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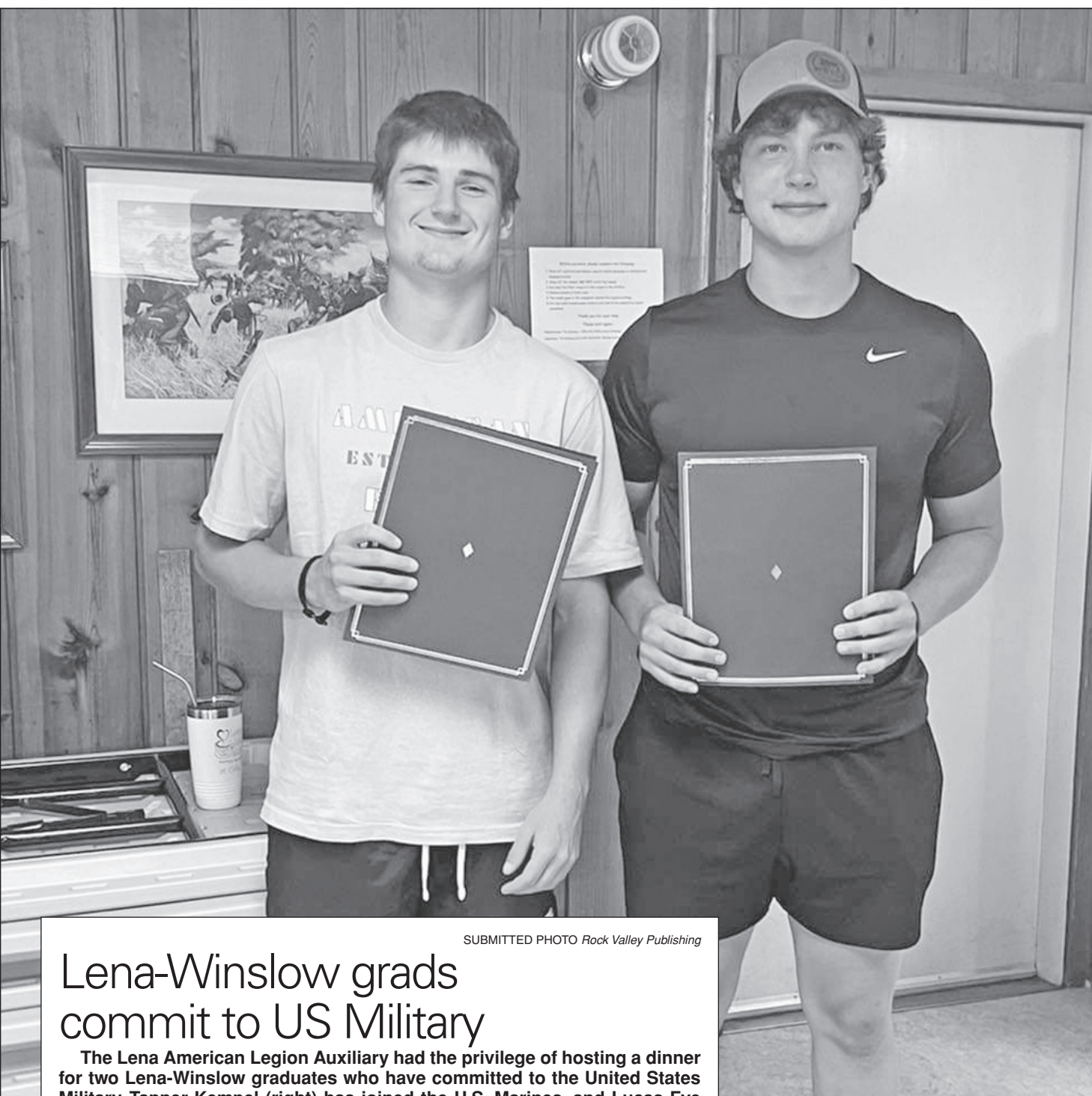
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## Lena-Winslow grads commit to US Military

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary had the privilege of hosting a dinner for two Lena-Winslow graduates who have committed to the United States Military. Tanner Kempel (right) has joined the U.S. Marines, and Lucas Fye (left) has joined the ROTC Army. Several members of the American Legion Family were there to wish them well and congratulate them.

## Village of Lena happenings

There are several street projects currently underway within the Village. To keep our residents updated with the most recent information, we have created a page on our website to post progress updates for the different projects. Please use the QR code (below) or visit [www.villageoflena.com](http://www.villageoflena.com). Under the About tab > Village Information you will find Street Improvement Updates.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lena Lions Bike & Pet Parade will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 10 a.m. Come out to raise diabetes awareness, have some fun with family, play games and win prizes! For more information, visit the 'Lena Illinois Lions Club' Facebook page.

Check out the Lena Farmers Market located downtown Lena on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Stop by to find a great variety of local items.

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5. The dropbox is available for any payments, permits, or other applications.

The Village Board meets at Village Hall on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend to see what is happening within the Village of Lena. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss you can call Village Hall at 815-369-4016 to be put on the agenda for public participation.



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# Obituary

## ALBERT COOK

Albert Walter Cook, age 63, of Stockton, IL, formerly of Schuylerville, NY, passed away Thursday, June 27, 2024, at home. He was born in Saratoga, NY on September 17, 1960, to the late Albert James and Shirley (Hoag) Cook. Albert married Kristine Dyson on April 13, 1981.

He was a 1978 graduate of Schuylerville High School. Albert went on to serve in the U.S. Navy and retired as a Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class after 20 years of service. He had worked with T&R Construction and was a custodian for the Stockton School District.

His heart was in farming "God's Country". He enjoyed reading, especially war books, toy tractor collecting, video gaming with his grandchildren, telling stories, and tractor pulling with his siblings.

Albert is survived by his wife, Kristine Cook of Stock-

ton; his daughters, Lori Ann Montalvo of Stockton and Brandy Lee Cook of Stockton; his son, Albert James (Liz) Cook of Tomahawk, WI; his grandchildren, Shirley, Bencho, Izzy, Justin, Briar and Silus; his sisters, Nelle (John) Hammersmith of PA, Brenda Cook of NY, Laurie (Garth) Kenyon of NY, and Heather (Rob) Goodspeed of NY; his brother, Joseph (Kim Doten) Cook of Stockton; his brother-in-law, John Dyson of AL; and his good friends, Lori Mercer and Tom Rillie. He was preceded in death by his parents and good friend, Keith Mercer.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. There will be a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. A memorial fund has been established.

Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).

# Illinois apple orchard succeeds over insect, weather challenges

By Phyllis Coulter  
FARMWEEK

Two wagonloads of specialty growers were guided through rows of apples at Jonamac Orchard and learned how this year's crop was saved from frost damage.

The U-pick orchard, part of a 105-acre family-owned farm in DeKalb County, consists of more than 20,000 trees growing more than 30 varieties of apples.

Spychal and McArtor family members shared some apple-growing challenges and triumphs June 6 at the Summer Horticulture Field Day organized by the Illinois State Horticultural Society.

When temperatures at the DeKalb County farm drop to 29 degrees for an hour, the orchard can lose 10 percent of the apple crop, said Mike Spychal, one of Jonamac's owners.

And if the temperature falls to 25 degrees, crop loss can grow to 90 percent.

Raising the temperature by 4 degrees matters. "It's the difference between having a season or not," Spychal said.

The orchard invested in two frost machines—basically a helicopter blade on a tall tower—and used them twice this year. Each cost \$40,000.

But saving the crop required more than machines alone; manual labor was also needed.

Workers place barrels with wood from pruning trees among the rows of apple trees that create heat for the frost machines to distribute. The team must light 180 fires throughout the orchard, often about midnight.

And frost isn't the only challenge for the orchard.



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Mike Spychal of Jonamac Orchards explains how the frost machine, a towering helicopter blade above him, helps reduce frost damage. They hosted attendees of the Summer Horticulture Field Day sponsored by the Illinois State Horticultural Society.

Jenna Spychal, Mike's wife, and the granddaughter of founders Jerry and Mary Lynn McArtor, is leading the orchard's fight against codling moths, whose larvae can tunnel fruit and produce "wormy" apples.

"It's the first time we tried mating disruption," she said. She demonstrated how she puts the disrupter on the trees with a long pole, tree by tree.

The Jonamac team also uses a trap system. By monitoring the traps, they also know when the threshold has been reached to spray, said Kaci Athey, University of Illinois entomologist and assis-

tant professor.

While the family could control frost damage, trees in one part of the orchard showed signs of winter damage, several to the point of dying.

Mohammad Babadoost, a plant pathologist and U of I professor, said he has seen more winter damage problems in central and northern Illinois in the past several years.

When the tree's vascular system suffers from winter damage, the tree is more susceptible to fungi, he said.

"It's beyond a pathology problem. We need more re-

search on why this is happening," Babadoost said. "It's complex."

Mike Spychal said the dead and dying trees will be removed and drainage improved in that area before replanting.

Babadoost praised the management of Jonamac Orchard. "This is one of the cleanest orchards, disease-wise, in Illinois," the pathologist said.

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# Ban on 'captive audience' meetings, AI regulations among 466 bills to pass this session

## Bill allowing digital driver's licenses also clears General Assembly

By Alex Abbeduto, Cole Longcor and Dilpreet Raju  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A bill banning what unions refer to as employer-sponsored "captive audience" meetings about religion and politics has cleared both chambers of the General Assembly.

It was one of 466 measures to do so during the Illinois legislature's recently concluded spring session, including measures targeting artificial intelligence and allowing for digital driver's licenses. A Capitol News Illinois analysis shows 287 of the bills passed in the session's final two weeks.

If the "captive audience" bill is signed by the governor, employers would still be allowed to discuss religion and politics with employees, but workers would have the right to skip the meeting, whether on or off the clock, without retaliation.

The Illinois AFL-CIO labor organization brought the legislation to state Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, and celebrated its passage as a win for workers. In a news release, Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea said the meetings "are a direct violation of workers' rights."

The meetings were made legal in 1947 under what's known as the Taft-Hartley Act. But labor advocates across the country, including other state chapters of the AFL-CIO and the current National Labor Review Board General Counsel, Jennifer Abruzzo, are working to definitively outlaw mandatory attendance at meetings where anti-union rhetoric is shared.

Citing the Colorado governor's recent veto of similar

legislation in which he said he would sign a narrower and more neutral bill, Sen. Jason Plummer, R-Edwardsville, said during debate that the pending legislation, particularly who it would impact and how, is not well defined.

"Let's not play politics with unconstitutional legislation that's going to get thrown out in the court of law," Plummer said.

Of the six states that have introduced similar legislation, only two have ongoing lawsuits. One is in Minnesota, filed by business groups including the National Federation of Independent Business Inc., and another is in Colorado, which was partially dismissed in 2023.

Senate Bill 3649 advanced out of the Senate on partisan lines, 39-18, after clearing the House 79-30 with some Republican support. The final version was amended to specifically exclude certain groups—including 501(c)(4, 5 and 6) organizations—that participate in lobbying activities and generally exist for the purpose of advocacy.

The bill still needs to be signed by the governor to become law.

### Artificial intelligence protections

A bill that would outlaw the creation and sharing of child pornography made using artificial intelligence was one of several AI-focused measures to clear the General Assembly in its final days.

House Bill 4623, which was backed by Attorney General Kwame Raoul, would expand current child pornography laws to also cover AI-generated child pornography.

Backers of the bill said if AI-generated child pornography rapidly increases, law enforcement's ability to identify real cases would be more difficult.

The bill, which passed both chambers unanimously, would also ban the distribution of various AI-generated sexual images without consent.

House Bill 4875 would protect individuals from having their voice, image or likeness duplicated by AI for commercial purposes without their consent. The bill would allow recording artists and those they contract with to seek damages for nonconsensual use of their likeness.

The measure, as amended, cleared both chambers unanimously.

House Bill 4762, also passed by both chambers unanimously, would protect performers and other individuals from wrongful use of AI replicas. The bill would make contracts unenforceable if the performer would have performed in person, the use of the digital replica was not defined or detailed in the agreement, and if they were not represented by a lawyer or labor union during the agreement.

### Digital IDs

The secretary of state's office would be able to issue digital identification such as driver's licenses, learner's permits or state IDs to Illinois residents under House Bill 4592, which passed both chambers unanimously.

The cards would be issued "in addition to, and not instead of" a physical ID, under the bill.

The measure has an effective date of Jan. 1, 2025,

giving the secretary of state's office time to implement and test a new digital ID platform before it goes live.

Under the bill, agencies and private entities may choose if they want to accept electronic IDs in place of physical ones, but "upon request by law enforcement, a credential holder must provide the credential holder's physical credential."

A digital phone application that registers identification cards with the secretary of state's office would cost a maximum of \$6 under the bill heading to the governor's desk.

In 2021, the American Civil Liberties Union published a report warning of potential privacy risks that could come with digitizing government IDs. The bill addresses some concerns by barring law enforcement from requesting or searching through an individual's phone.

It also requires the secretary of state's office to "use an electronic credential system that is designed to maximize the privacy of the credential holder ... and shall not track or compile information without the credential holder's consent."

### Family obligation discrimination

House Bill 2161 bans workplace discrimination based on family responsibilities.

Senate sponsor Sen. Natalie Toro, D-Chicago, said the bill's goal is to "prohibit discrimination on an assumption that your family responsibility will impede your work performance."

For example, Toro said, a woman cannot currently be passed over for a promotion

because of her family status if the promotion goes to a man with a similar status. But she could lose out on the promotion to another woman with no children.

Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy, called the bill unnecessary, as the U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted federal Title VII—which prohibits gender and sex-based discrimination—to apply to cases regarding family obligations.

The bill passed the Senate 37-19 and the House 74-29. It will become law if signed by the governor.

### Exoneree higher education benefits

Senate Bill 3771 allows exonerated individuals to pass a state benefit covering higher education costs on to dependents. It passed the Senate 45-11 and the House 71-38.

Illinois leads the nation in exonerated individuals, with over 500 people having wrongful convictions overturned. Payouts to exonerees in Illinois remain some of the lowest in the country, but the Higher Education Student Assistance Act covers public

university tuition and fees for exonerees.

The bill allows the state benefit to cover private, not-for-profit university costs so long as the total does not "exceed the maximum grant payable" towards a grantee in "the most expensive comparable" program at an Illinois public university.

If the recipient, either an exoneree or their dependent, maintains "satisfactory academic progress," grant funds can pay up to eight semesters or 12 quarters of full tuition and mandatory fees.

### Mold public health campaign

Senate Bill 1087 requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to create a public health awareness campaign informing the public about the dangers and importance of removing indoor mold. It also requires IDPH to establish "procedures for parties that provide mold remediation services to register with the state."

The bill passed out of both chambers without opposition.

## Freeport police reports

### Updated shots fired incident

During the ongoing investigation of the shots fired incident that occurred on June 21, 2024, at approximately 2:15 p.m., officers of the Freeport Police Department received information about two persons of interest. Martell Pogue, 25, of Freeport (suspect shooter) and a second individual, Delovia Ford, 36, who was identified as being at the scene during the incident. The officers learned that both individuals were possibly at a residence in the 1200 block of S High Ave.

Officers responded to the residence and observed a

person believed to be Martell Pogue leaving in a vehicle. A pursuit ensued, but the vehicle was lost. Continuing their investigation, the officers located a firearm and approximately 300 grams of suspected cannabis at the residence. Delovia Ford was later arrested and charged with possession of a firearm by a felon and possession with intent to deliver cannabis (30-500 grams).

On June 21, 2024, at 5:44 p.m., officers of the Freeport Police Department responded to a report of a fight in the 200 block of West Pleasant, with information that someone possibly had a firearm. Upon arrival, officers observed a

16-year-old black male juvenile running from the area to a parked vehicle.

Officers learned that the victim in this incident was the same individual from the shots fired call in the 300 block of W Douglas. The juvenile had confronted the victim and threatened him with a firearm. The officers recovered the firearm and arrested the juvenile. He was charged with possession of a handgun by a person under 18, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon (UUW), and aggravated assault with a firearm. The juvenile was detained and transported to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center.

Charges have been approved for Martell Pogue, and officers of the Freeport Police Department are actively searching for him. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is urged to contact the Freeport Police Department at 815-235-8222, Staeline Area Crime Stoppers at 866-TIPSNOW, or by texting Tip411.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which time the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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411 W. Catlin St., P.O. Box 506

Elizabeth, IL 61028

Pastor Mike Nesbit - Cell: 815-858-5621

Church: 815-858-3334

www.stpauelizabeth.org

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Elizabeth, IL

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Stockton, IL 61085

Pastor Melwyn Alagodi (815) 947-2541

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• Communion Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

• First Sunday potluck following church

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Pastor Robert Patin (815) 230-1862

608-669-5770

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• Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

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Pearl City, IL 61062

Pastor Wayne Fischer • 815-266-6260

Pastor Chip Sohl • 815-541-1425

• Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

• Children's Church - during church service

• Prayer Shawl Knitting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

• Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



# Come worship with us!

Please call 815-369-4112 or 815-947-3353 if you wish to have your church listed on the church page.





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## Calvary Church of Stockton celebrates anniversary

Calvary Church of Stockton would like to announce their one-year anniversary. The church was formed in July of 2023, and joined the Global Methodist Church. Pastor Scott Hess became the interim pastor and then the full-time pastor as of January 1, 2024. An anniversary service will be held on July 7 at 10 a.m. All are invited to attend.

## Church news

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, July 7 for Communion Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Mark 6:1-13.

On Wednesday, July 10 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.

On Thursday, July 11 Friendship Club will meet with a potluck at 12:30 p.m., followed by entertainment by Steve Sheffey. Come enjoy an afternoon of enjoyable music and fellowship.

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 seventh Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, July 7 at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, July 25 at 1 p.m.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, July 3 at 7:30 a.m. at the Garden View Restaurant in Lena.

The July Grace Meal will be on Sunday, July 21. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on June 16. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, July 18. The menu for the July meal will be brats, baked beans, potato chips, Jell-o, and a Rice Krispie treat. This meal is possible due to donations and a grant from the Foundation of Northwest Illinois.

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

All are welcome to join for a Sunday service led by Pastor Christopher Ham on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, IL. 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 July 10 at 8 a.m. at Amigo's, 306 North Galena Avenue, Freeport.

If interested in participating in a fun evening of crafting, 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 [ruth.dake@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.dake@gmail.com).

### Calvary Church of Stockton

On July 8 through July 12 Calvary will hold a five-day Bible Club. Children ages 5 -12 are welcome to attend. There will be a missionary story, song, great games, a Bible lesson and snacks. The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please call Calvary Church at 815-947-2414 or Pastor Scott Hess at 815-821-9245 to sign up.

The Calvary Youth will also be serving ice cream and the church will offer free bottled water on the church grounds on July 4. On July 6 Calvary will be hosting the Brat Stand at Sullivans.

On Aug. 10 the church will hold a "Praise in the Park" from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

# SOS+ presents Stockton historian Warren Dixon

Senior Outreach of Stockton and surrounding areas (SOS+) is honored to have local Historian Warren Dixon at the July 11 meeting. Dixon will share his knowledge on the history of Stockton's Civic Organizations and Volunteerism from the 1890's to the present day. The meeting will start at 2 p.m. at Calvary Church of Stockton's Fellowship Hall, 315 W. Maple, Stockton, IL and is open to all seniors from Stockton and surrounding areas.

The Stockton SOS+ mission is to continue to provide fellowship and interesting programs for all seniors in surrounding areas. There is no cost for these programs. All area seniors and residents are most welcome. A free will offering will be taken at each meeting which helps in providing interesting and educational programs throughout the year. This program's offering will go to the Stockton Museum, a treasure of wealth and history for all to enjoy.

For more information on SOS+, this special event, or if in need of a ride, please call Mary Feltmeyer 815-297-5425, Nancy Rice 815-947-3683 or Shirley Toepfer 815-947-3639.

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Elizabeth Community Building

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# OPINION

## Slices of life

# Dating after 50 - Part 3 (of perhaps more)

This column idea started innocently enough. Dating after 50. How much could there be to write about such a narrow topic?

Turns out that might be a facetious question. The original column spawned a part two, and now,

here, a part three. I'm not promising this is the last because I guess dating after 50 is complex, interesting and just a little bit hilarious. Who would've guessed? Certainly not me because—I've said it before, but I'll write it again. My last dating experience ended in 1987. So, I'm beyond unqualified to write on the topic. Still, here I go: dating life in the 20s versus the 50s.

In your 20s: You hope to find love, get married and maybe one day change diapers.

In your 50s: You hope to find love, get married and never have to change any diapers (but I guess that depends).

20s: You desire someone with a good heart



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

(figuratively).

50s: You desire someone with a good heart (literally).

20s: You value someone who brings you flowers.

50s: You value someone who brings you an extra jacket.

20s: You hope to date someone who, like you, collects vintage vinyl records because it's the hot new thing.

50s: You hope to date someone who, like you, owns dozens of vinyl records because it used to be a thing.

20s: You met your current person after swiping right.

50s: You met your current person after side-swiping their car in the CVS parking lot.

20s: After a good date you check your notifications.

50s: After a good date you check your voice mail.

20s: You'd like to find someone who, like you, prefers their coffee Americano (iced) with a double shot of espresso, a dollop of whipped cream and a dusting of cinnamon (Ceylon).

50s: You'd like to find someone who, like you, prefers their coffee black, like a real American drinks it.

20s: You are attracted to someone with a good set of values.

After 50: You are attracted to someone with a good set of teeth.

20s: You enjoy sharing a good night out at the club.

After 50: You enjoy sharing a good club sandwich.

20s: You met your first girlfriend at hot yoga.

50s: You met your first spouse when she was wearing a hot toga.

20s: New Year's Eve involves a kiss at midnight; then let the party begin!

50s: New Year's Eve involves a kiss at midnight; then let the sleeping begin!

20s: You look for someone who is low maintenance.

50s: You look for someone who is good with home maintenance.

20s: Your definition of risky business involves Bitcoin.

50s: Your definition of

risky business involves Tom Cruise in his underwear dancing on a couch.

Dating is an adventure at any age, but after a certain one—say 50 or more—life becomes interesting in a whole new way. An infinite future gives way to a finite one (which has always been finite; we just never realized it). The challenges of parenting give way to the joys of grand parenting. The certainty of youth gives way to the wisdom of age.

The through it all, a few things remain constant. Laughter is one that comes to mind.

At least I hope it is a constant. If it isn't, it should be, for all of us - at any and every age.

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# Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

Did you know that July is National Ice Cream month, which I think is a pretty perfect idea since July is typically a hot month and ice cream is a great way to cool down. I love hearing what everyone's favorite ice cream flavor is. I personally enjoy most coffee flavored ice cream. But recently I've really been enjoying apple crisp, banana cream pie and cotton candy. But I also enjoy the occasional root beer float, banana split or dipped cone, especially when dipped in cotton candy flavor. According to *frozendessert-supplies.com*, the top 10 ice cream flavors include vanilla, chocolate, cookies and cream,

mint chocolate chip, chocolate chip cookie dough, butter pecan, birthday cake, strawberry, moose tracks and Neopolitan. In celebration of National Ice Cream month, I encourage you to enjoy a scoop or two or three from your favorite Stephenson County Ice Cream spot.

### Carroll County Farm Bureau Members

If you are a Carroll County Farm Bureau member, please keep an eye on your mailbox as you should be receiving your postcard invitation to this year's membership appreciation event on Thursday, July 18 at the Carroll County Fair Grounds. If you have ques-

tions or concerns, please call 815-244-3001.

### Both Carroll and Stephenson County Farm Bureau have updated plat books

Stephenson County Farm Bureau has 2023 Plat Books available for purchase. Carroll County Farm Bureau has 2024 Plat Books available for purchase. Both plat books are for sale at their respective offices for \$35 for members and \$55 for non-members.

### Farm First Aid Kits for sale

As agricultural producers, there's no shortage of dangers on the job. Here at Stephenson County Farm Bureau, we want to make sure you're equipped to handle whatever dangers

your daily tasks may bring. We will be selling first-aid kits from the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety at a discounted price for our county agriculturists. These kits are designed with farm injuries in mind, containing supplies useful for both emergency response and everyday use.

These kits contain 114 pieces, ranging from trauma shears to cut through heavy clothing, to bandages, thermal blankets, eye wash, and instant cold compresses, just to name a few. They are also lightweight and portable, making them easy to place in tractors, combines, shops, barns, or any other locations you may need it. While kits are normally \$50, we will be selling them for the discounted price of \$35. This discount

is made possible by a grant provided by the Illinois Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial.

If interested in ordering, feel free to contact the Stephenson County Farm Bureau Office by phone at 815-232-3186, or via email at [office@stephensoncfb.org](mailto:office@stephensoncfb.org). Orders with payment are due Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Payment can be made in cash, check, or card. Those who order will be notified when items are ready to pick up.

### Adventureland Park discount

Calling all coaster connoisseurs! For the first time ever, Adventureland Park has been added to the line-up of attractions that offer discounted tickets to Illinois Farm Bureau

members. Discounted tickets are now only \$37.99 plus taxes and fees (regular price \$69.99). Any children aged three or under receive free admission. To get your tickets now, visit [www.adventurelandresort.com/promocode](http://www.adventurelandresort.com/promocode) and call the Stephenson County Farm Bureau at 815-232-3186 to get your unique promo code!

Note that while there is no limit on the number of tickets a person may purchase with this deal, there is a 14-ticket limit per transaction. Therefore, if you would like to purchase more than 14 tickets, it must be done in more than one transaction. Discounts on parking and seasonal passes are not included in this promotion. The unique code to score this deal is valid through Oct. 27, 2024.

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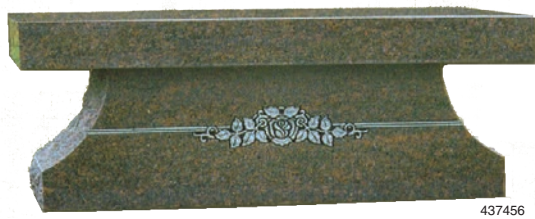
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# Around the Northern Hills

Happy 4th of July! Did you know that July is National Grilling Month? Partly because of the popular tradition of cooking out for the holiday. Everything from the burgers on the grill to your favorite potato salad, agriculture has played a part in the day. What are people grilling? Statistics say that it's burgers, steak, hot dogs and chicken. Whatever your choice for the grill, I hope you have a fantastic holiday weekend.



By **ANNETTE EGGERS**  
Jo Daviess  
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## Local member benefits

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## Farm Fun Fact

July is National Ice Cream Month. Americans are the number one consumers of ice cream, eating 48 pints of ice cream every year.

# Stockton Heritage Museum to host Hollywood's Greatest Train Movies presentation

Stockton Heritage Museum will host a presentation by Alan Wenzel on 1970s movies and how these films continue to affect movies seen today. The presentation "Hollywood's Greatest Train Movies" will take place on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Stockton Heritage Museum, 107 West Front Street, Stockton, IL, at 6 p.m.

Since Hollywood's earliest days, railroads have played an important part in some of the greatest films ever made. For decades, trains have taken movie passengers on exciting, thrilling, suspenseful, scary, funny, and romantic rides through cinematic landscapes. This program will highlight several memorable films which featured trains in lead roles or very capable supporting roles. Whether or not you're a railroad fan, you'll want to be aboard for the exhilarating trip these movies have in store for you.

The event is free and open to all audiences. For more information, please visit [www.stocktonheritagemuseum.org](http://www.stocktonheritagemuseum.org), Facebook: Stockton-Heritage-

Museum-309324911534, email us at [info@stocktonheritagemuseum.org](mailto:info@stocktonheritagemuseum.org), or leave a message at 815-947-2220.

**Alan Wenzel will lead the presentation "Hollywood's Greatest Train Movies" on July 9 at the Stockton Heritage Museum. A native of northwest Illinois, Wenzel is a retired Speech Communications/Film Instructor from Highland Community College in Freeport, IL. He has taught a variety of courses in film, business communication, public speaking, leadership development, argumentation, political communication, and small group behavior. From 1992-2017, Wenzel served as Director of the Stephenson County Leadership Institute and of the Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum, community leadership development programs offered by Highland.**



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# Stephenson County Fair Association awarded \$10,685 in grants for electrical upgrades to barns

The Stephenson County Fair Association is proud to announce that it has been awarded two significant grants to fund

safety electrical upgrades to the swine and goat barns. A \$6,685 grant from the Marvin • Wilson Community Impact Grant

through The Foundation for Northwest Illinois and a \$4,000 grant from Compeer Financial will support these critical im-

provements. The project aims to enhance the safety and functionality of the barns, benefiting exhibitors

and visitors alike. Electrical upgrades will include upgrading to breaker boxes, new outlets, and other essential improvements to ensure a secure environment for animals and attendees during the fair and other events.

"County fairs are a cherished tradition in our community, providing a platform for agricultural education and family entertainment," said Gary Mielke, President of the Stephenson County Fair Association. "These grants are instrumental in helping us maintain and improve our facilities, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved."

provements. This partial award reflects the collaborative effort with Compeer Financial to fund the total project cost of \$10,684.60.

"Community Impact grants support organizations and programs that benefit the people of our region," said Michelle DeHaven Quast, CEO of The Foundation for Northwest Illinois. "The Stephenson County Fair Association is one of Northwest Illinois' legacy non-profit organizations that support the agricultural community while providing educational activities and entertainment, contributing to the vitality of the area. These grants are truly investments in the people of Northwest Illinois."

**Marvin • Wilson Community Impact Grant**  
The Foundation for Northwest Illinois awarded \$6,685 to the Stephenson County Fair Association through the Marvin • Wilson Community Im-

**Compeer Financial Grant**  
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# Highland Spring 2024 Dean's list

Highland Community College proudly announces the dean's list for the spring 2024 semester. Students who have completed 12 credit hours or more during the semester and have a minimum 3.25 grade point average (GPA), based on a 4.0 scale, are included on the dean's list. The Highest Honors are awarded to students with a perfect 4.0 GPA. High Honors are given to students with a 3.50 to 3.99 GPA, and Honors students have earned a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49.

## Highest Honors

Apple River: Blake Heller, Diana Montalvo, Hayden Moon, Jason Niemann, Abigail Winters

Freeport: Kyle Cardoza, Genesis Cole, Allison Coon, Isabella Coverstone, Marie-Louise de Jong, Madilyn Diddens, Anthony Domino, Amanda Evon, Sarah Foster, Kirsten Frautschy, Christian Gasmund, James Giuffre, Odin Harrington, Alyssa Hunziker, Jacob Joseph, Owen Joseph, Andrew Leverton, Maya Logronio McDougal, Adonis Luzon Sanchez, Thalia Eden McDougal, Malayla Moe, Anna Morgan, Natalie Namio, Carly Neubauer, Elizabeth Ontiveros, Kieran Parham, Bayley Pierce, Luis Quintero, Olivia Schroeder, Brianna Stager, Noah Summers, Ryan Thrumman, Gustavo Torrealba, Alexa Tran, Amelia Wenzel

Lena: Pacey Martin, Ava Randecker, Hailey Smith  
Orangeville: Daniel Creuzer  
Pearl City: Blane Foulker  
Stockton: Emma Cahill, Jackson Massie, Kacy Wright  
Warren: Christian Eaton

## High Honors

Davis: Cassie Boyer, Mason Dixon, Ashlee Fisher, Kalli Kaskovich, Alysa Kleckler, Marissa McIntosh, Azlynn Olson, Savannah Peterson, Caden Shenberger, Kelsey Shenberger, Greenly Woker

Freeport: Lelawa Al abadi, Asha-Dae Alert, Clara Bartels, Grayce Busker, Clay Cardoza, Eddy Cruz Olivo, Isaiah Field, Kristina Fluegel, Hailey Golackson, Andreea Guevara, Sabree Hull, David Emmanuel Jacobo Deschamps, Tesksha Heron, Kenton Johnson, Lily Johnson, Nadine Kauffman, Emanuel Lantigua Paulino, Elias Lassandro, Ismael Ortiz Rosa, Nicholas Polizzi, Carson Price, Michael Roberson, Kaitlyn Row, William Schneider, Malakai Seal, Felixander Severino, Alexandria Shepard, Oscar Soto Arias, Benjamin Sprenger Rojas, Emily Tempel, Daeshon Verner, Kathryn Wichman, Olivia Wilhelms, Nathaniel Wilks, Paige Winkelmann, Sharqusha Wright, Natalie Yeoman

Lena: Leah Goebel, Olivia

Keeffer, William Ortmeier, Evan Peterson, Xavier Sheppard, Jaydon Stouffer, Hannah Visel  
Orangeville: Thomas Creuzer  
Pearl City: Hunter Vick  
Stockton: Lily Broshous, Joseph Brudi, Avri Miller, Kyleigh Reusch, Lita Schmoll  
Warren: Reese Raisbeck

## Honors

Davis: Alfredo Estrada Arellano, Carson Grey, Madilyn Wirsing  
Elizabeth: Amber Huperich  
Freeport: Oskar Akerlind, Gonzalo Basterrechea, Jaime Ciego, Coretta Cole, Manuel Duran De La Rosa, Ethan Eilders, Vanessa Gastel, Frederick Guzman

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Stockton: Jared Bergeman  
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## Lena Library summer program

American Legion Auxiliary members Marsha Tessen-dorf, Liesl Jones, and junior members made over 120 bookmarks for the children in the Summer Program at the Lena Public Library.

## Police (Continued from page 3)

### Felony DUI arrest

On June 25, 2024, Officers with the Freeport Police Department were dispatched to the area of Deleon Street and 18th Avenue regarding a vehicle that drove into the Pecatonica River. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as 26-year-old Freeport resident Delmer Ramos, was able to escape the vehicle and swim to shore. Ramos attempted to flee the scene on foot but was apprehended by Officers when they arrived on scene.

During the course of the investigation, Officers were able to determine that Delmer Ramos' driving ability was impaired due to alcohol consumption. Ramos was placed under arrest and transported to the Stephenson County Jail. The Stephenson County State's Attorney approved three felony charges of Aggravated DUI along with misdemeanor charges for Ramos. Ramos was processed at the

jail and released to jail personnel.

On June 26, 2024, Conservation Officers with the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources located the vehicle submerged downstream from where it entered the river. A search and rescue dive team from Christian Aid Ministries assisted the Illinois Department of Natural Resources with the recovery of the vehicle.

The public is reminded that the defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial, at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.



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## Oral health and Alzheimer's Disease

Just as oral health and overall health are co-dependent, mental health and overall health have a reciprocal relationship. There is a commonly held misbelief that serious mental decline is a normal part of aging. While forgetfulness can be more common as we age, dementia is not a normal part of the aging process. Dementia is a general term for loss of memory, language, problem-solving and other thinking abilities that are severe enough to interfere with daily life. Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia.

An adult brain contains about one hundred billion nerve cells. Signals that form memories and thoughts move through each individual nerve cell as a tiny electrical charge.



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

Nerve cells connect to one another at synapses. When a charge reaches a synapse, it releases chemicals called neurotransmitters (those small electrical charges are converted into chemical signals across the synapse). Once it binds to other cells, the chemical signal is switched back into an electrical charge.

Alzheimer's disease disrupts both the way electrical charges travel within cells and the activity of neurotransmitters.

Alzheimer's disease is a neurodegenerative, progressive, and incurable disease. While some risk factors for dementia, such as genetics, cannot be changed, research has identified a number of preventative actions that promote brain health.

To keep your brain healthy throughout your lifetime, avoid alcohol and tobacco products, maintain a nutritious diet, get regular exercise and adequate, healthy sleep, stay active both mentally and socially, maintain good heart health and oral health and avoiding (or keeping strict control of) diabetes.

Patients with Alzheimer's disease are often on multiple medications that can cause xerostomia

(reduced saliva flow/dry mouth). Xerostomia is associated with dental caries, periodontal disease, stomatitis (inflammation of the mucous membranes of the mouth), fungal infections, and discomfort when chewing. Because of the progressive nature of the disease, it is best to establish a set routine for twice daily oral care and treat any oral health issues as soon as possible after diagnosis. Staying hydrated by drinking fluoridated water will help ease the discomfort and mitigate complications of xerostomia.

During the early stage of Alzheimer's disease most people are still able to brush and floss their teeth themselves. Keep in mind that your loved one is aware and frustrated/frightened by the changes taking place (difficulty making decisions, processing what someone is saying, retaining information, etc). Even with a set routine for twice daily brushing and flossing, some patients made need a gentle reminder. You can create a chart and/or set an alarm on their phone that corresponds to when they should brush and floss, take their medicine, etc. As the disease progresses, they may forget how to find the bathroom and need you to guide them there and brush their teeth.

People with advanced

Alzheimer's disease can become easily agitated, so it helps to explain in short, simple sentences what you are doing. Stand slightly behind their dominant side, hold the toothbrush in your hand and then have them hold your hand. In this manner, their brain thinks they are still brushing on their own. Use your other hand to apply gentle, but firm pressure on their dominant shoulder. This stimulus takes their attention away from what is happening in their mouth, which can decrease agitation and promote cooperation. When brushing, use a small-headed soft bristled toothbrush and a pea-sized amount of mild toothpaste. Gently clean the teeth, gums, cheeks, tongue, and palate (roof of the mouth). If the use of toothpaste presents an aspiration risk or is not tolerated, cleaning the teeth with a damp toothbrush helps to remove plaque and rehydrate the mouth. As tolerated, use a floss holder to remove food and plaque between the teeth. For denture wearers, remove and clean the dentures thoroughly twice daily and clean the mouth.

When someone has a serious health condition that cannot be cured, palliative care focuses on what can be done to make them comfortable and support their quality of life. Palliative care

aims to identify and treat symptoms early to avoid unnecessary suffering, both physical and psychological. Prevention of oral disease through daily oral care is an essential aspect of palliative care for a patient with Alzheimer's disease. The oral cavity plays an essential role in many social activities that contribute to quality of life.

As the disease progresses, symptoms such as agitation and memory loss can make dental disease, pain, and restorative care an incredibly frightening experience. That is why the ADA stresses the importance of stabilizing oral health as soon as possible after diagnosis and promoting daily home care to maintain oral health. Routine dental visits allow for early diagnosis and intervention. In dental offices with multiple hygienists, it is best to schedule with the same hygienist. Alzheimer patients benefit from consistency, and this provides the caretaker with someone who is familiar with their unique situation to listen and offer individualized guidance.

Neglecting daily oral hygiene may lead to unnecessary pain, disease and malnutrition that can exacerbate the disease. It may also lead to family and friends avoiding close contact with their loved ones due to halitosis (bad breath).

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### • Grants (Continued from page 10)

County Fair Association as part of its County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant program. This program supports rural communities across Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin by funding necessary updates to county fair facilities.

The grants help improve the safety, security, and overall experience for exhibitors and visitors.

"County fairs are an integral part of summer experiences for rural communities," said Karen Schieler, senior

corporate giving specialist at Compeer Financial. "These grants aid fairgrounds in supporting necessary updates, which improve the experience for exhibitors and are enjoyed by the thousands of visitors attending fairs each year."

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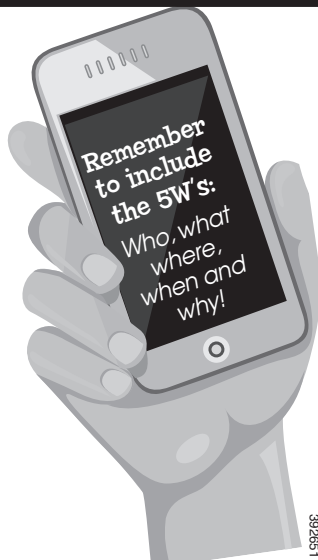
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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

We finally got some heat relief at the end of last week. There are lots of Fourth of July celebrations coming up, and everyone is hoping that the weather will cooperate. This week's cooking is geared for the Fourth of July celebrations. Enjoy cooking this week.

## Crab Cake Bites

If you like crab cakes, you will like these appetizers. You can substitute the imitation crab if you can't find lump crab meat.

- 6 oz. lump crab meat
- 6 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 3/4 C. sour cream, divided
- 2/3 C. finely grated Parmesan, divided
- 1/2 t. Old Bay, divided
- 2 t. lemon juice
- 1 t. lemon zest
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 2 T. finely chopped chives, divided
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 1 C. panko breadcrumbs
- 6 T. melted butter

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a 24-cup mini muffin pan with cooking spray. In a bowl, combine crab meat, cream cheese, egg, 1/3 C. Parmesan, 1 t. Old Bay, 1/4 C. sour cream, lemon zest, 1 t. lemon juice, cayenne and 1 T. chives. Season with salt and pepper and stir until evenly combined. In a separate bowl, combine remaining Parmesan, panko breadcrumbs and melted butter. Divide mixture between muffin pan cups and press around the edges of cup to make a crust. Spoon the crab mixture into each cup. Bake until the edges begin to turn golden, 20 to 25 minutes.

Dipping sauce: Combine 1/2 C. sour cream, remaining chives, 1 t. lemon juice and remaining Old Bay seasoning. Stir to combine. Put in a small serving bowl. Place crab bites on a platter and serve warm or at room temperature with dipping sauce on the side.

## Cauliflower Potato Salad

This unique potato salad uses cauliflower instead of potatoes. It is very calorie friendly as well as great for those who need to watch their carbs.

- 1 medium head cauliflower, broken into florets
- 1 medium carrot, chopped

- 2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 celery rib, chopped
- 1/4 C. pitted green olives, halved, lengthwise
- 1/4 C. thinly sliced radishes
- 1/4 C. chopped dill pickle
- 1/4 C. mayonnaise
- 1 T. Dijon mustard
- 1/4 t. salt
- 1/8 t. pepper

In a large saucepan, bring 1 inch of water to a boil. Add cauliflower florets; cook, covered, 5 to 7 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain and rinse in cold water. Pat dry and place in a large bowl. Add carrot, eggs, green onions, celery, olives, radishes and pickles. In a small bowl, mix mayo, mustard, salt and pepper. Add to cauliflower mixture and toss to coat. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving.

## Red, White and Blue Salad

This beautiful Jell-O salad is a great one to serve for the holiday. It takes a little time to prepare, but you could make it the day before.

- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) berry blue Jell-O
- 2 C. boiling water, divided
- 1 C. fresh blueberries
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1 C. heavy whipping cream
- 6 T. sugar
- 2 C. sour cream
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) raspberry Jell-O
- 1 C. fresh raspberries

Dissolve berry blue Jell-O in 1 C. boiling water; stir in 1 C. cold water. Add blueberries. Pour into a 3 qt. serving bowl or a trifle bowl. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. In a saucepan, sprinkle unflavored gelatin over 1/2 C. cold water; let stand for 1 minute. Add cream and sugar; cook and stir over low heat until dissolved. Cool to room temperature. Whisk in sour cream and vanilla. Spoon over blue layer. Refrigerate until firm. Dissolve raspberry gelatin in remaining 1 C. hot water; stir in 1 C. cold water. Add raspberries. Spoon over cream layer. Chill until set. Top with Cool Whip and garnish with blueberries and raspberries.

## Oven-Baked Baby Back Ribs

These ribs are easy to prepare in the oven and turn out tender. If you want spicier ribs, add more pepper flakes. There is a lot of pepper, so if you aren't a pepper lover, cut back on the amount you add. Sweet Baby Ray has numerous flavors. I like the Honey BBQ one. If you don't use all the rub, store in an airtight container for future use.

- 1/2 C. chili powder
- 1/4 C. sugar
- 1/4 C. brown sugar
- 1/4 t. salt
- 2 T. pepper
- 1 t. paprika
- 1 t. dry mustard
- 1/4 t. red pepper flakes
- 1 rack baby back pork ribs
- 1 C. Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce

Preheat oven to 250. Mix chili powder, sugars, salt, pepper, paprika, dry mustard, and red pepper flakes in a small bowl until combined. Place rib rack, meat-side down on heavy-duty aluminum foil. Prick back of the rack several times with a knife. Generously apply a coating of dry rub to all sides of the rack. With the meat facing down, fold the foil around the rack to create a tight seal. Transfer to a sheet pan which has been lined with foil. Bake in the oven until cooked through, about 2 hours. Remove and cool 15 minutes.

Increase oven temperature to 350. Open foil, drain and discard any accumulated juices and fat. Brush on BBQ sauce on all sides of the rack. Turn the rack on the foil so the meat is facing up. Return to the oven, leaving the foil open and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and brush another layer of BBQ sauce on meat side only. Repeat baking and brushing with sauce 4 times, for a total of 50 minutes baking time. Cut rack into individual pieces and serve with BBQ sauce.

## Fourth of July Bratwurst

If you want to jazz up your brats for the holiday, this easy recipe will help put the zip in your brats. If you don't want to grill your brats, brown them in a skillet and put them in a crock pot with water or beer and onions on low for two hours. You can then continue with the recipe. We are fortunate to have homemade brats at both A.J.'s Lena Maid Meats and Sullivan's Grocery. I think they are the best tasting and best value of any brats around.

- 6 bratwursts, grilled
- 2 T. olive oil
- 1 large red bell pepper, sliced into 1/4 inch strips
- 1 large yellow bell pepper, sliced into 1/4 inch strips
- 1 large onion, sliced into 1/4 inch strips
- 1/2 C. teriyaki sauce
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 6 hoagie rolls, split

## Sauce

- 1/2 C. ketchup
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1/4 C. whole grain mustard
- 2 T. Worcestershire sauce

Sauce: In a small bowl, combine ketchup, mayo, mustard, and Worcestershire sauce, whisking to combine well. Preheat oven to 200. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place grilled brats on prepared pan and place in oven to keep warm. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add peppers and onion. Cook for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add teriyaki sauce, Worcestershire sauce, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly. Split each brat in half lengthwise, cutting to but not through the skin. Spread sauce over cut sides of hoagie rolls. Place brats, cut sides down, on bottom of prepared hoagie rolls; top with pepper mixture. Place tops of hoagie rolls on pepper mixture. They are ready to serve!

## Berry Red Velvet

This easy cake is a great

Fourth of July dessert. The red velvet cake mix gives you an early start. The cream cheese frosting makes anything better. What a beautiful centerpiece for any celebration.

- 1 pkg. red velvet cake mix
- 3 eggs
- 1 C. buttermilk
- 1/2 C. plus 1/2 t. oil
- 6 strawberries, hulled, halved lengthwise
- 1/3 C. white chocolate chips, melted
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 C. powdered sugar
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1 1/2 C. whipping cream
- 1/4 C. blueberries

Preheat oven to 325. Coat 3 round 8-inch pans with cooking spray. On low speed, beat cake mix, eggs, buttermilk, and 1/2 C. oil until blended, 30 seconds; on medium speed, beat until fluffy, 2 minutes. Divide batter among cake pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean,

about 15 minutes. Let cool in pans 10 minutes. Transfer from pans to a wire rack; let cool. Line baking sheet with wax paper. Place strawberries, cut side down on wax paper. In a bowl, mix chocolate and remaining 1/2 t. oil. Melt chocolate over boiling water being careful; not to let water touch the bowl. Let cool. Transfer to small food storage bag; snip small hole in one bottom corner and drizzle over strawberries. Chill 10 minutes. On medium speed, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar and vanilla until smooth. On low-speed beat in 1/2 C. whipping cream. Gradually beat in remaining cream. On medium-high speed, beat until stiff. Trim cake tops if domed. Place 1 cake on serving plate or cake stand; spread with 1/3 of frosting. Repeat layering twice. Arrange strawberries along top edge of cake. Garnish with blueberries.

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IN THE CIRCUIT  
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In Re the Matter of the  
Estate of:  
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No. 24-PR-45  
NOTICE FOR  
PUBLICATION

**-CLAIMS**  
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death of Patricia A. Curran,  
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Anthony V. Coon  
Attorney At Law

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nates independent adminis-  
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sentative, or both, on or be-  
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ney within ten (10) days  
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James R. Curran,  
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By: *Anthony V. Coon*  
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cations may be picked up  
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## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT WEST POINT TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

### TOWN FUNDS:

**Revenues:** Property Taxes - \$178,669.62; Replacement Tax - \$17,571.97; Interest - \$11,034.17; Dividends - \$648.00; Refund (withholding) - \$1,622.00; Cemetery Lots - \$370.00; Misc Income - \$100.00. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$210,015.76.**  
**Disbursements:** Salaries: Under \$5,000 - Z. Mau, W. Staton, W. Bohnsack, M. Kempel, J. Smeck, J. Goebel, Joe Green, D. Brinkmier, P Kempel and C. Fahr. Under \$10,000 - K. Gerbick. Under \$20,000 - B. Kempel and K. Peight. Under \$60,000 - B. Daws. Total Salaries: \$110,493.00. Social Security taxes - \$6,850.55. FICA Taxes - \$1,602.13. IL Unemployment Tax - \$508.32. Stephenson County Assessor - \$8,505.20. Transferred to Cemetery Account for mowing - \$9,500.00. Lucas Group (audit) - \$3,100.00. TOIRMA Insurance - \$4,469.00. Com Ed - \$1,643.58. Donations - \$6,750.00. Misc expenses under \$1,500 - \$6,478.20. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$159,899.98.**

### CEMETERY FUNDS

**Revenues:** Transfer from Town Fund: \$9,500.00. **TOTAL REVENUES - \$9,500.00.**  
**Disbursements:** True Vine Landscaping - \$9,485.05. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$9,485.05**

### GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

**Revenues:** Property Tax - \$3,847.64; Interest - \$1,448.67. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$5,296.31**  
**Disbursements:** Allied Benefit Insurance - \$1,060.00; Home Relief - \$1,749.98. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$2,805.98.**

### ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS

**Revenues:** Property Taxes - \$262,426.96; Replacement Taxes - \$42,192.31; Interest Income - \$17,688.09; Dividend Income - \$791.00; Fines/Permits - \$1,575.00003B Fuel - \$676.00; Overpayment \$2,100.49; Insurance payments - \$9,781.27. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$337,231.12.**  
**Disbursements:** Agro Plus Finance - \$9,624.99; Altorfer - \$7,530.69; Bonnell Ind- \$4,783.78; Cargill - \$7,760.04; Doc's Excavating Inc - \$22,723.11; Helm's - \$2,487.01; Jerry's Welding Service - \$8088.75; John Deere Fin. - \$10,836.92; Bruce Daws - \$4,109.28; Pro Source Electric - \$3,217.88; Stephenson Service Co - \$34,240.40; Toirma (Insurance) - \$5,462.00; Visa (tools/parts) \$3,794.56. All other disbursements less than \$2,000 - total of \$20,324.65. **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$144,984.05.**

### BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND:

**Revenues:** Property Tax - \$18,696.18; Interest - \$2,410.64. **TOTAL REVENUES: \$21,106.82.**  
**Disbursements:** \$.00 **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: \$0.00**

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

	Town Funds	Cemetery	Gen'l Assist	Road Dist Funds	Bldg & Equip
Beginning Bal	\$313,411.75	\$ 31.30	\$50,809.52	\$372,481.39	\$58,884.53
Revenue	210,015.76	9,500.00	5,296.31	37,231.12	21,106.82
Disbursements	159,899.98	9,485.05	2,805.98	144,984.05	.00
Ending Balance	\$363,527.53	\$ 46.25	\$53,299.85	\$564,728.46	\$79,991.35

Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of April 2024. *Karen Peight, West Point Township Supervisor and Treasurer of West Point Township Road District. William Staton, Clerk of the West Point Township, Stephenson County, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.*

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# •Kitchen

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## Red, White and Blue Poke Cake

A lot of you know that I like poke cakes as much as I like Bundt cakes. This cake is filled with Strawberry Jell-O and topped with fresh strawberries and blueberries. It is not made in the traditional "flag" cake because you get more fruit. This recipe also told me things I knew, but I am not sure everyone knows these things about a poke cake. You don't use as much cold water when mixing up the Jell-O; you also shouldn't poke all the way to the bottom of the pan. You can use cherry or blueberry Jell-O instead of strawberry. Enjoy this great Fourth of July treat.

- 1 box yellow cake
  - 3 eggs
  - 1 C. water
  - ½ C. oil
  - 1 box (3 oz.) strawberry Jell-O
  - 1 C. boiling water
  - ½ C. boiling water
  - 1 carton Cool Whip (8 oz.), softened
  - Fresh strawberries, dried and sliced
- Preheat oven to 350. Prepare cake according to package directions. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with cooking spray. Bake cake according to directions and let cool down slightly. Using the end of a wooden spoon handle or a large drinking straw, poke holes all over the cake. In a mixing bowl, mix the strawberry Jell-O powder with the hot water until it dissolves. Then stir in the cold water and mix well. Pour the Jell-O mixture all over the cake and into the holes. Place in refrigerator to cool for 2 hours or until set. Spread Cool Whip evenly over the cake; top with rows of strawberries and blueberries. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

## Final Thoughts

Fourth of July is a big deal in Stockton. They have great food and festivities in the park, and the day ends with a wonderful fireworks display. We are lucky to have fireworks on several nights in our area. Don't forget the Music in the Parks that take place in Lena on Saturday and Sunday nights. Have a great holiday celebration!

We continue to look for summer fruit and vegetable recipes, so send some favorites our way. If you find some recipes to share, you can contact us by email at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com or by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at Rock Valley Publishing, 1102 Ann St., Delavan, WI 53115. Have a great week.



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