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Warren Township Public Library

Children's book author Allen McCaulley visits the Warren Township Public Library on April 23. McCaulley spoke to fifth grade students about what it is like being an author. In addition to sharing his presentation, McCaulley donated \$3 from each book sale to the library.

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Hornets outlast Pecatonica in road victory

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Scales Mound-River Ridge Hornets went on the road on Wednesday, April 23 as they traveled to take on the Pecatonica Indians. It was a fairly even matchup on paper with the Indians coming into the game with a record of 6-8, while the Hornets were 8-9.

Both teams have had similar experiences to start their 2025 softball season. After slow starts, the Indians and Hornets began to settle in. After SM-RR opened the season with a record of 3-6, the Hornets rattled off four consecutive victories effectively saving their season. One of those losses came against Pecatonica in the season opener.

Despite the Indians winning the season opener over the Hornets, they went on to drop their next five matchups. After the 1-5 start, Pecatonica went on to win four of their next five matchups, also turning around their season.

Both teams got off to a quick start in the game. Defensive troubles have been prominent for both squads, and that showed in the very first inning. Despite not registering a hit, SM-RR jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first. After Laiken Haas laid down a lead off bunt, an errant throw allowed her to reach third base. Eventually,

ly, Anika Stadel drove in the game's first run with a sacrifice fly to right. Alyssa Wentz then drove in a run when she reached safely on an error by Pecatonica's third baseman.

The SM-RR defense had their own first inning mistakes. After an error by Wentz to lead off the inning, Haas quickly earned two strikeouts from the pitcher's circle. Although Haas should have been out of the inning, the error and an ensuing walk kept the inning alive. Haas then allowed a two-run double, which allowed the Indians to tie the game 2-2.

SM-RR jumped right back into the lead in the second. This time, they did it with their own bat power as a double by Anna Wachter and a two-run homer by Haas had them up 5-2. The lead was short-lived, however. Once again, the Indians managed to match their production in the bottom half. It was a nightmare inning for Haas as two walks, one hit, and a pair of wild pitches allowed Pecatonica to tie the game at 5-5.

After two chaotic innings, both teams began to settle down. The game went scoreless over the next two innings as the Hornets entered the top of the fifth still tied 5-5. That's when another extra-base hit

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Obituaries

WILLIAM STANLEY LOGEMANN

William Stanley (Bill) Logemann, 72, died peacefully in the early hours of Sunday, April 13, 2025, at Amberwood Care Centre in Rockford, Illinois, due to metastatic prostate cancer.

Bill was born to Stanley and Jean (Chapin) Logemann on May 14, 1952, in Freeport, Illinois. Bill attended Stockton schools and graduated from Stockton High School in 1970. He sang in chorus, played football and wrestled. Bill was active in FFA and 4H. Shortly after graduation Bill enlisted in the US Marine Corps. He completed basic training at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, and served in Georgia and Puerto Rico. Bill was honorably discharged from the Corps in 1972.

Following discharge from the Marine Corps, Bill played football at Rock Valley College in 1972 and 1973. The team was honored for being the first team from Rock Valley to complete an undefeated



season. He played one season with the Rockford Rams. He then played football for Southwest Missouri State University in 1975 and 1976, becoming the first Stockton Alumni to play Division 1 football. Bill graduated with a degree in Agriculture Education from Illinois State University in 1978.

Bill taught Vocational Agriculture in Leaf River, Whitehall and Elizabeth, Illinois, and Mineral Point, Wisconsin. Bill enjoyed singing his entire life. He was selected to the Illinois High School All-State choir. Bill performed in music theater in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and sang with The Music Men Barbershop Choir in Dubuque, Iowa, for 10 years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Carl Logemann and sister-in-law,

Martha Pulido Logemann. Bill is survived by his son, Jeremiah Logemann of Madison, Wisconsin; former wives, Gail Glidden Logemann and Ann Felderman Railsbeck; sisters, Lynne (Kerry) George of Ankeny, Iowa, and Elaine Enriquez of Freeport, Illinois; brother, Clark Logemann of Rockford, and sister-in-law, Mary Kay Logemann of Platteville, Wisconsin. Bill is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 219 N. Pearl Street, Stockton, Illinois, 61085. Memorials may be directed to or Music Men of Dubuque or the Unitarian Universalist Church of Stockton.

The family appreciates the wonderful care Bill received from the VA Healthcare System, Amberwood Care Centre and Northern Illinois Hospice. Bill appreciated the many friends and family who visited him this past month.

DAVID SLOAN

David L. Sloan, age 82, of Lanark, IL passed away Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Allure of Mt. Carroll. He was born in Muscatine, IA on May 11, 1942, to the late Francis and Violet (Carlson) Sloan. David married Karen Diffenderfer on Aug. 10, 1963, at Cherry Grove Church of the Brethren in Lanark.

He was a 1960 graduate of Lanark High School. David was a member of the Carroll County Mounted Patrol and Lanark Trinity Lutheran Church. He farmed, worked security at Lake Carroll, and retired as supervisor from Rolling Hills after 41 years. David loved horses, especially the draft horses at local fairs. He also loved yard



work, maintaining the apple orchard at Rolling Hills, and traveling to the Amish Community in Indiana with his wife, Karen. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He would travel all over the country watching their sporting events.

David is survived by his wife, Karen Sloan of Lanark; his daughters, Denise (Jerry) Ihrig of Princeton, IL, Diane (Steven) Scofield of Nekeosha, WI, Dawn (Andrew) Rothschild of Waunakee, WI,

and Darci (Brian) Bauman of Appleton, WI; his grandchildren, Emilee, Marlee (Ryan), Logan (Jessica), Christopher, Zachary, Adam, Sophia, and William; and his brothers, Jim (Carol) Sloan of Mims, FL and Murray (Dale) Sloan of Titusville, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Manny's Pizza in Savanna from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The family would like to thank Allure of Mt. Carroll and FHN Hospice for their care. A memorial fund has been established for FHN Hospice and the activities department at Allure of Mt. Carroll. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

BRUCE JOGERST

Bruce R. Jogerst, 85, passed away on Easter Sunday- April 20, 2025. He was born on April 29, 1939, at home, in Wards Grove in East Stockton, IL to Ralph and Rose (Hildebrandt) Jogerst. Bruce graduated from Winslow High School in 1957 and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was stationed at both Lackland and Keesler Air Force Bases. He graduated from Radar School and finished his service in Newfoundland Canada with the mission to identify every airplane or hostile aircraft entering the US and Canadian air space. Bruce completed his 4-year active service and 2-year active reserve status in 1963 as Airman First Class.

On Sept. 8, 1961, Bruce married Nyla Bessert. Together they raised 4 children in Lena. In 1979, after Bruce took a Director of Sales Position, in Florida they moved to Orlando. They then moved to Texas and returned to Freeport, IL where Bruce finished his career as Director of Sales Development for Honeywell.

Bruce had a very long and distinguished career at Micro Switch & Honeywell. He began his career as an electrical technician; after excelling in that position, he moved into marketing as product manager. Bruce then accepted a position as Sales Director and finished his career as Director of Sales for Honeywell. Throughout his career, Bruce



received numerous awards in sales excellence, regional sales manager of the year, and Honeywell's prestigious Lund Award for People Development.

Bruce and Nyla retired to Florida enjoying time with Brian and Holly and boys, then returning to Freeport to spend time with their children and grandchildren in the Lena area.

Bruce was an active member of the communities in which he lived. He believed it was his duty and privilege to serve them. He instilled this commitment of service in his children and grandchildren.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and served on the village board in Lena and several church boards over his many years of service. Bruce found a tremendous joy in spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed attending their events and family gatherings. Watching his great-grandchildren in these most recent years filled his heart with love and joy.

Bruce was a mentor to many and a friend to all. He was a gifted leader and very much a people person. He was keenly aware of the potential in people to become

valuable leaders and made it his mission to assist and guide them to be impactful people in this world.

He is survived by: his wife, Nyla of 63 years; 4 children and their families: daughter- Sally (Tim) Huber of Lena, and their 4 children- Ben (Stephanie) Huber and their children: Tessa, Jace and Beau; Sarah (Dana) Andrews and their children: Zach, Max, Tyler, and Luke; Matt (Allicia) Huber and their children: Maci, Ava, and Lane; Katie (Spencer) Meinert and their children: Grace, Owen and Brysen; son- Michael Jogerst of Chicago, son-Brian (Holly) Jogerst of Florida and their children- Brian David Jogerst and Kevin Jogerst, and Jim (Katrina) Jogerst of Pennsylvania and their children- Emma Jogerst, Jack Jogerst, and Max Jogerst; 1 brother: Gene Jogerst; and 1 sister: Carol Wilbur.

Bruce is preceded by his parents, 1 brother: R. Dale (Edith) Jogerst, 1sister-in-law: Loriane Jogerst, and 1 brother-in-law: Don Stich.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. Rev. Rick Bader officiated the service.

A private family burial took place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport, IL. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leanonfh.com A memorial has been established in his memory.

Annual Spring Photo Contest for the 89th District

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie is launching her fifth annual Spring Photo Contest for residents throughout her 89th Legislative District. The Leader is calling on residents to capture compelling photos of people, landscapes, or landmarks throughout northwest Illinois to showcase the beauty of spring.

"Every year I am impressed with the photo selection that comes from this contest," said McCombie. "Our community has a lot to offer and to be able to show it off in photos and showcase the amazing talent we have is a win-win."

To participate, interested

area residents can submit a photo that best represents the people and places of the 89th District—including any statues and monuments. The winning photos will be displayed in Rep. McCombie's Springfield and Savanna offices.

Rep. McCombie will choose winning entries and invite the photographers for an unveiling at the Savanna office. The winning photos will be on display for the rest of the 104th General Assembly.

The contest rules are as follows:

- Participants are asked to submit their photos by email to mccombiephotocontest@gmail.com

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- Photos must be taken in the 89th District

- Photos must be taken during this spring

- Photos are due ASAP and winners will be announced on June 21

- Photos must be sent in high resolution

In the email, please include the photographer's name, home address, email, phone number, and where the photograph was taken

An 89th District map can be found on Rep. McCombie's website at repmccombie.com. Participants seeking more info can call the district office at 815-291-8989.

Lions Tootsie Pop Days

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Around the Northern Hills

As more and more people are becoming greener, the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau is asking families, school groups, churches, and other organizations to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House of Iowa City through April 30. In turn the farm bureau will deliver the collected tabs to the Iowa City facility for its fundraising campaign.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities provide a home-away-from-home for families whose children are hospitalized and seriously ill. "We think the pull tab collection is a wonderful cause and know that many people from this area doctor at Iowa City," states farm bureau manager, Annette Eggers.

Please drop off collected tabs in any kind of container to the Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau office Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. This recycling program is beneficial for everyone involved. It does not interfere with other can recycling programs and recycles a resource that might otherwise go to waste. More importantly, children and their families are being helped during their time of need.



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of Directors considers the payment of patronage refunds based on each division's sales and profitability and only pays patronage refunds to Farm Bureau members. If you're not already a member, please contact our office at 815.858.2235 or sign up at www.myifb.org.

Young Leaders Committee

Are you between the ages of 18 and 35 and have an interest in agriculture? Consider joining the Young Leaders Committee. We have a great group of individuals that enjoy promoting agriculture and I would love to see more people join in. The next meeting is Sunday, April 27 at 6 p.m. here at the farm bureau office in Elizabeth. If you have any questions, call our office at 815.858.2235 or email jdcfbmgr@gmail.com.

Farm Fun Fact

April is National Volunteer Month. Thank you to all our volunteers!



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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.

News brief

Elizabeth Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Community Room, 402 North West Street, Elizabeth, IL. This event is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #10212 and St. Paul Lutheran Church-Elizabeth. Appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. Please use sponsor code: ElizabethIL. Anyone donating blood between May 1 and May 8 will receive a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.

Stockton FFA Plant Sale

Stockton FFA members have been working hard to prepare for this year's plant sale. Hanging baskets, flowers, and vegetable plants will be available at the sale. The greenhouse is located behind the high school.

The sale will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Resource Center Activity Room.

To secure a spot, please register by calling 815-235-9777. Walk-ins are welcome. The Senior Resource Center is located at 206 E. Stephenson Street in Freeport.

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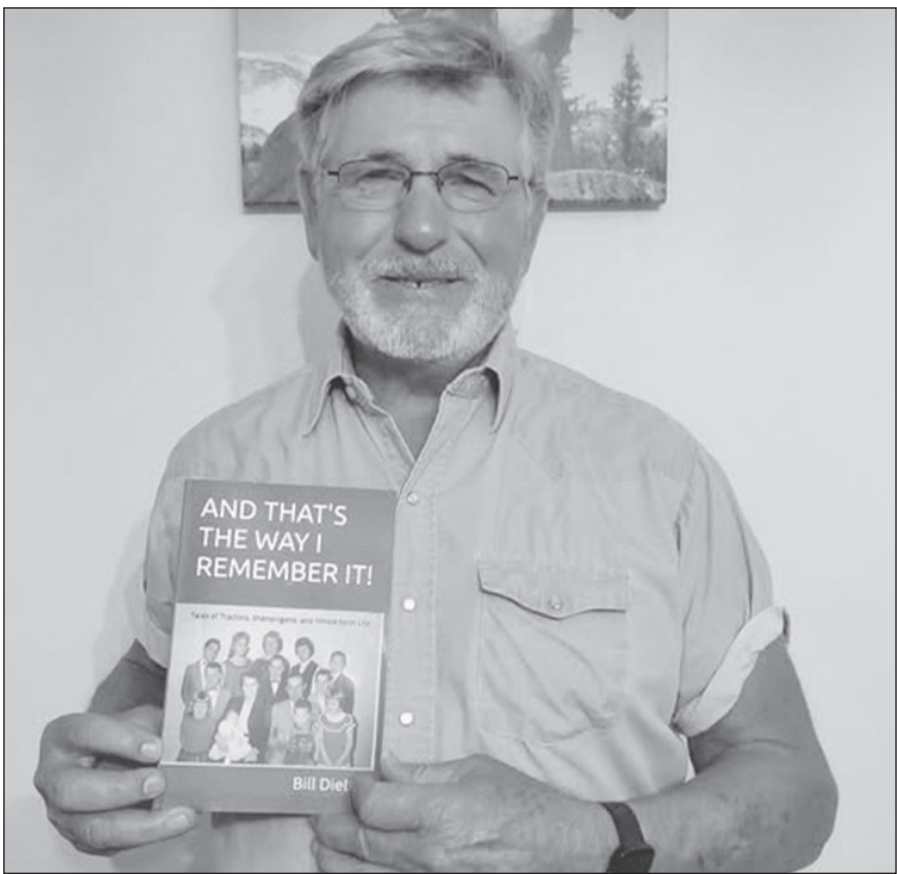
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Author Bill Dietz releases 'And That's the Way I Remember It'

Lena resident Bill Dietz released his first book, "And That's The Way I Remember It! Tales of Tractors, Shenanigans, and Illinois Farm Life." Dietz began writing the book 20 years ago as a means of preserving his family history. His inspiration came from the stories told by his grandparents and parents, and the desire to share these stories with his grandchildren. The book includes over 70 short stories about 12 free-range kids raised on a flat land farm in Walnut, IL, before moving 55 miles north to a hill farm in Lanark, IL. Follow Dietz and his siblings through their farm life adventures. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com.

Stephenson and Carroll County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

Going between Stephenson and Carroll Counties and visiting my family in McHenry County and beyond I spend a lot of time in the car. I typically drive alone and two of my favorite ways to pass the time are listening to audiobooks and podcasts. I listen to a whole range of books and podcasts, but my personal favorite is Taking Stalk where RFD Radio's Rita Frazer brings Farm Bureau leaders, members and experts together to discuss issues facing agriculture in Illinois. Topics covered so far include Avian Influenza, ATV safety, Solar and wind and many, many more. To start listening search "Taking Stalk" on your favorite podcast platform or visit <https://www.ilfb.org/Podcasts>

Prime Timer Program

The Prime Timer program or also known as 4C's is a program for members of the Carroll County Farm Bureau who get together monthly for a light lunch, socialization and an activity/educational speaker. The group's next meeting is Tuesday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Carroll County Farm Bureau office. If you are interested in attending or learning

more, please contact the Carroll County Farm Bureau office at 815-244-3001. Stephenson County Farm Bureau members are invited to attend as well.

FFPA gains Momentum in Springfield

The Family Farm Preservation Act (FFPA) remains a priority for Illinois Farm Bureau, taking center stage during Illinois Agriculture Legislative Day April 9. To help the FFPA cross the finish line, IFB President Brian Duncan, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs and Commodities Kevin Semlow, Director of State Legislation Chris Davis and Associate Director of State Legislation Mark Raney met with Illinois House leaders, including Republican Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, and Speaker of the House Emanuel Chris Welch, D-Westchester. While in Springfield, Duncan also had the chance to discuss the FFPA with Gov. JB Pritzker. "We're an industry that has \$200 billion in economic output. The cost of this Family Farm Preservation Act, we estimate to be about \$20 million a year. That seems to be a very small price to pay, in the whole scheme of things, to keep farms in fam-

ilies," Duncan said of the message IFB brought to the Statehouse. State Sen. Andrew Chesney, R-Freeport, told RFD Radio Network's Jim Taylor that Illinois is one of only 12 states to have a regressive state tax.

The FFPA, if adopted, would create a \$6 million true exemption to the estate tax for family farms, which Chesney described as a "step in the right direction" for Illinois farmers. "We will continue to press forward in calling for members of the General Assembly to pass the FFPA," Duncan noted. "I am very optimistic that the Governor, Speaker Welch and Leader McCombie know the importance of what this means for the future of family farms in Illinois. I was pleased to hear each of them acknowledge the importance of addressing this issue in the coming weeks of the General Assembly session." Although building momentum for the FFPA was a primary focus of IALD discussions, IFB also met with Illinois House representatives to talk about nuisance deer issues and private property rights. Additionally, Duncan, Semlow, IFB Director of Commodity Programs and Food Systems Tasha Bunting and Economic and Policy Analyst Raelynn Parmely met with representatives from the British Consulate General to discuss the future of trade relations between Illinois and the United Kingdom. With so many important issues affecting Illinois farmers, Duncan shared that now is a crucial time for farmers to share their stories with legislators to ensure their voices are heard as policies advance in the General Assembly. "That's what the organization is all about," Duncan said. "At the county Farm Bureau level, getting out and telling those stories and sharing that with the people that make policy and pass laws in the state."

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Pearl City Junior High and High School Third Quarter Honor Roll

Highest Honor Roll

Seniors: Anna Dampman, Natalie Greene, Brinkley Knoup

Juniors: Tana Gravert

Sophomores: Mackenzie Lotz, Scarlett Snyder

Freshmen: Kassidy Dorthy, Dustin Martens, Sandra Mar-

tens, Camdyn Smith

7th Grade: Khloe Dorthy, Sarah McPeek

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Ethan Bremmer, Kylie Campbell, Jackson Corbin, Elizabeth Dinderman, Fallyn Endress, Myles Freed-

lund, Edgar Hidalgo, Paige Hille, Jaxsyn Kempel, Kendra Kuhlemeier, Zinnia Larson, Kaydence Miller, Alonna Posey, Jacob Runkle, Jared Runkle, Sylvia Schnoor, Adeline Smith, Isabella Smith, Talia Stewart, Lucas Tichler

Juniors: Kameron Downs, Makenzie Ihus, Oscar Ugalde-Sanchez

Sophomores: Eli Baker, Eli Bremmer, Clayton Downs, Tristan Ertmer, Tanner Hiester, Brynlee McPeek, Leo Petta, Nataleigh Todd

Freshmen: Baylee Boeke, Jayden Bremmer, Lucas Bremmer, Nathan Buss, Morgan Campbell, Brianna Christiansen, Brodie Dahl, Hannah Dinderman, Conner Gentz, Colton Gronewold, Deak-

en Hofmaster, Brogan Keltner, Porter Krolow, Marlee McPeek, Nola Milam, Malani Munoz, Isaac Pickard

8th Grade: Aleeah Bratley, Abigail Ditsworth, Jonah Ehlers, Ayden Hayes, Kolton Kampmeier, Aubrianna Meford, Mason Pauley, Brynlee Voegeli

7th Grade: Diem Grone-wold, Kamden McPeek

Honor Roll

Seniors: Brady Boyer, Ayden Bratley, Kaitlyn Christensen, Tyler Clark, Jorja Johnson, Marley Joseph, Natalie Lotz, Sydni Lower, Paige McClaran, Emma Otte, Ryan Potter, Madison Roach, Alex Spahr

Juniors: William Birchen,

Maya Boyer, Morgann Britton, Gracie Ditsworth, Daniel Garcia, Brandon Hille, Lane Kempel, Kip Martens, Nakiya Pickard, Kenadee Schreck, Kyri Strobe

Sophomores: Parker Allen, Donna Baker, Keira Ellis, Brissia Garcia, Lila Gerber, Braxton Kubatzke, Braylon Liebenstein, Camden Miller, Danica Stager, Nevaeh Stultz, Brycen Voegeli, Lincoln Voss, Sawyer Williams

Freshmen: Braylen Bingham, Brianna Boettner, Miles Corbin, Bridget Hoffman, Samuel Howe, Colt Kempel, Spencer Manthei, Charlotte Musser, Gemma Musser, Alexander Reed, Wade Sheffey, Kennedy Solt, Easton Turrell, Ariana Ugalde-Sanchez

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Pearl City baseball wins fifth consecutive matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Pearl City Wolves have caught fire on the baseball diamond. After getting off to a 5-7 start to the 2025 season, the Wolves rattled off five consecutive victories. That includes a pair of blowout victories over the Durand-Pecatonica Rivermen last week.

On Tuesday, April 22 the Wolves were fresh off a 1-0 victory over the Oregon Hawks. That afternoon, they

hit the road to take on Du-Pec in their first matchup of the week. The Rivermen have struggled throughout the 2025 season, as they came into the matchup with a record of 2-11. The Wolves were just 6-7.

Records aside, it was clear that Pearl City was the better team from start to finish. Pearl City took the lead in the top of the first inning, and they never surrendered it. Even with a handful of defensive errors and some not-so-great pitch-

ing, the Wolves managed to blow out the Rivermen 15-8.

The Wolves made a statement in their first at bat of the game. After Kip Martens took a walk to start the game, Parker Allen and Myles Freedlund hit back-to-back singles. The Wolves combined for four hits in the inning, which was capped off with a run-scoring single from Brycen Voegeli. The Wolves held a 3-0 advantage before the Rivermen even came to the plate.

The Rivermen managed to hang around. Although Pearl City always maintained their lead, the Wolves never really closed the door on an early blow out. Du-Pec scored in five of their seven plate appearances, including two runs in the third and three more in the seventh. Additionally, the Rivermen combined for 13 hits, and the Pearl City defense had four errors. Despite that, the Wolves went home

with a 15-8 victory.

Pearl City combined for 15 hits in the win. Allen had a big day at the plate, going three for four with two runs scored and one run batted in. Martens was electric in the leadoff spot, going two for three with two walks, three runs scored, and three RBI. Freedlund led the team with five RBI as he finished with two hits and two runs scored on the day. Voegeli went two for four with a run scored and two RBI. Brandon Hille went two for five with one RBI in the victory.

Two days later, the Wolves were back in action against the Rivermen. After picking up a convincing victory in Du-Pec territory, the Wolves had plenty of confidence in returning home to face the same team. This time around, the Wolves had much better pitching performances. Hille started the game on the mound, where he

eventually collected the win as the starting pitcher. Hille tossed four innings of five-hit baseball with zero earned runs allowed and seven strikeouts. Freedlund came into pitch the final inning, where he struck out one and allowed just one hit.

The Wolves remained consistent offensively. They combined for 10 hits in last Thursday's matchup. It was Hille who led the way at the plate, going two for three with a walk, one run scored, and four RBI. Martens also finished the day going two for three with a walk, three runs scored, and one RBI.

Freedlund had one of the big hits to get the Wolves going for the day. In the second inning, Freedlund roped a ball to left field for a two-run double. At the time, it put the Wolves up 4-0. Freedlund finished the day with one hit and three RBI as Pearl City

picked up a 15-1 victory.

Over the weekend, the Wolves went on to dominate some more of their competition. In games against West Carroll and Milledgeville, Pearl City won by a combined score of 31-3. Freedlund threw a four-inning no-hitter against West Carroll. Allen collected the win against Milledgeville, throwing four innings with six hits, five strikeouts, and two earned runs allowed.

The five-game winning streak improved Pearl City's record to 10-7 on the season. On Thursday, May 1 the Wolves have an exciting matchup as they travel to take on the Lena-Winslow Panthers. That is the start of a small road trip for the Wolves. On Saturday, May 3 they travel to take on East Dubuque. Then, on Tuesday, May 6 they hit the road to take on the Forreton Cardinals.

Orangeville holds off Lena-Winslow in softball matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Orangeville Broncos and the Lena-Winslow Panthers faced off in what has become a much looked forward to softball matchup last Thursday. The matchup came just two days after the teams faced off in a low-scoring affair that saw the Broncos win 2-1.

That close game only elevated the excitement for the second matchup. After the Broncos won on their home turf on Tuesday, the Panthers were hoping to get some revenge on their home field on Thursday.

The Broncos were the ones who jumped out to an early lead. In the top of the second, Jillian Carlisle led the inning off with a double. Eventually, Lily Rodebaugh drove in a pair of runs with a single to the right side, putting the Broncos up 2-0.

That early advantage proved to be a major difference maker in this mid-season matchup. The Panther bats were unable to respond in the bottom half, as a quick one-two-three inning quickly had the Broncos back in the box.

Orangeville continued their momentum in the top of the third. Three consecutive singles from Anicka Kraft, Abigail Hazzard, and Carlisle had Orangeville up 3-0. Jada Reed drove in another run when she dropped down a bunt. Midway through the game, the Broncos held a 4-0 lead over Le-Win.

The Panthers didn't get on the board until the bottom of the fourth, but they responded in a big way. Back-to-back singles from Maddy Chiles and Addison Holtz had the Panthers in business. Olivia Fink and Ayla Brinkmeier then drove in runs in back-to-back at bats, cutting the lead in half. Eventually, Shayleigh

Albright took a bases loaded walk, allowing yet another run to come in. Just like that, the Panthers were trailing just 3-4.

That was as close as Le-Win would get. The Broncos picked up two more runs in the top of the sixth inning. An RBI double by Aubrey Fryer extended Orangeville's lead. Hazzard then drove in their sixth run of the day when she singled on a line drive to center.

The Broncos managed to hold on for a 6-4 victory over the Panthers. Orangeville was led by some excellent pitching performances from Rylie Scheuerell and Wheeler. Scheuerell threw three and two third innings with four strikeouts, no walks, and one hit allowed. Wheeler threw three and one third innings with three hits, three walks, and two earned runs allowed.

At the plate, Orangeville combined for 14 hits. Kraft and Hazzard led the way as they combined for six of those hits. Kraft went three for three with one run scored. Hazzard was three for four with one run scored and one RBI. Carlisle went two for four with one run scored and one RBI. Reed was two for three with one run scored and one RBI in the victory.

Le-Win had just five hits in the loss. Holtz led the way at the plate, going two for three. Chiles was one for three with one run scored. Brinkmeier went one for three with one RBI.

Orangeville improved to 15-4 on the season with the victory. Le-Win fell to 10-10 with the loss. On Thursday, May 1 the Broncos hit the road to take on the Forreton Cardinals. On May 2, the Panthers are at home as they play host to Argyle [Wisconsin]. Both games have start times of 4:30 p.m.

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Energy-saving incentives support Brewster Cheese's commitment to a lower carbon future

The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program is recognizing Brewster Cheese, the largest producer of Swiss cheese in the U.S., for earning close to \$400,000 in incentives to support the company's Stockton, Illinois

facility. These significant money and energy-saving improvements demonstrate the cheese manufacturer's proactive approach to reducing production costs while contributing to a more sustainable future.

Since 2019, the family-owned business has worked with Nicor Gas to make major advancements in reducing its energy consumption, including the replacement and optimization of a whey solids production dryer

that saved 400,000 therms annually, enough to provide energy to close to 300 homes for a year.

"With the expansion of their Illinois operations, we are proud to collaborate with Brewster Cheese to deliver efficiency solutions to help achieve their energy-saving goals," said Mike King, director of Energy Efficiency Program Strategy and Solutions at Nicor Gas. "We have a shared clean energy goal to work towards a lower carbon future."

Over the years, Brewster

Cheese has worked with the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program to secure rebates to assist with steam trap replacements, compressed air heat recovery projects, boiler tune-ups and more, resulting in a combined savings of over 600,000 therms at its Illinois facility.

"Sustainability and longevity are at the forefront of Brewster Cheese as we actively look for opportunities to grow our business," said Katsy Leeman, CEO and owner of Brewster Cheese. "These principles paired well

with the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program, which identified equipment that would allow our operation to not only excel as a leader within the cheese and whey industries but also remain environmentally conscious."

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put the Hornets back in front. This time, it was Sarah Winter who crushed a long shot over the left field fence.

Despite 11 total runs coming across in the first five innings of the game, Winter's homer wound up being the game-deciding score. Her fifth inning homerun became the game-winning hit as the

Hornets held on to win by a score of 6-5.

That is largely due to the pitching efforts of E Rife, who came in after Haas's slow start. Rife was dominant, throwing five shutout innings with nine strikeouts, one walk, and four hits allowed. Haas finished the day with three earned runs, five strike-

outs, three walks, and two hits allowed in two innings.

Haas made up for her efforts at the plate. In the lead-off spot, Haas went two for four with two runs scored and two runs batted in. Rife, on the other hand, had a slow day offensively, going zero for four. Winter was next up offensively, going one for two with one run scored and one RBI. Stadel ended the day with one hit and one RBI as well.

The Hornets went on to drop their next game by a score of 11-1. Fulton combined for eight hits and six walks as they made quick work of SM-RR. That loss dropped the Hornets record to 9-10 on the season.

This Thursday, May 1 the Hornets play host to the Galena Pirates. That game is set to begin at 4:30 p.m. They hit the road on Friday, May 2 to take on Fulton in their second matchup of the season.

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The role of Artificial Intelligence in oral healthcare

Developing technologies can elicit awe, skepticism, and fear if we do not fully understand them. Think about when Edison first installed electricity in homes. While some embraced this new technology, many continued to light their homes with oil lamps.

Many people fear Artificial Intelligence (AI) because they do not fully understand what it is, what benefits it has provided in the field of healthcare and how it will continue to enhance patient care in the future.

AI refers to computer systems that are developed to conduct complex analytics or tasks that require human intelligence. Unlike traditional software systems which must follow a predetermined list of instructions, AI has the capability to analyze and learn from data. AI can identify patterns and nuances, make autonomous decisions, and adapt to changing circumstances. It can learn, reason, adapt, and predict better ways to recognize and solve a problem. In other words, it can mimic human intelligence.

AI's superpower lies in its ability to process and analyze enormous amounts of data in record time, while simultaneously refining its algorithms to continuously improve the data generated. Both oral and medical physicians benefit from AI's ability to examine tens of thousands of x-rays and learn to recognize the subtle signs that indicate developing disease in its earliest stages.



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This information allows earlier and more accurate diagnosis and treatment options. AI does not take the place of your oral or medical physician but rather acts as a supportive tool that provides information that they did not previously have when developing a patient's care plan. Additionally, AI models are being developed to analyze patient's records in conjunction with social determinants of health to predict, prevent, and treat disease more accurately.

During the COVID pandemic augmented/virtual reality combined with AI offered ways to maintain and enhance dental school's clinical training while minimizing in-person contact. This allowed the instructors to provide immersive, highly realistic experiences to dental students. Students were able to perform simulated clinical dental procedures such as root canal therapy, crown preparation, extractions, and implant surgery, with AI feedback.

While AI is primarily being used in imaging (digital x-rays, CBCT scans and intraoral scanners) and diagnostics, it is also playing an increasing role in

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On Sunday, May 4, Hannah Circle will meet after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Sheila Keene is the Bible Study leader.

On Wednesday, May 7 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 Third Sunday of Easter on Sunday, May 4 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 May Grace Meal will be on Sunday, May 18. The menu will be barbeque, chips, three-bean salad,

and Rice Krispy treat. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, May 15. Meals can be picked up at the church on May 18 between 11 a.m. and 12 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. If you would like to donate to this project, please contact the church office.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, May 1 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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Christ Lutheran Church in Stockton will be serving a Grab 'N Go Meal from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. right before the town's popular Fourth of July fireworks. Walk to the church at 600 N. Main St. to quickly grab a meal and go. The lunch will include a delicious ham and cheese sandwich, bag of

chips, a fruit snack bag, and a bottle of water.

The \$6 suggested donation will be used for the improvements needed on their 75 year-old building where events such as church services, funerals, weddings, confirmations and now the free Community Table Meal are held. Find more information at ChristLutheranStockton.com.

Salem United Church of Christ

All are welcome to join service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, Lena, IL, every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School for children five years and older is held during church service, and nursery is available for children under five years.

The Breakfast Bunch meets every Wednesday at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join, please check the newsletter, Sunday bulletin or Facebook page for location information. Craftersnoon is held every

third Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the lower level of the church. This space is handicap accessible, and all are welcome to join. During this event, enjoy snacks, crafting and good company. There is plenty of space to spread out a large project or to work on something small.

For more information on any Salem related items, you can contact 815-369-4511 or ruth.dake@gmail.com.

• Petras

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the operational side of oral physician's offices. In addition to appointment scheduling and predicting individual insurance coverage from a host of different companies and plans, an increasing number of offices are using AI to transcribe calls, manage workflows, and improve quality and accuracy of lab work. Next week I will discuss how AI is providing antibiotic breakthroughs.

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FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

May flowers are starting to bloom, and everything is turning green. We certainly deserve some nicer weather and some beautiful scenery. This week we are featuring a lot of recipes for a Mother's Day Brunch. I hope you are having a fantastic Cinco de Maya and Kentucky Derby too. Enjoy the week cooking some great new recipes.

Spinach Roll-Ups

These appetizers are easy to make, and for people who are not wild about spinach the ranch dressing and sour cream makes for a great tasting appetizer even if you aren't a spinach lover.

2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained

1 C. mayonnaise
1 C. sour cream
½ C. bacon bits
3 T. chopped onion
1 pkg. ranch dressing mix
10 tortillas (12 inch)

Combine spinach, mayo, sour cream, bacon bits, onion and ranch mix in a bowl making sure it is mixed well. Spread onto tortillas and roll up. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Slice roll-ups into 1-inch pieces within 3 hours of serving.

Overnight Fruit Salad

My mother had a recipe much like this one that was served at our church brunch for 25 years. Everyone marveled at the fact that the bananas didn't darken. She also cut the grapes in half so that they got more dressing. Enjoy this fruit salad on a Mother's Day Brunch table.

3 large eggs, beaten
¼ C. sugar
¼ C. white vinegar
2 T. butter
2 C. green grapes
2 C. miniature marshmallows

1 can (20 oz.) pineapple chunks, drained
1 can (15 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
2 medium firm bananas, sliced

2 C. heavy whipping cream, whipped
½ C. chopped pecans

In a double boiler over medium heat, cook and stir eggs, sugar and vinegar until mixture is thickened and reaches a temperature of 160. Remove from heat; stir in butter. Cool. In a large serving

bowl, combine grapes, marshmallows, pineapple, oranges and bananas; add cooled dressing and stir to coat. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight. Just before serving, fold in whipped cream and pecans.

Melting Cabbage

This great side can be used with any kind of meat dish. It is often substituted for the potato dish. Try this unique way to serve cabbage.

1 medium head green cabbage (about 2 lbs.)
3 T. olive oil, divided
1 medium onion, chopped
1½ C. chicken stock
1½ t. salt, divided
1 T. plus 2 t. Dijon mustard
1 t. ground coriander
¼ t. caraway seeds
¼ t. pepper
¼ t. ground nutmeg
4 garlic cloves, minced
Grated Parmesan for garnish

Preheat oven to 375. Trim cabbage of loose leaves; cut in half. Slice each half

into four equal wedges. In a large heavy skillet that is oven-safe, heat 1 T. olive oil over medium heat. Sear the 4 cabbage wedges until browned on one side, about 4 minutes. Flip and sear another 4 minutes on the second side. Remove to a large plate or cookie sheet. Repeat with 1 T. oil and remaining 4 cabbage wedges. Set aside.

Wipe the skillet dry. Add remaining tablespoon of olive oil; heat to medium. Add onion and cook, stirring regularly until lightly browned, about 4 minutes. Add chicken stock, Dijon mustard, 1 t. salt, coriander, caraway, pepper, nutmeg and garlic. Bring to a simmer and cook 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer sauce to a large heat-safe bowl.

Add seared cabbage wedges back to the skillet in a single layer. Sprinkle with the remaining ½ t. of salt. Pour the sauce evenly over the wedges. Cover and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and flip cabbage wedges; cook

until the cabbage is easy to pierce with a fork, another 10 to 15 minutes. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Return to the oven; bake until the cheese is melted, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve hot.

Cheesy Ham and Potato Soup

If you are still looking for ways to use the leftover Easter ham, this soup is a great dinner. Serve it with a crusty bread and salad.

2 C. diced peeled potatoes
2 C. water
½ C. sliced carrot
¼ C. chopped onion
¼ C. butter, cubed
¼ C. flour
2 C. 2% milk
¼ t. salt
¼ t. pepper
2 C. cheddar cheese
1½ C. shredded cheddar cheese

1½ C. cubed cooked ham
1 C. frozen peas

In a large saucepan, combine the potatoes, water, car-

rot and onion. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook until tender, 10 to 15 minutes. In another saucepan, melt butter. Stir in flour until smooth. Gradually stir in milk; add salt and pepper. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in cheese until melted. Stir into undrained potato mixture. Add ham and peas; heat through.

Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta

There is a ranch dressing theme this week. This pasta isn't your traditional red sauce pasta. The cavatappi can be substituted with rotini or penne pasta. The bacon and chicken mixed with the ranch give it a great flavor. Using rotisserie chicken is a

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LAWN & GARDEN & EQ.: Cub Cadet #526WE Snow Blower, Elect. Start, 4-Way Shift Control (Used very little!); Garden Tools; Bird Feeders; B & D Elec. Leaf Blower (New!); Weed Eaters; B & D. Battery Weed Eaters; Pull-type Lawn Thatcher; Hand Lawn Sweep; Fertilizer & Salt Spreader; Garden Hoses & Hose Reel; Gardening Grass Seed, Fertilizer; Lawn Chairs; Lawn Arm Chairs & Bag Chairs; Great Outdoors LP Gas Grill (Like New!); Masterbuilt Electric Grill; Shepherds Hooks; Concrete Bird Bath; Concrete Pedestal for Pots; Flower Pots; Tomato Cages; Tree Pruners; Metal Park Bench

TOOLS & EQ.: Craftsman 8 Gal. Shop Vac.; Shop Vac wet/Dry 12 Gal. Shop Vac.; Ryobi Detail sander; Hole Saw & Wood Bits; Craftsman 6" Grinder on Stand(New!); DeWalt 10" Table Saw; Craftsman Sabre Saw (New!); Craftsman 3/8" Drill/Driver (New!); Craftsman Compound Miter Saw 7 1/4" (New!); Craftsman Cordless Nailer/Stapler(New!); De Walt Compound Miter Saw 10" (New!); Bostich air Nailer (New!); Bostitch 6 G. 150 PSI Portable Air Compressor; Air Driver Nailer Kit; Karcher Elec. Power Washer; Hand Tools-Large Assortment. (New!); Milwaukee Sawmill (New!); Craftsman Tools (New); Craftsman Cordless Set (New!); Machine Screw Organizers (Loaded!); Lg. Ass't. New Screws, Nails, & Hardware (New!); Several NEW Sets of Drill Bits (In Cases); Halogen Shop Lights on Stands; (2) Werner 6' Step Ladders; Titan Ladder by Little Giant; 6' Wood Ladder; Saw Horses; Dremel Cordless; 2',4',10' Levels (New!)

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LOCATION: 8443 East Farm School Road, Rock City, IL. Watch for Filer Auction arrows.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: Trunks; antique utensils; small table; Church pew; Indian head wall heading; butter churn; rope & pulleys; iron kettle; assortment of crocks; walking canes & sticks; Hoosier cabinet; huge collection of belt buckles; deer clock; wood sign; boiler; wood box; wood wheels; steel wheels; polyphon with 13 discs; Longaberger baskets; large wooden cabinet; railroad wheelbarrow from German Valley.

HOUSEHOLD: Computer hutch; electric fireplace; desk chair; 6 kitchen chairs; gum ball machine; treadmill; sears sewing machine; Holiday decorations; 58x95 kennel; kitchen table & chairs.

MISC. & OUTDOOR: Hunting equipment; gun cases; fire pit; 6 pc. Patio set; 3 pc. Patio set; 4-wheeler sprayer with boom; misc. wood; tank heater; wooden ladders; misc. tools; fencing supplies; fertilizer spreader; electric dog collars; push mower; pressure washer; small tiller; bug zappers; tractor chains; hoses; feed tubs; chicken feeders; live traps; shooting targets; galvanized can; shop vac; air compressor; tools; work bench; drop cords; gas cans; 2 pressure washers; yard tools; yard ornaments; hand plows; 2 porch swings; landscaping bricks; C-clamps; tree trimmer; chicken wire.

TERMS: Cash or good check with ID. Full list and pictures at www.filerauction.com. Lunch Stand By Davis Rockets 4-H.

AUCTIONEERS: Mike Zettle, 815-238-4955; Randy Filer, 815-871-7936.

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•Kitchen (Continued from page 9)

great time saver. Enjoy this main dish with some good bread and a green salad (you can use ranch dressing on the salad too!)

8 oz. uncooked cavatappi pasta

½ lb. bacon strips

2 garlic cloves, minced

1½ C. heavy whipping cream

1 pkg. ranch salad dressing

½ t. pepper

2 C. shredded cheddar

cheese

3 C. cubed, cooked chicken

1 pint grape tomatoes, halved

1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced; divided

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain; set aside. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add bacon and cook until crisp tender, 7 to 8 minutes; remove to a paper towel

lined plate. Let cool and then crumble into small pieces.

In the same skillet, pour off the excess bacon fat; add garlic. Cook one minute longer. Add cream, ranch salad dressing package, pepper and cheddar cheese. Cook over low heat until cheddar cheese is fully melted, 2 to 3 minutes. Add in cooked pasta and chicken, and cook until heated through, 10 to 12 minutes. Stir in bacon, tomatoes

and half of the green onions. Garnish with remaining green onions.

Surprise Carrot Cake

This Bundt cake isn't your traditional carrot cake; the surprise center makes a beautiful slice. What carrot cake isn't delicious with cream cheese frosting?

3 C. shredded carrots

¾ C. sugar

1 C. canola oil

3 eggs, room temperature

2 C. flour

2 t. baking soda

2 t. cinnamon

1 t. salt

½ C. chopped pecans

Filling

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

¼ C. sugar

1 egg, room temperature

Frosting:

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened

¼ C. butter, softened

2 t. vanilla

4 C. powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350.

In a large bowl of mixer, beat the carrots, sugar, oil and eggs until well blended. In another large bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; gradually beat into carrot mixture until blended. Stir in the pecans. Pour 3 cups of batter into a greased and floured 10-inch Bundt pan.

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar until smooth; beat in egg. Spoon over batter. Top with remaining batter. Bake at 350 for 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to

cool completely.

Frosting: In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, butter and vanilla until fluffy. Gradually add the powdered sugar and beat until smooth. Place cake on a stand. Frost cake. If not serving right away, refrigerate the cake.

Lemon Poppy Seed Cake

This cake can be used for a dessert on a Mother's Day Brunch table or as a breakfast cake. I was first introduced to poppy seed bread and cake by my cousin, Margie. She was a wonderful cook, and whenever I see a recipe for lemon poppy seed, I remember her. In my family, there were a lot of cousins. There were ones old enough to be my cousins and some young enough to be my children. Yes, my brother and I were smack dab in the middle. Margie took care of us, and we benefited from her wonderful cooking. Thanks, Margie, for being such a great role model and feeding us good things.

1 pkg. lemon cake mix

1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant lemon pudding mix

¾ C. warm water

½ C. canola oil

4 eggs, room temperature

1 t. lemon extract

1 t. almond extract

½ C. poppy seeds

½ C. powdered sugar

Juice of one lemon

Powdered sugar for garnish

Preheat oven to 350. In a large mixing bowl, combine cake mix and pudding mix. Add the water, oil, and eggs, one at a time. Add the extracts. Beat for 30 second

on low. Beat for 2 minutes on medium speed. Stir in poppy seeds; pour into a greased and floured 10-inch Bundt pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 50 to 60 minutes. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before inverting onto a wire rack. Place the warm cake on a cake stand. In a small bowl, combine the powdered sugar and lemon juice; brush over warm cake; cool and then dust with powdered sugar.

Final Thoughts

In the words of a famous song, "May is full of promises." We do have a lot to look forward to this month. We will have another running of the Derby and a Mother's Day celebration. Farmer's Markets are beginning their return, so that means we get some fresh things from the garden and delicious baked goods. I got two graduation announcements and plenty of birthdays to celebrate in May. The track and ball seasons for high school are winding down; they have a full schedule to get in, so we are hoping for dry and warm weather. My friend's tulips have burst out from this morning to this afternoon. They are beautiful on our alley corner. Have a great week of getting into the season of spring!

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to bid door replacement project Stockton CUSD #206

Scope of work

- Install 11 exterior doors in the elementary school and high school.
- Contact us for required doors, frames, and hardware
- Project is to be completed in the middle to the end of July. The expectation is to work with the company removing the doors and asbestos abatement for installation.

The following are bid requirements

- Submit bid for the total cost of the project.
- Must provide written proof of insurance with bid as well as workman's compensation insurance

Send or drop off sealed bids to:
Superintendent James Bunting
Stockton CUSD #206
540 N. Rush Street
Stockton, IL 61085

Deadline for bids: 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Bids will be opened on Wednesday May 7, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Stockton Community Unit School District #206 has vacant seats on its Board of Education. The seat must be filled by a resident of the District.

Procedure to fill vacancy:

1. Send letter of interest and any relevant credentials to: Superintendent James Bunting, Stockton

CUSD #206, 540 North Rush Street, Stockton, Illinois 61085 by Friday, May 9, 2025.

2. The Board will interview prospective candidates on the evening of Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The Board will then install the new members at its regular meeting on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Prospective candidates can call James Bunting at 815-947-3391 or email james.bunting@stocktonschools.com with questions.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
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FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT STEPHENSON
COUNTY-IN PROBATE
In Re the Matter of the
Estate of:
MICHELLE A. KAVRAN,
Deceased.

No. 25-PR-34

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Notice is given of the death of Michelle A. Kavrán, of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 11, 2025, to:

Michael A. Kavrán
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Freeport, IL 61032
as independent Administrator of the Estate of Michelle A. Kavrán, whose attorney is

Anthony V. Coon
Attorney At law
10 N. Galena Ave.,
Ste. 210

Freeport, Illinois 61032
The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 28.4 of the Probate Act (755ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition

To Terminate to the Clerk.

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Date: April 14, 2025

Michael A. Kavrán,
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