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Village of Lena happenings

On Wednesday, May 17, the Village of Lena held a flooding and waste treatment plant meeting. Mick Gronewold of Fehr Graham discussed three main topics at this meeting with the first being the findings of the storm drainage investigation. There are several areas in town that have drainage path restrictions and blockages which cause storm drainage backup during heavy rain events as seen last August. Repair options for these specific areas were discussed.

The second topic of discussion was infiltration/

inflow (I/I) issues with the sewer system. I/I is excess stormwater or ground water that flows into the sewer pipes which can cause surcharges in the collection system. One promising solution to limiting I/I is to essentially line the sewer pipes from the inside to limit I/I and lessen the resistance of flow to help avoid surcharges and basement backups.

The third topic discussed was the upgrades that the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) needs. There have not been any major capital improvements done at the

WWTP since the late 1990's. Improvements are needed for the headworks, clarifiers, digestors and excess flow pond. These are all costly upgrades and funding options were discussed. To view the power point presentation used at this meeting, visit www.villageoflena.com >About>Village Information.

The Village of Lena recently passed a new truck route ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to limit the areas within the village where large trucks are driving. Most roads are not designed to carry the weight of

these large trucks, so the new truck route ordinance, over time, could alleviate some costs that come with additional road repairs. For questions or a copy of the ordinance, please call village hall at 815-369-4016.

The village board meets at village hall on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to see what is happening within the Village of Lena. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss, call 815-369-4016 to be put on the agenda for public participation.

Baker's no hitter catapults Broncos into state tournament

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos picked up their thirtieth win of the 2023 softball season with a pair of sectional victories over the Forreston Cardinals and the South Beloit Sobos. After capturing the regional championship, the Broncos opened up sectional play with a matchup against Forreston on Tuesday, May 23. It was the second meeting between these teams in 2023, with Orangeville winning the regular season matchup by a score of 5-3. The Broncos would turn things up a notch for their postseason battle.

It took little time for the Broncos to get out to an advantage as they drove in a run in the very first inning. After two quick outs, Addyson Wheeler took a walk to keep the inning alive. Following a Meghan Carlisle single, Anicka Kraft doubled to left field, driving in a run, and putting

Orangeville up 1-0.

Their early momentum carried into the second inning where the Broncos had their biggest inning of the day. A pair of leadoff singles by Isabelle Talbert and Hanna Broge got the inning started. A single by Laney Holland eventually drove in a pair of runs, tripling Orangeville's lead. Later, with two outs, Kraft singled up the middle, driving in another pair of runs and giving the Broncos a 6-0 lead.

Thanks to some solid pitching by Leah Baker, the Broncos managed to keep Forreston off the board until the seventh inning. The Cardinals drove in a single run in the seventh, but it was too little, too late as the Broncos went on to win 9-1. Baker pitched a complete game with three strikeouts and just four hits allowed.

At the plate, the Broncos were led by Kraft, who went

three for four with three runs batted in. Holland added two RBI of her own, and Carlisle was two for four with one RBI.

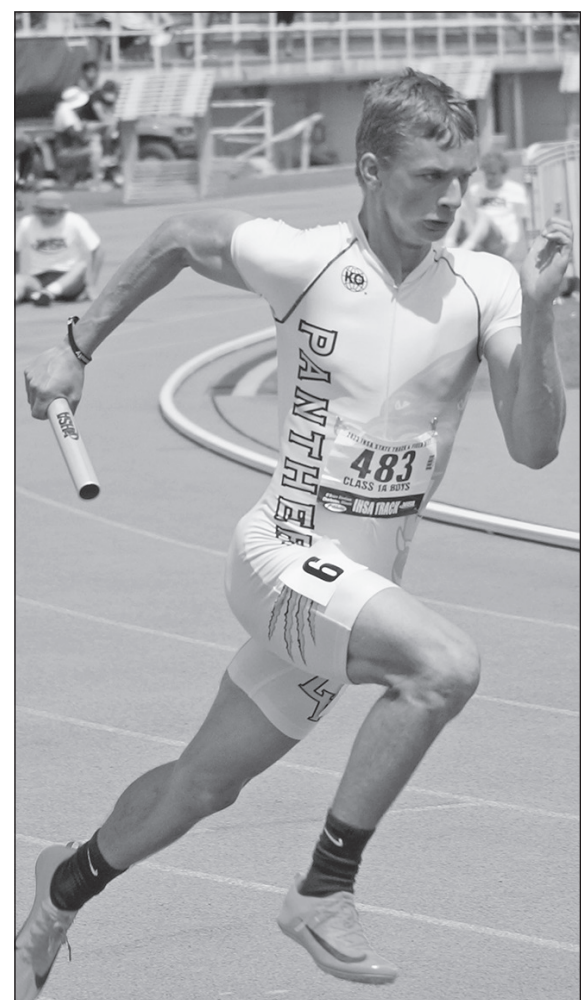
After a few days off, the Broncos were back in action as they met up with the South Beloit Sobos in the sectional championship. South Beloit was a bit of a surprise team to make the championship. The Sobos finished the regular season with a record of 10-10. In the postseason, South Beloit earned a pair of extra-inning victories, both by scores of 1-0. Their playoff magic came to an end against the Broncos, however.

A big reason for their halt of success was the work of Baker on the mound. Baker was lights out against South Beloit as she tossed a complete game shutout with a no hitter. With just three baserunners allowed on the day, Baker was nearly perfect for the Broncos.

Meanwhile, Orangeville took advantage of some sloppy defense by the Sobos. South Beloit had five errors in the game, while the Orangeville defense was clean with zero errors of their own. The defensive mistakes allowed five unearned runs to come in for the Broncos, which clearly played the deciding factor in this one.

Kraft continued her hot streak at the plate as she went one for two with one walk, one run scored, and two RBI. In all the postseason up to the sectional championship, Kraft had racked up 10 RBI as her bat has led the way through the playoffs.

The Broncos came out victorious in the sectional championship by a score of 6-0. The victory improved their record to 30-2 on the 2023 season.



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IHSA Class 3A State Track and Field finals

Alec Schlichting, a Lena Winslow freshman, runs in the state finals on May 27, 2023. The Panther sprinter helped his team run 2/10ths of a second faster in the finals than they did two days earlier in the prelims.

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Obituaries

DENNIS JANICKE

Dennis Paul Janicke, age 74, of Kent, IL passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023, at home. He was born in Freeport, IL on May 3, 1949, to the late Paul and Marian (Nichwander) Janicke. Dennis married Sara Yeoman on September 30, 1967, in Pearl City, IL.

He had worked for Modern Plating and Sunstrand then started his own business, Janicke Trucking. Dennis also had numerous side jobs throughout his life. He was a people person who was always making new friends and enjoyed socializing. In his spare time, Dennis liked woodworking, gardening, gambling, music, and dancing. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Sara Janicke; his sons, Rick (Teresa) and Dave (Tammy); his brother,



Harold Janicke; his sisters, Sharon Kuhlemeier and Peggy (Jim) Pegg; his brother-in-law, Jim Gorham; his 6 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Bonnie Gorham; his sister-in-law, Janice Janicke; and his brother-in-law, Vern Kuhlemeier.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at Hermann Funeral Home in Pearl City at 12 p.m. with a visitation that began at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at Kent Lutheran Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

GEORGE L. SCHANEY JR

George L. Schaney Jr, 68, of Lena. Passed away Friday, May 26, 2023, peacefully surrounded by his loving family, in his home. Born September 13, 1954 the son of George L. (Marietta) Schaney Sr. and Elizabeth (Kenneth) Baker. He attended Hononegah Community High School in Rockton. George married Rose Marie Flickinger August 23, 1974.

George joined the United States Marine Corps August 25, 1974. After his years of service, he later worked at Kent Cheese, and Menards for many years until he became ill in 2017. George enjoyed many outdoor activities. He was an avid fisherman and gardener. George enjoyed spending time with his wife at craft, garden, boat shows. Most of all George cherished his grandchildren.

George is survived by his wife, Rose Marie; Son, Jay (Alice) Schaney Sr. of Stockton; Daughter, Amanda (Jim) Klinefelter of Lake Carroll; Grandchildren, Eric (Shania) Schaney, Maranda Schaney, Jay Jr Schaney &, Olivia Klinefelter; Great-Granddaughter, Piper Schaney; and a great grandchild on the way. Brothers; Clifford (Wil-



ma) Merrill of Las Vegas, Corke (D e b r a) Schaney of Cedarville, Sisters; Lou (Jim) Forholt Webster, FL, Penny Hauck, Laurie Rodriguez of Lincoln Nebraska. His faithful companion Livy.

He is predeceased by his parents, Father-in-law Jay B. Flickinger, Mother-in-law Ethel Flickinger.

George's family would like to extend a special thank you to Northern Illinois Hospice for providing excellent care over the past few months. They would like to extend and extra "thumbs up" to his nurse Laurie and caregivers Chere and Paige.

Services will be held Friday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Van Brocklin- Florence UMC 3582 S Bolton Rd Freeport, with Pastor Chuck Wolbers officiating. There will be a visitation on Thursday, June 1, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Walker Mortuary in Freeport, IL. Burial will be at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Freeport. Condolences may be shared at www.walkermortuary.com.

STEVEN W. HUGHES

Steven W. Hughes, age 76 of Lena, IL, died Saturday, May 27, 2023 at SSM Health Monroe Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 26, 1947 in Belmont, WI; the son of William and Blodwyn (Roberts) Hughes. He was a graduate of Lena-Winslow High School. Steven married Susan "Sam" Duth at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kent, IL on September 2, 1966.

He was proud to have served his country in the Illinois National Guard. He was a carpenter for Lena Builders for several years, then pursued a career as an insurance agent. Steve was a member of the Lena United Methodist Church. He had a passion for music and loved to sing and play guitar. He was possibly one of the biggest Gordon Lightfoot fans ever. Reading was also one of his passions. He loved visiting with his clients, many friends and "The Neighbors." Of course spending time with both his grandsons took priority over everything else.

He was preceded in death



by his parents; grandparents; one brother, Terry Hughes of Rock Falls; and one sister, Pamela Blomquist of Morrisson, IL. Survivors include his wife, Susan "Sam" Hughes of Lena; two children, Scott (Sonya) Hughes of Shalimar, FL and Sarah (Michael) Eveland of Stockton, IL; two grandsons, Mitchell Eveland of Lena, IL and Nicholas Eveland of Stockton, IL; one brother, Bob (Suzette) Hughes of Janesville, WI; two sisters, Diana Williams of Plano, TX and Kris (Lyle) Mokros of Platteville, WI; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Special thank you to SSM Health Monroe Hospital, Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center and FHN Supportive Care Staffs.

Per Steve's request, there will be no visitation or service. Cremation rites will be accorded. Condolences may be shared with his family at www.walkermortuary.com.

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WILLIAM BROOKS

William Robert Brooks, age 90, of Stockton, IL passed away Friday, March 17, 2023, at the VA Hospital in Madison, WI. William was born on May 10, 1932, in Fort Dodge, IA to the late William and Abby (Collins) Brooks. William married Nancy Boekholder on Nov. 17, 1962, at St. Joseph's Church in Freeport, IL.

William was a graduate of Fort Dodge High School and St. Ambrose University. He proudly served in the United States Navy. William was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton and the Model Airplane Club. He had worked as a Quality Control Manager for Eaton. William enjoyed reading, building model airplanes, tinkering, and



remodeling. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Brooks; his daughters, Thea Brooks and Lisa (David) Craig; his son, William Brooks; his eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Elaine; and his granddaughter, Haley.

A service will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church with a visitation at 9:30 a.m. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

MARITA MOORE

Marita Moore passed away Wednesday May 24, 2023. She was born Jan. 26, 1926, in Stockton, IL to the late Walter and Mary Ellen (O'Halloran) Creighton. She graduated from Stockton High School in 1943 after which she attended St. Francis School of Nursing in Freeport, IL. She married Clyde "Sandy" Moore on May 12, 1945, and was a stay-at-home mom until her youngest child started school.

Marita was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena, a member of Lena Woman's Club, Lena Historical Society, a 50-year member of Lena Home Extension, a member of Micro Switch/Honeywell 25-year club, a member of the Red Hat Society, and had belonged to several card clubs. After retiring from Micro Switch/Honeywell in the purchasing dept., she worked as a home nurse/companion at FHN, volunteered at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard working with young moms, and was a volunteer at FHN. Marita loved to entertain and was a wonderful cook and baker. Marita and Sandy enjoyed many years of traveling together. Marita took her dream trip to her ancestor's homeland in Ireland while in her 80s.

She is survived by her three children: Gary (Sharon) Moore of Freeport, La Rae (Gene) Gothard of Savanna, and Karyn (Bob) Collier of



Freeport. She is also survived by her son-in-law Sam Gadola, of Hardwood Hts.; seven grandchildren; Mark (Kathryn) Moore of Tennessee, Becky Moore of Machesney Park, Tony (Kendra) Gothard of Savanna, Tracy Madura of Bolingbrook, Robyn (Josh) Joens of Shannon, Troy Collier of Freeport, and Brian Gadola of Hardwood Hts.; 14 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Sandy, her daughter Roberta Gadola, sister Wilma Groom, and brothers Regis, Cecil, and Norman Creighton.

A memorial mass was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena, Illinois. A visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lena, Illinois.

Father Peter Snieg will officiate the services. A private family burial will take place at Lena Burial Park in Lena, Illinois. A memorial fund has been established in her name. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

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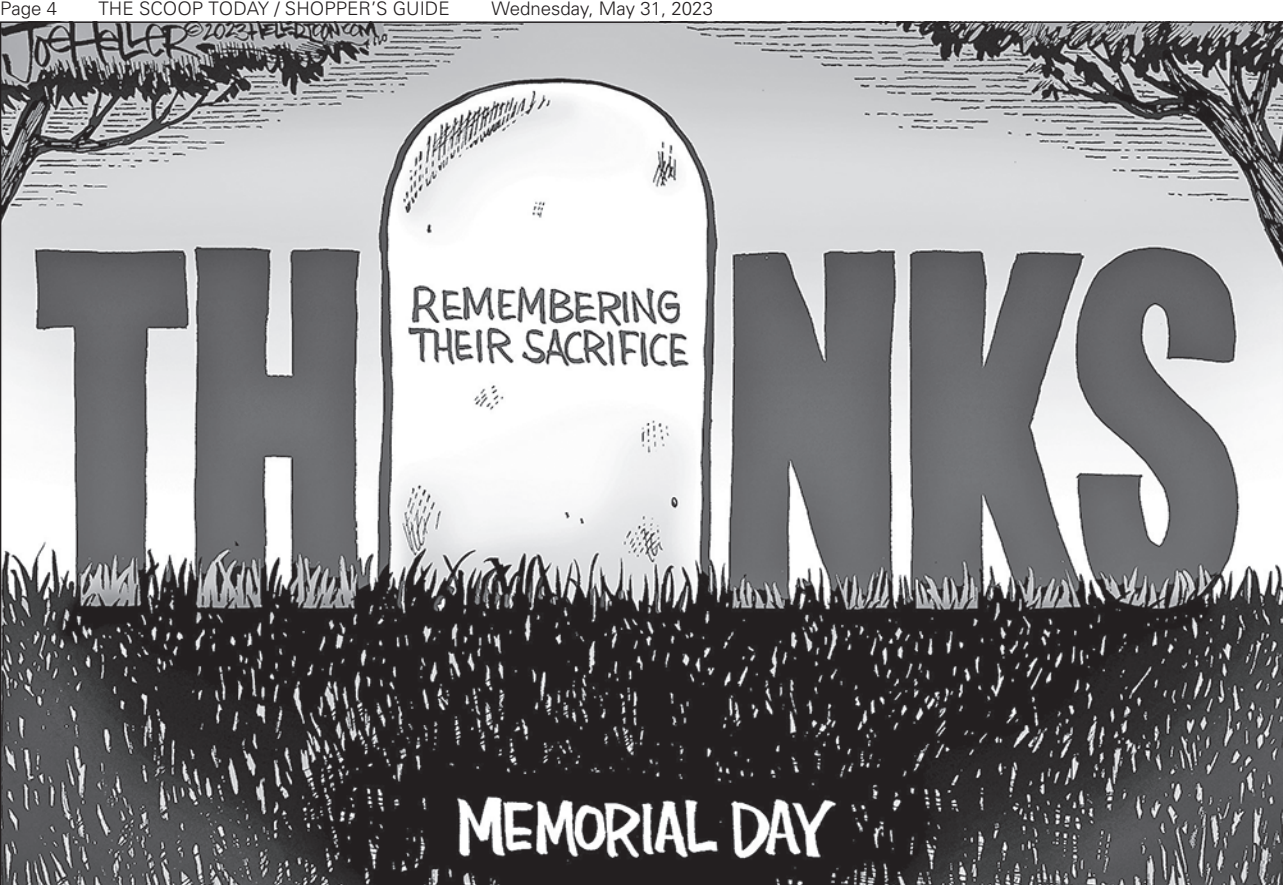
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Memorial Day is such an important day in our country. The emphasis it places on the humility and sacrifice of those who fought and died for freedom and liberty in the land is wonderful. It should motivate the young and old to aspire to attain these qualities as well. It was on May 30, 1868, that General John A. Logan declared a "Decoration Day" to honor veterans who had fought and died in the Civil War. It was observed at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's war and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the U.S.



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

I have had the privilege of being at this beautiful cemetery sixteen different times. The first time I was there was when I had just finished my junior year of high school. It was my privilege to attend the FFA Washington Leadership Conference that year. The memory is very clear in my mind. First of all, I was taking my first jet airplane ride and that in and of itself was rather breathtaking. Secondly, I had never been that far away from home before and thirdly, I was a green little farm boy getting my first experience of a major city. Upon arrival in D.C. I was met by some of the directors of the conference and driven to our hotel where we had some time to get to know our roommates and relax a little before attending a very formal banquet given by some of the congressmen on our behalf.

We all sported the official dress of the FFA. We looked incredibly sharp in our black pants, white shirts, gold ties and navy blue FFA jackets. We had several sessions to attend throughout the week to teach us about leadership, character, and such. There was also plenty of time to tour museums, listen to speakers, attend seminars, and tour this historic city. Arlington Cemetery was definitely a highlight as I stood breathlessly watching the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The precision and authority with which these guards went about the ceremony left an immense impression on my young seventeen-year-old mind and it has never left. Later when I was chaperoning eighth students year after year on their own D.C. trips, I was able to experience the same emotion with them that I had on my first trip. It has been such a privilege to be able to experience this and I'm so thankful to have been able to go so many times over the years.

Where would we be without the sacrifice of so many of our military heroes. These men and women of valor went about their jobs with total dedication to the citizens of this great land. They sacrificed their own futures because they felt it was their honor and duty to

As I recall, there were over a thousand of us there from all over the country.

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Letter to the editor

We would like to acknowledge the time and effort of Dennis Young in his years as manager of the Stockton Memorial Park. Dennis is heading into a well-deserved retirement. He always had the Park well-manicured, the sports fields ready for games, and the pool ready to go. He would go above and beyond

with requests for picnic tables positioned for family reunions and other gatherings, and the sidewalks were always cleared of snow. Thank you, Dennis, for your service to Stockton Memorial Park.

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Church news

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the first Sunday after Pentecost and Trinity Sunday on June 4. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle Knight presiding.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Outreach will be Sunday, June 4 at 10 a.m. in Luther Hall. Start a shawl or quilt or work on one already started. On Tuesday, June 6 dominoes will be played in Luther Hall.

All are invited for a fun morning of dominoes and fellowship.

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet at Garden View Restaurant on June 7 at 7:30 a.m. Any men in the Pearl City and Lena area are invited to attend.

The third night of Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place on July 2. A meal will be served from 5 to 5:20 p.m. for families to enjoy. The children will rotate through stations of Bible study, crafts, and music. Confirmation stu-

dents will be helping. VBS will continue this summer on August 6. There is no charge to participate.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is an ELCA parish and is located at 229 S. First St., in Pearl City. The church is handicapped accessible. Please call 815-443-2215 for information or with any questions.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, June 4 for Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. The reading will be from Matthew 28:16-20.

On Wednesday, June 7

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.

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.

News briefs

July Raffle

The Sons of the American Legion in Lena are once again selling raffle tickets for the month of July. During July, one ticket will be drawn every day but Sunday. The July 4 winner receives \$500, Saturday winners get \$100, and weekdays winners get \$50.

Tickets are \$10 each and are eligible to win every day. The proceeds from this raffle go to sponsoring The American Legion Baseball team, Boys State, Girls State, and other Legion programs. For tickets or more information, please call 815-369-4684

or jamcps54@yahoo.com

County American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Orangeville American Legion Post 720 will host the annual County American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Orangeville Village Hall, 301 S. East Street, Orangeville, IL. The public is invited to attend.

Faded, frayed and unserviceable U.S. flags are properly and respectfully retired at this event. Unusable flags may be given to a Legion

member, Boy Scout, or Orangeville Village official.

Lanark Public Library

The Lanark Public Library and the Friends of the Lanark Public Library are kicking off summer reading with a special program on June 9 at 10 a.m. at the Lanark Heritage Center, 106 S Broad Street. All ages are welcome to learn about the beauty of the magnificent pelican and other wildlife, presented by "Hoo" Haven Wildlife and Educational Center of Durand. This event is free and will last about one hour

Illinois 73 bridge work begins May 30

The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that weather permitting, construction on the bridge carrying Illinois 73 over Cedar Creek in Stephenson County will begin Tuesday, May 30. The work zone is located

south of Winslow. Work includes deck patching, expansion joint replacement, concrete overlay installation and structure repairs. One lane of traffic with a barrier wall and signals will be utilized during the project, which is expected

to be completed in September. Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate

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TRUCK, CLASSIC CARS, TRACTORS, GAS ENGINES: 2016 Ford F 150, XLT, 4x4, EcoBoost, single cab, long box, 16,750 miles; 1935 Ford Deluxe Convertible, with rumble seat; 1917 Ford Model T, Touring edition; Massey Harris 50 Tractor, WF, 3pt., pto, S/N: 510485; Ford 8N Tractor, with pto belt pulley; Fordson Tractor on steel, hand crank, gas, belt pulley; Fordson Tractor on rubber, gas, non-running; IHC Cub, WF, with Woods 59 belly mower, S/N 92396; Farmall F12, non-running; IH 3200 series A Skid Steer, gas, hyd.; 1975 Jeep CJ5, gas, 4x4, 4sp., showing 19,553 miles with Western snow plow; **GAS ENGINES:** JD with JD Mag & cart; IH LA with McCormick Deering cart; IH LB with IH Mag & cart; Fairbanks Morse & cart; McCormick Deering & cart; Lindsay Alamo Type A & cart; Hercules complete engine & cart; Sattley Type L, IH Mag & McCormick Deering cart; Gas engine carts & parts.

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— Edward Keller Trust, Owner —

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EPA emissions proposal includes stricter limits for pickups, heavy-duty vehicles

By Timothy Eggert
FARMWEEK

Fewer vehicles essential to farmers and the ag industry, like pickup trucks and freight haulers, would be powered by internal combustion engines over the next 10 years under a set of proposals introduced April 12.

The U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) proposed stricter vehicle emission limits that would mandate up to two-thirds of new U.S. models be electric by 2032. Half of heavy-duty vehicles sold would need to be "zero emission."

EPA's rule would establish tailpipe emission standards for the 2027 through 2032 mod-

el years of light- and medium-duty vehicles, such as passenger cars, trucks and SUVs.

EPA also proposed a separate emissions rule for the 2027 through 2032 model years of heavy-duty "vocational" vehicles, like garbage trucks and school buses, as well as tractor-trailer trucks used for hauling freight.

That rule would require up to 50 percent of heavy-duty vocational vehicles and up to 25 percent of long-haul tractor-trailer trucks be "zero-emission" by 2032.

Taken together, the proposed regulations represent the strictest limits ever proposed by EPA.

They also serve as a mech-

anism to fulfill President Joe Biden's promise to cut in half U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and are backed by tax credits contained in the Inflation Reduction Act.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan in a statement called the proposed rules the "most ambitious pollution standards ever."

And asked later at a news conference if the rules would effectively jeopardize the future of internal-combustion engine manufacturing, Regan said they instead "create a conversation" around alternative fuel technologies and give the auto industry "options to choose from."

"We're not prescribing mandates, and we're not driving any particular technology out of business, so to speak," Regan said.

That perspective largely contrasts with liquid fuel advocates, who said the proposed rules ignore advancements made in lowering the carbon emissions of renewable fuels, like biodiesel or gasoline blended with ethanol.

"As this administration's own research shows, high-octane, low-carbon renewable fuels like ethanol can immediately deliver dramatic improvements in fuel efficiency and carbon performance when paired with the right engine technologies," Renewable Fuels Association President and CEO Geoff Cooper said in a statement.

"But today's EPA proposal unfortunately ignores the ethanol opportunity and instead declares EVs as the winner, despite mounting evidence that a headlong rush into elec-

trification could lead to a host of unintended environmental and economic consequences," Cooper said.

EPA is also facing doubts that its proposals are over-projecting the number of sales of electric vehicles and zero-emission vehicles expected by 2032.

The agency in its proposal for light- and medium-duty vehicles said it estimates at least 60 percent of new passenger vehicles sold in America would be electric by 2030 and up to 67 percent by 2032. Sales of new electric medium-duty trucks, the agency projects, would reach 46 percent by 2032.

In 2022, sales of electric vehicles made up only 5.8 percent of total new vehicle sales in the U.S., although they did account for 7.2 percent of sales in the first quarter of 2023.

EPA further expects the proposed rules for light-duty vehicles to result in a 56 percent reduction of greenhouse gas emissions compared to model year 2026, and for medium-duty vehicles to result in a 44 percent reduction.

Those proposals, combined with the proposals for heavy-duty vehicles, would together avoid the release of 10 billion tons of carbon dioxide emissions through 2055 and reduce U.S. usage of oil imports by 20 billion barrels, according to the agency.

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IHSA Class 3A State Track and Field finals

Nick Iden, a senior at Lena Winslow, anchored both all-state relays during the state finals. He was part of the 400-meter relay team that took third with a time of 43.16 seconds. They were also eighth in the 800-meter relay where the Panthers finished in 1 minute, 30.94 seconds.

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Lena-Winslow FFA annual Ag Day

On May 10 the Lena-Winslow FFA chapter held their annual Ag Day. It was fun for both FFA members and elementary students alike. The students learned about animals as big as a 2,000-pound heifer, and as small as a 2-pound bluegill. The chapter also built a hay maze, had a trivia wheel, and displayed varying agriculture equipment. Elementary students were educated on many different agricultural pursuits. Above, right: Kegan DeZell discusses his goats with elementary students.



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Above, left: Hudson Nevel talks to students about his dairy calf. Above, right: Madalyn Schierloh assists students as they explore a western riding saddle.



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Mika Schoger educates students about her beef cattle.

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LEGAL 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 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 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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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.

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NOTICE

Lena-Winslow CUSD #202 Board of Education in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties announces the availability of the Amended Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. The budget will be available for public inspection online at Le-Win.net or at the District Office, 401 Fremont Street, Lena, IL during normal school hours beginning on Thursday, May 25, 2023.

The Board of Education will hold a public hearing regarding the Amended Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Le-Win Junior High School library at 517 Fremont Street, Lena, Illinois.

Pete Conway
Secretary
Board of Education
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

VS.
Melissa S. Turner; Joseph S. Turner; State of Illinois - Department of Revenue; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC2
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Joseph S. Turner
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the

foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

604 Delores St
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and which said Mortgage was made by:

Melissa S. Turner
Joseph S. Turner
the Mortgage(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 312526; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Kathy Phillips
Clerk of the Circuit Court Jo Daviess County Courthouse
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on or before June 23, 2023, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

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Unhealthy Coping Mechanisms

Many people today are overwhelmed with stress. We all have different coping mechanisms or ways of handling stress. While you may not be aware of it, some of these coping mechanisms may be negatively affecting your health.

Persistent nail biting causes excessive wear on teeth, lacerated gums, microfractures in teeth and in severe cases, misalignment of teeth. Biting your nails puts your jaw in a protruding position which can lead to dysfunction of the joint. Germs transferred from your nails can lead to infections in your mouth. If a piece of nail cuts your gums, the infection can get in your blood. Warts on your hands can be transferred to your mouth as well.

Many people are not aware of the fact that they are dealing with their stress by grinding and clenching their teeth because they are doing it in their sleep. The forces generated by bruxism can be six times the forces your teeth undergo while chewing. Clenching and grinding your teeth can lead to tooth damage, jaw pain, headaches, joint damage, arthritis in the jaw joint, receding gums, and loss of teeth. Even if you are not experiencing any pain, a dental exam may show evidence of bruxism as noted by changes in the tooth surface, cracks, and fractures. To prevent further damage from bruxism, or the grinding and clenching of teeth, your dentist may prescribe a nightguard. The type of nightguard will depend on the type of bruxism habit, contributing factors, accompanying symptoms and extent of damage. A nightguard is designed to prevent damage from involuntary bruxism while you sleep. However, your dentist may prescribe wearing it during stressful daytime activities as you work to break the habit of grinding or clenching when tense.

It is important to be aware of biting habits and their consequences, so you do not allow them to develop into a chronic bad habit. Chronic biting can lead to irritated, inflamed, torn, or damaged oral tissues, which may allow pathogens to enter the body. Keep in mind that,



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
Illinois Licensed General Dentist

while chronic biting can be a nervous habit initiated by stress, it can also develop because of a malocclusion or bad bite. When the teeth do not meet together it is not unusual for oral tissues to get caught in the gaps. This should be evaluated by your dentist. If your biting habit is caused by stress, you may not even be aware of how often you are doing it until it becomes painful. Biting habits are often exacerbated by certain triggers. Try to be more aware or "catch yourself" when you start to bite. Take note of when you were doing it and what was going on, so you can identify and avoid these triggers, or find an alternate coping mechanism to reduce stress.

While I often recommend chewing sugarless gum if you are unable to brush your teeth after lunch at work or school, constantly chomping on gum to relieve stress can damage your temporomandibular joints (TMJ), orofacial muscles and teeth. In addition, repeatedly popping yet another new piece of gum in your mouth can lead to ingesting excessive amounts of artificial sweeteners or sugar alcohols, which can play havoc with your gut health. Do not chew gum with sugar in it as these feeds the bacteria that causes tooth decay and gum disease.

Ice is hard and brittle. This is enough to chip or crack teeth. While chewing on ice may help release some of your tension, it is wearing away your enamel and can lead to injuries to the gums. Fillings and teeth are further adversely affected by the expansion and contraction that occurs with the sudden temperature change.

Everybody reacts to stress differently. Becoming aware of what triggers your stress habit can help you to manage it. Here are some things to consider. Squeezing a stress ball helps relax clenched muscles and allows your body to release tension.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Summer is officially here. What a beautiful weekend weather wise. We celebrated a lot of wet Memorial Days, so this one was a treat! The warm weather has been good to get things started in the fields and gardens. There have been a lot of asparagus hunters out there, so we will feature some asparagus and rhubarb recipes this week. Have a great week cooking.

Three Cheese Cauliflower Casserole

1 medium head cauliflower cut into 1/2 inch pieces (about 10 cups)
 4 T. butter, divided
 1 T. canola oil
 4 oz. cream cheese, cubed
 3 1/2 C. shredded cheddar cheese, divided
 1 1/2 C. shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
 1 C. 2% milk
 Preheat the oven to 425. Place cauliflower on a 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking sheet. Melt 1 T. butter; drizzle over cauliflower. Add oil; toss to coat. Roast until lightly browned and tender, 20 to 25 minutes. In a saucepan, melt cream cheese and remaining butter over medium heat. Add 2 C. cheddar and 1 C. mozzarella and milk. Cook and stir until sauce begins to thicken, 1 to 2 minutes. Gently fold in cauliflower. Transfer to a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining 1 1/2 C. cheddar and 1/2 C. mozzarella. Bake, uncovered, until bubbly and cheese is melted, about 20 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

with salt and pepper. Remove and keep warm. Add butter to the drippings to melt; mix with breadcrumbs. Remove from heat. In a large bowl, combine the rhubarb, sugar, flour, and cinnamon; spoon into a greased 11 x 7 baking dish. Sprinkle crumbs over the top. Cover with foil and bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes. Remove foil. Arrange pork chops on top. Bake, uncovered, until heated through, 10 to 15 minutes.

Chicken and Asparagus Bundles

If you are looking for a special dinner entrée, this pairing of chicken and asparagus will be a showstopper. Just serve it with rice and a nice salad, and everyone will be happy.

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (6 oz. each)
 20 fresh asparagus spears, trimmed
 4 1/2 t. olive oil
 2 t. lemon juice
 1/2 t. dried basil
 1/4 t. dried thyme
 1/4 t. pepper
 1/8 t. salt
 1/4 C. chopped green onions
 2 t. cornstarch
 1 C chicken broth

Preheat oven to 350. Flatten chicken breast halves to 1/2-inch. Wrap each around 5 asparagus spears; secure with a toothpick. Place each in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Combine oil, lemon juice and seasonings in a small bowl. Pour over bundles. Cover asparagus ends with foil. Cover the dish and bake for 15 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with onions. Bake 25 to 30 minutes longer or until a thermometer reads 165 and asparagus is crisp-tender. Remove bundles to a serving platter and keep warm. In a small saucepan, combine cornstarch and broth until smooth; stir in pan juices. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove toothpicks from bundles. Serve with sauce.

Topping:
 1/3 C. flour
 1/4 C. sugar
 1/3 C. quick-cooking oats
 1/8 t. salt
 1/8 t. cinnamon
 2 T. butter

Preheat oven to 375. Place pastry into a 9-inch pie plate. Tip: I leave pastry out for a good 15 minutes before using it. I also roll it out a little thinner before putting it in the pie plate. Flute the edges. Refrigerate while preparing the filling ingredients. In a large bowl, combine the apples and rhubarb. In a small

bowl, mix the sugar, flour, and cinnamon; add to the apple mixture and toss to coat. In a small bowl, mix the first five topping ingredients. Cut in butter until crumbly. Transfer filling to crust; sprinkle with topping. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until topping is lightly browned and filling is bubbly. Cover edges loosely with foil during the last 20 minutes if needed to prevent over browning. Remove foil at end of cooking. Cool on a wire rack before cutting.

Rhubarb Upside Down Cupcakes

6 T. butter, melted
 1 C. plus 2 T. packed brown sugar
 2 C. chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
 1 pkg. white cake mix
 1 C. water
 3 eggs
 1/2 C. oil
 1/4 t. almond extract
 Preheat oven to 350. Coat 18 muffin cups with cooking spray. Spoon 1 t. melted butter into each prepared muffin cup followed by 1 T. brown

sugar and 2 T. rhubarb. Use the back of a wooden spoon to press it into an even layer. Bake until rhubarb just begins to soften, 7 to 8 minutes. Beat cake mix, water, eggs, oil, and almond extract in a large bowl with an electric mixer at low speed until moistened, about 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium and mix 2 minutes.

Pour batter over rhubarb in hot muffin cups, filling each just over 3/4 full. Return to oven and bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until a toothpick

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Rhubarb Pork Chop Casserole

Since rhubarb is in season, this unique way to eat it other than for dessert is in a good main course recipe. If you pair it with the cauliflower casserole, you have a great meal.

4 boneless pork loin chops (3/4 inch thick)
 1 T. canola oil
 Salt and pepper
 2 T. melted butter
 3 C. breadcrumbs
 3 C. sliced fresh or frozen rhubarb cut into 1-inch pieces
 1/2 C. packed brown sugar
 1/4 C. flour
 1 t. cinnamon
 In a large skillet, brown pork chops in oil; sprinkle

Apple Rhubarb Crumb Pie

It is traditional to pair rhubarb with strawberries for a pie, however, I was sent this pie that pairs rhubarb with apples. You can use Granny Smith or Braeburn apples if you can't find Fuji (or buy whatever baking apple is on sale). Enjoy this different pairing for a great dessert.

Refrigerated Pastry dough
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 3 T. flour
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TLP's production of *GREASE* is directed and choreographed by Daniel Gold with music direction by Oliver Townsend. The production features scenic design by Dan Danielowski, lighting design by Dylan Carter and sound design by Tyler Malone. Chelsey Steinmetz will return as Production Stage Manager.

Get out your leather jackets and pull on your bobby socks with Rydell High's senior class of 1959. It's a great time to come back to Timber Lake Playhouse and make lasting memories with friends and family. Information and tickets for all Timber Lake events are available online at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or by calling the Box Office at (815) 244-2035. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Lilac Care and Pruning course

University of Illinois Extension is offering a workshop on basic care and pruning of lilacs, just in time for homeowners to learn what to do at this time of the summer to ensure full blooms next spring. Extension Master Gardener Michael Iacomini will be presenting this program on Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m. at the Jo Daviess County Extension Office, 204 Vine St. Elizabeth, IL 61028. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is requested.

Iacomini will cover the basics of lilac care and the details regarding pruning them.

After the short presentation, the program will move outside where he will demonstrate proper pruning techniques. Several resources will also be provided.

To register, call the U of I Extension Office at 815-858-2273 or visit the website at go.illinois.edu/LilacCare.

The U of I Extension Master Gardeners are volunteers who have been trained in horticulture topics and are available to give presentation, assist municipalities with garden planning and design and other educational opportunities. The Horticulture

Helpline runs throughout the growing season, providing research-based answers to questions about lawns, trees, and gardens of all types. Master Gardeners can be reached through the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.



• Bridge (Continued from page 5)

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.

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• Freedom (Continued from page 4)

defend our freedoms. We should be extremely grateful, and we are. Jesus showed the ultimate sacrifice as well when He gave His life for all mankind. He knew exactly what the cost would be, and He unwaveringly gave it all. We read in Hebrews 12:2, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

When I think of Memorial Day, I always put Jesus Christ at the top of the

list of those to honor. He deserves our worship because even if all our liberty and freedom were taken away, and it's getting close to that now, Jesus would still be saying, we would still have our eternal life. Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest for your souls." Earthly freedoms are wonderful, but eternal freedom, peace and joy for the soul are what is even more important. Until next week, God bless.

• Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in muffin cups for 5 minutes before inverting onto a wax paper lined cooling rack. Serve warm drizzled with any syrup. Serve with vanilla ice cream and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Final Thoughts

We certainly couldn't have had better weather to celebrate Memorial Day. It was a perfect day for parades and programs. Thank you for the opportunities we had in our area to celebrate the many people who made sacrifices for our country.

It is hard to believe that we are charging into June this week. Lots of summer happenings have begun. Swimming pools are opening, boaters and fishermen are heading to rivers and lakes, and lawn mowers are buzzing all over the place. There are some great summer traditions that have started again. The Park Ministry concerts at Hickory Hill Campgrounds at Lake-Le-Aqua-Na have started

on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. On June 3 the New Vocal Blend will perform. The Lena Park series will begin soon on Sunday evenings as well as Music Under the Stars at Krape Park in Freeport. Several local residents play in the Freeport Concert Band. These are all free admission, so if you are looking for some cheap quality entertainment, drop in on these outdoor concerts.

There are a lot of beautiful flowers popping up all over town. Last week I said that I am looking forward to the gardens that are being planted. I think that most people have their gardens in, and we should be getting some fresh produce soon. If you have any summer vegetable or 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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Activities like golf or yoga require focus that can help take your mind off everyday stressors. In addition, stress hormone levels go down when you're active. If you work at a desk all day, get up, stretch, and walk around periodically to relieve the

strain on your shoulders, neck and jaw. Outside of work, even something as simple as taking a walk, jogging with a friend, playing outside with your kids, or gardening can give you a much-needed mental health break.

From protecting your life, to preparing for your future, let's discuss options to meet your needs.



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HCC Early Childhood Education program hosts successful open house



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Highland Success Coach Rachel Stewart, left, speaks with prospective Early Childhood Education students at an April open house held at the Children's Hands-On Museum at Lincoln Mall in Freeport.

The Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Highland Community College recently partnered with the YWCA Northwestern Illinois to host roughly a hundred visitors during an April open house at the Children's Hands-On Museum in the Lincoln Mall. "The spotlight and resources Illinois is bringing to the early childhood profession provide excitement and wonderful opportunities to our early childhood community," said Melissa Johnson, ECE instructor at Highland.

Highland's ECE program is committed to shaping the future of the early childhood

community in the district by providing education and opportunities for individuals seeking professional growth and investment in the future working with early childhood education.

At the open house, Highland brought together staff and a mentor to speak about the relevance of higher education, including representatives of advising and financial aid offices. About 95 prospective students looking to earn a certificate or degree and little ones stopped by the event.

The Highland Early Childhood Program is a member of the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) and a Gateways to Opportunity Entitled Institution. The ECE program has designed a stackable pathway to help support students' professional growth. With the

passage of the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Act in July 2021, students who earn an Early Childhood Education - Applied Associate of Arts degree are now able to transfer the entire degree as a package to four-year institutions that are a part of ECACE.

Since the passing of the ECACE Act, childcare resource and referral agencies such as YWCA's Child Care Solutions and institutions of higher education such as Highland Community College have been tasked with supporting the upskilling of providers to address the state's shortage of qualified early childhood educators and caregivers.

For more on the Early Childhood Education program, visit highland.edu or email melissa.johnson@highland.edu.

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