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The Elizabeth Dance Center float participates in the "Diamond Jubilee" parade on Saturday, Sept. 7 in downtown Lena. The parade was part of the Lena Lions Fall

Festival which featured live entertainment, carnival rides, delicious food, raffles, and more.

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Heat wave ignites crop maturation process, sparks concerns

By Daniel Grant
FARMWEEK
After an unseasonably cool start to the grain fill period, a blast of hot air the last week of August kicked the crop maturation process into overdrive.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported 10 percent of the corn crop was mature and 62 percent was denting in Illinois as of Aug. 26, which was ahead of the average pace by 7 and 15 points, respectively.

Meanwhile, 93 percent of soybeans were setting pods and 6 percent were dropping leaves as of the same date, both well ahead of the average pace across the state.

"Corn has had a pleasant grain fill period, but the 90-(plus)-degree temperatures will speed up maturity," Karen Corrigan, an agronomist with McGillicuddy-Corrigan Agronomics, noted in a recent IL-SoyAdvisor report.

Temperatures in Illinois averaged just 68.7 degrees (4.6 degrees below normal) Aug. 19-26 but heated up well into the 90s with triple-digit heat index readings in many parts of the state to close the month.

"Temperatures this (past) week could push that (crop maturation) along rapidly," said Jeff Guilaner, a FarmWeek CropWatcher from Jersey County. "Soybeans are getting a yellow tone as they begin to mature."



A Mason County cornfield matures as the start of harvest looms near in some areas. A good portion of the Illinois corn crop (10 percent) was already mature as of Aug. 26, which was 7 points ahead of the average pace.

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Guilaner believes harvest in his area could begin near or just after Labor Day weekend as crops continue to progress rapidly. Temperatures were expected to moderate by that time. Other farmers look for harvest to begin later this month around the state.

Champaign County Crop-

Watcher Daniel Herriott reported a similar situation in his area.

"The early maturing corn that was planted in early April is racing to the finish line," he said.

The recent run of hot, dry weather could also slow the spread of some crop diseases, particularly tar spot, according to Corrigan. She advised farmers to note weed escapes to consider for 2025 cropping plans.

But the recent heat and dryness could have a negative impact on some crop yield potential, depending in part on planting dates and previous weather. "Variation in fields is dramatic as the stressed areas really stand out," Guilaner said.

Some areas of the state received rainfall at the peak of the heatwave Aug. 27, including small pockets that received 2-plus inches.

Overall, topsoil moisture was rated 61 percent adequate, 38 percent short to very short and just 1 percent surplus statewide as of Aug. 26. All or parts of 12 Illinois counties in the northeast were rated abnormally dry, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

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Obituaries

JOAN LABUDDE

Joan Ardeth Labudde, age 90, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024, after passing away from a long battle with dementia. She was born on Feb. 19, 1934, in Stockton, IL to Lincoln and Katherine (Stadel) Schubert. She graduated from Dakota High School in 1951. Joan married Robert LaBudde on Sept. 19, 1953; he passed on Jan. 3, 2013.

Joan worked alongside her husband in farming until they retired. Joan was a member of Cedarville Emmanuel Church where she was involved in the Missionary Society, choir, helped serve funeral luncheons, and taught Sunday school for many years. She was involved in Stephenson County Home Extension Unit for many years. She was a Home Economic Superintendent in the Agriculture Department for 25 years at the Stephenson County Fair. She was an avid gardener of vegetables and flowers. She was known for raising gladiolas and other flowers. She was an excellent cook and baker. Her family especially enjoyed her dinner and cinnamon rolls. She loved baking cookies for her grandchildren. Joan showed her flowers, canned goods, and baked goods at the Stephenson County Fair and won many ribbons there. She also enjoyed doing ceramics, crafts, traveling, and square



dancing.

Surviving are her children Craig (Penny) LaBudde of Michigan, Dawn (Larry) Mathiot of Cedarville, Kim (Debbie) LaBudde of Bloomer, WI; five grandchildren Stephanie LaBudde, Nathan (Sarah) Mathiot, Ryan (Cat) Mathiot, Megan LaBudde, Joseph LaBudde; 6 great grandchildren; brother David Schubert; special friend, Mary LaBudde; several nieces & nephews; and sister-in-law, Ethel Ascher of Freeport She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; granddaughter, Katie LaBudde; sisters, Ruth Bennehoff and Sharon Soppe; and brothers, Morris Schubert and Dwight Schubert.

Joan's family would like to thank Walnut Acres and Pleasant View Nursing Home for their wonderful care.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Cedarville Emmanuel Church with Pastor Ralph Taylor presiding. There will be a visitation beginning at 9 a.m. Interment will take place at Cedarville Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in her name. Condolences may be shared at www.walkermortuary.com.

GARY L. FULTON

Gary L. Fulton, 76 of Warren passed away on September 5, 2024. He was born on December 24, 1947 in Savannah to Ralph and Doris Fulton. Gary was a Navy veteran, member of ARUMC and worked many pancake days with the Apple River Lions Club.

He married Nancy Bruun on November 23, 1968.

GF enjoyed a good cup of coffee, a comfortable recliner, and a challenging crossword puzzle.

He is survived by his three children. Two homemade, Sara (Curt) Wybourn, Warren, and one ready made Jason (Oni) Fulton, Oak Harbor, Washington. Seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, siblings Patty, Mary Jo, Donnie, Debbie, Kevin, and sister-in-



law's, Jeanette, Susan, and Rosie. Alongside all of them, Gary and his late wife Nancy devoted a significant part of

their lives to fostering over 40 children in their time of need.

Proceeded in death by his wife Nancy, his parents Ralph and Doris, siblings Ruth, David, Mark, Jeff, and brother-in-law's Tommy, Norman, and Steve.

Services will be Friday, September 13, 2024 at Apple River United Methodist Church. Visitation at 10:30 a.m. and Celebration of Life, is at 11:30 a.m., officiated by Pastor Matt Smith, with luncheon to follow.

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Secretary of state enlists high schoolers to encourage organ donation

Pritzker, Commonwealth Edison tout electric vehicle infrastructure program

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The secretary of state's office is launching a new program to enlist Illinois high schoolers to promote organ donation.

The organ and tissue donation registry, a voluntary database administered by the secretary of state, catalogs peoples'

wishes regarding organ donation after death.

On Sept. 3, Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulis announced his office was creating the Life-saving Education and Awareness on Donation, or LEAD, program, which will designate student "ambassadors" for organ and tissue donation.

"Today you have an opportunity, without impacting your lives at all, to truly save lives," Giannoulis told students at a news conference.

These students, under the supervision of a faculty member at their high school, will create awareness campaigns and engage in other efforts to support

donor registrations, particularly among young people.

Students in the new program will be eligible for service-hour credits that can fulfill volunteering requirements at some schools and honors programs. Students who volunteer 20 hours to the program will receive a certificate from the secretary of state.

These volunteer activities might include operating registration tables at schools, passing out awareness pins, writ-

ing newsletters or articles for school papers, or speaking at community events.

Students and teachers can bring the program to their schools by going to the organ donation program's website LifeGoesOn.com.

Teen organ donor registration has expanded since 2018, when a state law opened the donor registry to 16- and 17-year-olds.

Despite this, Illinois has experienced a 38 percent decrease

in the number of new organ donor registrations among 16- to 21-year-olds over the past 10 years with 2023 seeing the lowest registrations in the decade, according to Giannoulis' office.

"We don't really have the data to inform us as to why it is," Giannoulis said. "We've looked at it, thought about it, and there are a million contributing factors."

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Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Sept. 15 for Quilt Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Mark 8:27-38.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18 the Peace Corps Quilting group will meet from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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 seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. It is Rally Sunday, so we will be having Sunday School and a Confirmation meeting. Join us on Facebook if you can't make it in person.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play cards and dominoes on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. and play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, October 1st at 9 a.m.

The September Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Sept. 15. It will include meatloaf,

mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O, and chocolate chip cookies. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Sept. 15. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Sept. 12. The meal is funded through the generosity of a grant received by The Foundation of Northwest Illinois, a grant from the Pearl City Lions Club, and through donations.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 7:30 a.m. at the Garden View Restaurant in Lena.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Sept. 12 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.

New Vine Community Church of Lena

New Vine Community Church of Lena (NVCC) invites all to join in worship led by Pastor Doug Carroll on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Coach's Golf Grill Gymnasium (621 West Lena St). All services are live streamed on our Facebook page. For recordings and information please visit our Facebook page and website (www.NewVineLena.com).

NVCC will be having a Pre-harvest Blessing on Sept. 15, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the Kryder Farm (15812 W Howardville Rd, Lena, IL 61048). Please join us in a blessing before the harvest season. We will have hotdogs, chips, root beer floats, and a wagon ride. We encourage you to bring your own chair, stories, and your antique tractor. Please contact Randy Kryder for information on bringing your tractor at 815-541-5434.

The Lena United Methodist Church

The Lena United Methodist Church will host a Lena Love Feast Dinner for the public on Oct. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meal and event are free, however, anyone attending must respond before Sept. 30. RSVP by calling the church office at 815-369-5291 or email umclena@gmail.com. Please provide a name, number of people attending, and phone number. This event will be held at the Lena United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall.

News briefs

The Freeport Salvation Army

The Freeport Salvation Army has a need for coats, winter clothes and winter items, hygiene items, and bedding. All donations stay local and are given to individuals and families. The local Salvation Army of Freeport serves Jo Davis, Ogle, Carroll and Stephenson counties.

Lena American Legion Auxiliary

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Legion Home. Tray favors for the veterans will be made. Dues will be collected and can be paid at any time. Each membership is impactful and appreciated. Julia Moore will oversee the social hour.

McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary is preparing for the 5th annual troop

care package project and is seeking addresses of active military personnel stateside or deployed. These addresses can be emailed to mcconnauxiliary@gmail.com or call Pat at 815-266-1165 or Terri at 815-541-6792. Addresses must be received no later than Nov. 8, 2024. All addresses are kept confidential.

Stockton Homecoming parade floats

Stockton's homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. If your business or group would like to have a float in the parade, please contact Deb Sullivan at Stockton High School, 815-947-3323. The last day to sign up is Sept. 20.

Blackhawk Unit of SCAHCE

The September meeting of the Blackhawk Unit of SCAHCE will be held Sept. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Pearl City Library. Roll call will be, "Share a Roll Call from

the Past". Jo Wenzel will give the lesson from July on "Jell-O-History" and Judy Shippee will give the September lesson on "Estate Planning 101". Raffle items will be brought by Colleen Brown and Paula Gerke. There will be an election of officers for the coming year as they are due into the office by Oct. 1, 2024. All are welcome to join.

Current needs for the Stephenson County VA Pantry

Items needed include body wash, hand soap, Depends, socks, paper towels, cans of fruit, tuna packets. Donations can be brought to the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 316 W. Main St., Lena. Donations are greatly appreciated. This list is immediate needs; however other items will always be accepted. Please call 815-369-4684 with any questions.

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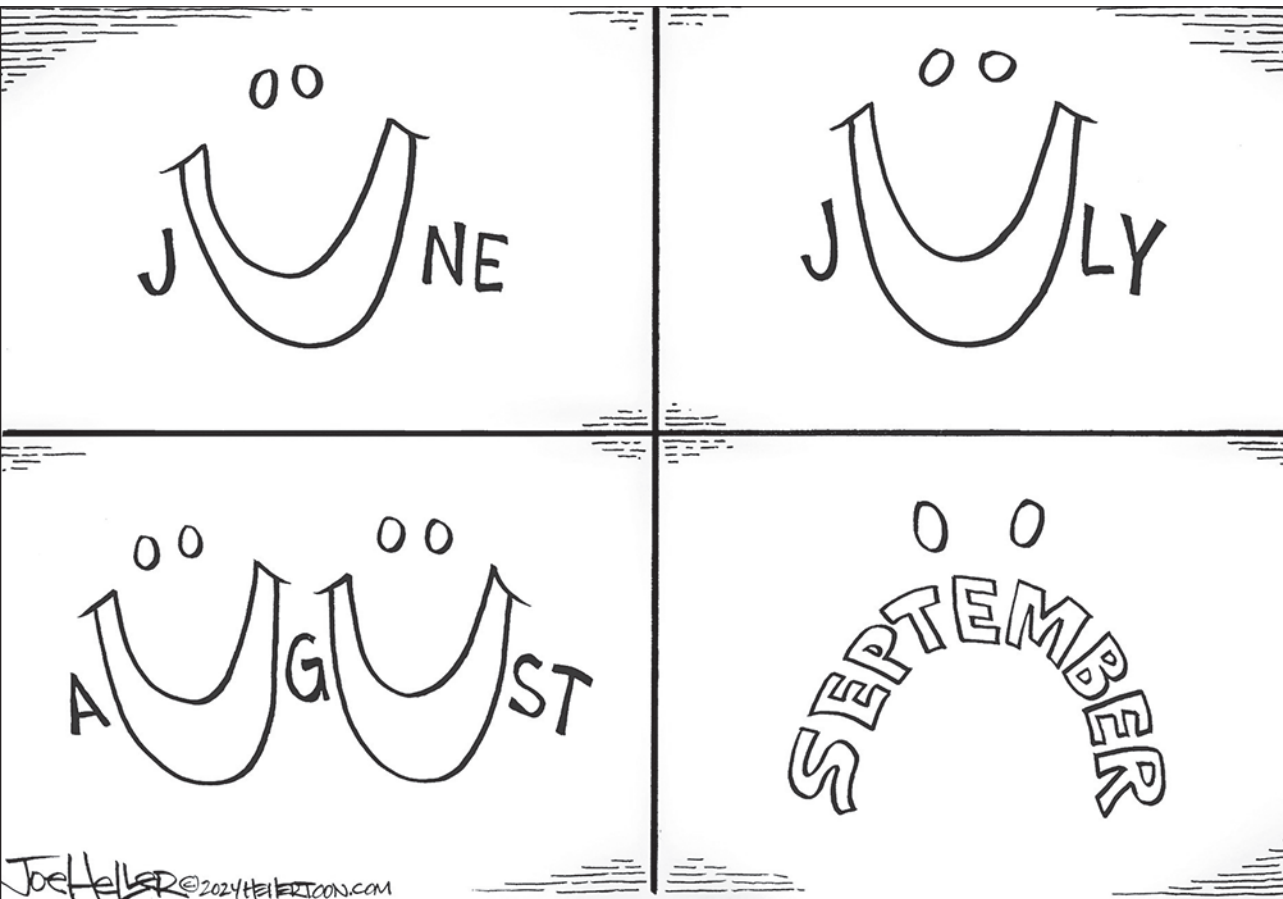
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Weekly connection

Cub fan for life

I have to say that in 2016 we Cub fans were able to put to rest over a century of frustration as we watched them finally win the World Series in seven games over the Cleveland Indians. That game seven was quite the thrill as they were finally able to win it in ten innings and claim the crown. I remember as a boy cringing every summer as the Cubs managed to stay close for a while only to blow it down the stretch and miss the playoffs. 1969 was especially painful as they



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

had like a four-game lead over the Miracle Mets going into September and lost it the final week of the season. The Mets went on to win the World Series. Then in 1984 the Cubs finally made the playoffs, and

it seemed they were going to win the Pennant over the Padres, but after going up two games to none they somehow lost three straight and were eliminated. They were back in the playoffs again in 89 and 98 but lost both of those series as well. It seemed like they were never going to make their run. Then in 2003 at long last I thought for sure they were going to be in the World Series, but they lost game 6 when a fan deflected a sure foul ball flyout that turned into a bunch of runs that cost them the game. Then they lost game seven and missed the Series once again. In '07 and '08 they were back in the playoffs again but sadly lost each of those years. They were close but no cigar each time.

They were back in 2015 and actually won a couple playoff rounds for the first time that year, but came up just a little bit short. Finally in 2016 they were able to erase all those tough years as they actually won the World Series for the first

time since 1908. I remember staying up very late on that November night holding my breath as Mike Montgomery induced a ground out to Kris Bryant for the third out in the bottom of the tenth inning to seal the victory. After so many disappointing years, it was amazing to witness something so many people never got to see, including a bunch of my relatives, the Cubs winning the World Series.

They were actually back in the playoffs again three of the next four years but were only able to win one round. Then they decided to break the team apart and rebuild after the 2020 season. They are slowly working their way back. This year they even stole the Brewers long time successful manager who led them to the playoffs five of the past six seasons. That didn't seem to accomplish much as I watched them struggle from a distance this season until the month of August rolled around and

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Letter to the editor

Congratulations to Jeri Stroh for 20 years of a great column! Keep it up for another 20, or at least 10 or 15... I don't have a recipe to offer, but I have been told one can bake a whole squash in the oven. They are so hard to cut when raw, this is certainly easier.

May God continue to bless you,

Nancy Albrecht

Slices of life

Back to the babies

We all started out in the same way. As babies. But what would it be like to go back?

Imagine being a baby. I've thought about this a few times, while watching my grands navigate their way through this world. I imagine myself in their tiny tottering shoes - or bodies, so to speak.

And I realize, with what I know now, it wouldn't be easy to be a baby again. The dust bunnies themselves could prove formidable.

But beyond that, living a toddler-sized life on an adult-sized planet might be frustrating. And intimidating. Overwhelming. And scary.

Babies are helpless, powerless, weak and vulnerable. The routine of their days revolves around being hungry, sleepy and wet.

It could be a poopy time of life, and it is, but it isn't. Because babies are born optimists. For them, it comes naturally—both pooping and optimism. The glass and the diaper are both half full, so to speak.

They allow us to pick them up, trusting that we won't drop them on the floor.

They cry, hoping we will answer their call.

They smile, knowing their charm, while young and new, is one of their best assets.

They coo and laugh and when we coo and laugh back at them, they coo and laugh some more.

They wrap their tiny hands around our finger, understanding that human connections are something to hang onto.

We introduce new foods and they open their mouths to accept the green beans because they trust us.

We dress them each day, and they don't give a thought to the idea they might be too cold or too hot.

They naturally give eye contact because it's the best way to connect with others.

They imitate our vocalizations because it seems important, and they want to be like us.

They imitate us in general, because they realize it is what they need to do to fit in and learn the ways of the world.

They reach their arms out



By **JILL PERTLER**
Columnist

to us, because they trust we will pick them up.

We strap them into a car seat. It's uncomfortable, but they trust that we know what we are doing and where we are going (even though this often isn't the case).

When they are learning to talk their first words are often "dada" and "mama" because they need those people the most.

When they learn to walk, they take their first steps toward us. Reaching out for our protective hug. For our clapping hands and for our approval.

In some ways, for me, the whole walking analogy correlates to the rest of life. Babies learn to walk, reaching their arms toward you, and then soon, they learn they can balance on their own and they turn away to walk and run, and skip and hop all on their own.

In some ways, as soon as they learn to walk, they begin walking away.

And that is exactly how it is meant to be.

We are gifted with babies. They are born helpless and hapless. In the best of circumstances, they learn they can count on others.

They learn to trust in us.

And then they learn to walk and run and to trust in themselves.

They grow up and grow away and that is what you wanted and what you dreaded all in the same sentence.

It doesn't end there. Because babies go from being helpless and hapless to being self-sufficient and secure and then they have babies of their own. And when your babies have babies?

That, my friends, is what it is all about.

Insider fact: it's pretty amazing.

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The Scoop and Shopper's Guide

Program's aim: Make LGBTQ+ seniors safe in Illinois when seeking help

By Carolyn Austin

A new state-funded program will help older Illinoisans feel more comfortable and more confident they can openly and safely be who they are, at a time when violence and abuse are growing.

OUTSafe: The LGBTQ+ Older Adult Violence Prevention Training Program is a partnership between the state and agencies serving seniors across Illinois to extend a warmer welcome to LGBTQ+ seniors by helping service providers better understand and meet their needs as they age.

They point to examples like one central Illinois man, who struggled as he moved into a long-term care facility.

"When he moved into that community, he had to go back in the closet for fear of retaliation or discrimination," said my colleague, Scott Linde, one of the OUTSafe training program's developers. "And he lived there for six years as a straight man. And thank goodness his daughter bought a duplex and she let him move in on the other side. So he escaped that."

He's far from alone.

The U.S. Department of Justice reports hate crimes based on sexual orientation in Illinois increased by



Carolyn Austin

almost seven times from 2020 to 2022, and hate crimes based on gender identity increased by more than four times during that period.

Nearly 5 percent of Illinois' population is LGBTQ+, but exact numbers on the senior population is unclear because many fear they will be treated differently as they leave their homes for assisted care. Emotional abuse, financial exploitation, and physical abuse are among the most common concerns.

OUTSafe aims to take the issue head on. The program was developed by our organization, AgeLinc, the Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland serving central Illinois, and a number of partners who serve LGBTQ+ seniors. A state grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority was championed by state Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield.

OUTSafe offers free competency and sensitivity training to law enforcement, health care, social service, and other providers who engage with LGBTQ+ seniors. They learn about the most appropriate way to address terms and language

unique to the community, and how to provide assurances these older adults will be safe, supported and respected when they are seeking help.

The training is intended to be an introductory course on violence prevention and cultural competency, and we are reaching out statewide now to agencies that might be interested in helping us train hundreds of workers in the coming months.

Our goal is simple, because we know embracing and supporting LGBTQ+ seniors is easier today than in the past. But we must be clear: It might be easier, yet it is not easy. They have very understandable fear and anxiety about what comes next when they are out.

We hope the training helps raise public awareness of the unique needs of LGBTQ+ seniors, so they no longer have to feel victimized or invisible like the central Illinois man who was part of our local PrideLinc group before he felt pressured to be someone he is not. We cannot sit silently any longer.

We encourage anyone interested in our training to learn more at: <https://agelinc.org/lgbt-support/>.

Carolyn Austin is CEO of AgeLinc (Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland) in Springfield.

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they got really hot winning a bunch of games. So now going into September they are about four games behind the Mets and the Braves for the wildcard team. We'll have to see what happens, but it's been fun to see them compete once again this year. I guess I didn't realize until I wrote this article how much of a fanatical Cub fan I really am.

You know it's fun to have a favorite team, but what I

really want to be known as is being a fanatical follower of Jesus Christ. The second part of Jeremiah 20:9 says; His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot." I pray that my life reflects my passion for Jesus much more than any earthly passions I might have like following the Cubs. Until next week, God bless.

•Donation (Continued from page 3)

EV expansion

Gov. JB Pritzker and officials from electric utility Commonwealth Edison on Sept. 3 presented the village of Skokie, a Chicago suburb near the city's northwest side, with a \$45,000 rebate check to help fund the village's efforts to "electrify" its vehicle fleet.

It is one of the first municipalities to receive funding through ComEd's beneficial electrification plan. That plan, alongside others outlining the company's efforts to strengthen the electric grid and keep electricity bills manageable, is required by the state's Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.

"Reaching our state's EV goals requires more than just individual consumer choices-it means municipalities, school districts, and other organizations also commit to EVs as we fundamentally reassess the landscape of clean transportation in Illinois," Pritzker said in a news release.

Since launching in February, the company said it has offered rebates for more than 1,600 new charging ports

and 109 new fleet vehicles in northern Illinois.

Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen said that the fleet electrification is part of the village's efforts to encourage electric vehicle adoption.

The village was among the first group of municipalities to participate in the EV Readiness Program at the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. That program lays out actions that cities can take, like changing zoning requirements, parking rules and permitting procedures to make it easier to switch to an electric vehicle.

ComEd's rebate program - and the state law requiring it—is part of the state's broader efforts at encouraging electric vehicle adoption and courting the electric vehicle industry.

Last week, the governor announced the 13th incentive package offered to a company through the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles program. Ymer Technology, a Swedish manufacturing firm specializing in cooling technology, is set to receive \$2.9 million in tax incentives through the program while creating 33 jobs.

Russell Law Offices expands to serve residents of Northwest Illinois

Russell Law Offices, S.C., is pleased to announce its expansion into Northwest Illinois through a merger with Vincent Law Office of Warren, IL. This merger comes as Attorney Mary Vincent transitions into retirement. "Russell Law Offices is honored to continue the remarkable legacy of legal representation that Attorney Mary Vincent and her father have provided to the residents of Warren and Northwest Illinois," said Nathan Russell, Managing Attorney of Russell Law Offices.

Reflecting on her years of service, Attorney Mary Vincent

remarked, "It has been a true honor to serve the residents of Warren. I have cherished the privilege of providing trusted legal services to the community for over forty years, as well as being a part of this community as a volunteer, confidant and friend. I am confident that Russell Law Offices will continue to bring valuable legal services to our area."

The Warren office will be led by Attorney Nathan Russell, a dedicated and experienced legal professional who has demonstrated a commitment to exceptional service in Wisconsin for over fifteen years. "I am excited

to connect with the residents of Illinois and to make our firm a valuable resource in the small-town communities that reflect our roots in Wisconsin," Russell stated. "Additionally, I look forward to honoring the legacy that Attorney Vincent has built in this community."

Russell Law Offices has earned a reputation for excellence, focusing on client-centered advocacy and personalized legal solutions. Nathan Russell, a lifelong resident of Shullsburg, WI, holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Since 2009, he has practiced

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Jo Daviess County Association for Home and Community Education news

The Jo Daviess County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE) welcomed new members during the August meeting. The discussion also included plans for HCE participation in the annual Holiday Market held Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 at the Stagecoach Event Center in Apple River. Barbara James reported that over 1,000 pairs of shoes were collected from units across the county for our recent Shoe Drive Fundraiser.

Meridian members are cooperating with the Warren Library and CUSD #205 elementary teachers throughout September. Grades one through five will each get a chance to review library rules

and participate in a story and reading time. Each grade will also be working on a special project while they are there.

If interested in learning more about the local Jo Daviess County HCE Unit, please join the monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room at 600 West Jefferson St. in Warren. The lesson for September is from RADA Cutlery: Knife Skills for People Who Cook (or those who would like to). Other activities scheduled for September include attending a play at Timber Lake and a Multi County HCE meeting in Freeport. Please contact Barbara James at 815-594-1012 with any questions.

JDCF announces Monarch Migration event

The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation invites the public to *Miraculous Monarch Migration* at the Wapello Land and Water Reserve, 8642 IL RT 84 South, Hanoi, IL on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will explore the prairie to catch and tag monarch

butterflies who are beginning their fall migration back to Mexico. This event will give people of all ages the chance to become one of thousands of volunteers across North America who monitor the health and dynamics of monarch butterfly populations. You will also

learn about the unique life history of monarch butterflies, the threats that are facing them, and how you can help this endangered species thrive. Free and RSVPs not needed. Subject to weather cancellations. Check JDCF's website or Facebook page for updates.



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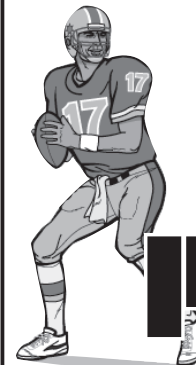


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Little Blackhawks

Pictured are Stockton Elementary's Little Blackhawks for the week. These students are doing great things as they follow the Blackhawk Way!

Forest Management Plan Workshop

Join Chris Evans, University of Illinois Extension Forestry Specialist for a Forest Management Plan Workshop on Saturday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elizabeth Community Building, HWY 20 W. Elizabeth, IL. There will be a \$40 fee to attend this workshop. Pre-registration is required by October 16 to attend the workshop and lunch is included in your registration. To register or for more information please visit us online at go.illinois.edu/jsw or call the Extension Office at 815-858-2273.

Forest management is a way to get the most out of your forest, whether your goals are increasing timber value, wildlife habitat, beauty

and recreation, or just having a healthy forest. Effective forest management starts with a plan.

This workshop will cover how managers and landowners can set goals for their forests, what programs are available to assist in forest management planning, understanding a forest management plan and its recommended practices, and a discussion on the trends and issues facing forests in northwestern Illinois. The day will end with a tour of a managed forest.

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Young Leaders Committee

The Young Leaders Committee will have their next meeting on Sunday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. at the farm bureau office in Elizabeth. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 that has an interest in agriculture is welcome to attend. For more information, call our office at 815.858.2235 or email me at jdcfbmgr@gmail.com.

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countered in 2024, insect challenges, harvesting, and preparing your trees for winter. This program is for those currently growing apples or wanting to add trees for a small orchard as well as those interested in learning more about apple production in Northern Illinois.

Growing Great Apples will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Freeport Pub-

lic Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport, IL. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. Register by calling the University of Illinois Extension at 815-235-4125 or on-line at go.illinois.edu/jsw. This program will also be held in Elizabeth and Rockford. Check our webpage for details about time and location.

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Are you ready to step out into leadership but are not sure how to get started? Join University of Illinois Extension at *Youth Leadership Conference: Youth in Action* to hear from youth who have stepped out into leadership and been successful. Participants will learn how one youth started his own popcorn business; another youth started her own company to help reduce the amount of plastic in the oceans and save

sea turtles, and another youth started his own bee-keeping business. They and others will share what they are doing now, how they got started, and challenges they faced.

Youth Leadership Conference: Youth in Action will occur on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Freeport Public Library, 100 E. Douglas Street, Freeport, IL. Registration is required to attend. Register online at go.

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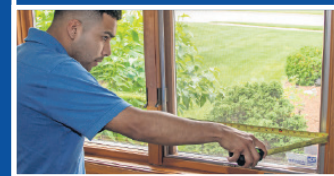
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Schlichting runs Panthers to 2-0 start

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers are back to doing what they do best, which is dominating the gridiron. After welcoming Morrison to the NUIC with a 32-6 victory in week one, the Panthers picked up right where they left off in week two.

For years now, Ric Arand and the Le-Win program have combined a controlling run game with a physical defense. They wear you down on both sides of the ball until you can't take it anymore. The only thing more disheartening than allowing first down after first down, are the long gashing plays that put points on the board.

It didn't take long for that exact scenario to play out when the Panthers took on the Fulton Steamers in week two. Le-Win controlled the ball from start to finish as they ran away with another big victory. Both teams started the season with a bang as they picked up week one victories. Fulton steamrolled their way to a 28-0 victory over Forreston in their season opener. With the Steamers feeling good about their week one performance, they came to Lena with high hopes.

Alec Schlichting was off and running just over two minutes

into the game. The Le-Win junior broke free for a 67-yard rushing touchdown. The big play gave the Panthers an early 6-0 advantage after a failed two-point conversion.

Schlichting surpassed the 100-yard mark before the end of the first quarter. Shortly after his first score, Schlichting set a new record for longest play. This time, the junior running back took the ball 81 yards for his second score of the day. Another failed conversion left Le-Win with a 12-0 lead that held until the end of the first.

Things slowed down after that. The Panther defense remained stout, but the offense was unable to extend their lead. In fact, Fulton made things interesting with a touchdown of their own late in the first half. A one-yard touchdown run allowed the Steamers to make it a one-score game ahead of the break.

Le-Win would prove to be too much in the second half. Just like the opening quarter of the first half, the Panthers came out strong in the second. Just a few minutes into the third quarter, Aiden Wild busted a 38-yard rushing touchdown to pad the lead. Shortly after, Schlichting tallied the hat trick with his third score of the day. This time, Schlichting could catch his breath as he had to run just 15 yards for the

touchdown.

Early quarter scores proved to be crucial for the Panthers. After entering the fourth quarter with a 28-6 lead over Fulton, they went on to quickly expand their lead. This time it was Koby Kearns who had the big play as he ran for a 48-yard touchdown less than two minutes into the final quarter.

With the game already in hands, there was no better way to cap things off than to let Schlichting get another one. Not only did he tally his fourth touchdown of the game, but it was his third scoring play of 60 yards or more. With just under eight minutes left in the game, Schlichting took it 60 yards on the dot, putting his team up 44-13.

Le-Win had excellent blocking all day to open up the lanes, but it was Schlichting whose name was left all over the scoresheet. In total, he led the Panthers with 287 yards and four touchdowns. Wild rushed for one 104 yards and a score of his own. Kearns finished the day with 54 yards and a score as the Panthers combined for 469 rushing yards.

Le-Win returns home in week three when they play host to the Stockton Blackhawks. Stockton comes into the matchup with a 1-1 record. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13.



LENA WINSLOW VOLLEYBALL FACEBOOK PHOTO Rock Valley Publishing

The Le-Win volleyball took second place at the Oregon Volleyball Tournament held Sept. 6-7. The Panthers won each of their first four matchups but lost to Erie in the championship. Team members Alyssa Daughenbaugh and Eden Dietz made the all-tournament team. Congratulations!

Panthers fall to Blackhawks in early volleyball season matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

When the Lena-Winslow Panthers played host to the Stockton Blackhawks on Sept. 5, it was just the second game of the season for Le-Win. It was also a week after their first game, a 2-0 victory over East Dubuque.

Stockton entered the game already holding a good amount of varsity experience under their belts. Not only did the Blackhawks complete a handful of mid-week matchups, but they saw plenty of competition at this year's Galena Tournament. After Stockton took third place at the tourney, they brought an overall record of 7-1 into the matchup with Le-Win.

The early season experience appeared to play a factor on the court. Stockton wasted little time in putting the Panthers away, winning both sets by the same score of 25-16. The Panthers struggled to find an answer for Stockton's big hitter, Madi Mammoser, who racked up eight kills on the night. That's more than double the number of kills anyone from either team had on the night. Mia Diffenderfer found a few gaps in the Stockton defense as she led the Panthers with four kills. Eden Dietz was right behind her with three.

Rachael Setterstrom provided some resistance around the net for Le-Win. Setterstrom

had two solo blocks to lead the team. Alyssa Daughenbaugh and Shaylen Smith were they only other Panthers to tally a block in the game. Setterstrom's defensive efforts went unmatched, as she also tied for the team lead with eight digs. Lila Grindley was the other Panther with eight digs on the night.

Following the loss to Stockton, the Panthers went on to compete in this year's Oregon Volleyball Tournament. There, Le-Win faced off with Mendota, South Beloit, Stillman Valley, Durand, and Erie-Prophetstown. The Panthers won each of their first four matchups of the tournament, including a 2-0 sweep over the Durand Bulldogs. The Panthers won by scores of 25-22 and 28-26, propelling them into the championship round of the tournament.

Le-Win ran into a red-hot Erie-Prophetstown team in the championship game. Le-Win took it down to the wire, but they eventually fell to Erie-Prophetstown 2-1, giving the Panthers a second-place finish.

The Panthers have a conference game scheduled for this week. On Thursday, Sept. 12 Le-Win is set to face off with the Pearl City Wolves in Lena. Both teams are off to solid starts to the 2024 season as the Wolves are 4-2, while the Panthers are 5-2.

State law banning concealed carry on public transit ruled unconstitutional

Limited ruling applies only to plaintiffs; both sides considering next steps

By Peter Hancock
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

A federal judge in Rockford has declared a state law banning concealed firearms on public transit systems unconstitutional—at least as it applies to four individuals who challenged it in court.

But the law remains in effect for everyone else as the

parties in the case consider their next steps.

In a decision released Aug. 30, Judge Iain D. Johnston said under current U.S. Supreme Court standards, the law violates the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

"After an exhaustive review of the parties' filings and the

historical record, as required by Supreme Court precedent, the Court finds that Defendants failed to meet their burden to show an American tradition of firearm regulation at the time of the Founding that would allow Illinois to prohibit Plaintiffs—who hold concealed-carry permits—from carrying concealed handguns

for self-defense onto the CTA and Metra," he wrote.

Johnston cited the 2022 Supreme Court decision, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, which struck down a century-old law in New York requiring individuals to show "proper cause" for needing to carry a firearm before they could be issued a concealed carry permit.

The Illinois case challenged a portion of the state's 2013 Firearm Concealed Carry Act, which allows certain individuals to obtain permits to carry concealed firearms in many public places.

But the law also lists several prohibited areas where it remains illegal to carry concealed weapons, including "Any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds."

Four individuals who hold concealed carry permits filed suit in 2022 to challenge the law, saying it prevented them from carrying their firearms

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This week we are supposed to have warm weather again. Last weekend it was really cool. There was no rain for the weekend attractions, and now we are back to summer weather. This week's features some seasonal recipes and some really different ones. Enjoy the week cooking.

Butternut Squash Coleslaw

This seasonal coleslaw is made up of shredded butternut squash. It mixes the squash with the cabbage slaw. It also adds peppers for a little zing and cranberries and maple syrup for a sweeter dressing. See if you like the combination of different textures.

- 4 C. shredded cabbage
- 4 C. shredded peeled butternut squash
- ½ C. thinly sliced red onion
- ½ C. dried cranberries
- ¼ C. sunflower kernels
- ¼ C. thinly sliced sweet red pepper
- ¼ C. thinly sliced green pepper
- ¼ C. minced fresh parsley
- 3 T. cider vinegar
- 2 T. canola oil
- 2 T. maple syrup
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ t. pepper

Place the cabbage, squash, red onion, cranberries, sunflower kernels, red, and green pepper, and parsley in a large mixing bowl. Whisk together vinegar, oil, syrup, salt, and pepper. Pour over slaw; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, 1 hour before serving.

Cowboy Pasta Salad

This is an interesting and easy to make pasta salad. It has the traditional elements, but has the taco seasoning and the ground beef. The dressing is easy because it is Western Salad dressing.

- 1 pkg. (16 oz.) spiral pasta
- 1 lb. ground beef
- ¾ C. water
- 1 envelope taco seasoning
- 2 C. shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium tomato, chopped
- 2 cans (2½ oz. each) sliced ripe olives, drained
- 1 bottle (16 oz.) Western Salad dressing

Cook pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a skillet, cook beef

over medium heat until no longer pink, breaking meat into crumbles; drain. Add water and taco seasoning; simmer, uncovered for 15 minutes. Rinse pasta in cold water and drain; place in a large salad bowl. Add beef mixture, cheese, green pepper, onion, tomato, and olives; mix well. Add the dressing and toss the coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Beef Enchiladas

The old Red Barn gourmet shop used to have the best beef enchilada sauce. I haven't found one as good until this recipe came along. You can make it as spicy as you want by adjusting the chili powder.

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 T. flour
- 1 T. chili powder
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. garlic powder
- ½ t. cumin
- ¼ t. rubbed sage
- 1 can (14 ½ oz.) stewed tomatoes, cut up

Sauce:

- 1/3 C. butter
- 3 cloves, minced
- ½ C. flour
- 1 can (14½ oz.) beef broth
- 1 can (15 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1 T. chili powder
- 1 t. cumin
- 1 t. rubbed sage
- ½ t. salt
- 10 flour tortillas (6 inches) warmed
- 2 C. shredded Colby Monterey Jack Cheese, divided

Toppings: halved grape tomatoes, minced cilantro, sliced jalapeno peppers, chopped red onion, cubed avocado

Preheat oven to 350. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until beef is no longer pink, 6 to 8 minutes, breaking meat into crumbles; drain. Stir in flour and seasonings. Add tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, for 15 minutes.

In a saucepan, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add garlic; cook and stir 1 minute or until tender. Stir in flour until blended; gradually whisk in broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Stir in tomato sauce and seasoning; heat through. Pour 1½ C. sauce into an ungreased 9 x 13 baking dish. Place about ¼ C. beef mixture off center on each tortilla; top with 1 heaping T. cheese. Roll up and place over sauce, seam side down. Top with remaining sauce. Bake, covered until heated through, 30 to 35 minutes longer. Serve with toppings.

Chicken Amandine

This recipe has all the ingredients of a meal. It has the chicken, the starch and the green beans. You put this together, and you are done for the whole meal.

- ¼ C. chopped onion
- 1 T. butter
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) long grain and wild rice
- 2¼ C. chicken broth
- 3 C. cubed cooked chicken
- 2 C. frozen French-style green beans, thawed
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- ¾ C. slice almonds, divided
- 1 jar (4 oz.) diced pimientos, drained
- 1 t. pepper
- ½ t. garlic powder
- 1 bacon strip, cooked and crumbled

In a large saucepan, sauté onion in butter until tender. Add rice with contents of seasoning packet and broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until liquid is absorbed, about 25 minutes. Uncover; set aside to cool. In a large bowl, combine chicken, green beans, soup, ½ C. almonds, pimientos, pepper and garlic powder. Stir in rice. Transfer to a greased 2½ qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with bacon and remaining ¼ C. almonds. Cover and bake at 350 until heated through, 30 to 35 minutes.

Sock It To Em Cake

This great layered Bundt cake is really a good dessert for fall. I have no idea what the name means, but I wouldn't suggest socking anybody after eating it!

- 3 C. flour
- 1½ t. salt
- 2 t. baking soda
- 2 C. toasted pecans, chopped
- 1/3 C. packed brown sugar
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 1 C. unsalted butter, softened
- 2 C. sugar
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 2 t. vanilla
- 1 container (8 oz.) sour cream

Powdered sugar for dusting
Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 325. Coat Bundt pan with cooking spray and dust with flour. Tap out any excess flour and set Bundt pan aside. In a bowl, whisk 3 C. flour, 1 t. salt and baking soda. In a separate bowl, mix pecans, brown sugar, cinnamon and remaining salt. On medium-high speed, beat butter and sugar, wiping down sides of bowl until fluffy, 3 minutes. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in vanilla; scrape down sides. Add 1/3 of flour mixture and mix on low until

only a few streaks remain. Add half of the sour cream and mix on low until just combined. Continue with remaining flour and sour cream, ending with flour until just a few streaks remaining. Finish folding by hand with spatula. Do not over mix.

Pour half of batter into pan and spread evenly. Sprinkle with pecan mixture over batter. Pour remaining batter over top and spread to cover nut mixture entirely. Bake until golden and a pick inserted near the center comes out clean, 55 to 60 minutes. Let cool in pan for 15 minutes. Run a thin knife down edges of pan to help release cake. Invert cake onto a rack. Let cool. Place cake on serving plate or cake stand. Dust with powdered sugar. Serve with whipping cream.

Apple Pie Cupcakes with Cinnamon Buttercream

If you need a seasonal autumn recipe that starts out fairly easy, this cupcake recipe will fill the bill. The apples have to be tart, so you can use something other than Granny Smith if you have a favorite tart apple. Put these on a cake stand, and you have a beautiful centerpiece.

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- 2 T. butter
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled and finely chopped (4 C.)
- ¾ C. packed brown sugar
- 1 T. cornstarch
- 1 T. water

Frosting

- 1 C. butter, softened
- 3 C. powdered sugar
- 2 T. whipping cream
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1½ t. cinnamon

Thinly sliced apples for garnish
Prepare and bake cake mix according to package directions for 24 cupcakes. Be sure to use cup cake liners. Cool cupcakes completely.

In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Add apples and brown sugar; cook and stir until apples are tender, 10 to 12 minutes. In a small bowl, mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into pan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat; cool completely. Using a paring knife, cut a 1 inch wide cone-shaped piece from the top of each cupcake; discard removed portion of cake. Fill cavity with apple mixture. Frosting: in a large bowl, combine the frosting ingredients; beat until smooth. Frost the cupcakes and top with apple slice.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

CLUES ACROSS

1. Engine additive
4. A type of test
8. Curtail
10. Irish surname
11. The opposite of good
12. Got rid of
13. Central parts of a church building
15. Stylistically
16. Intestinal
17. Negative potential outcomes
18. Lived up to a standard
21. Snag
22. Time units (abbr.)
23. Ad __
24. "Partridge" actress Susan
25. For each
26. __ Paulo, city
27. League titles
34. More intensely black
35. Slang for lovely
36. Petrarch is known for them
37. Old Eurasian wheat
38. Body part
39. Swedish rock group
40. They're worth avoiding
41. Rising and falling of the voice
42. Wings
43. Enzyme import for respiration

CLUES DOWN

1. Idyllic
2. South Pacific island nations
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Boundaries
5. Encircle
6. Weights
7. Samberg is one
9. Sheep sound
10. European country

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12. Respected group of people
14. Trigraph
15. Prosecutors
17. Assign a nickname
19. Huge size
20. Partner to cheese
23. Fastballs
24. Principle underlying the universe
25. Distinct units of sound
26. Title of respect
27. Against
28. Foot (Latin)
29. One point east of due south
30. Concerning the blood
31. Type of pentameter
32. North American peoples
33. Layers of rock
34. Georges ___, French philosopher
36. Lengthy tale

LEGAL NOTICES

Law (Continued from page 10)

for self-defense on mass transit trains and buses in the Chicago metropolitan area. They included Benjamin Schoenthal, of DeKalb County; Mark Wroblewski, of DuPage County; Joseph Vesel, of suburban Cook County; and Douglas Winston, of Lake County.

Johnston's ruling held that the law is unconstitutional, but only as it applies to the four plaintiffs, meaning the law remains in effect for everyone else.

A spokesperson for Raoul, a defendant in the case, said that office would likely appeal the ruling. A spokesperson for Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx, who was also named as a defendant, declined to comment.

Asked about the decision at an unrelated event, Gov. JB Pritzker said he disagreed with Johnston's opinion. He said the rights protected under the Second Amendment are not absolute and that there should be limits on the

kinds of weapons people are allowed to carry and where those weapons should be permitted.

"So it's clear that there are some misguided decisions that get made at the circuit court level, the federal court level, and I'm hoping that it will be overturned along the way, if it has to all the way the Supreme Court," he said. "It will be disappointing if they uphold this. But I'm hopeful that the law that was passed in Illinois a number of years ago, that's frankly done a lot to keep people safe, will be upheld."

In July, the Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal of challenges to the state's 2021 ban on assault-style weapons and large-capacity magazines, at least for the time being. Several lawsuits seek preliminary injunctions to block enforcement of that law while the cases are being tried, but the court said it would not hear those challenges until after the lower courts have conducted their trials.

The first of those trials is scheduled to begin Sept. 16 in U.S. District Court in East St. Louis.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Stephenson - Freeport, ILLINOIS US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust Plaintiff

vs. Shanin J. Solt; et. al Defendant

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vs. Kevin J. Nickel; Unknown owners and Non record claimants Defendant

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Stephenson - Freeport, ILLINOIS
US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust Plaintiff
vs.
Shanin J. Solt; et al Defendant

Sept. 4, 11 & 18, 2024) 460550

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Stephenson - Freeport, ILLINOIS
Planet Home Lending LLC Plaintiff
vs.
Kevin J. Nickel; Unknown owners and Non record claimants Defendant

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CALENDAR NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on October 9, 2024, at the hour 1:30 p.m., Security First Title Company, 205 West Stephenson Street, Freeport, IL 61032, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 89-02-17-08-477-003.

Commonly known as 504 Breezeway Dr., Pearl City, IL 61062.

The real estate is: single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: At sale, the bidder must have 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527. (630) 794-5300. 14-23-06280 IJSC INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13250841

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most often lead to sepsis as well as how it can be prevented, how to recognize sepsis symptoms, and available treatment options.

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FHN Clinical Nurse Leader, Stroke and Sepsis Coordinator Tracy Love, MSN, RN, CNL and Quality Department Clinical Abtractor Kristina Stadermann, BSN, RN will talk about which infections

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Final Thoughts

Fall Festival has wrapped up, the first home volleyball games and football game are behind us, and junior high events are happening everywhere. There is lots of activity in our area. People are making the annual treks to the apple orchards and fall flowers are in bloom. Our weather continues to boomerang between summer and fall. Enjoy the week of apples, squash, plums, and potatoes.

We will be looking for some good squash and apple recipes, so send some favorites our way. If you find some recipes to share, you can contact us by email at scoopshopper@rvpublishing.com. or by mail at From Lena's Kitchens, *The Shopper's Guide* at Rock Valley Publishing, 1102 Ann St., Delavan, WI 53115. Have a great week.

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CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to yoga. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = T)

A. 12 3 26 9 3 7 13
Clue: Elongate the body

B. 21 20 12 9
Clue: Stand in position

C. 12 3 11 4 19 20
Clue: Artistic or athletic space

D. 19 25 12 3 26 11 7 3
Clue: Teach

Answers: A. stretch B. pose C. studio D. instruct

Answers

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PUZZLE 2

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Stockton volleyball improves to 8-1 with victories over Polo, Lena-Winslow

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

After taking second place in this year's Galena Volleyball Tournament, the Stockton Blackhawks added a pair of wins to their record. Stockton opened last week by making the trip to face off with the Polo Marcos on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Two days later, Stockton earned their eighth victory of the season when they traveled to Lena to take on the Lena-Winslow Panthers.

Perhaps the Blackhawks entered the week with a chip on their shoulder. After tak-

ing Galena to the third set in the championship round of their own tournament, the Blackhawks eventually fell by a score of 15-11. Stockton didn't take any chances with third sets when they took on the Marcos and Panthers last week.

The big hitters had an excellent day against the Polo defenders. Madi Mammoser and Katelyn Winters each led the team with six kills. Sophomore Taylor Haas added five kills, and she did so with an 83-hit percentage. Haas was also a force on the defensive

side of the net. With three solo blocks and five total blocks, Haas gave the Polo hitters trouble. Winters was right there with her, adding two solo blocks and four total blocks of her own. Kacy Wright and Mammoser each finished with 11 digs, which tied for the team lead. Emily Broshous was next up with seven. Kacy and Kaydra Wright took turns facilitating the offense. Kaydra led the way with 13 assists, while Kacy wasn't far behind with ten of her own.

The Blackhawks put on an all-around performance as

they swiftly beat the Marcos in their own home. Stockton won both sets by scores of 25-18 and 25-14. The victory improved the Blackhawks' record to 7-1 on the year.

Stockton was set to face off with a bit of a tougher challenge when they traveled to take on the Lena-Winslow Panthers just two days later. Le-Win has gotten off to a 5-2 start in 2024, including a second-place finish in this year's Oregon Tournament. A majority of those games came after their meeting with the Blackhawks, however.

When Stockton and Le-Win faced off, the Blackhawks had already played eight games. Le-Win played just one, and it came a week before they played host to Stockton.

Stockton's chemistry and experience displayed itself on the court. They made quick work of the Panthers, beating them by scores of 25-16 in both sets. It was already the seventh sweep of the season for the Blackhawks.

Mammoser dominated things offensively as she racked up eight kills in the victory. Winters and Emma

Eisfeller each finished with four kills. Broshous had a trio of aces to lead the team from the serve line. Kaydra once again led the team in assists with twelve, while Kacy was just behind her with eight. Defensively, Kacy, Haas, Eisfeller, and Mammoser each tallied a solo block. Broshous led the team in digs with seven, while Kaydra and Winters had four.

On Sept. 17 the Blackhawks get another crack at the Galena Pirates. The game is set to take place in Galena at 5 p.m.

River Ridge-Scales Mound, Stockton golf face off at Eagle Ridge North

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The River Ridge-Scales Mound and Stockton golf teams faced off at Eagle Ridge North Golf Course on Sept. 3. That day, the Wildcat golfers put on an excellent performance as they ran away from the Stockton golfers.

There aren't many small school golf teams with a trio

quite like RR-SM has. Between Camden Flack, Sam Rife, and Joseph Winter, RR-SM has three golfers who are perfectly capable of walking home with a medal finish in any tournament. They proved that on Sept. 3, when they led the way to a 167-211 team victory over Stockton. Winter shot a 40, leading the field to bring home the Varsity

medal. Both Flack and Rife were just behind him as they each shot a 42. Even Derrick Distler danced with a top three finish as he shot a 43 on the day.

RR-SM had four golfers finish ahead of Stockton's leading golfer, Blake Zink. With a 48, Zink finished 12 shots over par. Ethan Steien was the only other Stockton

player to shoot below a 50 as he finished with a 49.

Consistency is the name of the game on the golf course and the RR-SM golfers were the definition of it when they took on Warren just two days later. Fresh off the course, RR-SM had another excellent performance at Eagle Ridge North. Flack and Rife combined for an 80 as they both

finished with a 40 on the day. Sarah Winter shaved a stroke off her prior performance to shoot a 44, which tied Distler. Winter added five strokes to his game as he shot a 45 on the day.

Warren was led by a trio of golfers who all finished with the same score. Jordan Kohl, Brett Radaszewski, and Alek Sabinson each shot a

49. Bryce Long was Warren's next leading golfer with a 52.

Once again, RR-SM took care of business on the home course as they picked up a 168-199 victory over Warren. With the 168 team score, RR-SM nearly tied their score of 167 from just two days earlier. Flack and Rife were Co-Medallists, while Winter and Distler finished as the runners-up.

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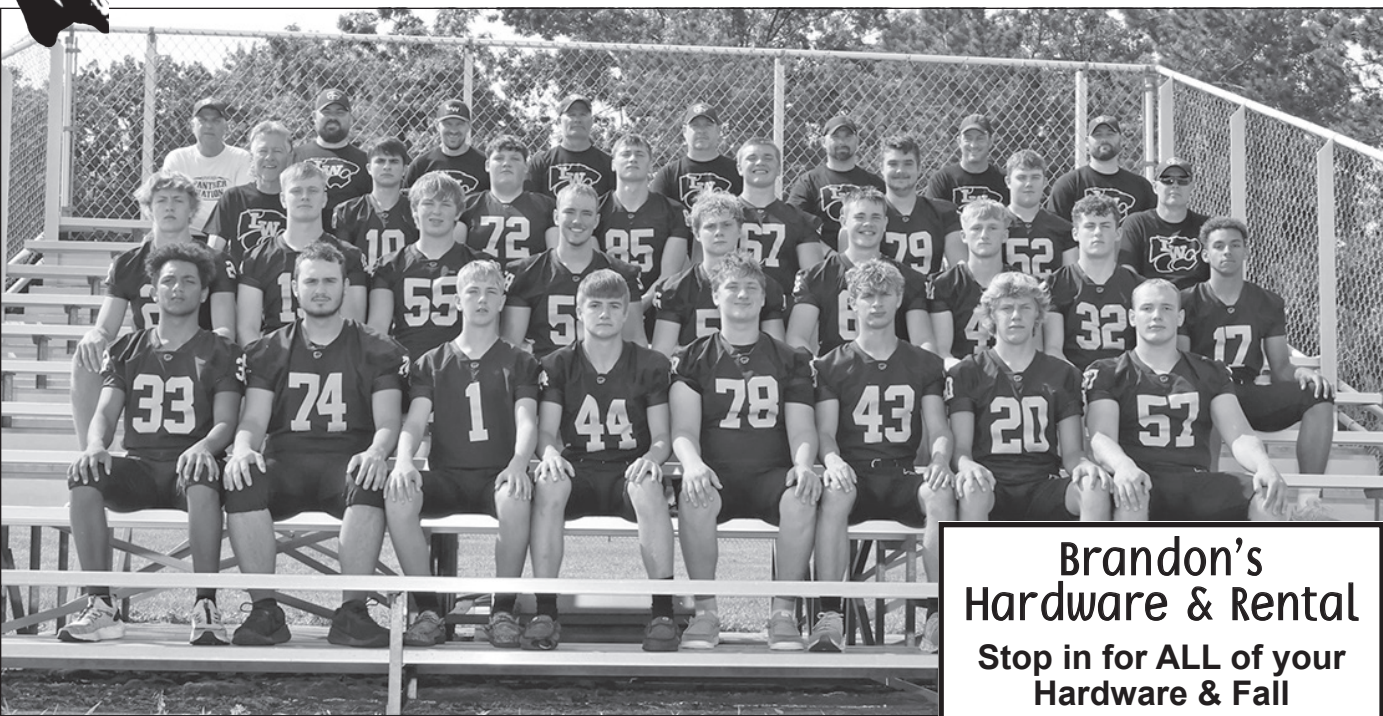
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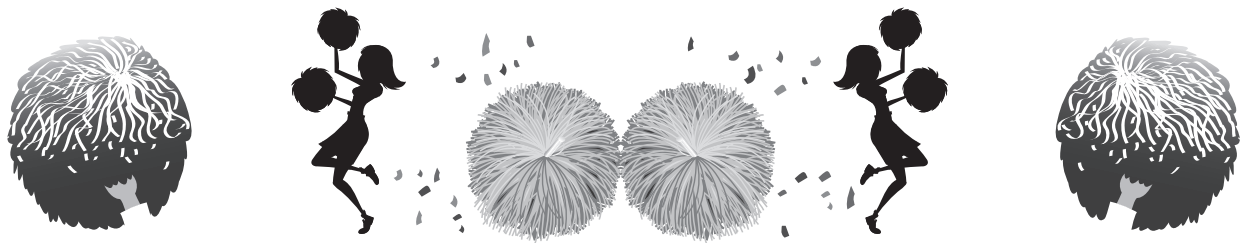
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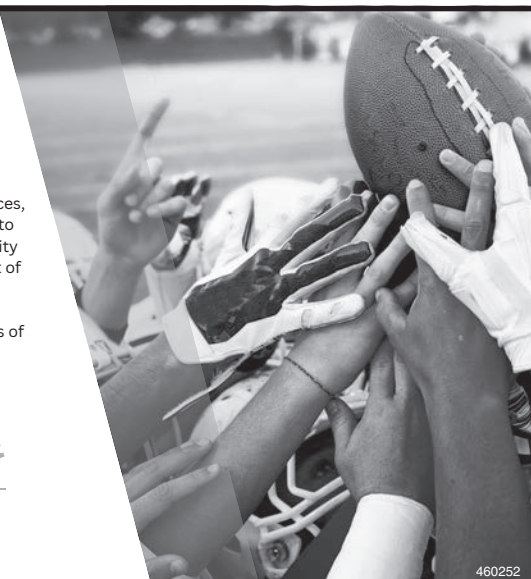
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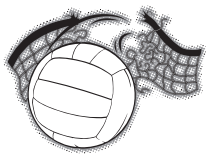
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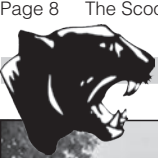
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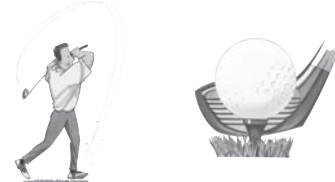
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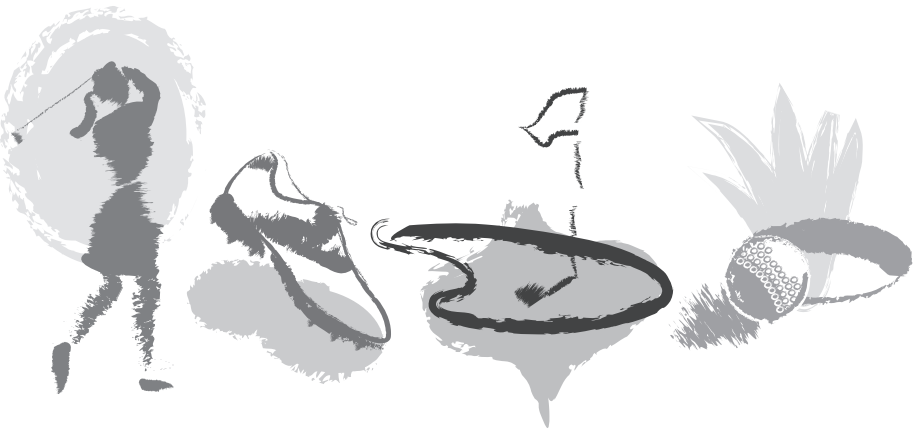


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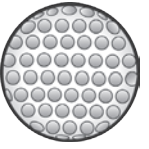


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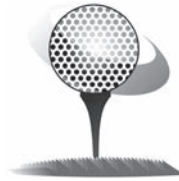


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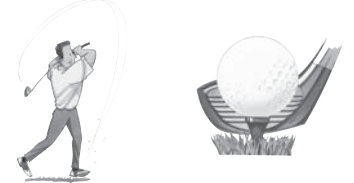
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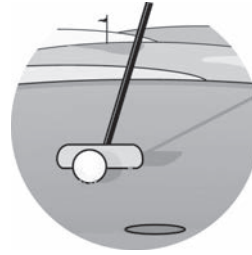


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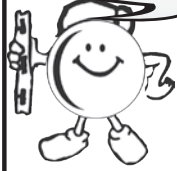
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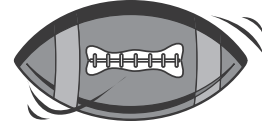


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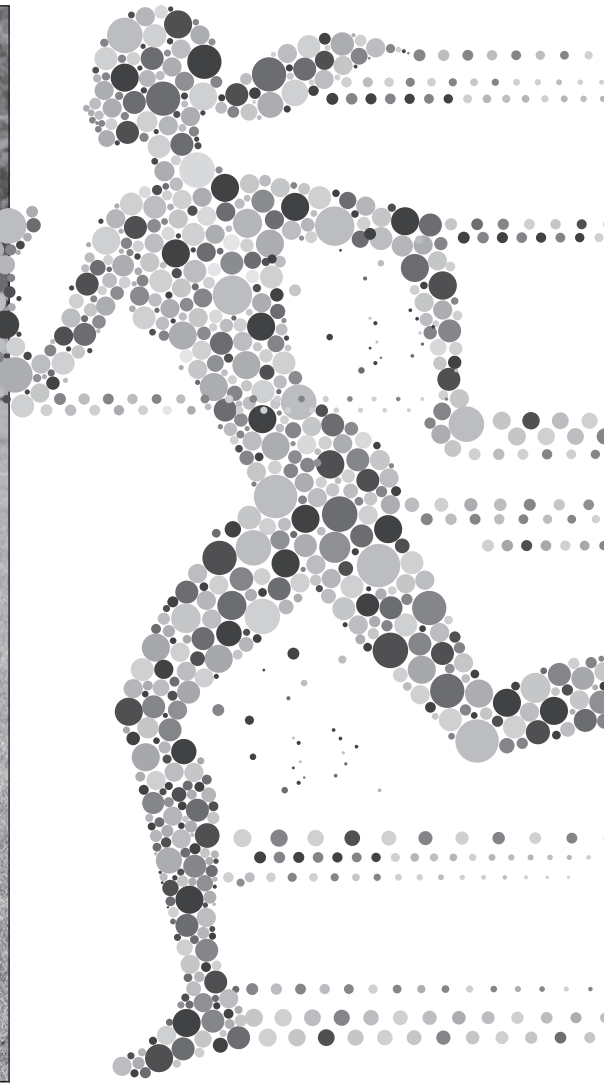
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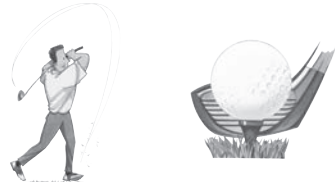
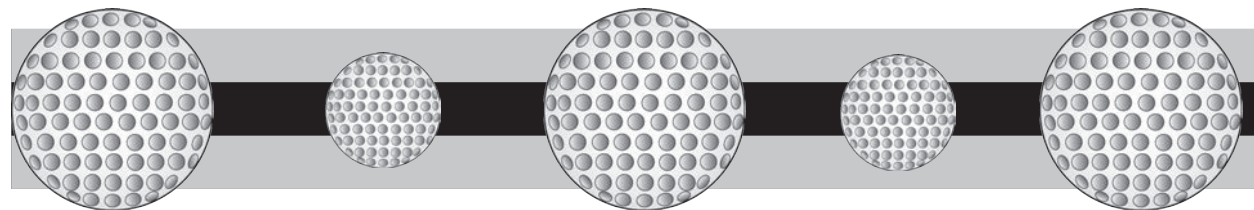
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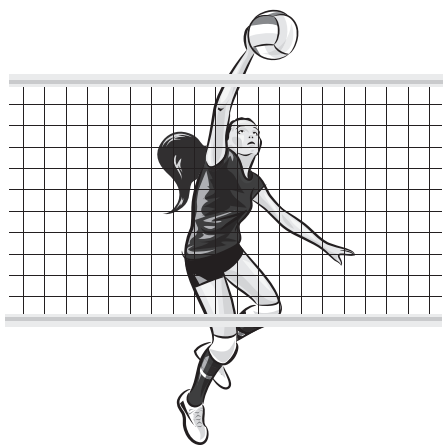


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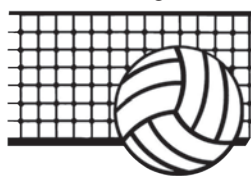
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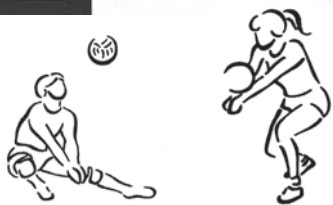
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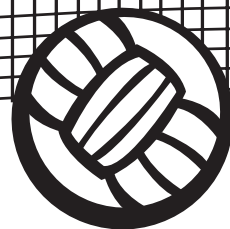
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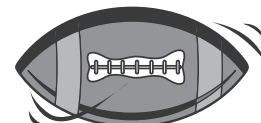
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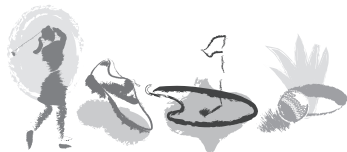
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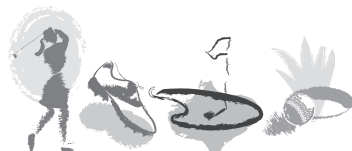
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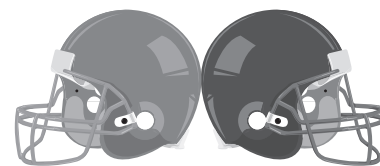
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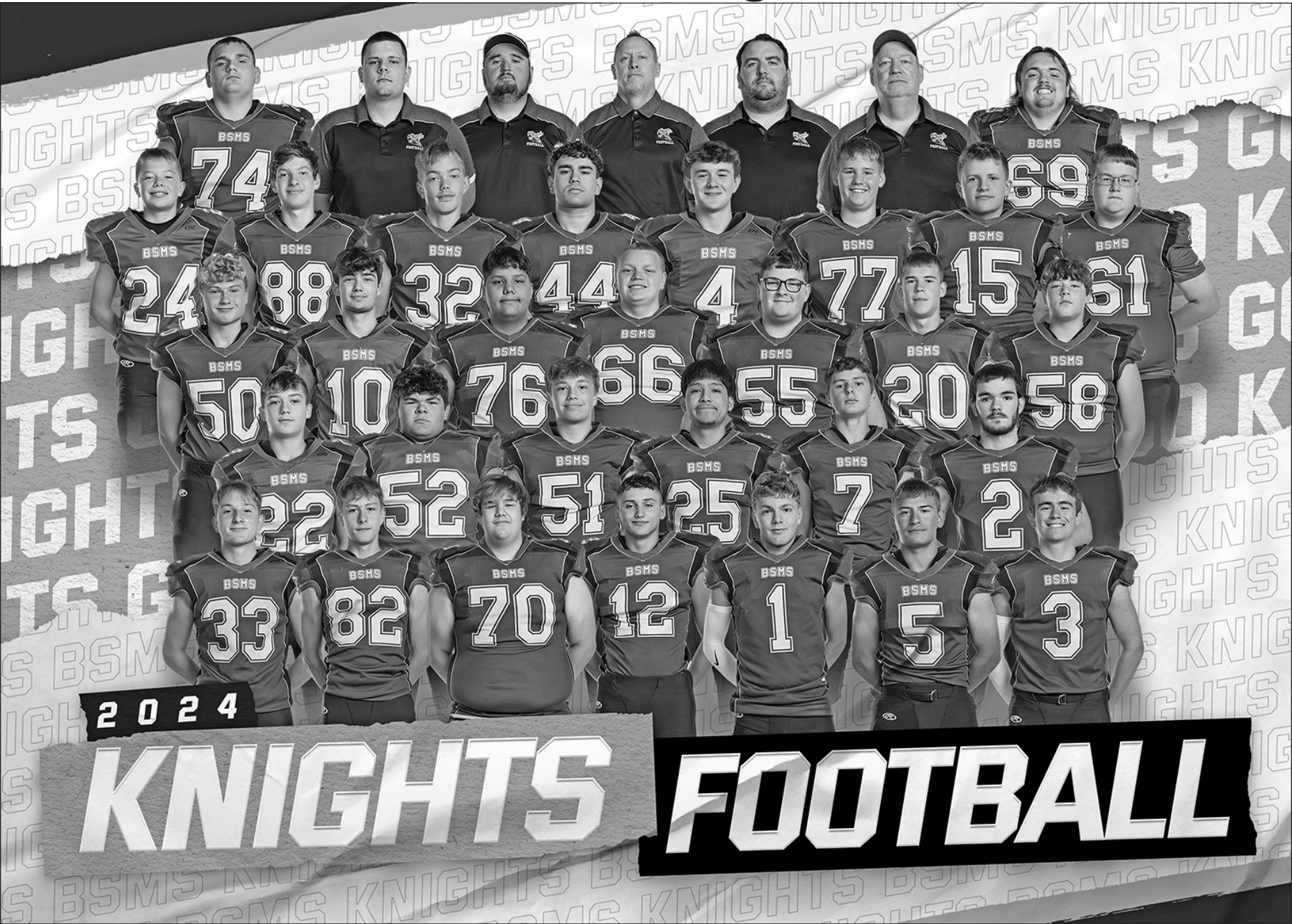
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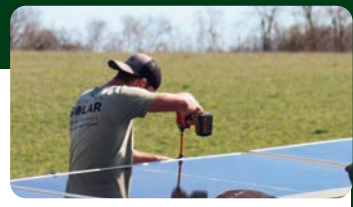


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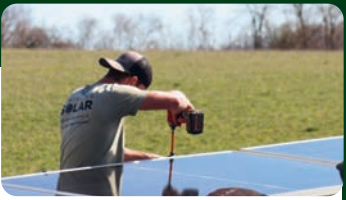
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