

Serving the communities in Stephenson County

# Shopper's Guide

**Loescher**  
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING



**YORK**



NOW IS THE TIME  
TO SCHEDULE YOUR  
SPRING TUNE & CHECK  
Visit [LoescherHVAC.com](http://LoescherHVAC.com)

**Why schedule  
an AC tune up?**

- Avoid Costly Emergency Repairs
- Maximize Energy Efficiency
- Lower Your Cooling Bills
- Ensure Safe Operation
- Improve In Home Air Quality

**Call For a Free Estimate! 1-855-499-4328**

VOL. 85 • NO. 18

YOUR FREE HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023



SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

## Ag in the Classroom at Pearl City Elementary

Thanks to Stephenson County Ag in the Classroom, the Pearl City fourth grade students have been able to watch and learn about the hatching process in class. Students were thrilled to have the chance to hatch chicks in their classroom. Many thanks to the Stephenson County Ag in the Classroom program for providing the opportunity and all necessary supplies!

## Corbon's to acquire Illinois grocer Sullivan's Foods

On Friday, April 14 Corbon's announced its plan to purchase Sullivan's Foods. Coborn's has acquired several Sullivan's Foods stores, including those situated in Freeport, Kewanee, Lena, Marengo, Mendota, Morris, Princeton, Mt. Morris, Savanna, Stockton, and Winnebago, Illinois. In addition to these grocery stores, the acquisition also includes other retail units such as the corporate office facility of JB Sullivan Inc. located in Savanna, the Sullivan's Foods Warehouse situated in Savanna, two Sullivan's Ace Hardware stores located in Mendota and Winnebago, Sullivan's Home and Hardware in Savanna, and the Savanna Station, which is a convenience store. The acquisition is expected to be completed in May, and will expand Coborn's portfolio to 77 locations.

About 800 people currently work for Sullivan's Foods,

**See CORBON'S, Page 9**

Postal Customer \*\*ecrws

PR SRT STD  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
ROCK VALLEY  
PUBLISHING LLC

## ACCIDENTS HAPPEN!

Let us take the worry out of having your vehicle repaired.



**KONING'S  
PRECISION  
PAINT AND BODY**

301 Dodds Drive, Lena, IL  
**815-369-4148**

- Free Estimates
- Certified Technicians
- Free Pickup & Delivery
- All Insurance Welcome
- Free Car Rental
- Competitive Rates
- Lifetime Guarantee



# Obituaries

## CATHY AURAND

Cathy Aurand, 53, of Lena, Illinois passed away unexpectedly on April 19, 2023, at Swedish American Hospital in Rockford, Illinois surrounded with her family by her side. Cathy was born on May 25, 1969, in Rockford to Donald and Ann (Bivens) Taylor. She attended Rockford Lutheran High School and graduated from Phil Campbell High School in Alabama in 1987. Cathy married Bob Aurand on Oct. 21, 2009, in Galena. Cathy worked previously as an EMT for the Blackhawk Fire Department. Most recently, Cathy enjoyed staying home to spend time with her loving grandchildren.

Cathy enjoyed cooking, Friday night fish fry's, watching her favorite TV shows, tending to her plants, having bonfires with her friends and family, and spoiling her grandchildren. Cathy was very much a people pleaser.

Cathy is survived by her husband Bob of Lena, their children; Kayla (Shaun) Stephens of Rockford, Kelsey (Brandon) Gilbert of Lena, Hailey (Josh G.) Carr of Lena, Mandy (Brett) Brooker of South Wayne, WI, Ben Aurand of Warren, Dusty (Ali-



cia) Sigafus of South Wayne, WI, and Eddie (Jackie) Sigafus of Freeport, grandchildren; Keileigh, Kaisley, Kenleigh, Kyzer, Kylynn, Logan, Sophia, Laine, Zander, Lyla, Elsie, Kaylee, Zoey, Josie, Zach, Addison, Evan, and Layla, her mother; Ann Jones of Rockford, her siblings; Linda Shine of Byron, Russell Jones of Michigan, and Jeana (Chuck) Keen of Roscoe, several nieces, nephews, and many special friends. She was preceded in death by her fathers; Donald Taylor and Ralph Jones, her son; Zachary Joseph, grandson; Kyler Russell, and her beloved dog Molly.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, at the Leamon Funeral Home, in Lena. Immediately following the services, a celebration of life will be held at the Lena Community Center (497 Lions Drive). Sean Huguenin will officiate the services. Cremation rites have been accorded. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## REBECCA

### NEUENSCHWANDER

Rebecca J. Neuenschwander, age 68 of Orangeville, IL passed away peacefully in her sleep at Rachel's Choice in Monroe, WI, on Friday, April 14, 2023. Becky was born on August 8, 1954, in Monroe, WI to Gerald and Rosetta (Baertschi) Mayer. She was a 1972 graduate of Monticello High School. Becky loved her family. She was also an excellent cook, which led to her owning and operating Ye Old Huckelberry Inn in Orangeville, IL for 12 years.

Becky is survived by her children; Jennifer (Thad) Hanson, of Freeport, IL, Bradley Mayer of Monroe, WI, Sherry (Dan) Stepaniak of Gladwin, MI, Mary (Paritosh) Bhole of Cherokee Village,

AR, her grandchildren; Vincent Ott, Cody (Cyndle) Ott, Alisha Ott, Parker Beck, her great-grandchildren; Xander, Franklin, Amaya, her brothers and sisters; Sharon (Jim) Andrews, Kris Squier, Diane (Dewy) Curran, Tim (Stacey) Mayer, Melanie Drake, Shelly (James) Stauffacher. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Jaquelyn Mayer and Marsha Gempler, and her brother Ed Mayer.

A celebration of life was from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at the Moose Lodge (369 3rd Ave) in Monroe, WI. A private family burial will take place at Sunset Acres in Orangeville, IL. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## ELI HENDERSON

Eli "Melon" Nicholas Henderson, age 11, was taken too soon on Saturday, April 15, 2023. He was born in Freeport, IL on July 21, 2011, to Amanda Kriebs and Don Henderson. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton.

Eli was a 6th grader at Stockton Middle School. He was outgoing, quick witted, hardworking, and a comedian who loved to put a smile on everyone's face. Eli loved sports and was a proud member of the Stockton Renegades Wrestling Club. He was #55 for the Stockton 39ers where he played center and defensive tackle. He also played catcher for the Stockton baseball team. Eli loved fishing, bowling, grilling out, and welding with his dad.

He will be deeply missed by his parents, Amanda Kriebs and Don (Lauribeth) Henderson; his brothers, Mason Henderson and Jaylen Kriebs; his grandparents, Michael (Sue) Kriebs and Gary (Vicki) Henderson; his great grand-



mothers, Peggy Magee and Diane Reding; his aunts, Abigail Kriebs and Ashli (John) Span; his uncles, Aaron Kriebs, Alex (Meghan) Kriebs, and Kevin Henderson; his cousins, Mikaila, Gannon, Taylynn, Knox, Kye and Lennon; as well as an abundance of other cousins, friends, and family members. He was preceded in death by his great grandfathers, Don Reding, Larry Henderson, Richard Magee, and Arnold Kriebs; and his great grandmothers, Phyllis Reding, Joyce Henderson, and Eleanor Kriebs.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 22, with Father Michael Morrissey officiating. There was a visitation on Friday, April 21. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

# McCombie to host mobile DMV unit

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie is partnering with the Illinois Secretary of State's Office to bring DMV services directly to area residents. At the three upcoming "Mobile DMV" events, residents will be able to access regular DMV services, like renewing their Illinois driver's licenses, purchasing vehicle license plate stickers, and more. The local event will be held Tuesday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Warren Illinois Community Building, located at 110 W. Main Street.

The Secretary of State's mobile office will help patrons to renew, replace, or correct driver's licenses and state ID cards; purchase vehicle registration renewal stickers for license plates, passenger vehicle license plates, and

B-truck plates; register vehicle titles; and receive parking placards for persons with disabilities. REAL ID Driver Licenses and State IDs will not be offered at these events. Patrons are required to present proper identification at the time of service.

A complete list of acceptable forms of identification is available at the Secretary of State website. Acceptable forms of payment include personal checks, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit and debit cards. Cash cannot be accepted. Please note that seniors age 75 and up need to visit a DMV to renew a driver's license.

With questions about the upcoming event, contact Representative McCombie's district office at 815-291-8989.

# Stockton Chamber of Commerce happenings

By Sam VenHuizen

Spring weather is upon us and people are itching to get out and about. Stockton Chamber event planning is in full swing, and we are excited to see all the networking that will take place in 2023.

A new business is coming to town. Feel free to join us for this exciting ribbon cutting on April 27 at The Pit Stop restaurant. Michelle Magee (Stockton native) and her family are new owners of the restaurant on the south side of town.

For those who enjoy a fun

day in the sun, mark your calendars for the Chamber Golf Outing on May 7. Registration details can be found on the chamber website and Facebook page.

Stockton area is a great place to live, work, and volunteer. We are proud of all that is in the works, such as welcoming two new chamber board members this year; Dan Dick (the director of the HCC foundation and Canyon Scout Camp) as well as Tamara Rutter (owner of the Keller Williams location in town).

# JDCF announces spring Wildflower Walk

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites the community to a free wildflower walk to celebrate the arrival of spring. Join native plant and birding enthusiasts for a hike in the woods and along the bluffs of the Mississippi Palisades State Park. The walk will take place on April 27 beginning at 9 a.m. Members from

the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association will join us to assist with tree ID. Attendees will meet at the south entrance to the park, which is located three miles north of Savanna, IL along Hwy 84 South.

This event is subject to weather-related postponement or cancellation. Please check JDCF's website or Facebook page for updates.

# Illinois 26 construction in Freeport began April 24

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction on Illinois 26 in Freeport will begin Monday, April 24. The work zone will be from Fairgrounds Road to South Street. Work will include pavement patching. Northbound and southbound mainline traffic will be kept

open to two-way traffic, with one lane open in each direction. In-roadway work is expected to be completed by June 1.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area,

See CONSTRUCTION, Page 3

## DAWS MEMORIALS MONUMENT SALES

Bruce

Est. 1991

815-369-4246 or 815-238-6307

Weekends, Evening & Holiday appointments welcome!

207 Leet Street • Lena, IL 61048

392492

The Rick Vrstal family would like to express their many thanks to Dr. Rizwan and the nursing staff at SSM - especially Bryan, Josh and Nate for their kindness, personal touches and professional care and respect they showed to Rick and his family at the most difficult time. Thanks to the Troxell family for the memories from "across the road", the Petsche's for snow removal, and Lorig's for food and the use of a generator during the ice storm and especially for being such good neighbors. The JC Penney associates, Lena Winslow teachers and former students, former photography customers... thank you for sharing so many sweet and laugh out loud memories of Rick. A memorial fund has been established in Rick's name with the Lena Winslow education foundation.



Angie and family, Adam and family

436342



## CARD SHOWER for LaVerne & Linda Broge's 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Married May 4, 1963 in Lena, IL  
Send cards to: Box 202, Winslow, IL 61089

They were blessed with 2 children, Curt Broge (deceased) and Valerie (Mark) Rothschild. They have 3 granddaughters and 5 great-grandsons. They plan to celebrate with a family dinner.



436555





SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Highland Speech Team members (back row left to right) Kevyn Sutter, Ruby Snyder, Noah Redmore, Brooke Allison Parkinson, Mason McIntyre, and Harry Bodell, (front row left to right) Maddie Eppenstein, Olivia Wilhelms, and Tabitha Roenneburg celebrate their wins in the recent 2023 Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. "To say that I am proud of this group of students would be a major understatement. They represent the very best of what Highland has to offer — they are intelligent, driven, hard-working, compassionate, and curious about the world around them," said Harry Bodell, Highland Speech instructor, and team coach. "While we had an incredible time exploring Washington, D.C. and experiencing inspiring competition, the best part of the national experience was watching these students come together as a family to support one another through every high and low."

## Highland Speech Team earns top national placement in program history

The Highland Speech and Debate Team, capping a strong competition season, had a historic showing at the 2023 Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in mid-April. Competing against schools from across the nation, Highland had the strongest team showing in the program's history.

Noah Redmore came away from the competition as a National Gold Medalist. Redmore is only the second all-time Highland gold medal winner in the last 25 years for Highland Community College.

From April 8 through April 15, the Highland Speech and Debate Team traveled to the Washington, D.C. metro area for the 2023 Phi Rho Pi National Tournament. Estab-

lished in 1929, Phi Rho Pi is the national organization for community college forensics (speech and debate) competitions. Highland Community College has regularly attended the competition since the college's earliest years, and the 2023 tournament represented a new competitive high mark for the program. The team received its highest team sweepstakes placing since pre-1990, more than doubling its previous team record number of advancements to the semifinal and final rounds.

This season, Phi Rho Pi Nationals was hosted at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Rockville, M.D. (just outside Washington, D.C.). Community college students from

around the country competed throughout the week, with finalists in each competition category advancing to the top 20 percent semifinal and top 10 percent final rounds. Those who advanced to the semifinal rounds received bronze medals, while those who advanced to the national final rounds received either silver medals placing in the top 10 percent or gold medals placing in the top 5 percent.

Accompanied by coach Harry Bodell and Assistant Coach Kevyn Sutter, seven students represented Highland at the tournament: Maddie Eppenstein (Savanna), Mason McIntyre (Freeport), Brooke Allison Parkinson (Freeport), Noah Redmore (Freeport), Tabitha Roenneburg (Lena), Ruby Snyder

(Davis), and Olivia Wilhelms (Freeport).

The results are as follows:

### Communication Analysis

Brooke Allison Parkinson, Bronze Medalist

Mason McIntyre, Bronze Medalist

### Dramatic Interpretation

Noah Redmore, Bronze Medalist

### Extemporaneous Speaking

Mason McIntyre, Bronze Medalist

### Speech to Entertain

Noah Redmore, Silver Medalist

Tabitha Roenneburg, Bronze Medalist

### Persuasive Speaking

Noah Redmore, National Gold Medalist

## Freeport Memorial School of Nursing Alumni scholarships available

The Freeport Memorial School of Nursing Alumni organization is offering scholarships to help nurses and nursing students further their education. "The idea was proposed at our annual banquet in 1990 by Phyllis Almberg," said FHN Community Services Coordinator Jackie Roach, RN. "Three volunteers investigated the idea and in 1991 we voted to establish a scholarship program. We were proud to begin the program by awarding

three scholarships in 1993," Roach said. "Since then, we've awarded 83 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 each."

The scholarships are available to help cover the cost of pursuing a career in nursing for those just starting out or for nurses pursuing advanced nursing education. Applications are available through area high school guidance counselors, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport, at SSM Health Monroe Hospital and at the

Highland Community College Foundation office.

The organization's selection committee determines scholarship recipients based on educational and vocational goals, extracurricular and community activities including organizational, civic, or volunteer work and honors, awards or recognition applicants have received. Applicants must be accepted in a nursing program or pursuing advanced nursing education. The deadline for applications

is June 1. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2023 annual banquet June 10. Scholarship funds are sent to the recipients' school in their name.

For information on the scholarships or to request an application, contact Marilyn Thoren at 815-789-4707. The scholarships are funded by donations, gifts, and memorials. Those interested in contributing, please contact Cheryl Schofield at 815-541-9657.

## Church news

### St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter on April 30. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle Knight presiding. Special music will be presented by Bob and Kathy Eden. 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 Tuesday, May 2 dominoes will be played in Luther Hall. All are invited for a fun afternoon of games. The Men's Breakfast Group will meet at Garden View Restaurant on May 3 at 7:30 a.m. Any men in the Pearl City and Lena area are invited to attend.

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.

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, May 7 for Sunday Worship Service. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. The reading will be from John 14:1-14.

On Wednesday, May 10 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary. Come and tie the quilts and make difference in the world. On Thursday, May 11, Friendship Club will meet at Good Shepherd. The Potluck and meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. Entertainment by Tyger Johnson will start at 1 p.m. No dues are required to attend however, a free will offering would be appreciated.

All services will be recorded and available on the church's Facebook page and website. Please visit <http://goodshepherdlena.org/> or and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL> for more information. Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

## • Construction (Continued from page 2)

when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for

workers and equipment.

For IDOT District 2 updates, follow us on Twitter at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on [GettingAroundIllinois.com](http://GettingAroundIllinois.com).

LENA LIONS CLUB

# Carnation & Rose Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**\$20 per dozen roses or \$15 per 10 count carnations**

*- Delivered within 25 miles of Lena -*

Tickets available now from Lena Lions members or can be purchased from:

Citizens State Bank (Lena) • Community Bank (Lena/Winslow)

Lena State Bank (Lena)

or call Gary Meyers at 815-821-2400

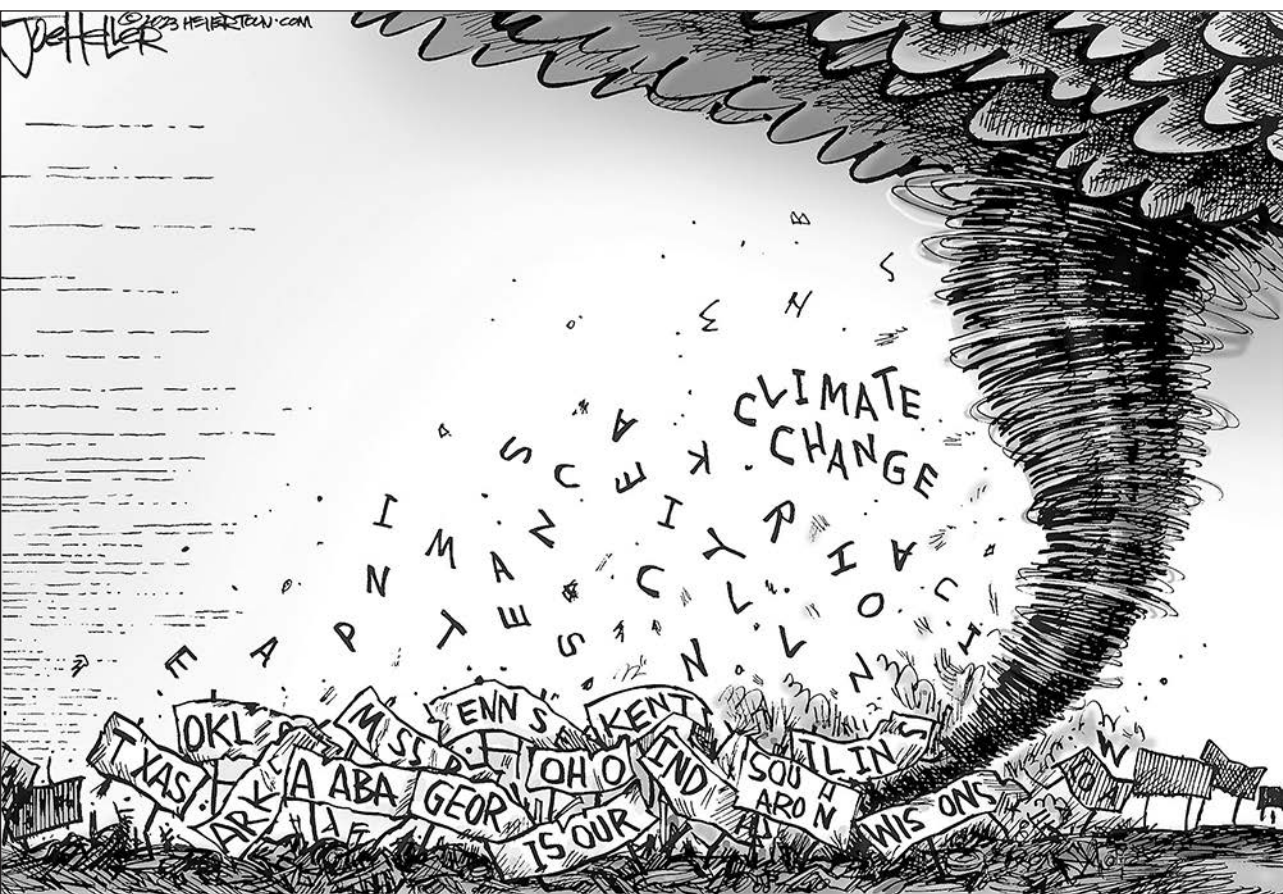
*Roses and carnations purchased through DeVoe Floral of Lena.*

*Proceeds to benefit Lena Lions projects.*







## Teaching kids to work is still in style

of summer in an instant it seemed. The sunshine was warm and invigorating and the grass and alfalfa came shooting up out of the ground like crazy. Because of the moisture and heat, I was able to get my four beef cows out onto pasture earlier than normal. Two of them have



By  
**SCOTT  
CERNEK**  
*Columnist*

I was talking to my brother tonight who has over a hundred beef cows of his own and we both agreed that working with our beef cattle reminds us of working with our grandpa and his cattle. When we were little Gramps had about twenty head of Angus beef cows that he took care of on a farm near where he lived about fifteen miles away from where we lived on our dairy farm. Sometimes we would go over and help him feed them. He would climb up inside a little 12X40 silo and pitch the silage down the shoot and onto a flatbed

The farm work kept us totally occupied every day in thought and deed. Whether it was working on the dairy with my dad, and brothers or going over to help Gramps with the beef, there was so much to do on any given day. Since the farm was the main focus of our life and everyday

**See STYLE, Page 5**

# Beauty in the backyard

I am a bird groupie—one



By  
**JILL  
PERTLER**  
*Columnist*

**See BEAUTY, Page 5**

# THE SCOOP TODAY SHOPPER'S GUIDE

“Committed to the communities we serve”

• **CLASSIFIED RATES:** Classifieds start at \$7.00 for the first 3 lines, then add \$1.95 per each additional line thereafter, for private party ads. Please call for complete rate information.

©2023 Rock Valley Publishing, LLC • All rights reserved

432380

Life insurance will never be more affordable than it is today



Deb Brown  
Financial Representative  
Lena  
deb.brown@countryfinancial.com  
(815)369-2881

Home insurance policies issued by COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company®, COUNTRY Preferred Insurance Company® and COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company®, Bloomington, IL.  
0221-508HC 07764-10/25/2021



400350



# THE VILLAGE OF STOCKTON

will be flushing hydrants  
beginning May 1  
from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

*weather permitting*

You may experience some low pressure or discolored water during this time.

436366



# SSM Health Monroe Hospital supports Freeport Community Foundation with financial gift

SSM Health Monroe Hospital recently presented the Freeport Community Foundation with a donation of \$2,000. The gift will support Freeport Community Foundation's food insecurity initiatives that connects regional food pantries with needed funding. "The basic need of reliable access to food is a prominent challenge in our communities," shared Jane Curran-Meuli, President of SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group. "We are honored to support Freeport Community Foundation's work in aiding local food pantries who are vital resources for those in need."

As reported in the 2022-2024 Stephenson County

Health Needs Assessment, 19% of the population received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) compared to the national average of 12% and 52% of children in Stephenson County are eligible for free or reduced lunch.

Michelle DeHaven-Quast, Executive Director of Freeport Community Foundation, also commented that "We are grateful for our partnership with SSM Health Monroe Hospital and the privilege to help ease hunger through local philanthropy. Food insecurity is a growing concern in northwest Illinois and the generosity of SSM Health will have a meaningful impact for those food pantries on the front lines."

## Guidelines for writing, submitting a letter to the editor

Rock Valley Publishing encourages readers to reach out to the community by writing a letter to the editor.

**Letters are limited to 500 words.** Authors must include their first and last name, the city or village in which they reside, and a phone number and email address where they can be reached in case of questions.

Send letters to: [scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com](mailto:scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com)

**Letter-writers will be limited to one letter per month** except for locally elected officials, or individuals specifically associated with local village governments or entities such as school districts, park districts or library districts.

No letters directed to a third party will be accepted for publication.

**We reserve the right to edit a letter for reasons of clarity, space restrictions and libel.**

## •Style (Continued from page 4)

was unique, we kids just never got bored. We couldn't wait for each new day to see what we could do to help Dad and Gramps get the work done. Today, all of us have our hands in Agriculture one way or another.

Now I find myself in the role of grandpa and my own grandkids love helping me work the same way I helped my grandpa. Today, for instance, we had a workday at the church and some of the grandkids were helping me put mulch in the flower

beds and around the trees and bushes. Then they helped with raking and carrying debris to the trailer and doing all kinds of work. I was really impressed with how hard they worked and when we got done, they were asking if there was more work to do. For the most part, kids just want to be busy and help get something accomplished if given the chance. It's too bad that too often we don't take the time to get them involved in constructive things that will

help build their character. Sports are good and I've coached sports for forty years of my life, but I don't think you can beat good old-fashioned hard work.

Proverbs 12:11 gives this advice, whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits lacks sense. Learning to work begins at a young age. Let's not be afraid to teach our children this important practice. Until next week, God bless.

## •Beauty (Continued from page 4)

not only the birds but other woodland critters. Even the harsh and loud caws of the American crow contribute to the mix (and then some). My backyard is beautiful. It has been all along.

This may all seem new to me, but it isn't new. The birds have been there, all along, creating their synchronized chorus—just waiting for me to notice. Or maybe not

caring if I noticed at all.

Maybe they create simply to create and me noticing their beauty is but a happy by-product manufactured by and for me.

Either way, it's a gift. One I've overlooked for far too long.

Call me a bird lady. Call me what you will, but feel free (as a bird) to join the flock. I'd welcome you under

my wing.

But even if I end up flying solo, it will be an adventure. My eyes and ears are now open.

Tufted titmouse—chirp away!

*Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.*



SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

SSM Health presented a check to the Freeport Community Foundation on April 19. From left to right are Jane Curran-Meuli, President of SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group, Tammie Jamiska, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Community Health Specialist, Michelle DeHaven-Quast, Freeport Community Foundation Executive Director, and Sarah Flashing-Clow, Freeport Community Foundation Community Relations Director.



**Chris Folmar**  
Financial Advisor  
640 W. South St., #4  
Freeport, IL 61032  
815-616-5955

**Edward Jones**

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING  
[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com)

Member SIPC

**Compare our CD Rates**  
Bank-issued, FDIC-insured

1-year	2-year	3-year
<b>4.95%</b> APY*	<b>4.75%</b> APY*	<b>4.55%</b> APY*

\* Annual Percentage Yield (APY) effective 04/18/23. CDs offered by Edward Jones are bank-issued and FDIC-insured up to \$250,000 (principal and interest accrued but not yet paid) per depositor, per insured depository institution, for each account ownership category. Please visit [www.fdic.gov](http://www.fdic.gov) or contact your financial advisor for additional information. Subject to availability and price change. CD values are subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of CDs can decrease. If CDs are sold prior to maturity, the investor can lose principal value. FDIC insurance does not cover losses in market value. Early withdrawal may not be permitted. Yields quoted are net of all commissions. CDs require the distribution of interest and do not allow interest to compound. CDs offered through Edward Jones are issued by banks and thrifts nationwide. All CDs sold by Edward Jones are registered with the Depository Trust Corp. (DTC).

436464



**NEW 3-week C.N.A. Program**

- Classes start every 3 weeks
- Paying the enrolled participants 40 hours a week hourly wage during the 3 week C.N.A. Program
- Class consists of 40 hours per week including 40 hours of clinical (120 hours total)

Apply at [www.lenaliving.com](http://www.lenaliving.com) OR Indeed.

We are located at 1010 S. Logan St., Lena, IL 61048.

Call Ashley today at 815-990-9754 OR 815-369-4561 for more details



# American Legion Auxiliary Girls State sessions

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) in all 50 states proudly host an ALA Girls State session. This is an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and country.

Female high school students who have completed their junior year are selected and sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary units for this program, where they learn about the political process, electing officials for all levels of state government, and actively running a mock government. The delegates are assigned to mock cities and either the "Federalist Party" or the "Nationalist Party." Assistance from dedicated ALA volunteers ensures the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic, and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Though the week is filled

with many learning opportunities, there is always time for fun and the formation of long-term friendships.

The art of civil debate is one of the main skills learned at this premier program, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary since 1937. Many ALA Girls State participants have gone on to a lifetime of service to our country in the military, civil service or advocacy.

Candidates should be interested in government and current events, have high moral character, and show strong leadership abilities. Because the structure of state and local government varies, ALA Girls State programs may vary in content and method of procedure, but each adheres to the same basic core values.

Two outstanding delegates are selected from each ALA Girls State session to attend ALA Girls

Nation. These "senators" meet for a week in Washington, D.C., where they run for political office, campaign and debate for the passage of legislation, and meet with their real-life counterparts on Capitol Hill. Capping off the week of ALA Girls Nation is a possible meeting at the White House with the President of the United States.

Local businesses and community organizations ensure maximum participation by contributing to the ALA Girls State program, ultimately benefitting their communities, and ensuring educated leaders for future generations. [www.ALAForVeterans.org/ALA-Girls-State](http://www.ALAForVeterans.org/ALA-Girls-State). The dates for this year's session in Illinois are June 18-24. If interested, contact a local American Legion Auxiliary unit or email: [jamcps54@yahoo.com](mailto:jamcps54@yahoo.com) and put ALA IGS in the subject line.

## April Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing Winners

The Northwest Illinois Daily (a cooperative fundraiser) announces its April winners. The Daily Drawing is a drawing for 365 daily cash prizes from Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023, to those donating for a ticket. Over \$21,000 is paid out to ticket holders during the drawing year. Cash prizes vary between \$50 and \$250. A ticket may win multiple times as each ticket remains in the drawing each day for the entire year, no matter how often it may be drawn.

Sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Music Boosters, Galena After Prom, Galena Key Club, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Philanthropic Educational Organization-Chapter OH, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mis-

issippi River Refuge, Stockton Girls Sports, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

\$150 – Lisa Gunning  
\$50 – Sharon Wand  
\$50 – Heather Davidson  
\$50 – Kathleen Oppold  
\$50 – Richard Tessendorf  
\$50 – Michelle Moshure  
\$50 – Joe Gile  
\$50 – Joe Blair  
\$250 – Linda Reitz  
\$50 – Elizabeth Sikora  
\$50 – Christa Cook  
\$50 – Terry Diehl  
\$50 – Jody Carroll  
\$50 – Trish Krug  
\$150 – Margaret Wurster  
\$50 – Steve Jordan  
\$50 – Amelia McDivitt  
\$50 – Tim Brinkmeier  
\$50 – Ron Babcock  
\$50 – Dana Haynes  
\$50 – Sheila Ohms  
\$50 – Wes Cowell  
\$50 – Trisha Manns  
\$50 – Jennifer Kehl  
\$50 – Sharon Wand  
\$50 – Jared Sauer  
\$50 – Dixie Beyer  
\$50 – Jennifer Kempel  
\$50 – Pennie Miller  
\$50 – Vicki Wurster

## News briefs

### Lena Historical Society annual dinner

The Lena Historical Society will host their annual dinner on Wednesday, May 3 at the Lena Community Center. The presentation, "An Evening with Benjamin Franklin", will be led by Tim Connors.

Advanced registration is required. Dinner tickets are \$35, and there will be a raffle along with a silent auction. Dinner and raffle tickets can be purchased at Cindy's Beauty Salon, Engel's Repair, or Lena Mercantile. For more information, please call Eleanor at 815-238-2372.

### Lena Friendship Center open house

Join the Lena Friendship Center on Sunday, June 11 for the 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration open house. The open house will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. The center is located at 311 North Lake Road in Lena, IL.

### Veterans' Footlocker in need of donations

The current needs for the Veterans Pantry in Freeport are paper towels, four-roll packages of toilet tissue, bar bath soap, Q-tips, body wash, body lotion and shampoo. Donations can be delivered to the Lena American Legion Home at 316 W. Main St. on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Please contact 815-369-4684 with any questions. Thank you for your generosity.

### McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary May meeting will be held on May 15, 2023, at the McConnell Legion. Social time will begin at 6 p.m. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Teri Thyberg. All are welcome to join. Please contact [mconnellauxiliary@gmail.com](mailto:mconnellauxiliary@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

## The Shopper's Guide

Will Be Featuring This Year's

### Lena Town Garage Sales

To Be Held **Friday, May 12 & Saturday, May 13**

If you have any questions,

Call **Cyndee Stiefel**

Today at **815-369-4112**  
or email  
**lenaads@rvpublishing.com**

**\$13.00**  
MUST BE PREPAID  
Include address and  
garage sale items in boxes  
below. 1 letter per box.  
Including spaces between  
words and punctuation.

Includes  
Map & Advertising  
in The Shopper's  
Guide & The  
Scoop Today

Sign Up Now! Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Include address in boxes below*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bring form to The Shopper's Guide along  
with payment or mail to:  
The Shopper's Guide,  
240 W. Main St., Suite B, Lena, IL 61048

**Deadline to sign up is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3**  
**Please Sign Up EARLY. Early Registration is Appreciated!!**



**MOWERY AUTO PARTS**  
USED AUTO PARTS  
FOR MOST MAKES AND MODELS  
LOCATING SERVICE AVAILABLE

**Also buying junk cars & trucks**

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Sat. 8 a.m. - Noon  
**815-599-0480**  
686 Van Buren, Freeport, IL  
[www.moweryauto.com](http://www.moweryauto.com)





# Democratic Justices, citing Republican predecessor, won't step aside from assault weapons case

## Newly elected Justices O'Brien, Rochford challenged over campaign donations

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Two newly elected justices of the Illinois Supreme Court have declined to recuse themselves from a case challenging the state's recently passed ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. The court as a whole also issued an unsigned order declining to disqualify them.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs in the case, which include state Rep. Dan Caulkins, R-Decatur, filed a motion March 30 asking Justices Mary Kay O'Brien and Elizabeth Rochford, both Democrats, to recuse themselves from the case or, in the alternative, that the court disqualify them from participating.

The motion noted that both received substantial campaign donations during their 2022 campaigns from Gov. JB Pritzker and House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, both of whom are named defendants in the case. The motion also noted that both received endorsements from two prominent gun control lobby organizations, Gun Violence Prevention PAC and Giffords PAC.

According to campaign finance records, both judicial candidates received \$500,000 each from the JB for Governor campaign and another \$500,000 each from the Jay Robert Pritzker Revocable Trust. Both also received contributions from Welch's campaign committee, \$350,000 for O'Brien and \$150,000 for Rochford. "The significance of the campaign contributions cannot be understated as often in politics, cash follows cash, especially when one considers the stake the Governor and/or Speaker were taking in the race(s)," the motion stated. "Thirty-Nine percent (39%) of Justice O'Brien's cash came

from litigation stakeholders. Thirty-Six percent (36%) of Justice Rochford's cash came from litigation stakeholders."

The motion also cited a joint statement from G-PAC and Giffords PAC issued Nov. 9, the day after the election, in which the groups touted the victories of 88 “gun-safety” candidates they had endorsed in the election. “Chief among them are victories in both contested Illinois Supreme Court races as well as a pickup in the Illinois Senate and four pickups that build the supermajority in the Illinois House,” the groups said.

“G-PAC congratulates the gun safety candidates who were victorious in the general election, particularly newly elected Supreme Court Justices Elizabeth Rochford and Mary Kay O’Brien as well as Senator-elect Rachel Ventura and Representatives-elect Diane Blair-Sherlock, Nabeela Syed, Mary Beth Canty and Laura Faver Dias,” they said.

In their motion, the plaintiffs' attorneys conceded that there is no Supreme Court rule specifying how a justice could be disqualified. But they did cite portions of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct, which states in part that, "A judge shall be disqualified in any proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned."

That includes cases in which the judge has a personal bias or prejudice concerning the parties, attorneys or issues involved, as well as cases in which the judge has made public statements outside of a court proceeding that appear to commit the judge to a particular decision.

In Illinois, the decision on whether Supreme Court justices should recuse themselves from a case rests solely with the justices them-

selves, and both O'Brien and Rochford declined to do so.

In separate orders written by each of the two justices, O'Brien and Rochford noted that the plaintiffs did not point to any specific pledges or statements that would indicate a bias in the case. They both also argued that the contributions they had received were within the state's campaign finance limits for judicial elections.

that Philip Morris' parent company, Altria Group, had given \$500,000 to a group that supported Karmeier. "The claim that a judge may not hear a case because a party may have some association with a public interest group or political party that did support or may have supported the judge's candidacy has no basis in the law, would be unworkable and is contrary to the very notion of an elected judiciary," Rochford quoted Karmeier as writing at the time.

"When judges are elected, as the Illinois Constitution requires, it is inevitable (and entirely appropriate) that interest groups will support judges whose judicial

philosophies they believe are most closely aligned with their own views," Rochford's quotation of Karmeier continued.

O'Brien quoted Karmeier as well, stating: "Litigants must not be permitted to create the grounds for recusal by criticizing the judge or casting sinister aspersions, nor may a party engage in 'judge-shopping' by manufacturing bias or prejudice that previously did not exist."

Lawmakers passed the ban on more than 170 types of semiautomatic firearms and high-capacity magazines during a special lame duck session in January. Gov. JB Pritzker signed it into law within hours of its passage.

making Illinois the ninth state to enact such a ban.

There are currently two challenges to the law pending in state courts. The Caulkins case originated in Macon County while a separate suit filed by attorney Thomas DeVore, the 2022 Republican candidate for attorney general, originated in Effingham County.



*The Scoop Today*

*Will Be Featuring This Year's*

**Stockton Town Garage Sales**

**To Be Held Friday, June 16 & Saturday, June 17**

*If you have any questions,  
Call **Cyndee Stiefel**  
Today at **815-369-4112**  
or email  
**lenaads@rvpublishing.com***

**\$13.00**  
MUST BE PREPAID  
Include address and  
garage sale items in boxes  
below. 1 letter per box.  
Including spaces between  
words and punctuation.

Includes  
Map & Advertising  
in The Shopper's  
Guide & The  
Scoop Today

**Sign Up Now! Registration Form**

*Sign Up Now! Registration Form*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Include address in boxes below*  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Bring form to The Scoop today along  
with payment or mail to:  
The Scoop Today,  
240 W. Main St., Suite B, Lena, IL 61048**

[illegible]

**Deadline to sign up is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7  
or Drop Box at Stockton Shell Station by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6  
Please Sign Up EARLY. Early Registration is Appreciated!!**

Your "Main Street Chiropractors"  
with over 40 years service to our community



LILES CHIROPRACTIC  
CLINIC, LTD

**Dr. Jared Liles & Dr. Jim Liles**  
**238 W. Main St. • Lena**  
**815-369-4974**  
M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Saturday by Appointment.

- Palmer Graduates
- Digital X-Ray
- BCBS, Quartz and Medicare Provider



# Broncos suffer first losses of 2023 season with busy week

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos had a jam-packed schedule with five games on the plate last week. The Broncos entered the week with a perfect record of 11-0, but some tough games, including the Monroe Tournament, would change that.

On Tuesday, April 18, the Broncos had one of their toughest tests of 2023 with a home game against the Morrison Mustangs. Morrison carried a 7-5 overall record ahead of the matchup. In a low-scoring affair, the Broncos struggled to get the bats going against Morrison's best pitcher. Orangeville had just

three hits and one walk on the day, leaving them with limited baserunners. Leah Baker tossed a complete game, allowing just one earned run on nine hits. Despite that, Baker took the loss on the mound as the Broncos fell 3-1. Anicka Kraft, Addyson Wheeler, and Megan Holder were the only Broncos to tally hits on the

day.

After seeing the zero in the loss column disappear, the Broncos quickly bounced back with a win over a gritty Lena-Winslow squad. Despite being on the road, the Broncos had the hot hand as they combined for fourteen hits on the day. Holder had a massive day, going four for five with three runs scored and three runs batted in. Wheeler was nearly perfect at the plate, going three for four with four RBI. Wheeler hit a triple in the third inning that blew the game wide open. Hanna Broge had two hits and three RBI as well. Baker continued her quality pitching. Baker tossed another seven innings, allowing three earned runs off seven hits. Baker struck out six as she collected the win on the day. Kieran Madigan led Le-Win with two hits and a pair of runs scored. Emma Kempel went one for three with one RBI as the Panthers fell to Orangeville 12-3.

The next day, the Broncos were back on their home field as they played host to Wisconsin's Pecatonica team on Friday, April 21. This time around, the Broncos were led by their pitching and defense. Laney Holland tossed a gem for Orangeville, going seven innings with seven strikeouts and five hits allowed. Holland had zero earned runs on the day.

At the plate, three different

Broncos had multiple hits in Holder, Wheeler, and Meghan Carlisle. Carlisle led the way, going two for three with one RBI, while Wheeler finished two for four with one RBI. Holder went two for four with a pair of runs scored as the Broncos picked up the 5-2 victory.

On Saturday, April 22 the Broncos left the state themselves as they traveled to Monroe, Wisconsin to compete in a pair of games. The Broncos opened the invitational with a tough opponent in Kenosha Tremper.

Immediately, the Broncos found themselves trailing as Kenosha jumped out to a two-run lead in the top of the first inning. In the bottom of the fourth, Orangeville came to the plate trailing by three. Holland sparked some momentum with a leadoff single up the middle. After a pair of wild pitches, Holland scored Orangeville's first run of the game. With two outs, Baker singled to right field, driving Carlisle in, and bringing the Broncos within one.

That was the closest they would get, however, as Kenosha quickly got three runs back in the top of the fifth. Orangeville was unable to complete the comeback as they fell by a final score of 7-4. There was no shortage of offense as both teams combined for 25 hits, despite scoring just 11 runs.

Holland took the loss on the mound, throwing seven innings with six earned runs on 14 hits allowed. Holland made up for it at the plate, however, going four for four with a pair of runs scored. Wheeler went two for four, and Baker was two for three with an RBI. That was a majority of their offense, however, as the Broncos were unable to string anything together for that big inning.

Fortunately, Orangeville once again displayed their ability to bounce back from a loss. In their next game, the Broncos picked up a 16-6 victory over Tomahawk. A big fourth inning lifted the weight off the offense's shoulders as they put up ten runs. A trio of Bronco hitters finished with three hits as Holder went three for five with three runs scored, Baker went three for five with three RBI, and Broge went three for five with two runs scored and one RBI.

After the long week, the Broncos held a record of 14-2. While there is no longer a zero in the loss column, Orangeville remains one of the top teams in the area and will continue to have a target on their back each and every game.

On Thursday, April 27 the Broncos play host to the Durand Bulldogs. The next day, Orangeville plays host to Lena-Winslow for their second conference matchup of the season.

## HILLSIDE APARTMENTS ELIZABETH, ILLINOIS

- Housing available to individuals or families of very low to moderate income
- Accepting applications for Multi Family, Section 8 Accepted
- 1, 2, & 3 Bedroom Units
- Water, Garbage and Heat included
- Laundry Facilities, Appliances Furnished

**PLEASE CALL 815-339-2140**  
for an application or information.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*



400620

Think Spring...  
Whitening  
Special

½ off!!

Call to schedule today!!

- ✓ Custom trays
- ✓ Whitening syringes
- ✓ Free consultation

**Dr. Stephen Petras**  
Stockton Dental Center  
120 West Front Avenue  
Stockton, IL 61085  
**815-947-3700**  
Licensed Illinois General Dentist



419276

## Panthers win five in a row

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

Following their double header against Dakota, the Lena-Winslow Panthers' and

their head coach Nick Werhane knew they had to be better. Ever since that less than stellar performance, the Panthers have held a chip on their shoulder as they went on to win five consecutive games, improving their record to 10-2.

The winning streak began on Tuesday, April 11 when the Panthers defeated Aquin 15-1 and then 18-1 two days later. On Saturday, April 15 the Panthers put up over 15 runs for the third consecutive game as they beat Amboy 17-6.

It took a comeback effort to beat Amboy, as the Panthers found themselves trailing 6-2 after two innings of play. Le-

Win was boosted by a massive fifth inning as they put up 10 runs on offense. Jake Zeal led the way in the win as he was perfect at the plate. Zeal finished the day going four for four with three runs scored and six runs batted in. Zeal provided nearly half of the team's hits as Le-Win finished with nine on the day. Drew Streckwald was the only other Panther with multiple hits as he went two for three with two runs scored and one RBI. Wes Offerman picked up the win on the mound, going all five innings with four earned runs on five hits.

**See PANTHERS, Page 9**

The cove  
LAKESIDE RESTAURANT

Come for the food, stay for the view!

Come and enjoy delicious food and a great atmosphere while overlooking Apple Canyon Lake.

Scan the QR Code and follow us on Facebook for weekly specials and promotions.



The Cove at Apple Canyon Lake • 14A158 Canyon Club Drive • Apple River, IL 61001 • (815) 492-0277 • [www.applecanyonlake.org](http://www.applecanyonlake.org)  
We are located between Galena and Stockton, IL.



24-HOUR SERVICE ON ALL BRANDS



**BECKER SUPERIOR**  
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

New installation • Remodeling  
Routine maintenance • Repairs



**815-291-2866** • Lena, IL

[www.superiorhvacservices.com](http://www.superiorhvacservices.com)

435201

409647



# •Corbon's (Continued from front page)

and all workers are being hired by Coborn's. Coborn's plans to keep the Sullivan's Foods name for all the locations. Coborn's officials say that they will need to make some adjustments to their business to accommodate the larger footprint. This acquisition will be

Coborn's first venture into the state of Illinois. Sullivan's Foods was founded in 1967 by John Sullivan. Sullivan started as a meat cutter while serving in the U.S. Army and eventually bought his own store when he moved to Savanna, IL.

# •Panthers (Continued from page 8)

On Tuesday, April 18 the Panthers opened the new week with a double header against the Orangeville Broncos. Although the Broncos have struggled through the 2023 season, it was imperative that the Panthers picked up some important NUIC-East wins if they wanted to continue competing for the top spot.

Le-Win put in dominant performances in both games, winning by scores of 17-0 and 27-0. In the first game, the Panthers wasted no time jumping out to a lead with five runs in the first. By the end of two, Le-Win held a 15-0 lead. Rowen Schulz led the way in the win with two hits and four RBI. Luke Madigan was right there with him, going two for four with two RBI.

In the second game, Streckwald and Schulz combined to pitch a one-hitter as they shut-out the Broncos again. At the plate, Streckwald led the way, going three for three with four runs scored and five RBI. Cobryn Lynch had a massive day, going two for three with two runs scored and a trio of RBI. Both Landon Grindey and Of-ferman finished with two RBI as well.

Prior to their games against Pearl City this week, Werhane spoke about the importance of those wins, and the schedule ahead. "The Games against Pearl City are so important," Werhane said, explaining, "Even though we didn't put our best effort on the field against Dakota, we still are in a position to at least share the conference championship, or possibly win it outright. That's always a goal in our program at the beginning of the season, win the conference. We have put ourselves in a position where if we beat Pearl City twice and take care of business against Durand-Pecatonica the following week, that it's ours."

Werhane knows those games against Pearl City are no walk in the park, however. Following the Orangeville wins Werhane said, "We need to play our best baseball next week. I have so much respect for coach [Ryan] Plager and

his program. He does things the right way and they are a good team with good numbers coming up at the JV level. It's going to take our best game to beat them with [Nathan] Brinkmeier on the mound, as he's the toughest pitcher in the area. Then we have another hurdle to clear after Brink, and that's either [Tanner] Purdue or [Kyle] Niehaus. It's not going to be easy, but I know my guys are up for the challenge. We certainly have the talent to do it, but we have to put it all together. Offense, defense, and consistent pitching."

Fortunately for Le-Win, they are playing some of their best baseball of the year as of late. Werhane spoke about the offense's improvements saying, "Our offense is our team's best quality. I'm blessed to have talented and knowledgeable hitters on my team. We are also very aggressive running the bases, so that helps get things going. Since the Dakota games, I'd say we have seen average pitching. We have certainly taken advantage of that, which is what needs to happen. However, we need to be able to figure out a way to beat above average pitching. Dakota is a talented team, and when Eyster is pitching they can hang with just about anybody. However, we didn't put our best effort on the field that night. Not trying to take anything away from Dakota, but we have to play better against the better teams."

When asked if it felt good to see the team put everything together in their recent run, Werhane answered, "Yes it does. As important as offense is to our program, we take a lot of time to stress and teach the importance of playing good defense. We don't have a dominant pitcher this year who's going to strike out 12 batters and put our team on his back, so it has to be a team effort and that's what we have been doing lately."

This Thursday, April 27 the Panthers host Pearl City for their second meeting. On Tuesday, May 2 Le-Win returns home to play host to the Durand-Pecatonica Rivermen.

**Give Mom The Best**

• GREAT SELECTION  
• QUALITY PRODUCTS  
• LOW PRICES

2022 BEST OF THE REGION JOURNAL STANDARD WINNER

FURNITURE & APPLIANCE STORE

**Rite-Way**

Northwest IL. Largest Furniture, Mattress & Appliance Dealer

**UPHOLSTERY ITEMS**  
are all Sale Priced!  
Giving Mom Comfort!!!

**SOFAS \$559.95**  
starting at

**ACCENT CHAIR**  
Dress her up with a stylish Accent Chair!

Starting as low as **\$159.95**

**DINING SETS**  
Starting as low as **\$479.95**

**ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS**  
Over 30 in stock

Priced at **\$239.95**

**RECLINERS**  
Select from over 50 recliners

Priced at **\$529.95**

**BEDROOM**  
All Bedroom items Sale Prices!

4 pc. Bedroom Sets  
Starting as low as **\$699.95**

**ALL APPLIANCES ARE SALE PRICED!!!**

Crosley Hotpoint GE Galanz  
Haier FRIGIDAIRE Midea SAMSUNG

**MATTRESS SETS**  
all on sale!

Check out our Clearance Mattresses!

**CHECK OUT OUR BLUE & RED TAG CLEARANCE ITEMS!**

20 E. Stephenson Street  
Historic Downtown Freeport  
815-235-4911  
ritewayfreeport.com  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am -4pm

Just Remember to Give Mom the Best  
See Store for Details on Other Options.

Ask about short & long term financing.  
Lay-Away Available

# WINDOWS Including EGRESS SIDING - DOORS

Lifetime Warranty - Professionally Trained Installers



Call Today For Your  
**FREE ESTIMATE**

**America's Largest Home Improvement Company**

- Locally Owned & Operated
- Professional & Insured Crews
- True Lifetime Warranties, Guaranteed Forever!
- Serving Northern Illinois for more than 15 years



www.windowworldrockford.com

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am-5:00 pm; Sat 9:00 am-Noon



\*SEE OUR WEBSITE OR A TEAM MEMBER FOR DETAILS

Not only do we stand behind our windows, we stand on them!  
Local Owner  
Scott Williamson



Se Habla Espanol



**815-395-1333**  
6010 Forest Hills Rd,  
Rockford, IL



your source for on-line news:

**RVPNEWS.COM**







# Galena ARC offering summer youth art classes for the tri-state area

The Galena ARC is offering several art classes this summer for youth ages 6-18. Classes are open to everyone in the Tri-State area and beyond. There are a variety of classes offered from pottery to bookmaking to cooking.

Join Liz Larson, ARC Art Director for Art Tuesdays this Summer during June and August. Classes are designed for ages six and up (adult students are welcome to join as well). Each age can achieve success at their individual skill level. Classes begin at 1 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. Each class is \$35 and includes all supplies and an afternoon snack. These classes offer a creative environment for young artists to explore new ideas, develop skills, and build self-esteem through making and learning about art. Class topics include fairy houses, wool felting, bookmaking, drawing lessons and macramé.

Create a pottery built bird house and 3-dimensional bird with ARC pottery instructor and local artist Stephanie

O'Shaughnessy. Use slab building techniques to create your own three-dimensional bird house and clay bird then glaze with multiple fun colors for truly unique pieces. This two-day class is for ages 8 through adult.

The ARC also offers cooking classes for youth ages 9 and up as well as adult classes taught by Lynn Kaufman. She has been featured in both Taste of Home magazine and Food Network magazine. Being a retired culinary instructor plus dietitian, Lynn has plenty of adventures with cooking to share.

The ARC Music Studio also offers private lessons in piano, flute, guitar, and ukulele. Janet Kolimas has over thirty years of experience teaching different age groups. Contact Janet at 708-204-9622 with any questions. Scott Waterhouse is accepting new guitar students for private lessons. He teaches adults and well as youth. Scott also teaches music theory on all instruments. Contact Scott at 815-776-0604.

# Summerset Theatre 48 tickets for 'Matilda the Musical' go on sale April 27

Tickets will go on sale at 8 a.m. online Thursday, April 27 for the Summerset Theatre 48 production of "Matilda the Musical," which will be presented at Highland Community College's Ferguson Fine Arts Center Theatre on June 22, 23, 24, 29, and 30, and July 1 at 7:30 p.m. There is a matinee at 3 p.m. on July 2.

In-person/phone sales will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 27 and run through Thursday, May 11. In-person/phone sales will begin again on Monday, May 22 at 1 p.m. Online sales will be continuous.

Summerset is a collaboration of the theatre and music departments at Highland Community College. The cast is made up of local students and community members. The production is directed by Laura Early, Highland Theatre instructor.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors (60 and older), and \$10 for students and children. Visit the box office at 2998 West Pearl City Road in Freeport, go online to highland.edu/boxoffice or call 815-599-3718. Tickets also will be available for purchase for a half-hour before each performance in the lobby.

**SHOP**  
*Local*  
SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES  
THAT SUPPORT YOU!

# The Scoop Today & The Shopper's Guide Service Corner

**Massage**  
*Indulgence by Design*

**Therapeutic Massage  
Deep Tissue Massage  
Trigger Point Therapy**

**Monika Algrim, LMT**  
112 W. Lena St.  
Lena, IL 61048 • 630-669-0096  
malgrmlmt@gmail.com  
www.malgrim.amtamembers.com

**DeVoe  
License  
& Title  
Service**

216 W. Main • Lena  
815-369-5549  
**Call for Appointment  
Mon-Fri  
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday  
10 a.m. - noon**

**Best of the Best  
SERVICES**

**Rose  
Handyman  
Service**

**WE DO IT ALL**  
*No job too small*  
**815-990-0095**

**Denny's Service Center**

10146 N. Wachlin Rd. • McConnell, IL 61050  
815-291-9010 • E-mail denrak03@yahoo.com  
**Dennis Rakowska Auto Technician**

**G & H PAINTING**

**Interior & Exterior  
Painting & Staining  
LENA, IL**  
*Fully Insured*  
**Brent Geilenfeldt**  
815-369-5368 • Cell 815-275-1069  
**Adam Heimann**  
815-275-6450

**HEID  
REPAIR**

10240 N. Old Mill Rd.  
McConnell, IL 61050  
815-541-3348  
heidrepair@yahoo.com

*Repairing & servicing all brands of mowers & small engines.*

**Spring Has Sprung!  
Hurry in for best selection.**

0% Financing  
Options  
Available  
to Qualified  
Buyers

**Place Your  
Service Ad**

*Minimum of 4 weeks  
Additional Sizes Available*

**Call Cyndee at  
(815) 369-4112  
or (815) 947-3353 for details**

**SixPoint  
SERVICES**

**Residential and  
Commercial  
Power Washing  
Gutter Cleaning  
Window Washing  
Holiday Lighting**

**Nick Judge • 815-990-8937  
www.sixpointservices.com**

*Fully insured*

**BIA  
BUSSIAN  
INSURANCE  
AGENCY**

**PRICE • COVERAGE • SERVICE**

**Joe  
Werhane**

**Gretchen  
Rackow**

• Auto • Motorcycle • Boat •  
• Snowmobile • RV •  
• Home • Renters •  
• Condo • Rented Dwelling •  
• Mobile Home •  
• Business • Farm • Life •

**www.bussianinsurance.com**

**240 W. Main St., Suite C • Lena, IL  
Call for a quote • 815-369-4747**

**Werhane Total Truck Repair**  
*~Under NEW Management~*

**Straight Trucks - Semis - Dump Trucks - Farm Type  
Vehicles including Farm Tractors**

**AVAILABLE FOR REPAIRS  
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY! 815-369-4574**

**FAIR • FAST • FRIENDLY**

• Clutches • Brakes • Welding (Steel & Aluminum) • Electrical  
• Lube & Oil Change • Suspension • King Pins • Transmission & Drive Line  
• Differentials • Tune Ups • Over Hauls • Minor Body Work  
• Tractor-Trailer Wash • Air Conditioning  
• NEW DIAGNOSTICS AVAILABLE •

**KEEP US IN MIND FOR ALL YOUR REPAIR NEEDS**

**Werhane Enterprises**  
509 E. Main St. • Lena  
2023-4-26-23-04



# LEGAL NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
We, Brent and Colleen Myers are bringing forth our Land Patent for the following parcel located at 4606 Lily Creek Road Freeport, Illinois [61032]. Any party interested in viewing or challenging this claim can view the associated documents here <https://www.statena-tionalhelp.com/brent-colleen-myers>  
(Published in The Shopper's Guide March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023)  
434572

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF,

VS.  
MICAH WILSON;  
COURTNEY WILSON;  
MICAH WILSON;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;  
COURTNEY WILSON;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
DEFENDANTS.  
NO. 22 FC 18  
1264 WEST STAVER STREET  
FREEPORT, IL 61032  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PURSUANT TO  
JUDGMENT OF  
FORECLOSURE  
UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE ACT  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS  
HEREBY GIVEN that  
pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on

March 9, 2023, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on 6/20/2023, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:  
CITY OF FREEPORT LOT 51 OF CRESTWOOD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK "F" OF PLATS, AT PAGE 29, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.  
TAX NO. 18-13-36-128-008

**COMMONLY KNOWN AS:**  
1264 West Staver Street Freeport, IL 61032  
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is white. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied.  
The Judgment amount was \$92,918.41.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.  
The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of

the bid amount, 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 property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.  
The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
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 ACCOR-

DANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.  
For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.  
Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymond Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-08936IL  
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.  
I3215826  
(Published in The Shopper's Guide April 26, May 3 & 10, 2023)  
436530

**Annual Treasurer's Report Pleasant Valley Township Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023**  
**TOWN FUNDS: (General, Audit, FICA, Insurance)**  
**Revenues:** Property Tax 51,410; Repl Tax 1,516; Dividend 566; Miscellaneous Income 62; Checking Acc't Int 967.  
**Disbursements:** Salaries: (Range under \$25,000) R. Eden; J. Haas; P. Haas; T. Haas; R. O'Connor; J. Werner; T. Wurster. Total Salaries 30,250. Payroll Taxes: 2,345. Vendors: Citizens State Bank (Truck Loan) 19,970; TOIRMA Ins 3,953; all others (less than \$2,500 ea) 3,500.  
**CEMETERY FUND**  
**Revenues:** Property Tax 1,001; Bank Acc't Interest 67; CD Interest 27.  
**Disbursements:** Mowing (R&R Lawncare) 2,877.  
**GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND**  
**Revenues:** Property Tax 1; Bank Acc't Interest 305.  
**Disbursements:** Allied Benefit (MACI Insurance) 650.  
**ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS (Road & Bridge, Audit, FICA, Insurance)**  
**Revenues:** Property Tax 61,523; Replacement Tax 2,350; Bank Acc't Interest 1,252; TOIRMA Dividend 463; Insurance Claim Proceeds 18,890; Misc. Inc. 1,469.  
**Disbursements:** Payroll: (Range under \$25,000) S. Haas, Total Payroll 1,547. Payroll Taxes 252. Vendors: Citizens State Bank (Truck Loan) 14,170; HDI Quarry 7,936; TOIRMA Insurance 3,234; John Deere Fin. 10,396; AC McCartney 3,000; Haas Dirtworks 5,740; Henderson Prod 17,713; Tegeler Body & Fr 10,450; The Specialists, Inc. 11,713; Stephenson Service Co. 7,624; Louie's Trenching 13,955; all others (less than \$2,500) 8,307.

**BRIDGE FUND**  
**Revenues:** Property Tax 25,861; Bank Acc't Interest 523.  
**Disbursements:**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**

	Town Funds	Cemetery	Gen'l Assist.	Road Dist. Funds	Bridge
Beginning Bal	76,207	9,094	29,816	123,934	58,397
Revenues	54,521	1,095	306	85,947	26,384
Disbursements	60,018	2,877	650	116,037	0
Ending Balance	70,710	7,312	29,472	93,844	84,781

Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April 2023. Terry Haas, Pleasant Valley Township Supervisor and Treasurer of Pleasant Valley Township Road District.  
I, Rena Eden, Clerk of the Township of Pleasant Valley, JoDaviess County, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

**MOTOR FUEL TAX SUMMARY REPORT:**  
Beginning Balance: 108,791.31  
Revenues: 96,375.21  
Disbursements: 135,275.52  
Ending Balance: 69,891.00  
(Published in The Scoop Today April 26, 2023)

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT RUSH TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023**  
**TOWNSHIP-REVENUE SUMMARY:** Property Taxes: \$64,825, Replacement Tax: \$1,434, TOIRMA: \$1,562  
**TOWNSHIP-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** Advertisement: \$1,710; Community Relations: \$500; Donations: \$202; Office Supplies: \$713; Legal & Accounting: \$773; Utilities: \$275; Repairs & Maintenance: \$483; Dues & Subscriptions: \$202; Insurance: \$2,941  
**COMPENSATION SUMMARY:** Jeffery Schuldt: \$330; Kevin Pierce: \$300; Brad Mapes: \$270; Sarah Heller: \$330; Garrett Toay: \$2,800; Ben Wooden: \$1,700; Jase McGivney: \$35,000, Delmar Nieman: \$4,312.50; Kyle Hubb: \$5,262; Mike Schultz: \$1,965, Austin Westaby: \$2,100  
**ROAD DISTRICT-REVENUE SUMMARY:** Property Taxes - \$118,516, Replacement Tax: \$5,645, Interest Income: \$931  
**ROAD DISTRICT-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:** Reimbursed Mileage: \$87; Dues & Subscriptions: \$369; Fuel: \$23,189; Job Materials: \$463,240; Insurance: \$4,599; Supplies: \$11,603; Utilitie: \$488  
Maintenance Services Equipment - \$12,227

Subscribed and sworn this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.  
**Garrett J Toay, Supervisor**

I, Ben Wooden, Clerk of the Town of Rush, Jo Daviess County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Subscribed and sworn to this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.  
**Ben Wooden, Clerk**  
(Published in The Scoop Today April 26, 2023)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
On May 10, 2023, at 9:00 am, a meeting conducted by Pearl City School District will take place at the Pearl City School in the HS Library. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023-24 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Pearl City Schools, you are urged to attend.  
If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Mike Schiffman, Superintendent of Pearl City schools at 815-443-2715.  
(Published in The Shopper's Guide April 26, 2023)  
436438

**Rock Valley Publishing Can Publish Your Legals.**

Call 815-877-4044

Or email your legals to [legals@rvpublishing.com](mailto:legals@rvpublishing.com)

425123



# **Kitchen** (Continued from page 10)

## **Cookies and Cream Brownies**

I have a similar recipe to these bars, but this one has a bit of a different take on the brownie recipe because it uses both brown and white sugar. I love different bars, and you will like the Oreo addition too.

### **Brownie Layer**

½ C. butter, melted  
½ C. sugar  
½ C. packed brown sugar  
½ C. baking cocoa  
2 eggs, room temperature  
1 t. vanilla  
½ C. flour  
1 t. baking powder  
12 Oreo cookies, crushed  
8 Oreo cookies, coarsely

chopped

### **Cream Layer**

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
¼ C. sugar  
1 egg  
½ t. vanilla

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar, egg, and vanilla until smooth and set aside. For the Brownie Layer, combine the butter, sugars, and cocoa in a large bowl. Beat in eggs and vanilla. In a small bowl, combine the flour and baking powder; gradually add to cocoa mixture. Stir in crushed Oreo cookie crumbs.

Pour into a greased 11 x 7 baking pan. Spoon cream cheese mixture over batter. Sprinkle with coarsely chopped cookies. Bake at 350 until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with moist crumbs, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool completely on wire rack. Cut into bars. Store in refrigerator.

### **Lady Bird Cake**

I don't often put recipes that use bananas because I have a severe allergy to them, however, one of my friends said this cake is delicious. Even though I won't be able to have a slice, it does have good stuff in it. I know if you try it, you will like it.

1 C. unsalted butter, softened  
2 C. sugar  
3 eggs, room temperature  
2 C. mashed ripe bananas  
1 jar (12 oz.) pineapple preserves

3 C. flour  
1 T. baking powder  
½ t. salt  
½ C. buttermilk, room tem-

perature

1 C. chopped pitted dates  
Pineapple Cream Cheese Frosting

Garnish with pecans and dried pineapple

Preheat oven to 325. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with baking spray with flour. In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar with a mixer at medium speed until fluffy, 4 to 5 minutes, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in mashed banana and preserves until combined. In a separate bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. With mixer on low speed, gradually add flour mixture to butter mixture alternately with buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour mixture, beating just until combined after each addition. Stir in dates. Spread batter into prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 55 minutes to 1 hour. Let cool completely in pan on a wire rack.

## **Pineapple Cream Cheese Frosting**

1 C. unsalted butter, softened

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

¼ C. pineapple preserves  
6 ½ C. powdered sugar.

In a large bowl, beat butter and cream cheese with a mixer at medium speed until smooth and creamy, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Beat in preserves. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating at low speed until well combined, stopping to scrape sides of bowl. Increase mixer speed to medium high and beat until light and fluffy. Spread frosting onto cake. Garnish with pecans and dried pineapple. Cover and refrigerate. Can be stored in refrigerator for 3 days.

### **Final Thoughts**

My allergies are driving me crazy. I know other people are suffering as much

as I am. I can't wait for all the trees and bushes to get done bursting out. I am hoping the pollen count will go down. My allergy medicine is not even making a dent in the dripping nose and watery eyes. Enough about my allergies.

Dwain, my tree guy, was here and got the limbs from my yard just in time for the mowing to begin. I still have my two Charlie Brown pine trees standing, but they will soon come down. My backyard will be naked. I will have some decisions to make about planting something. I have a lot of wires that go through the yard to my and my neighbor's yards, so there will be some careful thought put into this process.

Prom season is upon us. The big dance and all its trimmings have started. Spring brings these traditional rituals that introduce some great memory making times. Spring also brings out dangers with driving. Please be aware of our farmer friends as they attempt to go from field to field in preparation and planting. Stop and think about what danger you are putting oncoming traffic, the farmers, and yourself in as you try and pass when you have no business doing so. They are bigger than you are; they are slower and can't stop on a dime. Use caution. They are as worried about you as well as themselves. Be safe when traveling.

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 any recipes that you would like to share with us, you can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
We, Brian and Carla Myers are bringing forth our Land Patent for the following parcel located at 4480 Illinois Route 26 North, Freeport, IL [61032]. Any party interested in viewing or challenging this claim can view the associated documents here <https://www.statenationalhelp.com/brian-carla-myers> (Published in *The Shopper's Guide* March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023) 435765

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other good will be sold for cash by CubeSmart to satisfy a lien on May 11, 2023 at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). Online Bids START 14 days prior to the final sale date listed above at the stores and approximate times listed below:

**Online Bids END**  
**Approx: 1:00PM at**  
**CubeSmart #4409, 555**  
**W. South St. Freeport,**  
**IL 61032 (779)677-2500:**  
cube 1006 Katelyn Vanderkolk

(Published in  
*The Shopper's Guide*  
April 26 & May 3, 2023)  
436119

## **NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING**

On April 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM, a meeting conducted by the Lena-Winslow School District will take place in the District Board Room at 401 Fremont St., Lena, IL. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within

the district for the 2023-24 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Lena-Winslow School District, you are encouraged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Dr. Tom Chiles at (815) 668-0800.

(Published in  
*The Shopper's Guide*  
April 26, 2023)  
436455

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

On May 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. a meeting conducted by Stockton Community Unit School District #206 will take place in the Dis-

trict Office at Stockton High School. The purpose will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are parents of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside in/within the boundaries of stockton CUSD #206, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting please contact James Bunting, Superintendent at 815-947-3391.

(Published in  
*The Scoop Today*  
April 26, 2023)  
436577

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**NORA-RUSH-WARREN MULTI-TOWNSHIP**  
**ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**  
**FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023.**  
**REVENUE SUMMARY: PROPERTY TAXES -**  
\$18,283, Interest Income - \$84, US Treasury Refund: \$360

**Total Revenues: \$18,727**  
**COMPENSATION SUMMARY:** Steve Wulfekuhle \$75, Ben Wooden \$75, Donna Ernst \$300, Laura Busch \$75, Michelle Bennett \$75, Garrett Toay \$450. Assessor: \$13,800

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TOIRMA: \$500;**  
Rock Valley Publishing: \$82.50, Bauer & Fonseca PC: \$924.75; Jo Daviess Co Supervisor of Assessments: \$202.50; Reimbursed Assessor Expenses: Mileage: \$891.14; Meals: \$92.90; Office Supplies: \$132.55; Lodging: \$309.81; IPAI: \$124.88; GIS: \$91.80; SP Internet: \$224.21; Postage: \$1.20, Advertising: \$48.90  
**Total Expenditures: \$18,477**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION**  
Beginning Fund Balance,  
Retained Earnings, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, \$18,092  
Revenues \$18,727  
Expenditures \$18,477  
Ending Fund Balance,  
Retained Earnings, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, \$18,342  
I, Garrett J Toay, Clerk-Treasurer of the Nora-Rush-Warren Multi-Township Assessment District, Jo Daviess County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.  
Subscribed and sworn this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

**Garrett J Toay,**  
**Clerk-Treasurer**

(Published in *The Scoop Today*  
April 26, 2023)

436436

# BELVIDERE COLLECTIBLE COINS

## NEED CASH? Turn your Gold and Silver into CASH!

10% MORE for jewelry with this ad!

Gold • Silver • Jewelry • Coins  
 Flatware • Diamonds • Sterling

BUYING ALL: U.S. Rare Coins • World Coins • Proof Sets • Mint Sets • BU Rolls • Gold • Silver • Platinum • Dental Gold • Jewelry • Sterling Silver • Scrap Gold Bullion • Currency • Pocket Watches • Diamonds • .999 Fine Silver/Gold Plate Costume Jewelry • Silverware • Foreign Exchange

**815.547.7111** | [www.GoldSilverJewelryCoin.com](http://www.GoldSilverJewelryCoin.com)

880 Belvidere Rd. (Logan Square), Belvidere, IL • [bcoins60@yahoo.com](mailto:bcoins60@yahoo.com)

M-F 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Cleary Building Corp.**  
Building your dreams since 1978

## Custom Designed & Value Engineered

Farm, Horse, Homes & Cabins, Commercial, Suburban, Unique

Get started at [ClearyBuilding.com](http://ClearyBuilding.com)

- Explore building designs from simple to spectacular
- Financing available
- Proven reliability since 1978
- Debt-free, your money is safe
- Customized, in-house Engineering and manufacturing to suit your needs

Featuring:

**Oregon, IL**  
**815-732-9101**

800-373-5550 • [ClearyBuilding.com](http://ClearyBuilding.com)

# Rock Valley Publishing LLC

## Can Publish Your Legals

Call 815-877-4044  
or email your legals to [Legals@rvpublishing.com](mailto:Legals@rvpublishing.com)

425128



Call  
815.369.4112  
to place your ad

# Classifieds

AD DEADLINE:  
Friday  
at 4 pm

SERVING NORTHERN ILLINOIS AND SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

employment



for sale



rentals & real estate



automotive



services offered



## help wanted

### ADVERTISING SALES EXECUTIVE

Rock Valley Publishing, your hometown newspapers serving the stateline has an opening for an experienced Media Sales Representative to call on current and new accounts in a protected sales territory.

Growing area with many new businesses, this is a great opportunity for the right applicant.

We publish newspapers, shoppers and niche publications throughout the stateline. You have the opportunity to sell into all Rock Valley Publishing. L.L.C. publications, making your paycheck much larger!

For immediate consideration send resume/job history to:

Vicki Vanderwerff, Director of Advertising  
Email: vicki@southernlakesnewspapers.com  
Fax: (262) 725-6844

392953

## business & service

### Other Services Offered

## GUN SHOW

Winnebago County Fairgrounds • Pecatonica, IL

ADMISSION  
ADULTS: \$8

Friday, May 5, 4-9 p.m.

Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, May 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

MARVIN KRAUS PROMOTIONS • 563-608-4401

436593

## for sale

### Announcements

CLASSIFIED IN-COLUMN ADS cannot be credited or refunded after the ad has been placed. Ads canceled before deadline will be removed from the paper as a service to our customers, but no credit or refund will be issued to your account.

**DISCLAIMER NOTICE** This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

### Lawn & Garden

**HONDA GARDEN TRACTOR** 20 HP, 48" mower deck, 48" Twin-Stage Snow Blower. \$1300. Call 262-492-1842.

## garage sales

### Durand

**DURAND GARAGE SALES** April 28th and 29th. Durand, IL. Some sales will be open Thursday, April 27th. Pick up a flyer at Shell or Ringo's Restaurant.

### Lena

**239 HICKORY DRIVE** Thur. April 27, 3-7 Fri. April 28, 8-5 & Sat. April 29, 8-noon. Kids clothing, toys, baby equip, toddler beds. Items mrkd, all others 50cents!

**IT'S GARAGE SALE  
TIME AGAIN!**

## real estate

**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE** All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial/ status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-900-669-9777. The toll-free tele phone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275. EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

## transportation

### Automobiles

**2008 CONVERTIBLE HARD TOP** Chrysler Sebring. Mint cond, one owner, 50,000 mi. \$13,000. 815-494-0938.

### Boats

**14 FT. FISHING BOAT** Trailer, small engine, 3 seats. \$500 OBO 414-940-4624.

### Campers and RVs

**5TH WHEEL COUGAR CAMPER** YEAR 2000, 28 ft. long, slide with new awnings. \$7,000 or OBO. 847-946-7660

### Farm Machinery

**2017 JOHN DEERE 1025R** With 120R loader, 54" AutoConnect mowing deck, ballast box. 50 hours. Great condition-always garaged. \$18,500. Call 262-492-8206

### Motorcycles

**2002 Honda VTX1800R** 1 owner, well maintained, Candy Apple red, \$5k. 815-369-4295

**2005 SUZUKI BERGMAN 400** Very good condition, 38,000 mi, \$2,500 262-379-0548.

**2010 HARLEY DAVIDSON** Heritage softail classic, 32k, metallic flake merlot color, \$9500 firm. 815-947-2895.

### Trucks & Trailers

**2005 FORD F150 STX 2 WD**, 140,000 mi., 6 1/2' bed, runs great, good tires, new exhaust. \$5,000. Call 815-985-7202.

**TRAILER: WOODEN FRAME** Spring time - time for moving! 11ft. 6in. long, 4ft. wide, 12in. deep. Made of 2x8 and 2x10 planking. 15" tires. \$575. Pell Lake, WI. 262-279-3188.



## The Wheel Deal

Place your car, truck, motorcycle, boat or RV for one price and it runs for up to 16 weeks.

**\$19<sup>95</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> three lines**

Extra lines are \$1.95 each

**17 Papers**

Starts for 4 weeks and if not sold you call us and we will renew at no additional charge! (Maximum run 16 weeks total)

### PRIVATE PARTY ONLY.

Ad must be prepaid.  
Deadlines vary.

Call  
815-877-4044



422785

# FREE

Are you selling a single item for  
**LESS THAN \$100?**

IF SO, WE WILL RUN YOUR AD IN THE  
SCOOP TODAY AND SHOPPER'S GUIDE AT

**No Charge!**

Private Party Only

Just fill out the coupon below and drop off or mail to:  
Rock Valley Publishing, FREE Ad,  
240 W Main St Suite B, Lena IL 61048

Write your ad below, One Word Per Box, be sure to include your price


Ads will not be accepted without the following information. Only one free ad per month.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

398153



# Lena American Legion breakfast to support veterans

A breakfast will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, at the Lena American Legion Home, located at 316 W. Main St., Lena. It is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and proceeds will be donated to Sons of the American Legion to help send veterans to a Chicago Cubs game.

Breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., followed by a memorial service. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, french toast, biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee. The price is \$10 per person or \$5 for children under 10 years old. Carryouts are available.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

## Baking for a cause

Judy Shippee, a member of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary, serves cookies to the blood donors at the recent blood drive held at the Lena American Legion home. The American Legion Auxiliary makes homemade cookies for the four times a year that the blood drive is held. The Lena Masonic Lodge, the Knights of Columbus, The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion all work together to hold these blood drives.

# Rainwater Management with Native Plants program offered

Join University of Illinois Extension Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy Educator, Jay Solomon for "Rainwater Management with Native Plants". This program is taking place on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL 61028. There is a \$5 fee to attend the program and pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information call 815-858-2273 or register directly at go.illinois.edu/Rainwater.

Learn about options for diverting rainwater from hard-scapes into designed areas for absorption instead of lost as runoff. Solomon will discuss

how rain gardens, bioswales, and other structures can be designed into your landscape to retain this valuable resource. He will also talk about how native plants can complement these efforts.

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



SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

## Lena Lions honors members for their dedication to the Club

Lions Mary Gerbode, Glenn Harman, and Claire Smunt receive the Foundation Fellows Award for their very active work with the Lena Lions. Foundation Fellows Awards are the highest Club award given at the state level. Presenting the awards was Lion Gary Meyers.



SUBMITTED PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

## And the 'Lion of the Year' goes to...

Lion Cheryl King is presented with the "Lion of the Year" award by President Dan Smunt. Lion Cheryl goes above and beyond in helping with the Lions many projects and in the Lena Community.

## FREELANCE REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Rock Valley Publishing is seeking freelance reporters and photographers to produce local news and photos for your hometown newspaper. Weekly stories and photos needed for Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties. Writing and reporting experience a plus. Work from home as an independent contractor with no in-office requirement.

**PLEASE EMAIL RESUME TO:**  
**scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com**

**Rock Valley Publishing LLC**  
The Scoop and Shopper's Guide

# Affordable health screenings coming to Lena

Residents can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Lena Community Center will host this community event on May 17, 2023. The site is located at 497 Lions Dr. in Lena.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular

health, HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels, diabetes risk, kidney and thyroid function, and more.

Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available. Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at [www.lifeline-screening.com](http://www.lifeline-screening.com). Pre-registration is required.

## REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
MICAH WILSON; COURTNEY WILSON; MICAH WILSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; COURTNEY WILSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 18  
1264 WEST STAYER STREET FREEPORT, IL 61032  
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 9, 2023, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on 6/20/2023, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galea Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 18-13-36-128-008  
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:  
1264 West Stayer Street Freeport, IL 61032  
Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is attached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is white. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied.

The Judgment amount was \$92,918.41.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate,

water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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 property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpilc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-089361L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

13215826  
(Published in The Shopper's Guide April 26, May 3 & 10, 2023)



ALL ITEMS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST | NO RAIN CHECKS | NO RETURNS | NO EXCHANGES | PRICE ADJUSTED AT CHECK OUT



**EVERY SINGLE ITEM  
IN OUR MEAT DEPARTMENT\***

**ON SALE WITH  
HUGE  
MARKDOWNS!**

**THURSDAY, MAY 4  
FRIDAY, MAY 5 &  
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023**

**ONLY!**

\*Excludes weekly ad items.



**SULLIVAN'S  
THREE  
DAYS  
ONLY  
HUGE  
MEAT  
DEPARTMENT  
SALE!**

**Available at all 11 Sullivan's Foods including:  
103 W NORTH AVE, STOCKTON | 815.947.3318 | 6AM TO 9PM 7 DAYS A WEEK  
201 DODDS DR, LENA | 815.369.2311 | 6AM TO 9PM 7 DAYS A WEEK**

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES AND CORRECT PRINTING ERRORS

**WWW.SULLIVANSFOODS.NET**