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Chloris Lowe Jr. receives the Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award

Congratulations to Chloris Lowe Jr.! Lowe has spent his life bridging the understanding between tribal and non-tribal communities and people and has chosen JDCF to be the beneficiary of his knowledge and generosity for the past decade.

Warhawks win ten in a row

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

After dropping their first game of the 2023 softball season, the Warren-Stockton Warhawks have been on a tear. Last week, the Warhawks earned their tenth victory with a pair of wins over West Carroll. On Monday, April 10 the Warhawks were on the road as West Carroll played as the host. The two teams had just faced off a couple days before in the Pearl City Tournament. That game ended in a 6-5 victory for Warren Stockton. The Warhawks would have a much better performance in their conference matchup.

In the top of the third, the Warhawks jumped out to a 5-0 lead, thanks in part to a three-run homer over the center field fence by Elaina Martin. It was Martin's big hit, combined with another solid pitching performance by Lauren Kehl, that helped the Warhawks pick up another victory.

Warren-Stockton head coach Mike Renz says it is those two captains, Martin and Kehl, that set the standard for the Warhawks. Renz said one of the team's positives is the "leadership from our captains, who are both two-time, First Team All-Conference players." At the time, Kehl had eight wins on the season as a pitcher, and Martin had led the team with seven homeruns.

Martin's bat led the way in the 11-4 victory over West Carroll, where she hit that seventh homer. Martin finished the game going two for two with two runs scored, five runs batted in, and three walks. Maizy Fonseca was right there with her, going three for five with two runs scored. Janel Radaszewski finished the game two for four with three runs scored, and Liv Thruman went two for four with one run scored and one walk. Kehl pitched a complete game on the mound, going seven innings with just one earned run on five hits. Kehl struck out seven and walked three as she picked up her eighth win of the season. Renz added that freshman Adrianne Baker has been a solid newcomer for the varsity team. "Baker has played outstanding defense at shortstop and has provided a very consistent bat on offense," Renz shared. Baker went one for three with a pair of walks in the win over West Carroll.

Three days later, the Warhawks played host to West Carroll for their third meeting in less than six days. The Warhawks wasted little time in busting this one wide open. Warren-Stockton combined for five hits in the bottom of the first, including two extra-base hits from Fonseca and Addy Bohnsack. Bohnsack eventually scored on a

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Village of Stockton April Board Meeting minutes

The Village of Stockton held the April board meeting on Tuesday, April 11. Committee reports and actions items included water, sewer and garbage, economic development, and the 2023 MFT bid opening.

Status Reports

Clerk Hatley stated that the Village of Stockton was awarded the ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) Grant for our downtown streetscape, sidewalk, and lighting improvement project.

Water, sewer, and garbage

Clerk Hatley stated that normally every year the water rate and sewer rate are increased based on the CPI rate not to exceed 5% each per Ordinance No. 725. After reviewing, the board decided that we would increase the water rate by 0% and the sewer rate by 5% in hopes of helping keep the water bill increases as minimal as possible. A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Eisfeller to increase the sewer rate by 5% and the water rate by 0%. Voting aye: Rowe, Kappes, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern. Motion carried.

Trustee Gonnerman stated that the village received a contract from Gill's Freeport Disposal, Inc. in the amount of $20.00 per unit. The contract period will be five years and run from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2028. Gill's Freeport Disposal, Inc. will provide each unit with a 95-gallon trash can and a 65-gallon recycle bin. A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Kappes to approve the contract between the Village and Gill's Freeport Disposal, Inc. in the amount of $20.00 per unit for five years. Voting aye: Kappes, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern, Rowe. Motion carried.

Economic development

Resolution No. 23-05 – *A*

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ALVIN SIGAFUS

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

He married the love of his life, Phyllis Coad, on Sept. 29, 1945. During their 70 years of marriage, they were a wonderful example of a Christian couple. He began his ministry serving the Rosedale and Pardeeville Presbyterian Churches in Wisconsin starting in June of 1951. His next pastorate was at Villisca, Iowa in 1955. From there the family moved to Effingham, Illinois in 1964, where he was called to help build a new church. Starting in January of 1970, he served his longest pastorate of 17 years, at Harrison, Ohio. In 1987, he accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Savanna, Illinois and retired on July 1, 1991, on the 40th anniversary of his entering the ministry. Following his retirement from the ministry, he and Phyllis volunteered with the Northwest Hospice of Jo Daviess County, sang and traveled with a group called the JOY (Just Older Youth) Singers throughout the Southeast in singing tours, and started the Good News Club which ministers to the area's youth. They moved to Phyllis's childhood home and Alvin turned the property to a showplace for the area by using his love of nature and gardening to produce gorgeous flowers and amazing vegetables that he shared with their friends, neighbors, and church family. They remodeled the home, which was hard work, but made it their "heaven on earth" that they enjoyed throughout their years. His love of music showed throughout his lifetime, including singing duets with his beloved wife.

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

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

LUCILLE KARNATZ

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

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

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

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

Lucille is survived by a daughter, Nancy (Jeff) Hering of Rochester, New York and 2 sons, Jim (Peggy) Karnatz of Indianola, Iowa and John (Billie) Karnatz of Bartlett, IL, she also leaves behind seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren as well as brothers in law Vernon Karnatz of Maineschaff, Germany and Norman Wybourn of Lena. She considered long term caregivers Alyssa and Janna Saxby to be family and held a special place in her heart for grandnephew Joshua Karnatz.

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

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

CRAIG WOLF

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

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

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

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

ROSE ANN GERBICK

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

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

In their retirement years Bob and Rose Ann were able to enjoy traveling the country with one of their most memorable trips being a long road trip to Alaska with friends to visit their daughter. Throughout her life she was very active in the St Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena, IL helping with various events and duties. Rose Ann loved her family and friends. Rose Ann's favorite times were the holidays because her greatest joy was having everyone together and enjoying themselves. There were always lots of laughs, fun, and pies at those family gatherings.

She is survived by her four daughters- Linda (Rick) Posey of German Valley, IL, Theresa (Bill) Thompson of Warren, IL, Dianne (Eric) Johnson of Blanchardville, WI, Debbie (Todd) Vietmeier of Forreston, IL; nine Grandchildren- Christopher (Krystle) Posey of Pearl City, IL, Allison (Christian) Gabroy of Henderson, NV, Katherine (Eric) Sneek of Pecatonica, IL, Ryan (Julie) Thompson of Lockport, IL, Nicholas (Lisa) Thompson of Red Oak, IL, Natalie Thompson of Joliet, IL, Carissa (Ian) Todaro of Alpine, CA, Garret and Brysen Vietmeier of Mt. Morris, IL; great grandchildren- Randi and Alonna Posey, Cosette and Caroline Gabroy, Ryne, Kristopher, and Grace Sneek, Hayden and Monica Thompson, Ethan, Maggie, Noah and Nolan Thompson, and Everett and Gavin Todaro; 2 sister- Patricia Hintz of Warren, IL and Antonine Fox of New Glaurus, IL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

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

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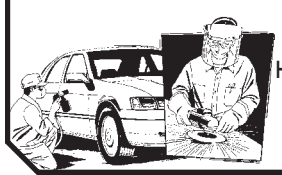

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Obituaries

ROGER W. LOBDELL

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

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

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

Roger is survived by his wife Mary of almost 62 years, their children; Tim(Brenda) Lobdell of Freeport, IL, Troy (Barb) Lobdell of Darlington, WI, Tyler Lobdell of Lena, IL, Gretchen (Tom) Kempel of Shannon, IL, and Abigail Bower of Lena, IL, grandchildren; Shane (Micki) Lobdell, Cassidy Lobdell, Courtney (fiancé Noah Wolff) Lobdell, Austin (fiancé Hayley Peacock) Bower, Casey (Morgan) Lobdell, Hannah Kempel, Emma (Scylor Sanzebacher) Bower, Rebecca Kempel, Carson (Morgan Black) Lobdell, Ellie Bower, Sarah Kempel, and Alyssa Kempel, great-granddaughter; Carrie Lynn Lobdell, step-granddaughter; Sadie (Justus) Dascher, and step-great-grandson; Zeke, brother-in-law; Bill (Barbara) Miller, cousins; Alice (Mike) Omelusik, Mary Klitzke, Neal (Kris) Wagner and Karen (Brad) Otterson.

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

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

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

MILO T. BOYER

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

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

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

A private family service will be held. Interment will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Volunteers help to grow the next generation of leaders

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

"Jo Daviess County 4-H would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service on our communities and our 4-H members. Their dedication to our 4-H members helps prepare them for success and to use their skills to impact others," states Angela Miller, 4-H Program Coordinator.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prospective students can take this opportunity to not only meet with faculty but also take placement tests, meet with an advisor, and register for classes — all in one visit. Summer registration is open, and fall registration begins Monday, April 17.

There is no need to RSVP. Park in Lot A on campus and check in with Student Services in the Student/Conference Center (Building H). Can't make the event? Advising will help set up a personalized appointment. Call 815-599-3573 or visit highland.edu/advising. For more information about programs at Highland, visit highland.edu.

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Church news

St. John's Lutheran Church

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

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

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

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

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

Salem United Church of Christ

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

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

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

Spring Invasive and Nuisance Plants workshop offered

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

With warmer weather on the horizon, things are starting to green up. Our landscapes are coming back to life with showy displays of new plant growth and flower. But are all of those plants you expected and want? Are there plants taking over your yard and landscape? If you have unwanted plants, now might be the best time to manage them before they become problematic.

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

The workshop will delve into identification, management strategies, and safety precautions. Cow parsnip, wild parsnip, and hemlock can be harmful or even deadly if handled improperly.

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

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

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

False active shooter call at Freeport High School

On April 12, at approximately 8:24 a.m., Freeport Police Dispatch received a call from an individual who reported there was an active shooter on the second floor of Freeport High School. This call came from an out of state area code. The call was dispatched and Freeport Police Officers responded quickly and arrived on scene. Once on scene, it was determined the call was false and there was no active shooter in the High School. Officers did a cursory search of the High School as dictated by training and common practice and determined there was no threat.

Further contact was made with other Freeport School District facilities and the representatives at the schools also reported no threats. Freeport Police Department Detectives have initiated an investigation into the source of the false call. It was later learned similar false calls were made to other schools in the area.

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

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Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension meeting

The April meeting of Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held April 20, at the Pearl City Library at 1 p.m. The roll call question will be "What Keeps You Young?".

The major lesson, *Financial Emergency/Preparedness for the Older Adult,* will be given by Colleen Brown. Joyce Bonnet and Judy Shippee will bring a raffle item.

All meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Lanark Public Library

The Friends of the Lanark Public Library invite all to attend their special program on Thursday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room at 111 S. Broad Street, Lanark, Illinois.

The featured speaker will be Diane Ludwig from Freeport Public Library addressing the topic of e-books.

The Friends of LPL sponsor the annual subscription to this online book service. Come learn about accessing books on phones, tablets and computers using the Lanark Public Library account.

No advance registration is necessary.

Lena Friendship Center open house

Join the Lena Friendship Center on Sunday, June 11 for the 25th 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.

Highland Big Band to perform spring concert

The Highland Community College Big Band will perform in its spring concert on Friday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center Theatre located in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill. The concert is free and open to the public.

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.

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Stockton student Morgan Blair to play ball at Highland Community College next year

Stockton High School senior Morgan Blair signed with Highland Community College on Friday, April 14. Blair will join the college basketball team next season. Pictured are Blair, her parents Mike and Christine Blair, and Highland Head Basketball Coach Blake Becke. Congratulations, Morgan!

Celebrate Earth Day at Discovery Center

Celebrate Earth Day with eco-friendly activities and crafts on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Discovery Center Museum for their *Reduce, Reuse & Remake* event. The museum is also offering half price admission for families that bring in a bag of recyclable items. Just one bag filled with certain items will get the whole family in for half price.

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Chloris Lowe Jr. honored with JDCF Conservation Award

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) is pleased to announce that Chloris Lowe Jr., twice past-president of the Ho-Chunk Nation, has received the 2023 *Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award*. The award was presented to President Lowe by Nancy Winter at JDCF's annual meeting on April 6.

For 12 years Lowe has served JDCF as a volunteer advisor and consultant on various projects, increasing JDCF's understanding of the vast and unique collection of Native American heritage found on many of our preserves. He has helped us connect to, and form relationships with many descendant tribal communities now known as the Ho-Chunk, Winnebago, Sac and Fox, Osage, Ioway, Meskwaki, and Potawatomi.

"Chloris Lowe has brought life to landscapes that we in JDCF initially preserved for historical and archeological reasons. However, through walking in this gorgeous Mississippi River Valley area with Chloris, we now know that the Ho-Chunk heritage has not been diluted by time.

Portage, Keogh, Casper Bluff, Wapello are teeming with spiritual qualities deeply felt today by Native Americans. Their ancestors were forcefully removed during the westward expansion of the settlers from Europe, but their own hearts are in the Driftless Area," said JDCF Board Member Emeritus, Nancy Winter, for whom the award is named.

"Just as significant is that the respect which Chloris holds amongst his Native American peers has instilled in many tribal leaders' confidence to work in harmony with JDCF to develop interpretive centers which express their connection to the Driftless Area. His sincere, humble leadership has brought to the table representatives from several Native Nations now exiled in Oklahoma, as well as his own Ho-Chunk in Wisconsin. They all are integrally involved in the future use of these properties which will be exciting to witness. Chloris can be credited as the catalyst," Nancy added.

The *Nancy Hamill Winter Conservation Leadership Award* is named after JDCF's long-time board member and past Board President and Vice President, Nancy Hamill Winter. Formerly a Stockton resident Nancy dedicated much of her adult life to the preservation and care of natural habitats and the Native American cultural heritage of Northern Illinois.

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This week's Little Blackhawks

Congratulations to these Stockton Elementary and Middle School students who were recognized for following the Blackhawk Way.

•Minutes

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Resolution of the Village of Stockton, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, to Induce the Redevelopment of Certain Property within Route 20/Downtown Redevelopment Project Area. (103-107 W. Front St.)

A motion was made by Gonnerman and seconded by Eisfeller to pass Resolution 23-05 to enter a TIF Inducement Agreement with Stockton Heritage Museum. Voting Aye: Rowe, Kappes, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz. Abstain: McGovern. Motion carried.

2023 MFT bid opening

President Kunz stated the MFT letting was held on March 14, 2023, and we received three bids for the 2023 seal coat street work. The low bid was from A.C. Pavement and Striping Co. for $155,071.41 which was 11.8% below the engineer's estimate. A motion was made by Kunz and seconded by Gonnerman to award the 2023 seal coat work to A.C. Pavement and Striping Co. for $155,071.41. Voting aye: Rowe, Kappes, Eisfeller, Gonnerman, Kunz, McGovern. Motion carried.

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Hornets continue struggle to play at full potential

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The 2023 softball season has not gotten any easier for the Scales Mound-River Ridge Hornets. The Hornets continue to beat themselves as mistakes and a lack of offensive production have cost them in a number of close games. After getting off to an 0-3 start with a score differential of just 10-5, the Hornets finally picked up their first win of 2023. The victory came on Monday, April 3, when the Hornets traveled to face off with the Benton-Shullsburg Zephyrs.

Garrett Pickel led the way from the pitcher's circle in the win. Pickel tossed a complete game, allowing just five hits and zero runs, while striking out 11. Pickel was boosted by an early lead as the Hornets gave their pitcher a three-run advantage in the very first inning. Emily Wurster set the tone for the day when she led off the game with a single to right field. Two quick outs later, Millie Boden would reach base on an error that allowed Laiken Haas to score the first run of the game.

That sparked some two-out magic for the Hornets, as back-to-back singles from Annie Richmond and Sarah Winter gave SM-RR a 2-0 lead. Sophie Buck then doubled on a ball into left field, driving Richmond in and giving the Hornets a three-run advantage.

In the top of the second, SM-RR continued to add to their lead. Once again, it would take some two-out production as the Hornets started the inning with a double play. Walters hit a two-out double into left field to spark some momentum. Haas followed up with a double of her own, which drove Walters in to score. Later in the inning, Haas would score on a wild pitch that put SM-RR up 5-0. It was a rare sight to see for the Hornets as their offense, defense, and pitching all came together to play a solid game. The Hornets were happy to head home with a 6-1 victory under their belt.

After suffering another tough, 7-2 loss to a very good Warren-Stockton team, the Hornets managed to jump right back in the win column with a 19-15 victory over Eastland in a shootout. The Hornets combined for 16 hits as a team as their offense had a breakout day.

Richmond led the way in the win, going four for five with three runs scored and three RBI. Wurster was nearly perfect, going four for five with three runs scored, two runs batted in, and one walk. Boden had quite the day herself, going three for five with two runs scored and two RBI. Winter was also two for six with four RBI.

At the time, the hornets appeared to have changed their luck as they improved their record to 2-4 and had won two of their last three. Unfortunately for SM-RR, they would go on to suffer a five-game losing streak, including another pair of close losses to East Dubuque.

Following the team's eighth loss of the season, SM-RR head coach, Kate Bingham, spoke about the team and their struggles in 2023. "We really have played better than our record shows with tough losses against Orangeville and Pearl City. Those two games were each decided in one inning unfortunately," Bingham said adding, "They have exceeded my expectations after not knowing where we would stand after losing Mickayla Bass to injury. Garrett Pickel has stepped up on the pitching mound after taking a year off. She has been working hard and giving us the chance to win in those close games.

Bingham praised her defense, explaining that she has plenty of confidence in the girls on the field. "Emily Wurster, Annie Richmond, Laiken Haas, and Evie Walters have been very reliable for the routine outs. Millie Boden keeps runners honest with her arm behind the plate. Sarah Winter, a freshman, has also owned her role as our first baseman this year and is getting better each game," stated Bingham.

Bingham recognizes the need for improved offense, saying, "I expect our hitting to become more consistent as the year progresses. We just need to string a few more hits together and hopefully we will finally start getting some wins. Our record is poor right now, yes, but I also believe that teams won't be looking past us in the postseason either."

The Hornets hope to continue improving when they play host to the Fulton Steamers this Thursday, April 20. As of April 14, Fulton was off to a 5-3 start to the season.

•Warhawks

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steal of home, giving the Warhawks an early 5-0 lead. Kehl pitched well with the early advantage. In another complete game, Kehl allowed three earned runs on five hits. Kehl also struck out nine as West Carroll couldn't get anything going against the Warhawks pitcher.

There was no shortage of offense for Warren-Stockton, however. By the end of the third inning, the Warhawks held a massive 15-0 lead. West Carroll put up four runs in the top of the fourth, but it wasn't enough to avoid the mercy rule as the Warhawks picked up a 15-4 victory in just five innings.

The Warhawks combined for 13 hits in the victory as everyone got involved at the plate. Baker led the way with a big day, going three for three with three runs scored and three RBIs. Fonseca continued to hit well, going two for three with two runs scored and two RBIs. Thruman finished the game going two for three with one run scored and three RBI as well. Renz shared that the consistent production, offensively and defensively, from players like Fonseca, Thruman, Morgan Blair, Radaszewski, Bohnsack, and Reese Raisbeck is what has kept this team going through their run. Renz added, "Ava Heidenreich has also returned from injury to help solidify the infield."

While it doesn't seem like the Warhawks could get much better than where they are right now, Renz still sees room for refinement. "We can improve upon our aggressive baserunning strategies and our timely hitting," Renz said, explaining, "In some games, we have left a lot of runners on base."

Warren-Stockton will look to continue their run this Thursday, April 20 when they play host to the East Dubuque Warriors at 4:30 p.m. East Dubuque has struggled out the gates, getting off to a 3-9 start on the season.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN

The not so skinny cook

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

Ham and Arugula Salad with Orange Vinaigrette

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

¼ C. orange juice
2 T. olive oil
1 T. Dijon mustard
1 t. orange zest
2 t. honey
Salt and pepper to taste
4 C. baby Arugula
2 C. cubed ham
1 C. thinly sliced red onion
½ C. slivered almonds
2 T. dried cranberries
1 C. orange segments

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

Asparagus with Panko and Mozzarella

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

1 lb. asparagus, trimmed
1 T. extra-virgin olive oil
½ t. salt
½ t. pepper
¼ C. panko breadcrumbs
1 T. extra-virgin olive oil
¼ t. red pepper flakes
1 C. shredded mozzarella

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

Crescent Chicken Casserole

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

½ C. mayonnaise
2 T. flour
1 t. chicken bouillon granules
1/8 t. pepper
¾ C. 2 % milk
2 C. frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
1½ C. cubed cooked chicken breast
1 tube (4 oz) refrigerated crescent rolls

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

Hamburger Stroganoff with Poppy Seed Noodles

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

1½ lbs. lean ground beef
½ C. chopped onion
2 T. butter
2 T. flour
½ t. salt
1 garlic clove, minced
¼ t. pepper
1 can (4 oz.) mushroom stems and pieces, drained
1 can cream of chicken soup
1 C. sour cream

Noodles

8 oz. wide noodles, cooked and drained
2 t. poppy seed
1 T. butter, melted
Chopped fresh parsley

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

Fresh Strawberry Sheet Cake

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

1 C. unsalted butter, softened
1½ C. sugar
1 box (3 oz.) strawberry Jell-O
3 eggs, room temperature
2½ C. flour
½ t. baking powder
½ t. baking soda
¼ t. salt
1 C. whole buttermilk
½ C. finely chopped fresh strawberries

Frosting:

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
¼ C. unsalted butter, softened
½ t. vanilla
¼ t. salt
6 C. powdered sugar
1/3 C. finely chopped strawberries

Halved strawberries for garnish

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

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JDCF announces annual frog walk and frog call survey

On Friday, April 21, bring the whole family to the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's annual frog walk beginning on the east side of the Meeker Street footbridge along the Galena River Trail in downtown Galena, IL. It begins at 6 p.m. It is a great event for kids, and participants will learn about the difference between frogs and toads as well as how to identify them by their sound or "call". The even it free to attend and RSVPs not needed. This is a catch and release event.

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

•Kitchen

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

Final Thoughts

The grass is greener, my tulips are popping up, and it is time to think about lawn mowing. The one mark of danger has been the fire threat we have had because of all the wind. I know people have been wanting to take care of brush piles but give the fireman a break. Wait for rain and less wind. When the weather gets nice, we all get the itch to be outside "doing" things. Please be safe yourself and that will keep others safe. Hats off to the Village of Lena and the Lena Park District. We got a nice spring/summer info sheet from the village. I appreciate the mayor and board giving us the information and the reminders. The park district has its information online and in print form. We really are getting ready for spring and summer.

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

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Most children have the mildest form of periodontal disease, known as gingivitis. Since this stage is generally not painful, it is important that you recognize the most common symptoms of gingivitis and report these to your child's dentist. These include red, enlarged gums and bleeding while brushing or flossing. If left untreated more advanced symptoms can develop, including gum recession, loose or separating teeth, and changes in bite and/or jaw alignment.

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

It is critical to know that some of the symptoms of periodontal disease can be the result of systemic disease. Overgrowth of gum tissues that may appear dark red or purple, gingival bleeding, oral ulcers and petechiae, accompanied by swollen lymph glands, fatigue, and sudden weight loss can be seen in acute and chronic leukemias. Gingivitis, periodontitis, xerostomia (dry mouth), and oral candida(yeast) infections can indicate undiagnosed diabetes or poorly controlled diabetes.

Early diagnosis and treatment are critical for disease control. This is why your dentist performs a periodontal check during your child's routine dental checkup. Early treatment can prevent periodontal disease from causing permanent damage. If your dentist suspects an underlying medical condition, a referral to your pediatrician will be given.

Aggressive periodontitis, in the absence of systemic disease or plaque build-up, can rapidly lead to detachment of the periodontal ligament and destruction of alveolar bone. If your child is diagnosed with aggressive periodontitis, it is important to notify your family members. Aggressive periodontitis can run in families, so it is critical that they report this diagnosis to their children's dentist. If you suspect that your child may have gingivitis or periodontitis, make an appointment with your dentist immediately.

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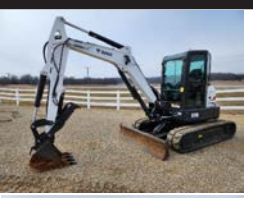

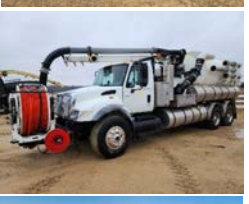

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WOLF LINE OF EQUIPMENT: International 766 Tractor, Canopy, 3pt, PTO, Very Nice Tractor, International 656 Utility Tractor, G, Canopy, 3pt, PTO, 2 Hyd Remotes, Case IH 900 Cyclo 4R Planter, Dry Fert, Vermeer BC906 3pt Wood Chipper, MacDon 4000 Haybine, One Owner Very Nice, International 12' Disk, John Deere 15' Disk 21" Blades, Very Nice, John Deere 235 Wing Disk, Hyd Fold, Cone Blades, Clean Disk, Case IH 4800 Culitivator, Hyd Fold, 3 Bar Coil Tine Harrow, Case IH 720 4B Plow, Auto Resets, Nice Selection Of Working Equipment.

FARM EQUIPMENT: 17' Krone Big X 630 Self Propelled Chopper, C/A/H, 4x4, Auto Steer, Mapping, Kernal Processor, 2 Spouts, 1,590/1,090 Hrs, Krone Easy Collect 750-2 10R Chopping Head, Krone 12' Hay Head, Snapplage Adapter, Very Nice Units, Case IH 8930 Tractor, C/A/H, 3pt, PTO, MFWD, 4 Spd Reverser, 7,119 Hrs, Nice, 96' Case IH 9350 Articulate Tractor, L10 Cummins, 12 Speed Trans, 4 Hyd Remotes, 18.4R42 Duals, 3,368 2 Owner Hrs, 99' John Deere 9400 Articulate Tractor, C/A/H, 24 Spd, Rear Weights, 3pt, PTO, 4 Hyd Remotes, Lots Of Paper Work With Tractor, Kubota L4060 Loader Tractor, D, 4x4, Hydro, 3pt, PTO, 1 Hyd Remote, 2-John Deere 2155 Tractor, D, Orops, Turf Tires, 3pt, PTO, 1 Hyd Remote, Ford 3930 Utility Tractor, Orops, Canopy, 3pt, PTO, 1,815 Hrs, New Holland Boomer 3050 Loader Tractor, Cab/H, CVT Trans, LFH Reverser, 3pt, PTO, 1 Hyd Remote, 701 Hrs, Case IH 485 Tractor, 3pt, PTO, 2 Hyd Remotes, 5,301 Hrs, John Deere 7800 Self Propelled Chopper, C/A/H, Hydro, 4x4, 05' John Deere 645B Hay Head, John Deere 678 8R Chopping Head, Case IH 8R Corn Head Adapted To The John Deere 7800 Chopper, Glenco 9 Shank Disk Chisel, Very Nice, International 1-PR 1R Picker, Kuhn GA4230T Rotary Rake, New Holland 355 Mixer Mill, John Deere 230 24' Disk, Case IH 1200 6R Planter, 30" Rows, PTO Pump, Clean Planter, John Deere 820 9' Haybine, New Holland 154 10 Wheel V Rake, Vermeer 605L Round Baler, Case IH RBX562 Round Baler, New Holland 644 Round Baler, Kuhn Knight 1215 Manure Spreader, New Holland 519 Manure Spreader, Patz V350 Vertical TMR Mixer, EZ Trail 3400 Gravity Wagon, John Deere 7000 2R 3pt Planter, DMI Tigermate 42' Cultivator, 13' Krause 8000-25 Vertical Till Disk, Rolling Star Wheels, Rolling Basket, Very Nice, Hardi 3pt 90' Sprayer Booms, Demco 850 Towable Sprayer, Top Air TA1200 Sprayer, Redball 570 1200 Gallon Sprayer, New Holland TD5050 Tractor, C/A/H, MFWD, New Holland T4.75 Tractor, C/A/H, MFWD, John Deere 5065E Loader Tractor, MFWD, John Deere 4720 Tractor, C/A/H, PS, John Deere 8520T Tractor, C/A/H, PS, Row Crop, Case IH MX120 Tractor, C/A/H, 16 Spd Trans, John Deere 980 28' Field Cultivator, 2-DMI Tigermate 48' Cultivator, Case IH FHX300 Chopper, Case IH 3R Corn Head, John Deere 693 Corn Head, New Holland FP230 Chopper, Hay Head, Corn Head, Processor, One Owner Unit! 19' New Holland 210 Discbine, Rubber Rolls, One Owner, Nice Mower, 15' Kubota Silage Special Round Baler, 4,800 Bales, Net Wrap.

VEHICLES & TRAILERS: 07 International 7400 Workstar Vactor 2100 Series Truck, Automatic, Tandem Axle, Air Brakes, 8,000 Hrs, 27,495 Miles, 06' International 7400 Workstar Vactor 2110 Truck, D, Automatic, Single Axle, Air Brakes, 23,556 Miles, 08' Ford F450 XL Super Duty Dump Truck, Gas, 2wd, Stainless Steel 9' Dump Body, 27,148 Miles, 06' International 4300 Box Truck, D, Automatic, Hyd Brakes, 16' Van Body, 368,509 Miles, 1987 Peterbilt 379 Semi Tractor, Sleeper, Air Brakes, Air Ride, Bad Motor, Sells As Is, 2018 Dodge Ram 5500 Heavy Duty Truck, Diamond Plate Flat Bed, Standard Cab Automatic, 65,000 Miles, 19' Econoline 21' Tilt Bed Gooseneck Trailer, Tandem Axle, 16K GVWR, 22' Aluma 25' Car Trailer, Tandem Axle, Ramps, 5,200# GVWR, 20' Gator 30' Gooseneck Trailer, Tandem Axle, Fold Down Ramps, 16k GVWR, 05' Great Dane 53' Reefer Trailer, Thermo King Cooler, Air Ride, Swing Doors, Tandem Axle, 99' Great Dane 53' Reefer Trailer, Air Ride, Tandem Axle, Thermo King Cooler, Swing Doors, 07' Wabash 53' Van Trailer, Air Ride, Tandem Axle, Reefer Removed, 11' Wabash 53' Van Trailer, 17' Loadmax 32' Gooseneck Trailer, Tandem Dual, Fold Ramps, 16' Dodge 2500 Ram Pick Up Truck, Crew, 4x4, Gooseneck Hitch.

LAWN & GARDEN – GOLF/RECREATION: 19' John Deere RSX860M UTV, G, Power Steering, Manual Dump, 35 Hrs, 386 Miles, 19' John Deere 865M XUV Gator, D, Hyd Dump, 528 Hrs, 1,026 Miles, Ventrac 3400 Articulate Tractor, G, Hydro, Snow Blower, Sweeper, Snow Plow, Municipal Machine, 16' Kubota 900 RTV, D, Orops, Hyd Dump, 1,250 Miles, One Owner, John Deere 1600 Turbo Series II Wide Area Mower, D, 4x4, Hydro, 2,160 Hrs, John Deere 1600 Turbo Series II Wide Area Mower, D, 4x4, Hydro, 2,560 Hrs, Ty-Crop MH400 Top Dresser, Hyd Drive, 2 – Salsco Greens Rollers, 3 – Kubota RTV900 UTVs, Kubota RTV1140 UTV, Orops, Hyd Dump, Kubota RTV X900 UTV, Cab/H, Hyd Dump, Snow Plow, John Deere 620i Gator, G, Power Dump, John Deere 620i Gator, Gas, Manual Dump, Ball Catcher, 4 – John Deere 997 Zero Turn Mowers, D, 60" Decks, 2 – Toro 5000 Series Zero Turn Mowers, Gas, 60" Deck, 2 – John Deere 1435 Front Mount Mowers, D, 60" Deck, Side Discharge, 2wd, 3 – John Deere 1550 Front Mount Mowers, D, 60" Deck Rear Discharge, 2wd, 04' Kubota BX2200 Compact Mower Tractor, D, Hydro, 4x4, 160 Original Hours, Jacobsen AR-522 Wide Area Mower, D, 4x4, 2,500 Hrs, 04' John Deere X475 Lawn Mower, G, Hydro, 60" Deck, Power Flow Bagger, 400 Hrs, 21' John Deere Z355R Zero Turn Mower, 2 – 21' John Deere X350 Lawn Mower, G, Hydro, 38" Deck, 12' Toro 3280D Front Mount Mower, D, Hydro, 4x4, 72" Deck, 08' Toro 328D Front Mount Mower, Huge Selection Of Attachments.

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