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## Orangeville's Addy Wheeler signs letter of intent

Addy Wheeler of Orangeville High School signs a letter of intent to play college softball at Wisconsin Lutheran on Tuesday, Feb. 25. Congratulations, Addy!

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# Obituary

## CONNIE JEAN CARLSON



in Stockton, IL with the Class of 1965. She worked for ProGraphics for 34 years as an office manager. She made

many lifelong friends at both. Over the years, Connie called Stockton, Oregon, and Rockford, IL home. In 2018, she retired to Georgia to be closer to family.

Connie enjoyed knitting, making blankets and hats for many non-profits, visiting the beach, exploring the mountains, sea turtles, playing Skip-bo, hummingbirds, butterflies, reading, jigsaw puzzles, watching House Hunters, shopping excursions to find deals at Kohl's with her sister, and family time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Hamilton Mill Presbyterian Church Food Bank, 5152 Braselton Hwy, Hoschton, GA, 30548, Attn: Pat Weaver and/or spreading acts of kindness in her memory. Thank you to Four Seasons Hospice of NC for their kind and attentive care.

Connie Jean Carlson passed peacefully after a lengthy battle with breast cancer on Feb. 14, 2025, at her daughter's home in Arden, NC at the age of 77. Connie was born on March 6, 1947, in Elgin, IL to Kenneth and Virginia (Studebaker) Bailey. She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Bailey; dad, Norman Haring; mother, Virginia (Bailey) Haring; and brother-in-law, Tim Schirmer. Connie is survived by her daughters: Bethanie (Jeff) Drew of Wake Forest, NC and Cara Carlson of Arden, NC; sisters, Patricia Schirmer of GA and Barb Haring (Liz Miles) of AZ; grandchildren, Taylor Leveque (Brandon Roderick) of IL and Jared (Drew) of NC; great grandchildren, Ashton Roderick and soon-to-be baby girl Roderick of IL; nieces and nephews, Sarah (Paul) Mullen of AZ, Katra (Phil) Thompson of GA, Eric (Julie) Schirmer of GA, and their children; aunt Joan Clyne of IL; many other loved family members and friends.



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## Little Blackhawks

Pictured are Stockton Elementary's Little Blackhawks for the week. These students were recognized for following the Blackhawk Way.

## NWILED announces 2025 Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Northwest Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) is excited to announce the application window for our annual John D. Cooke, III Memorial Entrepreneurial Scholarship is now open. There will be one \$2,000 first place award and two \$1,500 runners up awards. Recipients shall be full-time students who reside in Carroll or Jo Daviess counties that are in good academic standing in the qualifying school year. The 2025 application can be downloaded at www.NWILED.org, and completed applications should be sent to David Schmit, Regional Director: DSchmit@nwiled.org or 1 Commercial Dr, Ste. 2. Hanover, IL 61041 by Monday, March 31, 2025.

## News briefs

### Lena American Legion Auxiliary brunch

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will honor female veterans with a brunch on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 316 W. Main St., Lena. There will be no charge for this brunch. Please join for fellowship and entertainment. Please call 815-369-4684 or email jamcps54@yahoo.com to make reservation or with any questions. Reservations are due by March 20.

### Lena American Legion Auxiliary meeting

The March meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, March 12 at the Lena American Legion Home at 6 p.m. to make tray favors for the hospitalized veterans. New members are always welcome. Judy Oellerich is in charge of the social hour. Junior members will meet on March 15 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Home to do a service project and a fun project.

# Around the Northern Hills

Attention Illinois Registered Nurses! If you are enrolled in a University Nurse Practitioner Program, you could qualify for a \$4,000 scholarship to support your education. This opportunity requires a commitment to serve as a primary care nurse practitioner in an approved rural Illinois community for two years. For more details and to apply, visit RIMSAP.com.



By ANNETTE EGGERS Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau

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### Farm Fun Fact

John Deere invented the first self-scouring plow in 1837.

### Farm toys needed

We need to replenish our farm toys used at Farm Fun Days this summer and thought who better to ask than our members. If you have gently used farm toys that are no longer being used, we would love to put them to good use. We would rather bring new life to old toys than buy new. If you can help, please drop toys off at our office. Thank you in advance.

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# River Ridge FFA wins Poultry Career Development Event

Fifteen members of the River Ridge FFA Chapter competed with nine other schools in this year's Section One Poultry Career Development Event (CDE) hosted at River Ridge. In this CDE, students were tested on a variety of topics within the poultry industry. Students graded both the internal and external quality of eggs, determined if there were any defects, and took a written test on general poultry knowledge. In addition to eggs, students graded ready-to-cook birds and evaluated the laying performance of two classes of birds. Finally, they analyzed both bone-in and bone-out further processed products and identified twenty different cuts of poultry.

River Ridge placed first overall as a team, with Pecatonica second and Forreston third. River Ridge senior, Katie Cobine, was the contest high scorer. She was followed by sophomore Nick Cobine (Chapter Historian). Other individuals in the top 10 from River Ridge were Natalie Keleher, Ian Wachter and Sawyer Fry (Chapter Treasurer). Those five students will make up the team that competes in the State FFA contest in April at the University of Illinois. The Junior High Poultry Judging team placed second to Stockton. The high scorer from River Ridge was Sam Cobine.

## River Ridge FFA celebrates National FFA Week

Members of the River Ridge FFA Chapter celebrated the National FFA Organization, first established in 1928, the week of Feb. 16 through Feb. 22. This special week, typically celebrated the week of George Washington's Birthday, was an opportunity for FFA members to do a myriad of activities celebrating the organization. This year students hosted a staff appreciation breakfast, had an Ag Fact of the Day in the announcements, participated in a school-wide "duck hunt," competed in the traditional hay bale toss, had an all-school rock-paper-scissors game and then ended the week with a fierce game of musical buckets and tug-o-war. It was a fun week where both FFA and non-FFA members got to participate in activities.



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Chapter Vice President Izzy Haring, Chapter Treasurer Sawyer Fry, Ian Wachter, Chapter Historian Nick Cobine and Katie Cobine celebrate their win at the Poultry Career Development Event.



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River Ridge FFA Junior High Poultry team of Christian Morhardt, Sam Cobine, Justice Easter and Damien Ware.



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Justice Easter, Wes Haas, Damien Ware, Russel Howard, Bryce Randall, Jason Lucas and Wyatt Lehman give it their all in tug-o-war.



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Chapter Secretary Bindi Boop, Chapter Sentinel Gracie Allen, Brook Bradbury and Allie Karburg.



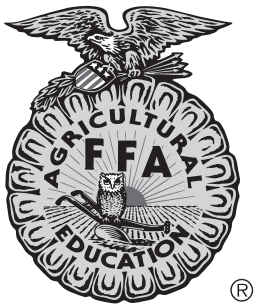
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Chapter Secretary Bindi Boop and Chapter Reporter Berkeley Mensendike work on making eggs and gravy for the Staff Appreciation Breakfast.



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# OPINION

## Slices of life

### Is it daylight saving, or daylight taking?

Twice a year—every year—we succumb. In the spring we spring and in the fall we fall.

Seriously, you couldn't make this stuff up. Somewhere, at (sometime, someone (supposedly a real person) invented the practice. It probably made sense at the time.

And time is exactly what we are talking about here. The daylight of time. The saving of time.

Daylight Saving Time. What does that even mean, really?

Are we saving the daylight? There is only so much of it to go around, and no way—in any way—can any of us bank time or to put it in a safe place for later use. Performing a



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

switcheroo of the numbers that describe the time does nothing to impact the actual daylight we all experience in any given 24-hour time period. Period.

According to the truest source of information available, besides the media, Wiki tells us that Daylight Saving Time (or DST to the inner crowd) "is the practice of advancing clocks to make better use of the longer daylight available during summer so that darkness falls at a later

clock time."

I grew up believing DST was put into place as a benefit to farmers. I grew up believing many lies. It's lucky I survived to the point where I can tell the truth from misinformation. (If indeed that is possible.)

In fact, DST isn't about the farmers. They often oppose it. As it turns out, cows and plants and morning dew don't know anything about telling time on a clock; instead they follow a schedule dictated by the sun, which knows nothing of springing ahead or falling back.

The origin of DST in the U.S. dates back to World War I. It was implemented as a way to conserve energy resources.

Conserving energy

resources—now there's a term I can relate to. My energy resources are zapped twice each year when I am forced to adapt to a new number on my clock.

It's like jet lag without the vacation.

In the fall, 3 p.m. becomes 2 p.m. and darkness comes just after lunch.

It's a gloomy, doomy time, punctuated by early sunsets and early bedtimes.

What does that do to the psyche? It makes it tired, so very, very tired—by right around 7 p.m.

Oh, sure, you wake up at 7 a.m. and it feels like 8 a.m. (because it is) but I ask you—in all honesty—would you rather have sunlight early in the morning or later in the

evening?

I'll take evening any day of the week.

The clock cycle initiated in the fall represents "regular" time.

We are currently in regular time for the next few days. Daylight Saving Time begins in the spring (this year on March 9) when we move ahead one hour and 5 p.m. becomes 6 p.m. Granted, this makes hitting the early bird dinner hour more of a challenge, but other than that, DST really doesn't have much of a downside.

Well, unless you count getting up at 2 a.m. to reset the clocks. Most of them do it on their own now anyway, so it's really no longer a worry. Besides, if we made DST permanent

there wouldn't be a need to reset the clocks. Think about how much time that would save everyone!

Here's my final thought on the subject. Life is complicated. Why make it more so by messing with the time? Why complicate things that don't need further complicating?

Pick a time, any time, and stick with it.

That's my two cents, or maybe better put, two minutes, whether they be prior to or after sunrise—you can take your pick.

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

## Weekly connection

### The cold snap is finally past

It seems that every winter we have at least one or two weeks of extended frigid weather when the mercury dips below zero for a few days in a row. I thought that maybe this year we were going to miss that cold stretch until last week showed up with a vengeance. Sure enough, we got our stretch of



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

cold. There were several days of single digits for highs and below zero for lows along with plenty of wind to boot. Of course, a few of my ewes decided this was their time to have their baby lambs. Now sheep almost always have twins when they give birth, so they are usually very tiny and a little fragile for a day or two. I wanted to help these little guys in their fight to stay warm, so I took a couple bales of straw out to their lambing sheds and bedded them down real good for them to snuggle in. It's such a joy to see these little snowballs running after their moms calling out with their little bleats as if to say, "slow down mama, I can't run that

fast!" The ewes usually do slow down and let them catch up.

We managed to make it through the cold and now that these little guys are a couple weeks old and the weather has turned nicer. They are so happy that they run and jump up in the air. Sometimes all four of their feet and legs fly up into the air all at once. It's a great sight to behold. Over the last few months, I have had about twenty new lambs. There were ten lambs in the fall and ten more this winter. My flock has gotten much larger as I am up to over thirty now. It was just three years ago that I started out with four ewes and a ram. They multiply pretty fast when they have twins like they do. Most of my sheep are all white, but a couple of them are half black or half brown. It's very odd that their heads and shoulders are black or brown and the rest of their backs, rear ends and rear legs are white. They sure look

funny. I'm getting excited for my beef cows to start calving, in about six or seven weeks. Again, it's a beautiful sight to see the new baby calves running and jumping in the pasture as they grow stronger and stronger from their mother's rich milk. Right now, the cows are nice and plump as they spend their days eating the hay off the ground that I spread out for them each day. I usually take my skid steer and carry a round bale out into the corn field and then unroll it for them to eat. They don't seem to waste any of it that way. I'm still amazed how a beef cow can gain weight on a bale of grassy hay, and a dairy cow would starve to death on that same bale of hay if that's all they got to eat. A dairy cow needs good high protein alfalfa and plenty of grain or they turn into skin and bones overnight.

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**Kristina Castaneda and Shawn Healy will perform a concert on Friday, March 21 at the American Legion in Stockton. The event is hosted by the Music Arts and Recreational Society of Stockton.**

# Springtime concert in Stockton

The Music Arts and Recreational Society of Stockton (MARSS) invites all to attend a spring concert on Friday, March 21 at the American Legion, 128 E. Front Ave., in Stockton, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. MARSS welcomes Kristina Castaneda and Shawn Healy, who dole out tight harmonies through jazz, folk, blues, Motown, rock and contemporary pop. Castaneda and Healy tease out new textures, layers, and

interpretations of some fan favorite music that spans over the last 100 years. They have performed for nearly three decades with an array of other musicians and have shared the stage together for 10 years.

Donations will happily be accepted that evening to continue providing music for the Stockton area community. If interested in learning more, visit [www.marss-stockton.org](http://www.marss-stockton.org). find more events on Facebook.

## • Cold snap

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In Psalm 19:7-10 we read that God's Word is perfect, refreshing the soul. It is like pure honey from the honeycomb bringing strength and wisdom to

the one who reads it. The Word of God explains that if by faith one believes in Jesus Christ, they will receive salvation for their souls. Spring is coming,

my friends, and all of us can look back on another winter and thank the Lord for seeing us through. Until next week, God bless.



# Warren boys defeat Scales Mound in regionals

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Warren Warriors drew a tough postseason matchup when they had to go on the road to take on the Scales Mound Hornets in Scales Mound territory. Despite finishing the regular season with an overall record of 23-8, the Warriors had to go play the 17-14 Hornets in their nest.

The Hornets may have been the underdogs in terms of records, but they had the upper hand over Warren this year. In two matchups with the Warriors, Scales Mound won both by scores of 68-57 and 69-67. Additionally, the Hornets entered the postseason on a high note as winners of two straight.

As always, it is hard to beat a good team twice, let alone three times. Scales Mound may have swept the Warriors in the regular season, but Warren would prove to be a tougher matchup with the playoffs on the line.

The first quarter featured an even matchup as expected. Warren spread it around as five different Warriors scored in the opening quarter. Scales Mound was led by a quick start from Aidan Soppe. Soppe scored eight of Scales Mound's 10 first quarter points, including a pair of three-pointers. At the end of the first, Warren held a slim 11-10 lead.

After the slow start offensively, the Hornets found their rhythm in the second quarter. Kaden Deurr, who went scoreless in the first, put up seven points in the second. Degan Busch added five second quarter points of his own, including a three-pointer.

Scales Mound outscored the Warriors 18-12 in the quarter, allowing them to take a 28-23 lead into the halftime break.

The Warriors would cut down on that five-point lead in the third quarter. Bryce VanRaalte put up five points coming out of the break, including a successful and-one opportunity. Treyton Pafford added five points of his own as the Warriors combined for 14 points in the quarter.

The Scales Mound offense ended the first half on a high note, but they were unable to return to that efficiency in the second half. Deurr put up five points in the third, but the Hornets found themselves outscored 11-14 in the quarter.

At the start of the fourth, Scales Mound held a slim 38-37 lead over the Warriors. With the season on the line and just eight minutes left to play, the Warriors and

the Hornets went toe to toe. In those final eight minutes, the Warriors put their talents on display. VanRaalte had a massive fourth quarter as he put up eight points. Pafford added six points of his own. Beau Podnar put up four points, which matched his total from the first three quarters combined. The Warriors combined for 24 points in a quarter where they shot seven for 10 from the free throw line.

It was a pace the Hornets were unable to match. Deurr was the only consistent member of their offense as he put up another five points in the final quarter. Derrick Distler added four of his own, but the Hornets saw their season come to an end.


Warren picked up a 61-50 victory to propel them into the regional semifinals. VanRaalte led the Warriors in scoring with 21 points. Paf-

ford was next up with 14, and Niemann added 11 in the victory. Scales Mound was led by Deurr, who finished with 17. Distler added 14, and Soppe had 12 in the loss.

Warren went on to face the top Illinois 1A team in the Pecatonica Indians in the regional semifinals. That game didn't go their way, as Warren fell by a final score of 72-51. Pafford had an excellent final game as a Warrior, putting up 26 points. He added seven rebounds to his stat line. The Warriors finished the 2024-2025 season with an overall record of 24-9.



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# Church news

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL. Join on Sunday, March 9, 2025, for Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week will be the First Sunday during Lent. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Luke 4:1-13.

On Wednesday, March 12 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join and no quilting experience necessary.

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 Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 7 p.m. and the first Sunday in Lent on Sunday, March 9 at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play dominoes in Luther Hall

on Tuesday, March 4 at 9 a.m. and to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, March 13 at 1 p.m.

All kids in grades K-5 are welcome to come to St. John's in Pearl City on Wednesday, March 19 from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. and be a part of the Kids Klub. Kids Klub is a monthly adventure supported by the Pearl City area churches and offers a safe and supportive environment where children can hear bible stories, do crafts, play games, and enjoy delicious snacks. All children in the Pearl City community are welcome to come. For more information or to register your child, please contact Pastor Roger Bronkema at [rbronkema18@gmail.com](mailto:rbronkema18@gmail.com) or call 815-291-6261.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 a.m. at the Beltline Restaurant in Freeport.

On Sunday, April 6 St. John's members and friends can go out for lunch at Lake Carroll (Candlelight Inn) at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Also on this date, we will be showing the DVD "Jesus", a Branson Sight and Sound Production, at 1:30 p.m. upstairs at St. John's. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, March

6 at 3:15 p.m. If you are interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

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.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, 411 W. Catlin St., is holding a Pancake Supper from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. All-you-choose-to-eat pancakes, AJ's Lena Maid Meats' sausage patties, apple-sauce, milk, and coffee will be prepared and served in the church basement.

Prices are \$10 Adults and \$5 children 10 and under. Carry-outs will be available at the back door. The lower level of the church has a drive-around from the church parking lot and the alley off of N. Locust St., between W. Catlin St. and W. Myrtle St. Patrons should please bring a box or large sturdy bag to handle multiple carry-outs. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a delicious easy meal and community connection.

# Senior Resource Center to offer Medicare Basics Class

The Senior Resource Center invites individuals aged 60 and older, as well as their caregivers, to attend a Medicare Basics Class on Tuesday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Resource Center Activity Room.

This informative session will cover essential Medicare information and provide an opportunity for attendees to get their Medicare questions answered in a straightforward, supportive setting. The Medicare Basics Class is designed to help participants better understand Medicare coverage options, enrollment periods, and other key details, ensuring they are equipped to make informed healthcare decisions.

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# Lena-Winslow boys reach basketball regional championship

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

Mark Blakely's first season as the Lena-Winslow boys basketball coach was one to be remembered. After finishing the 2024-2025 regular season with 19 wins, the Panthers went on to pick up a pair of playoff victories, punching their ticket to this year's regional championship.

Although Le-Win was unable to move on to sectional play, they had some exceptional moments that will go down in program history.

First and foremost, Blakeley's Panthers won their first ever postseason game as a unit. On Feb. 24, the Panthers faced off with a familiar squad in the Orangeville Broncos.

Orangeville had just two wins this season, and their struggles would continue against Le-Win.

The Panthers already held a double-digit advantage after just one quarter of play. By the halftime break, Le-Win was up 38-18. They made swift work of this year's Broncos, as they went on to win by a score of 66-34. Jaylen Rakowska and Michael Mowery combined for 34 points in the win. Joe Isenberger and Nathan Briggs led the Broncos as they each finished with 11 in the loss.

Le-Win found themselves paired up with an excellent South Beloit Sobos squad in regional semifinal play. South Beloit finished the regular season with 25 wins and just five losses. It wound up being one of the best matchups of the 2025 postseason as the Sobos and Panthers went down to the wire. Aiden Wild helped get

the night started as a pair of first quarter baskets gave his Panthers an early lead. Kash Lessman, Miles Mahon, and Rakowska each added first quarter baskets as the Panthers went into the second leading 10-8.

Wild really began to assert himself in the second quarter. If it weren't for three missed free throws, it would have been one of the best single quarter performances of Wild's high school career. The Panthers put up 11 second quarter points as a team, eight of which came from Wild. By the halftime break, Le-Win led 21-14.

South Beloit came out strong in the second half. Le-Win was unable to hold them down as they slowly erased the deficit. A pair of three-pointers got the Sobos right back into the game. By the end of the third quarter, Le-Win's lead was just 28-24.

South Beloit continued

to find success from deep in the final quarter. Two more three-pointers helped the Sobos tie the game in the closing minutes. After trailing by double digits at the break, the higher-seeded Sobos had clawed their way back into tying the game.

The three-point shot was the theme of the fourth quarter. Fortunately for the Panthers, it was them who hit the biggest three-point shot of the game, and perhaps the season. With just two seconds left to play, the Panthers ran an inbound play from the left side. The Panthers got the ball to one of their best three-point shooters in Rakowska, and he did the rest. From the left wing, Rakowska rained in a three-point shot that would keep Le-Win's season alive.

Celebrations followed as the buzzer rang on a 38-35 victory, sending the Panthers to the regional championship. Wild led the Panthers in scor-

ing with 14 points. Rakowska finished with 11 points, six of which came in the final quarter.

All good things must come to an end, however, and Le-Win's exciting run was halted in the championship round. There, the Panthers faced off with a familiar squad in the Dakota Indians. Le-Win had lost to Dakota twice in the regular season, and they were unable to get over the hump in postseason play. The Panthers' season came to an end with a 52-33 loss.

Le-Win finished the season with an overall record of 21-10. They went 6-6 in a very competitive NUIC North conference. They also picked up two postseason victories and got to compete in the regional championship against a great Dakota team. Blakely's first season at the helm of the program should be one that shapes the future success of this team.

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# NUIC North Girls Basketball All-Conference announced, Cahoon named MVP

By Trenten Scheidegger  
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The NUIC-North Conference continues to churn out girls basketball talent. This year, the conference sported two of the top 1A teams in all of Illinois in the Pecatonica Indians and the Orangeville Broncos. As the 2024-2025 season nears its end, the conference recently announced this year's award winners.

Pecatonica had the most All-Conference players with five. Not only did the Indians share a spot of the conference championship, but they won 30 games and recently advanced to Sectional play. Pecatonica seniors Elaina Rager and Kianna Degner both earned First Team All-Conference awards as unanimous selections. Senior Payton Thomas and freshman Ryleigh Alexander were both Second Team All-Conference winners. Freshman Kora Noud earned an Honorable Mention selection.

The Orangeville Broncos also claimed a share in this year's NUIC-North championship. One of Orangeville's highlights of the season was when they traveled to Pecatonica and upset the Indians in their house late in the year. That win kept their conference hopes alive as they went on to finish the year with 28 wins and the conference's Most Valuable Player in Laney Cahoon.

Cahoon has been a household name for the Broncos. Over the last four years, she and her teammates have experienced immense success as members of the Orangeville basketball team. Cahoon specifically has dominated the floor, racking up 2,182 points and 625 total steals. In those years, the Broncos picked up 113 wins as a team. They also won four consecutive conference championships with the help of Cahoon's play.

The Broncos aren't a one-man show, and they ha-

ven't been over the course of Cahoon's career. Previously, Cahoon played with Whitney Sullivan, who now plays for the Tulsa Golden Hurricanes in college. This year, Cahoon had junior Nadeale Doyle alongside her. Doyle was a unanimous First Team All-Conference selection with Cahoon. Senior Kaylynn O'Haver joined them as a Second Team All-Conference selection. Finally, sophomore Kylie Blakely earned an Honorable Mention. Blakely and Doyle should look to continue Orangeville's success next season.

The Lena-Winslow Panthers struggled to replace two former NUIC North stars in Grace Groezinger and Molly Amendt. This year's Panthers finished the year with just 15 wins, after winning 22 games last year. Still, the 2024-2025 Panthers managed to reach the regional championship as even in their down years, the Panthers look to compete.

Le-Win was led by a pair of seniors who have had long Le-Win careers. Rachel Setterstrom earned a First Team All-Conference selection for her play this season. Ava Vlasin earned a Second Team All-Conference selection as the duo set the standard for this year's team. Junior, Aubrey Rodebaugh, broke out this season and she earned an Honorable Mention for her play.

The Pearl City Wolves were just ahead of the Panthers in this year's conference standings. The Wolves won just 14 total games, but they went 6-6 in conference play. The Wolves were led by long-time player and senior leader, Fallyn Endress. Endress was a unanimous First Team All-Conference selection, this year. Sophomore Danica Stager, and senior Kendra Kuhlemeier were both Honorable Mentions for the Wolves. Durand won this year's Sportsmanship Award.

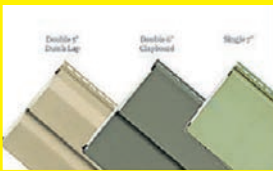
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# Stephenson and Carroll County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

Last week members from across the state gathered in Springfield for the Governmental Affairs and Leadership Conference. During this conference, members heard a keynote address from Reince Priebes, "Inside the White House: A Firsthand Presentive". Attendees then participated in workshop sessions with topics on "Land Use and Zoning", "National Legislation", "American's Inland Waterways-Moving Us Forward" just to name a few.

These breakout sessions provide our members with details about issues within the agriculture industry. My favorite event that happens at Governmental Affairs and Leadership Conference is the Statewide Legislative Reception.

During this reception, Farm Bureau members can meet with their legislators. During the reception members shared with legislators the priorities that Illinois Farm Bureau has set.

Priorities include: **Family Farm Preservation Act** - Estate Tax - Reform the Illinois Estate Tax. This will include working to secure passage of the Family Farm Preservation Act. **Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy** - Maintain the IDOA/Illinois NRCS funding arrangement for permanency of 40 conservation planners supporting the NLRs and Conservation Reserve Program. Continue efforts to reduce nutrient losses to Illinois waters by relying on voluntary, incentive based NLRs and conservation pro-

grams and partnerships. **Private Property Protection** - Advocate for balancing the protection of private property rights with the appropriate development of projects impacting farmland, especially as demand for renewable energy and carbon capture projects increase. This includes working to ensure landowners are justly compensated when forced into a project. **Biofuels** - Support future markets for biofuels. Significant federal and state resources have been dedicated to pushing electrification in Illinois' transportation sector in the name of decarbonization. Biofuels have the ability to decarbonize the transportation sector, while supporting agriculture. **California Emissions Standards** - Advocate that Illinois main-

tain governance over transportation regulation, while preventing untenable emissions standards. Agriculture must maintain its ability to secure reasonable transportation of its commodities. **Nuisance Deer** - Work to provide farmers and landowners with the adequate tools needed to manage deer populations on their own properties. **Wetlands** - Work to prevent overburdening regulations. Ensure that any regulation of farmland provides clarity and certainty for farmers and landowners and works consistently with existing federal protections. **LMFA** - Maintain a balanced process for siting livestock farms through the Livestock Management Facilities Act (LMFA) that protects both the environment and farmers'

ability to raise livestock. **Agricultural Funding** - Work to maintain adequate State funding for key Illinois Department of Agriculture programs like meat/poultry/egg inspectors, environmental programs, warehouse oversight, and veterinarian programs.

If you have questions, please reach out to your local county Farm Bureau.

## Stephenson County Freezer Meals

We are excited to announce that Freezer Meal fundraiser is back by popular demand benefiting the Stephenson County Ag in the Classroom Program. This order is different than in the past so please read the details carefully. Orders will be due on or before 4:30 p.m. on March 21, 2025, with pick-

up being Wednesday April 9 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Stephenson County Farm Bureau, 210 West Spring Street Freeport, IL.

Those who order can pick from meal sets feeding five people or meal sets feeding two people. Each set includes the following entrees: BBQ Pulled Pork, Honey Mustard Chicken, Ranch Chicken Tacos, Shepherd's Pie, and Chicken and Biscuits. The five-person meal sets will cost \$125 and the two-person meal sets will cost \$60. To order or with questions please call 815-232-3186. Order forms can be printed from our website at [www.stephensoncfb.org](http://www.stephensoncfb.org) under the "news" tab.

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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

The beautiful weather of last week gave us all a spring in our step. It was great not to have to work around below zero temperatures. This week is more seasonal and gives us a little hope that the weather is changing. Hope you have a happy week cooking.

## Baby Swiss Appetizer

This is an interesting baked appetizer. If you like the taste of Baby Swiss Cheese, you will enjoy this dish. It does take a little time to prepare.

- 1½ C. crushed Ritz crackers (about 36)
- 3 T. butter, melted
- 3 pkgs. (8 oz each) cream cheese softened
- ¼ C. heavy whipping cream
- 1 T. oil from sun-dried tomatoes
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten

6 oz. baby Swiss cheese shredded  
 ½ C. oil packed sun-dried tomatoes, patted dry and thinly sliced  
 4 green onions chopped  
 Crackers  
 Preheat the oven to 375. In a small bowl, mix cracker crumbs and butter. Press onto the bottom of a greased 9-inch springform pan. Place pan on a baking sheet and bake until golden brown, about 10 minutes. Remove to a wire rack. Beat cream cheese, oil and cream. Add eggs; beat on low until blended. Fold in cheese, tomatoes and green onions. Pour over crust. Return to baking sheet. Bake until center is almost set, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool on a wire rack 10 minutes. Loosen sides from the pan with a knife. Cool 1 hour longer. Refrigerate overnight, covering when completely cooled. Remove from pan; serve cheesecake with crackers.

## Mixed Green Salad with Cranberry Dressing

I love spring mix salads, so this one is right up my alley. The dressing has a great flavor

rather than regular vinegar and oil.

- 1 C. fresh or frozen cranberries
- ½ C. sugar
- 1/3 C. water
- ½ C. cider vinegar
- 1½ t. Dijon mustard
- 3 T. olive oil
- Salad
- 2 pkg. spring mix salad greens
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, chopped
- ¾ C. dried cranberries
- ¾ C. glazed pecans
- 2/3 C. crumbled blue cheese

In a small saucepan, cook the cranberries, water, and sugar over medium heat until berries pop. About 10 minutes cooking time. Remove from heat and let cool. Place cranberry mixture, vinegar and mustard in a blender or food processor. Cover and process until pureed. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. Refrigerate for at least an hour.

In a large bowl, combine the salad greens, apple, cranberries and nut. Drizzle with 1 C. dressing and toss to coat. Sprinkle with blue cheese. Serve with remaining dressing.

## Meatball Stroganoff Pasta Casserole

This easy weeknight dinner can be put together rather quickly. If you want to make your own meatballs, you can. Sullivans has some great made ahead meatballs in the meat case. The secret is to make the meatballs small.

- 1 bag (12 oz.) uncooked extra-wide egg noodles
- ¼ C. butter
- 2 pkg. (8 oz. each) white mushrooms, sliced
- ½ C. chopped onion
- ¼ C. flour
- 1 carton (32 oz.) beef broth
- 1 T. Worcestershire sauce
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. Pepper
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened and cut into small cubes
- ¼ C. heavy whipping cream
- 1 pkg. (22 oz.) frozen cooked beef meatballs, thawed

Preheat oven to 375. Spray a 9x12 inch baking dish with cooking spray; set aside. Cook and drain noodles as directed in package using minimum cooking time. Drain and set aside.

In a 12-inch skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and onion; cook 3 to 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onions are tender. Sprinkle flour on top of mushrooms and onions; stir well. Gradually stir in beef broth; add Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Heat to simmering, stirring occasionally; cook 3 to 5 minutes or until mixture is slightly thickened. Stir in cream cheese and whisk until cream cheese is mostly incorporated. Remove from heat and stir in whipping cream.

In baking dish, add noodles, sauce and meatballs, carefully mixing to coat. Cover and bake 30 to 35 minutes or until sauce is bubbling and casserole is heated through. Stir and cool for 10 minutes. Stir before serving and garnish with parsley.

crook-pot that is much friendlier.

- 1½ C. orange marmalade
  - 1 T. Sriracha sauce
  - 1 pkg (20 oz.) boneless skinless chicken breasts cut into bite-size pieces
  - 2 T. cornstarch
  - 2 T. soy sauce
  - 2 T. chopped cilantro
  - 2 C. cooked white rice
- Spray a 3 qt. slow cooker with cooking spray. In a small bowl, mix marmalade mixture and Sriracha. Add chicken and marmalade mixture to crock-pot, mixing to thoroughly coat chicken with marmalade. Cover and cook on Low heat for 1½ hours. In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and soy sauce; stir into crock-pot. Cover and cook on High 30 to 40 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in the center and sauce is thickened and bubbly. Remove from slow cooker to a bowl. Sprinkle with cilantro. Serve with rice.

## Chocolate Raspberry Rice Krispies Treats

If you are into no bake treats, this bar is great for kids and adults. A lot of recipes use the foil or parchment liner for the pan for easy removal.

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) miniature marshmallows
- 3 T. canola oil
- 1 t. raspberry extract
- 5 C. Rice Krispies
- 1 C. miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- ½ C. freeze-dried raspberries, divided

In a microwave safe dish or a large saucepan over low heat, melt marshmallows, oil, and extract. Stir until smooth. Remove from heat and stir in cereal chocolate chips and 1 C. raspberries. Press mixture into a greased and parchment lined and greased 9x13 pan with edges overlapping baking pan; using waxed paper press to sides in a thin layer. Sprinkle with remaining raspberries; press into pan in an even layer. Cool to room temperature. Lift from pan and cut into bars.

## Butterfingers Cake

I don't know if anyone else remembers the old days of the Ben Franklin store. Fred

Werhane ran it, and as a child a great treat was to buy penny candy. One of those great treats was the Butterfingers candy pieces. This cake pays tribute to those beautiful pieces of candy.

- 1 pkg. chocolate cake mix
- 1 jar (12¼ oz.) caramel sundae syrup
- 1 C. sweetened condensed milk
- ¼ C. powdered sugar
- 2 T. creamy peanut butter
- 1½ C. heavy whipping cream

Preheat the oven to 350. Bake cake according to package directions for a 9 x 13 cake; place cake batter in a pan which has been sprayed with cooking spray. After baking, let cool for 5 minutes. Use the end of a wooden spoon to poke holes 1 inch apart throughout the cake. Pour caramel sundae syrup and sweetened condensed milk over cake; set aside to cool completely.

Place powdered sugar and peanut butter in a large bowl. Beat on medium speed with mixer until combined, 1 to 2 minutes. Reduce mixer speed to low, slowly add cream. Bring mixer speed to medium, beating until stiff peaks form. Spread over cooled cake. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight. Sprinkle with chopped candy bars before serving.

## Final Thoughts

I have been sick for over a week which is why there was no column last week. Thanks to some help from my friends, I am on the mend. I don't want to do that again. I urge you to keep yourself safe and keep away from people who are sick.

I can't believe we are in March! We are looking for some St. Patrick's Day recipes, so if you have any, we would like to feature them. Anything green will do too! If you find some recipes to share, you can contact us by email 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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## Slow cooker Orange Chicken

Several weeks ago, I had an orange chicken recipe. It was long and complicated. A friend gave me this one in the

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### Carroll County Farm Bureau Members invited to Spring Legislative Update

We are excited to announce that the Spring Legislative Update is scheduled for Monday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Carroll County Farm Bureau office. This is a member exclusive event. Please reserve your spot by

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JO DAVIESS COUNTY - GALENA, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2024-RP1**

Plaintiff,  
-v.-  
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Defendant

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## Village of Lena Public Notice Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing

A Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing will be held by the ZBA on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 122 E. Main St., Lena, IL.

The ZBA Hearing meeting shall be for the purpose of granting a variance regarding setbacks for 11-07-33-376-001 commonly known as 201 E Mason St, Lena, IL 61048

Anyone wishing to appear and be heard on the above matters should appear at the meeting time. You are also invited to send letters on these matters to the Village Hall, 122 E Main St, P.O. Box 607, Lena, IL 61048

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## ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, February 7, 2025, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Jo

Daviess County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons, owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: **Country Roots Salon and Spa, 1927 South Simmons Rd., Stockton, IL 61085.**

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by LISA PRINDLE  
Deputy Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JO DAVIESS COUNTY 330 NORTH BENCH STREET, GALENA, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Howard Albert Fiedler, DECEASED.**

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Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Hollie Fiedler Free, 7524 Centenary Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75225, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Theodore Netzky, Netzky Olswang & Hanlon Law Group, LLC, 8605 West Bryn Mawr, Suite 309, Chicago, Illinois 60631.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 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 with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before August 26, 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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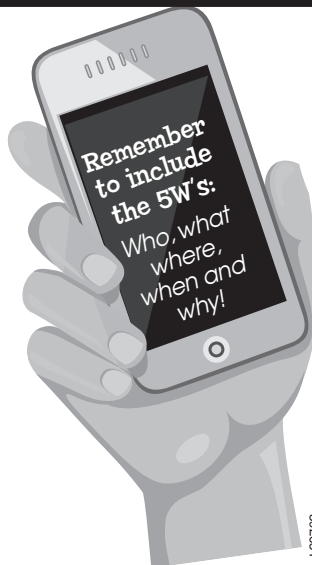
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By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**  
Illinois Licensed  
General Dentist

such duties as preparing the operator/ treatment room for each unique procedure. This includes anticipating the dentist's and patient's needs, to ensure the appropriate instruments and dental materials are present and organized in the most efficient manner. They review and update your medical history, check your blood pressure, take digital X-rays, intra-oral and CT scans, perform

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Defendant

2024 FC 66

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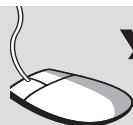
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# Demand, HPAI drive record egg prices

By Rhiannon Branch  
FARMWEEK

Consumers are experiencing the highest egg prices in history driven by increased demand and highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), which could keep the market elevated for a while.

The latest report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics puts the average retail egg price at \$4.90 per dozen nationwide.

"That's an all-time high and a lot more expensive than what consumers are typically dealing with," Brian Earnest, lead animal protein analyst for CoBank told FarmWeek. "I think back 10 years ago when it was pretty common to see \$1 per dozen or less."

He said HPAI is one of the main causes, noting the current outbreak has had more of a year-round impact than

the previous outbreak in 2015.

"Now it has been found in all 50 states and has had an impact to supply every month since February of 2022," Earnest said.

As a result, there are 8% fewer egg laying hens in U.S. production compared to two years ago, and Earnest said consumer demand has also shifted in that time frame.

"We've seen big growth in demand of cage free eggs," he said, using California as example of a state that has elected to go completely cage-free.

"There's roughly 39 million residents in California and there were roughly 9 million table egg laying hens that were depopulated as a result of bird flu in California," he said. "Their ability to feed their residents eggs that were produced within the state was

severely impacted."

But Earnest said even without HPAI, a boost in demand would still have prices somewhat elevated, noting that eggs have become a staple item for innovation in quick-service restaurant entries, and consumers have latched on to emerging trends like all-day breakfast.

"We moved from consuming roughly 275 eggs per capita annually in the U.S. in the 2015-time frame to nearly 300 by the time we got to 2020, so that's a pretty big increase in consumption," Earnest said.

He said lingering impacts from demand could prolong the higher price environment through Easter and even Mother's Day.

"We may be seeing a peak in terms of shelf prices here in the next 3-4 months, but the summer months typically

bring softer demand to the egg case," he said. "That's when I think the industry has an opportunity to get caught back up."

The decrease in supply has left shelves temporarily bare in some regions.

"I think the West Coast might be feeling a little bit more of an impact than what the Midwest would be seeing just due to proximity of where major production is," Earnest said.

But eggs are still being produced, he said optimistically.

"Overall, the system works pretty well," Earnest said. "If it can work through these market deficiencies, I think we'll start seeing price ration demand a little bit and then work towards inventorying where there are empty shelves."

As poultry producers ramp



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**Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and demand are driving up egg prices to historical highs.**

up biosecurity measures and migration season winds down, he is hopeful concerns will ease in the summer months.

"But for now, we're continuing to monitor a very difficult situation for farmers and consumers alike," Earnest

said. *This story was distributed through a cooperative project between the Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.*

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