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American Legion Auxiliary to host Girls State session

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) in all 50 states proudly hosts an ALA Girls State session. This is an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship, leadership, and love for God and country. Female high school students who have completed their junior year are selected and sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary units for this program, where they learn about the political process of electing officials for all levels of state government and actively running a mock government.

Assistance from dedicated ALA volunteers ensures the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic, and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Though the week is filled with many learning opportunities, there is always time for fun and the formation of long-term friendships.

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

Candidates should be interested in government and

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

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

Local businesses and community organizations ensure maximum participation by contributing to the ALA Girls State program, ultimately benefitting their communities, and ensuring educated leaders for future generations.

The dates for this year's session in Illinois are June 16 through June 24. If interested, contact a local American Legion Auxiliary unit or email: jamcps54@yahoo.com and put ALA IGS in the subject line.



LENA COMMUNITY DISTRICT LIBRARY FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

Lena Community Library

A little rain won't stop Story Hour at the Lena Community Library. These kids talked all about rainy spring weather, and even had time for a game of memory. For information on upcoming Lena Library events, call 815-369-3180.

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Obituaries

THELMA LOUISE LAW

Thelma Louise Law, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and dedicated community member, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 with her loving family by her side on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at home in rural Savanna, Illinois. She was born on January 19, 1934, at her childhood home in Pleasant Valley Township, the daughter of Fern Iola (Graves) Davis.

Thelma's journey was marked by resilience and love from the very beginning. She graduated from Stockton High School in 1952, where her determination and kindness shone brightly. It was at a rural youth dance in Mt. Carroll that she met her future husband, Vernon Law. Their bond deepened over shared experiences, including both surviving Polio in 1957.

On February 22, 1959, Thelma and Vernon exchanged vows in Stockton, embarking on a life together that spanned over six decades of love, companionship, and shared dreams. They dedicated themselves to farming in rural Savanna, nurturing the land and their family with unwavering dedication and



joy. Thelma worked for over 20 years as a secretary at Micro Switch in Freeport. She also dedicated a decade of her life to the Carroll County ASCS office in Mt. Carroll. Additionally, she served as a homecare aide, touching the lives of those in need with her compassion and warmth.

Among Thelma's many passions, farming held a special place in her heart. She found immense joy in working alongside Vernon and her family, tending to dairy cows, calves, caring for sheep, and chickens. Her love for the land and the animals was evident in every task she undertook. Thelma loved driving with family in the countryside on Sunday afternoons and also enjoyed antiquing. She was a member of the Methodist Church attending in Savanna and Wacker, and the Jacobstown Club.

Thelma will be deeply missed by her beloved husband, Vernon, who shared a lifetime of love and laughter with her in rural Savanna. She is survived by her loving son, Wayne (Sharon) Law of Savanna, and her devoted daughter, Barbara Law of Littleton, Colorado. Thelma's legacy also lives on through her cherished grandchildren, Samantha (Justin) Kitelinger and Andrew Law, who will forever carry her memory in their hearts.

Thelma is preceded in death by a son at birth, Vernon Paul, her sister, Corrine Timmons, a brother, Coleman Davis, and both parents. In her quiet strength, unwavering love, and dedication to family and community, Thelma touched the lives of many and leaves behind a legacy of resilience, caring, giving, and enduring love. She will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of Thelma's life was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at the First United Methodist Church in Savanna. Burial was in Spring Lake Cemetery, Savanna. Visitation was held Monday, April 8, 2024 at Law Jones Funeral Home. Memorials can be made for local charities in Thelma's honor.

WILLIAM KEITH SINCOX

William Keith Sincox, 84, of Apple River, IL, passed away Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, at the Lafayette County Manor in Darlington, WI. Keith was born in Apple River, Illinois on Oct. 29, 1939. He met Shirely Ann (Kuehl) Sincox and they wed on Aug. 31, 1958, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, IL. They would go on to move around southwestern Wisconsin while having three children, settling in Ridgeway for 30 years before "retiring" to Apple River to run his personal business Mount Sumner Shoppe, just down the road from where he grew up. We all know Keith tried retiring multiple times... he never could quite get it to stick!

Keith spent much of his working years with Feed-O-Matic, traveling miles and miles across Wisconsin and Illinois working to build grain bins and auger systems on farms and getting to know just about every farmer in southern Wisconsin. Keith loved his many customers, and they loved him. He was very proud to work on building the largest organic chicken farm in the state of Texas. Keith was also proud of the houses he



designed and built with his own hands from the ground up.

Keith loved traveling with friends, especially

Fern and Buster Stadel, Joanne and Virgil Martin, and Lillian and Leroy Beyer. Keith and Shirley traveled around the country and world on bus tours and cruises all throughout their lives. He was a fixture in the Ridgeway community for many years, serving on the Fire Department, Snowmobile club, Village Board, Military Ridge State Trail Committee, and Ridgeway Advancement, as one of the original organizers of Ridgeway's Labor Day celebration where he was The Ghost for a number of them. He will be missed for his hard-working nature and sly smile!

Keith is survived by two children: son Kevin (Julie) Sincox and daughter Kris (Steve) Olson; only granddaughter Erin Sincox and fiancé Paul Gomanne; brothers Howard (Debbie) Sincox and John (Karen) Sincox; sister Marlene Burge; sisters-in-law

Esther Schlichting (Wayne) Wand and Doreen Kuehl; brother-in-law Dean (Darlene) Kuehl; and his many nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. In addition to his wife of 64 years Shirley (Kuehl) Sincox and parents B'ella (Rowe) and Norman Sincox.

He is preceded in death by his daughter Kathy Durst; sister Elaine Crom; brother-in-law Dietrich "Dick" (Hulda) Kuehl, Walter (Ada) Kuehl, Otto Kuehl, and John Schlichting; sisters-in-law Mina (Bill) Gotham, Elsie (Melvin) Kunz, Dorothy (Norman) Kolasch, Adela (Milton) Burk and Jan Kuehl.

A visitation and memorial service was held at the Apple River United Methodist Church in Apple River, IL on Saturday, April 6, 2024. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a memorial service beginning at 11:30 a.m. A graveside service at Elmwood Cemetery in Warren, IL followed the memorial with a meal at the Apple River UMC afterward for family and friends to celebrate his memories. A memorial has been established in his memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leamonfh.com.

MARCIA "MARCY" CAROLYN STANGER

Marcia "Marcy" Carolyn Stanger (nee Meyers) of Poplar Star, IL, formerly of Apple Canyon Lake, IL, died Monday, April 1, 2024. Marcy was born June 9, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois to Harry and Virginia (Kappus) Meyers. Marcy is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 65 years, Robert; her two sons, Michael (Laura) of Kirkland, WA and Dan (Susan) of Burke, VA; two daughters, Carrie (Richard) Jensen of Edina, MN and Lauren (Robb) Clawson of Mundelein, IL; 12 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; one brother, Fred Meyers of Dallas, TX; and one sister, Jill (Glenn) Ozaki of East Grand



Forks, MN. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Dick Meyers.

Funeral Mass for Marcy will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024, in St. Bridget Catholic Church, 600 Clifford Avenue, Loves Park, IL 61111 with Msgr. Steve Knox officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the mass. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Bridget Catholic Church would be greatly appreciated. To share a memory or express condolences, visit honquestfh.com.

News briefs

Health and wellness fair

The Cedarville Lions Club is bringing the community together for a vibrant health and wellness fair. It's a fantastic day out for families, offering a variety of health screenings for all ages, fun games to keep everyone entertained, and the chance to win a beautifully handcrafted bench. The event is taking place on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedarville Jane Addams Community Center. The health screenings are provided by FHN and they are free to all. A child car seat safety checkup will also be provided by the Stephenson County Health Department.

Stephenson County VA Pantry in need of donations

The current needs for the Stephenson County VA Pantry include men's and women's body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, mouthwash, laundry detergent, Kleenex, and Q-tips.



Donations can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 316 W. Main St., Lena. Donations are greatly appreciated. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension monthly meeting

The April meeting of the Blackhawk Unit of Home Extension will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library. Judy Shippee will give the lesson on "Voices-Domestic Violence". Roll call will be to donate a book or money to the Voices Book Nook. Sharon Schlachter and Ruth Ann Jordan will bring the raffle items. All are welcome to attend.

Updating Memorial Day Roll Call

Once again, the names of deceased veterans from the Lena area will be read at the Memorial Day service. The Lena American Legion is requesting assistance to ensure

all veterans are recognized, especially those that passed away since May of 2023. Please email jamcps54@yahoo.com if you lost a veteran in your life. The legion would also like to know the time and branch of their service. The veteran should have lived in Lena or been a member of the Lena American Legion.

Pearl City Preschool Screenings

The Pearl City Preschool Screening will be held April 19. Please call the school office at 815-443-2715 to make an appointment. Children eligible for preschool screening will turn three years old during the 2024-2025 school year. Children who are three to four years old before Sept. 1, 2024, will be prioritized for enrollment.

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Scientists discover diabetes breakthrough in cow's milk

By Hannah Spangler
FARMWEEK

A brown bovine from southern Brazil has made history as the first transgenic cow capable of producing human insulin in her milk.

The advancement, led by researchers from the University of Illinois and the Universidade de São Paulo in Brazil, could eventually eliminate drug scarcity and high costs for people with diabetes. The project, which began in 1992, is now the longest-ongoing genetically modified livestock project for agriculture.

Matt Wheeler, professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, said an efficient system to collect and purify insulin products—and Food and Drug Administration approval—are still needed before transgenic cows could supply insulin for the world's diabetics.

But Wheeler is confident that day is coming. "I could see a future where a 100-head herd, equivalent to a small Illinois or Wisconsin dairy, could produce all the insulin needed for the country," he said.

In Brazil, Wheeler's colleagues inserted a segment of human DNA coding for proinsulin, the protein precursor of the active form of insulin, into the cell nuclei of 10 cow embryos. The embryos were implanted in normal cow uteruses. One transgenic calf was born. When the calf matured, lactation was induced and the team found the calf had the ability to produce human proinsulin, which could be processed into bioactive human insulin.

Wheeler said the team was also able to target mammary gland tissue to harness the power of protein and contain insulin in the milk alone.

"Mother Nature designed the mammary gland as a factory to make protein really, really efficiently," he said. "We can take advantage of that system to produce a protein that can help hundreds of millions of people worldwide."

Researchers can't confidently say how much insulin could be made during a typical lactation. However, Wheeler said that if a cow could produce one gram of insulin per liter of milk, the average Holstein produces 40 to 50 liters per day. That's a significant amount of insulin, he said, especially if just 0.0347 milligrams is a typical unit of insulin.

"That means each gram is equivalent to 28,818 units of insulin," Wheeler said. "And that's just one liter. Holsteins can produce 50 liters per day. You can do the math."

The next step is to reclone the cow and carry out full lactation cycles as well as biological safety testing. Wheeler said the goal is to produce a herd of transgenic cows for insulin production.

"With regard to mass producing insulin in milk, you'd need specialized, high-health-status facilities for the cattle, but it's nothing too out of the ordinary for our well-established dairy industry," he said. "We know what we are doing with our cows."

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Apple River State Bank expands support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

For the eighth consecutive year, Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena has renewed the bank's sponsorship of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library with a \$10,000 payment to United Way of Northwest Illinois. The program started in 2016, and the bank has contributed nearly \$50,000 since then. The bank's contribution to the program increased significantly this year because of its success in Hazel Green and Darlington, Wisconsin, where the bank has offices.

"Imagine if every child in our market area entered school ready to learn and with a love of reading. We are so proud to be sponsors of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to foster a love of reading in children and families," added Joel Holland, Chief Executive Officer of Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena.



Connie Kraft (fourth from left), United Way of Northwest Illinois Executive Director, receives a \$10,000 check from Apple River State Bank and First Community Bank of Galena. Bank representatives pictured from left to right are Joel Holland, Greg Duer, Marcy Doyle, Devin Patterson, Ashley Peterson, and Zeke Winders.

From birth until age five, children enrolled in the program receive a new, age-appropriate book mailed to their home each month. Parents can find the registration link to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at: www.uwni.org/imaginationlibrary.

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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, April 14, 2024. Service will be at 7 a.m. The Gospel will be from Luke 24:36b-48.

On Wednesday, April 17 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and all are welcome to join. Come and tie the quilts and make difference in the world.

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pearl City, will celebrate the third Sunday of Easter on Sunday, April 14. The No Worries Band will be providing music at this service.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, April 25 at 1 p.m. and dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, May 7 at 9 a.m.

The April Grace Meal will be on Sunday, April 21. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the 21. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, April 18. The menu for the April meal will be Pork Chops, Lutheran Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw and Tapioca Pudding. This meal is possible due to donations and a grant from the Foundation of Northwest Illinois.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, April 11 at 3:15 p.m. If interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

St. John's will be hosting a Wellness Screening on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The screenings done will include blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol for adults (fasting is not required). It is open to the pub-

lic and free of charge.

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. If you need to contact the pastor or church, you may call 815-443-2215 for information.

Salem United Church of Christ

Join Salem United Church of Christ for a service led by Pastor Christopher Ham on Sunday, April 7, 2024, 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 on April 10 at 8 a.m. at Beltline Café, 325 West South Street, Freeport, IL. Everyone is welcome to join.

Please join for Crafternoon from 4 p.m. to 7 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. This is hosted on the lower level of Salem United Church of Christ, and all are welcome to join.

For more information on any Salem related items contact 815-369-4511 or salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com.

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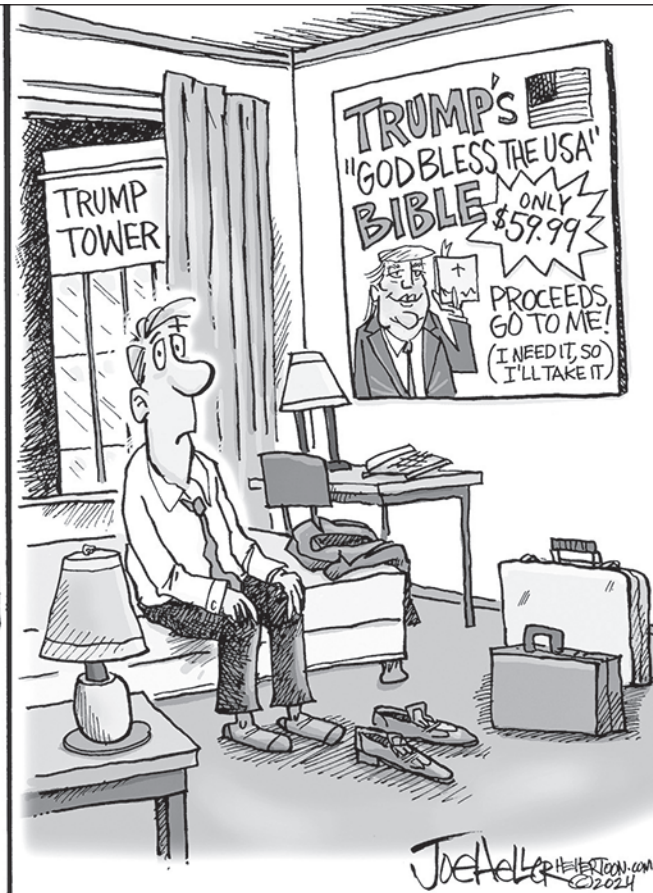
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Slices of life Pickleball— observations from a cucumber



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

I did it. I dove into the jar, or better put, the pickleball court. The sport itself has nothing to do with pickle jars; it actually takes place on a mini-court, similar to the type used for tennis, just more manageable for those looking to avoid running, diving, dodging, lunging, jumping and backing up.

Especially backing up. No one in pickleball wants to back up, because that can lead to loss of balance, which in turn can lead to falls. Falling is never a joke, but it's especially not funny in pickleball, where falls can lead to twisted ankles, bumped bums and other injuries too serious to name here.

In pickleball (at least in my neighborhood) the serious ballers are ranked numerically from two to five, because starting out as a two sounds and feels so much better than a one.

A level five is a professional pickler, full of spit and vinegar—skilled to his or her greatest potential after many hours spent on the court and in the brine, so to speak. A level two is a cucumber, not yet wrinkled or salty, but possessing growth potential and promise yet to be recognized.

By my own admission, I started the game as a double zero. By day two or three, I was a negative one. I couldn't even call myself a cucumber, much less a gherkin.

I hit a lot of shots that didn't make their mark. In pickleball, this is known as a falafel. My falafels were awful, and they put my game in a pickle. You can't score if you can't land your serve. I was in danger of being pickled, before ever leaving the vine.

But I digress—in more ways than one.

What I really want to bring to light about the newest, biggest, bestest sport of the 21st century is rather, well, salacious—at least in its terminology.

Turns out the newest sport might have ties to the oldest sport - if you catch my drift.

Or maybe my mind's just in the gutter.

this convoluted pickleball journey, and let's have some fun.

Like most sports, pickleball starts with a warm-up, which consists of sharing dinks with your opponent. This is known (obviously) as dinking and consists of short lobs back and forth over the net.

Once regular dinks have been achieved, players may opt for an advanced version known as dinkling, which is simply diagonal dinking - nothing improper, it just sounds that way.

As does the next example.

When someone hits the ball hard in your direction, they are known as a banger and it's said that you are getting banged—by the ball, of course, but it's hard to not let your mind wander elsewhere.

I've been a widow for three years, and never thought I'd get banged on the pickleball court. But that happened just last week. And, I'll answer the obvious question before you even get the chance to think it: I did not successfully return the bang. Maybe next time.

One can only hope.

I don't know all the pickleball terminology yet; I'm still a newbie. But being a word lover, I've come up with a term of my own: The dilly.

This sweet term isn't as tasty as the DQ delight, but instead is an extra special serve that that lands just inside the outside corner and is practically unreturnable, unless your player level is that of a 4.5 or above, at which point the return itself has its own name: the buster bar.

These picklicious meanderings may all seem fun and even a little bit silly, but there's nothing silly about a sport that's seen a more than 200 percent growth

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Weekly connection

Old reliable

I originally wrote this article ten years ago. As I sat down at the computer today in 2024, I noticed that I was wearing this same old sweatshirt. Even though it's old and tattered, it's still my favorite.

My daughter handed a gift to me and I sensed an excitement in her eyes as she asked me to hurry up and open it. It was just a box, the kind that would hold a shirt and tie. I opened it trying to show some enthusiasm and anticipation. It was a gray



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

hooded sweatshirt. "Nice", I said as I gently turned it over in my hands to get a feel for how heavy it was and how warm it might be. As I flipped it over, suddenly my eyes caught sight of the logo placed squarely on the

front of the sweatshirt and the words below it. It read, FARMALL, with a big IH emblem above it. My heart soared and I found myself uttering the word that I try to save for God. "Awesome", the word rang out, "just what I needed, cool, I love it". For months at school I had seen lots of farm kids wearing similar sweatshirts and t-shirts, and I secretly wished I had one of my own to wear. Now my daughter had come through for me in a big way. On our home farm, we

currently have right around twenty of the old Farmall International tractors. I'll admit about seven of them are tractors my Dad has purchased in the last five years just for fun. He even built a small shed to house his hobby tractors. The very first Farmall he owned however was our trusty M model. That 1956 tractor is truly amazing. It was constantly in use throughout the year, from planting and

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Pearl City art students in action



Pearl City Kindergarten student Bryce Plager and her art.

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Pearl City students recently participated in an art show held in Freeport, IL. Over 70 pieces of artwork were entered for this Kindergarten through 12th grade show. Several students were able to see their artwork at the opening on Saturday, March 23.



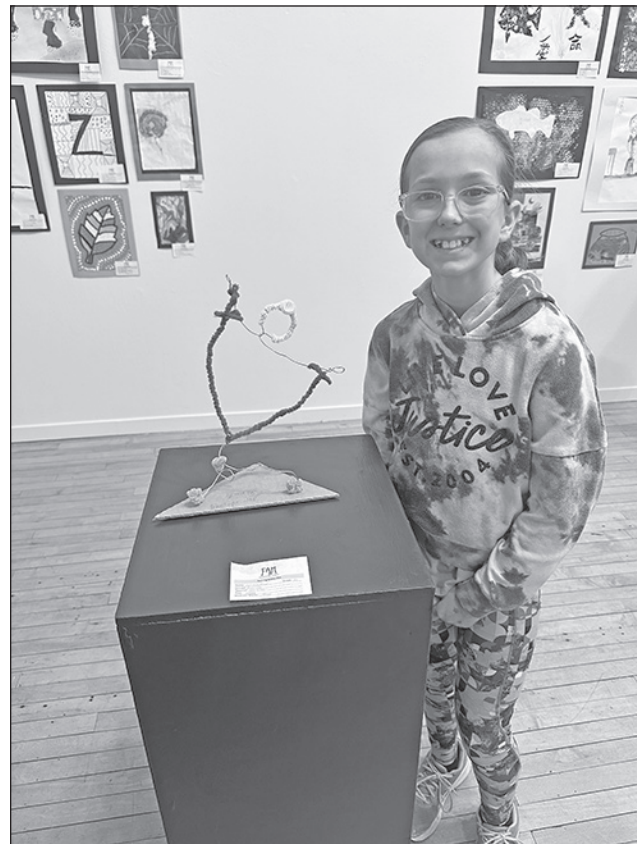
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Second grader Camryn Plager displays her artwork.



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Olivia Nunez proudly shows off her work from art class.



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Fourth grader Penelope Rauch stands near the art she created.



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(Left) Yvanna Sanchez stands beside her fourth grade artwork.



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Natalie Kloepping, a fifth grade student at Pearl City, receives an award for her artwork.



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Sixth grader Silas Nunez proudly displays his creation.



Grilling season is upon us! Join in on the fun!

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Stockton Heritage Museum to hold 2024 Volunteer Orientation Meeting

Stockton Heritage Museum will host a Volunteer Orientation Meeting for the 2024 season on Saturday, April 20, at 9 a.m. The meeting will take place at the Stockton Heritage Museum, 107 West Front Street, Stockton, IL. This orientation and training session is for all volunteers. Those interested in being museum hosts for 2024 should check their calendars before coming so they can sign up for hosting dates. Attendees will have the opportunity to take a tour of the museum, see our current exhibits, learn about future programs, and visit with other volunteers. Refreshments will be served. No experience is required, and volunteer training is available. If you are unable to attend the meeting, call 815-947-2220 or send an email to info@stocktonheritagemuseum.org to discuss volunteer opportunities.



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Museum board member and host Ann Coppernoll shares information about the history of the Kraft cheese plant in Stockton and demonstrates a milking machine to sixth grade Stockton elementary students. Being a museum host is one of the many ways in which community members can volunteer at the museum.

• Pickleball

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rate over the last three years, with 36.5 million pickleball players currently in the U.S. Pickleball's immense popularity has made it the fastest growing sport in the country.

It's getting people of all

ages up and off the couch and into the court, and that's a good thing. So at the end of the day—or match or game—I think we can all agree on one thing.

Pickleball is a big dill. (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

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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Warren-Stockton sweeps West Carroll in conference opener

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

After a long week of snow, rain, and cancellations, the Warren-Stockton Warhawks finally got back on the field for a double header on April 6. That day, the Warhawks were set to open conference play as they took on the West Carroll Thunder.

From March 20 to April 5, the Warhawks played just one game. That was a 4-2 victory over Monroe, which improved their record to 4-1 on the year. Despite the lack of play, the Warhawks con-

tinued to show up ready to play, and they proved that against the Thunder.

In game one, the Warhawks racked up ten hits as they took advantage of some sloppy West Carroll defense. Trey Pafford had an excellent day at the plate, going three for four with two runs scored and two runs batted in. Will Stietz went two for three with two RBI, and Brady Stietz was two for four with three runs scored and one RBI. Jacob Harbach also went one for two with one walk, one run scored, and one RBI.

Will Stietz opened the game on the mound, allowing one run and two hits in three innings of work. Braxton Kent closed things down with four strikeouts and one hit allowed in two innings of work. The Warhawks dominated every facet of the game as they picked up a 15-1 victory.

That was the story of the day for the Warhawks. Game two was much of the same as they put on another route, beating West Carroll 18-3.

Will continued to be hot, going three for four with four

runs scored and two RBI in the game. Brady kept pace, going one for two with a walk, two runs scored, and two RBI. Noah Larson finished the day two for four with one run scored, and Harbach went one for three with an RBI.

The Warhawks used a slew of pitchers in the game. Harbach began the game on the mound. In two innings of work, Harbach struck out five of the six outs he earned. He also allowed zero hits in that time.

Colby Tucker tossed a quick inning with two strikeouts; however, he allowed one earned run on one hit. Pafford allowed one run and two hits in his one inning, but he struck out all three outs. Jordan Kohl had a clean inning with two strikeouts and zero hits allowed.

With the two victories, the Warhawks improved to 6-1 on the year, while getting off to a 2-0 start in conference play. The Warhawks are scheduled to travel to take on East Dubuque on April 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Affordable Health Screenings coming to Lena

Area residents can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Lena Community Center will host this community event on May 2, 2024. The site is located at 497 Lions Dr. in Lena.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health, HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels, diabetes risk, kidney and thyroid function, and more. Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available.

Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary to support Purple Up Day

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary joins communities throughout the nation to honor April as the Month of the Military Child. April 15 is Purple Up Day; a day to recognize some of the military's most important heroes - their children. Everyone is encouraged to wear purple to recognize the sacrifices, trials, and tribulations that these children face while their parent or parents serve the country. Purple symbolizes the combined colors of the branches of the military, Army green, Marine Corps red, Navy blue, Air Force blue, Coast Guard blue and Space Force dark blue and white.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, there are almost two million military children in the United States. Children from military families are two times as likely to serve in the Armed Forces as adults. Over 80% of military connected children are in public schools and less than 8% attend Department of Defense schools. These children move three times more often than their civilian peers, moving on average six to nine times during kindergarden to graduation.

"Military children grow up facing a myriad of different issues than most children living in our communities — they face a huge number of challenges," said Dr. Coral May Grout, ALA national Children and Youth Committee chair. "The responsibilities of dealing with a parent in the military impact not only the spouse or other caregiver, but it impacts the child." "Military children don't wear a badge that identifies them as military children — their friends and family know, but it's not something shared elsewhere," said Grout. "Wearing purple is a quiet but powerful way to show those military kids you care."




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Stephenson and Carroll County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

One memory I have from my high school agriculture class was incubating and hatching chicks in the spring. That seems in some ways a million years ago. But each spring I have the opportunity to help the Agriculture in The Classroom Program for Stephenson County as they prepare for chick hatching that will take place in 25 classrooms around the county.

The first week in April was spent prepping and delivering incubators and chick hatching kits to schools across the county. Monday, April 8, fertile eggs will be delivered to those 25 classrooms. If you would like to follow along with participating classrooms, I encourage you to like and follow the Stephenson Ag in The Classroom's Facebook page.

New Illinois Farm Bureau docuseries connects rural, urban farmers

Rural and urban farmers recently came together in a new Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB)-produced docuseries highlighting the shared characteristics, goals and challenges they face when farming. The three-part series, titled "Fields Apart: Rooted Together," shows how farmers and agriculture in Illinois can help heal communities, drive economic opportunities, and showcase the diversity of farming in the state.

"Illinois agriculture goes far beyond what consumers may picture when they think

of a conventional farm," said IFB President Brian Duncan. "This docuseries showcases rural and urban farmers' similarities while celebrating our industry's diversity, which includes traditional row crop operations, urban farming, horticulture, livestock, food processing and so much more. "Illinois has a little bit of everything when it comes agriculture. It's important for IFB to connect producers of all types so we may learn from one another and build common ground as we work through our shared challenges."

"Fields Apart: Rooted Together" is available to watch

for free at <https://on.ilfb.org/fieldsapartrootedtogether>. Viewers are transported to rural and urban farms to learn about the successes and struggles farmers across the state face. The series covers a variety of topics such as farming in urban areas like Chicago, agritourism opportunities, how farmers can provide for their communities and fight food insecurity, how Illinois universities are providing diverse agriculture education and more.

Farmers featured in the series are Alicia Nesbary-Moore, owner of Herban Produce urban farm in Chicago, Amelia and Michael How-

ard, owners of Eden Place Farms in Chicago, Mathew Herberling, a row crop and livestock producer in Christian County, Mark Tuttle, a grain farmer in DeKalb County, Sadie Asher, a Christmas tree farmer in Henry County, and Natasha Nicholes, founder of We Sow We Grow urban farm in Chicago.

Also included in the series are Amy Hansmann, a volunteer with Cook County Farm Bureau; Bryan Flower, Northern Illinois University associate director of food systems innovation; Chris Vick, Southern Illinois University

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Local softball wrap

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

After a miserable week of poor weather, the local softball teams were lucky enough to get some games. Once the weather let up at the end of the week, Lena-Winslow, Orangeville-Aquin, and Pearl City all got some playing time in.

Lena-Winslow faced off with the Oregon Hawks in a doubleheader on Saturday, April 6. Prior to the games, Oregon was 3-3, while Le-Win was 4-3.

The Panthers dropped the opening game by a score of 12-2. Le-Win found themselves out-hit 15-5 as the Oregon offense had no trouble producing runs. Four of the Panthers' five hits came from Kaidynce Lynch and Faith Offerman. With two hits and one run batted in, Offerman led the way at the plate. Lynch was also two for three with one run scored in the loss.

Le-Win bounced back in a thrilling second game, however. After holding a 1-0 lead at the end of the first, the Panthers finally broke out in the second. Their offense combined for six runs as the Panthers combined for five hits in the inning.

The game wound up going into extra innings tied at 9-9. After allowing a run in the top half, the Panther bats came ready to hit in the bottom. It was Shayleigh Albright who had the hit of the day as her two-run double allowed Madly Chiles and Chloe Wild to score the game winning runs.

Le-Win combined for 16 hits in the win. Eden Dietz had a big day, going four for five with one RBI and one run scored. Chiles also had four hits and three runs scored. Offerman went two for five with one RBI. Lynch and Albright both finished with RBI on the day.

Orangeville-Aquin

Orangeville-Aquin had their own doubleheader on the same day as they took on Argyle and East Dubuque. The Broncos would go on to split games as they dropped an offensive shootout after han-

dling business against Argyle. The Broncos had 14 hits against Argyle, led by Laney Holland, who had three hits and five RBI on the day. Addy Wheeler went two for four with two runs scored and five RBI. Anicka Kraft went two for four with two RBI, and Ava Theisen went two for three with four runs scored and one RBI. Kylie Blakely also went two for two with two walks, four runs scored, and two RBI in a 15-3 victory over Argyle.

East Dubuque got the best of the Broncos in their matchup. Thirteen hits and a hot start allowed East Dubuque to jump out to an 8-4 lead early on. After coming back and taking the lead, the Broncos watched as East Dubuque held on for an 11-10 victory. It was the first loss of the season for Orangeville-Aquin, as they fell to 6-1. Meghan Holder had a solid day at the plate, going two for five with four RBI. Holland and Wheeler each had two RBI in the game.

Pearl City

The Pearl City Wolves had a doubleheader of their own as they took on Milledgeville and Galena. Both games were grueling as they came down to the final outs, but the Wolves managed to split games on the day.

Against Milledgeville, the Wolves suffered a 4-2 loss. Despite putting up a pair of runs in the first, the Wolves were unable to score the rest of the way. Kendra Kuhlemeier had a solid day, going one for two with two RBI. Kylie Campbell and Kamron Downs were the only other Wolves to tally a hit in the game.

The Wolves did pick up a 2-0 victory over Galena. Kuhlemeier pitched a gem as she allowed just two hits and zero runs in five innings. Kuhlemeier also struck out four in the game.

Pearl City's offense mustered just two hits, but their aggressive baserunning was just enough to get the victory. With that, the Wolves improved to 6-3 on the young season.

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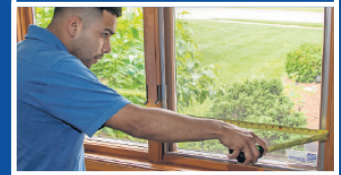
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Diane Kempel, a Patient Registration Representative in Lena, has been with the clinic since opening. In reflecting on her time with the clinic she shared, "These past 35 years at our clinic have been a joy. I've had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful providers and coworkers. It has made me so happy to provide great service to the town of Lena. The staff and I have become a closeknit family, and I continue to cherish the friendships we've made."

The SSM Health Medical Group location in Lena has been an incredible supporter of the Reach Out and Read



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The original clinic building of SSM Health (then Monroe Clinic).

Program. In 2023, their dedication to the program allowed the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, a member of SSM Health, to receive grant funding for additional resources. In 2022, 433 books were given to pediatric patients at the Lena

clinic. Open Mondays through Thursdays, SSM Health's dedication to the Lena community continues. To schedule an appointment in Lena, visit SSMHealth.com or call 815-369-4541

SSM Health welcomes new physician in Monroe

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group is pleased to welcome Dr. Paul Lentz, a board-certified Sports Medicine physician, to the organization. Originally from Brodhead, Dr. Lentz earned his medical degree at Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center and Fellowship trained at University of Michigan Health - Metro Health Hospital. He also spent four years in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon.

Dr. Lentz is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, BLS Certification, Drug Enforcement Administration, Oregon Board of Medical Examiners, Washington Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

Primarily focused on sport-related injuries to the shoulders, knees, hips, ankles, and elbows, Dr. Lentz also sees patients with neck and back pain. He treats musculoskeletal conditions that keep patients from being active, or any condition they may be suffering from as a result of physical activity, including concussions. Dr. Lentz is accepting new patients.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Boy did we get hit with winter once again. As I am getting ready to send this column the snow is falling, and the wind is blowing. I am hoping it quits soon. My recipes are for spring, so maybe by the time the column comes out, it will be spring weather again. Have a great week cooking.

crunchy and delicious combination. Toasting the nuts will help with the recipes that follow. The red apples are also used in the pork chop recipe. Enjoy this different green salad.

- 2 T. butter
- 1 T. sugar
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 1 C. walnut or pecan halves

Dressing:

- 1/3 C. olive oil
- 3 T. white wine vinegar
- 1/2 t. Dijon mustard
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 t. sugar
- 1/4 t. dried oregano
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1/8 t. parsley flakes
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 2 T. finely chopped onions

Salad ingredients

- 5 C. torn romaine
- 5 C. red leaf lettuce
- 1 medium Granny Smith Apple, chopped
- 1 medium Honey Crisp or Braeburn Apple, chopped

1/2 to 1 C. crumbled feta or blue cheese

Preheat oven to 350. In a small skillet, melt butter over medium heat; stir in sugar and pepper. Add nuts; toss to coat. Spread evenly onto a baking sheet. Bake until lightly browned, about 15 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.

Place dressing ingredients in a blender; cover and process until blended. Place salad ingredients in a large bowl; toss with dressing. Top with nuts. Serve immediately.

Creamy Carrot Casserole

This vegetable side is a good one for April as I recently heard that April is carrot month. The addition of the horseradish adds a little kick.

- 1 1/2 lbs. carrots, sliced or 1 pkg. (20 oz.) frozen sliced car-

- rots, thawed
- 1 C. mayonnaise
- 1 T. grated onion
- 1 T. prepared horseradish
- 1/4 C. shredded cheddar cheese

2 T. crushed Ritz crackers
Preheat oven to 350. Place 1 inch water in a large saucepan; add carrots. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until crisp-tender, 7 to 9 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/4 C. cooking liquid. Transfer carrots to a 1 1/2 qt. baking dish which has been sprayed with cooking spray.

In a small bowl, combine the mayo, onion, horseradish, and reserved cooking liquid; spread evenly over carrots. Sprinkle with cheese; top with cracker crumbs. Bake uncovered for 30 minutes.

Stuffed Pork Chops

This week's column features pork in two forms. This stuffed

pork chop recipe is great for a weekend dinner. If you can't find pork stuffing, use regular stuffing.

- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) pork stuffing mix

- 3/4 t. seasoned salt
- 1/2 t. garlic powder
- 1/2 t. pepper
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup

- 1/4 C. 2% milk
- 1 C. shredded Monterey Jack cheese

- 1 small apple, finely chopped
- 1/2 C. chopped pecans, toasted

- 8 boneless pork loin chops
- 2 T. olive oil, divided

Chopped parsley

Prepare stuffing according to package directions; cool slightly. In a small bowl, mix seasonings. In another bowl, whisk soup and milk until blended. Stir cheese, apple, and pecans into cooled stuffing. Cut a pocket horizontally in the thickest part of each chop. Fill with stuffing mixture. Brush outsides of chops with 1 T. oil. Sprinkle with seasoning mixture.

In a Dutch oven, heat remaining oil over medium heat. Stand pork chops in pan, stuffing side up, spaced evenly. Pour soup mixture around chops; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 35 to 40 minutes or until pork is no longer pink and a thermometer inserted in stuffing reads 165. Remove from heat; let stand 5 minutes. Transfer chops to a serving dish. Spoon sauce over top; sprinkle with parsley.

Ham and Pea Pasta Alfredo

If you still have some leftover ham, this easy pasta recipe will help you finish it off. The sugar snap peas add the crunch to the creamy cheese sauce. If you don't want to use Romano cheese, you could substitute shredded Parmesan.

- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) fettuccini
- 2 T. butter
- 1 1/2 lbs. sliced fully cooked ham, cut into strips (about 5 C.)
- 2 C. fresh sugar snap peas
- 2 C. heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 C. Romano cheese
- 1/4 t. pepper

Cook fettuccine according to package directions. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Add ham and peas; cook and stir 5 minutes. Stir in cream, cheese, and pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 1 to 2 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened and peas are crisp-tender. Drain fettuccine; add to skillet and toss to coat. Serve immediately.

Lemon Cream Cheese Crescent Ring

This dessert ring is easy to make and tasty too. Using crescent roll dough as the base, you can whip it up in just a few minutes.

- Crescent Ring**
- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. of cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 C. sugar

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Reliable (Continued from page 4)

picking corn, to hauling manure and cultivating beans, she was always on the go. Over the years, many other tractors were added to the operation from the 560 and 706 to the more powerful 1486 and 5288 models. There was one thing that always remained a constant, that old M. We could always count on her even when not one other tractor would start on those twenty below zero mornings. All it took was one hard crank on the front end of the M, and she fired right up. Even today, it's great to see her sitting by the barn proudly hooked up to a wagon, ready for action.

There is something pretty great about the strength of something proven and true, like that Farmall M. Too many times we cast off the older proven ingredients of life as old fashioned and disposable. Sadly, today, many of us have abandoned the ways of our Christian faith. Church attendance is random, and our kids are learning that the God of

the Bible certainly isn't a priority.

God made an entrance into this world some two thousand years ago and gave us all we need for hope and happiness. For many the truth of the scripture is seen as old fashioned and yet just like that Farmall M, it remains the most reliable thing we have for life. The Bible may not have all the bells and whistles of modern-day psychology or new age philosophy, but it is God's word. The only thing that will matter to any of us when we stand before God, someday, is what we did with God's son, Jesus Christ. The Bible is clear that Jesus was God Himself who came in the flesh to die for our sins. John 3:16 reads; For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. As we enter a new season of spring, it's time to accept or recommit to the tried and true, our Savior, the Lord Jesus. Until next week, God bless!

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month

As with all cancers, early diagnosis of oral cancer contributes to improved prognosis and survival rates. One of the most important responsibilities dentists have is educating their patient family about oral cancer.



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

An informed individual will be able to recognize when something is wrong with themselves or their children and bring it to the attention of their dentist or physician for the earliest possible diagnosis and/or prevention of a problem.

If caught early, oral cancer is highly treatable. Warning signs of cancer or precancerous lesions include, but are not limited to, frequent bleeding in the mouth, a lump or dense tissue in the cheek or neck, a mouth ulcer or sore that does not heal, patches of red or white irregular spots in the mouth, persistent pain or numbness in the mouth or lips, difficulty chewing, swallowing or moving the tongue or jaw and enlarged lymph nodes.

It is important for the public to know that in its' initial stages, oral cancers rarely cause any pain. If you have any of these warning signs, do not assume that a lack of pain means you can put off an exam or recommended biopsy and diagnostic tests. A biopsy and diagnostic tests will provide a definitive diagnosis and guide treatment going forward.

What other steps can you take to protect yourself and your loved ones? The human papillomavirus or HPV infects about fourteen million people each year. While most infections go away on their own, infections that are not resolved can lead to certain types of cancer. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 70% of oropharyngeal cancers are associated with HPV. The HPV vaccination could prevent more than 90% of these cancers from ever developing. With over one hundred million doses distributed in the United States and over 10 years of research studies to monitor for safety and effectiveness, the HPV vaccine can provide your child long term protection against these cancers. The CDC recommends that all children get two doses of the HPV vaccine between the ages of 11 and 12, but it can be given as young as age 9. Research has shown that the earlier the vaccine is given, the more

effective it is. Children who get the first dose before their 15th birthday only need two doses. For those fifteen or older, three doses will be necessary. The American Dental Association strongly advocates the use of the HPV vaccine.

For adults, HPV vaccination is recommended through age 26. Although not recommended, the age range can be extended to 45 years, under certain conditions, and after consulting your doctor. The value of vaccination at a later stage of life might be higher in those who have had a limited number of partners. If you have already been exposed to a particular version of HPV, the vaccine will not work in preventing issues with that strain, but with fewer partners, there is a higher chance that you have not been exposed to one of the versions of HPV that the vaccine covers.

Every patient should be screened for oral and oral pharyngeal cancer during their dental exam. To augment this, you are encouraged to do a monthly self-exam of your mouth, looking for anything new, abnormal, or persisting. Keep in mind that people with oropharyngeal cancer often do not have oral symptoms but may notice a lump on their neck. A dedicated website, www.checkyourmouth.org has been established to show you how to perform a self-exam. Their simple how-to video is user friendly and extremely easy to follow. The idea of self-exams is not new and has already proven to be quite effective in helping to detect breast and skin cancers.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not wait until your next dental exam to contact your dentist. He/she will be able to put your mind at ease or recommend diagnostic testing or biopsy if warranted.

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NO. 2023FC53
145 NORTH WHISTLER AVENUE FREEPORT, IL 61032

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE

FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on February 20, 2024, Sheriff of Stephenson County will on May 7, 2024, in Stephenson County Courthouse 15 N. Galena Ave (West Door), Freeport, IL 61032, at 9:30am, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Stephenson, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

THE NORTH SIXTY (60) FEET OF LOT TWENTY-EIGHT (28) IN POWELL AND WADDELL'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED IN BOOK 26

OF DEEDS ON PAGE 267 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF FREEPORT, COUNTY OF STEPHENSON AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 18-13-36-226-020
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 145 North Whistler Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032

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ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-16149IL

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY - 15 NORTH GALENA AVENUE, FREEPORT, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Teresa D. Strasser, DECEASED.

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Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to David Strasser, 1607 West Fairview Road, Freeport, Illinois 61032, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is SJ Chapman,

Bielski, Chapman, Ltd, 123 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2300, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 12)

1 T. fresh lemon juice
2 t. grated lemon zest
1 can (8 oz.) Crescent Dough rolls

Glaze
½ C. powdered sugar
2 to 3 t. milk

Heat oven to 350. Spray large cookie sheet with cooking spray. In small bowl mix cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice and lemon peel with mixer on medium speed until well blended. Unroll dough and press perforations to make one sheet. Spread cream cheese mixture on rectangle to within ½ inch of edges. Starting with 1 long side of rectangle, roll up and pinch edge to seal. With serrated knife, cut into 12 slices. Arrange slices on cookie sheet in a circle, overlapping slightly. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown. In small bowl, mix glaze ingredients until thin enough to drizzle. Drizzle over warm crescent ring.

Salted Caramel Brownies

These brownies are yummy with the addition of a caramel sauce and sea salt. Serve them with ice cream, and they will be a hit.

2 C. sugar
¼ C. heavy cream
1 T. plus 1 C. butter
4 oz. unsweetened chocolate, chopped
4 eggs
1 C. flour
1 t. vanilla
Flaky sea salt

In a 1½ qt. heavy bottom pot, stir together ½ C. sugar and 3 T. water. Over medium heat, cook, brushing sides of pot with wet pastry brush to prevent crystals forming, until mixture turns a light caramel color, 7 to 8 minutes. Remove from heat. Carefully stir in heavy cream, 1 T. butter and pinch of salt (mixture will bubble up.) Let stand 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl or measuring cup; let cool.

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 9-inch square pan with enough foil to overhang sides by 2 inches. Spray with cooking spray. In pot over low heat, melt remaining 1 C. butter and chocolate. Remove from heat. Stir in remaining 1½ C. sugar, eggs, flour, vanilla and ¼ t. salt. Spread in pan. Drizzle with ¼ C. caramel sauce; swirl. Bake until toothpick inserted in center comes out with moist crumbs clinging, 25 to 30 minutes. Transfer to rack; let cool. Using foil, lift brownie from pan; transfer to board. Cut into squares. Drizzle with caramel sauce. If desired, sprinkle with flaky sea salt.

Final Thoughts

Because the weather was so bad when I was working on this column, I was also cleaning out some stacks of cards. I received hundreds of

cards since I began my cancer journey last spring. It was so surprising to me that I had very few duplicate cards. Many of my friends are card makers, and their special cards warmed my heart the second time as much as the first. Also, so many people wrote beautiful messages. Many of them have been through a cancer journey themselves. I am so glad I took the time to read them all again. Thank you so very much for all your good thoughts and prayers. I would not be where I am today without all of you. Now we need to get some of our Spring weather back!

We are looking for spring recipes and it is time for rhubarb and strawberry recipes, so send some favorites our way. If you find some recipes 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.

•News (Continued from page 9)

director of University Farms; and Sean Park, Western Illinois University program manager of the Value-Added Sustainable Development Center. "Together, we are strengthening our communities, regardless of geographic location, through agriculture," Mathew Heberling said of the documentary. "We are all passionate about feeding our community and have the work ethic to see a job through. When we have these conversations, we build connections that not only help strengthen us personally, but also help lay the groundwork for the future success of Illinois farmers."

Regardless of how diverse our backgrounds are, the similarities hold us together."

IAA Foundation hosts the AgMazing Race

The AgMazing Race is an adventure-style team challenge that aims to highlight Illinois agriculture while raising funds for statewide and local ag literacy programs. The event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 3. Check-in begins at 12 p.m. at Pere Marquette in Grafton, IL, with the race taking place from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dinner and Awards at Pere Marquette will follow at 5 p.m.

•Happenings (Continued from page 11)

The Village Board meets at Village Hall on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to see what is happening within the Village

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Stephenson County to host DIY Animal Planter Workshop

The Stephenson County Farm Bureau and College Street Creations are partnering to host a DIY Animal Planter Box Workshop. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 30 at 6 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building in Freeport. All materials are provided with registration cost. Cost for members is \$30 and non-member \$40. Registration is required and can be done so by calling our office 815-232-3186 or stopping by 210 West Spring Street. Examples of the animal planter boxes can be found on our Facebook page or website, www.stephensoncfb.org.

REAL ESTATE NOTICE

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DENNIS FRYER RETIREMENT LINE: John Deere 4760 Tractor, 18.4x42 Duals, Power Shift, 8,229 Hrs, John Deere 7000 4R Planter, Dry Fertilizer, John Deere 1710 9 Shank Disk Chisel, Nice For Age, Kewanee 13' Cultimulcher, Massey Ferguson 43 Grain Drill Grass Seed, Krause 1924 Rock Flex Disk
FOREST SLAUGHT LINE: Kubota M6040 Loader Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, MFWD, 3pt, PTO, 1 Hyd Remote, 594 Hrs, One Owner, John Deere MX7 3pt Rotary Cutter, Kubota BX1870 Compact Loader Tractor, 4x4, 54" Deck, 773 Hrs, Oliver 70 Row Crop Tractor, G, NF, Block Has Been Patched, John Deere 6x4 Gator, Hyd Dump, 1,300 Hrs, (2) – John Deere 3pt Post Hole Diggers, JD 2R Planter
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT: 15' Vermeer LP833SDT Towable Vac Trailer, Tandem Axle, Tank Has Been Patched, 711 Hrs, 13' Yanmar Vio55 Mini Excavator, D, Aux Hyd, Coupler, 2,730 Hrs, 18' Yanmar Vio35 Mini Excavator, Cab, Aux Hyd, 911 Hrs, Gallion 160L Motor Grader, Bomag BW142D Vibratory Roller, D, Orops, Canopy, 91' Cat D4C Dozer, Orops Canopy, 6 Way Blade, 6,242 Hrs, MQ Power 180 Towable Air Compressor, Duetz Diesel, Haulotte Biljax 5533AA Towable Basket Lift, Electric, Works Good, 06' Genie Z45/25RT Basket Lift, D, 3,745 Hrs, Municipal Machine, Industrias Americas 140R 14' Scraper, Cat TH350B Extendable Forklift, Orops, 10,000 Hrs, JCB SMBT4100 Backhoe, 4x4, Extendahoe, 14' Marooka MST-1500VD Track Dump Truck, JLG 942 Extendable Lift
SKID STEERS: John Deere 324G Skid Steer, Cab/A/H, 2 Spd, Hyd Quick Tatch, Camera, 551 Hrs, John Deere 324G Skid Steer, Cab/A/H, 2 Spd, Hyd Quick Tatch, Camera, 822 Hrs, Bobcat 763 Skid Steer, Orops, 5,256 Hrs, Cat 272C Skid Steer, Cab/A/H, 2 Spd, High Flow, 5,448 Hrs, Gehl RT210 Track Skid Steer, D, Cab/H, 2 Spd, 4,897 Hrs, New Holland 785 Skid Steer, Orops, Bobcat 773 Skid Steer, Orops, Hyd Quick Tatch, 3,660 Hrs, 13' Bobcat S570 Skid Steer, Cab/A/H, 2 Spd, Hyd Quick Tatch, 4,978 Hrs, 98' Case 75XT Skid Steer, Cab/H, 5,187 Hrs, Takeuchi TL150 Track Skid Steer, Cab, 2,208 Hrs, John Deere CT322 Track Skid Steer, Cab, 4,442 Hrs, Bobcat 773 Skid Steer 4,136 Hrs, Bobcat S185 Skid Steer, 6,059 Hrs, Cat 287B Track Skid Steer, Vermeer FT100 Track Skid Steer, Cab/A/H, Rear Winch, 1,739 Hrs, 11' New Holland C232 Track Skid Steer, Orops, 2,900 Hrs, ASV RC100 Track Skid Steer, Cab/H, 3,363 Hrs, Cat 308 Excavator, Cab/H, 2 Spd, Aux Hyd, Mech Thumb, Bobcat 335 Mini Excavator, Ingersoll Rand DD24 Double Drum Roller, Bomag Vibratory Roller, D, Orops, Hydro
TRACTORS/COMBINES: 13' Case IH 190 Tractor, D, MFWD, 19 Spd Power Shift, High Flow Pump, Rear Duals, ONLY 1,188 Hrs, 2 Owner Tractor, Sharp, 16' John Deere 6125R Loader Tractor, D, Cab/A/H, MFWD, Power Quad Plus, 1,600 Hrs, John Deere 9560 STS Combine, D, Bullet Rotor, Bin Ext. 18.4x38 Front Duals, 3,718/2,836 Hrs, John Deere 9200 Articulate Tractor, D, 4x4, Quad Range, EZ Guide Auto Steer, 3pt, 4 Hyd Remotes, 5,655 Hrs, Case IH 9280 Articulate Tractor, D, 12 Spd Trans, 3,433 Hrs, John Deere 4440 Tractor, Quad Range, 6,136 Hrs, John Deere 4440 Tractor, Quad Range, 9,497 Hrs, John Deere 4960 Tractor, MFWD, Powers Shift, 3,530 Hrs, John Deere 9500 Combine, Bin Extension, 4,699/3,744 Hrs, J John Deere 8430 Articulate Tractor, 3pt, PTO, Degelman Silage Blade, 7,977 Hrs, John Deere 4440 Quad Range, 8,604 Hrs, John Deere 4600 Compact Loader Tractor, MFWD, Left Hand Reverser, 2,600 Hrs, John Deere 50 Tractor, G, NF, Restored, John Deere 4430 Tractor, Quad Range, 7,150 Hrs, John Deere 4430 Tractor, Quad Range, 8,267 Hrs, John Deere 2555 Loader Tractor, 146 Ldr, 6,777 Hrs, Ford 7700 Tractor, D, Cab/H, 7,779 Hrs, International 1486 Tractor, Cab/H, 4,778 Hrs., International 856 Tractor, Dual PTO, 1,738 Hrs, International 1256 Tractor, Dual PTO, 6,182 Hrs, International 1456 Tractor, Dual PTO, 6,915 Hrs, International 1066 Black Stripe Tractor, Dual PTO,
FARM EQUIPMENT: John Deere 1590 10' No Till Grain Drill, Dolly Wheel, Grass Seed, John Deere 7200 Max-Emerge 2 16R Planter-Nice Planter, John Deere 8300 Grain Drill, John Deere Max-Emerger 2 12R Planter, Marker Arms, John Deere 618C 16R Corn Head, 20" Spacing, EZ Trail 880 Head Cart, John Deere 612C 12R Corn Head, EZ Trail 880 Head Cart, John Deere 6500 Self Propelled Sprayer, Jon Deere 936 Moco Discbine, John Deere 500 Grain Cart, John Deere 980 40' Cultivator, 5 Bar Spike Harrow, John Deere 980 28' Field Cultivator, 5 Bar Spike Harrow, (2) – J&M Gravity Wagons w/ Augers, Vermeer R9120 Discbine, 10' Case IH 3412 12R Corn Head, New Holland FP230 Chopper, Hay Head, 3PN Corn Head, Case IH 5400 Grain Drill, Yetter No Till Caddy, Marker Arms, Early Riser Monitor, Case IH SMX91 Haybine, Very Nice, Case IH 5500 Soybean Special Drill, Penta 4020SD TMR Mixer, Scale, Case IH 496 28' Disk, Ag Bagger 6000 Series Bagger, 21' H&S 2112 Hay Rake, Never Used, Wilrich XL2 45' Field Cultivator, Kubota DM1022 8' 3pt Disc Mower, 05' Kuhn Knight 8118 Slinger Spreader, NICE!, Krause Landsman 6100 12' Field Finisher, Kuhn GA7501 Dual Basket Rotary Rake, Claas Volto 1100T 10 Basket Hay Tedder, 23' New Holland 165 Manure Spreader, Poly Floor, Never Used, Kinzie 2000 8R Planter, Interplant, Meridian 375RT Seed Express Seed Tender, Honda Gas, Scale
VEHICLES & TRAILERS: 17' Triton Enclosed Snowmobile Trailer, Tandem Axle, Very Nice, 98' Peterbilt 379 Semi Tractor, 6TS Cat, 455 Hp, 13 Spd, Lots Of Work Done, 94' Peterbilt 377 Semi Tractor, CAT SEK Motor, 13 Spd, 915,789 Miles 96' Double D 24' Gooseneck Trailer, 02' Dierzon 20' Dump Trailer, Tandem Axle, 01' Freightliner FL106 Toy Hauler Semi Tractor, D, Automatic, Single Axle, 552,300 Miles, 00' Load King 28' Gooseneck Trailer, 18' Neville Built 39' Step Deck Trailer, 08 Merrit CV2' Hopper Bottom Trailer, 14' Kenworth T660 Semi Tractor, Pacar 455 Hp, 885,498 Miles, Mack 42713 Quad Axle Dump Truck, 91' GMC 7500 Tanker Truck, 99' Wilson Hopper Bottom Trailer, 12' Freightliner Cascadia Day Cab Semi Tractor, 626,991 Miles, 18' PJ 35' Deck Over Trailer, Pintle Hitch
LAWN & GARDEN – GOLF/RECREATION: 21' Ferris IS6200 Zero Turn Mower, 90 Hrs, Toro 4700D Rough Rotary Mower, 4x4, 5 Deck, 4,000 Hrs, (5) – John Deere TS 4x2 Gators, Manual Dump, (2) – John Deere TS 4x2 Gator, Manual Dump, Cab, (2) – 23' John Deere 865M XUV Gator, D, Orops, Canopy, 4x4, Low Hours, (2) – 23' & 22' John Deere Z994R Zero Turn Mowers, D, 72" Deck, Sub 100 Hrs, Ty-Crop MH400 Top Dresser, Conveyor, Dakota 440 Turf Tender Top Dresser, Ty Crop Pro Pass 180 Top Dresser, Buffalo Mega Towable Blower, (2) – Towable 27 Hp Blowers, (2) – Altoz TRX561 Track Zero Turn Mowers, Gas, 61" Deck, Municipal Machines, 21' John Deere X758 Lawn Mower, D 60" Deck, 4x4, 123 Hrs, HUGE SELECTION OF LAWN MOWERS & GATORS/UTVS, TO MANY TO LIST! Large Selection Of Livestock Equipment From Closed Feed Lot! NEW ATTACHMENTS
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