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Lena Police Department to host National Night Out

The Lena Police Department will host the National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. This school supplies drive will benefit the Lena Winslow School District, and any school supplies donated earns a chance to win a free TV. School supplies will be dropped at the Lena Police Department Vehicle Downtown on Aug. 13, 2024.

Supplies needed includes colored card stock, Expo dry erasers, #2 pencils, pencil cases, erasers, scissors, Elmer's Glue (sticks and bottles), markers, 24 count box crayons, headphones, colored pencils, large soft erasers, highlighters, spiral notebook (wide), 12" rules, backpacks, tissues, and hand sanitizer.



VILLAGE OF LENA FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

The fountain has arrived

The fountain project at The Triangle is nearly complete. In early summer the foundation was set, benches and flowerpots were put in place and the flag was installed in late June, and the fountain arrived at the end of July. Just a few more finishing touches are needed for the project to be completed. The Village of Lena thanks the local businesses, organizations, and families for all the donations that are making this project possible.

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Obituaries

IRENE MOLITOR

Irene J. (Wloch, aka Wolsh) Molitor, 95, of Lena, formerly of Naperville, IL, passed away Sunday, July 28 at FHN Memorial Hospital as the day was drawing nigh. Dearest, beloved wife of 58 years to her gentle, loving husband, Frank T. Molitor, until his passing in 2008. Irene and Frank married on Oct. 1, 1949, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville, IL. Irene was born in Chicago, IL on Sept. 16, 1928, and was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Wloch and sister to the late Tillie Hromadka, Eleanor Greenough and Samuel Wloch.

She is survived by her children, Frank P. (Janean) Molitor of Kent, IL; Diane Kelly of Monroe, WI; Annette (Lawrence) Luchene of Wellesley, MA; Ted (Janet) Molitor of Stockton, IL; Michele (Mike) Miller of Harvard, IL; and her 24 grandchildren, Heather Terman, Nora Koehler, Rachel Marsiglio, Daniel Marsiglio, John Marsiglio, Frankie Molitor, Jason Molitor, April Hogeboom, Clint Molitor, Lance Molitor, Kristin Molitor, Tom Kelly, Shawn Kelly, Alyssa Kelly, Stephanie Luchene, Larry Luchene, Jessica Luchene, Jacob Mo-



litor, Adam Molitor, Megan Molitor, Ryan Molitor, Kaylee Molitor, Cody Miller, Victoria Miller and 5 great grandchildren, Ari Terman, Sloane Terman, Hailey Koehler, Lydia Molitor, Ember Molitor. She was preceded in death by her son Larry Molitor (April 2, 1999) and her daughters Laura Marsiglio (March 11, 2008) and Peggy Molitor (Sept. 21, 2017).

Irene graduated from Harrison High School, Chicago, IL in 1946. After graduation, she worked at Illinois Bell Telephone Company as a switchboard operator. Irene loved to dance and often took the streetcar with her girlfriends to Chicago's various ballrooms. Irene met her husband, Frank, at Pulaski Hall where he swept her off her feet and eventually took this "Chicago City Girl" out to the family farm on Knoch Knoll Road in Naperville, IL. Irene embraced the farm lifestyle with curiosity, enthusiasm, and excitement. Irene and Frank went on to be blessed with eight amazing children.

Irene was a remarkable storyteller who vividly brought to life her childhood memories of growing up in Chicago and her early years on the farm. Her life was guided by her religion, and she was passionate about sharing her love of faith with her family.

Some of Irene's favorite activities were family gatherings in the woods, lunch with her daughters at Geneva's Little Traveler, and trips to downtown Chicago, which always included shopping at Marshall Fields and eating at Berghoff's. Irene loved baking, cooking, gardening, canning, sewing, singing, dancing, and playing the piano by ear. But most of all, she loved her family.

Even when times were hard on the farm raising eight children, Irene would always make birthdays and holidays special. One year she financed a \$70 bike so she could fulfill a birthday wish for her oldest son. She worked tirelessly, sometimes into the late hours of the night, to ready her home for hosting holidays. There are fond memories of polish sausage and hot cross buns on Easter morning, her famous dressing on Thanksgiving, and her delectable coffee cake and enormous buffet of cookies on

Christmas. While food was a central part of every gathering, it was Irene's warmth and love that truly made each occasion special.

Irene was passionate about her children experiencing all that life had to offer, and she was dedicated to sharing her many talents with them. She believed it was important for each of her eight children to appreciate the value of farm life while also being exposed to city culture, education, sports, music, and dance. Irene encouraged her children to always do their best in everything they pursued. Her greatest wish was to provide her children with the best life possible.

We know that Frank will be waiting for Irene at the gates of heaven, grinning, holding a pink rose – the first bloom from his mother's rose bush, continuing his cherished tradition expressing his unwavering love for her.

Visitation was held at the Hermann Funeral Home, 249 North Park Street, Stockton, IL on Aug. 4, 2024. Funeral services were held on Aug. 5 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 223 East Front Avenue, Stockton, IL. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Stockton.

HENRY GROEZINGER

Henry Richard Groezinger, age 54, of Elizabeth, IL, was welcomed into the presence of Jesus his Savior on July 29, 2024. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at Crossroads Community Church, in Freeport, IL. Visitation took place on Monday, Aug. 5 at Law Jones Funeral Home, in Elizabeth. Burial is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, at Derinda Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Henry was born July 19, 1970, in Freeport, IL, the son of Richard and Mildred (Koester) Groezinger. He grew up on the family farm near Elizabeth, and his love for farming started at a very early age. When he was only two or three years old, he was spending many hours in the shop with his Grandpa Ralph, learning how to make repairs on almost anything.

He graduated from River Ridge High School, in Elizabeth, in 1988. On July 19, 1997, Henry married Susy Hartman in a cow pasture in Jo Daviess County, IL. They raised three children, all working on the farm together.

All of his life he enjoyed learning, especially anything agricultural. In his younger years, he liked to hunt, and in



recent years, a favorite pastime was riding the 4-wheeler to check crops and cattle. Henry faithfully took his family to church for many years. He enjoyed good conversations and loved talking and laughing with his family and friends.

Henry's family will forever remember him as a good, honest, hard-working man, who always had a vision for those he loved. Henry will be dearly missed by his wife, Susy Groezinger; daughter, Lilly Groezinger; sons, H.D. Groezinger and Joey Groezinger; mother and step-father, Mildred and Jimmy Steffes; father and step-mother, Richard and Monica Groezinger; sisters, Pennie (Daryl) Groezinger, Pattie (Doug Gill) Krippeford, and Heather (Dave Dunham) Ellinor; brothers, Sam (Krista) Groezinger and Ben (Danyel) Steffes; father-in-law, Chuck Hartman; brother-in-law, Dave (Cindy) Hartman; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and mother-in-law, Sharon Hartman.

HAROLD EUGENE SCHAMBERGER

Harold Eugene Schamberger, age 92, of Stockton, IL passed away Sunday, July 28, 2024, at FHN Memorial Hospital in Freeport. He was born June 26, 1932, in Stockton, IL to Harold and Esther Schamberger. Gene married Helen Stone on June 4, 1953, in Stockton. He attended Stockton High School and graduated in 1950. He then attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA. While



attending a biology class he met his future wife, Helen Stone. Gene served as a cook in the U.S. Army from

1953-1955 in Colorado Springs, Co. After moving back from Colorado, he took over Schamberger Truck Service, which continues to operate today.

Gene was very civic minded. He served as a volunteer fireman for 25 years and as a Stockton Township Trustee for 40 years. He was a member of the Plum River Mason Lodge No. 554. Along with those memberships, he was a founding member of the Jo Daviess County 100 club. From 2003-2017 he and his wife were part owners of the Country Inn & Suites in Stockton. Gene was the self-appointed breakfast room monitor and cookie tester.

He spent a great deal of time attending a variety of ballgames: basketball, volleyball, football, and baseball. He coached baseball for many years. When he didn't have a child or grandchild to watch he still enjoyed watching kids from the community. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing throughout his life.

He was preceded in

death by his wife, Helen Schamberger and son, Michael Schamberger. He is survived by his children, Sharon Schamberger of Rockford, IL; Bill (Susan) Schamberger of Stockton; Nancy (Dan) Gille of Madison, WI; Kay (Dennis) Oppold of Stockton, IL; and his daughter-in-law Lynn McCourt of Fort Morgan, CO; his grandchildren, Darin Oppold, Stephanie (Justin) Polster, Evan Meyer, Kellie (Zach) Steffen, Lana Schamberger, Courtney Schamberger, Kalli (Eric) Offenheiser, Grady Schamberger, Wade Schamberger, Cole (España) Schamberger, Colin Meyer, Derek Gille, and Olivia Clise and twelve great grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Woodbine Bend Golf Course in Woodbine, IL.

News briefs

Lena American Legion Auxiliary meeting

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the Post home on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. for pizza. The American Legion Auxiliary Illini Girls State delegates will speak on their experience.

Elizabeth Blood Drive

The Elizabeth Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, Aug. 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the community room located at 402 North West Street. Appointments are encouraged. For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: ElizabethIL.

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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. This list is immediate needs, however other items will always be accepted. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

World Series of Blitzball

The World Series of Blitzball will be held on Saturday, Aug. 10 at Little Cubs Field from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The best Blitzball players from the United States will be playing, coming from all over the country.

Teams can enter the tournament by Aug. 7 by calling Hayden at 573-825-6990. The entry fee is \$100. There will be a home run derby at the end of the day if time allows. Admission is free. For more details call Denny at 815-685-9507.

Lena Business & Professional Association

The Lena Business & Professional Association will host an association meeting on Aug. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Lena Mercantile.

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Under new law, Illinois employers can't force workers to sit through anti-union meetings

Pritzker signs 'Worker Freedom of Speech Act' at organized labor convention

By Hannah Meisel
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Gov. JB Pritzker last week signed legislation aimed at curtailing the practice of "captive audience" meetings—a strategy businesses sometimes use to dissuade workers from forming a union.

The law, dubbed the "Worker Freedom of Speech Act," was a top priority this spring for organized labor groups in Illinois, which played host to Pritzker's bill signing at the Illinois AFL-CIO's biennial convention.

"You're helping every worker in the state of Illinois," the governor told the hundreds of organized labor members and leaders gathered in a suburban Chicago hotel ballroom. "And as people recognize that more and more, they organize and they join a union."

The Worker Freedom of Speech Act passed the General Assembly this spring with mostly Democratic support and just a few Republicans crossing the aisle.

When the law goes into effect on Jan. 1, Illinois will become the eighth state to make it illegal for companies to punish their workers for opting out of a meeting in which they'd be subjected to the employer's views on religious or political matters—including unionization—or rewarded for attending.

Workers who believe they were unfairly retaliated against for not attending such meetings can take their employer to court under the law. They can also report their employer to the Illinois Department of Labor, which can levy fines of \$1,000 per violation.

AFL-CIO national President Liz Shuler, the keynote speaker for the July 31 state convention, praised the legislation before Pritzker signed it. She admonished "rich and powerful" executives like Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, the founder of companies including Tesla, for "stacking the deck against us."

"They want to sit there and hold their captive audience meetings and make us listen to a bunch of their propaganda," she said. "I say bullshit."

A number of other states are considering similar legislation, according to research from the Economic Policy Institute, amid a wave of high-profile union drives across the country in recent years. But business groups have sued over Minnesota and Connecticut's laws, claiming

employers' First Amendment rights are being infringed upon.

The Worker Freedom of Speech Act follows Illinois voters' approval of the "Workers' Rights Amendment" to the state constitution in the November 2022 election, which established a "fundamental right" for Illinois workers to unionize and engage in collective bargaining with their employers.

It also prohibits both state

and local governments from ever enacting "right-to-work" laws, which bar employers from requiring workers to be union members to keep their jobs. As a result, unionization rates are lower in those states.

Right-to-work laws have seen a resurgence in Republican-controlled states in the last decade or so after an initial wave of southern and rural states adopted such laws in the 1940s and '50s.

Pritzker on July 30 crit-

icized his predecessor, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who he said "declared war on the labor movement." He was referring to the one-term governor's frequent scapegoating of public employee unions for the years of budget deficits Illinois had seen by the time he took office in 2015.

"He held the state's budget hostage, and the ransom that he demanded—you remember?" Pritzker asked the audience, recalling the two years

the state went without a budget amid Rauner's political fight with Democrats aligned with organized labor. "It was that Illinois should become a right-to-work state. We're not going to let that happen."

Shuler also warned the audience of "Project 2025"—a policy blueprint authored by the conservative Heritage Foundation and former staffers for President Donald Trump.

She pointed to parts of the

wide-ranging 900-page document concerning labor law, including what she characterized as a goal "to eliminate public sector unions" if Trump gets a second term as president in November.

"Is that a wake-up call?" she asked. "Project 2025 would eliminate the OSHA enforcement and penalties, so that companies get a slap on the wrist if they have a fatality at the workplace. That's Project 2025."



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JDCF announces Meteors on the Mound star gazing event

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) invites everyone to Meteors on the Mound for a glimpse of the Perseid meteor shower from atop Horseshoe Mound Preserve on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Horseshoe Mound is one of the highest points in Jo Daviess County and offers spectacular views of the tristate area from several different outlooks. Suggested donation of \$10/person or \$25 per family. RSVPs are not required. Horseshoe Mound Preserve is located at 1679 N Blackjack Road, Galena. This program is weather dependent.

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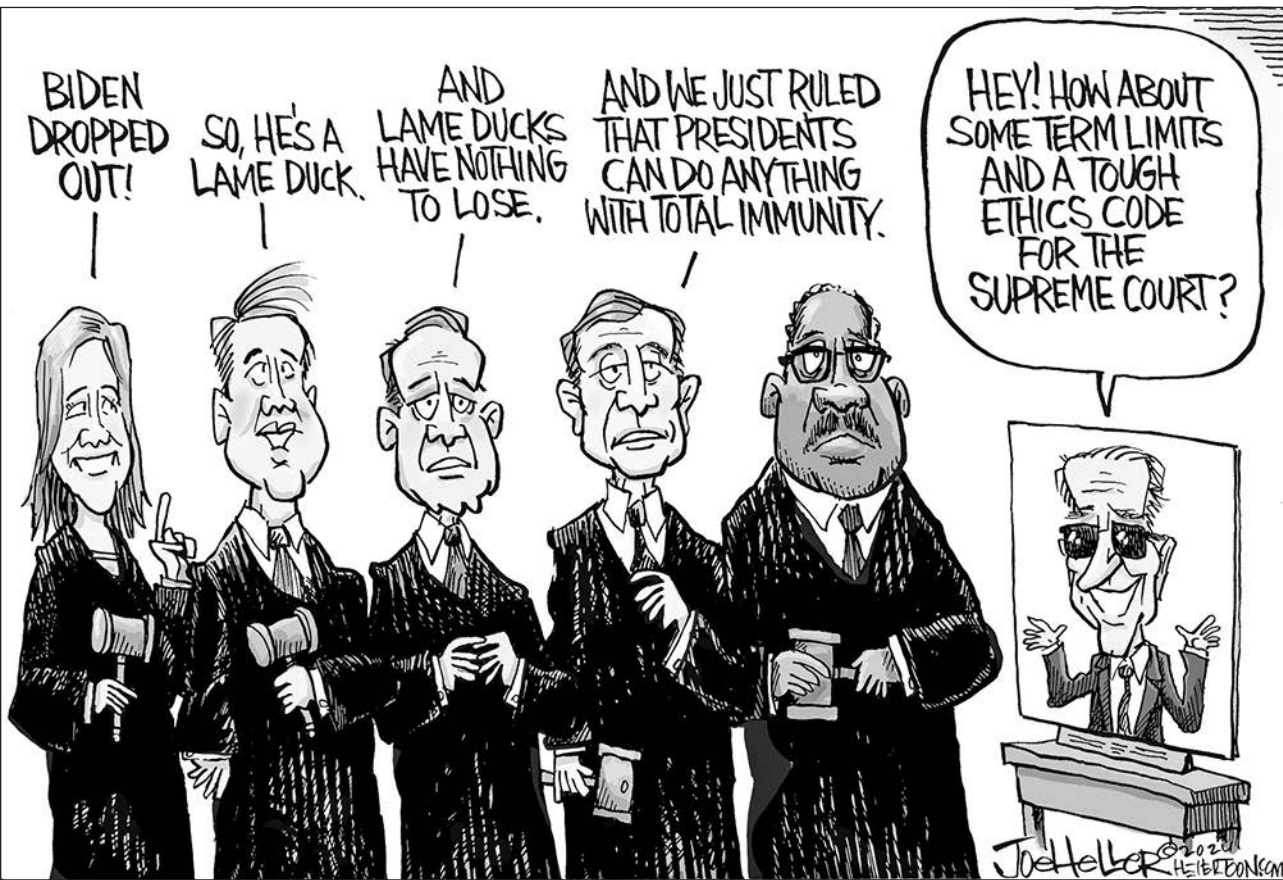
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OPINION



Slices of life

Fixing a broken wheel



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

We are all broken. Some have just a dent in the fender; others need a whole new transmission.

We are dinged, bent, damaged, hurt, cracked, confused, crushed and cut to the quick.

Because life will sometimes do that to you—to me—to all of us.

It changes us. It challenges us. It tosses us into the deep dark waters during a violent tempest because we were meant to whirl with the waves and experience the storm.

And the storm changes us in ways we never would have imagined. It leaves us broken—in tiny or all-encompassing ways.

We often try to hide this. The broken pieces that reside within us. But people are smart. They see through our forced smile, our transparent armor, and they want to help.

They want to fix it.

I've thought about this and I think it's simply a part of human nature - to want to heal the hurts in others - to make everything okay. To fix them.

Thing is, there is no undoing what's been done. There is no changing the dings and the scrapes and the collisions we'd had in life. They exist as sure as the sunrise and sunset, and they can't be erased.

And they needn't be. They shouldn't be.

Because our experiences, our past—good and bad—aren't supposed to be overlooked, ignored or erased. They happened for a reason. And that reason—however cliché—made us the person we are today, scars and all.

But here's something I've observed about scars and human nature and the troubles we all encounter in life:

Sometimes I just want to talk about mine. Sometimes I want to unload. Sometimes it feels like a relief to talk about these things out loud. Maybe it lessens them. Maybe it makes them more real—or less real.

Maybe it just helps to share. But here's the crux: sometimes sharing is all I want to do. I'm not necessarily looking for a fix, because there often is no fix, and I'm guessing when you

share like this, you aren't looking to be fixed, either.

We tend to listen with the intent of responding and that involves solving or fixing. There's nothing inherently wrong with this, it's just not what most people want or need.

We don't necessarily want, much less need, a response. We need to be heard. We want someone to listen without judgement, but even as importantly, without providing solutions that we've most likely already thought of ourselves.

I guess I'm just thinking out loud here, because I've got as much to learn here as anyone else. I'm venting, if you will. And in that, I'm not looking for a quick fix from anyone. I am realizing I need to/want to be more mindful (not to mention silent) when others confide in me. I'm going to try to remember my own advice and not give unwarranted advice. (Or at least ask if my advice is wanted.)

Times of trouble can be very large and very lonely. It is during those times we aren't necessarily looking for solutions or problem-solving. People confiding in us don't always need ideas about new hobby suggestions, church locations or places to meet new people. Maybe they aren't looking for any of that

Maybe, instead they are looking (we all are looking) simply for an ear. Maybe they are looking for the opposite of a quick fix. Maybe what they need most is a silent, supportive friend who has no need to fix because they love us just as we are, cracks and all.

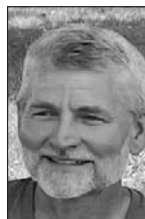
Wouldn't that be awesome?

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Weekly connection

Still playing ball

I was up early last Saturday in order to get my chores done before heading off to the ballpark for a co-ed softball tournament. Little did I know it was going to be an all-day affair. In this tournament the guys have to bat opposite handed to make it fair and the batters only get one strike. I was excited to play because I was a pretty good switch-hitter since my childhood. In fact, when I was in elementary school, we would play out on the playground at recess and there was a small equipment shed out in right field. Anyone who could hit it over the shed got an automatic homerun, so I always batted lefthanded and learned to launch many balls over that shed. The kids in my class thought I was a natural



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

left-handed hitter because of that, and they would get mad at me when I batted right-handed in gym class. Later, when I was in college, I actually did switch-hit in games and did pretty well.

When I got to the park on Saturday, I had a lot of things to do to try and prevent injuries. I laced up my left ankle brace tight, pulled elastic sleeves over both knees, wrapped my right hamstring tight, pulled

on my spandex shorts, and I was ready to play. For the last few years, I have played in this tournament with my younger brother's team, and we haven't had much success. He's 50 years old and I'm 62, and the younger guys and girls were just a little too young for us. This year things took a turn for the better as we won our first game. We lost our second game, but we ended up having a great day as we won two games in the loser's bracket and made it all the way to the semi-final game before we fell 1-0. We started at 9:45 and our fifth game of the day ended at about 7 pm. Needless to say this old body was spent.

Somewhere in game two I pulled my right hamstring on a defensive play that I was trying to make from my spot at shortstop. In my next time at bat, I really hurt it on my way to second base on a double that I hit to right center field. I thought for sure my day was done as the pain shot up my leg in the back. Instead, one of the girls we were playing with pulled an elastic velcro wrap out of her bag. I pulled that wrap as tight as I could around my leg and kept right on playing. That wrap really saved the day as our team kept winning working our way back through the loser's bracket. I've always loved playing baseball from the time I was just a little punk playing in

the cow pasture with my older brothers. The six of us never got tired no matter how hot it was or how long we played. However last Saturday it was pushing 90-degree heat and we ended up running out of steam in that fifth game losing 1-0 in our bid to make it to the championship game.

The truth is these old bodies don't last forever, but our souls do. The person we are, our spirit, will go right on living when these bodies finally stop working. I think of it as the fact that our souls just change residences from earth to eternity. The Bible says if we have put our faith and trust in God's son, Jesus Christ, we will continue living with Him in the glory of heaven when we die, but if we reject Christ, we will spend eternity separated from God in a place called hell. The Bible tells us that hell is no fun whatsoever. In fact, Jesus talked a lot about hell. He said it's a place of torment and outer darkness where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. Now I don't know what gnashing of teeth is but I don't want to find out. Jesus came that we might be saved from hell. John 3:16 says, For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life. I urge you to believe in Christ today and receive the gift of eternal life. Until next week, God bless.

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4-H members showcase their exhibits during the fair

The Jo Daviess County 4-H Fair was the place to be from July 15-17, 2024. 4-H members came out in full force to showcase their projects. From horses to hens, bunnies to calves, and everything in between, 4-H members brought it all. Not to mention, 4-H Cloverbuds participated in the 4-H Federation's annual Round-Up, and members brought their A-game during general projects judging. Members entered projects in areas like visual arts, aerospace, food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, horticulture, floriculture, natural resources, photography, woodworking, and more.

The fair is not just an event; it's a celebration of dedication and learning that spans weeks, months, or even years for our 4-H members. It's a platform for them to present their achievements to the community and receive valuable insights from experts. Beyond the displays, the fair fosters lasting memories, friendships, teamwork, self-assurance, and communication skills. "The 4-H Fair is just one way a member can showcase their mastery of the skills they learned in 4-H," explained Angela Miller, 4-H Program Coordinator. "It is like a yearbook of all the amazing things our members have accomplished throughout the 4-H year."



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Celia Berning, Menominee Achievers 4-H Club, with her goats as she waits to go into the show ring.



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Layna Kretschmer, Elizabeth, bringing her bucking calf into the show ring during the beef show.



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Raylen Conrad is laser-focused during the 4-H Swine Show during the 2024 Jo Daviess County 4-H Fair.



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Reid Burbach is getting his bull ready for his "8-second Ride" during the annual 4-H Federation Cloverbud Round-Up.



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Cyrus Lehman and Weston Lehman from the Top Notchers 4-H Club were all smiles after Weston exhibited his project during the Cloverbud Round-Up.



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Madelynn Redfearn, Scales Mound, discusses her project with Judge Bridget Zurcher during the 2024 General Projects judging.



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Maci Burbach holds still while 4-H Federation member Faith Morhardt, Elizabeth, paints a design on her face during the Cloverbud Round-Up.

Rusty Nut

(Jon Bourquin)



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email: firstumcfoelizabeth@gmail.com
Pastor Donna Hoffman 608-293-0163
email: dhoffman8@gmail.com
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• **Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.**
• **Adult Bible Study - Sunday 10:30 a.m.**
Super Sunday on the first Sunday of the month, with Sunday School from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
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• **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!

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Aug. 11 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel John 6:35, 41-51.

On Wednesday, Aug. 14 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 twelfth Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. We will have a special blessing of the back-

packs for the Healthy Wolves program. Join us on Facebook if you can't make it in person.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m.

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

The Social Ministry group is collecting school supplies for students at Pearl City School through Aug. 11. Items needed include markers, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, glue bottles, rulers, erasers, wireless computer mice, and earbuds. Monetary donations are also accepted and encouraged.

The August Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Aug. 18. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Aug. 18. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Aug. 15. The menu for the August meal will be shaved pulled pork, coleslaw, chips, and a chocolate brownie dessert. 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, Aug. 11, 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 annual shrimp boil will be held on Aug. 11, 2024, at 11 a.m. in fellowship hall. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and food! Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will meet Aug. 14 at 8 a.m. at Amigo's, 306 North Galena Avenue, Freeport, IL.

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.

Calvary Church of Stockton

Calvary Church of Stockton is sponsoring a special night of music on Saturday, Aug. 10. "No Worries," "Pleasant Hope," and "Finding Grace" will perform music for all to enjoy. There will be a message by Pastor Scott Hess of Calvary and a blessing of athletes, all ages and all sports. Please bring a lawn chair and join for the music and fellowship.

The church is hosting a guest speaker Sunday, Aug. 11. Pastor Pius Yugi from Kenya will give the message. The public is invited to attend. On Aug. 18 there will be another special service. "Westward Road," a trio on tour, will be performing during the 10 a.m. service. They provide a unique blend of gospel and modern worship music.

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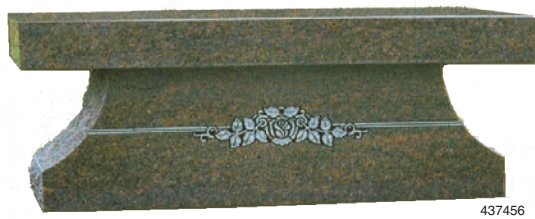
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Lena Yard of the Month awarded

The Lena Beautification Committee and Lena Business and Professionals' Association have chosen the home of Richard and Nancy Jogerst, at 308 W. Lena St., as the Yard of the Month for July. The Jogersts both love to work in their yard and are constantly adding new features to their many flower beds. Rich especially enjoys a small fishpond with fish that have lived there for many years. They have created a beautiful patio with a fire pit in their back yard. The base is made of over 9,000 pounds of flagstone. The yard has several unique gardens including a large selection of unusual hosta. A perennial wall of flowers and many annuals also add color. Several trees that add shade and interest during different times of the year include a ginkgo, purple magnolia and redbud. A small vegetable garden and raspberry patch are also included in their design. The couple have created a beautiful and peaceful place to relax and enjoy



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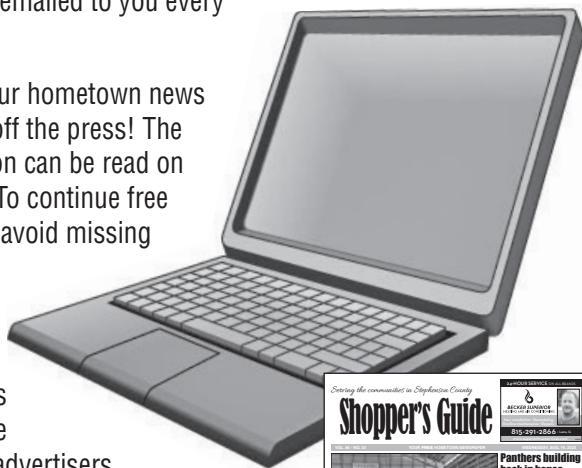
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Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, *Clue: On Stage* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth, the butler, Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. *Clue: On Stage* is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches.

Information and tickets for all Timber Lake events are available online at www.timberlakeplayhouse.org or by calling the Box Office at 815-244-2035. The Box Office is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and through in-termission on performance days.

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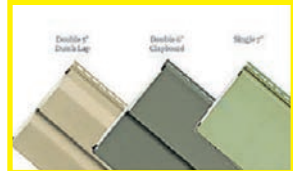
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Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

One of my favorite things about late summer is the availability of delicious fresh sweet corn. Some of you may remember from past columns that corn is one of my favorite foods, and I especially love fresh sweet corn. With that in mind I wanted to share a few facts on corn. There are three primary kinds of corn.

Sweet Corn is the kind we eat. You may even grow it in your own garden. Field Corn is also known as dent or feed corn. It is hard on the outside and starchy in the inside. It is most commonly used for animal feed but can also be found in products we use every day. Popcorn retains water within the kernel. When the kernel is heated the water also heats and builds up pressure. This causes the kernel to turn inside out. One bushel of field corn can produce 31.5 pounds of starch, 33 pounds of sweetener, 2.8 gallons of ethanol fuel, or 17.5 pounds of distillers grain. To learn more about corn visit: www.agintheclassroom.org website and view the Corn Ag-Mag.

Wisconsin State Fair Bus Trip

Join the Carroll and Stephenson County Farm Bureaus as we travel to the Wisconsin State Fair on Aug. 8, 2024. This great trip has pickups in both Carroll County and Stephenson. The first pickup will be at 7 a.m. at the Carroll County Farm Bureau office with the next stop at the Freeport Walmart at 7:30 a.m. We will arrive at the Wisconsin State Fair around 10 a.m. and depart for home at 4 p.m. We will return to Freeport Walmart at about 6 p.m. and the Carroll County Farm Bureau around 6:30 p.m.

This trip is open to anyone, but Illinois Farm Bureau members can join us for \$60 and non-members are \$75. Trip cost includes transportation, all gratuities and water on the bus. Fair admission is not included. Reserve your spot by calling your county Farm Bureau. Carroll County Farm Bureau 815-244-3001 or Stephenson County Farm Bureau 815-232-3186. This is a great bus trip for those of all ages.

Magnolia Markets

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Stephenson County Farm Bureau offering Rawleigh products

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Carroll County Farm Bureau is traveling to Marquis Energy in Hennepin, Illinois on Thursday, Aug. 22. Marquis operates the largest dry-mill ethanol facility in the world and produces markets-carbon feed and fuel solutions while continually innovating. This trip is exclusive to Carroll County Farm Bureau members.

The trip will leave from the Carroll County Farm Bureau at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$15, this includes transportation, gratuities, lunch and refreshments on the bus. To register call 815-244-3001 or stop by our office Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Place cut side down 2 inches apart on two ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 400 until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Serve warm with pizza sauce.

Cold Cucumber Salad with Creamy Dill Dressing

My mother used to make several cucumber salads throughout the summer. This recipe was very much like hers. It does require a little preparation because the cucumbers have to sit in vinegar and then drain.

- 2 cucumbers
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. vinegar
- 1/2 C. mayonnaise
- 1/4 C. sour cream
- 1 T. fresh dill
- 1/2 t. black pepper

Peel and slice cucumbers and put them in a glass bowl. Sprinkle with salt and drizzle with vinegar. Cover and let stand for 30 minutes. Pour off excess liquid and strain in colander for about 30 minutes

to allow complete drainage.

In a bowl, stir together mayo, sour cream, pepper, and dill. Add cucumbers and stir until coated and combined. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Variation: stir in thinly sliced red onion.

Green Bean Salad

Fresh green beans are beginning to come in. If you want to make something other than a cooked vegetable, this green bean salad is easy and tasty.

- 2 lbs. fresh green beans, trimmed
- 1/2 C. balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 C. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small, sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 1 clove, garlic, minced
- 2 t. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 t. sugar
- 1 t. salt
- 1/4 t. black pepper

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil over high heat. Add green beans and cook, uncovered, until soft but still firm to the bite,

7 to 10 minutes; check often so beans don't overcook. In a large bowl, whisk vinegar, olive oil, onion, garlic, parsley, sugar, salt and pepper together. Drain green beans and mix with dressing while still warm. Allow to marinate at room temperature for at least 1 hour. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Zucchini Patties

Yes, zucchini is coming in and finding ways to use it is a challenge. This side is compatible with about any entrée.

- 2 C. shredded zucchini
- 1/2 C. biscuit baking mix
- 1/2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 T. grated onion
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/2 t. dried basil
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 T. butter

In a bowl, combine the zucchini, baking mix, cheese, onion, salt, basil, and pepper. Stir in eggs; mix well. Shape the mixture into six patties, using about 1/4 C. zucchini

mixture for each patty. In a skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter; cook patties until lightly browned, 4 to 5 minutes on each side.

Chicken Biscuit Bake

If you are looking for an easy all in one dinner, this casserole has it all—chicken, vegetable, and hot bread. I like the Pillsbury Grands biscuits, especially the buttermilk ones. If you use rotisserie chicken, it really is an easy weekday dinner.

- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 2/3 C. mayonnaise

- 2 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 4 C. cubed cooked chicken
- 3 C. chopped broccoli, cooked
- 1 medium sweet onion, chopped
- 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 tubes (12 oz. each) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 C. sour cream
- 2 t. celery seed
- 1 t. salt

Preheat oven to 375. In a large bowl, combine the soup, mayo and Worcestershire

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August is here, and school starts soon. We have had hot and humid days to start it out. We haven't had storms so that is a plus. The good summer fruits and vegetables are being harvested by the bushel full. This week's recipes feature some good salads and desserts that use the vegetables and fruits of the season. Enjoy cooking this week.

Pesto Pinwheels

These easy appetizers are made with crescent roll dough and prepared pesto. I really like the Butoni Basil Pesto sauce they carry in the refrigerated section of Cub Foods. You may also use jarred pesto too.

- 1 tube (8 oz.) refrigerated crescent rolls
 - 1/3 C. prepared pesto sauce
 - 1/4 C. roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
 - 1/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 C. pizza sauce, warmed
- Unroll crescent dough into two long rectangles, seal seams and perforations. Spread each with pesto, sprinkle with red peppers and cheese. Roll each up jelly-roll style, starting with a short side. With a sharp knife, cut each roll into 20 slices.

Vanderheyden-Carpenter Reunion

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the Waddams Township Cemetery Board

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Waddams Township Cemetery Board for 2024 will be held on August 17th at 11:00 am at 9500 N Hulbert Rd, McConnell, IL 61050

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Stephanie Matz, Treasurer, Waddams Township Cemetery Board, telephone 815-369-5187.

- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2023 were \$6,353.80.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$9,500.00. This represents a 49.5% increase.

- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 are \$0.00. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

- IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$6353.80.

The total estimated property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$9,500.00. This represents a 49.5% increase over the previous year.

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Stockton schools to hold meet the teacher night

Stockton schools will hold meet the teacher night for tours of the buildings, a chance to meet your teacher, see your classroom, and put supplies in your locker. Stockton Elementary School (Grades PreK-5), will be held Monday Aug. 19 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Stockton Middle/High School (Grades 6-12) will be held Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Freshman Welcome Night will also begin at 5:30 p.m. in the HS cafeteria on Aug. 20.

ENGELKENS FARMS, MARY & EDGAR ENGELKENS ESTATE

FARM EQUIPMENT & HOUSEHOLD AUCTION

1885 N. HENDERSON RD., FREEPORT, IL
SATURDAY, AUG. 17 • 10 A.M.

LOCATION: From Freeport, IL go north on Rt. 26 approx. three miles to Winneshiek Rd., go east to Henderson Rd., go south to farm on left.

NOTE: Many items too numerous to mention. Over 60 years of farming on this property. Edgar was a well-known & respected John Deere salesman for many years. He always enjoyed his Black Angus Cattle & tractor pulling events.

COMBINE: JD 9560 STS Combine base unit with green star field monitor, with straw chopper, bullet rotor, A/C, heat, 2,654 engine hrs., 1,868 separator hrs.

HEADS: JD 693 Corn Head with poly snouts; JD 925F 25' Grain Platform.

HEAD CART: Easy Trail head cart.

SEMI TRACTOR: 1996 Kenworth T600, 592,973 miles, aero cab, sleeper cab, 9 speed Rockwell transmission, air ride.

GRAIN TRAILER: 2013 42' Wilson Pace Setter, double hopper bottom, 66' sides; air ride, elec tarp, double weight gauges, 11R/24.5 tires, very nice condition.

TRUCKS: 1989 GMC 7000 Dump Truck, auto, gas, 366 engine, 56,735 miles; 1976 Chevy 400 Truck, single cab, auto, 4WD, ¾-ton, 5th wheel hitch, 20,311 on new motor, total miles are unknown.

GRAIN EQUIPMENT & AUGERS: Airstream 1112 Grain Dryer, single phase, LP, continuous flow or batch flow, stationary, buyer to remove; 10' 30' Hutchinson grain pump with motor; buyer to remove; Peck 8" 50' auger with motor, on transit, buyer to remove; 8", 30' long auger; Hutchinson Discharge Corn Auger, newer; Westfield WR100-31 Auger, pto, on transit, like new; Westfield MK100-71 swing auger, pto, on transit, sharp; Westfield WR100-61 auger, pto, on transit; App 25-grain bulkheads; Aeration tubes; aeration fans; sev. Auger hoppers.

TILLAGE: JD 1760 Conservation Max Emerge 2, 12-row, no-till planter, equipped with radar, computer track 250 monitor, front fold, insecticide, soil former, yetter coulters, trash whips, extra bean & corn cups, extra planter parts, 2nd Dickey John radar JD 3960 Chopper with 2-row belted corn head, elec control, extra hopper parts, for planter; JD 1350-1450 Plow, 14-18", variable width.

FORAGE: JD 235 Disc with 21" cone blades & 24'-9" spacings; JD 3960 Chopper with 2-row belted corn head, elec control, & extra hopper parts; JD 567 Round Baler, cover edge, net & twine; JD 8300 grain drill, grass seed, double disc, 13', sharp.

WAGONS: Knight Chopper Box, 17-7 tandem; H&S 500 Chopper Box, with 6278 kory gear, tandem; Huskee gravity box, with gear & flotation tires; Kilbros 375 gravity wagon, 1065A gear, top extension, with unverferth auger, very nice; Brent Grain Buggy, 700-bushel, with scale, tarp, & unverferth auger; 24' Apache feeder wagon with dolly; Spartan snowmobile trailer.

FARM EQUIPMENT: N.H. 28 Blower; JD 100 Stacker; North American Double Hopper Grainovator, pto; 140 gal. Farm Pak chemical tank with pump, JD 65 Blower; L-shape fuel truck transfer tank; 1,650 gal. poly tank with pump; 550 gal. poly tank with pump; King Kutter 500 seeder; JD 6' bucket, fits 4400; Hesston SM30 stack mover; 3pt stalk mover.

GARDEN SHED: 12x16x11' H, vinyl siding, shingled roof, double doors, nice; buyer to remove.

CATTLE EQUIPMENT: Filson cattle squeeze circle tub, to be removed by buyer; Portable squeeze chute; Apache calf feeder; calf puller; 2-show sticks; sev. farm gates & corral panels; feed cart; water tank; rd. bale feeder; approx. 10-J Bunks & 8-H Bunks.

EQUIPMENT PARTS: JD 4040 muffler; sev. 3960 combine parts; disc parts; additional chopper parts such as knives & fan paddles; JD seat; parts for mixer mill, disc, planter, chopper, etc; grain buggy tire, fits JD 1065 49x17 cart; sickle sections; extra bean & corn cups.

MISC. FARM & SHOP ITEMS: forks; platform scale; industrial cart; 2-bales of twine; wagon hoist; 5-Oldsmobile hubcaps; 4-car dollies; Cummins Mack 16 spd. drill press; asst of tires; asst of elec. motors; 2-JD gator tires, newer; 20-ton hyd press; log chains; JD pressure washer, older; elec. band saw; Makita elec. Sawzall; Excell 2-ton engine hoist; MacTools cart; asst air hoses; Whirlpool shop/garage refrigerator/freezer.

STEAM CLEANER: Alto Neptune KW Steam Cleaner, hot & cold, 220 elec, 2 wands.

CONCRETE BLOCKS & LUMBER: 20-4', 21-6'x2', 50-6'x3' cement blocks, buyer to remove; asst of misc lumber.

HAY: approx. 16-round bales, 1st & 2nd crop of 2023 & 1st crop- 2024; small sq. bales wheat straw; sm. sq. bales of hay, count to be determined later.

GENERATOR: Winpower 12PT2 Generator on cart, 52.1 amps.

LAWN, GARDEN & SNOW: JD 726 walk behind snowblower; AgriFab lawn sweeper; cement lawn décor, deer, dog, & sm. cow planter; lg. hose reel on cart; metal lawn cart; fertilizer spreaders; lawn chairs; JD leaf blower; wheelbarrow; self-propelled push mower; Coleman lantern; fishing poles.

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, & TOYS: Commode; Flex Flyer sled; lg. asst of old license plates; cross cut saw; Green Bay Packer lamp; autographed football by Kevin Butler; collector dolls; JD 8760 collector tractor, in box; JD statue with boy; JD 1.25 scale die cast truck; JD semi tractor; JD tins, cups, & bank; White 145 pedal tractor; milk cans; Carnival glass dishes; berry dish set; Nancy Prentiss Fine China, platinum, complete 12-piece setting; flowered snack set; HP Japan serving set with chickens & flowers; wine goblets; blue basket; glass relish trays.

HOUSEHOLD: Maytag Washer & Dryer, red; nice oak 2-door cabinet; nice oak dining table with chairs; rocker/recliner; magazine rack; end tables; ent. center; love seat; rocker/glider; portable elec. fireplace; corner desk; dresser with mirror & chest drawers; book case; dorm size refrigerator; Presto popcorn maker; wall décor; vacuum cleaners; 3-wooden bar stools, nice; Maytag ringer washer; Christmas & Holiday décor; lg asst of craft items.

TERMS: Cash or good check. Not responsible for accidents or losses.

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GRAIN & CATTLE FARM REAL ESTATE AUCTION

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1885 N. HENDERSON RD., FREEPORT, IL
SATURDAY, AUG. 31 • 11 A.M.

OPEN HOUSE: Phone 608-328-4878 for a private showing.

LOCATION: From Freeport, IL, go north on Rt. 26 approx. three miles to Winneshiek Rd., go east to Henderson Rd., go south to farm on left. Property is centrally located about 60 miles west of Dubuque, IA, approx. 30 miles from Rockford, IL, 20 miles south of Monroe, WI, and minutes from Freeport, IL.

REAL ESTATE: Located in Sec. 20 of Lancaster Twp, Stephenson Co., IL, inc. 184.41 acres (according to Stephenson County tax bill) with approx. 150 acres tillable with a really nice set of buildings and a 4-bedroom country home.

TERMS: 3% buyer's premium to be paid at closing. \$100,000 down day of auction as earnest money, payable to Bidlingmaier Realty, LLC Trust Acct., balance in cash at closing on or before Sept. 30. Buyers will be required to sign an offer to purchase at auction with no contingencies. Crop land and pasture is rented for the 2024 season. There will be no rent proration to new buyers. All announcements made day of auction take precedence over any printed materials.

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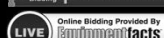


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•Kitchen (Continued from page 11)

sauce. Stir in the chicken, broccoli and onion. Transfer to a 9 x 13 baking dish which has been sprayed with cooking spray. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and bake at 375 for 20 minutes.

Separate biscuits and cut each one in half. Arrange cut side down covering hot chicken mixture. In a small bowl, combine the eggs, sour cream, celery seed and salt. Pour over the biscuits. Bake uncovered for 28 to 32 minutes longer or until biscuits are golden brown and completely baked.

Porcupine Meatballs

When I was in freshman Home Economics, one of the things we made was porcupine meatballs. I haven't had them in a long time. When I saw this recipe, it took me back many years. I think they were a staple in many early home-ec classes. You can also make porcupine meatballs with a brown gravy mix.

½ C. uncooked long grain rice
½ C. water

¼ C. chopped onion
1 t. salt
½ t. celery salt
½ t. pepper
½ t. garlic powder
1 lb. ground beef
2 T. canola oil
1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
1 C. water
2 T. brown sugar
2 t. Worcestershire sauce

In a bowl, combine the rice, water, onion, salt, celery salt, pepper, and garlic powder. Add the beef and mix well. Shape into 1½ inch balls. In a large skillet, brown the meatballs in oil; drain. Pour off the grease in the skillet. Combine the tomato sauce, water, brown sugar, and Worcestershire in a small bowl; put in skillet and heat mixture until cooked through. Put the meatballs back in the skillet and make sure each meatball is covered. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 hour

Peach Crisp

One of my friends gave me several of the most delicious peaches and told me she

made peach crisp. Our friend JoAnn gave her this great recipe. There were peaches in the Farm and Fleet lot and peaches in several markets in the areas. It is a great time of the year for these stone fruits.

Filling:

4 C. sliced peaches
1/3 C. sugar
3 T. lemon juice
1 t. vanilla
1½ t. cinnamon
¼ t. salt

Topping:

1½ C. flour
½ C. packed brown sugar
½ C. white sugar
½ t. cinnamon
1 stick butter, melted

Preheat oven to 375. Mix peaches, sugar, cinnamon, and salt in a medium bowl. Place mixture in a 9-inch deep dish pie plate or an 8 x 8 square pan sprayed with cooking spray. In the same bowl, mix flour, brown sugar, white sugar, milk, and cinnamon. Add melted butter and mix until crumbly. Sprinkle topping over peach mixture. Bake for 40 minutes until golden brown and bubbly.

Serve with vanilla ice cream.

Very Berry Crisp

This dessert is an easy and affordable one especially since the raspberries and blueberries are in season. It also has most of the things in your cupboard. Enjoy this tasty fruit dessert.

2 C. fresh raspberries
2 C. sliced strawberries
2 C. fresh blueberries
1/3 C. sugar
2 T. plus ¼ C. flour, divided
1/3 C. graham cracker crumbs
1/3 C. quick cooking oats
¼ C. packed brown sugar
2 T. sliced almonds
½ t. cinnamon
1 t. canola oil
1 T. melted butter
1 T. water

In a large bowl, combine the berries, sugar, and 2 T. flour; transfer to an 11 x 7 baking dish coated with cooking spray. In a small bowl, combine the cracker crumbs, oats, brown sugar, almonds, cinnamon and remaining flour. Stir in the oil, butter and water until moistened. Sprinkle over

berries. Bake at 375 for 25 to 30 minutes or until filling is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

Final Thoughts

There were a lot of pets and bicycles in the parade. There were scooters and baby strollers too. As it went by my house, there were lots of dogs, one cat, and one rabbit. I was so surprised at how well everybody behaved! Thank you, Lena Lions for sponsoring this family friendly activity.

The Stephenson County Fair is over too. I know that there are lots of people who go to the Wisconsin and Illinois State Fair. The Farmer's Markets in our area have a lot of seasonal produce, so be sure to stop by and support them.

The Lena Area Historical Society had a great program at the museum. They will be offering another program on the third Saturday of August. Stop by the museum and see the awesome post card collection of early Lena. One of those

postcards is of the old fountain. If you want to step back to the past, go to the Fountain Triangle. The fountain has arrived, and it is beautiful. This fountain reproduction of the old fountain that used to be there is a tribute to a lot of vision and work. It was always the dream of Margie Scholtz that the triangle be cleaned up and the fountain restored. The library was a poultry house. The vision of the Lena Lions Club made our modern library possible. The view from the library is now beautiful. Margie would be proud! Thank you for the donations that made this possible as well as the help of the Village of Lena.

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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Cube 1076 Latrice Allen; Cube 1078 Cami McElroy; Cube 1171 Latesha Watkins; Cube 1185 Melissa Walsh; Cube 1210 Chad Evans; Cube 1487 Nada Jones

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
STEPHENSON
COUNTY-IN PROBATE
In Re the Matter of
the Estate of:
John L. Rife,
Deceased.

No. 24-PR-54 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of John L. Rife, of Lena, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 26, 2024, to:

Debra L. Rife
814 S. Logan St.,
P.O. Box 193
Lena, IL 61048

as independent Executor of the Estate of John L. Rife, whose attorney is
Anthony V. Coon
Attorney At Law
10 N. Galena Ave.,
Ste. 210
Freeport, Illinois 61032

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 10, 2025,

and any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Date: July 30, 2024.

Debra L. Rife,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC; Plaintiff,
vs.
Krystle L. Schulz; Jeffrey S. Schulz; Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants;
Defendants.

Case No. 24 FC 24 Judge Presiding NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you:
-Jeffrey S. Schulz
-Unknown Owners and Non Record Claimants that Plaintiff has commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Stephenson County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain Mortgage lien recorded against the premises described as follows:

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C/K/A: 110 West South Street, Dakota, IL 61018
PIN: 14-09-36-136-003
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Easing dental anxiety

People can develop dental anxiety for a number of reasons. Sometimes the seeds of dental fear are planted in childhood. When parents or grandparents are afraid of the dentist, children will pick up on this. A parent may also say something like, "We are going to the dentist today. If you do not cry, I will give you a treat." The first thing the child thinks is, "What's a dentist and what is he going to do to make me want to cry?"

Maybe you were never taken to the dentist for preventative care as a child, so your first introduction to the dental office happened when you were in pain from decay or an injury. A traumatic, initial visit to a dental office that occurs when you are in pain, afraid of the unknown, feeling helpless and/or not being in control can lead to the development of dental anxiety.

It is important to speak to your dentist about your specific fears, so he/she can collaborate with you to make your appointments as relaxed as possible. For people who fear loss of control, your dentist might suggest a signal that you can use with the dental team to let them know they are feeling overwhelmed or need a break. Just knowing that you can control the situation often goes a long way in helping you to relax. Some people feel more in control if their dentist talks them through the procedure, so they know what is going on. Others feel best when they are distracted. Wearing headphones and listening to an audio book, podcast or their favorite music helps them to relax. Some distract themselves by concentrating



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**
Illinois Licensed
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on relaxing their muscles in one body part at a time starting from their head down to toes. Some benefit from squeezing a stress ball or playing with a fidget spinner.

Some people mistakenly believe that all dental visits involve the use of a needle. Your anxiety may be sparked by fear of injections or even just the sight of a needle. Preventative dental care does not involve injections. While an injection may be needed to provide anesthesia for treatment, modern dental needles are extremely thin, and an anesthetic gel will numb the site prior to the injection. If just the sight of a needle triggers your anxiety, your dentist can keep that out of your view until you are peacefully reclined, with your eyes closed and using headphones or listening to the television in the operatory to distract you.

If your first dental experience occurred when you were in pain, your anxiety may be rooted in fear of pain. As sensitivity to pain rises when you tense up, it is important to discuss this with your dentist. Tension can also exacerbate a sensitive gag reflex. You may be able to utilize any of the above interventions to help you relax. You may also benefit from deep breathing and meditation exercises. Try not to schedule your dental appointments on days that

you know you are going to be stressed, such as right before a big work presentation or deadline. Avoid caffeine or anything else that can add to your tension.

Often our fear of pain leads to a self-fulfilling prophecy. Only the pain is not from the dentist, but from avoiding the dentist. Patients who develop severe dental phobia will avoid the dentist at all costs. In fact, they will only enter a dental office when their pain supersedes their fear. This level of fear means that they suffer not only physical pain from dental disease, but psychological pain. Keep in mind that advanced technologies allow many previously painful procedures to be performed painlessly. Having a positive dental experience can assist you in releasing some long-held fears.

Some patients fear judgement from the dental team because they have rampant dental disease. They may also be embarrassed/judging themselves. Your dental team's primary focus is to give you whatever support you need to regain your oral and overall health. By making that appointment and showing up you have accomplished that first critical step. They will collaborate with you to identify, address, and minimize your fears before and during each dental appointment.

It is critically important to both your oral and overall health that you feel safe and comfortable in the dental office. There are many ways that your dentist can successfully address anxiety, so do not hesitate to report any fears or anxieties.



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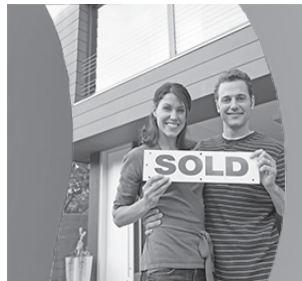
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