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Panthers building back in hopes of another postseason run

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

Excluding the 2020 Covid year, the Lena-Winslow Panthers have won three consecutive Illinois Class 1A State Football Titles. Although the Panthers lost a majority of last year's squad, many believe Le-Win has what it takes to make another deep postseason run.

"We lost 10 starters on defense and eight starters on offense," Lena-Winslow head coach Ric Arand shared just before practice for the 2023 season started. Arand is entering his 27th season as the Panthers' head coach. The experienced instructor will have to find a way to take a roster filled mostly with new faces and help them reach their full potential once again.

If anyone is capable of doing that, it's Arand. Through 26 years, Arand holds a career record of 234-66. More than Arand, the Panther-Strong program has set the standard for winning across Illinois High School Football. Not only have they captured three consecutive titles, but six in total. The Panthers have stamped their name in the Illinois history books and this 2023 squad is hoping to do much of the same.

Despite losing so many to graduation, the Panthers still return some familiar names

this season. Gage Dunker gets plenty of action as he returns as an outside linebacker on defense and the team's fullback on offense. Dunker, the younger brother of Genings Dunker, who is now on the Iowa Hawkeyes, looks to lead the way for the Panthers. Dunker will have some familiar faces blocking ahead of him as the Panthers return two starting offensive linemen. Odin Stabenow and Tanner Kempel will look to hold things down on the edge as the Panthers' offensive tackles.

Outside of that, however, Le-Win is going to have a plethora of new faces on the field in 2023. "We need a lot of guys to step up and mature quickly to be successful," Arand shared.

The Panthers will have to replace a number of guys along the line of scrimmage. Luke Kempel, Luke Stabenow, Brady Aurand, and Alex Packard will all be playing on the offensive and defensive line. Mason Spidahl and Quinn Rodebaugh will both get opportunities at tight end and defensive end as well. Casey Klever also lines up at tight end on offense, but he's off the line on the defensive side as an outside linebacker.

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Stephenson County 4-H Fair winner

Alaina Dinderman (Snappy Snazzers) wins the Dairy Showman of Showman class. Youth in Stephenson County exhibited 4-H projects this past month at various shows held out at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds and at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau. For more photos, see inside.

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Splish, Splash!

The Mermaid Party at the Elizabeth Dance Center (Lena location) was a hit. The party was held on Friday, Aug. 11 and dancers made mermaid crafts, ate snacks, and of course, danced! Join for more fun on Aug. 26 at the next Mermaid Party held at the Elizabeth location.

Obituaries

ROBERT DAWS

Robert "Bob" Daws, 80, of Lena, IL passed away peacefully on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, at the Lena Living Center. Bob was born on Sept. 1, 1942, to George and Kathryn (Loomis) Daws in Freeport, IL. He attended Lena High School, and married his high school sweetheart, Dianne Daws, daughter-in-law Anne Daws and her children; Nicholas Daws and Ariel (Noah) Zellmer, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Jon Daws, sister Marilynny Murphy and his brother James Daws.

Per Bob's request, no services will be held. Cremation rites were accorded. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

Bob is survived by his wife

Dianne of Lena, daughter Pamela (Bill) Lingle of Canton, IL, and their children; Lauren (Carl) Fischer and Lucas (Finance Nicole Beebe) Lingle, son Ronald (Becky) Daws of Lena, IL, son Roger (Michele) Daws of Freeport, IL and their children; Shaun (Laiken) Daws, Adam (Kelaiah) Daws, and Karri Daws, daughter-in-law Anne Daws and her children; Nicholas Daws and Ariel (Noah) Zellmer, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Jon Daws, sister Marilynny Murphy and his brother James Daws.

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VIRGINIA TURNER

Virginia L. Turner, age 85, passed away on Aug. 7, 2023, peacefully at home. She was born Sept. 8, 1937, at St. Francis Hospital in Freeport, IL, the daughter of Elmer "Pete" and Evelyn (Mellentine) Helsing. Virginia married Allen Turner on April 9, 1955, in Fort Riley, KS. She graduated from Highland Nursing School as an LPN and worked for 24 years at Monroe Clinic Hospital. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena.

Virginia is survived by her six children; Deborah (John Blair) Jordan of Stockton, IL, David (Lorraine) Turner of Freeport, IL, Sherry (Jim) Soehnlein of Madison, WI, Peggy (Dan) Korth of Stockton, IL, Stuart (Filomena) Turner of Vacaville, CA, Michelle (Steve)



Christian-son of Pearl City, IL, 13 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren, one sister; Judy (Phillip) Welty of Monroe, WI.

She was preceded in death by her husband Allen Turner, her parents, one grandson Leo Gerke, and one great-grandson Timothy Jordan.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, at the Lena Burial Park in Lena, IL. Rev. Rick Bader will officiate the services. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

News briefs

Farewell celebration for Barb Daul

There will be an open house/farewell party honoring Barb Daul at the Lena Legion Hall on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 1p.m. to 2p.m. All are welcome to attend.

McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held on Aug. 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Veteran's Pantry in need of donations

The Veteran's Pantry in Freeport needs donation items which include shaving cream, mouthwash, wash cloths, wash hand towels, bath towels, laundry soap dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, hand can openers, crest toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, socks, body wash, and body lotion.

Items may be dropped off on Saturday at the Lena American Legion Home from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Legion Home is located at 316 W. Main St. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions. Thank you for the wonderful response to support the veterans.

Happy 102nd Birthday to Florence Klentz on August 11

from Bob, Barbara and all your friends!

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Thank you so much to my family, friends and church family that rushed to my aid with love, prayers, caring, supportive words and generous financial assistance after my apartment fire. It is so much appreciated. Special thanks to my son and daughter-in-law, Terry & Chris for all their help and opening their home to me and a few of my belongings. Words can't express my gratitude to each and everyone of you. It's a privilege to be a member of this community.

Sincerely, Lillian Beyer

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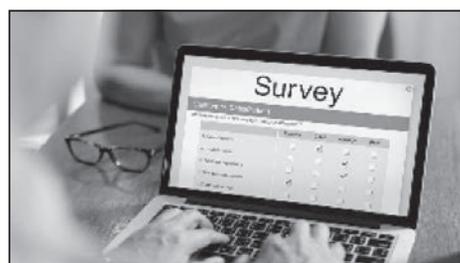
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Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Aug. 20 for Sunday Worship Service. This will be the twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; communion will be served. The reading will be from Matthew 15[10-20] 21-28.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience is necessary.

On Saturday, Aug. 26 Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All services will be recorded and available on the church's Facebook page and website. Please visit <http://goodshepherdena.org/> or and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/GSL-CLenaIL> 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 service led by Pastor

Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, Illinois, ton Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at 10 a.m. The Adult Sunday School will be held 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 be meeting Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, at 8 a.m. at The Big Apple, 1427 West Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL. All are welcome to join.

The Annual Shrimp Boil will be held on Sunday, Aug. 27. All are welcome to join for this fun day of worship with good food and good company. Worship will be at 10 a.m. with the shrimp boil immediately following.

The monthly church gatherings include Men's Night 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 held at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth

Wednesdays of each month. Crafternoon is offered from 3:30 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 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.

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City will celebrate the twelfth Sunday after Pentecost on Aug. 20. Seminarian Steven KinCannon will be presiding over worship.

On Tuesday, Aug. 15, there will be a Ladies Night

Out and annual meeting in Luther Hall at 6 p.m. Contact the office if interested in attending. There will be a program with Pennie Miller for the PC Library and Tricia Vandenburg, author of "Mandy & Leo". Dinner will be served. The cost to attend is \$10.

The August Grace meal will be on Sunday, Aug. 20 and will include spaghetti, green beans, salad, bread,

and dessert. Reservations for curbside pick-up are due by Aug. 17. Call the office to reserve.

The VBS event on Sunday, Sept. 17 has been cancelled but there will be a special Children's Sermon and Sunday School on Sept. 17 that will include the Bible story and craft. The 6th-8th grade Confirmation group will meet after worship on Sept. 17 as well.

The Church Council will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. There will be cards and dominoes in Luther Hall at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is an ELCA parish and is located at 229 First St. in Pearl City. We are handicapped accessible. To contact the pastor or church please call 815-443-2215.



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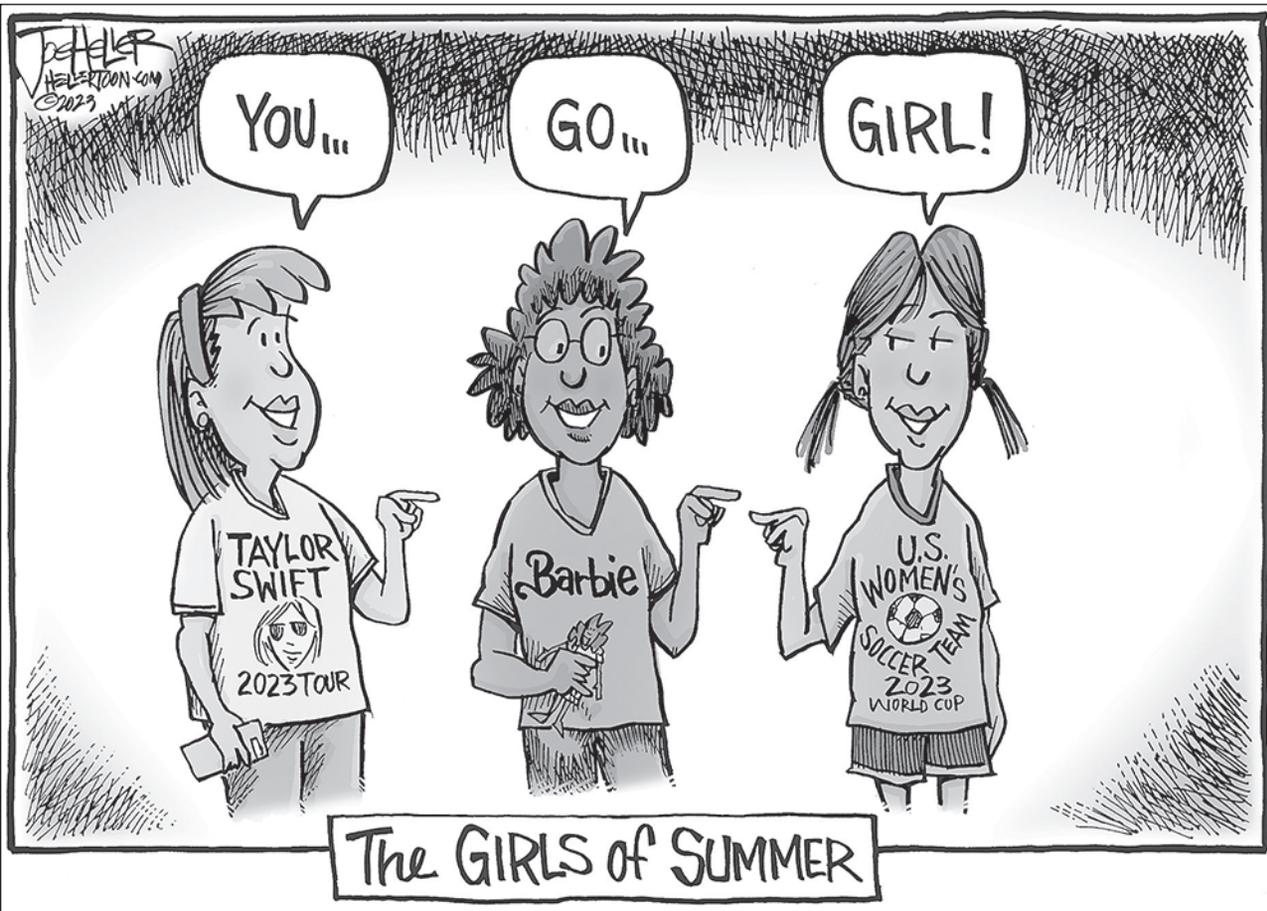
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Slices of life

Sun and shade



By JILL PERTLER
Columnist

I've always loved gardening. No, I'm going to take that a step further: I've always loved growing things.

Growing things—as in flowers, vegetables, friendships, babies and kids, this column, faith, my marriage, knowledge, compassion, kindness and most importantly love. And more, of course. There is always more to grow.

I've learned many insider tips and tricks about growing things over the years. Today I realized I'm still learning.

I'm in a new climate and meeting new neighbors. That's a scenario ripe for learning potential.

I was recently talking with a neighbor. She has numerous plants in her yard that are common in this region, but completely new to me. I asked her about a couple—whether they liked sun or shade, water requirements, whether they were finicky or easy to grow, and so on.

"Oh, honey," she said, "I just plant them. If they grow, they grow. If they don't, they weren't meant for my yard. They have to be happy to be here."

I thought that was insightful and wise.

In my last house I had a large garden plot filled with shade. The owners before me planted roses. Rose plants thrive on sun and temperate winters. I had neither.

However, I did have an ample supply of small children at the time, which prevented me from treating my roses with the TLC they needed to survive in my yard.

So they perished. At the time, I thought: Any plant can grow in the sun. It takes something special to grow in the shade.

I replaced the roses with hostas. Hostas are a common

perennial in the cool, dark climates that favor them, but apparently they aren't as widespread as I thought. My autocorrect wants to change the word to "hostess," so apparently they haven't even made their way into some dictionaries.

For those unfamiliar, hostas are sort of leafy northern versions of large-leaved tropical plants.

They typically grow in a round mound, with leaves flowing outward. They can be as small as six inches in diameter or as large as six feet - and just as tall (or short). Cultivars have come up with hundreds (and probably thousands) of named varieties. I believe I had close to 40 or 50 different strains in my backyard.

It took years to build, and was one of the hardest things for me to leave when I sold my house.

But, there were other gardens to grow.

I moved from a plot of ever-present shade and ever-present winter (or so it seemed) to ever-present sun and ever-present warmth. I've looked around and there isn't a hosta to be found in my new environment.

Apparently growing hostas in my yard now would be akin to growing roses in my old plot. With that comes the realization: Not every plant likes the shade. It takes something special to grow in the sun.

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Weekly connection

Baseball and Grandkids

All my life I have loved the game of baseball. When we were kids living in northwest Indiana, we would watch the Cubs on channel 9 whenever we could. My brothers and I would try and squeeze in a couple innings watching their afternoon games on TV around the farm work if we could. Almost every evening we would go out in the backyard and reenact the game. One of us would play in the field and the other one would toss the ball in the



By SCOTT CERNEK
Columnist

air and hit it. It was really a blessing that they used to play all their home games in the afternoon because then we had the evenings to play our own games. We would also play three on three

games in the evening and make it so that if we hit the ball to the opposite field we were automatically out. That way each team was made up of a pitcher, an infielder and an outfielder and it was pretty competitive. Sometimes we had to invoke the invisible runner rule if the bases were loaded so that there would be a batter. Man, did we love the game. I was the youngest boy at the time, so I was always frustrated because I grounded out to the pitcher a lot. Those

games drove me to work very hard at getting better and eventually I became a very good player and went on to become a starting catcher on my college team. I also played twenty years of amateur baseball in the Home Talent League in Wisconsin. Along with that I was a high school head baseball coach for twenty-six years. The Cubs are still one of my passions and I check their scores daily.

These days it's sure been having fun teaching my grandkids to play. None of them are in a T-ball league or anything, but they sure love to play the game with

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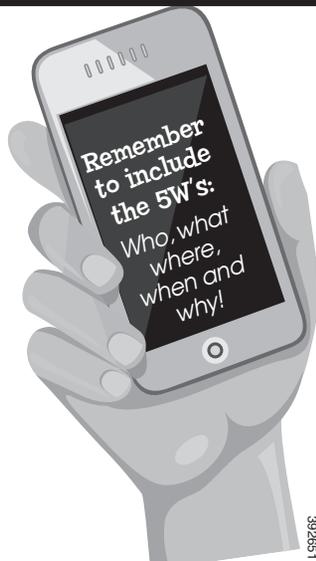
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Grandpa. I picked up a couple soft baseballs and we seem to play whenever we all get together. For some of them it takes several swings to make contact, but I keep pitching until they do. Even my two-year-old grandson takes his turn swinging the bat. It is so much fun to play with them and cheer loudly when they hit the ball or run from base to base.

This past weekend I came out of retirement at age sixty-one and played in a Co-ed softball tournament in Rewey, Wisconsin. We battled hard but lost our first two games and our championship run was thwarted. In this tournament the men have to bat opposite handed and only get one strike so it's pretty tough. It can be pretty embarrassing for a big strong guy to awkwardly swing opposite handed and strike out or hit

a weak grounder or pop up. Luckily, I was a switch hitter in college and so my opposite hand is still pretty solid. The trouble is I was so scared to swing and miss that I didn't put much power into my swings my first couple times up. Later, as my confidence grew, I swung harder and got some base hits. It was fun to still be able to play shortstop too at my age and throw a few people out. There were some very tough girls who played and in fact the lady second baseman made a couple really nice plays on a couple of liners I hit. The major accomplishment on the day was to play and not get injured as last year I pulled a quad muscle and was pretty much shut down. I think all the biking that I wrote about last week really helped my legs.

I feel so blessed to have twelve grandkids to share

my passions with. Along with baseball I love to read Bible stories and pray with them whenever we get together at the end of day. In Deuteronomy 6:5-9 we are directed by God to teach our children to love Him and walk with Him. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Until next week, God bless!

• Slices (Continued from page 4)

Herein lies the wisdom of my new neighbor. Not everything can grow everywhere. Plants have to be happy in their environment. You can try forcing them, like the people who planted the roses at my old house, but it's always going to be a battle against nature—against the order of things.

The same goes for people. Sometimes we find the right amount of shade and cool temperatures; other times we seek the sun. Both are good. Both can be good.

Bottom line, we all get to figure out where we grow best. When it's time to put down roots and when it's time to replant and regrow—sunshine or shade or maybe

even a little of both.

I'm not sure where that will take me, but for now, right here seems right, but I'm still learning. I hope I never stop.

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

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Stephenson County 4-H group members (back, left to right) Kyla Lamm, Ella Gunderson, Cole Weber, Ethan Bremmer, Maverick Weber, Lauren Witte, Brynn Lamm, Brea Musser, (front, left to right) Dalia Weber, Daemyn Heslop, Dausyn Heslop, and Aaliyah Whitney compete in the Master Showmanship Contest held on July 29, 2023.

Stephenson County 4-H Youth compete in the Master Showmanship Contest

On July 29, 2023, Stephenson County 4-H members participated in the Master Showmanship Contest at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds which was coordinated by the Stephenson County Farm Bureau and Stephenson County 4-H. Twelve 4-H members between the ages of 14-18 (based on their 4-H age) compete showing swine, sheep, and beef in their respective show rings. The members included Ethan Bremmer, Ella Gunderson, Daemyn Heslop, Dausyn Heslop, Brynn Lamm, Kyla Lamm, Brea Musser, Cole

Weber, Dalia Weber, Maverick Weber, Aaliyah Whitney, and Lauren Witte. Judging was completed by Mr. Ryan Reeverts from Byron, IL. Daemyn Heslop of the German Valley Golden Eagles earned reserve champion and received an engraved tumbler and \$100. Dausyn Heslop of the German Valley Golden Eagles earned Champion and received an engraved tumbler and \$200. Dausyn went on to represent Stephenson County at the state master showmanship contest on Aug. 11, 2023, at the Illinois State Fair.

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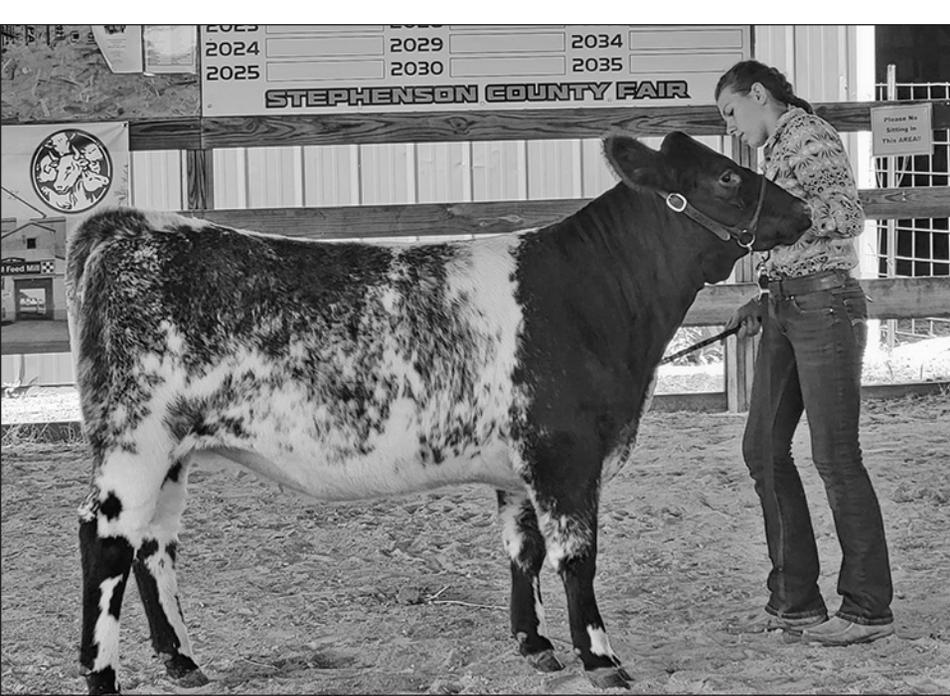
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•Panthers (Continued from front page)

There's also plenty of opportunity in a number of specialty positions. Nick Tippett comes in as a running back and defensive back. Lucas Fye, Cobryn Lynch, and Blake Duncan also join him in the offensive and defensive backfields as running back-defensive backs. Jimmy Goebel comes in as a running back-outside linebacker and Eli Klecker as a running back-linebacker. Jake Schumacher and Jaylen Rakowska compete at quarterback, and Landon Grindley comes in as an offensive lineman-linebacker. When Arand was asked about his expectations for newcomers, it's easy to see why he practically listed an entire football team. There are opportunities all over the field for the 2023 Panthers, not only as starters, but in depth roles as well. With so many chances to prove themselves on the field, competition levels are high at Lena-Winslow. Arand said the team has been putting in the work to improve every day saying, "We had a great summer on the track and in the weight room."

pains if they want to rise to the top. Arand was straightforward when discussing the team's weakness. "Experience," the Panthers' coach said. It is just one word, but it means a lot for the 2023 Panthers. In a tough NUIC that has teams returning with vast experience, the Panthers hope to defend their title as one of the more inexperienced varsity squads around. If Le-Win can survive the first few weeks of the season, improve each week, and learn along the way, they will be exactly where their coach wants them. Arand hopes to see the best version of this team when it matters most in the playoffs. The goal is simple as he hopes to "play our best football heading into the playoffs to give ourselves a chance at a post-season run," Arand stated. No one seems to know post-season runs quite like Arand and the Panthers. Their road to the playoffs begins on Friday, Aug. 25 when they play host to the West Carroll Thunder. It's an early celebration for the Panthers as they also hold senior night in the home opener. In week two, Le-Win hits the road as they travel to face off with Fulton on Friday, Sept. 1. For week three, the Panthers are on the road again as they travel to

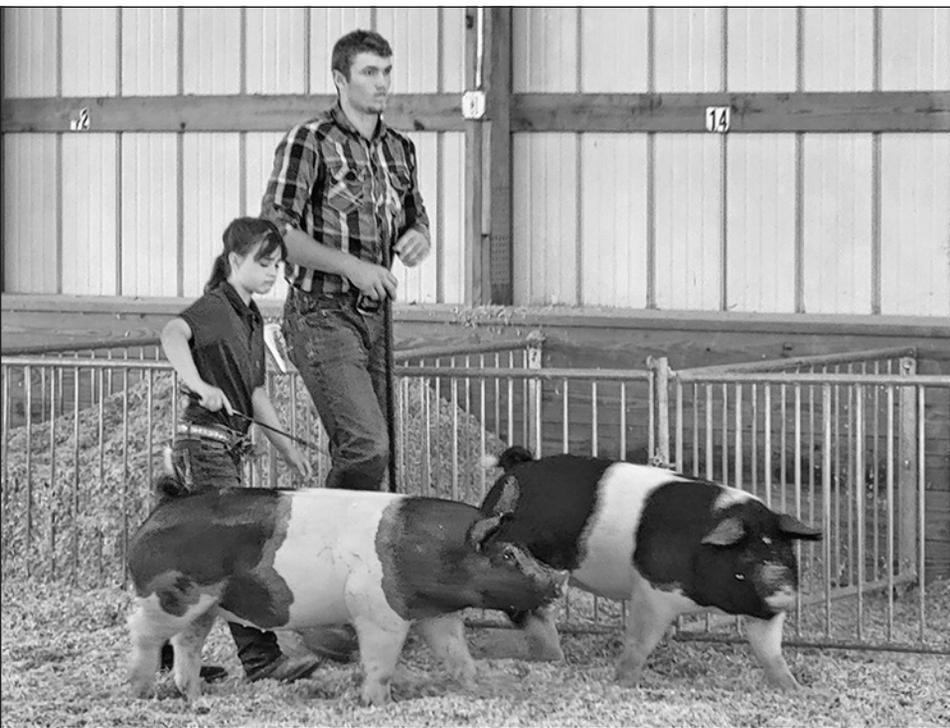




Marlee McPeck, from the Pearl City Hornets, displays her Shorthorn Heifer.



Kashtyn Lipe (German Valley Golden Eagles) works with her Rabbits.



Jase Sheffey and Priscilla Hernandez from Pearl Valley Rangers walk with their pigs.



Raelynn Yaeger poses with her Champion, Cavy.



Jordan Zimmerman (Harlem Helpers) shows off her food decorating skills with her beautifully crafted cupcakes.

Stephenson County 4-H announces top award winners

Youth in Stephenson County exhibited 4-H projects this past month at various shows held out at the Stephenson County Fairgrounds and at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau.

the 2023-2024 4-H year. For more information or to enroll your youth in Stephenson County 4-H, contact Brenda Heimann by phone at 815-235-4125, by email at bheimann@illinois.edu or by visiting go.illinois.edu/jsw.

Congratulations to all the Stephenson County 4-H youth! Several youths went on to the State level with their projects and showed them at the Illinois State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 13. Enrollment will open for

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Promising research gives hope for the future

We all know that it's important to keep our teeth as clean and healthy as we can. But what if your child was born without any teeth? As I mentioned in a previous column, there is a rare genetic disorder, called anodontia, in which a baby is missing both primary and permanent teeth. A variation of this genetic disorder, called partial



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

anodontia, occurs when a child is born with some, but not all their teeth. Both of these conditions have a

detrimental impact on the child's development, as they affect the ability to chew, swallow, and even speak.

If a child does not start to develop their primary teeth by the age of 13 months, your dentist will want to take x-rays to establish a differential diagnosis between late development, anodontia, or if it is associated with a group of

related hereditary conditions referred to as ectodermal dysplasia. If a child develops their primary teeth but does not develop any permanent teeth by age 10, your dentist will take x-rays to establish a differential diagnosis between late development, partial anodontia, or an association with ectodermal dysplasia.

Historically children with anodontia have been treated

with dentures that have to be replaced as the child grows. Once their facial bones have stopped growing, they have the option to continue to use dentures or have full mouth implants. The good news is, thanks to decades of research, there is hope for a future in which missing teeth may be grown. The bad news is, this is not estimated to become a reality until the 2030s or

later. The study that has been in the news most lately is being headed up by Dr. Katsu Takahashi, head of the dentistry and oral surgery department at Kitano Hospital in Japan. Dr. Takahashi has been dedicated to finding a better solution for anodontia since he graduated

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
Trust Bank, successor by merger to SunTrust Bank
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Tom Haiklas; et. al.
DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC7
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 07/11/2023, the Sheriff of Stephenson County, Illinois will on September 21, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-00891. I3226474

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY-IN PROBATE
In Re the Matter of the Estate of:
Michael J. Thoren,
Deceased.

No. 23-PR-42
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Michael J. Thoren, of Stockton, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 20, 2023, to:

Brenda G. Thoren 7398 E. Townsend Rd. Stockton, IL 61085
as independent Administrator of the Estate

of Michael J. Thoren, whose attorney is

Anthony V. Coon Attorney At Law, 10 N. Galena Ave., Ste. 210

Freeport, Illinois 61032
The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition To Terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the JoDavieSS County Courthouse, 330 N. Bench St., Galena, Illinois 61036, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 3, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Date: July 24, 2023

Brenda G. Thoren Administrator

By: **Anthony V. Coon**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, U.S. BANK TRUST

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR GS MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2020-RPL1.,

Plaintiff,
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MICHAEL D. SCHNIERLA; GLORIA GREGORY; ULTRALIGHT 2 RESIDENTIAL SOLAR, LLC; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FFMLT TRUST 2005-FFA MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FFA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHAEL SCHNIERLA; JASON SCHNIERLA; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
Defendants,

Case No. 2023FC38
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Michael D. Schnierla, Gloria Gregory, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Stephenson County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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18-13-35-251-002
Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Michael D. Schnierla, Gloria Gregory, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Stephenson County, Illinois, on or before October 8, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We certainly haven't had the beastly weather we expect in August. The weather hasn't been too hot, and everything is green and growing! This week we continue to feature the fruits and vegetables of the season. Have a great week cooking.

Deviled Crab Melts

This great little appetizer can be made with lump crab or imitation crab. It is a good recipe to have for any time of the year. I had an appetizer like this one in Door County. It is one of my favorites.

- 8 English muffins
- 24 oz. crabmeat, chopped
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 2 T. chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 T. chopped fresh basil
- 1 1/2 t. lime zest
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 t. chili powder
- 1/8 t. cayenne pepper
- 5 plum tomatoes, cut into 1/4-inch thick slices
- 8 oz. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

Preheat broiler with oven rack 6 inches from heat. Place muffins on a wire rack on a baking sheet; broil until golden brown, about 3 minutes. Remove pan and set aside. In a large bowl, gently combine crab, mayo, cilantro, basil, lime zest, salt, chili powder, and cayenne. Spread crab mixture over muffin slices. Top evenly with tomato slices and cheese. Return pan to oven and broil until cheese is melted and starting to brown, about 3 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes and serve immediately. Serve with chopped basil on each muffin.

Piña Colada Fruit Salad

This refreshing fruit salad is great for a hot summer day. The beautiful summer fruits are enhanced by the piña colada mix.

- 1 can (10 oz.) frozen non-alcoholic piña colada mix, thawed
- 1/2 C. sugar
- 1/2 C. pineapple-orange juice
- 1/8 t. almond extract
- 1/8 t. coconut extract
- 1 1/2 C. green grapes
- 1 1/2 C. seedless red grapes
- 1 1/2 C. fresh blueberries
- 1 1/2 C. halved fresh strawberries
- 1 can (8 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained
- 1/2 C. fresh raspberries

Mint for garnish
Dressing: mix the piña colada mix, sugar, pineapple-orange juice, and extracts until sugar is dissolved. Place fruit in a large bowl. Toss gently with dressing. Chill for 1 hour before serving. Garnish with mint.

Tuna Pasta Salad

If you are looking for a light summer salad, this tuna pasta salad is a great way to go. It uses a vinaigrette dressing rather than mayo. You can substitute pepperoncini or jalapeño peppers for the banana peppers. You can also substitute white wine vinegar or white vinegar for the Champaign vinegar. It is a great salad for picnics.

- 12 oz. uncooked rotini pasta
- 1 envelope Ranch dressing mix
- 1 T. Champagne vinegar
- 2 t. lemon zest
- 1/4 C. fresh lemon juice
- 2 t. honey
- 1/4 t. kosher salt
- 1/2 C. olive oil
- 2 cans tuna packed in oil, drained
- 2 C. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 thinly sliced red onion
- 1/2 C. jarred sliced tricolor banana peppers
- 3 C. Arugula

Prepare pasta according to package directions; drain and let cool completely, about 20 minutes. Place in a large bowl. Stir together ranch dressing mix, vinegar, lemon zest and juice, honey, and salt in a small bowl. Slowly drizzle in olive oil in a steady stream, whisking constantly until smooth and combined. Add drained tuna, tomatoes, onion, and peppers to pasta in bowl. Drizzle in dressing; toss gently to coat. Add arugula; toss gently. Serve chilled.

Inside-out Stuffed Cabbage

Cabbage is coming in and so is the squash crop. This easy stovetop recipe is a great one for any hot day. There is a spicy V8 juice if you want a little zip in the dish.

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 C. cubed peeled butternut squash
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 envelope Lipton onion soup mix
- 1 T. brown sugar
- 1 can (11 1/2 oz.) V8 juice
- 1 C. water
- 6 C. chopped cabbage
- 1/2 C. uncooked instant brown rice

In a Dutch oven, cook beef with squash and pepper over medium-high heat until the beef is no longer pink; crumble the beef and drain. Stir in

soup mix, brown sugar, V8 juice, water, and cabbage. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered until cabbage is tender, 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add rice and return to a boil. Simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Remove from heat; let stand until rice is tender, about 5 minutes.

Piña Colada Zucchini Bread

In keeping with the piña colada theme, this bread uses the zucchini that is so plentiful and produces a different flavor.

- 4 C. flour
- 3 C. sugar
- 2 t. baking powder
- 1 1/2 t. salt
- 1 t. baking soda
- 4 eggs, room temperature
- 1 1/2 C. canola oil
- 1 t. coconut extract
- 1 t. rum extract
- 1 t. vanilla
- 3 C. shredded zucchini
- 1 C. canned crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/2 C. chopped nuts (walnuts or pecans)

Line the bottoms of 3 greased and floured 8 x 4-inch loaf pans with parchment paper; grease the paper; set pans aside. Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and baking soda. In another bowl, whisk the eggs, oil, and extracts. Stir into dry ingredients until just moistened. Fold in the zucchini, pineapple, and nuts. Transfer to prepared pans. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Gently remove parchment paper from bread.

Raspberry Cream Pie

I was asked for a raspberry pie recipe. I know I have had one before but finding that recipe is sometimes a challenge. This one can use either fresh or frozen raspberries. You can substitute frozen orange concentrate for the orange liqueur if you don't have it. Enjoy this raspberry pie.

- 1 1/2 C. crushed vanilla wafers (about 45)
- 1/3 C. chopped pecans
- 1/4 C. butter, melted
- Filling:
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 2/3 C. powdered sugar
- 2 T. orange liqueur or 2 T. frozen orange concentrate
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 C. heavy cream, whipped
- Topping:
- 1 C. sugar
- 3 T. cornstarch
- 3 T. water
- 2 1/2 C. fresh or frozen raspberries, divided

Combine the vanilla wafer crumbs, pecans, and butter. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of a greased 9-inch pie plate (use a plastic or metal measuring cup (1/4 C.) to press the crumbs.

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese, powdered sugar, liqueur, and vanilla until light and fluffy. Fold in whipped cream. Spread onto crust. Chill until serving.

In a small saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch; stir in the water and 1 1/2 C. raspberries. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Transfer to a bowl. Refrigerate until chilled. Spread topping over filling. Garnish with remaining 1 cup of berries.

Correction - Blackberry Crisp Recipe

In the Blackberry Crisp Recipe, I had an error in the preparation part of the recipe. I reprinted the whole correct-

ed recipe. Sorry for the omissions.

- 2 C. fresh or frozen blackberries
- 2 T. sugar
- 1 t. cornstarch
- 1 1/2 t. water
- 1/2 t. lemon juice
- 1/2 C. quick cooking oats
- 1/4 C. flour
- 1/4 C. brown sugar
- 1/2 t. cinnamon
- 1/4 C. cold butter
- Vanilla ice cream

Preheat oven to 375. Place blackberries in a greased 1-qt. baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the sugar, cornstarch, water, and lemon juice until smooth. Pour over berries. Combine the oats, flour, brown sugar, and cinnamon in a small bowl; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over berries. Bake, uncovered, at 375 until filling is bubbly, 20 to 25 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream.

Final Thoughts

Fall sports in the schools have begun, and this school

year will start by the time this paper comes out. I always give this word of warning; be careful driving. The students are not always careful when they are moving between buildings and getting off buses and out of cars. Watch your speed and just plain watch. We don't want any accidents, and everyone needs to keep vigilant. That is my public service announcement for this week.

We are gearing up for a great tomato and apple crop. Send any recipes for the great fruits and vegetables of the season. If you have some recipes you would like to share 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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from dental school in 1991. Upon receiving his degree, he temporarily moved to the United States to work with a group of scientists who were studying genes and gene mutations that can affect tooth development in mice. In 2005 he moved back to Japan to join a group of genetic researchers who had identified a certain protein (USAG-1) that could limit the number of teeth that could develop. Since that time the team in Kitano has successfully developed an antibody to USAG-1, that neutralizes or blocks the

function of this protein. They have also demonstrated that blocking this protein signals another protein (bone morphogenetic protein or BMP) to grow new teeth. Clinical trials with giving the antibody to mice in 2018 resulted in success in growing teeth. This success was repeated when the antibody was given to ferrets. Clinical trials on humans are scheduled to take place beginning in July 2024. Researchers at the Technical University in Berlin have been working on a different approach

to growing teeth. Their approach involves extracting cells from the dental pulp cells of human teeth and then stimulating them to multiply in the lab. These new cells then undergo treatment, so they do not stick together as they interact and form a three-dimensional ball, referred to as a dental organoid. The goal is to successfully implant this organoid into the patient's jaw, which would then trigger natural tooth growth in the jaw. Although their hypothesis has been successfully demonstrated in

vitro (in the lab) they are only starting pre-clinical testing. I will update this information once any progress is achieved in these or other studies. At any rate, I hope I have instilled in you some new appreciation for your teeth and provided an incentive to take care of your oral health.



REAL ESTATE NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
 Trust Bank, successor by merger to SunTrust Bank
 PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Tom Haiklas; et. al.
 DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC7
 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 21, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stephenson County Courthouse 15 North Galena Avenue 1st Floor, West door of courthouse Freeport, IL 61032, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stephenson and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 18-13-36-404-005
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•Panthers

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face off with Fulton on Friday, Sept. 1. For week three, the Panthers are on the road again as they travel to face the Stockton Blackhawks on Sept. 8. Le-Win doesn't return home until Friday, Sept. 15 as they play host to a tough Dakota Indians

squad.

Full schedule:

- Week 1: vs. West Carroll, Aug. 25
- Week 2: @ Fulton, Sept. 1
- Week 3: @ Stockton, Sept. 8
- Week 4: vs. Dakota, Sept. 15

- Week 5: @ St. Teresa, Sept. 23
- Week 6: @ Durand-Pecatonica, Sept. 29
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FHN holding live and virtual hiring event August 24

FHN is looking to add talented and qualified nurses, medical assistants, nursing assistants, imaging technologists, and clinical therapists to the FHN team with an upcoming Hiring Event.

On-the spot interviews, tours of select departments, and real-time offers will be available at the event, set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24 at

FHN Memorial Hospital, 1045 W. Stephenson Street in Freeport. "We will have representatives in the main lobby of the hospital to greet candidates," said FHN Talent Acquisition Specialist Rilee Smith. "Just identify yourself as an interested candidate and we'll get you going in the right direction to, if you're a good fit for our team, walk out with a job offer."

FHN offers first-day benefits which includes an extensive benefit package, tuition assistance, flexible time off and eligible positions may qualify for certification and/or BSN stipends.

A virtual option also is available now through Aug. 24 Visit www.fhn.org/hiringevent for more information and to begin the process.



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Let's go Cubbies!

The third annual trip to a Chicago Cubs game was held on July 18, 2023. Scott Stich, commander of the Lena Sons of the American Legion, took eight veterans to the game. They met in Lena and were driven to the game, ate at a restaurant, received a shirt and cap with their branch of service, and had a drink at the ballpark. The trip was completely paid for by the Lena American Legion Family. The day was topped off with a WIN by the Cubs against the Washington Nationals with a score of 17-3.



STOCKTON SCHOOLS MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

<p>STOCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades PreK-5) MONDAY, AUGUST 21 5:30 - 7 p.m.</p>		<p>STOCKTON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 6-12) TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 5:30 - 7 p.m.</p>
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Lena Yard of the Month Award

There is no complicated science or detailed logic when it comes to flowers in the yard of Lynn Haight at 512 Quail Drive. She has the simple philosophy of, "when I find something I like, I put it in." The result has produced a gorgeous setting which was chosen by the Lena Beautification as July's Yard of the Month. Haight said her love of flowers came from her mother who shared the same fondness. A flowerpot filled with geraniums at the front door has been the traditional focal point for years. Beyond that, Haight stands among changing floral schemes. Hibiscus with plate-sized blooms and roses in her favorite shade of coral brighten the yard. Blue hydrangea, weigela blossom early in the spring and petunias flowing over the edge of the planter can be found on the other borders. Some flowers have not yet bloomed this year. Large stones carefully placed anchor the flower beds throughout the yard and touches of whimsy bring a few smiles. But gardening is not all easy. Haight has the traditional challenges of watering, weeds and wildlife that keep her busy throughout the season.