at Burgess Battery, Eaton Corp. and Newell. She retired from Newell and helped Ralph at Zekes gas station. Later she worked at the Apple River Grade School until finally retiring.

She was a member of the Warren United Methodist Church and the Subway Coffee Club. Delores enjoyed bowling, dancing, Elvis Presley, going on trips to Branson with Robin, and especially spending time with her family.

Delores is survived by her children- Cheryl Mullen of Atlanta, GA, Kathy (Gary) Hunziker of Gilbert, IA, Mark (Debbie) Mullen of Nora, IL, Marty (Sarah) Mullen of Cedarville, IL, Trudy (Bob) Kramer of Sparta, WI, and Michelle (Jerad) Bennett of Nora, IL; daughter-in-law Laurie Mullen of Freeport, IL; sister Ruthie Harwick of Warren; 26 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ralph in 2005, daughter Robin Sheahan, son John "Moon" Mullen, brothers- Robert (Margie) Blair and Jim (Clara) Blair, brother-in-law Don Harwick, and grandson Nicholas Reynolds.

Visitation was Wednesday, July 31, at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home in Warren. Funeral Service followed, also at the Bartell-Leamon Funeral Home.

Interment took place at the Nora Cemetery.

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Church news

First Presbyterian Church of Apple River

On Sunday, Aug. 11, The Apple River Presbyterian Church will be having a special Gospel Music Night. Free Root Beer Float will be from 6:30-7 p.m. Music begins at 7 p.m.

The event will be held outside on the church lawn (weather permitting), bring your lawn chairs.

This evening we are hosting two headliners, first will be Garrett Hillary, following Garret will be NO Worries. Looking forward to a music filled evening. Everyone is wel-

come.

Any questions, please contact Kathy Linn 815-858-5410.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited on Aug. 11, to Good Shepherd, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL for worship service with Holy Communion. Reading will be from Luke 12:32-40. Special music will be a piano duet. There will be a time for fellowship with juice, coffee, and treats after worship.

On Monday Aug. 12th, The Parkinson Support Group will meet in

the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be from the Senior Resource Center; everyone is welcome to join the meeting.

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

Also on Tuesday, Aug. 13, The Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry will be back in Lena from 4-6 p.m. at the parking lot of the Le-Win Food Pantry (130 ½ Main Street, Lena). It is open to everyone. Please bring your bags or boxes.

On Wednesday Aug. 14, at 8 a.m. the Piece Corps Quilters will work together to craft quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are always looking for more people to help tie quilts and sew. No previous quilting experience is necessary. Come join the fun and make a difference in the world!

On Thursday Aug. 15, Good Shepherd will be at the Friendship Center for Devotions and Desserts.

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

Salem United Church of Christ

Worship at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11. Pastor Randal Nicholas will deliver the morning's sermon from Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, entitled "A Theology of Clean." Bookworms Reading Group meets on Monday, Aug. 12, at Janice

Lockwood's home at 7 p.m. She will lead the discussion on the book "A Dog's Journey" by W. Bruce Cameron. The Wednesday Morning Breakfast Group will meet at the Spring Grove Restaurant at 1521 S. West Ave. in Freeport at 8 a.m. Aug. 14. The Church Council will hold their monthly meeting at the church on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church (Pearl City) holds outdoor worship service

You're welcome to join us for an outdoor worship service on Aug. 11 at Dodd's Park, Lena, at the shelter house.. The service will be held at 10 a.m. Donuts and beverages will be served at 9:30 a.m. at Dodd's Park. Pastor Ekstrand will hold "Lectio Divina" at 9 a.m. that same day to discuss the readings for that day.

The St. John's Brat Stand only has a couple of dates left for the summer. Join us on Aug. 17 & 31 for a Brat or Hot Dog in downtown Pearl City at the American Legion Parking Lot from 11 a.m. 2 p.m. Thrivent has sponsored the St. John's Brat Stand.

Bob Ditzler, Pearl City, was the winner of the \$200 Calendar Raffle drawing on July 28.

The Women's Gathering will host their Annual Meeting and Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Sign-up is on the bulletin board or call the church office. Come and enjoy a meal catered by Lessman's Catering a program on the "History of

the Stephenson County Fair."

The August Grace Meal will be held on Aug. 19 at 11:30 am. The menu is fried chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, orange fluff salad and dessert.


The Women's Gathering currently has two excursions planned. On Oct. 10, they will be driving (carpooling available) to Oregon for a Riverboat cruise and lunch. On Dec. 2, they have planned a bus trip to Palace Theatre at Wisconsin Dells to see Blackwood Quartet and Elvis. Information and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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 Elementary Meet the Teacher

Stockton Elementary Meet the Teacher night will be held Monday, Aug. 19, from 5-6:30 p.m. Bring your school supplies, meet your teacher & see your new classroom! Hope to see you there!



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Rev. Scott Wilson Associate Pastor of Youth
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 • *Sunday School – 8:45 a.m.*
 • Awana Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
 • Youth Group Wednesdays
 Junior High from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 Senior High from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
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 at www.lenafreechurch.org

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411 S. Main Street, Pearl City, IL 61062
 email: pcumc@aeroinc.net
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Pastor Matthew Smith (815) 443-2177
 • *Sunday Worship – 8:30 a.m.*
 • *Sunday School – during worship after the children's message*

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309 S. Main Street, Elizabeth, IL 61028
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Pastor Tiffany Garcea
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 • *Sunday Mass – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.*
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 • *Sunday Worship – 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
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 • *Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.*
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This year the Stockton Chamber of Commerce and the Stockton FFA Chapter are kicking off Fall Into Stockton with a PARADE! We would love to have your business enter. The theme will be Stockton History. It can be as simple as displaying the year your business started or being as creative as you would like with the theme. Have a decorated float, vehicle with signage for your business, or walk along with the parade representing your business however you choose. Any classic vehicles or tractors are encouraged to enter too. We want to highlight the wonderful history of our local businesses since they have always been an essential part of our community! For more information, visit <https://conta.cc/2OpPvBd> or email fallintostocktonparade@gmail.com.

Senior Resource Center conducting Medicare Class

If you have wanted more information on Medicare, Medicaid, tax freezes, prescription drug savings or other benefit programs closer to your hometown, you may be in luck. The Senior Resource Center is offering a Medicare Basics/Turning 65 class on Wednesday, Aug. 14, and satellite office appointments on Wednesday,

Aug. 21. Both will be at the West Galena Township Office in Galena.

The Medicare Basics/Turning 65 Class is set for 10 a.m. Aug. 14, at the West Galena Township Office, 607 Gear St., Galena. Please call (815) 235-9777, ext. 258, to reserve your spot. The 1 1/2 hour class is designed to help people navigate the complex-

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

All classes are taught by Ralph 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.

At the satellite office appointments, resource specialists will be available for questions and to accept applications for benefits from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 21 at the West Galena Township Office, 607 Gear St., Galena. Staff will assist seniors with license plate sticker discounts (BAAs), property tax freezes and senior citizen homestead exemptions.

They also will provide general information regarding programs individuals may qualify for such as Medicare Extra Help, which helps pay for prescription drugs. Call (815) 235-9777, ext. 228, to make an appointment.

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.

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Lena yard of the month

The Lena Beautification Co. and LBPA are awarding the Yard of the Month for July to Tim and Sally Huber located at 214 West Lena St. Their corner lot features a huge variety of annuals and perennials in a variety of colors. Large pots of coleus are the main attraction on their patio. Sally enjoys decorating with family treasures like milk cans from their family farm, chairs painted in interesting bright colors and even an old wooden drawer filled with flowers. In a corner of their lot is a brick smoker featuring a spit for grilling built by Tim's father in the 1970's. Congratulations on your creative gardening!

Monroe Clinic to hold 'Art of Healing' reception

On Thursday, Aug. 15, Monroe Clinic is hosting an art reception featuring Deb Menz. Menz is an accomplished artist and author. She has taught workshops around the country for over 28 years to spread the word about ways to easily use color. Her work is about color and texture, their relationships, contrasts and blends. "For me, art and being creative is an escape and special place I can be," shared Menz. "I want to create images and objects that are special to me. If it makes the viewer smile – all the better."

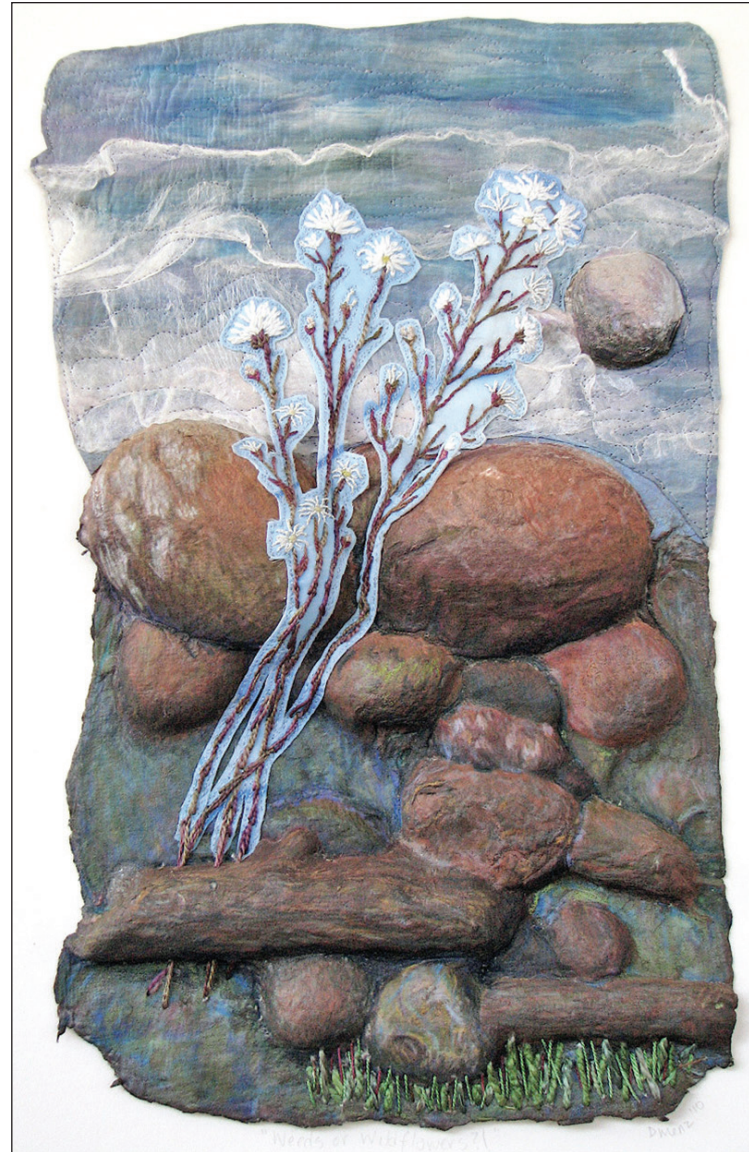
The reception will take place in the Monroe Clinic Hospital Lobby from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. with a Gallery Talk at 5:15 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Monroe Clinic's "Art of Healing" exhibit provides patients and visitors with an enriched visual experience proven to advance healing through opportunities for reflection and artistic interpretation. The art will be on display until October 30.

Since 2013, Monroe Clinic and the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation have partnered with the Monroe Art Center to provide patients, visitors and staff with quarterly exhibitions in the Hospital building. "Art can aid in patient recovery, reduce the need for pain medication, promote hospital stays and reduce patient and caregiver stress," said Jane Sybers, Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation Executive Director.

For more information about this event, please visit www.monroeclinic.org.

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For 2020, EPA proposes to increase total renewable fuel blending by 120 million gallons and maintain an implied conventional ethanol requirement of 15 billion gallons. The proposal does not take into account EPA's ongoing practice of providing RFS waivers to big oil companies.

NCGA testimony: EPA must account for RFS waivers

NCGA has repeatedly highlighted the harm waivers are having on the ethanol industry

The National Corn Growers Association today reiterated its call on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to keep the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) whole by accounting for waived ethanol gallons as the agency considers proposed biofuel targets for 2020.

In testimony at an EPA hearing in Ypsilanti, Mich., NCGA Board Member and Ohio farmer John Linder pressed the agency to move forward with a stronger RFS rule that supports America's farmers, their rural communities, and consumers.

"The proposed rule we are discussing today allows retroactive refinery

exemptions to continue to destroy demand for renewable fuels. In addition, the proposal ignores the D.C. Circuit Court's decision that EPA improperly waived 500 million gallons in 2016," Linder said.

For 2020, EPA proposes to increase total renewable fuel blending by 120 million gallons and maintain an implied conventional ethanol requirement of 15 billion gallons. The proposal does not take into account EPA's ongoing practice of providing RFS waivers to big oil companies. These waivers have reduced RFS requirements by 2.61 billion ethanol-equivalent gallons, with 38 more exemptions pending.

"These volumes are meaningless amid EPA's massive expansion of

retroactive refinery waivers. Farmers have no confidence EPA will ensure these volumes are met – which the law requires – because EPA fails to account for projected waivers in this proposal," Linder said.

NCGA has repeatedly called on EPA and the Trump Administration to address the harm waivers are having on the ethanol industry. At a visit to an Iowa ethanol plant, NCGA First Vice President Kevin Ross told President Trump the waivers threaten to undo support for E15 and NCGA Corn Congress delegates recently approved a "Sense of the Corn Congress" urging President Trump to uphold his commitment to America's farmers and the RFS.

Corn farmers across the country now have the opportunity to share their comments on the EPA's waivers and 2020 rulemaking and "Tell EPA: Waivers are Gutting the RFS."



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Kosh-Rock Poker Run to benefit Hogs for Heroes

Fun Around the Lake! Join Us for 1st Annual KOSH-ROCK POKER RUN Saturday Aug. 10 Event to Benefit Hogs for Heroes, a WI Nonprofit Supporting Injured Wisconsin Veterans

The public is invited to attend the 1st Annual Kosh-Rock Poker Run on Saturday, Aug. 10. The day-long event will involve the many great restaurants/ bars around the area's Rock River and Lake Koshkonong. The event will support local businesses, while supporting Wisconsin veterans through the non-profit Hogs for Heroes. Fourteen area establishments are participating in the day's events, organized by Kevin Brown, owner of Anchor Bar & Grill in Newville. "I just want people to know about all the great places to visit and enjoy around this awesome lake of ours. There are so many hidden spots that are really cool, very unique and have great history in the area. Doing this event

not only helps people learn about and support our community, it also gives us a chance to support an incredible Wisconsin nonprofit, Hogs for Heroes." Rain or shine, registrants can participate in the day's event on two wheels, four wheels or by propeller as there is a combination of options that are accessible via land or water. Registrants will take a self-guided tour of the area and self-select the establishments they'd like to stop at throughout the day.

Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon at either one of two starting places: The Anchor in Newville or The Island Bar & Grill in Fort Atkinson. Participation is \$20 per rider, with 100% of the registration fees going directly to the Wisconsin charity, Hogs For Heroes. Registrants must stop at a minimum of five establishments to gain a "stamp" on their playing card. Purchase/consumption at each place is not required.

Well-water testing offered by Stephenson SWCD

The Stephenson County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Well Water Testing Program Aug. 12 through Aug. 20.

The program, which tests drinking and well water for nitrates, certain pesticides, and 22 different heavy metals, has been organized as a drive to keep costs down.

Kits will be sold from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 12 through Friday, August 16 and Monday August 19, at the SWCD office, 1620 S. Galena Avenue. Participants are asked to take water samples either Monday, August 19 or the morning of Tuesday, August 20 and re-

turn the kits to the District office by 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 20. Water samples for all tests will be immediately shipped to the laboratory.

Prices will vary, depending on the type of test ordered. Any test or combination of tests may be ordered.

A confidential report of the results will be mailed directly to the home or farm owner within four to six weeks.

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For more information, call the SWCD office at 235-2141, ext. 3, or stop by the District office.

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Public Notice is hereby given that on **July 23, 2019**, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stephenson County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Stateline Roof Cleaning** located at **3311 W. Carthage Drive, Freeport, IL 61032**.

Dated July 23, 2019

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(Left) Douglas Howard takes home a second place in the Kiddy Tractor Pull.



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Elizabeth Community Fair

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Service men Cody Schwartz and Rene Figueroa enjoy a free lunch at the fair.

FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We have had beautiful weather again this week. The weather people are predicting cool temps and not much rain. You either have to water or let nature take its course. As a former teacher, I just hope it doesn't decide to get hot when school starts. This week we are again cooking with the vegetables and fruits of the season.

This unique coleslaw features the great taste of sesame seeds. I like rice vinegar, so this dressing is a good tasting one for me. If you have a place to get sesame oil, you can use it instead of canola oil. I always use low sodium soy sauce; most recipes encourage the use of the low sodium soy sauce, and this one is no different. Enjoy the crunch of the almonds and sesame seeds in the cabbage salad.

Sesame Slaw

3 T. rice vinegar
1 T. sugar
1 T. canola oil
1 t. minced fresh ginger
1 t. soy sauce
4 C. finely shredded cabbage
½ C. shredded carrot
¼ C. slivered almonds, toasted
1 T. sesame seeds, toasted
Whisk together vinegar, sugar, oil, ginger, and soy sauce. In a large bowl,

toss cabbage, carrot, onion, almonds, and sesame seeds with dressing.

I had a request to republish this recipe now that green beans are in season. This vegetable recipe is great baked in the oven with the packaged ranch dressing.

Ranch Roasted Green Beans and Carrots

1 lb. carrots, cut diagonally into ¼-inch slices

½ lb. green beans, trimmed

1 pkg. ranch dressing mix

2 T. olive oil

1 T. chopped fresh parsley

½ t. salt

1 clove garlic, minced

Preheat oven to 400. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. In a large bowl, stir together all ingredients until coated. Place in an even layer on prepared pan. Bake until tender, about 20 minutes. Serve immediately.

I have had zucchini boats before, and this one is just a little different. You can use half sweet Italian sausage and half hot Italian sausage if you want a little more heat in your "boat." If you have never made zucchini this way, try it. It tastes great and sure looks cute!

Sausage Stuffed Zucchini Boats

4 medium zucchini

1 T. extra virgin olive oil

1 lb.. loose sweet Italian sausage

2 medium tomatoes, chopped

1 small onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

Salt and pepper

½ C. finely grated Parmesan cheese

½ C. shredded mozzarella cheese

¼ C. breadcrumbs

2 T. chopped fresh parsley

Preheat the oven to 400. Cut the zucchini in half lengthwise and

scrape out the flesh so they resemble boats. Place the zucchini boats in a 9 x 13 baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Chop the flesh and set aside. Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook, breaking up the meat, until no longer pink, about 4 minutes. Add the tomatoes, onion, garlic, and chopped zucchini flesh. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring until the vegetables are softened, about 4 minutes.

Combine the cheeses, breadcrumbs and parsley in a separate bowl. Mound the sausage mixture into the zucchini boats. Sprinkle the breadcrumb mixture over the top. Bake until the zucchini is tender and the topping is golden, 20 to 25 minutes.

I have several roll up recipes, so when I came across this one, I had to try it. The hardest part of the recipe is pounding the breasts to make them thin. If you can't find sliced mozzarella, you can use fresh mozzarella or shredded cheese as well. I also cut down on the salt because I am not used to using that much salt. You have a meat dish as well as vegetables, so all you need is a salad.

Chicken, Ham, and Cheese Roll-ups

4 chicken breasts pounded into ½ inch thickness

2¼ t. salt, divided

1 t. pepper, divided

2 t. Dijon mustard

4 slices deli ham, halved

4 slices mozzarella cheese, halved

3½ T. olive oil, divided

¼ C. panko

2 T. chopped fresh parsley

1 large yellow squash, chopped

¼ t. red pepper flakes

Preheat the oven to 350. Line a large

rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Sprinkle chicken with 1¼ t. salt and ½ t. pepper. Spread ½ t. mustard onto top of each chicken breast which has been cut in half. Place 1 slice of ham and 1 slice cheese on each piece of chicken. Starting at one short side, roll up chicken. Brush with 1 T. oil and place on one half of prepared pan. In a small bowl, stir together bread crumbs, parsley and 1½ T. of oil; sprinkle on the chicken.

In a large bowl, stir together the squash, zucchini, red pepper flakes, remaining tablespoon of oil, remaining teaspoon of salt, and remaining ½ t. pepper. Arrange squash mixture in an even layer on empty side of pan. Bake until squash is tender and a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest portion of chicken registers 165, about 25 minutes. Garnish with parsley if desired.

This cobbler recipe is really, really good. It takes a little time because you have to thicken the sauce, make the dough, and then drop the dough on the berries making a "cobble" fruit mess. I like the fact you can cut these into bars. It is worth all the preparation when you taste this dessert.

Blackberry Cobbler Bars

2¼ C. firmly packed light brown sugar, divided

3 T. cornstarch

7 C. fresh blackberries

1 T. lemon zest

2 T. fresh lemon juice

2 t. vanilla, divided

3 C. flour

1 C. old-fashioned oats

1½ t. baking powder

1 t. salt

1 C. cold unsalted butter, cubed

½ C. sour cream

1 egg

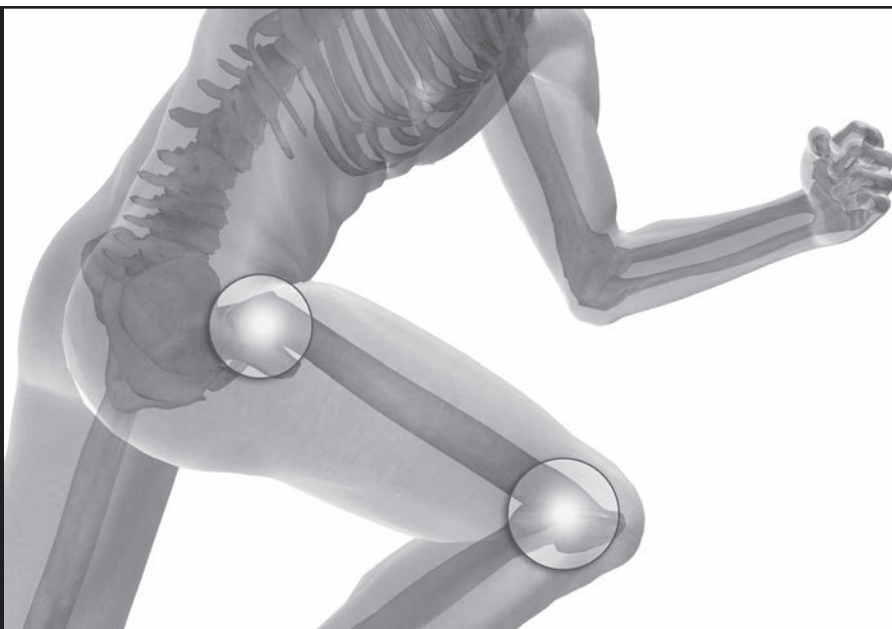
Preheat the oven to 350. Line a 9 x 13 pan with parchment paper, letting excess extend over the sides of the pan. In a large bowl, whisk together 1¼ C. brown sugar and cornstarch. Stir in blackberries, lemon zest and juice, and ½ t. vanilla until combined. In another large bowl, whisk together flour, oats, baking powder, salt, and remaining 1 cup brown sugar. Using a pastry blender, cut in cold butter until mixture is crumbly.

In a small bowl, whisk together the sour cream, egg and remaining vanilla until smooth. Stir sour cream mixture into the flour mixture until combined; gently knead until a dough forms. Using lightly floured hands, press 3 cups dough into the bottom of prepared pan. Stir blackberry mixture, and spread onto dough in pan. Drop remaining dough in pieces onto fruit. Bake until top is golden brown and filling is bubbly, about 40 to 45 minutes. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Using the excess parchment paper as handles, remove from pan. Garnish with powdered sugar sprinkled across the bars. Cut into 12 bars.

This delicious berry pie will make your mouth water. The glaze makes it a beautiful pie to look at before you even taste it. Be sure you temper the egg by following the directions. I always use large or extra large eggs when I cook and bake. You can use a prepared pie crust that you bake. Be sure to prick the crust with a fork and put parchment paper over uncooked crust. Fill the cavity of the shell with beans and bake; you can remove the beans and finishing baking the pie shell. I believe that you can even buy a baked pie shell in a large grocery store. Enjoy this really good berry pie.

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Kitchen (Continued from page 13)

Berry Cream Pie

Filling:

½ C. sugar
3 T. cornstarch
3 T. flour
½ t. salt
2 C. milk
1 egg, lightly beaten
½ t. vanilla extract
½ t. almond extract (opt.)
½ C. heaving whipping cream
1 pastry shell, baked

Glaze

½ C. crushed strawberries
½ C. water
¼ C. sugar
2 t. cornstarch
1½ C. quartered strawberries

1½ C. fresh raspberries

In a large saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, flour and salt; gradually stir in milk until smooth. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat; cook and stir 2 minutes more.

Remove from heat and stir a small amount of hot filling into egg; return all to the saucepan, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; gently stir in vanilla and almond (if desired). Cool to room temperature. In a small bowl, beat cream until stiff peaks form; fold into filling. Pour into pastry

shell. Chill for at least 2 hours. About 2 hours before serving, prepare the glaze in a large saucepan, combine crushed strawberries and water; cook for 2 minutes. Combine sugar and cornstarch; gradually add to the pan. Cook and stir until thickened and clear; strain. Cool for 20 minutes. Arrange quartered strawberries and raspberries over filling; pour glaze evenly over berries. Refrigerate for one hour.

Congratulations to the Lena Fire Department for 150 years of service to our community. They had several celebrations planned, a monument erected, and an update on the history of the department. If you

have never had the opportunity to read the history, go to the library or ask some people around town and read it. It is great. The original history for the 100th anniversary was written by Sherril Wiele and Willie Kayser. I used that as a reference when I wrote the history for the Lena Area Historical Society's 150th Celebration in 2004. We are truly blessed to have a dedicated and "professional" volunteer department. Thank you for your service and keeping us safe.

If you get a chance for some fresh produce, buy it and eat it because it really is better tasting. A friend gave me some peaches from

Georgia, and I am hoping to make a peach pie. It is my favorite. I will have to share it with some friends because I can't eat the whole thing (I could, but it wouldn't be good for me!) Remember to support our local Farmer's Market. We continue to look for some recipes that feature vegetables from the garden and some cherries, raspberries, and strawberries.

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

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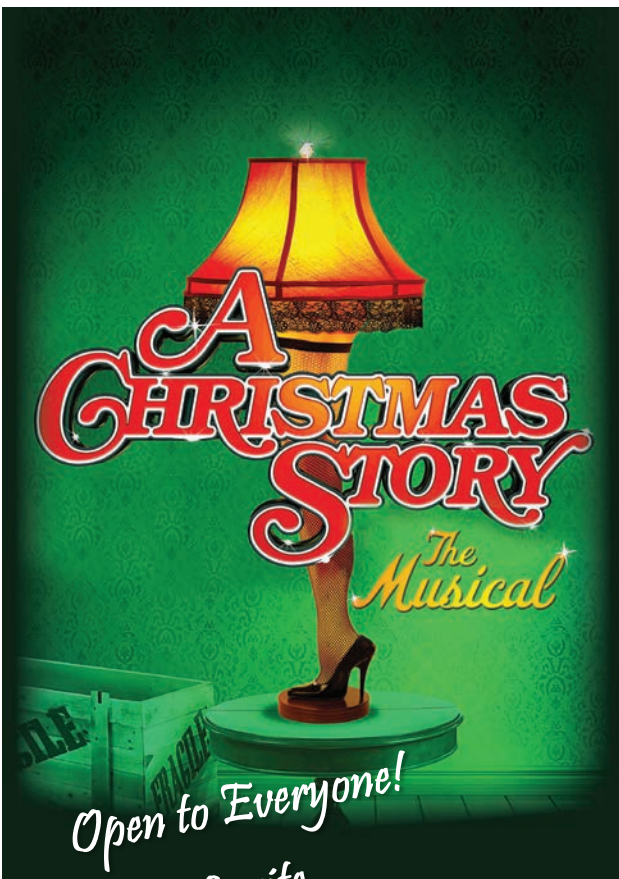
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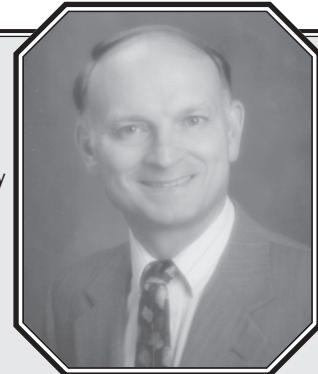
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