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## Pearl City students get new wheels

On Friday, April 11 the Pearl City Lions Club gave away bikes to 32 Pearl City School students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. The Pearl City Lions Club hopes that students have a great summer on their new wheels.

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# Obituary

## ARTHUR DAWSON

Arthur Dawson, of Freeport, IL, and San Benito, TX entered the presence of The Lord peacefully in his sleep in a Texas hospital dreaming of fishing on April 3, 2025, at the age of 91. He was loved by family and friends alike.

He was a retired Air Force Captain, graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, IL, and a mechanical engineer for Microswitch (Honeywell) for over 40 years. He was an active member of the Community Reformed Church, where he served as a deacon for several years. He and his wife Joyce of 69 years attended The Light House Fellowship while in San Benito. He loved the Lord Jesus as his Savior and is now more alive than ever, praising and rejoicing in Him!

Arthur had many hobbies over his lifetime. He was a fisherman since the age of two and could catch fish in any body of water he was on or next to. He enjoyed many annual fishing trips with family and friends and passed that legacy on to his sons and grandsons. He was an avid golfer and participated in different leagues over his lifetime and taught the game to his sons and anyone else that asked. He was a Cubmaster when his sons were young and flew radio-controlled planes for a few years. Pegs & Jokers was his favorite game, and he passed his love for it to family and friends. Some of our favorite memories of Dad are playing the game with grandchildren and



great-grandchildren.

His friends introduced him to lapidary over 40 years ago, and he's been a rockhound ever since.

As a member of the Northwest Illinois Rock Club, he gained an encyclopedic knowledge of semi-precious stones. He used his skills as a lapidarist and silversmith to make jewelry enjoyed and worn by all who saw it, even working stones into stained glass pieces with his wife. If you read this, ask any of his sons about Leaverite. You could always find him searching at a rock pile or landscaping rock around restaurants, gas stations or just about anywhere looking for agates. He shared his love of the hobby with people both at his home workshop in Freeport and at the shop at the Fun-n-Sun Resort which was his winter home in Texas. He will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Dawson, his brothers; John Dawson, Ken Dawson (Joyce), his sons; Arthur Dawson Jr. (Norma), Ward Dawson (Becky), Jack Dawson (Linda), five (5) grandchildren and nine (9) great grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held on May 3, 2025, at the Evangelical Free Church of Lena at 720 North Freedom Street, Lena, IL, at 11 a.m., with visitation starting at 9:30 a.m.

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Simon, The Eagles, Simon and Garfunkel, John Denver, Taylor Swift, Jackson Browne, Elton John, REO Speedwagon, Tom Petty, and many more.

Admission is free, but a collection for future concerts will be taken.

## Conservation Foundation kicks off 2025 program series

Join the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation (JDCF) for the program “In the beginning: Behind-the-scenes stories about how JDCF came to own and protect its first three preserves; Schurmeier Forest, Buehler Preserve, and Wapello Land and Water Reserve.” This free program

will take place at JDCF’s stewardship shop located at 230 E Chicago Street, Elizabeth, IL. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. for coffee, doughnuts and self-guided tours of the Shop. The program follows at 10 am. RSVPs required. To reserve a spot contact info@jdcf.org.

After the program, there will be a guided woodland wildflowers tour of Schurmeier Forest, JDCF’s first preserve, located just down the road in Elizabeth. JDCF has nine nature preserves open to the public in Jo Daviess County, all of them acquired and maintained in keeping with JDCF’s mission to protect land “for the lasting benefit of all people and wildlife.” Taken together, they cover more than 1,500 acres. They are open year-round and offer seasonal opportunities for recreation and nature exploration,

# Freeport police reports

## Police chase ends in felony arrest

On April 16, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., Freeport Police Officers attempted to stop a vehicle at Waddell Avenue and Beach Street being driven by 32-year-old Rockford, Illinois resident Alvin Jones. Freeport Police Officers were aware that Jones had an outstanding felony Robbery warrant for his arrest issued by the Rockford Police Department. Jones led Officers on a vehicle chase that eventually ended in the area of Stephenson Street and Brad Mar Drive where Jones exited the vehicle and ran from Officers. Jones was then apprehended after a short foot pursuit.

During a search of Alvin Jones’ person incident to his arrest, Officers recovered suspected MDMA pills. As a result of this incident, Jones faces additional charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Peace Officer. Jones was transported to the Stephenson County Jail where he is being held. The Freeport Police Department would like to thank the Stephenson County Sheriff’s Office for their assistance with apprehending Jones.

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

tion, including hiking, wildflower walks, birding, cross country skiing, and horseback trail riding, along with trail-side viewing of protected habitats including woodlands, savannas, prairies and indigenous cultural sites.

JDCF’s “Explore our Preserves” series will showcase several preserves in 2025 and more in 2026. The series continues on May 31 when Randy Nyboer, botanist, ecologist and supervisor of natural area surveys will present at one

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# Rural retreats

## Meander the fields, help with chores or just breathe the fresh air during a stay at an Illinois farm

By Kim Hill  
ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU  
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Enjoy sleeping in a grain bin, riding in a combine or gathering eggs from a chicken coop for the freshest omelet you'll ever taste. If these bucolic happenings sound perfect, it's time for an overnight stay at an Illinois farm.

Meet three Illinois farms offering a variety of experiences for a sojourn into the country.

### The Country Experience

Ed and Elizabeth Amstutz first developed The Country Experience in Jo Daviess County for summer sleep-away camps.

"Our kids had gone to a farm camp in Ohio and came back smelly, smiley and wanting to do it all over again," Ed Amstutz said.

The Amstutz family's desire to share their ideas for growing their own food with minimal impacts also moved them to purchase The Country Experience. School tours followed the summer camp success, then farm stays soon began, inviting all ages to the farm.

"Children who aren't yet in school or summer camp-age can come and experience what it's like to take care of a pig or a goat, to feed a chicken and to harvest a ripe tomato out of the garden," said Amstutz, expanding on the decision to offer farm stays.

The 34-acre property includes five cabins, three tents, a century-old barn and a fishing pond. Guests can come for the entire weekend, with most meals included.

"Most people come to us seeking the opportunity to be part of the actual farm work," Amstutz said, noting visitors say their best experiences stem from going inside the fences to feed and interact with the goats, cows, pigs, sheep, donkeys, chickens and rabbits.

Those who venture off-site can explore the historic town of Galena, located 12 miles away. And hiking trails abound at nearby Mississippi Palisades State Park.

"We get so many people who just want to experience rural life," Amstutz said. "We provide the opportunity for people to discover a little bit about who they are and who they can be and, at the same time, getting them closer to realizing what it really takes to raise chickens for a dozen eggs."

### The Country Experience core values

We believe in:

\*Living beautifully - with a view that makes our heart smile, clean air and fresh water, food we can believe in and a land and people impact we can be proud of.

\*Working intentionally - to build something that will last, that aids the growth and development of young people, as we create a sustainable business.

\*Preparing an environment where kids can be confident and considering enough to explore who they are, who they want to be, and how they might go about creating that for themselves.

\*Having a ton of fun, freedom and space to explore, time to experience new things, develop friendships, and get outdoors and away from electronics and the trappings of our anxious and disconnected lives.

### The Has Bin

Mary and Stan Seaman grow corn, soybeans and wheat, raise beef cattle, and preserve fruits and vegetables from their garden on the Vermilion County farm where Stan grew up. They weren't looking for more work, but a few years ago they created The Has Bin Guest House after a neighbor asked Stan to help remove a grain bin from his property.

"I didn't know what I would do with the bin at the time, but I like to be creative and figure out how old things might be used for something else," Mary said.

Stan moved the grain bin to their farm and converted it into an 18-foot-diameter bed-and-breakfast. The flooring and beams came from an 1800s barn. An antique sewing machine and Victorian-era bowl were repurposed as a sink and washstand. The nonworking stove, circa 1920s, provides a surface for the coffee station. Mary's complimentary breakfast features homemade jam or jelly and eggs from their neighbor's chickens.

"I love people and hosting, and even though we are busy, this just fits," Mary said.

She enjoys treating guests celebrating special occasions with a homemade cake, card or colorful sign. Plus, it's a chance to teach guests about agriculture.

"On the farm, we've had people ride along on the combine who don't know anything about harvesting," Mary said.

Those who do venture afield can visit a craft brewery, vineyard or parks for hiking and horseback riding. Nearby Danville has a rich Abraham Lincoln history, as he practiced law there for 18 years. However, many guests never leave the back deck, enjoying the comforts and peace on the farm.

"I'm busier than I ever imagined," Mary said. "People want to get away from the city out on the farm where it's peaceful."

### Grafton Getaway Guesthouses

Brandon Jeffers, a contractor who has traveled to all seven continents, is a native of Winchester, population 1,700. He bought a working farm with the sole intent of hosting people to share this rural oasis.

"These rural roots are ingrained in me," he said.

His Grafton Getaway Guesthouses consist of seven sites, all located within a 15-minute drive of Grafton and each other. The farm sits on 23 acres with picturesque red barns providing the space for chicken coops, wooded trails, a firepit and the giant yard chess board that's a signature Jeffers amenity.

"It's a new adventure to a lot of guests who have never been in a chicken coop and don't know how to fetch eggs," he said. "It's fun to be able to offer that kind of experience."

At the farm, guests will find sleeping arrangements for 26 people. The venue hosts church groups, yoga retreats, small weddings and family reunions. Amenities include a trampoline, ping pong table, putting green and kids' zone in the barn. Guests can also fish in the pond or sleep in the barn's hayloft.

Nearby attractions include Pere Marquette State Park, Treehouse Wildlife Center, a waterpark, wineries, a zipline and Eckert's Orchard in Grafton. However, most of Jeffers' guests are seeking the farm stay as their main destination.



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Visitors to The Country Experience say their best experiences stem from going inside the fences to feed and interact with the goats, cows, pigs, sheep, donkeys, chickens and rabbits.

"They're coming here specifically, and they may not leave the property," he said. "We're a place where kids can just run around and be kids."

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# River Ridge FFA member Ella Dittmar places first in FFA Public Speaking

Freshman FFA member Ella Dittmar, from the River Ridge FFA Chapter, recently took home first place in the Section One FFA Public Speaking Career Development Event.

At this event, Dittmar memorized the five-paragraph FFA Creed which was written in 1928 by E.M. Tiffany. Students are graded not only on if they have The Creed perfectly memorized but also on their dictation, enunciation, voice quality, gestures and volume. They also have a five-minute period after the recitation where they must answer questions from the judges about the Creed. Dittmar will now move on to the District Competition in Geneseo on May 7 where she will have the opportunity to qualify for State Competition.



Natalie Keleher, Gracie Allen (both competed in Extemporaneous with Keleher finishing Keleher) and Ella Dittmar at the Public Speaking Career Development Event.

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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, April 27, 2025, to celebrate Second Sunday of Easter Sunrise worship at 9:30 a.m. The Gospel will be from Gospel John 20:19-31.

On Wednesday, April 30 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 the Second Sunday of Easter on April 27 at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Tuesday, April 24 at 1 p.m. and play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, May 6 at 9 a.m. The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 a.m. at the Beltline Restaurant in Freeport.

On Sunday, May 4 St. John's members and friends can go out for lunch at the Legends on Route 26 north of Freeport at 12 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

The April Grace Meal will be on Sunday, April 27. It will be a community meal served by St. John's, Faith United Methodist Church,

and Zion Church. The menu will be ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, applesauce, and cherry cobbler. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, April 24. Meals can be picked up at the church on April 27 between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m., or you can choose to dine in Luther Hall at St. John's between 1 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

The social ministry committee will be having a collection for the ELCA Good Gifts project from April 27 through June 1. Their goals for this project are one herd of goats, two groups of 10 chicks, one rooster for chicks, seven honeybee hives, four food packages for vulnerable and orphaned children for one month, vaccinations for a child, 10 water filters, two piglets, and one mosquito net. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact the church office.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, April 24 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.

### Calvary Church of Stockton

Calvary Church of Stockton will hold its annual Mother-Daughter-Sister Friend Salad Luncheon on Saturday, May 3 at 12 p.m. Women are asked to bring a meat, vegetable, or fruit salad or dessert to share. The men will serve. The Program will begin at 1 p.m. featuring the "No Worries" band of Mary Berryhill, Terry O'Malley, and Mary Jane Hammer.

Calvary Church is located on the corner of Rush and Maple streets in Stockton, IL, just south of the schools.

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# Lena American Legion news

## July Calendar Raffle

Once again it is time for the Sons of the American Legion in Lena to hold their July Calendar Raffle. The proceeds from this raffle help support The American Legion baseball teams. Tickets will be through July 1 and are \$10 each. No more that 800 tickets will be sold, and every ticket is eligible for each drawing.

Tickets are available at the American Legion Home on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or can be purchased by calling 815-369-4684. Thank you for your support of these fine young players.

## Poppy Poster Contest

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary recently held the annual Poppy Poster Contest. All students in grades fourth through twelve were eligible to participate for a chance to compete at the state level. Mrs. Amendt, Le-

Win Elementary School art teacher, and Mr. Smith, Le-Win Junior and Senior High Schools art teacher, instructed students at Le-Win. A total of 131 posters were submitted. This year's winners were Penelope Price (fourth grade), Everly Keeffer and Elaina Becker (fifth grade), Brishti Schoonhoven-Hussain (sixth grade), Logan Stocks (seventh grade), Landon Kornfeind (eighth grade), and Ella Kerr (twelfth grade).

Each winner received a Main Street Eats and Treats gift card from the Lena American Legion Auxiliary. Poster winners have been sent to the Department Headquarters of the American Legion Department of Illinois to be judged and awarded cash prizes. Any winners awarded at Department will receive a notification letter mailed directly to them. Thank you so much to all the students, and to Mrs. Amendt and Mr. Smith for making this contest a success.

Posters not sent to Department Headquarters will be hung up in local Lena business windows during the Month of May to commemorate Memorial Day. Please contact the Lena American Legion Auxiliary on Facebook with any questions or to learn more about the significance of the poppy for Memorial Day.

## Memorial Day Breakfast

A breakfast will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025, at the Lena American Legion Home, 316 W. Main St., Lena, IL, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. It will be served from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and will include scrambled eggs, French toast, biscuits and gravy, sausage, ham, coffee cake, fresh fruit, juice, milk and coffee. The price is \$10, or \$5 for children 10 and under. Carry-out is available.



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**Lena-Winslow Elementary School Poppy Poster Contest winners (left to right),**  
Elaina Becker, Everly Keeffer, and Penelope Price.



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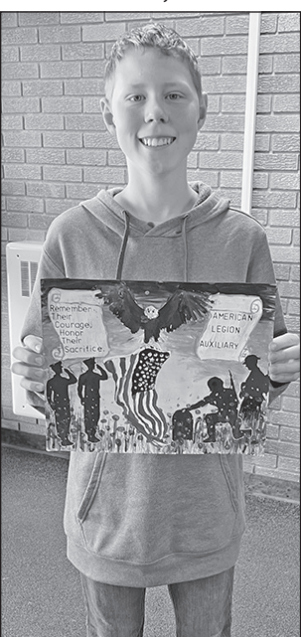
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**School winner, Ella Kerr.**



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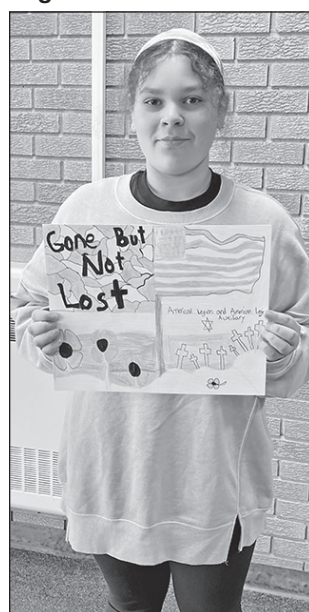
**Seventh grade winner,  
Logan Stocks.**



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**Eighth grade winner,  
Landon Kornfeind.**



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**Fifth grade winner, Brishti Schoonhoven Hussain.**

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By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Warren-Stockton Warhawks have had a rollercoaster of a ride to start the 2025 softball season. They have already experienced a four-game winning streak, while also having dropped back-to-back games on two separate occasions.

When the Warhawks hit the road to take on the West Carroll Thunder on Tuesday, April 15, they brought an overall record of 7-5 with them. They were fresh off a 2-6 loss to the Galena Pirates, and they were hoping to avoid losing back-to-back games for the third time.

The Warhawks got things off to a quick start. It was Payton Goswick who led the

game off with a double, instantly putting her team in a position to score. After an error, a walk, and a wild pitch, the Warhawks had jumped out to a quick 2-0 advantage.

The Thunder would respond in the bottom half. Madalynn Perry was welcomed into the game as Warren-Stockton's starting pitcher when the Thunder ripped a leadoff double of their own. A pair of singles would allow the Thunder to tie the game 2-2 before the end of the first.

West Carroll's defensive struggles continued in the second inning. After an er-

ror allowed Merideth Hesselbacher to reach safely, Raiyn Dauphin singled to the left side. Goswick followed that up with her second extra base hit of the evening as she hit an RBI triple to restore the Warhawks' lead. Later in the inning, Adrienne Baker would single to left, driving in Maizy Fonseca and giving Warren-Stockton a 5-2 advantage.

The Thunder bats were unable to keep pace with Warren-Stockton's efforts. West Carroll continued to make things harder on themselves as defensive miscues allowed the Warhawks to run up the

score. West Carroll finished the game with six errors in just six innings as the Warhawks picked up a 15-4 victory.

Warren-Stockton combined for 12 hits in the victory. Goswick was excellent in the leadoff spot. In four at bats, Goswick had three hits, one walk, four runs scored, and three RBI. Dauphin was next up, going two for three with a walk, two runs scored, and two RBI. Fonseca finished the day going one for four with a walk, four runs scored, and two RBI. Baker was also two for four with a

run scored and one RBI. Ireland Mensendike finished the day with two hits, a run scored, and one RBI.

Perry wound up pitching all six innings for the Warhawks. Perry collected the win as she allowed six hits, one walk, and four earned runs, while striking out six.

With the win, the Warhawks improved to 8-5 on the year. They also avoided the dreaded consecutive loss. This Thursday, April 24, the Warhawks return home to play against the East Dubuque Warriors. That game is set to begin at 4:30 p.m.

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# Panthers win fifth in a row with huge victory over Clippers

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers won their fifth consecutive baseball game when they picked up a big 12-1 victory over the Amboy Clippers last weekend. It's already the second time this season that the Panthers have won at least four games in a row. Their lat-

est winning streak improved their record to 11-3-1 in the 2025 season.

On Monday, April 14 the Panthers went on the road and picked up a statement victory over the River Ridge-Scales Mound Wildcats. It was a game that featured 21 hits, 12 of which came from Le-Win bats. A big sixth inning helped

the Panthers run away with an 11-3 victory.

Khayne Albright got the win on the mound. Albright threw six and one third innings with seven strikeouts, zero walks, and five hits allowed. He didn't allow a run in his outing.

At the plate, the Panthers were led by Landon Grindey, who proved to be a tough out. Grindey went three for three with two runs batted in and a walk in the victory. Jaden Schubert also had a big day offensively. Schubert went two for two with two RBI, one run scored, and one walk. Luke Madigan went two for four with two runs scored. Cohen Weegens was two for five with

two runs scored. Aiden Wild went one for three with three runs scored, two RBI, and a walk in the victory.

The very next day, the Panthers returned home to play host to the Forreston Cardinals. Coming into the game with a record of 14-2, Forreston was one of the toughest tests the Panthers would face in the early half of the 2025 season.

Both offenses were firing at the start. Four total runs were scored in the first inning, and the Panthers already held a 6-2 advantage at the end of the second.

Madigan put in a long day's work on the mound for Le-Win. In six and one third in-

nings, Madigan allowed seven earned runs off eight hits and three walks. Madigan also had 11 strikeouts. Madigan nearly made it through a complete game performance. In the seventh inning, Le-Win held a 7-4 lead over the Cardinals. A single and back-to-back walks had the Le-Win starter in trouble to start the inning. Two at bats later, Forreston had tied the game at 7-7.

Weegens came in to settle things down from there. After hitting the first batter he faced, Weegens proceeded to get two quick outs, sending the game into the bottom half still tied. Le-Win was unable to walk it off in regulation, but Weegens was warmed up and

ready for an extra-inning performance. Despite allowing a double, Weegens picked up a pair of eighth inning strikeouts to send the Le-Win bats to the plate with some momentum.

After two quick outs, it looked like the Panthers were going to need another inning from Weegens on the mound. That's when Maverick Cass took a five-pitch walk to give the Panthers life. Brody Cox came in to pinch run for Cass, and he wound up being the game's winning run. Wild had the hit of the game as his line drive to center allowed Cox to round the bases and walk the game off for an 8-7 victory.

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## Stephenson County Restaurant Week

The Greater Freeport Partnership is excited to announce the return of Stephenson County Restaurant Week from April 25 through May 4. During this 10-day event, patrons are encouraged to seek out dining options from area restaurants that are offering featured dishes.

Freeport and Stephenson County are home to more than 90 restaurants, cafés, bars, lounges, and delis, each with a unique flavor or environment. The Stephenson County Restaurant Guide can be found online and in participating restaurants in the county and includes featured specials from restaurants as well as a complete contact listing. The online guide can be found at [greater-freeport.com/restaurantweek](http://greater-freeport.com/restaurantweek).

Don't forget to enter to win! Restaurant Week participants can take photos of the specials they enjoy and post on social media with the hashtag #Steph-CoEats. On May 6, a winner will be chosen from those who used the hashtag and awarded \$100 in Partnership Cash!

"Stephenson County is filled with great restaurants

with a wide variety of dishes and delights. We are happy to highlight the many options that are available locally and hope that residents and visitors will make an extra effort to support restaurants during this special time and throughout the season," said Bill Clow, business engagement director of the Greater Freeport Partnership.

Restaurants have selected menu items that highlight their best options and fit the tone of their establishment. "Make it your goal during Restaurant Week to try at least three new places you haven't had before. We all get into the habit of ordering from the same places and miss so much! Restaurant Week is the extra invitation to exit your comfort zone and support local dining," said Brand Director Nicole Haas.

Dine-in, delivery and carry-out options are available at various locations. Follow the Greater Freeport Partnership and ALL IN Stephenson County social media channels for more information, restaurant videos and daily specials throughout restaurant week.

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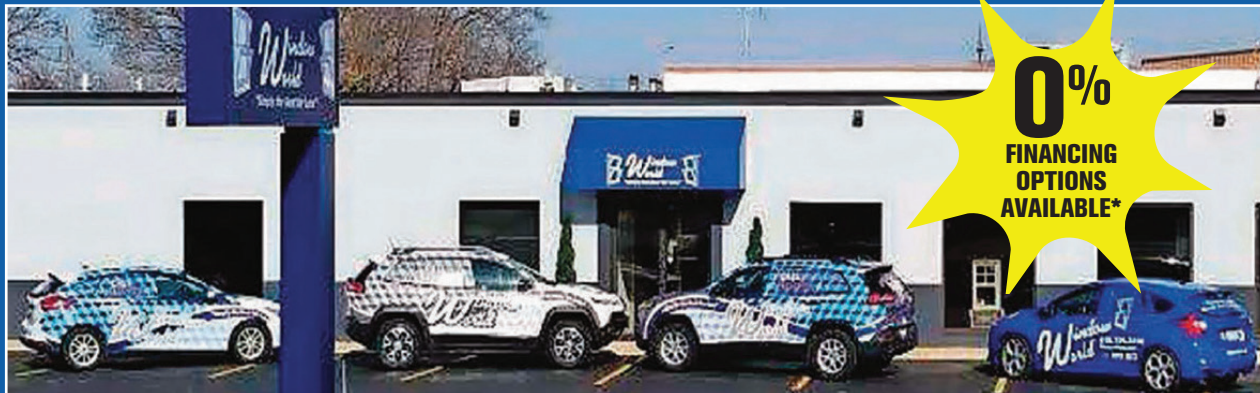
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# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

Another Easter is behind us, and our weather is getting more spring-like. We are all praying that we don't get storms that bring destruction. I read that the outlook is not good. We are hoping the Waddams Hill helps us keep out of their paths. This week we are featuring leftovers from Easter and suggestions for Mother's Day. Enjoy the week cooking.

## Pickled Eggs and Beets

These eggs and beets can be added to a salad, eaten whole, or make the eggs into deviled eggs. They make a great appetizer for Easter.

2 cans (15 oz. each) whole beets  
12 hard-boiled eggs, peeled  
1 C. sugar  
1 C. water  
1 C. cider vinegar  
Drain beets, reserving 1 C. juice; discard remaining juice or save for another use. Be careful because the juice

stains. Place beets and eggs in a 2-quart jar. In a small saucepan bring the sugar, water, vinegar and reserved beet juice to a boil. Pour over the beets and eggs in the jar; cool. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 24 hours before serving. Cut the beets into slices; cut the eggs in half or let them whole.

## Carrot Cake Cheese Ball

This cheese ball is a dessert treat. All the flavors of a carrot cake are melded into this tasty treat.

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
¾ C. grated carrots, divided  
½ C. well-drained crushed pineapple  
1/3 C. golden raisins  
2 T. honey  
1 t. vanilla  
½ t. cinnamon  
¼ t. salt  
¼ C. unsweetened coconut flakes, lightly toasted  
¼ C. toasted, chopped pecans

Cinnamon graham crackers, vanilla wafers and apple slices

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth. Stir in ½ c. carrots, pineapple, raisins, honey, vanilla, cinnamon, and salt. Shape cheese mixture into a ball (mixture will be soft). Wrap and refrigerate

overnight.

Just before serving, roll cheese ball in coconut and pecans and remaining ¼ C. carrots. Serve with graham crackers, vanilla wafers, and apple slices.

## Radish Cucumber Salad

In a lot of cooking magazines and on the cooking shows, radishes as a salad are a big hit. The combination of radishes and cucumber makes for a great looking salad that is perfect for spring.

½ medium cucumber, halved and sliced  
2 radishes, sliced  
2 T. chopped red onion  
1 T. olive oil  
1½ t. lemon juice  
¼ t. garlic salt  
1/8 t. lemon-pepper seasoning

In a serving bowl, combine the cucumber, radishes and onion. In a second bowl, combine the olive oil, lemon juice and seasonings. Pour over vegetables and toss to coat. Serve immediately.

## Ham and Veggie Casserole

Do you have leftover Easter ham? Do you need a brunch dish for Mother's Day? This casserole is a perfect for both.

1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen broccoli florets  
1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen cauliflower  
2 t. plus 2 T. butter, divided  
¼ C. seasoned breadcrumbs  
2 T. flour  
1½ C. 2% milk  
¾ C. shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
½ C. grated Parmesan cheese  
1½ C. cubed fully cooked ham  
¼ t. pepper

Preheat the oven to 425. Cook broccoli and cauliflower according to package directions, drain. In a small skillet, melt 2 t. butter; add breadcrumbs. Cook and stir over medium heat until lightly toasted, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

In a large saucepan, melt remaining butter over medium heat. Stir in flour until smooth, gradually whisking in milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in cheeses until blended. Stir in ham, pepper and vegetables. Transfer to a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle with toasted crumbs. Bake, uncovered, until heated through 10 to 15 minutes. If you have leftover broccoli and cauliflower from your relish tray, use 2 C. each fresh broccoli and cauliflower, cooking until

crisp tender and plunging in cold water; drain well.

## Ham Potpie

This recipe is great for leftover ham. It will feed your family during the week or on the weekend. You can cut up leftover Easter ham into 2-cup portions and place in a zip lock bag in the freezer. Most casseroles and soups call for the 2-cup portion. You can use your own pie crust, but Pillsbury makes a good prepared one.

1 prepared 2 crust pie crust, softened  
2½ C. cubed cooked ham  
2 C. frozen peas  
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed  
3 medium carrots, thinly sliced

2 celery ribs, finely chopped  
¼ C. finely chopped onion  
3 T. butter  
3 T. flour  
1½ t. dried tarragon  
½ t. salt  
¼ t. pepper  
1 C. 2% milk  
½ C. chicken broth

Preheat oven to 375. Place bottom crust into a 2 ½ qt. baking dish and bring up the sides. Prick the bottom with a fork all over. Place parchment paper in bottom and fill bottom with beans or pie weights. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove pie weights

and parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the ham, peas, potatoes, carrots, celery and onion; set aside. In a large saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour, tarragon, salt, and pepper until smooth. Gradually stir in milk and broth. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir into ham mixture and spoon into crust. Place top crust to fit top of pie. Place some slits in the top crust. Trim and seal crust with a fluted edge. Brush additional milk over pastry. Bake until crust is golden brown, and filling is bubbly, 50 to 60 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

## Orange Jell-O Pretzel Dessert

Some people call this a salad, but I think it is a great springtime dessert. It would be great on a Mother's Day Brunch table. It is often made with strawberries.

¾ C. butter, melted  
1 T. plus ¾ C. sugar, divided  
2 C. finely crushed pretzels  
2 C. boiling water  
2 pkg. (3 oz. each) orange Jell-O  
2 cans (8 oz. each) crushed

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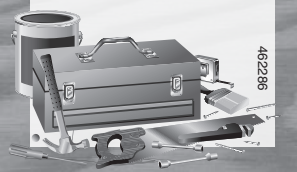
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# Win (Continued from page 7)

When the Panthers took on the Clippers for a weekend matchup, they were sure to give themselves some more separation. With five runs in the bottom of the second, the Panthers jumped out to an early 7-0 lead. They never looked back as they went on to claim a 12-1 victory over Amboy.

Cass collected the win on

the mound in this one. Cass threw four innings of five-hit ball with zero earned runs and three strikeouts. At the plate, Wild was perfect on the day, going three for three with one run scored and three RBI. Madigan went one for three with one run scored and two RBI. Cass was one for two with two RBI and a walk.

Koby Kearns was one for three with one run scored and one RBI as well.

This Thursday, April 24 the Panthers play host to the Orangeville Broncos. That game is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. On Monday, April 28 the Panthers will have to hit the road and go take on the Forrester Cardinals once again.



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Anthony V. Coon  
Attorney At law  
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# IN\*CI\*DENTAL\*LY

## Wisdom teeth being used to bring closure for families of fallen soldiers

More than 80,000 American Service Members, most from World War 11, remain missing. When remains are found, identification can be difficult. But thanks to an ambitious and ongoing project to honor our fallen soldiers by bringing closure to their grieving families, researchers at the University of Utah are strengthening the field of forensic investigation.

Teeth contain a wealth of historical information about



By  
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individuals. Everything from the tooth's shape to the thickness and chemical composition of its enamel tells researchers something about the human whose mouth the tooth once

inhabited: what they ate, where they lived and what diseases they had. Anthropologists study teeth to determine such things as dietary history, migration of populations across continents, adaptation, and ancient dental practices.

Thanks to modern technology, such as laser ablation (a far less invasive technique to study tooth enamel) than traditional drilling), scientists are able to detect various carbon and

oxygen isotopes in tooth enamel which can help us to identify human remains.

This research project involves a collaboration between geography and dentistry researchers, to gather and share information in order to match a person's remains to the region where they grew up, based on slight differences in the oxygen isotopes found in tooth enamel. The amount of heavy oxygen in groundwater changes between regions of

the country. Since oxygen in our tooth enamel gets into our body through the water that we drink and the food that we eat, the amount and type of oxygen isotopes found in tooth enamel will vary from person to person and helps reveal where they were living when their teeth formed.

While the geologists are measuring and mapping out the heavy oxygen in the groundwaters of the

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## •Kitchen

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pineapple, drained

1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained

2 pkg. (8 oz.) each cream cheese, softened

2 C. Cool Whip

Additional Cool whip and mandarin oranges for decoration

Preheat oven to 350. Mix melted butter and 1 T. sugar; stir in pretzels. Press onto bottom of an ungreased 9x13 baking dish. Bake 10 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack.

In a large bowl, add boiling water to Jell-O and stir for 2 minutes to completely dissolve the Jell-O. Stir in fruit. Refrigerate until partially set, about 30 minutes. In a bowl, beat cream cheese and remaining sugar until smooth. Fold in Cool Whip and spread over crust. Gently spoon Jell-O mixture over top of cream cheese mixture. Refrigerate covered until firm, 2 to 4 hours. To serve, cut into squares. If desired, top with additional Cool Whip and oranges.

## Orange Vanilla Sheet Cake

Sticking with the orange theme, this sheet cake is easy and tasty. It also will feed a crowd. Ree Drummond, the Pioneer Woman, loves sheet cakes. As you know, so do I!

2½ C. flour

2 t. baking powder

2 C. sugar

1 T. grated orange zest

2 sticks unsalted butter, softened

3 eggs, room temperature

2 t. vanilla

¾ C. orange soda, room temperature

### Glaze:

24 oz. white chocolate, chopped (about 4 cups)

2 t. vanilla

1 C. heavy whipping cream  
3 to 4 drops each red and yellow food coloring

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a 13x18 rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray. Whisk together in a medium bowl, the flour and baking powder. Combine the sugar and orange zest in a stand

mixing bowl and work the zest into the sugar with your fingers. Add the butter and beat on medium until creamy, 3 to 4 minutes. Beat in the eggs, one at a time; add the vanilla and combine. Scrape down the bottom and sides of the bowl. With the mixer on low, gradually beat in the flour mixture, alternation with the orange soda, mixing well after each addition. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick comes out clean, 16 to 18 minutes, rotating the pan halfway through the baking time. Let cool completely in the pan on rack for at least an hour.

Glaze: Combine the white chocolate and vanilla in a medium bowl. Put the heavy cream in a microwave safe liquid measuring cup and microwave until steaming, 1 to 2 minutes (do not boil). Pour the hot cream over the white chocolate and let it sit for 2 minutes; stir until it is smooth. Remove ½ cup of the glaze to a medium bowl.

Stir in the food coloring to make a deep orange color. Pour the white glaze over the cake, spreading with an offset spatula to cover the cake. Drizzle the orange glaze over the top and swirl across the top of the cake. Let glaze set at least 45 minutes before serving.

## Final Thoughts

We finally are getting some much-needed rain. My tulips are popping up, so I am hoping we are done with freezing weather. The trees will soon be leafing out, and allergies have started up. The seasons are changing. Our family had a wonderful reunion with our Iowa cousins a week ago. My cousin suffered a massive stroke three years ago, and she has been rehabbing since that time. They told her she would never talk or eat again. We had a great lunch at Coach's with her eating and talking. She is a miracle, and we were so grateful to be together. Coach's has a wonderful ramp for those of

us who are physically challenged. We are lucky to have eating places that accommodate people like my cousin and myself.

I give the spring athletes a lot of credit for competing in the adverse weather conditions. The rain and cold must have some physical challenges. I can't believe there haven't been more injuries or illnesses. Good job, kids for keeping things going; good job parents, relatives, and friends who sit in the stands and encourage them! Easter has flown by, and even though it was later, we didn't have a lot warmer weather. We will soon be looking at the first weeks of May and lots more activity.

We are looking for some May recipes. 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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# Rockford man sentenced to eight and a half years in prison for illegally possessing firearms

A Rockford man has been sentenced to eight and a half years in prison for illegally possessing firearms. Joseph Garza, 40, pleaded guilty late last year to two counts of possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. On Monday, U.S. District Judge Iain D. Johnston sentenced Garza to 102 months in prison. Garza will also serve 3 years of supervised release following his prison sentence.

Garza admitted in a plea agreement that between November 2017 and January 2018, he possessed and sold

seven firearms, utilizing two co-defendants as brokers for the sales. Garza set the price for the firearm sales and delivered the firearms to the two co-defendants, who then conducted the sales with the buyer (who was working as a confidential informant for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives).

The sentence was announced by Andrew S. Boutros, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Christopher Amon, Special Agent-in-

Charge of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert S. Ladd. Holding illegal firearm possessors accountable through federal prosecution is a centerpiece of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN). In the Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Attorney's

Office and law enforcement partners have deployed the PSN program to attack a broad range of violent crime issues facing the district, particularly firearm offenses.

## • Closure

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nation, people from all over the country have been donating their wisdom teeth so the dental researchers can analyze and compare the enamel composition to the

groundwater data.

While the initial goal of the project is to honor our lost Service members, the research team hopes to strengthen forensics in general by offering a new

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