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## Pearl City students celebrate the season

Halloween was a blast in Mr. Allen's Kindergarten class! All the students wore their costumes and participated in Halloween learning games before joining the parade.

## Panthers celebrate All-Conference awards with dominant postseason performance

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

At the end of October, the 2022 NUIC All-Conference teams were announced. It was no surprise to see Lena-Winslow Panthers up and down the awards list. In the midst of the postseason, it was nice for the Panthers to get some recognition as they prepared for their next opponent.

Gunar Lobdell, the newest member of the Panthers, wasted little time making an impact in his new uniform. In fact, Lobdell had such an impressive season that he was named 2022's NUIC Defen-

sive Player of the Year. To go with that, Lobdell was a unanimous First Team All-Conference selection at the linebacker position. That wasn't all for Lobdell, however, as he was also a unanimous First Team selection on the offensive side for his running back play.

Lobdell wasn't the only Panther to earn unanimous selections. In fact, the Panthers were loaded with unanimous selections on both sides of the ball. At running back, junior Gage Dunker was named First Team All-Conference. On the offensive line, both Henry

Engel and Sam Pecararo were both unanimous First Team All-Conference selections. Jace Flynn was a unanimous First Team All-Conference selection at tight end, as well. Altogether, the Panthers had five unanimous First Team selections on the offensive side of the ball. Odin Stabenow was also named First Team All-Conference Center as Le-Win's front five stood out.

The Panther defense has been just as impressive, however, and the All-Conference list displayed that. On the defensive line, both Dunker and Engel were unanimous First

Team selections. At linebacker, Lobdell sported his unanimous selection. Flynn was also a First Team All-Conference linebacker. In the defensive backfield, Jake Zeal was a first team selection at defensive back and Ayden Packard wound up being a Second Team All-Conference defensive back.

The Panthers also had a number of other Second Team and Honorable Mention (HM) selections as they dominated the list. Zeal was an HM at running back. Tanner Kemmel and Jake Tippet were HM on the offensive line. Finally, Rowen Schulz was named Second Team All-Conference tight end.

All in all, Le-Win earned 16 All-Conference and Honorable Mention awards. While the hardware and the recognition are nice, the Panthers are all about their business, and they made sure to take care of business on the field last Saturday.

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# Pecatonica officials dealing with dilemmas

By Margaret Downing  
REPORTER

Back in May, the Illinois State Police arrested Pecatonica Police Sergeant Jeffrey Stacy on the following charges (according to a criminal complaint) -- two counts each of Intimidation (Class 3 Felony); Official Misconduct/Forbidden Act (Class 3 Felony); and Disorderly Conduct (Class C Misdemeanor), along with

one count of Electronic Harassment/Obscene Proposal (Class B Misdemeanor).

More bad news was to come with connections to Pecatonica.

The village's recently appointed police chief, Mike Mund, was arrested following a two-car crash on the evening of Oct. 16 in the vicinity of Springfield Ave. and Montague Road in Rockford.

Mund had replaced former Chief Bob Smith the previous month.

Before taking the job of chief, Mund held the position of Pecatonica's chief executive safety officer for a short time after Chief Smith left.

At the accident site, Rockford police noticed on Oct. 16 a strong odor of alcohol, although Mund denied that he had been drinking, and he refused a field sobriety test and would not give breath

samples, whereupon he was arrested.

Nov. 8 was the date set for a court date.

Chief Mund had been elected to office in April of 2021 with a term to expire in 2025.

Another incident associated with Pecatonica has to do with the discovery of missing funds from the Jesse A. Barloga American Legion Post No. 197.

Post Commander Joe Musso explained recently

that former village president Bill Smull... and also financial advisor and treasurer for the Legion, was requested to turn over a computer recently purchased by Legion members for treasurer records and costing \$800-\$1,200 dollars were told by Smull that "the computer was gone," therefore Smull had no records to turn over to the Legion.

Musso explained that the missing dollar amount "is in the thousands."

As treasurer, records had to be kept but with no records, the Legion isn't even exactly sure how much money is missing.

The next step was for postcards sent to each member of the American Legion advising that "a Legion Trial" was being called for among the approximate 135 members to discuss the situation.

The investigation is at this point ongoing, Musso said, and could last another two months.

Many thanks to my friends and relatives for the lovely cards with notes (received over 90), gifts and flowers for my 90th birthday. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me.

God Bless you all  
Vera Kempel



## Freeport Fire Department awarded grant

The Freeport Fire Department was recently awarded a \$1,985 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers. This grant will be used to purchase an Accelerant Detection device

for detection of hydrocarbons, accelerates petroleum volatiles, and various gasses at fire scenes to determine the cause of a fire. The Freeport Fire Department's administrative assistant, Denise Scudder, assisted in collecting the neces-

sary information to make the department's grant application successful.

"We'll use the fire prevention grant to purchase an all-purpose accelerant detector which is battery operated, portable, accurate, and very

sensitive," says Fire Marshal Hillary Broshous. "This detector will be used in fire investigations and can be used for a wide variety of situations where detection of hydrocarbons and combustible gas is necessary."



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Deborah is the author of *Peace at Last* and *The Hero Within*. She is a contributing author for four textbooks, has 25 published articles, and there are five documentary films featuring her work.

Learn more about Deborah at [opuspeace.org](https://opuspeace.org).

# News briefs

## American Legion Cash Bash

The Illinois American Legion Family is holding a Cash Bash on Saturday, Nov. 12. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$75 each and the grand prize is \$5,000. Call 815-369-4684 to purchase tickets.

## Hort for the Holidays offered in Freeport

The University of Illinois Extension hosts: *Hort for the Holidays-Stephenson County Edition*. Participants will complete two make and take projects: a Mason Jar Oil Candle and a Holiday Centerpiece using fresh flowers.

The event will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension located in the Community Services Building (Building R) at Highland Community College.

Registration is required. Register on-line by visiting [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or by calling (815) 235-4125. Registration cost is \$25.

## Orangeville Lions Club fundraiser

The Orangeville Lions Club announces their upcoming fundraiser "Home for the Holidays Craft and Vendor Show".

The event will be held on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Orangeville School.

There will be a silent auction, food stands, and over 75 different booths to shop from. Admission is \$12 ages 12 and up.

Please contact HFTHcraftshow@gmail.com or call 815-997-2511 with any questions.

## Extension meeting

The November meeting of Blackhawk Extension will be

held Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library.

Judy Shippee will give the lesson on "Meal Kits Mayhem". The minor lesson on senior discounts will be given by Anita Costello.

Dues for the coming year will be collected. Anyone is invited to join the group.

## Dubuque Audubon to host JDCF Bluebird Program

The Dubuque Audubon Society will host a free bluebird presentation by Jessica Carryer, JDCF's Director of Education.

Join Carryer to learn about the ideal bluebird habitat and how to monitor nest boxes throughout the nesting season.

The program will take place on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the E.B. Lyons Interpretive Center at Mines of Spain State Park, 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd, Dubuque, IA. RSVPs not needed.

## Stephenson County Historical Museum's Holiday Craft and Gift Show

This holiday arts and crafts show will be held in the historic Taylor Mansion Museum and will feature the area's best arts and crafts including gift ideas and holiday decor.

Over 20 artists and craftspeople will be represented. Also available will be new and out-of-print books on local subjects, small antiques, pretzel gift items, and Rawleigh products.

It will be held at 1440 S. Carroll Ave. in Freeport with free admission on Friday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## The Salvation Army of Freeport

The Salvation Army of Freeport will host their Coat and Clothing Giveaway on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and Thursday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If in need of clothing please visit the Salvation Army and enter through the green door on Van Buren Street.

There is still a need for kids coats, gloves, hats, and plus size coats for men and women and donations are currently being accepted.

On Friday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Salvation Army will host Free Food Friday.

The Salvation Army is hiring a Red Kettle Coordinator for a three-month position. If interested in a seasonal job, visit [indeed.com](http://indeed.com) or call 815-235-7639.

# Obituary

## MIKE J. TOWNSEND

Mike J. Townsend, age 78, of Stockton, IL passed away Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at FHN Memorial Hospital. He was born Oct. 14, 1944, in Freeport, IL to the late Lige and Ruth (Taylor) Townsend. Mike married Bonnie Chunn on Feb. 12, 1966, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Stockton.

Mike was a 1962 graduate of Stockton High School. He was a member of Calvary UMC in Stockton. He served as President for the Wards Grove Mutual Insurance Company, President of the Stockton Fire Protection District, and member of the JoDaviess County Farm Bu-



reau. Mike farmed his whole life and worked as a carpenter for many years. He was a handyman who enjoyed building things for his family. Mike often enjoyed watching old westerns.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Townsend; his daughter, Dawn (Robert) Crowley; his son, Shane (Jolene) Townsend; his grandchildren, Courtney Norem, Corbin Townsend, Brandon Westaby and Abigail Weber; his great grandchildren, Trinity Ber-

tucci, Rebecca Floerke, Eli Floerke and Tatum Townsend; his sisters, Marilyn (Robert) Davey, Myrna (Jack) Gusloff and Maxine Franz; and his brothers, Marlow (Ardale) Townsend and Meredith (Pat) Townsend. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Marjorie Juergens; and his brother, Morris Blair.

A visitation was held on Sunday, Nov. 6, at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Interment took place on Monday, Nov. 7, at Townsend Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at [www.hermannfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermannfuneralhome.com).



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# OPINION



## Slices of life

### Like my cat

This morning I woke up late. I'd planned on an earlier day, but sleep had other plans. As I got up and got ready for the rest of my day, My cat lounged comfortably under the covers. She made a snoozy sound and curled into herself for some more and much-needed even-later morning sleep. It was at that moment I realized something important.

I want to be more like my cat.

I want to sleep in late, when I feel like it and take a nap later because that feels good too.

But that's only the beginning.

I want to bask in the sunshine. My kitty can find a spot of sunshine in any room at any time any day. When she does, she puts herself smack dab in the middle of it and sets out to do what she does best: relax and soak it all in.

I want to live in the moment. My kitty gets a special treat every day at 4 p.m., but she doesn't worry about this at 11 a.m. or even 3 p.m.. At 11 she is most likely sleeping and at 3 most likely napping. She isn't worried about the treats in her future. She just lives (or sleeps as the case may be) in the moment. When it is treat time, she enters the kitchen with tail held high and happy—a sign of confidence—because that is all that living in the moment requires.

I want to eat the good treats first—at least sometimes. These days my diet focuses on two things: Health and hydration. My kitty hardly ever ponders health. I do that for her. She has healthy cat food and then slightly less healthy treats. She always eats the treats



By  
**JILL  
PERTLER**  
Columnist

first because they taste better. I get that. I also get health. It's a balance. Between the two of us, we are working on it.

I want to strut my stuff. My kitty walks with her tail held high, clearly proud of her new collar, and especially its bell. It announces her presence in a room and she seems to revel in this power.

I want to purr from deep within, without even knowing why or how this occurs. I want others to know I'm happy because my joy resonates so loudly that it can't be ignored.

I want to land on my feet. Cats have an uncanny ability to jump from high places and consistently and conveniently land on all fours. I want to conquer any adversity in my path and come out on the other end still standing.

I want to keep it neat, complete and inside the litter box. Cats know and recognize some of the basic tenets of life—like pooping. They don't get all messy with their urination or defecation. We all have messiness in our lives. Cats understand this and keep it contained – in a box. I'd love to take all of the messy aspects of my life and box them up.

On the flip side, my cat thinks outside the litter box. She loves to look out the windows to the outside world. Her inside world is only enhanced by the world

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# One Man's Opinion

Believing in an afterlife is a struggle for many of us professing to be believers. Raised a Catholic, I still always struggled to believe that one day I would meet my maker. Yes, I've been a "Doubting Thomas", but I've always tried. I do pray for guidance. We have all heard of situations that were miraculous. Typically, it is "an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs". That is according to a dictionary definition. When my faith wains



By **JIM SACIA**  
Former State Representative

I am reminded of Private First-Class Desmond Doss, a conscientious objector medic in WWII who distinguished himself during the battle of Guadalcanal. He enlisted in the Army two months after Pearl Harbor. The Seven Day Adventist would

not kill, but still wanted to do his part. Because of his conscientious objector status, he could have been exempted from military service, but no, he would serve and not carry a firearm. Fellow soldiers harassed Doss for being yellow. Once they were all in combat, Doss was always right there when the call came for a medic. His caring, easy-going manner won him the respect of his entire infantry company. Then came the battle for "Hacksaw Ridge". Seventy-

five American soldiers lay wounded on top of the ridge. Doss ignored calls to "pull back". Under heavy Japanese fire and grabbing one man at a time, he asked God to "just let [him] get one more". He stabilized them as best he could, then lowered them off the ridge by rope one at a time until he saved all 75 over a 12-hour period. The firing he ran through time after time had many soldiers commenting that there was no way that the Japanese rifle and machine gun fire could

miss Doss, but it did. Doss was the only conscientious objector to be awarded the Medal-Of-Honor in WWII. He had previously won two Bronze Stars with the V for valor for his lifesaving actions on Guam and in the Philippines.

Fellow soldier Carl Bentley, who fought at Hacksaw Ridge, says, "it was as if God had his hand on Doss's shoulder. It's the only explanation I can give". His commanding officer, Captain Jack Glover, who had previously shamed Doss,

was one of the 75 men that Doss saved. "He was one of the bravest persons alive" said Glover, "and then to have him end up saving my life was the irony of the whole thing".

President Harry Truman awarded Doss the Medal-Of-Honor at the White House in 1945. A Mel Gibson documentary "Hacksaw Ridge" was released in 2016. It documents the story of Desmond Doss. It is truly one of the many miracles that strengthens my belief in God and a hereafter.

## Weekly connection

# Another great harvest

It is hard to believe how quickly a fifty- or sixty-acre field of beans or corn can disappear when the combine and grain cart show up for harvesting these days. It used to take three or four days of good weather to pick a field of that size, and that was assuming the equipment didn't break down or there wasn't a problem in the dairy barn that took our attention away from the crops.

We started out with a one row New Idea pull-type picker, many many years ago. The driver would back up the tractor and picker to a small flare box wagon, hook it up, and head out to the field with about thirty feet of equipment trailing behind. The gathering chains would rattle and clang when the



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

power-take-off was engaged, and away he would go at about two miles per hour. Harvesting one row of corn at a time was a mighty slow job. Like a snail working his way across the beach, the tractor moved back and forth from one end of the field to the other. Finally, the wagon would be full, another empty one would arrive, and the process would start all over again. I remember unloading those wagons of ear corn at the corn crib was quite a

chore in and of itself. One had to pull the wagon in just right so the door at the back of the wagon lined up perfectly with the elevator hopper. Then he had to have another tractor to operate the elevator. Once all that was ready, he had to lift the end gate of the wagon and dig those cobs out of the back so they would fall down onto the elevator. The elevator then carried the corn to the top of the crib where the ears would fall down into the growing pile of gold. Sometimes an avalanche of corn cobs in the wagon would break free during the unloading process and the end gate had to be dropped quickly to prevent an overflow onto the elevator, then a big jam-up had to be dug out again.

This went on all day long until chore time, and then the next day the process started all over again until the crib was full. Slow and steady wins the race. After a few years we were able to purchase a two-row mounted picker for our tractor which sped things up considerably. We also picked up a couple more wagons so that the picker wasn't sitting in the field waiting. That of course meant that the pace had to be quicker at the crib as well. My Dad lost a finger in the picker that first year, oh, the cost of progress.

Our first combine, a 303 International with a two-row head, sped things up even more. There was no more hooking up and unhooking wagons. Instead of taking three or four days to harvest

that field of fifty or sixty acres, it now only took two and instead of filling corn cribs with ear corn, we put up grain bins. Over the next few years everything changed again as we upgraded to bigger combines and went to planting narrow rows instead of wide rows. Now we were using a six-row head on the combine. We added the grain cart and away we went unloading on the go and saving more time. Now that fifty- or sixty-acre field takes about an hour. Here it is mid-October, and the harvest will soon be complete, and we are not even close to Thanksgiving. It used to take us until

Christmas to get all the crops out of the field.

American agriculture has become amazingly productive and efficient. When I was in Romania a few years ago, the farmers there were, I would say, about thirty years behind us. God has blessed us here in the United States in so many ways. Let's remember to give Him thanks. In Deuteronomy 16:15 we read that the harvest should be a time of deep thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessing in so many ways; it shall be a time of great joy. Live in the joy of the Lord my friend. Until next week, God bless.

## •Cat (Continued from page 4)

outside—even if it is safer for her to view it from behind a pane of glass.

This doesn't deter her. Not in the least. She still quivers at the sight of a squirrel or bird. She hunts them without hunting, but at the same time with the wildness of a lioness. It's a sight to see. Her imagination and resourcefulness are to be admired.

When given the chance, she embraces the chance to be outdoors, beyond the glass, in the truest sense. She's been known to track mice, snakes, birds, squirrels and any critters worth crittering with near reckless abandon. I appreciate her passion and love of adventure.

I want to think outside the box and pursue adventure

whenever the door is open—or whenever given the chance.

I want to be honest and unapologetic in all that I do. My cat doesn't fake it. If she loves you, she lets you know—wholeheartedly. If she harbors disdain for you, well, ditto. She is either all-in or all-out and there is no guessing about where she stands. She isn't a people

pleaser, yet she pleases me all the time. She walks the line without ever walking the line, and I love her for her honesty.

That, and her gorgeous collar.

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# Tight supply to keep butter prices high

By Daniel Grant  
FARMWEEK

Consumers will likely pay more for butter into the holidays and prime baking season compared to last year no matter how you slice it.

Butter prices rose 24.6 percent in August compared to last year while the overall cost of groceries increased 13.5 percent.

Cheese, milk and other dairy prices are expected to remain elevated as well due to tight supplies and strong demand.

USDA recently estimated average prices of \$2.88 per pound for butter, up from \$1.73 last year, \$2.10 for cheese compared to \$1.67 a year ago and an all-milk price of \$25.60 per hundredweight in October versus \$18.53 in 2021.

"The whole dairy price

situation was generated from events starting the previous summer," said Peter Vitaliano, vice president of economic policy and market research for the National Milk Producers Federation.

"Milk production went through a rate of increase of 5 percent year over year, but then it started dropping and went negative," he noted. "Coupled with recovering demand, it drove the price of key dairy products up, but that didn't bleed through to the retail level until this year."

Butter prices averaged \$3.08 per pound through the week ending Sept. 10 as a reduction of milk output reduced the allocation of it to produce various dairy products, particularly butter.

The amount of butter in storage in August (282 mil-

lion pounds) slipped 22 percent compared to the same time last year. But, while supplies are much tighter, Vitaliano doesn't foresee a "butter shortage" this baking season despite concerns to the contrary.

"When you say there's a butter shortage, to me it means that somewhere in the country you won't see it on the supermarket shelf," Vitaliano said. "That's not the case. Butter is available. It's just the price has gone up."

The cost of most dairy products increased as milk prices climbed. USDA in October pegged average prices of \$21.90 per hun-

dredweight for Class III milk, up \$4.82 from last year, and \$24.60 for Class IV milk compared to \$16.09 last year.

Issues such as record feed prices, challenges from ongoing drought in many parts of the country, the high cost of replacement cows and difficulty securing farm labor all contributed to the shrinking dairy cow herd and higher prices.

"There's a lot of constraints to expand milk production. We went through a year in which farmers were not expanding," Vitaliano said. "The cost of producing milk is at an all-time high."

There were some posi-

tive signs, recently, though as milk output increased 1.6 percent in August. Milk cows on farms averaged 9,416 million head in July, 1,000 more than the previous month but 67,000 fewer than in July 2021, USDA reported.

And demand for dairy products remains strong, which is also bolstering prices.

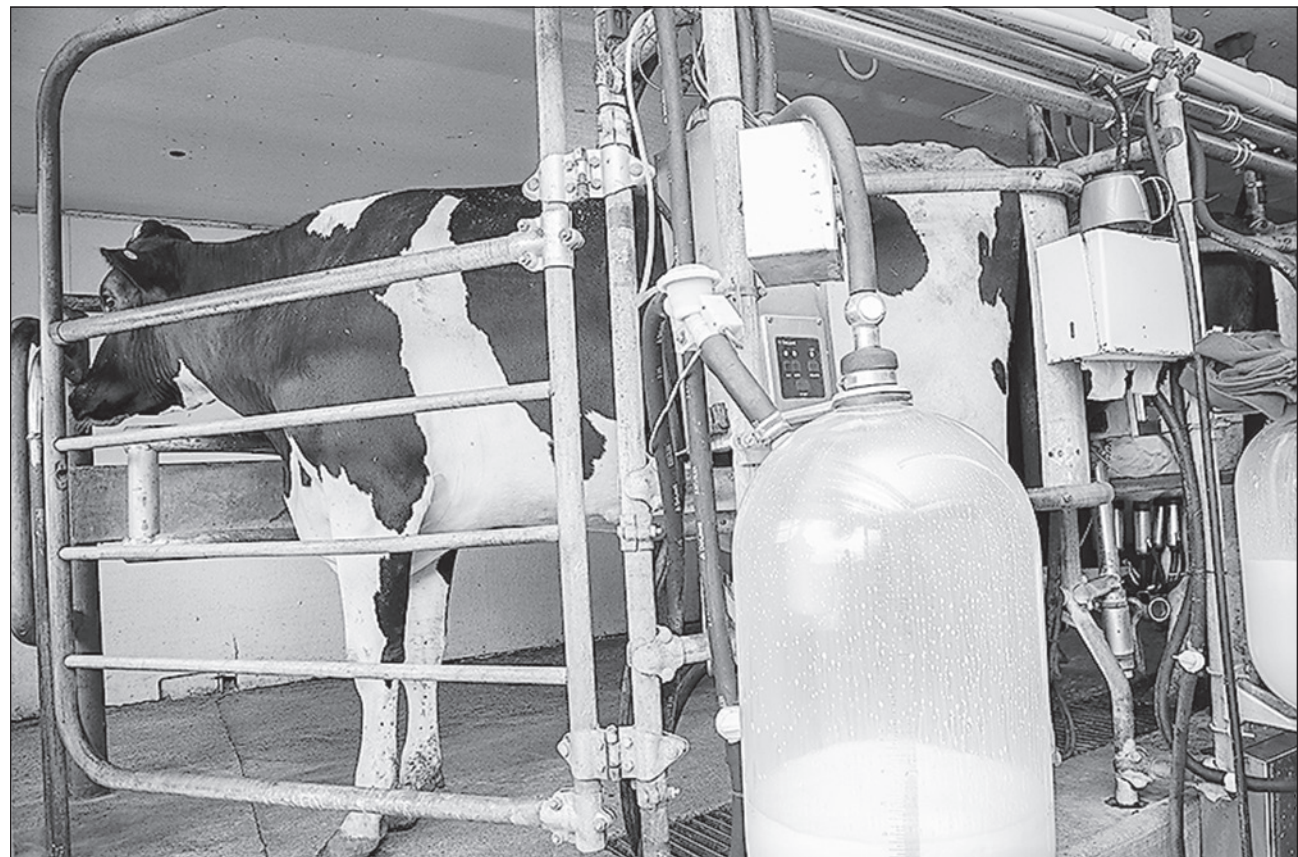
"Consumption has been affected somewhat by higher prices, but dairy is generally price inelastic," Vitaliano said. "When the price goes up, people still buy it."

Meanwhile, the average price of a 40-pound block of Cheddar cheese recently

declined by 12 cents.

"The U.S. the last several months has been the lowest-cost cheese supplier of any of the major exporting countries, so we've seen a big increase in exports," Vitaliano said. "I'm looking for exports to be a growing share of the total market, which is already approaching 20 percent of total (dairy) production."

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Butter, cheese, milk and other dairy prices are expected to remain high into the holiday season.

## Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency PY23 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric heating bills.

The LIHEAP program began Sept. 1 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2023, or until funding is exhausted. There will be no priority groups this program year. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

Due to funding limitations, there will be NO NEW enrollments in the PIPP program this year.

Applicants may apply for a Direct Vendor Payments (DVP) which provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible homeowners and renters to gas or propane and electric vendors to help with home utility bills and for reconnection assistance. Households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines listed below to receive a benefit from LIHEAP.

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For more than 11 household members, please add \$590 for each additional person.

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• Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.

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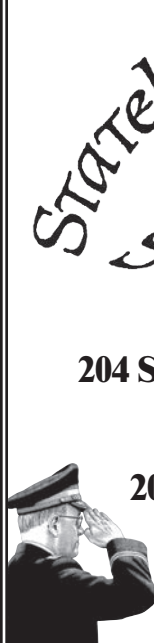
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## Winter wellness and holiday treats

The temperatures will soon be dropping, and kids of all ages will be spending more time indoors. Keep them entertained this December with the University of Illinois Extension, and 4-H's *I MADE That* educational cooking kit.

The *December, I MADE That: Winter Wellness and Holiday Treats* educational cooking kit will help them to make the most out of the holiday season by practicing the healthy habits learned this past year while adding a few extras into the mix. They can begin by heading outdoors for a winter scavenger hunt, then warm up inside with one of the yummy holiday treats or another fun activity.

The kits include the *December: I MADE That* booklet, fun activities, and select recipe ingredients to get started. This project is ideal for families to work on together or for youth with cooking experience.

Register your youth now for this fun holiday make-at-home project. Kits are \$5 and will be available for pick-up beginning Dec. 5 at our Extension offices in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties.

Register early to reserve your educational kit by calling our office at (815) 235-4125 or visiting us online at [go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat](http://go.illinois.edu/jswIMadeThat). The registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022.

## Working toward regenerative agriculture

Join Jay Solomon, University of Illinois Extension Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy Educator, and John Strauser, University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension Grassland and Perennial Agriculture Outreach Specialist for this program that will identify ways groups can work together to implement perennial forage agriculture.

This event will take place on Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL 61028. Lunch will be provided for all participants. There is no fee to attend this program, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged by December 2 to ensure your meal. To register or for more information visit us online at [go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call us at 815-858-2273.

To facilitate this discussion, we have invited Grassland 2.0 Project team mem-

bers Laura Paine, Outreach Specialist for Grassworks, Jim Munsch, full-time farmer, and Sarah Lloyd, University of Minnesota Supply Chain Specialist to share their insights.

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## Church news

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church announces upcoming events

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL. On Sunday, Nov. 13 at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday Worship Service. The reading will be from Luke 21:5-19.

On Tuesday, Nov. 15 Bible Study group will meet at 11 a.m. Anyone who enjoys learning is welcome to join for frank conversation about scripture and time of prayer. The reading will be from the Book of Leviticus.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16 Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. No quilting experience necessary and new members are always welcome.

Please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 with any questions.

### Salem United Church of Christ to host brunch, men's night and more

All are welcome to join for a service led by Pastor Christopher Ham at Salem United Church of Christ, 8491 West Salem Road, in Lena on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m.

The Wednesday Breakfast Bunch will be meeting Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 8 a.m. at the Beltline Café, 325 West South Street, Freeport, Illinois. All are welcome to join.

On the first Wednesday of each month, Salem United Church of Christ will host Men's Night. On these evenings the men

will meet at the church in fellowship hall on the lower level for a time of visiting and playing games.

For the ladies, on the third Wednesday of each month, the church will offer *Craft-ernoons*. There will be snacks, brief devotional thought, and plenty of time to share projects with one another. Attendees may bring any craft they would like to work on.

For more information on these gatherings, contact [salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:salemwingsofjoy@yahoo.com).

### Orangeville United Methodist Church welcomes community

This holiday season Orangeville United Methodist Church would like everyone in the community to enjoy a good dinner with friends and family.

On Thursday, Nov. 24 there will be a Community-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. There is no charge for this dinner, and it will be open to the public. Everyone is welcomed to join.

If unable to attend, meals can be dinner delivered. Carry-out is available by pre-order when possible. Transportation can also be provided if needed.

Please call the Orangeville United Methodist Church office at 815-789-3170 for arrangements, meal orders, or with any questions.

The Methodist Women will host the Harvest Bazaar on Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The bazaar will offer frozen mince-meat, rugs, baked goods, pickles, and more.

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# Le-Win High School presents 'The Day the Internet Died'

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age society is at navigating dating, business, shopping, and basic interactions without the help of any electronics!

Written Ian McWethy and Jason Pizzarello, the LWHS stage production of "The Day the Internet Died" is directed by Darcy Schierloh and Amy Schulz. Doors open 30 minutes before the show and tickets are \$4 for students or

\$5 for adults. Student cast members will play a variety of roles.

The cast of the show includes Josiah Randecker, Rowen Schulz, Paige Hancock, McKenna Leverton, Madi Schierloh, Will Dorsey, Mila Sheppard, Cienna Kerr, Ellie Bardell, Casey Roennenburg, and Taylor Robinson.

## •Panthers (Continued from front page)

The Panthers' second round opponent for the Class 1A playoffs was a 6-4 Rowva-Williamsfield Cougars squad. It didn't take long for the Panthers to jump ahead in this one, as they had their best offensive performance of the year with a season high 76 points.

The scoring fest got started early when Lobdell broke free for a 56-yard run, putting Le-Win on the board. Shortly after, Dunker was in the endzone when he plunged in from four yards out, giving the Panthers a 14-0 lead. Before the first quarter came to an end, Lobdell tallied his second score. This time it was a 16-yard touchdown run. Lobdell also tacked on the two-point conversion as Le-Win took a 22-0 lead into the second.

The scoring didn't slow down at all after the opening quarter. Zeal broke free on a

40-yard touchdown run early in the quarter. Less than two minutes of play later, Nick Inden trucked into the endzone from just one yard out. With just under five minutes left in the half, Zeal tallied his second 40-yard score of the game as he put the Panthers up 46-7. Before the second quarter came to an end, Lobdell tallied the hat trick as his 30-yard run gave him his third score of the game, while putting the Panthers up 54-7. Their 47-point lead would hold until the halftime break.

Le-Win's lead would only grow in the second half as they watched the clock tick down on a round two victory. Eventually, Le-Win walked away with a 76-6 victory in a game that couldn't end soon enough. The Panthers combined for 429 yards on the ground as Lobdell led the way, rushing for 180 yards

and a trio of scores. Zeal had 97-yards and a pair of scores on just seven carries. Wes Offerman rushed for 42-yards and a score on just one attempt. Dunker had nine carries for 41-yards and a score, while Owen Kempel rushed for 37-seven yards and a score on six carries. Defensively, Engel had a pair of sacks to go along with six total tackles. Maisen Smith also had five total tackles as Le-Win's defense continued with their impressive play.

With the victory, the Panthers punched their ticket to the quarter finals where they will travel to face off with the Fulton Steamers, Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m. Fulton carries an overall record of 9-2 and will be looking for revenge for their 2021 quarterfinals loss that saw Le-Win come out victorious with a 54-28 win.



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The not so skinny cook

The Halloween trick or treaters were once again in full force on our streets. They were sure darn cute. The night was warm, and it was easy to give out candy. Halloween ended October with beautiful weather. November's first week was just as great. This week we are featuring some recipes to get us ready for the special holiday of Thanksgiving. Enjoy cooking with some great recipes.

## Classic Roka Cheese Ball

I have a cheddar cheese ball made with one the Kraft cheese spreads. If you can find the Roka blue cheese Kraft spread, this appetizer is a great one to serve for the holidays.

1/2 lb. (8 oz.) Velveeta cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
1 jar (5 oz.) Kraft Blue Cheese Spread  
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese softened

1/2 t. garlic powder  
1/4 C. chopped pecans  
1/4 C. dried cranberries  
Mix the Velveeta, Blue Cheese spread, and cream cheese until well blended. Refrigerate for 2 hours. Shape into a ball and coat with pecans and cranberries. Serve with crackers.

## My Melted Cabbage

Doris Burton sent this simple cabbage recipe that she loves to serve with cheese ravioli. It is easy to make and tastes delicious. Thanks, Doris, for sharing.

1/2 head of cabbage, sliced  
1 medium red onion, sliced  
5 pats of butter  
1/2 t. fennel seed  
1 t. salt  
1/2 t. pepper

In a large, uncovered pan on medium heat, melt butter. Add onion and cabbage. Season with fennel, salt, and pepper. Stir often. It takes about 10 minutes to cook until nicely softened, but cabbage still has a little crunch. Doris serves this with cheese ravioli. She cooks the ravioli according to package directions, puts the ravioli on a plate and sprinkles with cheese and tops the dish with her cabbage.

## Everything Spice Roasted Cauliflower

One of my friends used to make a delicious roasted cauliflower vegetable dish that is a lot like this one. The seasoning is "Everything Bagel Seasoning." You can get it at most grocery stores in the area. It is a great way to serve a nontraditional side for the holidays.

2 t. salt  
1 large head cauliflower  
2 T. unsalted butter, melted  
1/4 t. garlic salt  
1/2 C. mayonnaise  
3 T. Everything Bagel Seasoning

1 t. crushed red pepper  
Preheat oven to 350. In a large skillet, pour water to a depth of 1/2 inch; add salt, and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Add cauliflower, stem side down; cover skillet with foil. Cook until cauliflower is just tender, about 8 minutes. Remove cauliflower and let drain, stem side down on a wire rack for 15 minutes. Wipe skillet dry.

In a small bowl, stir together melted butter and garlic salt. Slowly drizzle butter mixture into center of cauliflower. Place whole cauliflower stem side down in the same skillet. Spread mayonnaise all over cauliflower; sprinkle the bagel seasoning and red pepper all over the cauliflower. Bake for 30 minutes. Rotate skillet in oven; bake until golden brown and a knife inserted in center of cauliflower comes out easily, 5 to 8 minutes more.

## Two Potato Gratin

If you are looking for a good side dish for Thanksgiving, this two-potato dish will fill the bill for both white and sweet potatoes. You can assemble it the day before and cook it the morning of the big celebration. It will go with turkey, chicken, ham, or beef.

5 T. unsalted butter, softened and divided  
1 1/2 lbs. Yukon gold potatoes, peeled  
1 1/2 lbs. sweet potatoes peeled and halved lengthwise  
1 3/4 C. heavy whipping cream  
1/2 C. minced garlic  
1 T. chopped fresh sage  
1 t. chopped fresh thyme

1/2 t. pepper  
1/4 t. ground nutmeg  
1 C. shredded Gruyere cheese  
1/2 C. shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 400. Spread 1 T. butter on bottom and up sides of an 11 x 8 baking dish; place on a rimmed baking sheet. Fill a large bowl with cold water. Using a mandolin or very sharp knife, carefully cut potatoes crosswise into 1/8-inch-thick slices. Add potatoes to bowl of cold water as you work. Drain potatoes well, and pat dry. Layer half of potatoes in bottom of prepared pan as desired.

In a medium saucepan, heat cream, garlic, sage, salt, thyme, pepper, nutmeg and remaining 4 T. butter over medium heat just until bubbles form around the sides of the pan. Do not boil. Gradually pour half of cream mixture all over potatoes in pan; sprinkle with half of Gruyere. Repeat layers with remaining potatoes, remaining cream mixture, and remaining Gruyere. Sprinkle with Parmesan.

Spray a piece of foil with cooking spray; cover pan with foil; spray side down. Using a wooden pick, poke several holes in top of foil. Bake for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake until potatoes are tender, and sauce is golden brown and bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes more, re-covering with foil to prevent excess browning if necessary. Let stand for 30 minutes.

## Harvest Pork Roast

This delicious pork roast is even better with the addition of squash and apples. If you add the cranberries, you have a colorful meat dish for any meal.

1 boneless pork loin roast (4 lbs)  
1 T. plus 1/4 C. olive oil  
1 t. salt  
1/2 t. pepper  
3 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced  
1 butternut squash (3 to 4 lbs.)  
4 large apples, peeled and

each cut into 8 wedges  
1 C. dried cranberries  
1/2 C. packed brown sugar  
Preheat oven to 350. Rub pork with 1 T. olive oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, sear pork until browned on all sides, 7 to 9 minutes. Place in a roasting pan; top with garlic. And cover; place in oven. Toss squash, apples, berries, brown sugar and remaining olive oil. Remove pork from oven after 30 minutes; add squash mixture. Return to oven and roast uncovered 40 to 50 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Drizzle pork with pan juices after slicing. Serve with roasted squash mixture.

## Pumpkin Layer Cake

If you are looking for a beautiful Thanksgiving pumpkin dessert, this layer cake will make everyone happy. Put it on a cake stand and it makes for a great table decoration. The cream cheese frosting finishes off this tasty dessert.

3 C. flour, plus more for dusting  
2 t. baking soda  
1 1/2 t. pumpkin pie spice  
1/2 t. salt  
1 1/2 C. sugar  
1/2 C. packed light brown sugar  
1 C. oil  
3 eggs at room temperature  
1 T. vanilla  
1 can (15 oz.) pure pumpkin

## Frosting

2 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened  
10 T. butter, softened  
1 T. vanilla  
6 C. powdered sugar  
Preheat the oven to 350. Coat two 9-inch round cake pans with cooking spray and dust with flour. In a separate bowl, whisk the flour, baking soda, pie spice, and salt; set aside. Combine the sugars and oil in a large bowl and beat with a mixer on medium spread until combined, about 2 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in the va-

nilla. Add the flour mixture in 3 batches, alternating with the pumpkin in 2 batches, mixing between each addition until the batter is smooth.

Divide the batter between the cake pans. Tap the pans on the counter 8 to 10 times to remove any air bubbles. Bake the cakes until a toothpick inserted into the centers comes out clean, 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool in the pans for 15 minutes. Remove the cakes to a rack and let cool completely.

Frosting: beat the cream cheese, butter, and vanilla in a large bowl with a mixer on medium speed until smooth and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Beat in the powdered sugar, 1 cup at a time, until smooth, about 3 minutes. If the tops of the cakes are domed, trim them with a long-serrated knife to make them level. Place 1 cake on a plate stand or platter. Spread with about 2 C. frosting on first layer and spread over top. Place the second layer on top and spread the remaining frosting over the top and sides of the cake.

## Final Thoughts


I mentioned at the beginning of this column that we had a lot of children on our street for Halloween. The Village of Lena closed the streets of Mason and Oak. It was great because no one had to worry about cars, trucks, and any other motorized vehicles. The many kids on those two streets had a great time just being kids. I was so impressed with how well behaved they were and the parents that were with them. Almost every one of

them said thank you for their candy. We have hope for the future. I would also like to add that although the costumes were great, I am out of the loop as to what was "in" for the many characters depicted. Thanks to my helper who was a real trooper handing out hundreds of pieces of candy. We are looking forward to next year.

I am looking forward to the Beef and Noodle dinner which I will be eating on the day the paper comes out. Hats off to all those wonderful noodle makers who use their talents to feed so many of us. I am so glad we are able to have it once again. If you are planning on having a traditional turkey dinner this year, I hear every day about the price of turkeys and all the fixings. We must decide if we want to go with tradition or do something different this year. I have a friend whose family is scattered and will be there on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. They are planning on pizza. It doesn't really matter what we eat, we just are grateful to be together.

If you are doing some fall cooking and if you have some good vegetable, apple, or pumpkin recipes for the season, send them our way. If you have some good Thanksgiving dishes, we would like you to share them. Or if you have enjoyed this column for many years, let me know that too. You can contact us in person, by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, Shopper's Guide at 240 W. Main St. or email us at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com.





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# Mountain lions on the move through Illinois, not here to stay

Mountain lions have been on the move this fall with two confirmed sightings of animals in northern and central Illinois. Large predators occasionally pass through Illinois but are not here to stay.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reported on Oct. 17 that a mountain lion, also known as cougars, had been struck and killed by a vehicle on I-88 in Dekalb County.

Another young male mountain lion was tranquilized by the IDNR on Oct. 28 on the western edge of Springfield and relocated to a sanctuary in Indiana.

Officials had been tracking its movements through a GPS collar that was attached last fall by researchers in Nebraska.

Mountain lions are protected and it is unlawful to hunt, kill or harass them unless they pose an imminent

threat to a person or property, which is rare.

Black bears, wolves, and cougars are rare but not unheard of in Illinois. These large predators were extirpated from Illinois in the late 1800s as natural habitats changed and white-tailed deer were hunted nearly to extinction in the Midwest. The big cats have regularly reappeared over the past few decades, with many sightings coming from the increased public use of trail cameras.

"These animals periodically wander into our state which is exciting, but most of Illinois does not have the habitat to support populations so they will continue to move on," says Peggy Doty, University of Illinois Extension natural resources,

environment, and energy educator.

Doty recently led a program, available at [go.illinois.edu/ILlargepredators](http://go.illinois.edu/ILlargepredators), about the return of apex predators exploring behaviors, ranges, and identification.

Mountain lions, also known as cougars and pumas, were historically found across North America but are now primarily in the western states.

Young male mountain lions wander large distances as they look for a forested territory of their own. Their minimum home range is about 70 square miles.

DNA testing of cougars previously found in Illinois showed they were originally from the Black Hills in South Dakota.

"Apex predators are cru-

cial to maintaining the overall health of natural systems," Doty says. "Illinois now has a large population of white-tailed deer due in part to the lack of predators."

While predators are an important part of the ecosystem and research from the Illinois Natural History Survey shows people in Illinois have a neutral stance on their recolonization, Doty says there are no plans to reintroduce them to the state.

Illinois does not have sufficient habitat to support stable populations of these large predators. Southern Illinois has the most contiguous forest in the state but still could not support many mountain lions, says Joy O'Keefe, University of Illinois Natural Resources and

Environmental Sciences Assistant Professor and Extension wildlife specialist.

To coexist with large cats and other predators is a matter of tolerating them during the periods when they visit our state.

"We'll need to learn how to live with them during the periods when they move through — adopting anti-predator behaviors, such as keeping pets and children indoors or under supervision if near locations where the animals are seen," O'Keefe says.

The public can report wildlife sightings at [www.wildlifeillinois.org/sightings](http://www.wildlifeillinois.org/sightings). More information about mountain lions is also available on the Wildlife Illinois website at [www.wildlifeillinois.org](http://www.wildlifeillinois.org).

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The closing date for receipt of sealed bids at Village Hall is 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

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# Madigan, McClain enter not guilty pleas

## 23-count indictment alleges bribery schemes involving ComEd, AT&T

By Peter Hancock  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and his longtime political ally Michael McClain entered not guilty pleas last week to bribery and corruption charges involving utility giant Commonwealth Edison and telecommunications company AT&T Illinois.

Both were charged previously in the ComEd scandal, but federal prosecutors last month added new charges involving AT&T after that company entered a deferred prosecution agreement and agreed to pay a \$23 million fine.

ComEd entered a similar agreement in July 2020 and agreed to pay a \$200 million fine.

In those agreements, the companies admitted they engaged in yearslong schemes to influence Madigan by making payments or awarding jobs and contracts to his associates in exchange for favorable legis-

lation.

In the case of AT&T, the alleged payments to a Madigan associate were aimed at influencing Madigan to support passage of a 2017 "carrier of last resort," or COLR, bill that gives the company the opportunity to opt out of a requirement that it offer landline service to any customer in its service territory who requests it, if approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

In the case of ComEd, that involved the 2011 Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act, which established a formula-based system of setting utility rates that effectively bypassed the Illinois Commerce Commission. It also involved the 2016 Future Energy Jobs Act, which, among other things, provided ratepayer-funded subsidies to two nuclear power plants owned by ComEd's parent company Exelon.

The 23-count indictment, which was unsealed Oct. 14, charges both men with multiple counts of bribery, racketeering, wire fraud and use of interstate commerce facilities to carry out illegal activity.

Both Madigan and McClain waived their rights to appear at the arraignment, which was conducted by teleconference in federal court in Chicago.

Their not guilty pleas were entered by their attorneys.

Madigan has consistently denied any wrongdoing, saying the alleged bribes had no influence on his legislative decisions, and he has defended the utility legislation as good public policy.

His arraignment came exactly one week before the Nov. 8 general election in which Re-

publicans are hoping to make gains in the General Assembly by tying Democratic incumbents to the so-called "Madigan Machine."

During a news conference following the arraignment, House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, wouldn't predict how many

seats, if any, Republicans stand to gain in the election, but he said there needs to be an effective check against Democratic power in the General Assembly.

"Our caucus is working very hard, but Illinoisans need a balance of power," he said. "They need to see some type of, you

know, checks and balances in the House of Representatives."

**Editor's note:** This story has been updated to more accurately reflect the nature of AT&T's admitted attempts to influence and reward former House Speaker Michael Madigan in exchange for favorable legislation.

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Donald J. Rowan  
the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Jo Daviess County, Illinois, as Document No. 402115; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Kathy Phillips  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Jo Daviess County  
Courthouse

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on or before December 9, 2022, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.  
CODILIS &  
ASSOCIATES, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
15W030 North Frontage  
Road, Suite 100  
Burr Ridge, IL 60527  
(630) 794-5300  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
STEPHENSON COUNTY  
IN PROBATE  
In Re the Matter of the  
Estate of:  
Betty J. Duray,  
Deceased.

No. 22-PR-89  
**NOTICE FOR  
PUBLICATION -  
CLAIMS**  
Notice is given of the death of Betty J. Duray, of Freeport, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 27, 2022, to:

Ronnie L. Pohl  
11754 N. Gobeli Rd.  
Winslow, IL 61089  
AND  
Jody R. Miller  
1225 5th St.  
Monroe, WI 53566  
as independent co-Executors of the Estate of Betty J. Duray, whose attorney is  
Anthony V. Coon  
Attorney At Law  
10 N. Galena Ave.,  
Ste. 210

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Stephenson County Courthouse, 15 N. Galena Avenue, Freeport, Illinois 61032, or with the representative(s), or both, on or before May 19, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative(s) and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Date: October 31, 2022  
Ronnie L. Pohl &  
Jody R. Miller,  
Co-Executors  
By: Anthony V. Coon  
Anthony V. Coon,  
#6269568  
Attorney At Law  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE 15TH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF  
STEPHENSON  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE OF:  
JON PAUL LORENZ,  
Deceased.

CASE NO. 2022 PR 53  
**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of JON PAUL LORENZ, of Rockford, County of Winnebago, and State of Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 to KRISTA LORENZ as Administrator. KRISTA LORENZ's attorney is VELLA & LUND, P.C., by ANDREW VELLA, 401 West State Street, Suite 300, Rockford, Illinois, 61101.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at STEPHENSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, Probate Division, 15 N. Galena Ave., Freeport, IL or with the representatives, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first date of Publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

KRISTA LORENZ,  
Administrator  
By: Andrew Vella  
ANDREW VELLA,  
her attorney  
ROGER B. KELLERMAN  
ARDC No. 6229559  
VELLA & LUND, P.C.  
401 West State Street,  
Suite 300  
Rockford, Illinois  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE PEARL CITY PARK DISTRICT

The Pearl City Park District has the following vacancies for the upcoming Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023

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**One (1) Commissioner 6 year unexpired term, expires 2027**

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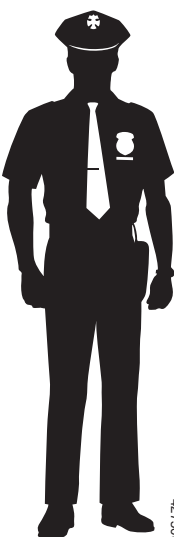
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**The duties include but are not limited to:** Managing reservations for rentals of our facilities, Working with the coordinators of our various leagues and activities to manage schedules, taking payments, and other related tasks, Working with other community groups to increase the park's offerings, General cleaning of park facilities, Reporting to maintenance staff any items that need to be repaired, Purchase and manage supplies for the park, Monitor the park's FOB access and security camera systems, Attend park board meetings and provide monthly reports

**A qualified candidate will have the following attributes:** Self-motivated/self-starter, Basic level abilities with office computing and software, Good people skills, particularly dealing with the public as well as with children, Be excited to create new programs and opportunities for our taxpayers to enjoy our parks, Basic mechanical and maintenance abilities a plus

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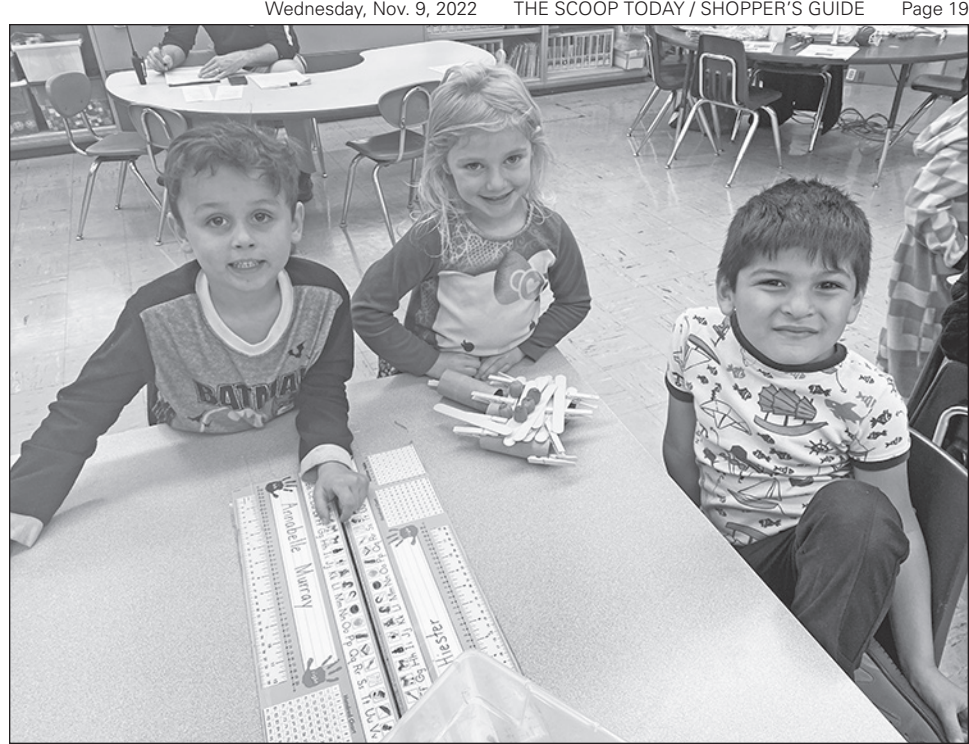
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Pearl City students in Ms. Boyer's High School Spanish class spent some time with the Pearl City Kindergarten students to teach them about Day of the Dead, a Mexican holiday and celebration. The high school students did a writing activity and decorated skull cookies with the elementary students.



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Mr. Allen's kindergarten students spent the week working on a S.T.E.M. project. The students were to make a bridge from basic materials that could hold weight and withstand wind forces. Jordan, Annebelle, and Julian worked together to get their bridge ready for the test. Their bridge passed!



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Dylan Olvera helps Amalia Caswell on her classroom Project in Mrs. Bunker's kindergarten room as part of their Day of the Dead project.

## Pearl City School news



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Aubrianna Mefford helps her sister Cora Pickard during buddy reading time in Mrs. Merboth's first grade class.



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Pearl City first graders from Mrs. Merboth's room read their books to their sixth-grade buddies from Mrs. Rauch and Mrs. Scott's rooms. The students loved reading to the older students and showing off their abilities. Lucy Voss helps Riley Rauch read through her story.

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Larry Buchenau was escorted by his son, Dan Buchenau as he was recognized for 50 years of membership in the Lena Masonic Lodge.

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