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The jet has landed

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, the jet that has been sitting out at Rafter's on Rt. 20 since 2019, made its final taxiing to its permanent home on West Main St. in Lena, IL. The jet came from New Mexico and has been getting refurbished, painted and lettered. It has been a long process with landscaping, signage, lighting, flag poles, still needed to complete the project. Donations are still being accepted and paver bricks are avail-

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Obituaries

BOYD BOYER

Boyd L. Boyer, age 90, passed away on Sunday Oct. 20, 2024, with his family by his side. He was born on Feb. 11, 1934, in Kent, IL to Paul and Orlena (Thompson) Boyer. He graduated from Pearl City High School in 1952.

He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army from Sept. 9, 1954, till June 29, 1956. On June 8, 1958, he married Marie Boltjes. He farmed in the Kent area for many years and then enjoyed trucking livestock. He enjoyed vacationing at the Wisconsin Dells and attending family gatherings and events, which meant a lot to him.

Boyd was a member of the Evangelical Free Church in Lena, IL. He was a member of the Stephenson County Board, Stephenson County Republican Precinct Committeeman - Kent Township, Stephenson County Farm Bureau Board, Pearl City American Legion, and Pearl City School Board. He is survived by wife Ma-



rie and their children daughter Barb (Jim) Lartz, and sons Keith (Julie) Boyer and Randall (Lori) Boyer; Grandchildren- EllaJo (Bobby) Almasy, Levi (Katy) Lartz, Samantha (Coe) Kempel, Danielle (Cinque) McKinney, Marissa (Brian) Stamer. Brittany (Cameron) Dolson, Hannah (Zach) Maurer, Collin (Hannah) Talbert, Sarah Boyer, Laiken (Shaun) Daws, Logan Gassman, Aiden Gassman, Emma Boyer, Brady Boyer, Maya Boyer, Sophia Boyer; great-grandchildren- Bradyn (Rebecca) Almasy, Ashlyn Almasy, Shanna Lartz, Weston Lartz, Parker Lartz, Audra Lartz, Lane Kempel, Colt Kempel, Brileigh Stamer, Aynslie Stamer, Haven Stamer, Waverly Stamer, Cai McKinney, Jalen McKinney, Charlotte Maurer, Adler Maurer,

Isabelle Maurer, McKenna Daws and Kashton Daws; great-great grandchild Wyatt Alber; sisters Donna Kempel and Deborah Hughes; sisters-in-law Ruth Keltner and Joanne Boyer; and Michelle Boyer mother of Hannah and Sarah. He was preceded in death by parents Paul and Orlena Boyer, brother Richard Boyer, brothers-in-law Carl Keltner and Ronald Kempel, granddaughter Rebekah Boyer.

A visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena. A celebration of life service was held on Saturday Oct. 26, 2024, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena. Pastor Keith Boyer and Pastor Casey Dwyer officiated the service. Interment took place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Freeport following the luncheon. A memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leadonfh.com.

BETTY WIEDERHOLD

Betty J. Wiederhold, age 99, formerly of Warren, IL went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at Manor Court in Freeport, IL. She was born on May 10, 1925, in Tulsa, OK to Albert and Eva (Turner) Bearden. Betty married George Wiederhold Jr. on December 3, 1948, in Tulsa, OK. George and Betty lived in seven different states, and one province of Canada throughout their marriage. Betty stayed home and raised their two daughters in their younger years and worked as a secretary for various churches throughout their moves.

Betty was a member of the Evangelical Free Church



in Lena, IL. She enjoyed singing in church choirs, playing hymns on the piano, and collecting recipes and trying them. Betty especially enjoyed visits with her family including the grandpuppies who always brought smiles to her face.

Betty is survived by her daughters; Barbara Mims of Ocala, FL and Judy (Bob) Gates of Warren, IL, seven grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law Jeanne Getman of Woodburn, OR, and her three

grandpuppies. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband George, and a son-in-law Tom Mims.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena, IL. A visitation will be from 10:00-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, at the Evangelical Free Church in Lena, IL. A luncheon will follow the services at the church. Pastor Casey Dwyer will officiate the services. A private family burial will take place at Clarendon Hills Cemetery in Darien, IL. A memorial has been established in her memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.leadonfh.com.

CLETUS EDEN

Cletus Henry Eden, 85, of Stockton, unexpectedly ended his journey on earth and was promoted to Heaven on Oct. 18, 2024. He was born March 1, 1939, on the family farm in Massbach, IL to the late Roy and Sadie (Randecker) Eden.

Since childhood, Cletus enjoyed making people laugh and was known for his sense of humor and a few pranks. He worked on the family farm until he was hired by Coca-Cola. He retired after 36 years and made many friends during his years on the route. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church



of Kent, and a lifetime follower of Lutheran religion.

Cletus met the love of his life, Bernice Lieb, at the Eleroy Skating Rink. They married on Oct. 9, 1966, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elizabeth. They had two children, Cheri and Greg.

Cletus enjoyed keeping busy. When not working during the week, he could be found gardening, mowing, shoveling snow and helping

neighbors. He loved Polka and Classical Country music, his New York Yankees, Westerns on TV, and Stockton's 4th of July Celebration's chicken BBQ.

Cletus will be greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Bernice; children, Cheri (John) of Winnebago and Greg (Tamara) of Reedsburg, WI; his three grandkids he adored and loved to have fun with, Austin and Alyssa and Forrest. He is also survived by his sisters, Carol (late Jim), Charlotte (Marvin), Minnie (Ernie); his brother, Clyde (LaVonne) and many nieces and nephews, and his two beloved cats (furbabies). He was preceded in death by his parents, his father-in-law, Ervin Lieb, mother-in-law, LaVonne Lieb, and his special dog, Shadoo.

A visitation was held on Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. A private family service was held on Tuesday. Interment took place at Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared at www.hermannfuneralhome.com.

Church news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Nov. 3 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel of John 11:32-44. We will be celebrating All-Saints Sunday by remembering those who died between 2023 and 2024.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6 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 Reformation Sunday on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 9 a.m. We will recognize and honor those that have died in the past 12 months. Join us on Facebook if you can't make it in person.

Everyone is welcome to come to St. John's to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 9 a.m.

The November Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Nov. 17. It will include turkey, mashed

potatoes with gravy, corn casserole, cranberries, and a pumpkin dessert. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Nov. 17. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Nov. 14. The meal is funded through the generosity of a grant from the Pearl City Lions Club and donations. If you are interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

St. John's will be hosting a FHN Flu Shot clinic on Sunday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adults under 65 will receive a \$35 trivalent vaccine and those 65 and over can get a \$85 high-dose vaccine. There will be no out-of-pocket expense if you are covered by Medicare Part B or a Medicare HMO accepted by FHN. Be sure to bring your insurance card. Immunizations may be paid for by cash or check and you can use your receipt for reimbursement from your health-insurance carrier. Per government regulations, no MEDICAID cards can be accepted at these clinics. For more information, call FHN Community Services at 815-599-7437.

The next Men's Breakfast will be on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at the Bellline Restaurant in Freeport.

The Healthy Wolves group will be packing backpacks on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 3:15 p.m. If you are interested in donating to this ministry, reach out to the church office for more information.

St. John's Lutheran Church of Pearl City is an ELCA parish and is located at 229 First St. in Pearl City. We are handicapped accessible. If you need to contact the pastor or church, you may call 815-443-2215 for information.

Calvary Church of Stockton

Calvary Church of Stockton will hold its monthly potluck on Sunday, Nov. 3. Communion will be given during the Worship Service at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in joining us to bring a dish and welcome. The Memorial Roll will also be read as Nov. 3 is also All Saint's Sunday.

The Stockton Children's Halloween Party sponsored by the Stockton Police will be hosted at Calvary Church on Oct. 31 from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. pm. Food will be provided and prizes awarded. Don't forget that our Bazaar is coming up on Saturday, Nov. 9. The ladies of Calvary have tickets available for the quilt raffle. And the turkey sandwich dinner will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

St. John's annual bazaar and Beef and Noodle dinner

The annual Bazaar and Beef and Noodle dinner will be held on Nov. 5, 2024. The Bazaar opens at 8:30 a.m. and features a variety of homemade products including baked goods, noodles, candy, and crafts. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine-in meals will include beef and noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, Jell-O salads, relishes, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, or milk. The price per meal is \$12. Drive-thru carry-outs will also be available. The carry-out meals will vary slightly and include applesauce instead of jello. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Church Office, My Friend's Closet and The Lena Mercantile. Tickets are also available the day of the bazaar. There will be a raffle for a quilt and wall hanging (tickets \$1 each). FHN will be giving flu shots and doing blood pressure screenings from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Notice to our readers

Sample ballots for the November 5, 2024 general election can be found at the following sites:

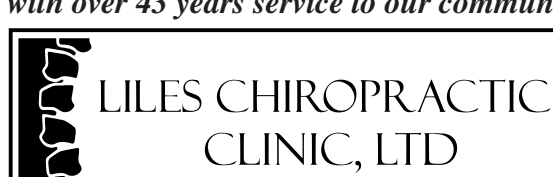
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Blackhawks finish regular season on nine game winning streak

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks wrapped up the 2024 volleyball regular season with a pair of victories last week. Wins over East Dubuque and River Ridge meant the Blackhawks would finish the regular season on a nine-game winning streak. Stockton was red-hot as they prepared for this year's postseason play.

Of course, the 2024 Blackhawks have been on fire from start to finish. Finishing the year with a 31-2 overall record, there weren't many cold spells for one of the top NUIC teams. Their second and final loss of the regular season came on Oct. 10 when they fell to another top NUIC team in the Galena Pirates.

Since then, Stockton has taken care of business. They lost just one set in the final nine games of the regular season. By all means, Stockton was playing their best ball before entering the postseason and facing off with the Dakota Indians.

Dakota finished the season with just 10 wins, and they struggled against the common opponents. Stockton was a perfect 19-0 against their common opponents with Dakota. The Indians were just 3-14. The Indians and Blackhawks opened the 2024 postseason on Monday, Oct. 28.

Stockton had to finish things up with East Dubuque and River Ridge last week. The Blackhawks entered the week with an opportunity to surpass 30 wins on the season, which is a remarkable achievement.

On Oct. 22 the Blackhawks went on the road and made quick work of the East Dubuque Warriors. Stockton won the first set 25-17 and the second set 25-14. It was the third time this season that Stockton swept East Dubuque.

It was another big performance for Madalyn Mammoser, who led the team with 12 kills. Mammoser hit at a 44 percent rate in the win. Taylor Haas and Emma Eisfeller were both next up as they finished with seven

kills each. Kacy and Kaydra Wright combined for 24 assists in the win.

Defensively, Emily Broshous led the way with eight digs. Mammoser was next up with seven digs, and Kacy added five of her own. The Stockton defense gave East Dubuque fits all season long.

On Oct. 24 the Blackhawks and the River Ridge Wildcats played their final game of the 2024 regular season. It was their second matchup of the season, with Stockton winning the first by commanding scores of 25-14 and 25-15. The second matchup was much of the same.

Stockton rallied behind Katelyn Winters, who hit at a mind-boggling 77 percent rate. Winters led the team with eight kills as Stockton beat River Ridge 25-16 and 25-13.

River Ridge was led by Ava Ketelsen who had seven kills and five digs. Laiken Haas was next up with six, and Kaci Patterson had a pair of kills. Gracie Schnitzler led the team in assists with 10.

After finishing the regular season with an overall record of 11-22, the Wildcats were set to take on the Scales Mound Hornets in the first round of this year's playoffs. The Wildcats were the thirteenth seed, while Scales Mound was twelfth. They faced off on Monday, Oct. 28 in the Galena regional.

Stockton set to face off with Princeville in 2024 football playoffs

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Stockton Blackhawks are officially back in the playoffs for football. After beating the Galena Pirates 34-0 in the final week of the regular season, the Blackhawks finished with an overall record of 6-3. That was enough to earn them the tenth seed in their side of the 1A bracket.

With that, Stockton is slated to travel to take the seventh seed in the Princeville Princes on Saturday, Nov. 2. Princeville finished the season with an overall record



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Little Blackhawks

Pictured are Stockton Elementary's Little Blackhawks for the week. These students are recognized for following the Blackhawk Way. Keep up the good work!

News briefs

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 mcconnellauxiliary@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.

Blood donors needed in Monroe

To help meet the continued national blood supply need, please consider participating in SSM Health's Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The Blood Drive will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Clare Conference Center at the main clinic located at 515 22nd Avenue in Monroe.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To schedule, please visit Bloodcenter.org or call SSM Health Monroe Hospital Volunteer

Services Coordinator, Mary Berger, at 608-324-1569.

Bake sale fundraiser

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, there will be a Bake Sale at Helm Truck and Equipment, 2290 Business Rt. 20 East from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Helm Truck and Equipment will match all proceeds of the bake sale to support two deserving families in the community. There will be pies, cupcakes, cookies, snacks, cakes, brownies and more.

SSM Health at Home Offering Holiday Grief Support Group in Monroe

The holidays are an especially challenging time of year for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Handling the Holidays will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, from 10 a.m. to

12 p.m. at Monroe Engraving located at 1005 30th Street in Monroe. This free group is open to those ages 18+ who have experienced the death of someone special. Seating is limited and registration is required.

For more information or to register, please call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1143 or visit ssmhealth.com/classes.

Halloween Kid's Walk

Lena Winslow Elementary will host this year's Downtown kids walk at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31. There will be approximately 400 kids. The walk will start on Railroad Street, cross the tracks onto Main Street head East and finish at Village Hall. All businesses are welcome to come downtown.

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Weekly connection

The joy of the apple

I'm sure you all have heard the joke, what's worse than finding a worm in your apple... It's only finding half a worm. This has been a fall to remember as far as apples are concerned at my place. Lots of my friends have told me that their trees have produced like crazy too. The two apple trees that I have on my place have yielded the biggest, fattest, and sweetest apples ever this fall. One is a small honey crisp tree that I planted a couple years ago, and it produced twenty-five of the



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

big sweet treats. But my main tree which has been around as long as I can remember went absolutely crazy. We always loved the apples from this tree even from the time I was a kid, and this farm was still owned by someone

else. In fact, when we started renting their farmland I was in high school and we used to role in the driveway with our grain harvesting equipment and when we drove by this tree, we always stopped and grabbed a few apples off this same tree to eat and to keep in the truck or combine for later. They were great then and they're still great today. I'm not exactly sure what kind they are but they look like a delicious hybrid of some sort. They are not a soft apple. They are more of a medium hard apple that becomes as sweet as honey after the first frost.

This year the grandkids got very excited about all the apples on the tree sometime in about mid-summer. They wanted to start picking them back in July when they were still small and green, but I kept telling them to wait until they turn red. Well, they are red now and whenever any of our grandkids come over, they head straight for that tree. I like to whip out my pocket-knife and start slicing. It's fun to watch them chow down on one after the other. When all fourteen grandkids are here with their parents, we can slice up ten or twelve apples with no trouble at all before supper and a bunch after supper too before they all head home. The trouble is there are way more apples on this old tree than we have

grandkid visits.

Every morning there are a bunch of apples that have dropped from the top branches onto the ground and many of them are half-eaten by birds. I usually fill a five-gallon bucket with these scrap apples every couple days and feed them to the sheep and pigs. I make applesauce out of the good apples that fall to the ground. This year the freezer is full of apple sauce. Early on I was putting a little sugar in the recipe, but the last two batches I haven't added a drop and the sauce tastes great.

Our church had a harvest dinner yesterday after our worship service. I decided to get up early, peel and cut up one and a half five-gallon pails of apples to make fresh applesauce to share at the dinner. I cooked them down in a big pot and there was only a little left to bring home. I love it in a dish, on pancakes, cottage cheese, or on ham, but it's the best when I heat it up and scoop it over fresh vanilla ice cream. Yum!

In Genesis the first chapter and verse twenty-nine we read, Then God said "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." God knew what He was doing when He created fruit trees, especially apples. They are the best. Until next week, God bless.

Halloween special: Scribe steps out of the shadows, lists 10 favorite horror movies

Editor's note: Previously published columns by Mike Sandrolini are being re-published periodically on the Opinion page. This column was originally published in 2015.

I was weaned on Creature Features, Dark Shadows and Svengoolie (who is still making jokes about Berwyn on MeTV these days) so my interest in movies involving things that go bump in the night—and even bump in daylight—goes way back.

The following list of my 10 favorite horror movies is top-heavy with vampire flicks... a fascination that can be traced to my childhood days, hurrying home after school to watch Dark Shadows just to see who Collinwood's resident vampire, Barnabas Collins, would sink his teeth into next.

10. The Wolf Man (1941)—I always felt sorry for poor Lawrence Talbot, the wolf man in this classic film played by Lon Chaney Jr. He was a werewolf with a conscience, so to speak. He dreaded seeing the full moon and wanted no part of morphing into a hairy, growling creature with claws and protruding canines on the prowl for his next victim.

9. Dracula Has Risen from the Grave (1968)—I'm a big fan of the horror movie classics produced in the 1950s, '60s and into the '70s by Hammer Films, particularly Hammer's nine Dracula flicks that star Christopher Lee as Dracula and Peter Cushing in the role of Dracula's nemesis, Dr. Van Helsing. This one is probably the best of the bunch.

8. The Amityville Horror (1979)—Let's put it this way: If my eardrums ever came in contact with a menacing voice repeatedly telling me to "Get out!" of my place of residence—and supernatural forces that start acting up precisely at 3:15 in the morning—I'm not sticking around.

7. The Omen (1976)—Little Damien is born into the world as the antichrist—with the number 666 planted on his scalp, to boot—and he just can't help himself. Anyone who's on the verge of figuring out who he really is eventually falls victim to a mysterious or sudden death. The 6-year-old Damien's sinister grin near the end of the film is arguably one of the most classic scenes in horror movie history.

6. Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter (2012)—

We were all taught in history class that Honest Abe saved the union, issued the Emancipation Proclamation and got the 13th Amendment passed. Well, here's some revisionist history: Our nation's 16th president moonlighted as a vampire hunter. And that axe he used as a champion rail-splitter was actually silver-coated and served a dual purpose: destroying vampires.

5. Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992)—Director Francis Ford Coppola's spin on the classic vampire tale is well-done, with an all-star cast that includes Keanu Reeves, Winona Ryder, Gary Oldman as the count and Anthony Hopkins as Van Helsing (leading one to speculate that Hopkins has had a role in every movie that's ever been produced).

4. Fright Night (1985)—Although listed as a horror/comedy, Fright Night had terrific special effects for its era and was downright chilling with Chris Sarandon as Jerry Dandrige. Dandrige makes the move to suburbia, next door to a teen-ager, Charley Brewster, and Charley's mother. Charley soon discovers that Dandrige is a vampire, and implores the help of Peter Vincent, a TV vampire hunter, to rid the town of this undead, fang-bearing fiend.

3. House of Dark Shadows (1970)—When I was a kid, I couldn't wait for this full-length feature film, which mirrored the TV series plot, to hit the big screen. Barnabas Collins, turned into a vampire in the late 1700s by a jilted lover, Angelique (who happens to be a witch), is released from his coffin 175 years later and returns to the Collinwood Mansion, passing himself off as a cousin from England. There, he meets Maggie Evans, who resembles his fiancée from the back in the day, Josette DuPres, and the "courtship" begins.

2. Blacula (1972)—The late William Marshall stars as Prince Mamuwalde, who is turned into a blood-sucking creature of the night by Dracula himself in the 18th century. Drac deems him "Blacula" after putting the bite on him and locking him inside a coffin, where he lay for two centuries until being accidentally released from his tomb. After his release, Blacula, as you might expect, is a bit thirsty.

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production agriculture, it includes the driver that takes the products to market, the mechanic that keeps the machinery running, the factory worker that makes tires for the equipment, those that work in processing that convert the farm commodities into foods that consumers enjoy, the chef that prepares the food at your favorite restaurant, and the mom who picks out the food to feed her family just to name a few. On a different note, Farm Bureau is continually investing in member programs, educational efforts such as Ag in the Classroom activities, and investing in our future leaders through scholarships and leadership programs. So, do farming and Farm Bureau matter to you, as much as they mattered to your ancestors? Maybe not. But if you take time to study your roots and look around at the people, industries, and institutions that are helping enrich your community and everyday life, you might find out that they matter even more.

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Everyone must be doing some early fall

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Woodbine Bend Golf Club and Jack Polly of Bowser B&B in Elizabeth made generous donations to the River Ridge Cats Care Nutrition Program. Woodbine Bend recently held their annual "big cup" tournament and partnered with Bowser B&B to donate food and proceeds to students at River Ridge. The Cats Care Nutrition Program provides supplemental food supplies to students and families by sending home food each Friday to help provide food for the weekend. Pictured are Woodbine golf professional Mike Hauser and River Ridge Superintendent Colleen Fox as she accepts the donation.

Stockton American Legion Cheese Sale

Stockton American Legion Post 449 will be taking orders for one pound Torkelson Cheese bricks during November. This fund raiser will have the following cheeses for sale: Brick, Munster, Mild Cheddar, Sharp Cheddar, Baby Swiss, Swiss, Apple Jack and Pepper Jack.

Legion members will take orders at the Post home on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m.

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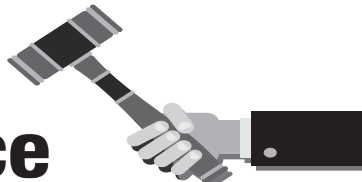
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Panthers claim undefeated regular season with epic first half

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers haven't lost a regular season game since Oct. 8, 2021, more than three years ago. Last Friday night, Le-Win claimed their third consecutive undefeated regular season when they blew the doors off the Forreston Cardinals.

There are "hot starts", and then there is what Ric Arand's Panthers did in week nine of the 2024 High School Football season. Not even four minutes into the game, the Panthers held a two-score advantage. They got out to a 28-0 lead when there was still two minutes remaining in the opening quarter. Everything was going right for the Panthers in week nine.

Le-Win's Day started with Aiden Wild finding paydirt on a 90-yard rushing

score. That set the tone for the first as the floodgates had opened. Just one minute of play later, Alec Schlichting was in the end zone after a 24-yard scamper. It didn't take long for Schlichting to score his second touchdown of the day either. Midway through the first, Schlichting was off to the races on a 56-yard rushing touchdown that put the Panthers up 22-0.

The Panthers could do no wrong at that point. After finding so much success on the ground, Le-Win decided to put the ball in the air. Quarterback Kasch Lessman found Jaylen Rakowska on a 17-yard passing touchdown, which gave the Panthers a four-score lead.

The Panthers did slip up once late in the first quarter. Forreston finally cracked the scoreboard when a 59-yard run led to six points. Still, the Panthers would take a

28-8 lead into the second.

Things continued trending in the same direction, despite the teams flipping sides. The Le-Win run game continued to be too much as they quickly put things out of reach. Cobryn Lynch was the next Panther to score when he plunged into the end zone from one yard out. Shortly after, Schlichting was back to his big play capabilities as he dusted the Cardinal defense for a 65-yard score.

With over three minutes left in the first half, the Panthers surpassed 50 points. Another massive play gave the Panthers a 50-8 lead as Rakowska scored on a 46-yard rushing touchdown.

Just one minute later, the Panthers went up by 50 as Wild's second rushing touchdown of the day put Le-Win up 58-8. By then, it was a matter of running out

the clock for the undefeated Panthers. Forreston never surrendered, and they made a valiant effort at fighting their way back. Forreston would score 22 unanswered points to end the game. Still, the Panthers walked away with a comfortable 58-30 victory over the Cardinals.

Schlichting had another

epic day to round out the regular season. Three touchdowns and 157 yards led the way on the ground for the Panthers. He did so on just five attempts. Wild was next up with a pair of scores and 86 yards on just seven carries. Ashton Gerber was active in the backfield, rushing for 72 yards on 10 carries. Rakowska rushed for 58

yards and a score in the win.

After the conclusion of the regular season, the IHSAA held their annual Playoff Pairing Show, where it was announced that the Panthers were the two seed in their side of the 1A bracket. Le-Win is set to travel to take on Clifton Central on Nov. 2. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Voters asked advisory questions on Nov. 5 general election ballot

By Andrew Adams
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

Lawmakers in Illinois are asking voters to weigh in on three hot-button issues on their ballots this year: election interference, income taxes and reproductive health care.

Voters in Illinois are being posed three "advisory" questions that ask voters whether

they support a specific policy but aren't legally binding. Lawmakers may take the results into account when considering what policies to advocate for in future legislative sessions.

The three questions, as they appear on ballots, are:

- Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot

for federal, State, or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties?

- Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3% tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?

- Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments?

These questions are being asked because lawmakers passed Senate Bill 2412 in early May, instructing state election officials to add them to ballots.

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Wildcatz to face Rockridge in round one of 2024 playoffs

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT
The Eastland-Pearl City Wildcatz are headed back to the playoffs for the first time in five years. After finishing the regular season with an overall record of 7-2, the Wildcatz found themselves slated in the ninth seed in their side of the 2A bracket. The Wildcatz drew a tough matchup as the nine seed. They will travel to take on the eighth seeded Rockridge Rockets on Saturday, Nov. 2

at 2 p.m.
The Rockets finished with a 7-2 overall record of their own. They went on a four-game winning streak to end the regular season, and both of their losses came by a combined 17 points. They have outscored their opponents 301-116 this year.
The Wildcatz have plenty of reasons to feel confident about themselves. Their two losses came to a class 3A three seed in Durand-Pecatonica and the undefeated Le-

na-Winslow Panthers. They also ended the season on a high note by routing the Dakota Indians 42-12. It was Brecken Hayden who helped EPC get off to a quick start in their final regular season game. A 43-yard touchdown run had the Wildcatz on the board early as they went up 7-0 over Dakota.
Hayden wasn't done there. Before the end of the first, Hayden found paydirt for the second time. This time,

an 18-yard touchdown run helped to give his team a 13-0 lead in the first. EPC would take a three-score advantage early in the second. It was Adam Awender who put the team up 21-0 when he took it in from 16 yards out. Shortly after that, Jaxsyn Kempel became the third Wildcat to find the endzone. Kempel scored on a 22-yard run which put EPC up 27-0.
Things got out of hand in a hurry. Before the end of the

first half, Awender became the second Wildcat to have multiple scores in the game. The EPC quarterback ran it in from five yards out, putting his team up 35-0. EPC put the finishing touches on their week nine victory when Jackson Corbin scored from 19 yards out. After shutting the Indians out for three quarters, Dakota scored two garbage time touchdowns to break the shutout. Eventually, the Wolves came out victorious

42-12.
Hayden led the way on the ground as he finished with over 100 yards and a pair of scores in the win. Awender was next up with 74 yards and a pair of scores on just four rushes. Kempel added 61 yards and a score on just six carries.
The Wildcatz will have to continue finding success in the ground game if they want to pick up a playoff victory this weekend.

• Movies (Continued from page 4)

1. Salem's Lot (1979 and 2004)—There's a movie version of Salem's Lot—an adaptation of the novel by Stephen King—but it was first broadcast as a TV mini-series that starred David Soul (from Starsky and Hutch; remember him?) and Lance Kerwin. TNT remade the mini-series in 2004, with Rob Lowe in

the lead role. If you've seen Salem's Lot, then you can skip the following public service announcement: Leave your bedroom windows closed after going to bed, no matter how much a shadowy figure floating outside with glowing eyes and fangs taps on the window and beckons you to let him in.

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Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

I remember when I was in about seventh grade; American Eagle had come out with this shirt in preparation for that election season. The shirt simply read "VOTE". Now obviously as a seventh grader I know I wasn't able to vote and wouldn't be able to vote for many years, but while growing up my family put a great emphasis on voting. My sister and I would tag along with my mother as she voted before work each election and if we were lucky, we would stop for breakfast at McDonalds or the bakery and as a kid that was a big deal! Now my nephew and nieces join their mother as she votes as the tradition continues.

I remember when I finally turned 18 and was asked if I wanted to register to vote and my answer was "absolutely!" I was finally going to be able to vote. I was going to get my very own turn to help make important decisions, I was going to get my "I Voted Sticker". My point of telling you this isn't to persuade you one way or

another, it is simply to remind you that voting and casting your ballot are important. As a reminder the General Election Day is Nov. 5. Polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

IFB, U of I discuss advancing partnership

The board room full of Illinois Farm Bureau and University of Illinois leaders pondered the same question: How can their partnership advance Illinois agriculture? U of I President Timothy Killeen described the conversation that followed as "electric." "The legacy and history of our partnership is clear. We're in the same ocean, maybe different boats, but we're going in the same direction," Killeen said during an interview with FarmWeek and RFWD Radio. "I think the main message for me is, let's really turbocharge this relationship." Killeen and fellow U of I leaders visited the IFB office in Bloomington as part of the university's 12th annual Leadership State Tour. "I'd say we were pretty frank today on

the challenges facing us in agriculture and trying to find ways that we can leverage the relationship and the assets of the university, be it the academic assets, research assets or human capital," IFB President Brian Duncan said. "There's significant influence that the university has to help us, whether it's in getting a farm bill or finding solutions for the environmental concerns that farmers have and are addressing. "It was very gratifying, rewarding and encouraging to have this kind of a meeting and access to the folks at the university." IFB Vice President Evan Hultine, a UTUC alum, laid out his ideas on how to expand the partnership beyond the Urbana-Champaign campus and help bridge the rural/urban divide, including:

Requiring students take an agriculture class to earn an undergraduate degree to help build a better understanding about where food comes from.

Building out leadership development as volunteers are becoming more difficult to re-

cruit.

More immersive learning that includes visiting the university's three campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield.

Offering short-course work, which would provide "micro, bite-sized educational opportunities" for busy farmers and ag professionals.

Killeen, who was scribbling notes during Hultine's presentation, responded: "Everything you're passionate about is our job. We're trying to do all of the above."

Later, Killeen said he appreciated the thoughtful remarks from IFB members pertaining to the younger generation and looking to their future. "We needed to hear some of these thoughts. That's the purpose of this whole tour; it's not to assume that we're bringing solutions and answers to everything that you might be worried about, but to really get a sense of the mutual obstacles, challenges and opportunities. And every one of those things that he brought up, I think are relevant to the way in which we were focused about the student experience," Killeen said, adding he hopes to continue the conversation with IFB. The downturn in the farm economy also was part of the discussion. "The economic challenges are very real," Duncan said. "Our economic backstop is the farm bill, which is based on 2018 expenses and revenue." IFB Directors Jeff Kirwan, Larry Dallas and Brent Pollard also shared how the farm lending ecosystem could be impacted in the coming year, the importance of opening new trade opportunities and new markets such as sustainable aviation fuel and how more research is needed in relation to carbon sequestration. Killeen noted next year, the university will

host the International Congress on Sustainability Research and Innovation, which will have a strong agricultural platform and bring attendees from 60 to 100 countries to downtown Chicago. Duncan said he's appreciative the university was complimentary to IFB's role in Illinois agriculture and the Illinois economy. "As I look at how agriculture and farming has changed from when I started to today, that has involved lifelong learning," he said. "It has involved technological advancements that have been brought about by the University of Illinois and the things that they've brought to make our members' lives better, and

as a theme of mine, to provide strategic value for Illinois Farm Bureau membership. "I look forward to continuing dialog and a pathway forward with the university."

Farm Bureau Open House Specials:

As a reminder we will be hosting an open house on Friday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our office. For these two dates we will be having some specials. First, McNess will be here with a truck sale. McNess product specials: for every \$50 you

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Lena Lions thanks Stephenson County Sheriff's Reserve

In recognition of the many years of support the Stephenson County Sheriff's Reserve has provided to the Lena Lion's Annual Fall Festival, the Lions gave a donation that will cover a much-needed replacement AED for their trailer. Pictured are President Lion Dave Williams and Treasurer Lion Jim Meyers presenting the donation outside the Lena Village Hall.



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Good Deed Award

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary presented Good Deed Awards to (pictured left to right) Chloe Wild, Rachel Setterstrom, Aubrey Rodebaugh, Ev Karnatz, Chloe Bicker, Mallory Sheppard and Mrs. Jones. These young ladies spent a day this summer helping complete a cleaning job at the Lena Community Center. Mrs. Jones, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, presented the awards.

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to 30 seconds or until butter is melted; brush butter on top of biscuits and sprinkle tops with remaining ¼ t. of caraway seed.

Bake 34 to 39 minutes or until biscuits are baked through and deep golden brown on top. Stir dip mixture. Transfer remaining 2 T. of dressing into small resealable food bag; cut corner of bag; drizzle on top of dip mixture. Garnish with fresh parsley. Serve warm.

Pasta Salad

Someone asked me for an easy pasta salad. This salad fits the bill. It doesn't get any easier than these simple ingredients and bottled dressing. If you carve a pumpkin, save the seed, wash and toast them. They provide just the right amount of crunch. If you don't have pumpkin seeds, you can substitute pine nuts, sesame seeds, or even pecans.

- 2 C. rotini pasta, cooked and drained
- 1 C. cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 C. shredded carrots
- ½ C. sliced black olives
- Italian Dressing
- ½ C. pumpkin seeds

Cook and drain pasta; let cool. Place in a serving bowl. Add tomatoes, carrots, and olives. Toss with Italian dressing. Sprinkle with pumpkin seeds.

Kielbasa and Rice

There is not much of October left to enjoy the featured meat, so this pork sausage is featured for a main meal. It has a little sweet and a little sour. The BBQ sauce is the sweet and the horseradish provides a little kick!

2 lbs. smoked kielbasa or Polish sausage, halved lengthwise and cut into ¼ inch pieces

- ¼ C. finely chopped onion
- 3 bacon strips, finely chopped
- ¾ C. Sweet Baby Ray's Honey BBQ sauce
- ¼ C. packed brown sugar
- 1 T. prepared horseradish
- 2 t. water
- 2 t. minced garlic
- ½ t. crushed red pepper flakes

Hot cooked rice
In a Dutch oven, sauté the kielbasa, bacon, and onion until onion is tender; drain. Add the BBQ sauce, brown sugar, horseradish, water, garlic, and pepper flakes. Bring

to a boil; cook and stir for 2 to 3 minutes or until sauce is thickened. Serve with rice.

Eight Layer Casserole

This casserole is a one-dish meal. You can adapt it to your own taste by adding extra vegetables. You will like how creamy this dish is. Just add a salad and some crusty bread.

- 1 lb. frozen home style egg noodles
- 2 lbs. ground beef
- 2 cans (15 oz. each) tomato sauce
- 1 T. dried minced onion
- 2 t. sugar
- 2 t. Italian season
- 2 t. dried basil
- 2 t. dried parsley
- 1½ t. garlic powder
- 1 t. salt
- ½ t. pepper
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 1 C. sour cream
- ½ C. 2% milk
- 2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 C. shredded Colby Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 C. shredded cheddar cheese

Minced fresh parsley
Preheat oven to 350. Cook noodles according to package directions. In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink, crumble meat and drain. Add the tomato sauce, onion, sugar and seasonings. Bring to a boil; reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10 minutes. In a small bowl, combine the cream cheese, sour cream and milk until smooth.

Place half of the noodles in a greased 9 x 13 baking dish; top with 3 C. meat mixture. Cover with cream cheese mixture, spinach and remaining meat mixture and noodles. Sprinkle with cheeses—dish will be full. Bake, uncovered, until bubbly, 40 to 45 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with fresh parsley.

Pumpkin Bundt Cake

By now you all know I like Bundt cakes. I like how they look on a cake stand; I love how they cut, and you don't have to cut parchment paper and frost layers. This cake can be a Halloween Cake or a Thanksgiving Cake.

- 2½ C. sugar
- 1 C. canola oil
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- 3 C. flour

- 2 t. baking soda
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. ground nutmeg
- ½ t. salt
- ¼ t. ground cloves
- 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
- Powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl, combine sugar and oil until blended. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, salt, and cloves; add to egg mixture alternately with pumpkin, beating well after each addition. Transfer to a greased 10-inch Bundt pan. Bake 60 to 65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes before inverting onto a wire rack. Remove pan and cool completely. Place on a cake stand or serving plate. Dust with powdered sugar.

Candy Corn Cupcakes

These cupcakes are a great Halloween dessert. They use the traditional candy corn for garnish. Did you know that candy corn was made in America around the turn of the 1900's. It was picked up to sell by the Jelly Belly Company, and it was first called chicken feed because chickens ate corn. For many years it was sold in bulk as "penny candy" so that kids could buy a scoop full for "pennies." It no longer is considered "chicken feed," and you either love it or hate it.

- 1 yellow cake mix (15.25) oz.
- 3 eggs
- ½ C. oil
- 2 t. grated orange zest
- Orange food coloring
- ½ C. butter at room temperature
- 1 1/3 C. marshmallow crème from a 7.5 oz. jar

- 1½ C. powdered sugar
 - 1 t. vanilla
 - 24 pieces of candy corn
- Preheat oven to 325. Line 24 muffin cups with cupcake liners. On low speed, beat cake mix, eggs, oil, orange zest and 1 C. water until blended, 30 seconds on medium and then for 2 minutes until light and fluffy. Tint with orange food coloring.

Divide batter among liners. Bake until toothpick inserted in centers comes out clean, 15 to 18 minutes. Let cool in pans for 5 minutes. Transfer from pans to racks; let cool completely.

On medium, beat butter until fluffy, 2 minutes. On low, beat in marshmallow cream and then powdered sugar and vanilla. On medium, beat until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer frosting to pastry bag fitted with ½ inch plain tip. Pipe on cupcakes. Top with candy corn. Note: If you can't find orange food coloring, mix yellow and red colors until you get orange.

Final Thoughts

Because I live on a big "trick or treat" street, I have bought my candy and have enlisted a friend's help to distribute it. Again, I want to thank the Village of Lena for closing part of my street and Oak Street for the evening. They have been doing that for sev-

eral years, and it is much safer for everyone.

Don't forget the Noodle Dinner at St. John's on election day. I feel bad that I missed the Ham Dinner at the McConnell Church. It is always good, and that little church works hard to put on a great meal.

The plane has arrived. It is beautiful as it looks as if it is ready to take off. It got here just in time for Veteran's Day. I know a lot of veterans who have worked hard to get this project where it is today. Congratulations to all who have helped it "land" in downtown Lena. It is interesting that we have our beautiful water tower that has been preserved from the late 1800's close to a piece of history from the later 1900's. There are many things to see in our area. We still have been enjoying unseasonably nice weather. Hope you enjoy the great weather!

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

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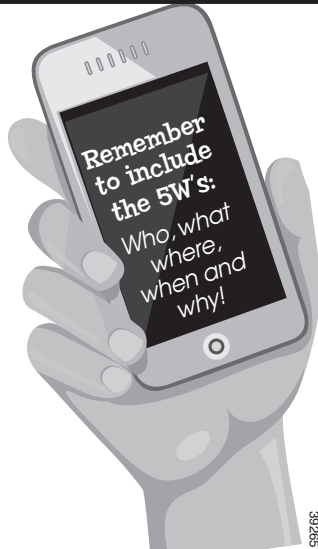
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Health organizations continue to report underutilization of sealants

Scientific and technological advances have significantly expanded our ability to prevent and treat dental caries. Ever since their introduction in the 1960s, sealants have been shown to prevent decay in the most common surface of the tooth that it covers, in the pits, depressions and grooves of the chewing surfaces of the



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molars (back teeth). The chewing surfaces are prone to decay because their uneven

surfaces trap food, and the pits are often so narrow that a toothbrush is unable to reach and remove the food debris and bacteria feeding on it.

A dental sealant is a special coating that is placed on the chewing surfaces of teeth. They harden into a protective coating that prevents tooth decay by blocking food and bacteria

from entering the pits and grooves. Sealants are an easy way to protect the back teeth (molars) from cavities. Children without sealants are almost three times more likely to have cavities in their molars compared to children with sealants. Early cavity prevention is extremely important. Sealants are most effective when applied soon

after the adult molars come in. The first molars typically come in around the age of 6, and the second molars come in around the age of 12. When sealants are applied at these times, they can prevent up to 80% of cavities.

Adults who do not have decay in their molars can also benefit from dental sealants. In rare cases, your dentist may also advise placing them on primary or baby teeth. Primary teeth serve the critical role of holding the place where permanent teeth should optimally erupt. If anatomy or health issues put them in jeopardy of early loss, sealants can help to protect them.

While sealants have a long-standing record as an evidence-based treatment for preventing and arresting pit-and-fissure decay in molars, research studies by the World Health Organization (WHO), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Dental Association (ADA) and many other health institutions continue to report their underutilization. Currently, less than half of US children and adolescents have dental sealants. It is therefore no surprise that the CDC also reports a significant number of occlusal cavities in the

molars of adults aged 20 to 34.

The CDC's Division of Oral Health (DOH) currently provides funding for public health programs in twenty states and one territory. Fortunately, Illinois is one of the states. The funds help to implement evidence-based preventive interventions, such as expanding sealant delivery in rural schools and schools with students from lower-income families and providing technical assistance for community water fluoridation activities. School sealant programs are an effective way to provide children with sealants to prevent cavities.

While sealants do not take the place of flossing, brushing with a fluoride toothpaste, and seeing a dentist regularly, they can significantly reduce decay in the occlusal surfaces. While it is best to seal your child's molars as soon as they erupt, to keep them healthy and strong, adults who were not provided sealants can have them placed if their molars do not have decay. Sealants will often last for several years before they need to be reapplied. During your regular dental visit, your dentist will check the condition of the sealant and can reapply them as needed.

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Lena American Legion Auxiliary members support local vets

Members of the Lena American Legion Auxiliary made jack-o'-lanterns at their recent meeting. They also stuffed Veterans Day Cards to mail out and made candy bags for the veterans in the Lena Living Center. Pictured are (from left to right) JoJo Skettini and grand-da, Liesl Jones and Janessa Avila.

October winners announced as the Daily Drawing kicks off year 10

The Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing (a cooperative fundraiser) announces the first winners in the 2024-2025 drawing year as the Daily Drawing marks its 10th year! This year all 4500 tickets available have been purchased. Many thanks to all who have purchased and supported the organizations in our co-op fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated.

Sponsoring organizations from Jo Daviess, Carroll & Stephenson County include: Caring Community of Elizabeth, East Dubuque Music Boosters, Eastland Music Boosters, Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Galena Key Club, Hanover Alumni Association, Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Hope Wins, Lena-Winslow Education Foundation, Midwest Medical Center Auxiliary Foundation, Pearl City Athletic Boosters, Philanthropic Educational Organiza-

tion-Chapter OH, River Ridge Drama Club, Scales Mound Travelers, Stewards of the Upper Mississippi River Refuge, Stockton Girls Basketball, Warren Athletic Boosters and West Carroll Sports Boosters.

October 2024 winners are:
 \$500 - Apple River Fort Historic Foundation
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 \$50 - Francis Fennell, Warren
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City
 \$50 - Rick Koehler, Scales Mound
 \$50 - Bill Engel, Lena
 \$150 - Jon Pentico, Scales Mound
 \$50 - Nick Schwartz, Dubuque, IA
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 \$50 - Bethany Haughan, Tempe, AZ
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toric Foundation
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