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## Broncos remain undefeated

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos have met every expectation throughout their young 2023 softball season. Last week the Broncos improved their

record to 11-0 with victories over East Dubuque, Pecatonica, and Eastland. The Broncos opened their week with an away matchup against the East Dubuque Warriors on Monday, April 10. It was a

game that was dominated by the Orangeville bats as the Broncos jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the very first inning. Meghan Carlisle got the day started with a two-run double up the middle, driving

in Megan Holder and Laney Holland for the early lead.

At the top of the seventh, Orangeville still held the lead, but the game was well within reach at 4-2. That was before Orangeville rallied for sev-

en runs in their final at bat. The Broncos led the inning off with four consecutive singles from Holland, Addyson Wheeler, Carlisle, and Leah Baker. Holder capped the inning off in epic fashion as she crushed a ball over the left field fence for a two-run homer. Baker pitched a gem for the Broncos, going seven innings with just two earned runs on three hits. Baker struck out eleven batters as well. Carlisle led the way at the plate, going three for four with one run scored and three runs batted in. Wheeler was right there with her, going three for five with one run scored and one RBI. Holland was solid, going two for three with three runs scored. Holder two for four with two runs scored and two RBI as well.

The very next day, the Broncos were back in action as they faced off with the Pecatonica Indians. Orangeville put on another offensive display as they combined for 15 hits and 11 runs in another blowout victory. Holland tossed a gem, going six innings with just one hit allowed while striking out nine.

On Wednesday, April 12 the Broncos were back on the road as they traveled to face off with the Eastland Cougars. Orangeville combined for another 18 hits as the offense was on fire all week long. The Broncos got on the board in the very first inning as Baker singled to left with the bases loaded. Two runs came in on Baker's hit as she gave the

Broncos an early 2-0 lead.

Orangeville blew the game wide open in the top of the second, however. After two quick outs, Holder got the scoring spree started with a double to left field. Later in the inning, Wheeler, Carlisle, and A Kraft hit three consecutive doubles, giving the Broncos four extra base hits in the inning. By the end of the second, the Broncos held a 6-1 lead.

Baker was dealing on the mound once again. The Bronco offense gave her the early advantage, but the Cougars couldn't get anything going against Baker. In five innings of work, Baker allowed just one run on five hits, while striking out eight.

At the plate, the Broncos combined for another 18 hits. Four different Broncos finished with three hits in Holland, Wheeler, Carlisle, and Isabelle Talbert. It was Baker who led the way in runs batted in with four, however. Once again, there was no shortage of offense for the Broncos as they went on to pick up a 14-1 victory over the Cougars.

On Thursday, April 13 the Broncos closed out their week with their second meeting against the Pecatonica Indians. To no one's surprise, the offense remained consistent and had, arguably, their best performance of the week. While Orangeville had just 12 hits, they put up 22 runs as a team.

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## COUNTRY Financial supports Northwest Illinois F-4 Jet Combat Memorial

COUNTRY Financial Representative Steve Rothschild recently showed his support of the Northwest IL F-4 Jet Combat Memorial project. Rothschild presented a donation of \$750 to committee member Denny Luke on April 7. "We are so pleased to be able to help take care of those who help care for us and enrich our lives every day within our community - our active and retired military members," said Rothschild. "This donation is a small token of our appreciation that I hope will continue to positively impact our community."

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# Obituaries

## ALVIN SIGAFUS

Alvin Dale Sigafus, age 98, beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, departed this life to be a part of the Heavenly Family on Saturday, April 8, 2023, just in time to celebrate his first Easter sunrise service with his Lord. He was born Sept. 21, 1924, at home on the farm of his parents, Ed and Nellie (Metcalfe) Sigafus. He attended the country school at Rush, graduated from Warren High School, received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan State University and the Master of Divinity Degree from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the University of Dubuque.

He married the love of his life, Phyllis Coad, on Sept. 29, 1945. During their 70 years of marriage, they were a wonderful example of a Christian couple. He began his ministry serving the Rosedale and Pardeeville Presbyterian Churches in Wisconsin starting in June of 1951. His next pastorate was at Villisca, Iowa in 1955. From there the family moved to Effingham, Illinois in 1964, where he was called to help build a new church. Starting in January of 1970, he served his longest pastorate



of 17 years, at Harrison, Ohio. In 1987, he accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Savanna, Illinois and retired on July 1, 1991, on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his entering the ministry. Following his retirement from the ministry, he and Phyllis volunteered with the Northwest Hospice of Jo Daviess County, sang and traveled with a group called the JOY (Just Older Youth) Singers throughout the Southeast in singing tours, and started the Good News Club which ministers to the area's youth. They moved to Phyllis's childhood home and Alvin turned the property to a showplace for the area by using his love of nature and gardening to produce gorgeous flowers and amazing vegetables that he shared with their friends, neighbors, and church family. They remodeled the home, which was hard work, but made it their "heaven on earth" that they enjoyed throughout their years. His love of music showed throughout his lifetime, including

singing duets with his beloved wife.

Alvin is survived by his four children: Lydia Hurst of Apple River, IL, David Sigafus of Kenosha, WI, Ann Schmid of Nashua, NH, and Becca Sigafus of Muncie, IN; two children-of-the-heart Ray Roberts and Denise Baker; grandchildren Rachel Fogg, Claire Kohlmann, and Joel Schmid; and great-grandchildren Nathan and Jacob Fogg, Caroline and Andrew Kohlmann, along with his twin brother Allen Sigafus, and his many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his dear wife, parents, sister Ruth (Orville) Hess, and brothers Bob (Viola) and Roy (Helena) Sigafus and sisters-in-law Kay Sigafus and Loretta Sigafus.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. A celebration of life service will be held during the last weekend of July 2023. In honor of Alvin please consider donating to The Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse, or any program that supports the spreading of God's word through charity or mission work (such as distribution of Bibles, etc.). Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## CRAIG WOLF

Craig Wolf, age 67, died in his home on April 10, 2023. Craig was born on Feb. 21, 1956, in Sterling, IL to Orville and Elzora (Short) Wolf. He was raised on the family farm, graduating from Milledgeville High School in 1975. He married Barbara Davis on June 1, 1974, at the Milledgeville United Methodist Church. Craig was always hard at work as the co-owner of Wolf Trucking with his dad and brother Bill, hanging drywall with his brother Dan, and spent the last 15 years of his life working for Pearl City Elevator. You may have seen him occasionally waiting tables, pouring coffee, or mingling with customers at The Coffee House for several years.

To know Craig is to know his quick-witted humor,



strong-willed nature (some might call it stubbornness), and his quirky smirk when he inevitably proves you wrong about something. His desire to embrace the simple things that come with life was contagious and had the ability to bring any person in his company down to Earth. He enjoyed his morning coffee, spending time at his shed, riding UTVs, and playing cards. You could always find him at one of his children's or grandchildren's sporting events, supporting his family.

Craig is survived by Barbara; daughters Lindsay (Steve) Buss of Lena, IL,

Kelly (James) Patterson of Dubuque, IA, Brittany Wolf (Shance Siegeler) of Amarillo, TX; grandchildren Alexa Buss (Marcos Vega), Marissa Buss (Jason Drake), McKenna & Presley Patterson, and Shane Siegeler; brothers Bill Wolf of Milledgeville, IL, Dan (Sherry) Wolf of Byron, IL, and sister Deb (Randy) Vos of Sterling, IL; and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, grandson Mason, brothers Alan and Orville Jr., and sister-in-law Ruth Wolf.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 14, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. A brief service followed the visitation at 6 p.m. at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Shance Siegeler will be officiating the service. Cremation rites have been accorded. A private family burial will take place at a later date. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## LUCILLE KARNATZ

Lucille Karnatz, age 97, passed away peacefully at the Lena Living Center in the morning hours of Thursday, April 13, 2023, with the full faith and expectation that eternal life awaits. She was born Lucille Bernice Ferguson on Sept. 10, 1925, in Lena, IL where she attended Lena schools. She graduated from Lena High School where she met her life partner Marvin Karnatz. They married on Dec. 1, 1943, during Marvin's first military leave and immediately departed to Edmonton, Alberta to make their first home. Unexpectedly, it was largely a long-distance relationship because Marvin was stationed in the Yukon Territory - over a thousand miles away.

Following the war years, Lucille settled with Marvin in the western suburbs of Chicago and lived in Aurora, IL for over 40 years. During that time, she was a devoted stay at home mom to three children - occasionally working outside the home to support the family's love of travel around the United States.

## ROSE ANN GERBICK

Rose Ann Catherine Gerbick, age 92, of Lena passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in Freeport, Illinois. She was born on Nov. 24, 1930, to Robert and Mary (Wand) McGinnis on their family farm in Gratiot Wisconsin. She married Robert "Bob" Gerbick on Oct. 28, 1952, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Warren, IL and she joined him on the farm four miles west of Lena. Together they spent the next 50 years farming and raising four daughters.

Rose Ann was an avid gardener. She spent most of her summers tending to her large garden and then canned the produce from her garden for the family to enjoy. She loved sewing, crocheting, and baking. At every family picnic, gathering or holiday you would be sure to find one of her homemade pies that everyone loved.

In their retirement years Bob and Rose Ann were able to enjoy traveling the country with one of their most memorable trips being a long road trip to Alaska with friends to visit their daughter. Throughout her

In the late sixties, she began working for the Illinois Department of Public Health - a move that in part helped to rekindle a long-term interest in healthcare. That led to her decision, at age 50, to attend college to become a Registered Nurse. Lucille's career in nursing spanned almost 20 years and included experience in medical offices, hospitals, and hospice care. However, she considered her time at Marianjoy, a well-known rehabilitation center in Wheaton, IL as her most challenging and rewarding contribution.

Lucille and Marvin maintained strong ties with family and friends in Lena. They kept a second home there and, on retirement in 1989, returned as full-time residents. Lucille was active in the community and focused much of her energy at St. John's Lutheran Church where she was active as a learner, a quilter, and a parish nurse.

Lucille is survived by a daughter, Nancy (Jeff) Herding of Rochester, New York and 2 sons, Jim (Peggy)



life she was very active in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena, IL helping with various events and duties. Rose

Ann loved her family and friends. Rose Ann's favorite times were the holidays because her greatest joy was having everyone together and enjoying themselves. There were always lots of laughs, fun, and pies at those family gatherings.

She is survived by her four daughters- Linda (Rick) Posey of German Valley, IL, Theresa (Bill) Thompson of Warren, IL, Dianne (Eric) Johnson of Blanchardville, WI, Debbie (Todd) Vietmeier of Forreston, IL; nine Grandchildren- Christopher (Krystle) Posey of Pearl City, IL, Allison (Christian) Gabroy of Henderson, NV, Katherine (Eric) Sneek of Pecatonica, IL, Ryan (Julie) Thompson of Lockport, IL, Nicholas (Lisa) Thompson of Red Oak, IL, Natalie Thompson of Joliet, IL, Carissa (Ian)

Karnatz of Indianola, Iowa and John (Billie) Karnatz of Bartlett, IL, she also leaves behind seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren as well as brothers in law Vernon Karnatz of Maine-schaff, Germany and Norman Wybourn of Lena. She considered long term caregivers Alyssa and Janna Saxby to be family and held a special place in her heart for grandnephew Joshua Karnatz.

She is mourned by a strong and supportive extended family, steadfast churchmates, delightful neighbors and many, many friends. She was preceded in death by husband Marvin in 2016.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church of Lena with a visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service. Visitation was also held on Monday, April 17, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church. Condolences may be sent to: [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com). Remembrances may be made to St. John's of Lena, FHN Hospice of Freeport, IL, or any worthy charity.

Todaro of Alpine, CA, Garrett and Brysen Vietmeier of Mt. Morris, IL; great grandchildren- Randi and Alonna Posey, Cosette and Caroline Gabroy, Ryne, Kristopher, and Grace Sneek, Hayden and Monica Thompson, Ethan, Maggie, Noah and Nolan Thompson, and Everett and Gavin Todaro; 2 sister- Patricia Hintz of Warren, IL and Antonine Fox of New Glaurus, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Husband Bob in 2020, five brothers- Jack, Art, Francis, Bob and Andy McGinnis, and two sisters- Rita Zimmerman and Delphine Homb.

A Catholic Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena, IL with a visitation from 9 a.m. until time of service. Officiating the services was Father Peter Snieg. Burial took place at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Lena, IL. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

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## ROGER W. LOBDELL

Roger W. Lobdell, 81, of rural Lena, IL, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. The angels came to take Roger home where he was welcomed by loving family members including his baby grandson Jacob. Roger was born on Dec. 21, 1941, to Emmerson and Helen (Wagner) Lobdell in Freeport, IL. Roger graduated from Lena-Winslow High School in 1960. He married Mary Miller, his high school sweetheart, on June 25, 1961, at Amity Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. Upon returning from a western honeymoon, they moved to the family dairy farm where they farmed and raised five wonderful kids. Roger taught the kids about animals; you only raised animals to eat or sell, no horses or ponies, but a dog was the exception. He also stressed the importance of school.

In Roger's younger years he was very active in 4-H, a charter member of the Lena-Winslow FFA and the school band and summer band. He loved his grandchildren, and attending all their events; track, softball, football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, fundraisers, cheering, showing 4-H and FFA projects at the local and state fairs, civil war reenactments, and anything that had to deal with 4-H and FFA. Roger enjoyed helping his son Tyler at auctions and he also enjoyed going to auctions. Farming, gardening, and woodworking were very important to Roger. He planted sweetcorn with his grandchildren's help, where they were often found riding on the planter with grandpa.

Roger attended the Lena Free Evangelical Church in Lena, IL. He was a member of the Lena Historical Society, the FFA Alumni, and the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

Roger is survived by his wife Mary of almost 62 years, their children; Tim(Brenda) Lobdell of Freeport, IL, Troy (Barb) Lobdell of Darlington, WI, Tyler Lobdell of Lena, IL, Gretchen (Tom) Kempel of Shannon, IL, and Abigail Bow-



er of Lena, IL, grandchildren; Shane (Micki) Lobdell, Cassidy Lobdell, Courtney (fiancé Noah Wolff) Lobdell,

Austin (fiancé Hayley Peacock) Bower, Casey (Morgan) Lobdell, Hannah Kempel, Emma (Scylor Sanzebacher) Bower, Rebecca Kempel, Carson (Morgan Black) Lobdell, Ellie Bower, Sarah Kempel, and Alyssa Kempel, great-granddaughter; Carrie Lynn Lobdell, step-granddaughter; Sadie (Justus) Dascher, and step-great-grandson; Zeke, brother-in-law; Bill (Barbara) Miller, cousins; Alice (Mike) Omelusik, Mary Klitzke, Neal (Kris) Wagner and Karen (Brad) Otterson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Emmerson and Helen Lobdell, his in-laws; Don and Edna Miller, grandson Jacob Bower, Son-in-law Dan Bower, daughter-in-law Amanda Lobdell, aunts, and uncles Harold (Dorothy) Wagner, Carl (Jennie) Mantzke, Wilson (Ardith) Lobdell, and cousins David Wagner and Dwight Klitzke.

Roger was a very proud dad, grandpa, and great grandpa. He was always there to support and help, and in the last few weeks they all returned their help and support. Grandpa Roger will be deeply missed and he is leaving a big void in all our lives, but we rejoice in knowing that he went with the angels.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena, IL. A visitation was from 4 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena, IL. Pastor Scott Wilson officiated the services. Burial took place at Lena Burial Park in Lena, IL. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leanonfh.com](http://www.leanonfh.com).

## MILO T. BOYER

Milo T. Boyer, age 87, of Stockton, IL passed away Thursday, April 6, 2023, at Lena Living Center. He was born in Freeport, IL on Dec. 17, 1935 to the late Allen and Isabelle (Mammoser) Boyer. He graduated from Stockton High School in 1953.

Milo was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the Stockton American Legion. Milo farmed his whole life. He served as Nora Township Trustee. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling out west and going on motorcycle

trips.

Milo is survived by his sons, Dennis (Kris) Boyer and Andrew (Mary) Boyer; his daughters, Lorraine Boyer and Crystal Boyer; his grandchildren, Steven Boyer, Tracy Boyer, Jared (Kirsten) Boyer and Travis (Ali) Boyer; and his 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Allen; and his sister, Joyce.

A private family service will be held. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

# Volunteers help to grow the next generation of leaders

Illinois Extension's 4-H youth development program in Jo Daviess County honors its volunteers during National Volunteer Week, April 16 through April 22. National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the continued impact that volunteers have. Volunteers help create endless opportunities for young people to lead confidently, engage in their school and community, and form lasting relationships. There is no one path to volunteering with 4-H. Ways to volunteer could include leading local or special clubs, teaching a skill through workshops, judging projects at fairs and competitions, planning or helping at events, or serving on advisory boards.

"Jo Daviess County 4-H would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service on our communities and our 4-H members. Their dedication to our 4-H members helps pre-

pare them for success and to use their skills to impact others," states Angela Miller, 4-H Program Coordinator.

Goldie Foley from Scales Mound, IL is a valued volunteer who has supported Jo Daviess County 4-H for over two decades. Goldie was a 4-H mom, a volunteer, then later a leader for the Scales Mound 4-H Club. Goldie has supported the 4-H program for the past eight years by serving on the food stand committee and as a Fair Superintendent during our 4-H Fair.

"Goldie is the newest member of the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. She has given her time and talent to working with the young people in our county to help guide them, give them a sense of belonging, and help them explore their interests. She loves her family, 4-H, and the Scales Mound community. She is dedicated to giving her 'head, heart, health, and hands' in service to others," stated Miller.



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Illinois Extension's 4-H youth development program has welcomed in Goldie Foley as the latest member of the hall of fame, and honored her commitment to her community and volunteering with the program. Foley has volunteered for over two decades, offering her time, energy, and support to community youth.

# Highland to host Express Registration, Open House for select programs on April 22

Highland Community College is hosting an Open House for select programs and an Express Registration event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill. This event provides a one-stop approach to getting ready for classes and meeting with instructors and staff for spotlight programs in Agriculture, Biology, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Information Technology/Computer Science, Mass Communication, and Nursing

and Allied Health.

New programs this year include a Cannabis Studies Certificate offered by Agriculture and Business Administration degrees and certificates in Entrepreneurship/Small Business and Marketing. Highland is also offering a new online option to complete general education classes and transfer seamlessly.

Prospective students can take this opportunity to not only meet with faculty but also take placement tests,

meet with an advisor, and register for classes — all in one visit. Summer registration is open, and fall registration begins Monday, April 17.

There is no need to RSVP. Park in Lot A on campus and check in with Student Services in the Student/Confer-

ence Center (Building H). Can't make the event? Advising will help set up a personalized appointment. Call 815-599-3573 or visit [highland.edu/advising](http://highland.edu/advising). For more information about programs at Highland, visit [highland.edu](http://highland.edu).

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# Church news

## St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will hold the third Sunday of Easter on April 23. The worship service will be led by the Women's Gathering and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will be held during church.

The weekly ministry of Healthy Wolves Backpack will continue. Backpacks are filled with food and taken to Pearl City School every Friday. The backpacks are sent home with families for the weekend so that adequate nutrition can be provided for children over the weekend. The families then return the backpack, and they are refilled to be sent home for the next weekend. Currently, 41 children are served through this program. Backpacks are assembled Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs youth kitchen. If interested in funding this weekly project through giving, visit the St. John's Lutheran Church,

Pearl City website.

On Thursday, April 27 cards and dominoes will be played in Luther Hall at 1 p.m. All are invited for a fun afternoon of games.

The Christian Education Committee is excited to announce our plan for Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. Community VBS Family Nights will take place on May 7, June 4, July 2, and August 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A meal will be served from 5 to 5:20 p.m. for families to enjoy. Families may register their three-year-olds to fifth graders to participate in Community VBS Family Nights by going to <https://tinyurl.com/stjohnpcvbs>.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is located at 229 S. First St., in Pearl City. To contact the church, call 815-443-2215 for information.

## Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join for a service led by Pastor Chris-

topher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, this Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. The Adult Sunday School will be hosted prior to service, starting at 9 a.m. on the lower level of the church. Children's Sunday School is held during church service, at 10 a.m.

The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will meet Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 8 a.m. at Stella's Café, 100 N Main-street, Stockton, IL. Everyone is welcome to join.

On the first Wednesday of each month, Salem United Church of Christ hosts a Men's Night. On these evenings the men meet at 6:30 p.m. at the church in fellowship hall on the lower level for a time of visiting, playing games, and getting to know each other better. On the third Wednesday of each month from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Salem hosts a Crafters' at the church on the lower level. Everyone is invited to come and work on crafts. There will be snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to share projects with one another. For more information on these gatherings contact [salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com).



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# Spring Invasive and Nuisance Plants workshop offered

Join Illinois Extension Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy Educator Jay Solomon for a presentation on "Spring Invasive and Nuisance Plants" as part of the Spring Break Gardening Series. This program will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL 61028. There will be a \$5 fee to attend this program. Pre-registration is requested. To register call, us at 815-858-2273 or register directly at [go.illinois.edu/SpringInvasives](http://go.illinois.edu/SpringInvasives).

With warmer weather on the horizon, things are starting to green up. Our landscapes are coming back to life with showy displays of new plant growth and flower. But are all of those plants you expected

and want? Are there plants taking over your yard and landscape? If you have unwanted plants, now might be the best time to manage them before they become problematic.

The primary focus of this spring workshop will be on vegetative plants easily identified and controlled prior to developing seeds. Many of these are spotted by their prolific early season growth. Garlic mustard, cow parsnip, wild parsnip, Pokeweed, hemlock, some ground covers, and vines are a few examples. We will discuss what makes some of them of concern as invasives while other are just making a nuisance of themselves.

The workshop will delve into identification, management strategies, and safety

precautions. Cow parsnip, wild parsnip, and hemlock can be harmful or even deadly if handled improperly.

Spring can also be a good time to identify many of the woody invasive plants like honeysuckle and multiflora rose. Jay will talk about how to distinguish these from more desirable plants like blackberry, raspberry, and gooseberry brambles. He will also touch on how to start developing a fall management plan for the woody invasive plants.

Other programs in this series include "Growing Great Grapes" and "Rainwater Management with Native Plants".

If reasonable accommodation is needed to attend this program, please call 815-858-2273. Early requests are strongly encouraged.

## False active shooter call at Freeport High School

On April 12, at approximately 8:24 a.m., Freeport Police Dispatch received a call from an individual who reported there was an active shooter on the second floor of Freeport High School. This call came from an out of state area code. The call was dispatched and Freeport Police Officers responded quickly and arrived on scene. Once on scene, it was determined the call was

false and there was no active shooter in the High School. Officers did a cursory search of the High School as dictated by training and common practice and determined there was no threat.

Further contact was made with other Freeport School District facilities and the representatives at the schools also reported no threats. Freeport Police Department Detectives

have initiated an investigation into the source of the false call. It was later learned similar false calls were made to other schools in the area.

The Freeport Police Department would like to thank the other agencies who responded to assist: Freeport Fire Department, Stephenson County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police and the State of Illinois Conservation Police.

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# Eastland/Pearl City announce spring musical

The year is 1958, and the much-adored rock-and-roll idol, Conrad Birdie (Dylan Olvera), has been drafted into the US army. His songwriter and agent, Albert Peterson (Hudson Groezinger), and Albert's secretary and sometime girlfriend, Rosie (Caylie Schubert), hatch a plan for a farewell performance to take place on The Ed Sullivan Show, which they hope will help sell Birdie's new song "One Last Kiss" and ultimately save Almaelou records from going under. To cap off

the performance, Birdie will actually give 'one last kiss' to Kim MacAfee (Nevaeh Gross), an avid member of the Conrad Birdie fan club from Sweet Apple, Ohio. Meanwhile, Albert's mom (Allison Weese) keeps trying to guilt her son into seeing someone other than Rose.

When Albert and Rosie head to Sweet Apple to prepare for Birdie's arrival, things start to unravel. Kim's father (Keegan Strauch) and mother (Natalie Greene) are star struck at the thought of

being on The Ed Sullivan Show with their daughter and son, Randolph (Easton Turrell) while Kim's new steady, Hugo (Allyn Geerts) gets jealous at the thought of Kim kissing Conrad on national television. Add to that a zany crew of Conrad-obsessed teens and townspeople, including several junior high students who are stepping into the light for the first time in this production, and a few community members, and you are in for a dynamite show!

Performances are April 28

and 29 at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., April 30 at 2 p.m. with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. Performances will be in the Pearl City High School main gym. Tickets are \$8 and go on sale April 14. They can be purchased from cast and crew members or in either the Eastland High School office or the Pearl City Office. See school websites for details. Tickets will also be available at the door. The cost per ticket is \$8. Please contact Mrs. Graf at jgraf@pcwolves.net with any questions.



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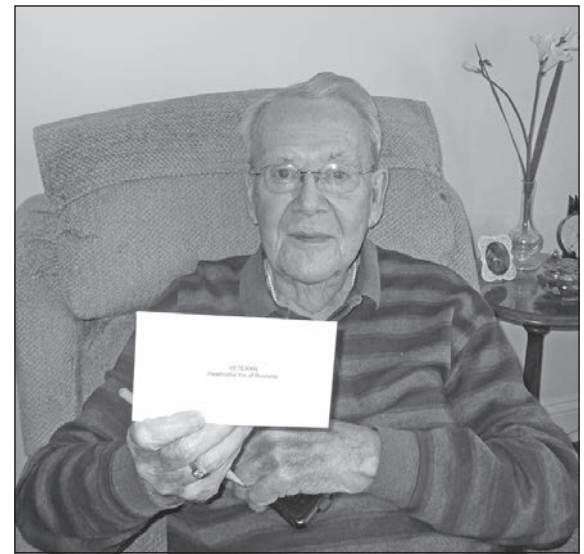


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## Lena American Legion Auxiliary delivers Easter greetings to local veterans

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# Panther softball battling through tough schedule

By Trenten Scheidegger  
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The Lena-Winslow Panthers have been through their fair share of ups and downs throughout the young 2023 softball season. After an early three-game winning streak, the Panthers found themselves on the opposite end of the stick as they dropped three in a row to Galena, Fulton, and Dakota. Le-Win head coach Ryan Hahne and the team were left with an unsatisfied feeling after a 7-7 start through their first 14 games. Despite that, there is no shortage of confidence and a desire to improve in the Le-Win program.

The Panthers looked like they took a step in the right direction when they picked up a pair of victories over the Durand Bulldogs, last week. On Tuesday, April 11, Le-Win had the pleasure of playing on their home field as they played host to the Bulldogs. Durand was another tough test on the Panthers' schedule as the Bulldogs brought a 5-2 record into the series. The Panthers were just 5-7 as they were coming off a loss to Oregon.

Le-Win came ready to play. After Maddy Chiles had a one, two, three inning with two strikeouts, Rachael Setterstrom led the bottom half off with a double to center field. After a sacrifice bunt and some sloppy defense, Setterstrom managed to reach home safely, giving the Panthers an early 1-0 lead.

Durand would take the lead in the top of the fourth, however, as the Bulldogs put up three runs. Those runs seemed to awaken the Panther bats, as Le-Win responded

with five runs of their own. Ava Fiedler sparked the rally when she took a leadoff walk. After another sacrifice, Chiles singled to the left side, driving Fiedler in to tie the game at 3-3. Setterstrom then hit her second extra-base hit of the day as she tripled on a line drive up the middle. Kieran Madigan followed up with a single to left, driving Setterstrom in, and giving Le-Win a 5-3 lead. Later on, hits from Hailee Schiess and Cierra Hatelak would put the Panthers up by four as they held a 7-3 lead at the end of the fourth.

That big fourth inning set the tone for the remainder of the game as the Panthers never surrendered their lead. In the bottom of the sixth, Le-Win went on to post another five runs, helping secure their 12-4 victory over Durand. Chiles wound up pitching a complete game, allowing four runs off five hits, while striking out seven.

At the plate, Setterstrom led the way, going three for five with two runs scored and two runs batted in. Madigan had a solid day, going two for five with one run scored and two RBI. Fiedler finished the day going one for three with two runs scored and two RBI, and Hatelak was a cool two for three with one run and two RBI. The Panthers combined for 10 hits in a much-needed victory.

Following the game, Hahne spoke about the tough start to the season. "I am a little disappointed by our record," Hahne shared. At the time, the Panthers were 6-7. The Le-Win coach went on to add, "We have played some tough teams in the early go-

ing."

Despite that, the confidence was on the rise for Le-Win and their head coach as Hahne stated, "We just won a big conference game against Durand, 12 to four and that was our most impressive win this year against a really good Durand team." Hahne knows the offense is good enough to get the team in the win column but says the Panthers will have to be a more complete team if they want to continue finding success. "Our hitting has been excellent this year. We have been able to consistently put runs on the board," Hahne shared, explaining, "Our struggle has been defense. We have made both physical and mental errors to give opponents extra bases and runs. We have started to play a lot better in the last week."

At that time, the hope was for the Panthers to string this momentum together. They had the opportunity to prove that Tuesday victory was no fluke when they traveled to Durand to face off with the Bulldogs for the second time on Thursday, April 13.

The Panthers answered that question early on. In the top of the first inning, Le-Win combined for three runs.

Durand's pitcher struggled to find the strike zone as six first inning walks allowed the Panthers to take a 3-0 lead. The walks continued in the top of the second as another trio of consecutive walks had Le-Win up 4-0. The Panthers expanded their lead when Schiess and Hatelak hit back-to-back singles, giving Le-

Win a six-run lead.

Those early innings decided the fate of this one as the Panthers held on for an 11-7 victory as the team got back to .500 on the year. Madigan led the way at the plate, going two for three with two walks, two runs, and two RBI. Hatelak had a nice day, going two for four with a walk and two

RBI as well. Chiles pitched another complete game, allowing seven runs off 13 hits, while striking out seven.

Le-Win is set to play host to the Orangeville Broncos this Thursday, April 20. The Broncos will be another tough test for Le-Win as they got off to an 11-0 start to the year.



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## •Broncos

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On the other end, Holland pitched another incredible game for the Broncos. In four innings of work, Holland allowed just one earned run on four hits. As of late, Orangeville has the perfect combination of productive bats and shutdown pitchers. The defense behind said pitchers is no joke, either.

In the four games played last week, Orangeville outscored their opponents by a combined score of 58-5. It was total domination from start to finish as the Broncos improved their record to 11-0 on the season. Orangeville will look to keep it rolling on Thursday, April 20 as they travel to face off with the Lena-Winslow Panthers.



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*The not so skinny cook*

I think that we had one of the most beautiful Easter Sundays in years. We didn't have to wear winter coats over our spring clothes, little kids (and big ones too) could run outside in the sunshine looking for eggs, and the weather was perfect. We were truly blessed this past week with warmer than usual weather. The grass is even starting to turn green. I know it will get cooler and more seasonable, but I think we earned the good weather after all the weekends of snow, ice, and cold. This week's recipes feature a great salad, a seasonable vegetable, two main courses, and a delicious dessert. Have a good week cooking!

### Ham and Arugula Salad with Orange Vinaigrette

This salad is a tangy green side dish that will go with any meal or eat it as a luncheon dish. If you aren't an arugula lover because arugula is spicy, you can use a spring mix. I like sliced almonds rather than slivered ones in a salad.

1/4 C. orange juice  
2 T. olive oil  
1 T. Dijon mustard  
1 t. orange zest  
2 t. honey  
Salt and pepper to taste  
4 C. baby Arugula  
2 C. cubed ham  
1 C. thinly sliced red onion  
1/2 C. slivered almonds  
2 T. dried cranberries  
1 C. orange segments

Whisk together in a small bowl the juice, oil, Dijon, zest and honey, season with salt and pepper. In a large bowl, toss the arugula, ham, onion, almonds and cranberries with vinaigrette, top with orange segments.

### Asparagus with Panko and Mozzarella

The asparagus is beginning to pop out of the ground with this warm weather. This recipe is an easy one that really serves as a great side for any meal.

1 lb. asparagus, trimmed  
1 T. extra-virgin olive oil  
1/2 t. salt  
1/2 t. pepper  
1/4 C. panko breadcrumbs  
1 T. extra-virgin olive oil  
1/4 t. red pepper flakes  
1 C. shredded mozzarella

In a baking dish place asparagus in a single layer; sprinkle with olive oil, salt and pepper. Roll the asparagus until completely covered

with oil and seasonings. Place the dish 6 inches from the broiler and broil 8 minutes, stirring halfway through. In a small bowl, mix panko breadcrumbs, olive oil and red pepper flakes. Sprinkle mozzarella over the asparagus. Sprinkle panko over mozzarella. Place the baking back under the broiler and broil for 1 minute or until cheese is melted.

### Crescent Chicken Casserole

I have had a great crescent chicken recipe but mine did not have the vegetables in it. This casserole has all the elements of meat, veggies, and bread all in one dish. I think you could use cooked turkey if you wanted to make it a little different.

1/2 C. mayonnaise  
2 T. flour  
1 t. chicken bouillon granules  
1/8 t. pepper  
3/4 C. 2 % milk  
2 C. frozen mixed vegetables, thawed  
1 1/2 C. cubed cooked chicken breast

1 tube (4 oz) refrigerated crescent rolls

Preheat oven to 375; in a saucepan, mix the mayo, flour, chicken bouillon granules, and pepper. Stir in milk and bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Add vegetables and chicken; cook and stir until heated through. Transfer to a greased 8-inch square baking pan. Unroll crescent dough and separate into 8 triangles; arrange over chicken mixture; bake until casserole is heated through and topping is golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes.

### Hamburger Stroganoff with Poppy Seed Noodles

Beef stroganoff is a beautiful supper that uses sirloin steak as the main ingredient, however, it can get pricey. This version uses hamburger, and it is also served with delicious poppy seed noodles. Enjoy this decadent main dish that is easy and cost effective to put together for a week-night meal.

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef  
1/2 C. chopped onion  
2 T. butter  
2 T. flour  
1/2 t. salt  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1/4 t. pepper  
1 can (4 oz.) mushroom stems and pieces, drained  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 C. sour cream  
Noodles  
8 oz. wide noodles, cooked and drained  
2 t. poppy seed  
1 T. butter, melted

Chopped fresh parsley  
In a large skillet, cook ground beef in onion and butter until the beef is no longer pink and onions are soft. Stir in the flour, salt, garlic, pepper, and mushrooms. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in soup; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in sour cream; heat through, but do not boil. Combine noodles, poppy seed and butter; toss lightly. Serve stroganoff mixture with noodles. Garnish with parsley.

### Fresh Strawberry Sheet Cake

This strawberry cake is beautiful to serve. The slices look pretty on a serving plate, and each piece tastes great too. Strawberries are either a good price or out of the park. I suggest that if you see some at a decent price, that is the time to make strawberry dishes.

1 C. unsalted butter, softened  
1 1/2 C. sugar  
1 box (3 oz.) strawberry Jell-O  
3 eggs, room temperature  
2 1/2 C. flour  
1/2 t. baking powder  
1/2 t. baking soda  
1/4 t. salt  
1 C. whole buttermilk  
1/2 C. finely chopped fresh strawberries

Frosting:  
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
1/4 C. unsalted butter, softened

1/2 t. vanilla  
1/4 t. salt  
6 C. powdered sugar  
1/3 C. finely chopped strawberries

Halved strawberries for garnish

Preheat the oven to 325. Spray a 9 x 13 baking dish with baking spray with flour. Cake: In a large bowl, beat butter, sugar, and Jell-O with a mixer at medium-high speed until smooth and fluffy, 4 to 5 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of the bowl. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. In a separate medium bowl, mix the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture; beating at low speed just until combined after each addition. Stir in chopped strawberries. Spread batter into prepared pan. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Let cool completely.

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# JDCF announces annual frog walk and frog call survey

On Friday, April 21, bring the whole family to the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's annual frog walk beginning on the east side of the Meeker Street footbridge along the Galena River Trail in downtown Galena, IL. It begins at 6 p.m. It is a great event for kids, and participants will learn about the difference between frogs and toads as well as how to identify them by

their sound or "call". The even it free to attend and RSVPs not needed. This is a catch and release event.

Parking is available on Park Avenue and Jefferson Street in Galena. The frog walk is subject to weather-related postponement or cancellation. Please check JDCF's website or Facebook page for updates. The rain date is April 28 at the same time and location.

## •Kitchen (Continued from page 8)

Frosting: in a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, butter, vanilla, and salt with a mixer at medium speed until smooth and creamy, about 2 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of the bowl. Gradually add the powdered sugar, beating at low speed until smooth, stopping to scrap the sides of the bowl. Add strawberries and beat at medium speed until fluffy, about 1 minute. Spread frosting onto cooled cake. Garnish with strawberries. Cover and refrigerate. This cake may be refrigerated up to 3 days.

### Final Thoughts

The grass is greener, my tulips are popping up, and it is time to think about lawn mowing. The one mark of danger has been the fire threat we have had because of all the wind. I know people have been wanting to take care of brush piles but give the fireman a break. Wait for rain and less wind. When the weather gets nice, we all get the itch to be outside "doing" things. Please be safe yourself and that will keep others safe. Hats off to the Village of Lena and the Lena Park District. We got a nice

spring/summer info sheet from the village. I appreciate the mayor and board giving us the information and the reminders. The park district has its information online and in print form. We really are getting ready for spring and summer.

The next holiday is Mother's Day. We will be looking for some brunch recipes and of course, the rhubarb is beginning to peek out of the ground. We will continue to look for spring recipes. If you have any rhubarb or spring fruit recipes, we would like to see them. If you have

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