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Memorial Day weekend in Stockton

The Stockton American Legion will be placing flags on Veterans graves in the area for Memorial Day. If interested in assisting, meet at Ladies Union Cemetery at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. Flags will also be placed in Holy Cross Cemetery. Other cemeteries have already been assigned. Clubs and organizations as well as individuals, are welcome. The Cub Scouts will be helping this year.

Other activities for Memorial Day weekend are "Poppy Days" Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27. Members will be at local businesses passing out Poppies to raise money for disabled Veterans. Don't forget the Brat Fry fundraiser at Sullivans on Saturday. A Memorial Day service will be held Monday, May 29 at the High School Gymnasium at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



In honor of Memorial Day and remembrance of veterans, the Stockton American Legion will place flags on local veterans' graves on Saturday, May 20. Community members are invited to participate.

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Warhawks split games in final week of regular season

Trenten Scheidegger CORRESPONDENT

The Warren-Stockton Warhawks wrapped up their 2023 regular season with a trio of games last week. The Warhawks faced some quality competition in their final week of the softball season as they met up with Lena-Winslow, Winnebago, and Durand.

The Warhawks opened the week with an away game as they traveled to face off with the Lena-Winslow Panthers. Le-Win finished the season with an 18-9 record and would prove to be tough

competition for the Warhawks.

Warren-Stockton had one of their worst defensive performances of the season against a team that will make you pay for those mistakes. The Warhawks had 11 defensive errors as they never really gave themselves a chance. Despite having 10 hits on offense, Warren-Stockton managed just three runs as it just wasn't their day against the Panthers.

Adrienne Baker and Elaina Martin both had huge days at the plate despite the loss. Baker was a perfect four for

four with two runs batted in. Martin was right there, going three for four with three runs scored and one RBI. The duo combined for seventy percent of the Warhawks' hits on the day. Le-Win went on to win the game by a score of 9-3.

Fortunately for Warren-Stockton, the Warhawks have displayed an ability to bounce back from losses all season long. The Warhawks have only suffered consecutive losses one time this season, and that came as part of a three-game stretch where they suffered a pair of close

losses to Fulton.

The Warhawks put that ability on display once again when they played host to the Winnebago Indians on Wednesday, May 10. In a low-scoring affair, it took the Warhawks just one inning to get the runs they needed to come out on top.

Lauren Kehl led the way from the mound for Warren-Stockton. In seven complete innings, Kehl struck out six and allowed just four hits. With just one earned

run on the day, Kehl gave her offense the opportunity to come out on top despite a lack of production.

Warren-Stockton's runs came in the second inning as Baker got things started with a double down the right side. Maizy Fonseca followed up with a single to the left side and the Warhawks found themselves in business. Although Addy Bohnsack hit into a groundout, it was enough for Baker to score the game's first run. Before the

end of the inning, Fonseca reached home safely to give the Warhawks a 2-0 lead.

Perhaps the best news for the Warhawks was their cleanup on the defensive end. After a disastrous performance against Le-Win, Warren-Stockton had a clean game with zero errors against Winnebago. It was the type of defensive game the Warhawks will need if they want to make a postseason run.

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An Earth Day celebration

Illinois 4-H members came together on Earth Day, April 22, to plant oak trees at the Butterfly Farm. Stephenson County 4-H Program Coordinator, Brenda Heimmann, states, "This helped bring a special awareness to both our youth and the

community workers about the importance of planting trees, why we plant trees, and how to take care of them properly."

News briefs

Woodbine Bend Golf Course hole in one

On April 26, Woodbine Bend Golf Course had a hole in one. Troy Mulholland hit a 9-Iron from the blue tee's

measuring 143 yards to the pin. The hole in one was witnessed by Owen Logemann and Charlie Breed as they were kindly letting Troy play through. Congratulations, Troy!

Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop

Carroll County Help Center Thrift Shop is having a \$2 bag sale on infant and children's clothes through size

14 every Friday and Saturday in May. Customers can choose a free toy with each purchase while supply lasts.

Thrift Shop hours are Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located at 126 South 4th St. Savanna.

veterans at the Lena Memorial Day service, The American Legion has reinstated this as part of their service. To be sure that all local veterans are honored, the Legion is asking for assistance in collecting names of anyone veteran who has passed away since May 2022.

If you know a veteran that lived in Lena or was a member of the Lena American Legion that passed away, please email jamcps54@yahoo.com and include the time of their service.

Day weekend Friday through Monday, May 26 through May 29. Funds raised up to \$1500 will be matched through the "Hearts and Hands" program. Proceeds will go towards replacing Father Werner's grave cover. Contact Karen Reese for any questions at 608-568-3124 or dkreese@tds.net

Townsend Family Reunion

The Annual Townsend Family Reunion will be held Sunday, June 4 at the Townsend Cemetery. Pot-luck lunch will be at 12:30 p.m., with a walking tour of the cemetery to follow. Please bring a chair, table service, and a dish to pass. Tables will be provided. Join to learn more about the family members at their final resting place. If it is raining, meet at the Stockton Park house.

Bake and rummage sale

A Bake and Rummage Sale Fundraiser will be sponsored by Holy Ghost Court #228 of the 1891 Financial Life (National Catholic Society of Foresters) in the Holy Ghost church basement. The sale will take place on Memorial

American Legion to update Memorial Day roll call

After a few years not holding the roll call of deceased

A big thank you to everyone for the kindness and sympathy expressed to our family at this difficult time. The cards, notes, memorials, flowers, food and prayers will always be remembered! We weren't ready to say good-bye to Grandpa Roger, he has left a very big void in our lives, but we are happy to know he left with the angels on Easter morning to be welcomed home by family and friends and that we will all be together again. Thank you!

Mary Lobdell • Tim and Brenda Lobdell & family
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Gretchen and Tim Kempel & family
Abigail Bower & family

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Thank you to the ladies and others that helped me when I fell on my way into Sullivan's. Also, thank you to whomever went to tell Norma.

Erv Klaas

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Church news

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter and Graduation Recognition on May 21. A Worship Service with Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. with Pastor Michelle Knight presiding. Chancel Choir will sing. A reception for graduates will be held in Luther Hall following the service.

The Grace Meal will be served on Sunday, May 21. The menu is barbecue, Lutheran potatoes, carrots, applesauce, and a cookie. Reservations are due to the church office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 18.

The second night of Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the summer's Community VBS Family Nights will take place on June 4. 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 students will be helping. VBS will continue this summer on July 2 and August 6. There will be no charge for participating.

On Thursday, May 25 cards and dominoes will be played in Luther Hall at 1 p.m. All are invited for a fun afternoon of games.

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, May 21 for Sunday Worship Service. Holy Communion will be celebrated in this service. The reading will be from John 17:1-11.

On Wednesday, May 23 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.

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, May 21, 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, May 24 at 8 a.m. at Stella's Café, 100 N Main St, Stockton, Illinois. Everyone is welcome to join.

Obituary

KEITH WOLF

Keith Edwin Wolf, 93, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at the Monroe Hospice Home. Keith was born on Sept. 21, 1929, in Monroe, WI to Kermit and Hilda (Stauffacher) Wolf. He married Gladys Neuenschwander on June 1, 1953. Their 70th wedding anniversary would have been next month.

Keith was a lifelong farmer in the rural Orangeville area where his true passion was dairy farming. He also sharpened mower blades for his family and friends. Keith enjoyed traveling with Gladys. Keith was active in the Orangeville United Methodist Church. He also enjoyed searching round barns out across the country.

Keith is survived by his wife Gladys, of Freeport, IL, three daughters and one son; Doreen (Pat) O'Brien of Winnebago, IL, Donna (Doug) Lamb of Henry, IL, Tom Wolf of Orangeville, IL, and Dee (Russ) Robb of New Windsor, IL, seven grandchildren; Tim (Kendra) O'Brien, Kevin (Callie Sherman) O'Brien, Warren Lamb,



Mitchell Lamb, Brian Lamb, Caitlin Robb, and Nolan (Kristin) Robb, six great-grandchildren; K a e l a n

O'Brien, Landon Sherman, Carson Robb, Olivia Robb, Alex Lamb, Mia Lamb. He was preceded in death by his parents Kermit and Hilda Wolf, and his brother Howard.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the Orangeville United Methodist Church in Orangeville, IL. A visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at the Cramer-Leamon Funeral Home in Orangeville, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded. Pastor Roger Bronkema will officiate the services. A memorial has been established in his name for the SSM Health Monroe Hospice Home, and the Orangeville United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Sunday, May 21 will be the annual White Elephant and Bake Goods Auction. This will take place immediately after service around 11 a.m. on the lower level of the church.

Would you like to get more involved and enjoy the company of the congregation? Join for one of the monthly gatherings. Men's Night is held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. During this time the men spend time visiting, playing games, and getting to know each other better. Bible Study is offered 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Crafternoon is held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. During this time there are snacks, a brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to work on crafts individually or together. All of the above-mentioned events are hosted on the lower level of Salem United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join. For more information on any of these gatherings, you can contact salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.

Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation awarded grant

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) is pleased to announce that it is one of four grant recipients from the Community Foundation of Jo Daviess County's Future Fund. "We're very excited to announce funding for four grants this year. We received more proposals than ever before from throughout the County for a wide variety of projects and had to make some difficult decisions," said Eric Dregne, Community Foundation President.

JDCF received \$2,500 to have the informational brochures available at its seven public and two partner pre-

serves translated into Spanish. "For many native Spanish speakers, English is a second language. Therefore, it's important for us to offer our materials in the language they use for a more inclusive experience," says Kelly Myers, JDCF's Development Director.

According to the Community Foundation, "as the Future Fund grows, it will continue to provide grants to projects that will create a significant impact in Jo Daviess County, by improving family economic security, supporting education, and enhancing community development."

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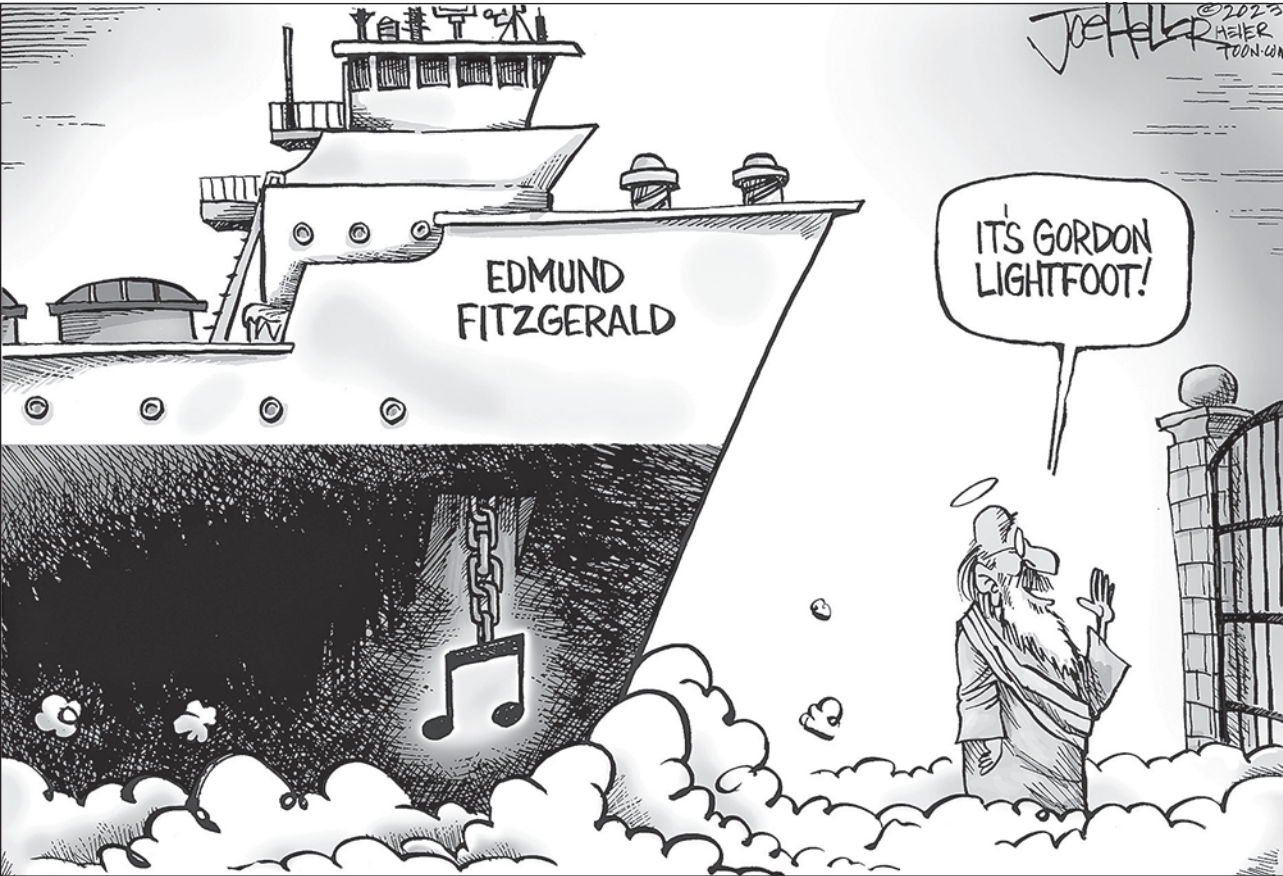
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Slices of life

Things I used to do



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

The last two years have been full of changes for me—both huge and incremental. Many of my readers have accompanied me on my journey, and for that I'm forever grateful. It's been fraught with grief, and sadness and even, at times, despair.

And then again, hope and growth. But sometimes—sometimes—you just have to find humor in the darkness. Dark humor I guess it is. So if you'll bear with me, here, I'll indulge in just a bit of that.

My husband was 56 when he died. He seemed young, but I wondered how young that really is, so I looked up the statistics online. For all males born alive, nearly 90 percent of them live past age 56. That puts my husband in the top 10 percent.

He was always an over-achiever. I guess you could say he left me in the lurch. Or at least alone. With memories of what I used to have, and what I have now. For instance:

I used to have a husband. Now I have an urn. He used to sit on the couch. He even had his own spot right in front of the TV. His long legs sprawled across the length of it, taking up lots of space.

Now he sits on a small table in my bedroom right near the window, where the sunshine and music of birds singing comes in during the early morning hours.

Despite this beauty, he is very contained. No more dangling legs.

He was forever charging his phone—or trying to, because he could never find his charging cord. The kids would steal it and it almost became a family joke (for everyone but him, and maybe even him now that I think about it).

I still keep his phone charged. It sits on my bedside table. I plug it in every morning. Once a week his phone reports back regarding the screen time used over the past seven days. In the last two years he's managed to whittle his screen time down to nearly zero. (Again, he was always an over-achiever.)

He was the family photographer, and made me smile for the camera everywhere we went.

No one makes me pose for photos anymore—at restaurants, at the zoo, on the boat, at the fleet store next to the baby chicks. I used to cringe at posing; now I realize I miss him making me feel awkward, as weird as that sounds.

He used to try to pack the car before vacations. But, honestly, he wasn't good at it. No, in all honesty, he sucked at it.

I don't have anyone to pack the car now (thank goodness). I do it myself, and don't have to do any repacking, but wish I did. Oh, how I wish for his mismanaged, lousy packing skills.

We used to get up in the morning together and make the bed together. He took one side; I took the other.

Now I get up whenever I choose. I make the bed myself. It is easy because I only have to make my side. The other side of the bed goes unused—neat and tidy. Making half the bed is so much simpler than making the whole thing, said no one ever.

Weekly connection

Moms are pretty special

This year I spent two Sundays waxing eloquently about the virtues of mothers and motherhood from the pulpit. Usually, we just give the moms one Sunday, but this year we decided to give them two weeks since they are such an important part of all of our lives. I think



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

it's true that mothers have

been uniquely gifted by God to nurture and guide children. My sermon this week was about such things. We looked at Proverbs 1 verses 8 and 9 where we read this, hear, my son, your father's instruction and forsake not your mother's teaching. I found

it interesting how we are supposed to just hear our father's instruction, but we are to do more than hear our mother, we are to act on our mother's teaching. We Dad's are pretty good at giving advice and orders, but it is the mothers who usually can work more patiently with the kids to actually help them figure out the issue at hand.

A few years ago, it started to be a trend that moms were coaching more and more little league baseball teams around the country than ever before. I think it is because moms tend to be more patient with the young ones. I do like getting out the baseball bat and ball and pitching to the grandkids, but they don't always want to work at it for very long. When I coached little league back in the day, I found that sometimes my fielders were more interested in

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Highland spring honors students present semester projects

Five Highland Honors students presented their spring semester projects in person and by video in the Clarence Mitchell Library at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Rd., Freeport, Ill. on Friday, May 5 Highland's Honor students created and designed the projects on a chosen topic.

The Honors Program at Highland Community College is designed to provide el-

igible students with enhanced educational experiences in select courses chosen in cooperation with college faculty. Students must maintain a 3.5/4.0-grade point average to remain eligible for the Honors Program. Students must possess an ACT composite score of 25 or greater, or 1200 out of 1600 on SAT, or finish in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. This is the 14th

year of the program. Honors program provides additional hands-on workforce and learning experience. Students work alongside an instructor to develop and complete the project. Topics vary from further research of a particular field of study, current events or trends, a course's curriculum, and the student's interests and goals. Students who presented

were:
Quinn Wilkinson of Mount Carroll created a 3D collapsible tray to be attached to a walker, from measurements through the creation of the parts.
Olivia Wilhelms of Freeport completed case studies on the toy and electric car battery industries, analyzing economic indicators to be able to forecast future trends.
Clara Bartels of Freeport

researched and completed a paper comparing and contrasting teachers' treatment, requirements, and daily life in 1923 and 2023.
Liza Lopez of Lena developed blueprints, performed cost assessments, and fabricated grate covers for a drainage system at a local kennel.
Destiny Overman of Warren presented two projects. On one, she completed a paper on the life of jazz icon

Billie Holliday, focusing on the rendition of "Strange Fruit" and the impact it had on the Jim Crow era. She also created a children's book that delves into death and the process of grief.
 For more information on the Honors Program, contact Evan Talbert at evan.talbert@highland.edu. For more on programs and classes at Highland Community College, visit highland.edu.

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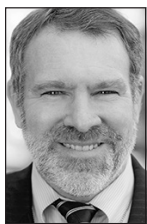
Inviting Illinoisans to identify statesmanship in Prairie State

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By John T. Shaw
 "A statesman," said the great Prussian diplomat Otto von Bismark, "is a politician who thinks of his grandchildren."

Three years ago, former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar and I decided to create the Paul Simon-Jim Edgar Statesmanship Award to shine a spotlight on remarkable leadership that is taking place in our state and our communities.

We were looking for Illinois



John T. Shaw

political leaders who are thinking about their grandchildren—and acting to create a better future for them.

The annual Simon-Edgar Statesmanship Award is presented to an elected state or local government official in Illinois who has demonstrated a pattern of public service characterized by vision, courage, compassion, effectiveness, civility, and bipartisanship.

I believe that Governor Edgar and Senator Paul Simon,

the founder of the Institute that I'm privileged to lead, represent the best of Illinois statesmanship. Governor Edgar, a loyal Republican, and Senator Simon, a steadfast Democrat, were always willing to work with members of the other party and independents to get things done for Illinois.

Governor Edgar and I are eager to receive and review nominations about inspiring leaders in Illinois—mayors who are crafting creative plans for their cities and making hard decisions to realize their aspirations; city council members who are committed to long-term strategies for their communities; and state legislators and constitutional officers who are willing to break from party orthodoxy to advance solutions that improve the lives of fellow Illinoisans.

For our inaugural award, we selected 11 Republican members of the Illinois General Assembly who supported a critical budget package in July 2017, breaking from their party in the interest of fiscal solvency for Illinois. That budget ended a two-year fiscal stalemate that tarnished Illinois' reputation, damaged schools, battered the state's credit rating, and led to about \$15 billion in unpaid bills. The 2017 budget paved the way for subsequent fiscal progress in the state as reflected in upgrades to Illinois' credit by rating agencies.

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the butterflies than going after the ball and throwing it back into the infield. Instead of yelling at the fielder like I would, the "mom coaches" would giggle and patiently ask the fielder to get after it. They had better success sometimes because of their patience. There can be a difference between a father and a mother in that way.

This Mother's Day was a little different from the last few that I can remember. For the first time in a long time my mom wasn't in her house on Mother's Day so I could drop off a card and some flowers as I usually do. A couple months ago she went to stay with my sister out in Montana to get a little rest and to spend some time with their family. My sister has lived out in Montana for a couple decades with her husband and family and hasn't had a lot of time with our mom. I'm pretty happy for all of them to have some time together. Mom's out there watching her grandkids play little league and pony league baseball games, going out for ice cream, taking relaxing rides in the country and all sorts of things. When she was

here in the farmhouse, she never had much time to do such things. She had a lot of work to do out in the yard and keeping the house clean. It's nice that she's getting the opportunity to get away from all that now.

It seems a little funny to drive by the empty home farmhouse though. Since we moved back to our home area some six years ago almost any time, I drove by the farmhouse I would see her lamp on next to her chair burning softly, and now it's dark when I drive by. I guess we are all entering a new chapter of life. It was sure nice to be able to drop in and chat with her these last several years. We were gone from the area for many years and only had limited days each year to see her and my dad.

God is good and He continues to lead us down the road to our eternal home one day. I hope you remembered to wish your mom a Happy Mother's Day, if your mom is still here. If not, find somebody else's mom and bless them with a little joy.

Until next week, God bless.

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I used to take life—and so many things—for granted. I used to take my husband for granted.

And then he got sick and he died, at age 56, putting him in the top 10 percent of his class. I guess that's an A, if death gives out report cards.

But I'm pretty sure that wasn't his plan for the end game, she said with a wry smile.

I used to have a husband. Now I have an urn.

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I'd challenge anyone to say anything else about it.

Enough said. No, go out and do it, whatever that is for you.

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Pritzker reflects on three years of pandemic as disaster declarations are set to end

End of state, federal orders will affect some federal benefits

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

In the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. JB Pritzker recalls being handed a report from researchers at the University of Illinois. The analysis was written by scientists and mathematicians who were trying to estimate how many deaths and hospitalizations would occur under different scenarios—one if the state took no action; another if it imposed only moderate mitigation measures; and yet another if it imposed significant measures such as a stay-at-home order. “And without any mitigations, their projection was, just in the Chicago area alone, we would see 40,000 deaths in approximately four months,” Pritzker recalled in an interview. He

said he still keeps a copy of that report in his office.

On March 9, 2020, Pritzker issued his first statewide disaster declaration related to COVID-19, a declaration he would go on to renew every 30 days for more than three years. In the following days, he would issue executive orders closing schools to in-person attendance, then closing bars and restaurants and, eventually, a general stay-at-home order that would shutter all “nonessential” businesses for months to come. “We were advised by the Department of Homeland Security that there were certain kinds of businesses that should be deemed ‘essential,’ and the Department of Homeland Security had a list that they had put together for these sorts of emergencies,” Pritzker said.

“And so that was what we used and what virtually every state used to determine what should stay open and how to keep people safe.”

Now, more than three years after he issued that first disaster declaration, the last of his pandemic-era executive orders are set to expire. Pritzker announced in January that Illinois’ disaster declaration would end on May 11, the same day chosen by the Biden Administration to end the federal COVID disaster declaration that also dates back to early 2020.

From a practical standpoint, most people won’t notice the end of the disaster declaration because the state pandemic-related orders that most directly affected their daily lives—school closures, mask mandates, limits on

public gatherings—have long since expired. But for some, it will mean the end of certain federally funded benefits.

“There are no restrictions,” Pritzker said. “Why was there a disaster declaration? Because in order for us to receive the federal benefits that were being offered to SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) recipients, who are the poorest people in our state, people who needed Medicaid, who are the poorest people in our state, you needed to match up your disaster declaration and executive orders with the federal government’s executive orders and disaster declaration. So we did that.”

Pritzker said some people will receive less aid through SNAP and some Medicaid recipients could lose their eligibility, but he said those changes will not have a significant impact on the state budget. The end of the disaster declaration will also mean that as of May 11, testing and many of the treatments for COVID-19 will no longer be free, although Pritzker said

they will be covered by insurance.

Looking back over the last three years, though, Pritzker reflected on what it was like during the initial weeks and months of the pandemic when scientists and public health officials all over the world were still trying to understand this novel virus. “We didn’t know much about COVID-19, or even how it was spread,” he said. “Remember early on, there was some belief that it could be spread on surfaces. And so, people were wearing gloves to open their packages and things like that. “So there wasn’t a lot of information. What we knew was that the most effective way to keep people safe in the early moments of this would be for people to keep some social distance.”

Over the course of the next several months, Pritzker held daily news conferences—usually accompanied by his public health director at the time, Dr. Ngozi Ezike—to relay the most recent information, announce new mit-

igation orders and provide the latest statistics on infection rates, hospitalizations and deaths. “Remember, communication to the public was vitally important when the federal government was providing very little,” Pritzker said. “And so that’s the reason why I was at that podium every day, for months straight. It was because people needed to know what the latest information was.”

By summer 2020, the state began to gradually roll back many of the mitigation orders on a region-by-region basis and by the end of the year, the first vaccines became publicly available. Throughout 2021, new variants of the virus would emerge, leading to temporary spikes in COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths. But as the vaccines became more widely distributed, the death and hospitalization rates started falling steadily, and in 2022 Pritzker began phasing out many of mitigation orders that had been in place.

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“Board members who worked on this project spent numerous hours to make cer-

tain that our district policies are in compliance with current laws and accommodates our students and the community,” said Dan Breed Stockton board president. “I want to thank everyone for the hard work to make this happen.”

“It took a number of hours and a lot of work from the entire team to complete this project,” added Superinten-

dent James Bunting. “We are committed to keeping this manual current and staying up to date with needed policy changes and additions.” The Board will use its subscription to IASB’s PRESS Plus service to keep its policy manual up to date going forward.

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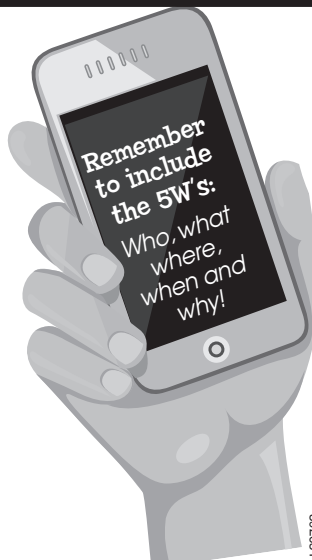
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General Assembly approves criminal sentencing reforms for minors

Measure supported by coalition of victim advocates

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Illinois lawmakers have approved a measure that reforms criminal sentencing for minors, particularly victims of child sex trafficking. House Bill 3414 adds to the factors that judges must consider in the process of sentencing children found guilty of a crime. The bill would require a judge to consider a child's involvement in the child welfare system, whether they have a history of domestic abuse or sexual exploitation and the results of any mental health evaluations the child has gone through. This is in addition to existing factors that judges already consider, such as age, maturity and potential for rehabilitation.

The bill also creates a method for judges to depart from

sentencing guidelines, including mandatory minimums, or to transfer a minor offender to juvenile court for sentencing. This would only be allowed if the child commits a crime against a person who had, in the previous three years, been convicted of one of several specific crimes including aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse of a child or engaging a child in prostitution, among other crimes.

The bill also adds to the factors judges must consider when a prosecutor asks to transfer a case to adult court. These new factors include whether the child has any involvement in the child welfare system, whether the child was subjected to "outside pressure" and the child's degree of participation in the crime. The measure

passed 33-20 in the Senate May 10 after passing the House on a 67-40 vote on March 22. It can become law with a signature from the governor.

Proponents of the bill say it is part of a nationwide movement to include protections in law for victims of child sex trafficking. These laws are sometimes called "Sara's Law" after Sara Kruzan, a survivor of child sex trafficking who killed her trafficker in 1995. After being sentenced to life in prison, Kruzan's sentence was later commuted, allowing her to be paroled in 2013. In 2022, Kruzan was granted a pardon by California Gov. Gavin Newsom. "We're giving the courts extra opportunities to check and see: Was this victim brought into this situation because of some sort of trauma?"

the bill's sponsor, Sen. Mike Simmons, D-Chicago, said in an interview.

The bill was supported by a coalition of state and national advocacy groups including the Juvenile Justice Initiative, the Women's Justice Institute, Rights4Girls, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

The Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Assault, or CAASE, took a leading role in pushing for the bill. "There's an understanding that youth require more support and more compassion than our system gives them," Madeleine Behr, CAASE's policy director, said in an interview.

Behr also said the bill is part of an ongoing movement toward racial justice in the

criminal legal system. "This is going to be really important for Black and brown girls in particular," Behr said.

A U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics report from 2011 found that over a two-year period, victims of sex trafficking were disproportionately Black and disproportionately Hispanic.

In the past few years Illinois has passed several high-profile criminal justice reform laws, including the broad-ranging SAFE-T Act that is currently under review by the Illinois Supreme Court. The high court heard oral arguments in March around several constitutional questions related to the bill.

Republicans in the Senate raised concerns with the bill, mostly around the fact that judges will have to consider additional factors even when

the perpetrator has not been the victim of abuse or trafficking. "The crimes we are talking about, where a person is being transferred to adult court, these are not retail theft," Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, said. "These are not minor crimes. These are the worst of the worst."

McClure added that some of the provisions in the bill already have similar considerations in law, such as if there was involvement in the Department of Children and Family Services or if the parent had been found to be neglectful or abusive. "In situations where there should be leniency, the tools are already in our statute to provide for leniency," he said.

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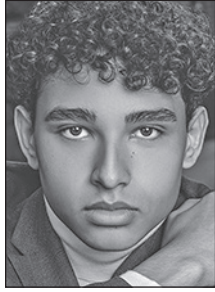
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• Warhawks

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On Thursday, May 11, the Warhawks wrapped up the regular season with another home matchup against the Durand Bulldogs. Warren-Stockton found themselves in another low-scoring matchup that came down to the wire.

After three innings, the Warhawks found themselves trailing 1-0. Warren-Stockton didn't get on the board until the bottom of the fourth when Bohnsack crushed a two-run homerun to put them up 2-1. Durand quickly responded with another run in the top of the fifth, tying the game at two.

In the bottom of the sixth, Bohnsack came up to the plate in a very similar situation to her last at bat. With one out, Baker had a runner on base after having a leadoff hit. That was the exact scenario in the fourth inning when Bohnsack hit her first homer of the game. Turns out, Bohnsack was extremely comfortable in those situations as she roped another two-run homer over

the center field fence. This time, Bohnsack gave the Warhawks a 4-2 lead.

Once again, Durand responded with a pair of runs in the next half inning. That tied the game at 4-4 and set the Warhawks up for an exciting finish.

In the bottom of the seventh, Martin stepped up to the plate with two outs. In a 1-1 count, Martin took the third pitch and drove it over the center field fence for a walk off homerun to win 5-4. The Warhawks couldn't have asked for a more exciting way to wrap up the 2023 regular season and head into the postseason on a high note.

Kehl tossed another gem, going seven innings with five strikeouts and just three hits allowed. Despite Durand putting up four runs, only one of them was earned as Kehl gave them fits all game long.

At the plate, Bohnsack led the way going two for three with two runs scored and four RBI. Martin was the only other Warhawk to tally an RBI, and it was an important one as it decided the game.

With the win, the Warhawks finished the season with a record of 15-6 as they appeared prepped for the playoffs.

Wildcats wrap up 2023 regular season

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats experienced their fair share of ups and downs in the 2023 baseball season. All in all, the regular season was a massive success for the Wildcats. After finishing 6-13 in 2021, and 8-13 in 2022, the Wildcats took the turn and finished with a record of 15-12 in 2023. Winning more games in one year than they had in the last two seasons combined, the Wildcats took a step in the right direction this year.

The Wildcats finished the regular season with a number of tough matchups that prepped them for the postseason. With games against Lena-Winslow, Belmont, and Forreston, the Wildcats got a good taste of what playoff competition feels like. RR-SM opened the week with a home game against the number one seed Lena-Winslow Panthers. Le-Win finished the season with a record of 14-6 and could potentially meet up with the Wildcats in the playoffs. RR-SM came into the game with a chip on their shoulders as they had something to prove, perhaps to themselves.

The Wildcats wasted no time in this one. In the bottom

of the first, RR-SM jumped out to a three-run lead. With two outs, Ben Richmond singled to left, driving in Maddox Knauer and Mason Smith to give the Wildcats the early momentum. RR-SM continued to pile it on in the second inning, when their lead grew to 5-0.

The Wildcats blew the game open with a four-run fifth inning. Joe Winter got the inning started with a leadoff single. Eventually, Camden Flack drove in their sixth run with a single to right. Before the end of the inning, George Winter hit a sacrifice fly that put RR-SM up 9-1.

There was no coming back from that deficit for the Panthers as RR-SM went on to pick up a 10-1 victory over the number one seed. Richmond led the way offensively, going two for four with two runs batted in and one run scored. Flack was also two for four with one RBI, and Jacob Duerr was one for four with two runs scored and one RBI. George Winter and Charlie Wiegel each had one RBI as well.

Two days later, the Wildcats were back on their home field to play host to Belmont. This one came down to the wire as two solid teams played a gritty game of baseball. Once again, the Wildcats took the early

advantage as they jumped out to a lead in the very first inning. After his leadoff single, George eventually stole second and advanced to third on an error. George then scored on a Knauer groundout as his aggressive baserunning helped RR-SM take the first lead of the day. Belmont would respond with a run of their own in the top of the second to tie the game at 1-1. It wouldn't take long for the Cats to jump back in the lead as this one went back and forth.

In the bottom of the fourth, Richmond reached safely on a bunt single which allowed Kaden Duerr to score the Wildcats' second run of the day. Belmont wouldn't go away so easy, however. With runs in the top of the sixth and another in the seventh, Belmont managed to take a 3-2 lead with just one-half inning left in regulation. With the pressure on, the Wildcats came through in the clutch to tie the game at 3-3.

Jacob Duerr led the bottom of the seventh off with a single up the middle. After an intentional walk to setup the double play, Wiegel made Belmont pay with an infield single to the left side. With the bases loaded, Knauer hit a sacrifice fly to left field, allowing Duerr

to score their third run. While RR-SM was unable to take the lead, they forced extra innings, which was enough to keep their hopes alive.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Cats found themselves in another bases loaded situation. Once again, Knauer stood in the batter's box. This time around, Knauer was hit by a pitch and the Cats managed to win in an unusual walk-off victory 4-3.

Dylan Diehl got the win on the mound. After coming in for relief for Knauer, Diehl tossed three and two third innings with just one earned run allowed. Diehl struck out three along the way as his pitching kept the Cats in the game.

At the plate, Knauer had a three RBI day despite not getting a single hit. Richmond had another multi-hit day, going two for three with one RBI. Joe was two for three in the victory as well.

The Cats suffered a 7-1 loss to an impressive Forreston team in the final game of the regular season. Despite the loss, the Cats were in a good spot as they prepped for 2023 postseason play which began with a matchup against the Orangeville Broncos earlier this week.

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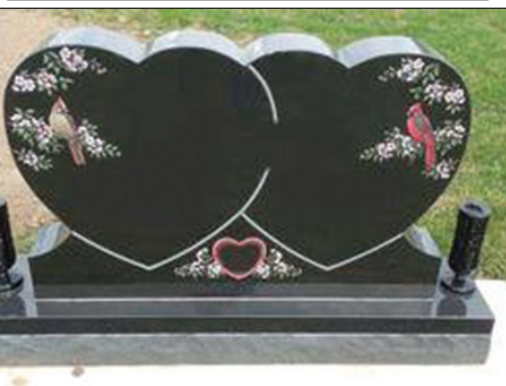
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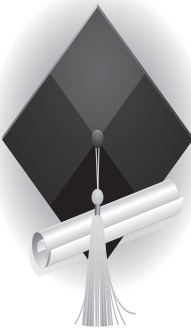
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Pearl City students working hard

(Above Left) Ben Bremmer and Aaliyah Whitney use Ag Day at Pearl City to teach the Pearl City fourth graders about agriculture and celebrating agriculture within the community.

(Above) Jordan Johnson and Elizabeth Dinderman read to the Pearl City Kindergartners about pigs and took some time to show the students one of their very own.

(Left) The end of year celebration for Servant Leadership was held at HCC on Sunday, April 23. Pictured are leaders Laine Rosenstiel, Lakota Scace, Jordan Johnson, Ava Bremmer, Addie Bremmer. Not pictured is Nathan Brinkmeier.



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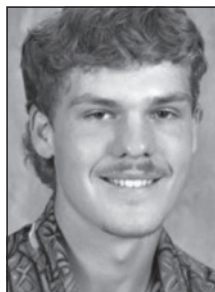
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•Reforms (Continued from page 9)

Sen. Jason Plummer, R-Edwardsville, said the bill is a "get-out-of-jail-free card" for young offenders. Senate Minority Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, said the bill would make it more difficult for prosecutors to crack down on things like carjacking in the city and suburbs, something he called "an epidemic of violence." "This bill

is going to make it more difficult in prosecuting and enforcing those crimes," Curran said. Curran also criticized the expanded list of factors judges would have to consider in sentencing. "This bill now has a factor that a judge must consider: Was the accused offender subject to peer pressure? Not sure how that's relevant," he said.

•Pritzker (Continued from page 8)

Pritzker maintains that as a result of those measures, Illinois avoided the direst predictions of the mathematicians and scientists at the University of Illinois. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, as of April 30, the entire state of Illinois has seen 36,850 con-

firmed COVID-19 deaths, and another 5,155 "probable" disease-related deaths. "But if one were to look at how Illinois handled the pandemic—and this is kudos and gratitude to the people of Illinois—people did the right thing," Pritzker said. "And the vast majority of

Simmons defended the bill after it passed by saying it would not require judges to do anything other than take more information into consideration. "This legislation gives judges the space to look at these other categories," Simmons said. "But the legislation does not put a thumb on the scales of justice."

people in Illinois understood what they needed to do. They heard what they needed to do from the experts, and they did it. And the result of that is, to the extent one can use the word 'success' here, the result is that we had real success here at keeping people safe and alive."

'No Child Wet Behind' giveaway for parents in need

The diaper is one of the many overlooked costs of poverty. Babies require up to 12 diapers a day, and toddlers can require as many as 8. State and national safety-net programs do not assist with diapers for families living in poverty. The FHN Value Support Team is proud to present its 3rd annual diaper (and other essentials) giveaway for parents in Stephenson and Jo Daviess counties. The diapers and other essentials for the event have been

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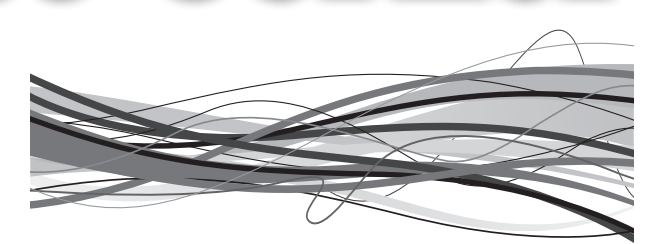
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN HEREBY that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., the 8th day of June, 2023 at the Town Hall in this Township of Pleasant Valley and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the Town Hall following the public hearing.

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2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on the evening of Monday, June 5, 2023. The Board will then install the new member at its regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023.

Prospective candidates can call James Bunting at 815-947-3391 or email james.bunting@stocktonschools.com with questions

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - 15 North Galena Avenue, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Duane E. Williams, DECEASED.

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Dentists and dental students advocate for oral health



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

More than 700 dentists and dental students took part in the seventh annual ADA Dentist and Dental Student Lobby Day in Washington DC on March 5 through March 7. During the event, the attendees heard presentations from various experts on the general status of oral health in America and legislative acts that organized dentistry is trying to enact in Congress. They also participated in training sessions on how to successfully advocate for better oral health care in their communities and at both the state and national levels. To give you a brief insight into what this means for you, I will cover just two of the issues addressed.

As I reported earlier this year, one area of focus is insurance reform. Dentists across America are working to make sure that more of your premium dollars are spent on actual dental care. In addition, the attendees met with members of Congress to advocate for ELSA (Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act) or HR (House of Representatives) 1916/S.754, which seeks to protect children born with congenital abnormalities such as cleft lip and palate. Although these types of birth defects interfere with a person's ability to breathe, speak, and/or eat in a normal manner, many insurance companies call this a "cosmetic" issue and refuse to cover any necessary reconstructive surgery. Often those insurance companies that concede to pay for the

initial surgical repair will not pay for any further reconstructive procedures to improve function as the child grows. Thanks to the dentist and dental student Lobbyists, ELSA was introduced by a bipartisan group of Representatives and Senators in the House and Senate on March 16, 2023. If passed, the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act "would require all private group and individual health plans to cover medically necessary services resulting from a congenital anomaly or birth defect. This would include inpatient and outpatient care and reconstructive services and procedures, as well as adjunctive dental, orthodontic, or prosthodontic support."

Another area of focus is a lack of federal dental coverage for adults on Medicaid. Lack of oral health coverage leads many Medicaid recipients to turn to emergency departments to relieve dental pain. In addition, poor periodontal health plays a significant negative role in systemic health conditions such as heart disease and diabetes. In fact, a recent Analysis of Dental and Medical Claims has revealed that controlling periodontal disease in

patients is associated with lower outpatient healthcare costs for patients covered by Medicaid, as well as those covered by commercial insurance policies. Providing adults on Medicaid with regular access to oral care has been estimated to save our healthcare system \$2.7 billion annually.

On March 24 of this year, ADA President George R. Shepley returned to Washington to participate in the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. The Purpose of the Conference is to end hunger, increase physical activity and promote healthy eating in order to reduce the incidence of diet-related diseases, including obesity, diabetes, and hypertension. Dr. Shepley spoke on nutrition and the effects of added and often hidden sugars in food. Excess sugar overloads our organs, causing dysfunction and leading to disease. Currently, 42.4 percent of American adults are obese, and 11.3 percent have diabetes. Almost 20 percent of children are obese, and .35 percent are diabetic. Excess sugar is damaging both our oral and overall health. Excess sugar leads to oral disease, which exacerbates systemic disease and systemic disease exacerbates oral disease. In light of this bi-directional relationship, Dr. Shepley spoke about the need for dental-medical-dietetic collaboration to educate and advocate for the optimal health of all our citizens.

•Kitchen (Continued from page 16)

Prepare sugar cookie mix per package directions with butter and egg. Press 2/3 dough into bottom of pan. Mix oats into remaining dough. Spread rhubarb mixture on crust; crumble oat mixture on top. Bake until golden, 45 minutes. Let cool before cutting into squares.

Final Thoughts

The fields are really looking good. They are planting

all over the place. I know people are buying plants for the garden and their pots. Maybe the potatoes and peas that were planted on Good Friday will begin to pop up through the ground. People have been finding rhubarb and asparagus. Someone told me that when the lilacs bloom, the morel mushrooms will pop up all over the place. I know that there are people who are just waiting for them to come in.

They make such a good spring treat.

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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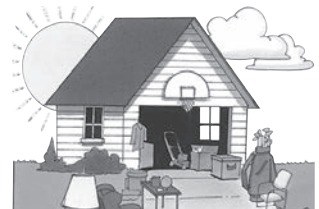
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Lincoln Legel - *
Madalyn Marcure - *
Carson McPeck - *
Eve Moore - *
Nevaeh Peterson - *
Gracie Raab - *
Maecee Rice - *
Ashlyn Schubert - *
Lydia Schuldt - *

Colby Tucker - *
Leah Warner - *
Mavrick Winters - *

Seniors Receiving Letters or Stars:

Alex Altfillisch - *
Katelyn Bartch - L
Morgan Blair - *
Dawson Broshous - *
Lily Broshous - L
Katherine Crome - *
Jackson Curtiss - *
Skylar Davis - *
Madeline Harbach - *
Olivia Harnish - *
Noah Hess - *
Dayton Julius - *
Lauren Kehl - *
Kylah Kurek - *
David Lancaster - *
Garrett Luke - *
Griffin Luke - *
Dustin Oppold - *
Emily Paul - *
Kyleigh Reusch - *
Lita Schmol - L
Ryley Schultz - *

Whitney Sullivan - *
Bailey Thornton - L
Ella Wackerlin - *
Abigail Wilkinson - *

Seniors Receiving Honors for Four Consecutive Years (honors pin & certificate):

Morgan Blair
Dawson Broshous
Katherine Crome
Jackson Curtiss
Madeline Harbach
Olivia Harnish
Noah Hess
Dayton Julius
Lauren Kehl
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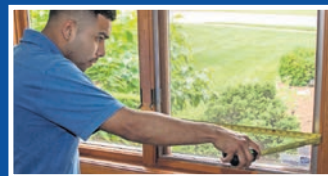
The Young Leaders are holding their annual "June Dairy Month" coloring contest. This is for kids up to second grade. If you would like a copy of the sheet, they are available at our office or you can print one off the website at www.jodaviesscfb.com. Entries are due to our office by May 26.



By ANNETTE EGGERS
Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

National Beef Month

May is National Beef Month. That's especially important in Jo Daviess County. Did you know that our county is the largest producer of beef cattle in the state? From the farmers to the processors, thousands of Americans plan an integral part in the journey of beef from field to market, and we celebrate all those involved in the process throughout May with National Beef Month. Doesn't it seem like the perfect excuse to fire up the grill with a steak or a burger? While you're at it, thank your friendly Jo Daviess County beef producers for their part in making that possible.



Family Farm Signs

It's that time of year that we are all thinking of planting and sprucing things up around the farm. Why not add a "This is a Family Farm" sign to your landscape. The signs are 17.5" X 23" and cost \$30.

Policy development process

The Illinois Farm Bureau grassroots policy devel-

opment process provides every voting member the opportunity to make known their concerns about issues important to them. When properly supported through the grassroots policy development process, these concerns are considered and may be adopted by the voting delegates at the organization's annual meeting each December.

That delegate action dictates the direction the organization follows in carrying out its programs each year. It is from this grassroots input and direction that Farm Bureau realizes its strength as an organization serving the needs of our members. These policies become the position for the organization the following year.

If you have any issues or concerns that you think need to be addressed in Illinois Farm Bureau's policy, you are always welcome to address any of our board members or myself. We are always interested in members' concerns.

Farm Fun Fact

May is National Hamburger Month. Did you vote for your favorite burger in Jo Daviess County?



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