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Fighting cancer with friendship

Lena comes together for Paul Potter benefit

By Tabitha Engel
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On Saturday, Nov. 7, friends of Paul Potter are hosting a drive-thru benefit and meal to support Potter as he faces stage 4 liver and pancreatic cancer.

In late September, the 49-year-old Lena resident was admitted to the hospital and soon learned he was living with advanced cancer that had spread throughout his body. Though the condition is incurable, doctors are focused on prolonging his life while keeping him as comfortable as possible.

While Potter reacted to the diagnosis with his trademark gentle demeanor and quiet strength, those who love him have been shattered by the news. His younger brother, Aaron Potter of Lena, explained that the outpouring of love to Potter and his family has been overwhelming.

"Paulie is a friend to everyone who knows him. Even as he faces this terrible illness, his primary concern is how it will affect his stepdaughter," Aaron Potter said. "He'll drop what he's doing to be there for any of us. Now it's our turn to be there for him."

This not the first time the Potter family has faced a devastating cancer diagnosis, as the brothers lost their mother to the disease in 1994. Now, cancer has taken center stage in their lives once again, but Aaron Potter knows he is not alone as he seeks to support his brother.

As soon as news of Potter's diagnosis hit the community, friends began searching for ways to help. Within days, plans for a fundraiser were taking shape.

One of the benefit's organizers, J.R. Jacobs, explained a reason the event came together quickly is because so many people wanted to show Potter how much he means to them.

"Paul has been one of my closest friends for 25 years. He's been there



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A Nov. 7 benefit is planned for Paul Potter of Lena, who is suffering from liver and pancreatic cancer. Organizers have seen overwhelming support from the community in gathering donations and volunteers.

for my wife and me through all the important moments. He was the best man at our wedding and my oldest son's godfather," Jacobs said. "But honestly, Paul is loved by everyone who knows him, so this fundraiser is a way we can join forces to do something meaningful for him."

The Paul Potter Drive-Thru Benefit is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Lena Fire Station from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., as long as food and supplies last. The event will feature a

carryout meal, door prize tickets and a gun raffle, with all transactions taking place car-side to allow for social distancing.

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IHSA moves forward with winter basketball

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Officials with the Illinois High School Association decided Oct. 28 to continue with the prep basketball season as scheduled, just a day after Gov. JB Pritzker announced the Illinois Department of Public Health had changed basketball's COVID-19 risk level from medium to high.

Public health officials made the risk announcement in light of the rising number of virus cases of late, however, IHSA officials said they don't believe basketball has become more dangerous just because of the increased number of cases.

"The board has not been presented any causal evidence that rising COVID-19 cases make basketball more dangerous to play by the IDPH or any other health organization nationally or internationally," an IHSA news release said.

The girls and boys basketball season is scheduled for November through February, with practices to begin Nov. 16.

IHSA officials noted that bordering states held both "medium" and "high-risk" fall sports with low rates of COVID-19 incidents. Recently, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public

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School districts asking more of 'critical' substitute teachers

Pandemic brings technology, staffing challenges

By Tony Carton
CORRESPONDENT

This school year is especially trying, but a cadre of substitute educators is rising to the occasion.

Lena-Winslow Community Unit School District #202 Superintendent Tom Chiles said his district is in "full go" mode with in-person attendance.

"We are all attendance and we get out about 35 minutes early every day," Chiles said. "Other than that we have about 8 or 9 percent of our students who choose to do remote

learning. We've also had a handful of students that have had to stay home for one reason or another, but we are 'full go' primarily."

The district hasn't seen a spike in the need for substitute teachers at this point, but officials are working with less than half of their normal substitute teacher pool.

"There have been occasions where a staff member had to have been quarantined," Chiles said. "They will be out for 10 days or two weeks or whatever it is."

"So, something that might have been a day or two absence, or no miss at all because of a minor illness becomes more because now they've got

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Halloween has come and gone; it was another one of those holidays that had to have a different spin. I made bags and delivered them; I didn't turn the light on so that everyone could be safe. It was a weird way to celebrate what is usually one of the most fun evenings of the year. As we have been saying since March, "Wait until next year!"

It continues to be on the cooler side, so tummy-warming recipes are what are featured this week.

Elegant Green Beans

It is getting closer to the holidays; we may not have large family gatherings, but we probably will be cooking some special dishes. Side dishes will be featured throughout the months of November and December. The first one is for an extra special way to make the traditional green bean casserole.

- 1 can (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 jar (4 1/2 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 6 T. butter, divided
- 1/4 C. flour

- 1 C. 2% milk
- 1/2 C. chicken broth
- 1 t. soy sauce
- 1/8 t. hot pepper sauce
- Dash of salt
- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen French style green beans, thawed
- 1/3 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 C. French-fried onion rings

Preheat oven to 350. In a small skillet, sauté water chestnuts, onion and mushrooms in 2 T. butter until the onion is crisp-tender, four to five minutes; set aside.

In a large skillet, melt remaining 4 T. butter; stir in flour until smooth. Stir in milk, broth, soy sauce, pepper sauce and salt. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about two minutes. Remove from heat; stir in green beans and cheese. Spoon half of the bean mixture into a greased 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Layer with water chestnut mixture and remaining bean mixture. Bake, uncovered, 45 minutes. Top with French-fried onions. Bake until heated through, about five minutes.

Mashed Cauliflower with Parmesan

Everyone is on a cauliflower kick these days. You can find lots of cauliflower crusts for pizza, mashed cauliflower and cauliflower and some other vegetable. This recipe is for a traditional mashed cauliflower that takes the place of mashed potatoes and is great with gravy.

- 1 large head cauliflower (about 2 1/2 lbs.), broken into florets
- 1 C. shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1/3 C. heavy whipping cream or half-and-half cream

1 T. butter
1/2 t. pepper
Place 1 inch water and the cauliflower in a large saucepan; bring to a boil over high heat. Cook, covered, until very soft, 10 to 12 minutes. Drain. Mash cauliflower to desired consistency. Stir in 1/2 C. cheese, cream, butter and pepper. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 C. cheese. Garnish with chopped parsley if desired.

Pasta E'Fagioli

As the weather gets colder, soup seems a great way to get supper on the table, have company in, or even have a bowl by yourself. This soup is one of those knock-off soups from famous restaurants. This one is from the soup and sandwich menu at Olive Garden. My friend, Lee, has been making this for years. Yes, it tastes like you are eating at Olive Garden. Just serve some breadsticks and a salad and serve with shredded Parmesan just like at the restaurant.

- 1 1/2 t. oil
 - 1 lb. ground sirloin
 - 1/2 C. onion, chopped
 - 3/4 C. carrots, slivered
 - 3/4 C. celery, diced
 - 2 cans (24 oz.) canned tomatoes, diced
 - 1 can white kidney beans (you can use cannelloni beans or northern beans) drained
 - 1 can red kidney beans, drained
 - 3 (14 oz.) cans beef stock
 - 1 1/2 t. oregano
 - 1/4 t. pepper
 - 2-3 t. fresh parsley
 - 3/4 t. Tabasco
 - 1 jar (24 oz.) spaghetti sauce
 - 1 C. pasta (Ditalini or small shells)
- Sauté beef in oil in a large pot until beef starts to brown. Add onions, carrots, celery and tomatoes and simmer for about 20 minutes. Drain and rinse beans and add to the pot. Also add the beef stock, oregano, pepper, Tabasco and spaghetti sauce. Simmer until celery and carrots are tender — for about an hour. Cook and drain pastas; add the pasta the last 10 minutes of simmering. Serve with

Parmesan cheese sprinkled on each bowl.

Chicken Tetrazzini with Spaghetti Squash

People are always asking me for dishes to use spaghetti squash. This one has lots of good things in it to make it tasty. If you don't want to mess around with the spaghetti squash, you can substitute 8 ounces of spaghetti for the squash. Once again, to save time, you can use the rotisserie chicken. If you want a quick cornbread fix, Sullivan's Grocery has an 8-by-8 pan of cornbread in their bakery.

- 1 large spaghetti squash, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 1 C. water
- 1/2 C. unsalted butter
- 1 C. diced yellow onion
- 2 t. minced garlic
- 1/3 C. flour
- 1 T. chopped fresh thyme
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1 C. chicken broth
- 1 C. heavy whipping cream
- 3 C. shredded cooked chicken
- 2 C. shredded mild Cheddar cheese, divided
- 1/4 C. halved cherry or grape tomatoes, divided
- 3 C. cubed cornbread, divided

Preheat oven to 350. Spray a 3-quart baking dish with cooking spray. In a large microwave-safe dish, place squash halves cut side down; add 1 C. water. Cover with plastic wrap, leaving one corner vented. Cook on high until tender, about 10 minutes. Carefully remove squash from pan; let cool enough to handle, cut side up. Scrape squash flesh into strands with a fork.

In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about three minutes. Stir in flour, thyme, salt and pepper; cook, stirring constantly, for two minutes. Whisk in broth and cream; cook, stirring frequently, until thickened, about five

minutes. Stir in squash, chicken, 1 C. cheese and 1 C. tomatoes. Gently fold in 2 C. cornbread. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Top with remaining 1 C. cheese, remaining 1/4 C. tomatoes, and remaining 1 C. cornbread. Bake until hot and bubbly, 35 to 45 minutes. Garnish with thyme if desired.

Upside-Down Orange Cranberry Cake

November and December usually brings out dessert combinations that we don't really have any other time of the year. This small cake marries oranges and cranberries into a tasty cake. We are used to the traditional pineapple upside down cake in the spring and early summer. This delicious fall classic uses the fruits of the fall as a great way to start November. It is a tasty dessert to serve because there usually aren't any leftovers.

- 1 1/2 C. self-rising flour
- 3/4 C. sugar
- 1/2 C. plain yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 C. olive oil
- 1/2 C. low-fat buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 t. orange zest
- 3 small oranges, peeled and cut into rings
- 1/2 C. firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 C. unsalted butter, melted
- 3/4 C. fresh or thawed frozen cranberries

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 9-inch round cake pan with baking spray with flour. Line bottom of pan with parchment paper. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar and cornmeal. In a small bowl, whisk together oil, buttermilk, eggs, and orange zest. Stir buttermilk mixture into flour mixture just until combined. Blot orange slices with paper towels to absorb excess liquid.

In the prepared pan, sprinkle brown sugar; drizzle with melted butter. Place orange slices and cranberries in pan. Pour batter on top of fruit. Gently tap pan on counter twice to release air bubbles. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Invert cake onto a serving platter; let cool slightly before serving.

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Homeless Prevention/Housing Stability Assistance

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding through DCEO CSBG Program and DHS Homeless Prevention Program to assist families in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are in danger of becoming homeless or are homeless due to a recent financial crisis affecting their ability to pay housing costs including the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis.

Have you experienced one of the following crisis conditions:

- COVID-19 related loss of employment or reduction in work hours
- Loss of Employment or substantial reduction in work hours
- Current Medical Disability or Emergency
- Loss or Delay of some form of Public Benefit
- Natural Disaster
- Substantial Change in Household Composition
- Illegal Action by a Landlord
- Displacement by a Government or Private Action
- Some other condition which constitutes a hardship comparable to the ones listed above

You may be eligible for assistance if you:

- Can provide documentation of your financial crisis condition

Documents that are required to apply:

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all members of the household
- Proof of all income for all members of the household for the 30 days prior to the application date
- Current Benefit letter for household members receiving SSA, SSI or SSD income
- Copies of your current utility bills
- Medical Card
- Current Lease or Mortgage with contact information
- Third Party Documentation of Crisis

Please call our office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for information on how to apply.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency Main Office is closed to the public and appointments at outreach locations have been suspended until further notice. We are in the office and continuing to take applications for NICA programs by phone, email, mail or fax.

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ON THE RECORD

Obituaries

CLIFFORD H. MACKEBEN

Clifford H. Mackeben, age 90, a life-long resident of Stockton, Illinois, passed away at home surrounded by family on Oct. 27, 2020. He was born June 20, 1930, the son of the late Alwin and Eloise Mackeben. Clifford married his high school sweetheart, Betty Jones, on Feb. 10, 1952. They were graduates of the Stockton High School Class of 1948.

Clifford loved family, community and travel. His love for "Betty Ann" never wavered over 68 years of marriage, raising four children. He enjoyed time with family and was always pleased to have his children and their families take new adventures. He was active and well-respected in the community, enjoying daily coffee at McDonald's with friends and serving on the Lions Club for more than 55 years, often in leadership positions, and working well over 50 Fourth of July celebrations.

Clifford set a goal early in life to visit all 50 United States and tour many national parks. He and Betty



achieved this goal, and in doing so took their family on annual summer vacations, always by car and often with camper trailer, to include trips to his favorite locations of

Washington, D.C., Rocky Mountain National Park, Mount Rushmore, the Badlands and Yosemite. He and Betty also took several international trips after his retirement and established a second community of friends in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, spending 25 seasons there as "snowbirds."

He was one of the original employees of Atwood Manufacturing, starting when the company opened a production facility in Stockton during the early 1950s. "Mack" worked his way up from assembly line production, to foreman of many departments, and later as a member

of the management team. He was a well-respected leader in the company during his 40-year tenure, retiring in 1992.

Clifford is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Joan Lee Mackeben of Franklin, Tennessee, David Mackeben of Sycamore, Illinois, Dan (Karen) Mackeben of Lodi, California, and Cathy (Butch) Magee of Stockton; grandchildren, Mark Mackeben, Melanie (Chris) Stearns, Ben (Cora) Magee, Anna (Alex) Goulart and Dylan Mackeben; great-grandchild, Audrey; and brothers, Don (LaDelle) Mackeben of Mounds View, Minnesota, and Wayne (Mary) Mackeben of Kildeer, Illinois.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton with a visitation before the service beginning at 2 p.m. Social distancing will be practiced.

A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with his family at hermannfuneralhome.com.

LAWRENCE W. TEGELER

Lawrence W. Tegeler, age 91, of Mount Carroll, died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, at Allure Nursing Home in Mount Carroll.

Lawrence was born Oct. 30, 1928, in Fenton, the son of Martin and Winnie (Tervelt) Tegeler. He married Edna Mae Wiersema on Feb. 24, 1950. She died July 18, 2020.

He was educated in rural Bunker Hill School, Fenton. Lawrence farmed in Whiteside and Carroll counties until 1975, when he began working for Omar Pitts Construction in Chadwick for five years. He was then self-employed in construction for 28 years. Lawrence was a former as well as charter member of Faith Reformed Church in Lanark. He was a former deacon, elder, Sunday School teacher, RCYF youth leader and Catechism teacher to all from Faith Reformed Church. Lawrence and Edna were also foster parents for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Laurinda K. (Rich) Ten Pas of Stockton; one son, Roger D. (Sue) Tegeler of Maynard, Iowa; one sis-

ter, Pauline Wherry of Sterling; four grandchildren, Pacha (Mark) Rice, Nicole (Jim) Tartaglia, Tabatha (Jesse) Osmundson and Joshua (Becky) Tegeler; eight great-grandchildren, Payton Broshous, Elijah Rice, Piper Brown, Jameson Brown, Lydia Tegeler, Caleb Tegeler, William Osmundson and Jamie Osmundson; and one great-great-grandchild, Hartlee Broshous.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Kate Ottens, Theresa VenHuizen, Ann Shaver and Bernice Tegeler; and 10 brothers, Ben, Clarence, Maynard, John,

Kenneth, Louis, LeRoy, Henry, Marvin and Raymond Tegeler.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were completed by the McDonald Funeral Home in Fulton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be mailed to Laurinda Ten Pas, 220 N. Main St., Stockton, IL 61085 or Roger Tegeler, 270 Main Street East, Maynard, IA 50655. Memorials will go to Allure of Mount Carroll and FHN Hospice of Freeport.

Online condolences may be sent to www.mcdonaldfuneralhomes.com.

STEPHEN NOLLER

Stephen Noller, age 75, of Stockton, Illinois, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020. He was born April 2, 1945, in Freeport to the late Lyle and Jean (Aurand) Noller.

Steve was a graduate of Stockton High School, where he had played basketball and football. He proudly served in the U.S. Army. Steve enjoyed farming his entire life and was a pyro technician for the Stockton Fourth of July celebration for over 35 years. He loved animals of all kinds.

Steve is survived by his brother,

Robert (Pat) Noller of Branson, Missouri; his nephew, Dana (Debra) Noller of Stockton; his niece, Danielle (Kevin Phillips) VenHuizen of Apple River; his three great-nephews, Austin, Jacob and Tyler; and his longtime companion, Veronica Lumley, and her family. He was preceded in death by his parents and his niece, DeeAnn Noller.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. A memorial fund has been established for the Wounded Warrior Project. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Local 4-Her earns honors for speaking presentation

Stephenson County 4-H member Michelle Marck recently won first place with her interpretation of an essay about bullying as part of the Illinois State 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Marck, a member of the Freeport Fantastics 4-H Club, "walked through the journey from being a bully bystander to being bullied," according to a 4-H news release.

4-H members uploaded videos of their presentations for the virtual

contest, which was scored by a team of judges.

"Our 4-H members continue to impress us with their resilience this year," Katie Duitsman, University of Illinois Extension 4-H leadership specialist, said in the release. "They easily adapted to the virtual competition."

"Public speaking is such an important life skill, and Illinois 4-H is proud to help our members develop these skills ..."

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency announces the PY21 LIHEAP, PIPP, and Weatherization Assistance Programs

Assistance available for gas, propane, and electric bills

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency has funding from the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist residents of Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties with home heating utility costs (gas, propane, electric) through the Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and Weatherization Programs.

The LIHEAP and PIPP programs for Program year 2021 began on July 27, 2020 and will end on June 30, 2021. All income eligible households are eligible to apply beginning July 27, 2020. Households affected by loss of income due to COVID-19 are encouraged to apply. Propane customers are strongly encouraged to apply early when prices may be lower.

Applicants may apply for a DVP payment or the PIPP program. The Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) is a one time payment to gas or propane and electric utilities. Applicants with ComEd and/or Nicor Gaz as utility providers may have the option of choosing the Percentage of Income Payment (PIPP) instead of the DVP. The PIPP program is a bill payment program that assists eligible customers by paying a monthly state benefit while the customer pays a percentage of their household income. PIPP applications will be taken on a first-come first served basis until March 31, 2021 or until funding is exhausted.

Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to receive an application packet. All applications will be taken by mail, email, phone or fax in response to COVID-19.

Family Size	Income Guidelines:	
	DVP 30 Day Income	PIPP 30 Day Income
1	\$2,127	\$1,595
2	\$2,873	\$2,155
3	\$3,620	\$2,715
4	\$4,367	\$3,275
5	\$5,113	\$3,835
For each additional person add \$747		For each additional person add \$560

** The following documents will be required to apply for assistance. **

- Social Security Cards for all members of the household. No other document is accepted as proof of social security number.
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days which includes the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD current benefit letters, pension/retirement statements, child support, unemployment reports, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance notices, self employment reports, and proof of zero income
- Complete current heat and electric bills and disconnect notices you may have received.
- Medical Card from Illinois Department of Human Services
- Copy of current lease or rent receipt
- Proof of Homeownership (Title for Mobile Homes) and tax bill are required for weatherization assistance.

The office is closed to the public and outreach appointments are suspended until further notice.

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Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY 21 LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program

An Emergency Furnace Assistance Program is available for LIHEAP households of Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties who are homeowners and whose existing heating systems are not functioning or have been red-tagged by their utility.

The purpose of the LIHEAP Furnace program is to restore heat to the household and is available from July 27, 2020 through April 30, 2021 or until funds have been exhausted.

All income eligible homeowners may apply for emergency furnace assistance.

To qualify for the LIHEAP Emergency Furnace Program, the household must first apply for and be approved for LIHEAP assistance.

The household must have active service with both primary and secondary heating utilities. Households and disconnected utilities are not eligible for this assistance.

In addition to LIHEAP documents, the following homeownership documentation must be provided:

1. Copy of real estate tax bill
AND
2. One or more of the following:
 - Copy of warranty deed, contract for deed, or quit claim deed (all of these must be stamped and registered with the county clerk)
 - Copy of current mortgage statement
 - Copy of the original Mobile Home title

Please call 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to make an appointment for assistance.

All applications are by mail, email, phone and fax.

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Pumpkin Crunch

This dessert has made its rounds several years ago. Someone asked if I had the recipe. I checked my archives and then looked through several cookbooks and found it. It is a great pumpkin dessert that is easy to make. I love revisiting old recipes; they are just as good the second time around.

1 can (15 oz.) solid pack pumpkin
 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
 3 eggs
 1½ C. sugar
 1 t. cinnamon
 ½ t. salt
 1 box yellow cake mix
 ½ C. chopped pecans
 1 C. unsalted butter, melted
 Cool Whip topping
 Preheat oven to 350. Grease bottom of a 9-by-13 pan. Combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, cinnamon and salt in a large bowl. Pour mixture into the prepared baking pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture. Top with pecans. Drizzle melted butter over pecans. Bake 50 to 55

minutes until golden brown. Cool, then refrigerate. Serve chilled, topped with whipped topping.

Final thoughts

Maybe by the time you get this paper we will have the election over. Who knows? We may still be waiting for ballots to be counted.

Nothing has been remotely like normal for such a long time. Our kids are back at home learning and cases continue to rise.

I have started to include some dishes you could use for Thanksgiving. I will start to do that the next couple of weeks. Please be vigilant and take care; it hit me hard last week when two people I actually knew died of COVID-19. When it hits closer to home, it is harder to take in. Keep the faith and stay healthy.

If you have found any Thanksgiving or holiday recipes you think we would like, contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide, 213 S. Center St., Lena, IL 61048 or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com

Slices of life

This grandma finds endless delight in childhood game



By **JILL PERTLER**
 Contributor

Hide-and-seek has changed at our house, as many things change when you progress from being nearly 2 to nearly 2 1/2. That is the case of our granddaughter.

My how time flies.

According to Wiki (the world's first and foremost resource for fact-checking fact-checkers) hide-and-seek can be played with two or more players and is appropriate for children 3 years and older. (Or in the case of gifted granddaughters, 2 1/2, but you didn't hear that from me.)

Hide-and-seek is played throughout the world and has different names, depending on which country you are in. It's been around forever and was first described in second century Greece. I played it as a kid, my kids played it as kids and now we are indoctrinating a new generation.

With our granddaughter, it started with simple sessions of peek-a-boo when she was just an itty bit. When she got mobile, peek-a-boo evolved into the two-legged version of hide-and-seek, and she's been hiding and seeking (and giggling) ever since.

When you are nearly 2, you love playing "Hi-in-see." When Grammy asks if you want to play, you answer enthusiastically, "Yeah, yeah, yeah!"

Hiding and hunting are deliciously random. In fact, if you find yourself a good hiding place, you are likely to use it over, and over and over again.

How could Grammy possibly remember that you hid behind the couch last time?

It's difficult for you to wait to be found. When your seeker enters the room where you are hiding, you jump out and yell, "Boo!" This of course, is wonderfully amusing.

When you are 2.5 years old (or nearly so) hide-and-seek remains an animated jump-worthy event. When Grammy asks if you want to play

this well-loved game, you answer enthusiastically, "That would be cool!"

At this juncture, the game becomes more organized. In part because you can count — sort of. When it is Grammy's turn to hide, you cover your eyes with spread fingers (all the better to peek with) and begin your cadence, "One... two... free... 10! Here I come!"

Hiding places change from game to game, because your 2.5-year-old brain recognizes that picking the same spot each time is so six months ago.

Grammy hasn't learned this lesson and when you find her behind the curtains for the third time in one day you find it exceedingly hilarious and laugh loudly and unabashedly, like only a toddler can do.

You can now climb and descend steps with careful precision, so your hunting and hiding grounds have grown considerably. Upstairs is no longer off limits. Now there are closets and beds to duck in and under. More places to seek mean more fun.

Still you find it hard to stay hidden. I guess it's just too much fun to be found. Plus it puts you in control of who finds you and when.

I long to live in the head of a 2.5-year-old, now and forever. It's a life of newness and adventures and endless possibilities. The pathways to the future are infinite, the places to hide and seek limitless. It's a game destined for glee — and lots and lots of "Peek a boos!"

Which are followed closely by, "Again, Grammy! Let's do it again!"

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Teachers (Continued from front page)

to sit out just because they've been around someone who had something, so they get quarantined for two full weeks, and the length of absences has changed the nature of our substitute process."

Chiles spoke to the training and certification required of substitute teachers working in the Lena-Winslow School District.

"We occasionally advertise for substitute teachers and the Regional Office of Education maintains a list we can work from when necessary," he said. "If you want to be a substitute and you have a bachelor's degree, you could go apply for a substitute license at the regional office. They would do your background check and then you would include in your paperwork the school districts where you would be willing to work."

He said most of their substitutes are regulars at the district and know how most of the systems work.

"However, a unique challenge this year compared to other years is that they are likely to have at least one student that is remote learning," Chiles said. "So, they have to know how to start a Google Meet or Zoom or whatever platform the teacher is using, and our other teachers really step up and assist our substitutes in getting the

hang of that stuff."

Substitute teachers are invaluable, he said.

"I think sometimes people don't realize, but we don't function here without our substitutes," Chiles said. "In a lot of ways they're every bit as critical as our full-time people, and if we didn't have people to substitute for us, I'm not 100 percent sure what we would do."

A smaller pool of subs

Warren Community Unit School District #205 Superintendent Shawn Teske said his district generally operates in person.

"We offer in-person classes and we have some students that have opted into remote classes," Teske said. "We do simultaneously teach remote with the in-person classes, but the majority of our students attend class in person."

He said finding the necessary substitute teachers and paraprofessionals has been an issue for the district over the years.

"The difference for us is that due to COVID-19, a large pool of our substitutes has asked us not to call them for the first semester," Teske said. "A lot of these individuals are retired, some of them are a little elderly, and it wasn't worth it for them to be in an



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As area school districts strive to keep students and staff healthy enough for in-person learning, they also must cope with a tight market for substitute teachers, who are vital to their daily operations.

environment where there are more people, so they've opted to stay home. Those decisions made our substitute pool even smaller."

He said in addition to the safety concerns it can be difficult for anyone to come into a situation where they are teaching in-person and remote classes simultaneously.

"For the remote parts, using Google Meets which is similar to Zoom, can be difficult, so what we've actually done is to try to bring some of our

non-certified staff into the classroom to assist with the technology part of things rather than put extra responsibilities on our substitutes," he said. "We try to make the transition process as easy as possible."

Teske said substitute teachers' responsibilities can vary from leading class meetings, to giving instruction online, to small group or individual support and more.

"They're ... involved with helping us deliver instruction and curriculum to the students," he said. "The way we have it set up is they basically teach a classroom and we just put a camera on the educator, so the remote students receive the same education as those students attending a class in person."

He said he cannot speak for all of his substitutes when it comes to their comfort level teaching in both the remote and in-person situations.

"I do believe that stepping out of the house during a pandemic and stepping into this kind of environment could be a reason why a substitute

teacher would not feel as comfortable as they have in the past," Teske said. "It makes their job more challenging. Some of our substitutes are more tech savvy than others and for those that aren't really quite that text savvy, we try to make accommodations with the students and parents."

Regardless of tech skills and availability, Teske said his district simply could not survive without the contributions made by its substitute teachers.

"No teacher is trained to teach in a pandemic," he said. "In a matter of months our world has been flipped upside down and we've all been rolling with the punches. The substitutes are moving in and out of different classrooms in different school districts and trying to teach in a different way."

"A lot of them are retired educators that taught 30-plus years in an entirely different system; their flexibility is desperately needed and they're doing a great job. We are thankful for the substitutes we have and we're always looking for more."



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Pearl City student earns honor roll status at university

Anna Harrington of Pearl City was one of nearly 250 University of Dallas undergraduate students named to the spring 2020 honor roll. She earned a semester GPA between 3.0 and 3.49.

Harrington has yet to declare a major at the Catholic university.

McConnell Legion auxiliary collects items for troops

Organizers at the McConnell American Legion Auxiliary are planning a drop-off event later this month for donations to troop boxes.

In addition to letters, auxiliary

members are collecting the following items for troops: socks, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, non-aerosol deodorant, lip balm, foot powder, baby wipes, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, pain-relieving topical cream, Vick's Vapo-Rub, hand warmers, sewing kits, lens-cleaning cloths, reading materials, board games, puzzles, AA and AAA batteries, 3M wall hooks, water flavoring packets, gum and beef jerky.

The dropoff will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at the McConnell Legion post, 203 W. Main St., McConnell. Those who cannot drop off items on Nov. 21 may contact Pat at 815-266-1165, Nikki at

815-297-3545 or Terri at 815-541-6792.

Salem UCC notes schedule change starting Nov. 8

Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 W. Salem Road, Lena, will start winter hours on Sunday, Nov. 8. Worship will be offered at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary according to Centers for Disease Control & Prevention guidelines and also broadcast to cars in the parking lot on FM 97.0.

The Rev. Randal Nicholas will base his sermon, "Walking in Sunshine," on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. In recognition of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, persons serving in the mil-

itary and veterans will be honored during the service.

Lena Legion auxiliary sets Nov. 11 meeting

The November meeting of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Lena American Legion home, 316 W. Main St.

Attendees will be making tray favors and collecting snack items for hospitalized veterans.

Auxiliary members also are accepting donations of clean, gently used coats, gloves and hats for veterans. People may bring donation items to the meeting or call 815-369-4684.

New members are always welcome.

Pearl City presents e-learning program

Officials at Pearl City Community Unit School District #200 are holding a public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, about a proposed e-learning program for the district. The hearing will be held in the junior high/high school cafeteria at 100 S. Summit St.

The districtwide e-learning program would provide instruction electronically on severe weather days or other "emergency days" that do not permit in-person instruction.

• Cancer (Continued from front page)

Meals will cost \$8 each. Volunteers also will be selling tickets, at \$20 each, for a chance at more than 40 door prizes, including Jacobs' donation of a \$250 Sullivan's meat bundle, 2021 Splashland family pool passes from the Lena Community Park District and a Kamado Joe Classic II Griller, donated by Lane and Erin Bidlingmaier in conjunction with Pearl City Elevator.

Donations for the Paul Potter Benefit also are being accepted at Community Bank in Lena.

Jodi Diffenderfer, who previously worked with Potter, visited area businesses to gather prize donations. She explained the community was eager to contribute to the cause. In fact, many reached out to event organizers as soon as they heard a benefit was being planned.

"I have not had one person turn down the chance to participate in this benefit, perhaps because they all know Paul is one of the most honest and genuine individuals they'll ever meet," Diffenderfer said.

As Potter's employer and owner of Advance Technologies, Steve Buss said he was happy to donate a Samsung 65-inch Smart 4K TV to the fundraising efforts.

"I have said it before, and I will

say it again: Paul is one of the kindest humans I know," Buss said. "He is definitely one of the great ones!"

The Lena Fire Station not only provided the location for the benefit, but firefighter Shane Gerber reached out to friends and immediately filled all volunteer slots for the dinner.

Brian "Roundy" Dunlavey, a friend of Potter's since childhood, and his wife, Staci, donated a \$300 AJ's Lena Maid Meats gift certificate for the prize drawing but didn't stop there. Dunlavey reached out to Lena Fire Department to host a gun raffle, which he coordinated with Gahm Enterprises.

Only 200 raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 apiece, offering the chance at one of 11 guns, valued up to \$1,100. Dunlavey stated the raffle will follow all applicable laws, and Illinois residents will require a firearm owners identification card.

So why go through so much effort? When asked, Dunlavey captured what so many of Potter's family and friends are feeling.

"Forty years ago, God gave me a friend that became part of my family. He has touched my life and many others in ways words cannot describe," Dunlavey said. "We just want to do anything we can to help."

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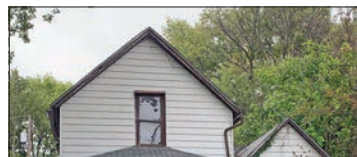
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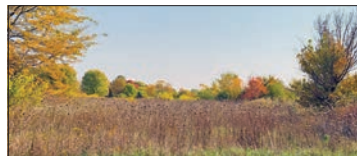
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENTION TO ADOPT TAX LEVIES NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT:

A tentative *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the Stockton Township Public Library ("Library"), Jo Daviess County, IL, for its Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021, has been prepared and is conveniently available for public viewing in the lobbies of the Library, Citizens State Bank and Illinois Bank & Trust, all in Stockton, IL.

It is the intention of the Library to adopt a tax levy for the Library's General Expense (Corporate) Fund for FY 2020/2021 in the amount of \$72,800.00 that exceeds the total extension amount after TIF and EZ for FY 2019/2020 of \$67,727.11 by 107.49%.

It is the intention of the Library to adopt a tax levy for the Library's Tort Immunity and Liability Insurance Fund for FY 2020/2021 in the amount of \$3,350.00 that exceeds the total extension amount after TIF and EZ for FY 2019/2020 of \$3,119.29 by 107.40%.

It is the intention of the Library to adopt a tax levy for the Library's Social Security Withholding Fund for FY 2020/2021 in the amount of \$3,455.00 that exceeds the total extension amount after TIF and EZ for FY 2019/2020 of \$3,218.20 by 107.36%.

A public hearing on the annual *Tax Levy Ordinance* of the Library for FY 2020/2021 will be held by the Board of Library Trustees in the Library at 140 W. Benton Ave., Stockton, IL at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 7, 2020.

DATED: November 4, 2020.
/s/Ronald Paja
RONALD PAJA
Attorney for the Board of Trustees of the Stockton Township Public Library
(Published in The Scoop Today Nov. 4, 2020)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the West Point Township, in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020, and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the home of the Town Clerk, Bill Staton, from

and after 7 o'clock a.m., on November 2, 2020.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on December 2, 2020, in the West Point Township Garage in this town and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the West Point Township Garage on December 2, 2020.

Karen Peight, Supervisor
Bill Staton, Clerk
(Published in
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Town of West Point, in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020, and ending March 31, 2021, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the home of the Town Clerk, Bill Staton, from and after 8 o'clock a.m., on November 2, 2020.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON COUNTY -
FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc
PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Christina Kreeger; et. al.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/20/2019, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on December 17, 2020 at the

hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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

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Nov. 10

Stockton Village Board meeting, 7 p.m., Village Hall, 155 Front Ave., Stockton

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Grant will fund transportation to medical appointments

A recently received grant will allow the Senior Resource Center to provide free rides to medical appointments for some older individuals in Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties.

The \$5,000 grant from the Freeport Community Foundation provides partial funding for the Healthcare Access Transit (HAT) project. Rides through the HAT program will be available for those who meet the income criteria.

"Medical appointments can mean the difference between life and death

for many people," Sonja Shoemaker, Senior Resource Center executive director, said in a news release. "We are so grateful to the Freeport Community Foundation for providing funds to make safe, affordable rides available to these appointments."

Shoemaker said the HAT program takes individuals to medical appointments across town and out of state. Fees, which just cover the Senior Resource Center's cost, can range from \$27 to \$150 a trip.

To apply for a HAT grant, people should contact the Senior Resource

center at 815-235-9777.

The Senior Resource Center offers programs, education and activities for older individuals, their families and caregivers in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties.

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For more information, call 815-235-9777 or go online to seniorresourcecenter.net.



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Gum disease can strike at any age

By Dr. Stephen Petras

Periodontal disease, often referred to as "gum disease," is a serious bacterial infection that can destroy the gum and supporting structures of your teeth. Many people hold the mistaken belief that periodontal disease only occurs in adults. The disturbing truth is that many children and adolescents in the United States are affected by some form of periodontal disease, which can range from mild to severe.

The primary cause of periodontal disease at any age is poor oral hygiene. Where periodontal disease tends to be a chronic condition in adults, children and adolescents are more likely to experience aggressive periodontitis.

Most children have the mildest form known as gingivitis. Since this stage is generally not painful, it is important that you recognize the most common symptoms of gingivitis and report these

to your child's dentist. These include red, enlarged gums and bleeding while brushing or flossing. If left untreated, more advanced signs include loose or separating teeth and a change in bite and jaw alignment.

In addition to poor oral hygiene, the following factors can increase the risk for periodontal disease in childhood and adolescence: clenching and grinding teeth, mouth breathing, crowded teeth, poor diet, autoimmune and systemic disease (such as diabetes and leukemia), poor diet, hormonal changes in the body (such as puberty, menstruation, pregnancy and oral contraceptives use), smoking, vaping and using smokeless tobacco products, certain medications and genetic predisposition.

It is critical to know that some of the symptoms of periodontal disease can be the result of systemic disease. Overgrowth of gum tissues that may appear

dark red or purple, gingival bleeding, oral ulcers and petechiae (small dots of blood that look like a skin rash), accompanied by swollen lymph glands, fatigue and sudden weight loss can be seen in acute and chronic leukemias. Gingivitis, periodontitis, xerostomia (dry mouth) and oral candida (yeast) infections can indicate undiagnosed diabetes or poorly controlled diabetes.

Early diagnosis and treatment are critical for disease control. This is why your dentist performs a periodontal check during your child's routine dental checkup. Early treatment can prevent gum disease from causing permanent damage.

If your child develops aggressive periodontitis in the absence of systemic disease or plaque build-up, it is important to notify your family, so they can report this to their children's dentist, since aggressive periodontitis can run in families. Untreated, this can rapidly lead to detachment of the periodontal ligament and destruction of bone.

If you suspect that your child may have gingivitis or periodontitis, make an appointment with your dentist.

Dr. Stephen Petras is an Illinois-licensed general dentist at the Stockton Dental Center.

Farmworker program will offer training

United Migrant Opportunity Services Inc. recently was awarded the National Farmworker Jobs Program/Career Services grant of about \$1.7 million per year.

The five-year contract will be implemented statewide in Illinois. The National Farmworker Jobs Program was created by Congress in response to the chronic seasonal unemployment and underemployment experienced by migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Funding from the program helps workers and their families achieve economic self-sufficiency through supportive and training services while employed in agriculture, or through acquisition of higher job skills that result in higher wages.

The nonprofit UMOS will provide on-the-job training, youth services, housing and other supportive services and will open four office locations.

"We are excited about this new opportunity to provide services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers in the state of Illinois," Lupe Martinez, UMOS president and CEO, said in a news release. "This targeted migrant and seasonal workforce has been deemed essential to continue to meet

the nation's food supply needs."

UMOS, headquartered in Milwaukee, also operates the National Farmworker Jobs Program in Missouri and Wisconsin.

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007,

purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

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

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-14176.

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Reservist shares experiences, thanks

National Guard Staff Sgt. Brian Merten was a guest at a recent meeting of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary. Merten received care packages from the auxiliary while he was deployed to Cuba and he shared experiences from his first deployment. Merten, a 13-year veteran of the Reserves, has since returned to his job as an officer with the Rockford Police Department.

Health published a study that found that the case rate per 100,000 student athletes was actually lower than the case rate for all 14- to 17-year-olds in Wisconsin. According to the results, no sports showed a higher incident rate than the average for 14- to 17-year-olds in the state.

IHSA officials also cited student mental health as a key factor in their decision. Many Illinois athletes have looked to some of the bordering states or have joined up with AAU and other non-IHSA athletic teams in order to play the sport they love.

IHSA officials said students would be better protected playing in the high school setting, stating that "playing under IHSA rules and (Sports Medicine Advisory Committee) mitigations is the safest way to conduct athletics at this juncture."

Student-athletes around the world have often used sports as an escape from the pressures of daily life. The IHSA emphasized the importance of allowing teens to participate and compete, saying, "We fear for the mental health of students who

attempt to traverse a long winter with no athletic outlet available."

They are not completely disregarding the IDPH's announcement, however. The SMAC offered additional guidelines in order to increase social distancing and limit the risks of virus spread in basketball. All players involved in games must wear a mask, and players will be socially distanced on the benches. Two game balls must be sanitized and set aside prior to each game, as well as sanitized during quarter breaks and timeouts.

Although individual school districts may opt not to allow basketball this winter, the IHSA decision leaves options open for districts, officials said.

"We feel for those in that situation. However, we have also learned that we cannot continue to look down the road to a season that may never come."

In related news, IHSA officials announced that the high school wrestling season will be postponed until the "summer season," which is scheduled to take place from April 19

through June 26.

Board members also voted to approve the IHSA's winter sport guidance for all low-risk sports. Low-risk sports include boys swimming and diving, cheerleading, dance, boys and girls bowling and girls gymnastics. These sports are set to take place from Nov. 16 through Feb. 13. Spectator and group gatherings for these sports will be further reviewed by the board later this month.

In brief

Lena student leads biology honor society

Lillian Schierloh of Lena has been elected president of Beta Beta Beta at the University of Findlay for the 2020-'21 academic year. TriBeta is a national biological honor society.

The group is one of nearly 100 student clubs, organizations, national honor societies and special interest groups at the university, which is located in Findlay, Ohio.

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