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## Leadership Training School

River Ridge FFA members Berkeley Mensendike (Chapter Reporter), Lily Lucas, Izzy Haring (Chapter Vice President), Sawyer Fry (Chapter Treasurer and Sections One Secretary), Nick Cobine (Chapter Historian), State FFA President Trenton

Payne, Jason Lucas, Faith Morhardt, Hayden Diehl, and Katie Cobine attend Leadership Training School.

## Warriors shutout Pecatonica-Argyle in style for Black Hawk-Warren Homecoming game

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Black Hawk-Warren Warriors are one of the top teams in all of Wisconsin Division 7 High School Football, once again. After beating Pecatonica-Argyle 62-0 last weekend, the Warriors

improved to 6-1 on the season. Black Hawk-Warren rode their rushing attack all the way to victory in this one. The Warriors rushed for over 300 yards in the week seven matchup. Owen Seffrood led the way with 126 yards and a trio of scores on the day.

Piercen Mahoney wasn't far behind. Mahoney rushed for 116 yards and a score on the day. Eli Schliem also rushed for a pair of scores in the game.

Defensively, Mahoney, Seffrood, and Beau Podnar each snagged interceptions in

the victory. It was the third time this season where the Warrior defense shutout their opponents. It was also the second time they won a game by the final score of 62-0, and

the third time beating their opponents by more than 50 points.

Not only did the Warriors put up some flashy numbers in their Homecoming game, but

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# Obituaries

## VIRGINIA RIMINGTON

Virginia E Rimington of Lena IL passed away on July 15, 2024, at the age of 98. She was born May 27, 1926, to Ghlee and Maude (Lybarger) Wilson in Astoria IL.

After graduating from Vermont high school in 1944, Virginia followed her mother's example by going to college. She received her nursing degree from the Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois School of Nursing in September of 1947 and passed the Illinois RN license exam in January of 1948 which continued to renew throughout her life. She worked as a registered nurse until marriage. She and Frederick Charles Rimington were married on Jan. 20, 1951, at St. James Episcopal Church in Lewiston.

She then began her lifelong vocation as a loving dairy farm wife and mother, taking an active role in all aspects of farming. The first 11 years of dairy farming where in Ipava, IL and remaining on their farm in Lena, IL. For seven decades, she cultivated her legacy as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. It lives on in cherished family recipes and in competitive Skip-bo, Rummikub and various board games matches. She will be remembered as a wonderful baker, great cook, and loving personality for all who knew her.

Virginia is survived by her children, Kathryn Rimington of Escondido, CA; sons Ron-



ald (Diane) Rimington of Lena, IL; and Jeffrey Rimington of Cottage Grove, WI; her daughter-in-law

Katherine (Kate) Rimington of Orangeville, IL; her former daughter-in-law Linda Rimington of Freeport, IL; 4 grandchildren, Ruth (Jeffrey) Adams, Chelsea (Glen-Allen Kendl) Rimington, Heather Rimington, and Mac Rimington; 2 great-grandchildren Conner and Nolan Adams; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Frederick Rimington; brother Gerald Wilson; sons Randall Rimington and Kent Rimington; and daughter-in-law Alice Munz.

A committal service will be held on Oct. 12, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the graveside at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. A luncheon will follow afterwards at the Beltine Cafe Freeport in the basement reception area. A memorial has been established for FHN Hospice and the Leonard Ferguson Cancer Center. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.walkermortuary.com](http://www.walkermortuary.com).

## ROBERT BROWN

Robert "Bobby" J. Brown, age 23, of Lena, IL passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, from injuries he sustained in a car accident. Bobby was born on Jan. 17, 2001, in Winnebago County, IL. He was adopted by Dan and Teresa Brown in 2012. Bobby was a 2019 graduate of Le-Win High School where he was active in football, basketball, and track. After graduating, Bobby went to Highland Community College where he enrolled in their barbering program. He proudly served his country in the United



States Army where he was stationed in Fort Bliss, TX and was honorably discharged in November of 2023. Bobby enjoyed spending time with his family. He was the life of the party who loved to laugh and thrived on making people happy. You could often find Bobby cutting everyone's hair, even on the morning of his brother Rahveon's wedding, making sure everyone looked their

best. Bobby is survived by his parents; Dan and Teresa Brown of Lena, his brothers; Peyton Brown of Dixon, Andrew Brown of Freeport, Rahkeem Valentine of Dixon, Rahveon (Brooke) Valentine of Dekalb, Ronnell Valentine of Madison, WI, Rahmareon "Marey" Roby of Lena, IL, two nephews; Ezra and Elias, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother Jarell Parnell.

A Memorial Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in

Lena, IL. A visitation was held on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena, IL. Burial will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lena, IL. Father Andrew Hernandez officiated the services. Cremation rites have been accorded. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in his memory.

Bobby felt very blessed with the life that he was given, and he could look at his forearm every day for the reminder that his life was blessed. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.leamonfh.com](http://www.leamonfh.com).

## MARY BEHAN

Mary BEHAN, age 76, of Warren, IL passed away peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024. Born on July 3, 1948, in Oak Park, IL, the daughter of Frank and Edna (Higgins) Hathaway. Mary was a beloved sister, aunt, cousin, and friend who touched countless lives with her warmth, generosity, and compassion.

She is survived by her devoted brother Tom Hathaway, and sister-in-law, Barb Hathaway, her cousin and dear friend Jill Petre along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and an extensive circle of friends. Mary was preceded in



death by her parents and her brother James Hathaway. Mary's career spanned several decades at Illinois Bell Telephone Company/AT&T where she started right after high school and eventually became one of the company's lead trainers. She was known for her dedication, strong work ethic, and the positive impact she had on her colleagues.

Outside of work, Mary had

a passion for giving back. She was a steadfast supporter of charitable causes, particularly the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, where she raised thousands of dollars over the years. Her commitment to helping others was a defining aspect of her life, and she will be remembered for the selflessness and kindness she consistently demonstrated.

In her free time, Mary enjoyed playing cards, visiting the casino, and indulging in comedies and sitcoms. She was a dedicated fan of the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs, often sharing her love

for the teams with friends and family.

Mary's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. Her kindness, compassion, and unwavering support will be deeply missed, but her memory will be cherished forever.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to your local Relay for Life event in Mary's memory. A memorial service to celebrate Mary's life will be held on Tuesday, October 15 at 12 p.m. at the Apple River Event Center, 446 E. Hickory St. in Apple River, IL. A luncheon to follow.



## News briefs

### Lena American Legion

The Lena American Legion Auxiliary will once again be putting up a window display of area veterans and currently serving military during the month of November. Pictures need to be submitted by Oct. 20 and can be sent to PO Box 21, Lena, IL 61048 or dropped off at the Lena American Legion Home on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pictures will not be returned.

### Stockton Community Choir

The Stockton Community Choir will begin rehearsals for the annual Christmas Cantata. This year's Cantata, "This is Christmas", will be performed on Sunday Dec. 8 at Calvary Church of Stockton at 6 p.m. under the direction of Lana Crandall. Everyone who loves to sing is asked to come and participate in the

annual Community Choir. Rehearsals will begin Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

### McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary is preparing for the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### Current needs for the Stephenson County VA Pantry

Items needed include body wash, shampoo and conditioner, hand soap, laundry soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, toilet paper, paper towels, large bath towels. 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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# U.S. hog inventory on the rise; margins remain tight

By Rhiannon Branch  
FARMWEEK

The latest quarterly hogs and pigs report from USDA showed an increase in U.S. numbers.

Inventory as of Sept. 1 was pegged at 76.5 million head, up slightly from September 2023 and up 2 percent from June 1. In Illinois, all hogs and pigs totaled 5.6 million head, down 3 percent since June but up 2 percent compared to last year.

During a webinar hosted by the National Pork Board after the report was released Sept. 26, Brett Stuart with Global AgriTrends said there is potential for swine numbers to continue to rise.

“The WASDE (World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates) report shows 2024 pork production up 2.7 percent,” he said. “If we were up 1.1 percent in the first half, that means to get to the WASDE number, we’re going to be up 4.3 percent in the second half of the year.”

Stuart said given those estimates, the hog industry could be looking at larger production going into the fourth quarter.

The September report placed breeding inventory at 6.04 million head, down 2 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from the previous quarter. The breeding inventory in Illinois, 650,000 head, was down 20,000 from last year.

Market hog inventory (70.4 million head) was up 1 percent from last year and 2 percent from last quarter nationwide and up 2 percent in Illinois at 4.95 million head.

The report also showed increases in some of the higher weight classes for market hogs.

“I think it’s important to keep in mind as we’re seeing cheaper feed costs, that could have implications for continuing those higher weights,” said Lee Schulz, economist at Iowa State University. “And we may see some adjustments when we think about market

timing as we go forward.”

Schulz said ISU profitability models are patchy as the industry comes off several months of modest profits.

“As you look at some of the seasonally higher prices, our model shows the next couple of months could continue to see some modest profits to break-even levels,” he said. “But getting into some red ink as we get into the fourth quarter and into winter.”

Profitability could then resume next spring.

“On average for 2025, we see some modest profits but there is still significant variability across those profit levels, providing a lot of risk for producers,” Schulz said. “But I’ll also highlight the market currently is offering some opportunity with some profitable prices at times remaining this year.”

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USDA’s September hogs and pigs report pegged the inventory at 76.5 million head, up 2 percent since June.

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## Federal judge sentences man to 10 years in prison for illegally possessing firearm

A federal judge has sentenced a Rockford man to 10 years in federal prison for illegally possessing a firearm in Rockford.

Lawndale Pelts, 36, was found guilty of the firearm offense in May following a jury trial in federal court in Rockford. U.S. District Judge Iain D. Johnston imposed the sentence on Sept. 20.

According to evidence presented at trial, on July 6, 2021, multiple people began shooting at each other in a residential neighborhood on 41st Avenue in Rockford. Home security footage depicted Pelts in possession of a firearm as he fled the shooting. Pelts threw his gun in a residential yard and later, while at the hospital, lied to police about what

happened. As a previously convicted felon, Pelts was prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms.

The sentence was announced by Morris Pasqual, acting United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; Christopher Amon, special agent-in-charge of the Chicago Field Division of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, To-

bacco, Firearms & Explosives; and Carla Redd, chief of the Rockford Police Department.

The Beloit, Wis. Police Department assisted in the investigation. The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jessica Maveus and Cassandra Maier.

Holding illegal firearm possessors accountable through federal prosecution is a cen-

terpiece of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)—the Department of Justice’s violent crime reduction strategy.

In the Northern District of Illinois, the U.S. Attorney’s Office and law enforcement partners have deployed the PSN program to attack a broad range of violent crime issues facing the district, particularly firearm offenses.

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## Slices of life

# Truth be told



By **JILL PERTLER**  
Columnist

“The truth will set you free.” We’ve all heard this iconic sentence, but what does it mean, really? More importantly, what exactly is the truth? That depends on whom you are asking.

Because I’ve come to believe that each of us has our own truth. What is my truth, with a capital T, may not be yours, in fact it probably isn’t. I know it isn’t. To complicate matters, your truth today may differ from your truth tomorrow, as will mine because we are ever-changing, ever-evolving beings. It’s a wonder we ever come to a consensus on anything—even within our own minds.

Truth, as I see it, is often fluid, flowing like a river through our lifetime. And that river changes in direction. The current slows to a trickle and then roars to a rapids. And we, my friends, are firmly planted on an inner tube, just along for the ride.

But we don’t always see it this way. We see the truth as THE TRUTH—unchanging and unwavering.

Sometimes it is. Hurting children is wrong. That is the truth. Hurting yourself is wrong. That is the truth. Destroying the dreams or aspirations of another person is wrong. That is the truth. Hating someone simply because they check a box that you yourself do not check is wrong. That is the truth.

When stated this way, the truth seems so simple. But it’s far from that. The truth is one of the most complex concepts up for our consideration. It’s right up there with evil, heaven, God and Bigfoot.

Truth—does it really exist? I think on some level, yes. In each moment, yes.

But much of truth ends up being fluid. What was true for me in kindergarten is no longer so by middle school. Circumstances change. Perspectives change. We change. Life changes. And with it, so does “truth.”

Is it warm outside? It depends upon whom you ask. 70 degrees Fahrenheit might be warm for me, but you could very well require at

least 80. Someone else might be squarely in the middle at 75, but for each of us, it’s our truth.

Parenthood is a great conundrum of truths, but I think we all (or mostly all) could agree that you are a different parent with child number four as compared to child number one. Each child knows his or her own truths about your parenting, and you also have your own set of truths about parenting at each stage - or each child.

Every day changes us, and in that changes our truth, or the way we navigate the world. This can create ramifications - both small and huge.

Think about divorce. Two people who want nothing more than to be divided at one point in time wanted nothing more than to be united as one at another. Which one is the truth?

They both are. Therein lies the conundrum of the concept. Truth can be two completely different things, depending on time, circumstance and the people observing it—living it.

Talk about chaos. Makes you wonder how we make sense of anything. Or better put, how we ascertain the truth in anything, not just from our own perspective, but the truth as viewed by the person sitting next to us.

It’s one of the great mysteries of life. And it can be beautiful, if you let it be. Not knowing the truth about the absence or the lack of any real truth causes you to simply trust. And trust, as it turns out, is pretty beautiful and life-changing.

Because, unlike the truth, trust is unwavering and steadfast.

*Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.*

## Weekly connection

# Cows are sure great

When I was three years old my dad began dairy farming. The story goes that on New Years Eve in 1965 he began his career as a dairyman down in northwest Indiana on the coldest night of the year. That first dairy farm lease began with some incredible challenges. On that first night of dairying almost sixty years ago a deep freeze rolled in and everything froze up. Water pipes burst in the house and in the barn and he was sure he had made the worst mistake of his life. I



By **SCOTT CERNEK**  
Columnist

don’t remember any of that of course, just the stories. All I remember from those early years was the sweet smell of cow feed and the joy of growing up with those nice gentle Holstein animals as a major part of my life.

I used to sit down in front of the manger in the barn in the wintertime and watch the cows eat their grain and hay while they were being milked by my dad and older brothers. As the milking went on the cows would lie down one by one in the soft straw and begin chewing their cud. I would spend hours just sitting there listening to Christian programming on the barn radio while I took in everything about those cows and barn life. The cats would crawl onto my lap and

the dog would lie at my feet. When the milking was done, I would sweep up the hay into the manger and help feed the baby calves their evening bottle of milk before heading back to the house for supper. The barn was such a warm and cozy place to hang out. As I grew older, I took on more responsibility of filling the heavy feed cart with grain and feeding a scoop to every cow while they were being milked. Then we would fill

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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!

## Church news

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are invited to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 118 E. Mason St. Lena, IL on Sunday, Oct. 13 for Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. This week's gospel reading is from the Gospel Mark 10:17-31.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16 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/GSL->

ClenaIL) 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 twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. 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, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. and to play dominoes in Luther Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 9 a.m.

All kids in grades K-5 are welcome to come to

St. John's in Pearl City on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 3:15 p.m. 5 p.m. and be a part of the Kids Klub. Kids Klub is a monthly adventure supported by the Pearl City area churches and offers a safe and supportive environment where children can hear bible stories, do crafts, play games, and enjoy delicious snacks. All children in the Pearl City community are welcome to attend. For more information or to register your child, please contact Pastor Roger Bronkema at [rbronkema18@gmail.com](mailto:rbronkema18@gmail.com) or call 815-291-6261.

The October Grace Meal will be on Sunday, Oct. 20. It will include a pork chop, baked beans, cole-

slaw, and applesauce. Meals can be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Oct. 20. Reservations are due in the church office by Thursday, Oct. 17. The meal is funded through the generosity of a grant from the Pearl City Lions Club and donations. If 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. 10 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.



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# Around the Northern Hills

As harvest going full speed ahead, I thought I would share a few tips for motorists when they come across slow-moving farm machinery on the roads. Above all, slow down and be patient. Reduce speed when encountering farm equipment on public roads. Flashing amber lights mean "caution." Slow down when you see the Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem. The orange and red reflective triangle warns you that the tractor or combine travels at a slow rate of speed. Keep a safe distance from the farm equipment so the farmers can see you. If you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. Pass wide, large farm equipment only if you know conditions are safe and you are sure the farmer will not be making a left-hand turn. Be cautious when pulling back in. It is illegal to pass in a no passing lane or within 100 feet of an intersection, railroad crossing or bridge. Be prepared to yield to wide equipment. Always wear a safety belt and heed the road's speed limit. Watch for the farmer's indication of a turn. Newer equipment has one or more amber lights flashing rapidly to indicate a turn. Older equipment is typically not equipped with turn signals to watch for the farmer's hand signals. Let's do everything that we can to make it a safe and bountiful harvest for everyone!



By **ANNETTE EGGERS**  
Jo Daviess  
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## National 4-H Week

This week marks National 4-H Week. Youth organizations such as 4-H introduce responsibility, hard work, and dedication at a young age. I come from a family that was active in 4-H. My mom was a 4-H'er, I was an 11-year member, and my kids were all members. I spent several years as a 4-H leader and now still help support 4-H here at the farm bureau. The JDCFB sponsors the outstanding 4-H'ers for the county as well as paying a portion of the program fee for each member. In addition, every showmanship winner will receive a t-shirt at the 4-H achievement program.

## Combine care packages

The Young Leaders committee wanted to give all of you a treat during harvest this year. At their last meeting they put together "combine care packages" filled with some goodies that you can keep with you in the combine or your truck during harvest.

## • Briefs (Continued from page 2)

### The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary

The McConnell American Legion Auxiliary Meeting will be held at the McConnell Legion on Oct. 16 at 5 p.m. We welcome anyone who is interested in the Auxiliary. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual troop care package drop-off and bake sale will be held on Oct. 26, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the McConnell Legion.

Items for the troop care package and donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Terri 815-541-6792 or Patty 815-266-1165 with any questions.

### Blood donors needed in Monroe

To help meet the continued national blood supply need, please consider participating in SSM Health's Community

We know that everyone will be putting in some long days during the coming weeks and wanted to make sure you had a few snacks to keep you going. The best part is it all comes in a five-gallon bucket! Who doesn't need another one of those (thanks to Ace Hardware in Stockton for donating the buckets)! There are a limited number of these, but if you are interested, stop in at the office and pick yours up before they are gone.

### Members discounts

Don't forget to take advantage of the member discounts from local businesses. Show your membership card at the business to claim your discount. For a full listing of local benefits, visit our website at [jodaviesscfb.com](http://jodaviesscfb.com). Go to membership, then local discounts.

### Family Farm Signs

As the seasons are changing, we all start thinking of the fall weather coming soon. There's still time to do some work around the farm and spruce things up a bit. Why not add a "This is a Family Farm" sign to your landscape? The signs are 17.5" X 23" and cost \$30. Stop by our office and pick one up.

### Farm Fun Fact

September is National Honey Month.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue in Monroe.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To schedule, please visit [Bloodcenter.org](http://Bloodcenter.org) or call SSM Health Monroe Hospital Volunteer Services Coordinator, Mary Berger, at 608-324-1569.

# Stockton shuts down Forreston in week six matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

When the Stockton Blackhawks get knocked down, they get up again. They have yet to lose consecutive games in the 2024 High School football season, and that remains true after a bounce back victory in week six.

After Stockton dropped their opener 32-26 to the now 5-2 Durand-Pecatonica Rivermen, the Blackhawks bounced back with a 54-12 victory in week two. After falling 30-14 to the undefeated Lena-Winslow Panthers, they bounced back with a 38-20 victory in week three. After suffering a brutal 34-8 loss to Eastland-Pearl City in week five, the Blackhawks fell to 2-3. With the goal of keeping their playoff hopes alive, the Blackhawks needed another bounce back performance in week six.

Despite coming in at just 2-3, the Blackhawks were the favorites on paper as they took on a struggling Forreston Cardinals squad. Forreston came in as losers of three consecutive games, which dropped their overall record to 1-4.

It didn't take long for the Blackhawks to crack the scoreboard. Mark Detwiler got the scoring started with a two-yard plunge into the endzone. Noah Larson scored the two-point conversion, and the Blackhawks went up 8-0 less than four minutes into the game.

Shortly after, the Blackhawks got the big play going as Carter Blair took it 50 yards to paydirt. Larson once again scored the conversion, giving Stockton a 16-0 lead that

held through the rest of the first.

It wasn't more than a minute into the second quarter that they pushed their lead to a three-score advantage. Detwiler tallied his second score of the day as he scored on a 27-yard touchdown run. Detwiler gave the Blackhawks a 22-0 lead at the time.

After handling the dirty work on the conversions, it was Larson's turn to reach the endzone. He did so in a big way, rushing for 79 yards and putting the Blackhawks up by four scores. It was Larson's first carry of the game that wasn't on a point-after-attempt. Jack Mensendike then joined the party as a five-yard touchdown run, followed by his own two-point conversion, put Stockton up by 36.

After hammering the ground game, the Blackhawks even found a way to score through the air. Noah Larson connected with Eli Larson on a 27-yard passing score, which put the Blackhawks up 44-0. That capped off the scoring for the Blackhawks, all of which happened in the first half. Stockton's 44-0 lead dwindled down to 44-20 as Forreston scored a few late touchdowns. The Blackhawks eventually won to improve to 3-3.

Detwiler led the way on the ground with 96 yards and a pair of scores on 12 rushes. Blair rushed for 82 yards and a score on just five carries. Noah rushed for 84 yards, 79 of which came on one run.

On Oct. 11 the Blackhawks return home to play host to the Morrison Mustangs. Both teams will come into the matchup with a record of 3-3.

## • Cows (Continued from page 4)

the cart with silage from the silo and feed each cow a big fork load. After the grain and silage, we would throw bales of hay down from the mow and spread it out in front of the cows. There was usually a couple of us boys working together on the feeding and a brother or two helping our dad milk. Sometimes mom would help too. It was a family affair, and the cows were part of the family. When we moved to Wisconsin in 1972 the only thing that changed was that we had three times as many cows to take care of.

It was very hard for me to leave the farm when it came time to go to college, but I really wanted to get a teaching degree and work with kids. It took me twice as long to finish

my schooling as most students because I kept quitting and coming back to the farm. I know that all sounds kind of crazy, but for a dairy farm kid the cows become an integral part of one's life. Finally, I was able to complete my degree and after a thirty-year, career in teaching, I came back to the farm and milked my own herd for five years. It wasn't quite as much fun because I had to do everything myself. When I sold my herd my brother moved his cows onto my farm and I was able to enjoy his dairy cows from a distance for another two years. Well, last Friday he finally sold his cows and now my barn sits empty and lonely. I do have some beef cows now that I will bring over here soon. They don't

require near the hands on as the dairy cows, but still give back a great deal of pleasure. There's just something about cows. I still love watching them eat or nuzzle their calves out in the pasture. The good thing is that on my oldest brother's farm they are still going strong with the dairying. They have about four hundred head so I can always visit at his farm for a dairy cow fix any time I would like.

Proverbs 12:10 says, *Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast.* In Genesis 1:26 we read that God created man and the animals and gave man dominion over the animals. I think it's pretty great to love animals, especially cows. Until next week, God bless.

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# Stephenson County Farm Bureau news

By Victoria Hansen

With it being the first week in October, November and holiday shopping seems like a far-off thought, but Stephenson County Farm Bureau is hosting a pre order of McNess and Rawleigh products. Full order forms can be found on our website at [www.stephensoncfb.org](http://www.stephensoncfb.org) under the "news"

tabs. Orders are due on or before 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18. They will be ready for pickup on Friday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

During these dates in November the Stephenson County Farm Bureau will be hosting an Open House. Stock up on Farm Bureau products,

visit the McNess truck show, enjoy light refreshments and enter giveaways. If you have questions, please call our office at 815-232-3186. The orders and open house are open to the public.

### Carroll and Stephenson Counties now accepting orders for nuts and candy

Back by popular demand both counties will be accepting Terri Lynn Nuts and Candies orders on or before Oct. 18. Popular items available to order include Giant Cashews, Fancy Mammoth Pecans halves, Black Walnut pieces, Milk Chocolate Bridge Mix, Deluxe mixed nuts, fancy colossal pistachios and much more. To view our entire order list visit either county websites [www.carrollcfb.org](http://www.carrollcfb.org) or [www.stephensoncfb.org](http://www.stephensoncfb.org) or either Facebook pages. If you don't see something on

our order form that you were looking for let us know.

For questions or additional items please call your county Farm Bureau, Carroll at 815-244-3001 or Stephenson at 815-232-3186. Items will be ready to pick up the third week in November. Additional pickup details can be found on the order forms.

### Applications now available for 2025 Agriculture Leaders of Tomorrow

Are you, or someone you know, ready to take the next step in their leadership development? The Illinois Farm Bureau has a program to help with that. The Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) provides participants with the tools they need to reach their full potential and emerge as a leader in agriculture. Whether you serve on your county Farm Bureau board, county

Farm Bureau committee, or a leader in agribusiness or your local community, you will benefit from ALOT just as the over 1,200 previous graduates have.

Classroom studies cover leadership, communication and professional skills, political process, agricultural economics, and global issues, and are taught by experts in a variety of fields. Classes will be conducted over a seven-week period in a different region of the state each year, so there's sure to be one near you. In 2025, there will be seven weekly sessions held across Northwestern Illinois, Springfield, and Bloomington, Illinois. The seven-week program includes four overnight sessions, two single-day sessions, and one virtual session.

The ALOT program is limited to 25 participants, who are chosen following inter-

views conducted on Dec. 3 via Zoom by the ALOT advisory committee. There is an \$800 tuition fee, which includes meals, lodging, and instructional materials. Applications are available online at [www.ilfb.org/alot](http://www.ilfb.org/alot) and are due by Nov. 1. For more information about the program visit [www.ilfb.org/alot](http://www.ilfb.org/alot) or contact Stephenson County Farm Bureau at 815-232-3185 or Carroll County Farm Bureau at 815-244-3001 or the IFB Training and Development Department at 309-557-2038.



## Annual Chili and Soup Supper

The Orangeville American Legion Post 720 will hold the 20th Annual Chili and Soup Supper on Wednesday, Oct. 16 from 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. at the Orangeville Village Hall, 301 South East Street, Orangeville, IL. Chili, ham and bean, and vegetable soups will be available, as well as ham or turkey sandwiches, applesauce, cheese, crackers, dessert and beverages.

The cost is \$9 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-10 years, and free for under 6 years. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Orangeville Legion/Auxiliary member or at the door. This annual event provides funds for scholarships, Boys and Girls State delegates, and various veterans programs.

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# Panthers pounce on Rivermen in week six matchup

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

The Lena-Winslow Panthers are inevitable. Year after year, outsiders await the collapse of what has become the Le-Win football dynasty. Although the Panthers have dominated the NUIC throughout their reign, there has been one team with the expectations of

knocking Le-Win off in recent years.

The Durand-Pecatonica Rivermen are a 3A team competing in the NUIC, where they rival the Panthers as one of the top programs. Even Le-Win head coach, Ric Arand, has acknowledged the threat that Du-Pec is. Before each of the last two seasons, Arand predicted

Du-Pec to lead the NUIC. Perhaps that is a humble tip of the cap, as when it comes time to play, Arand's Panthers keep coming out on top.

The same was true in this year's week six matchup when the excitement was at an all-time high. Both Du-Pec and Le-Win entered the game with undefeated records of 5-0. The Panthers had gone a week without playing, as they accepted a forfeit victory in week five. With both teams coming in undefeated, it was time for one of the NUIC powerhouses to fall.

Much like last season, the excitement leading up to the game was more intense than the game itself. It took a little bit of time to get things going, but the Panthers eventually outworked the Rivermen with their physical attack.

Aiden Wild got the Panthers on the board with a four-yard rushing touchdown late in the

first quarter. Midway through the second, Wild tallied his second touchdown of the game as he plunged in from two yards out. A missed two-point conversion left the Panthers with a 14-0 lead.

In the closing minutes of the first half, it looked like the Rivermen were going to tighten things up. With 49 seconds left, a three-yard touchdown run brought the Rivermen within one score. However, on the ensuing kickoff, Jaylen Rakowska returned it 75 yards to immediately get those points back. Le-Win would take a 22-6 lead into halftime.

It didn't take long for the

Panthers to run away with things in the second half. With over seven minutes left in the third, Alec Schlichting plunged into the endzone from three yards out. Schlichting would go on to end the third quarter with his second touchdown of the game. This time, Schlichting took it 35 yards, putting the Panthers up 38-6.

Jimmy Goebel tallied the Panthers' final score with a two-yard touchdown run. Du-Pec would score two late, fourth quarter touchdowns, but that merely made the final score appear closer than it truly was. The Panthers defended their home field with a 46-22

victory over the Rivermen.

Le-Win rushed for over 300 yards on the ground. Schlichting led the way with 160 yards and a pair of scores. Wild rushed for 68 yards and a pair of scores. Rakowska not only had the kick return, but an interception and a fumble recovery to boot.

The Panthers took a firm hold atop the NUIC with their week six victory. Week seven features another big matchup as the Panthers travel to take on Eastland-Pearl City on Oct. 11. EPC is 4-1 in conference play, and they sit just behind the Rivermen and Panthers in standings.

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# Broncos pick up week five victory

By Trenten Scheidegger  
CORRESPONDENT

After a slow start to the 2024 Illinois 8-Man High School Football season, the Orangeville Broncos have won two in a row. In week four, Orangeville outraced River Ridge 82-58 in a high-scoring shootout. The Broncos kept the stampede moving when they took on Rockford Christian Life in week five.

It didn't take long for the Broncos to get on the board. Oskar Bissell gave Orangeville their first lead with a 10-yard rushing score. Christian Life would respond with a touchdown of their own, leaving the game tied 6-6 in the first.

Orangeville would come out of the opening quarter with a lead, thanks to a 52-yard scamper by Hayden Schofield. A successful two-point conversion gave the Broncos a 14-6 lead to end the first.

The score remained close throughout the first half. Or-

angeville took their first two-score advantage when Bissell scored his second touchdown of the day. This time, Bissell took it 29 yards as he put the Broncos up 20-6 before the half.

The ground game proved to be the difference in this one. Orangeville rushed for over 400 yards as a team. The rushing attack took a toll on the Christian Life defense as the Broncos came out strong in the second half.

With such a commanding rushing attack, the Broncos controlled the ball and the clock. A long, third quarter drive was capped off by a one-yard rushing touchdown by Paxton Bastian. The two-point conversion put the Broncos up 28-6 at the time.

Christian Life never really went away, but the Broncos managed to maintain their distance. Christian Life made it a 28-12 game with a touchdown to end the third quarter, but

the Broncos took those points back early in the fourth. Matt Soddy joined the scoring party as a seven-yard rush put the Broncos up 36-12.

Christian Life would answer again, but it was Schofield who scored the final touchdown of the day. A five-yard run, followed by the two-point conversion, sealed the deal on a 44-18 Orangeville victory.

Schofield and Bissell combined for four touchdowns on the day with each of them scoring two. Schofield led the way on the ground with 256 yards to go along with the two scores. Bissell also reached triple digits with 112 yards on the ground. Schofield also had an interception in the victory.

Orangeville improved to 2-3 with the week five victory. They went on to beat Hiawatha 42-22 in a week six game. The Broncos play host to West Carroll in a week seven matchup on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m.

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# Illinois Supreme Court rulings address FOID seizures, hospital room privacy

## Justices unanimously overturn decision that would have voided part of FOID law

By Peter Hancock and Hannah Meisel  
CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

The Illinois Supreme Court recently vacated a lower court ruling and reinstated a statute that authorizes the state to revoke a person's Firearm Owners Identification card once they've been charged with a felony, even if they haven't yet been convicted.

The case involved Aaron and Charles Davis, a father and son who were charged with reckless discharge of a firearm, a felony, for allegedly shooting their rifles into the air over the Fourth of July weekend in 2016.

Soon after the charges were filed, the Illinois State Police revoked their FOID cards pursuant to a provision of the law that authorizes the agency to revoke permits from anyone "who is prohibited from acquiring or possessing firearms or firearm ammunition by any Illinois State statute or by federal law."

In the Davises' case, ISP relied on a federal law that makes it illegal "for any person who is under indictment for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year to ship or transport in interstate or foreign commerce any firearm or ammunition or receive any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce."

The charges were later reduced to misdemeanors and each of the defendants had their FOID cards reissued after pleading guilty. After receiving their new cards, the Davises sued, arguing they were denied their constitutional right to keep and bear arms for self-defense during the time their FOID cards were revoked. They sought a declaration that the FOID Card Act is unconstitutional as it applies to people who have been charged with, but not convicted of, a felony.

Their attorney, Thomas Maag, of Wood River, also represents one set of plaintiffs in a federal lawsuit in the Southern District of Illinois challenging the constitutionality of the state's ban on assault-style weapons and large-capacity magazines. A trial in that case was held last week in East St. Louis and a ruling is now pending.

In March 2023, Madison County Judge Ronald Foster granted the Davises' motion and declared the law unconsti-

titutional as it applied to people charged with, but not convicted of, felonies. He issued a permanent injunction barring the state from enforcing that provision of the law.

The state appealed directly to the Supreme Court, which stayed the lower court order while the appeal was pending. And in a unanimous opinion Sept. 19, the high court reversed the lower court decision, saying because the Davises had already had their FOID cards reissued, they no longer had standing to sue and claim they were being injured by the law.

### Hospital room privacy

The Illinois Supreme Court last week unanimously ruled that patients admitted to a hospital should not have a universal expectation of privacy that would prevent law enforcement from entering a hospital room to question them or search their belongings.

The case stretches back to October 2016, when Cortez Turner arrived at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murrphysboro with a gunshot wound to the leg.

Emergency room staff had already been notified that a gunshot victim would be arriving via ambulance, but Turner was dropped off by a friend two minutes before the ambulance arrived carrying Detrick Rogers, who was fatally wounded by a gunshot to the head.

In the middle of the night, detectives from the Murrphysboro Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office showed up to the trauma room in which Turner was being treated. During the course of being questioned, Turner agreed to the officers' request to seize his blood-stained clothing, which was on the counter in the room.

Eventually, Turner was implicated in Rogers' death, an alleged drive-by shooting. Turner was later charged with first degree murder in addition to perjury for lying to a grand jury about the murder. After his 2019 conviction, Turner was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

During trial, Turner's lawyers argued the bloody clothing collected from the hospital room should have been suppressed as evidence as it was not in plain view, and because he did not provide consent for officers to take them—despite testimony and

detailed hospital chart notes from a nurse who took care of Turner in the emergency room indicating otherwise.

But after trial, Turner dropped those reasonings and began arguing the evidence should have been suppressed because the detectives should have first obtained a warrant before entering the trauma room.

On appeal, however, Illi-

nois' 5<sup>th</sup> District Appellate Court did not agree, and after arguments in front of the state high court in May, neither did the justices of the Illinois Supreme Court.

Quoting from both a 1992 Illinois Supreme Court opinion and a 1990 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Justice Elizabeth K. Rochford wrote that Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches

and seizures "offer protection to people, not places...but the extent to which they protect people depends upon where the people are."

Rochford went on to explain a six-factor test to determine whether a person should have a reasonable expectation of privacy, eventually reaching the conclusion that the only factor in Turner's favor was that he was "legitimately

present" in the trauma room.

Turner's attorneys tried to argue that he should have the same expectation of privacy as a person who rented a hotel room. But the justices rejected that reasoning, noting that Illinois law requires hospital personnel to call the police when a gunshot victim enters the emergency room.

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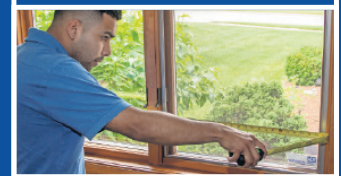
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# River Ridge FFA members prepare for leadership roles

The River Ridge FFA Chapter has had several opportunities the past few weeks for its members to start developing their leadership skills. Starting off in early September, Jr. High members were invited to attend the Discovery Conference. At this conference students had the opportunity to learn about FFA contests as well as develop and practice their communication skills. The three breakout sessions were all led by high school Chapter Officers who were tasked with both developing and leading their respective sessions.

Next up was the Greenhand Conference held at Highland Community College. This conference was designed specifically for first year FFA members. There were over 200 students who attended this year. Students rotated through 12 different sessions where they learned skills such as how to tie a tie and how to give a professional handshake while introducing themselves. Other stations taught them cuts of beef, FFA trivia, and vet science. River Ridge officers did a great job on leading the station on Greenhand quiz bowl.

The third leadership opportunity was or Leadership Training School (LTS). LTS is held annually for FFA Officers or future officers to get more leadership experience. The officers met with the 2024-2025 State FFA President, Trenton Payne, who led an exciting workshop on how to be an effective leader. Other breakout sessions, which were led by the Section One and Two FFA Officers, focused on communication skills and problem solving.

The FFA Organization gives students opportunities



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**River Ridge FFA students (back row) Nick Cobine, Sawyer Fry, Berkeley Mensendike, Bindi Boop, Graci Allen, (Front row) Damien Ware, Sam Cobine, Justice Easter, Chase Parker, Cruz Jiminez, Chriatian Morhardt attend the Discovery Conference.**

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**Sawyer Fry leads a workshop at Leadership Training School on communication.**

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**River Ridge Greenhand member Ella Dittmar participates in the Greenhand Conference.**

# FROM LENA'S KITCHEN



The not so skinny cook

## Baked Artichoke Squares

Most spinach artichoke appetizers are dips; this one is an actual appetizer you pick up and eat. It will be great for tailgating or the holidays.

2 cans refrigerated Pillsbury Crescent rolls (8 count)  
1 can (14 oz.) artichoke hearts, drained, chopped  
1 box (9 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed to drain  
3/4 C. grated Parmesan cheese  
2/3 C. mayonnaise  
2/3 C. sour cream  
1/8 t. garlic powder

Preheat oven to 350. Unroll both cans of crescent rolls; separate into 4 long rectangles. Place crosswise in an ungreased 15x10x1 inch pan; press over bottom and 1-inch up on sides to form crust. Press perforations to seal. Spread mixture evenly over partially baked crust. Bake 8 to 10 minutes longer or until topping is hot. Cut in 1 1/2-inch squares. Serve warm.

## Chicken Kiev Bake

I have had chicken Kiev recipes before, but this one uses crescent rolls, so it is really easy to prepare. You should be able to find the cream cheese with onion and chives at most grocery stores.

8 uncooked chicken tenderloins  
1/4 t. garlic powder  
1/4 t. pepper  
1/8 t. salt  
3 T. butter  
1 can Crescent rolls (8 count)  
3 T. Italian breadcrumbs  
1 container (7.5 oz) chives and onion cream cheese  
1/3 C. milk

Preheat oven to 375. Season the chicken with garlic powder, pepper, and salt. In a large skillet, melt 2 T. of butter over medium-high heat. Cook chicken in butter 8 to 10 minutes or until chicken is well browned on all sides. Remove from skillet; cool slightly. Unroll dough and separate into 8 triangles. Place piece of chicken on wide end of triangle and roll up dough around chicken; place in an ungreased 9x13 baking dish. Repeat to use all of chicken and dough. In a small bowl, heat remaining 1 T. butter until melted. Brush crescents with melted butter; top with breadcrumbs. Bake 15 minutes. A few minutes before removing dish from oven, using same skillet, heat cream cheese and milk over

medium heat, stirring constantly, until smooth and bubbling. Pour sauce into baking dish around crescent-wrapped chicken; return to oven for 6 to 7 minutes or until crescents are golden brown and sauce is bubbling.

## Sloppy Ottos

These sandwiches are the German version of Sloppy Joes. They use pork sausage. Because October is National Pork Month, I thought it fitting to share this unusual sandwich with you. You can use green peppers instead of yellow or a combination of green, yellow, and orange. I like to use the sauerkraut in the dairy case instead of the canned or jarred. Sullivans has great pretzel buns.

1 lb. bulk pork sausage (use spicy if you like spice)  
1 1/2 C. sauerkraut, rinsed and drained  
2 medium yellow peppers, chopped  
1 medium onion, chopped  
8 pretzel or regular hamburger buns, split  
8 slices provolone cheese

Preheat oven to 350. In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat, 4 to 6 minutes or until no longer pink, breaking into crumbles; drain. Add sauerkraut, peppers, and onions; cook and stir 8 to 10 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Pour meat mixture onto bun bottoms; place cheese over meat. Replace tops. Place on a baking sheet. Bake 4 to 6 minutes or until cheese is melted.

## Pumpkin Spice Cake

If you aren't into making pumpkin pie, this cake is a great substitute. It also feeds more people. Its base is a spice cake mix. It also looks great as a centerpiece on a cake stand.

1 pkg. spice cake mix  
3 eggs, room temperature  
1 C. canned pumpkin  
1/2 C. water  
1/2 C. canola oil  
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant vanilla pudding  
1 t. cinnamon  
1/2 C. chopped pecans  
Cream cheese frosting

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, pumpkin, water, oil, pudding mix and cinnamon. Beat at medium speed for 5 minutes. Stir in pecans.

Pour into prepared pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 45 to 55 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from the pan to a wire rack. Cool completely. Place on a serving plate or cake stand. Pour cream cheese drizzle on top and down the sides of the

cake.  
**Cream Cheese Drizzle:**  
1/2 stick unsalted butter, softened  
4 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1 t. vanilla  
1 1/2 C. powdered sugar  
2 to 4 t. whipping cream  
Cream the butter and cream cheese in a mixer. Add the vanilla, and powdered sugar and beat until combined. Add enough whipping cream to make a drizzle.

## Barb's Applesauce Bars

Barb Wire sent this applesauce bar recipe. She said she has been making several pans of them and sharing them with the Doll Apartments ladies, the residents at the Lena Retreat and the Lena Living Center when she does Bible studies with them weekly. She sometimes put mini chocolate chips in them or raisins and chopped walnuts or just raisins, and they are very moist.

They often eat more than one! Enjoy Barb's applesauce bars.  
1 C. flour  
2/3 C. brown sugar or white sugar, or Splenda  
1 t. baking soda  
1/2 t. salt  
1 t. pumpkin pie spice or apple pie spice  
1 C. applesauce  
1 egg  
1/2 C. raisins  
Chopped nuts or mini chocolate chips if desired

## Final Thoughts

October has officially begun. We have had some true fall weather and some warm weather too. This weekend is the River Ridge Craft Fair. It

is one of my favorites. I am hoping to get there. Football games keep rolling along as do volleyball games. The high school golf season has ended. I can't believe that we have ended an activity already. The Lena Farmer's Market continues on Saturdays, so there are lots of things to do on weekends.

Hats off to the Lena United Methodist Church for their Community Meal. It is heartwarming to see this kind of free social get together for our community.

There was a great program at the Lena Area Historical Museum on Lena Area Postcards and the man who took them. A large group heard two men who have done a lot of research on the photographer who went to small towns and made postcards to sell. Lena was chosen because it was on the railroad and had a unique water tower. The exhibit of the postcards is a

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 Clue: Bring into the family

**B. 22 18 2 11 17 2 14**  
 Clue: Where pets wait for home

**C. 5 23 5 5 26**  
 Clue: Young dog

**D. 14 2 22 1 23 2**  
 Clue: Animal organization

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# IN\*CI\*DENTAL\*LY

## How evolution impacts wisdom teeth



By **DR. STEPHEN PETRAS**  
Illinois Licensed  
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Wisdom teeth, otherwise known as the third and final set of adult molars, generally emerge between the ages of 17 – 25. These teeth erupt later than any other teeth because the jaw and chewing muscles require time to grow enough to accommodate them. However, even with this prolonged wait, evolutionary changes in orofacial development often make it difficult for this third set of molars to develop and/or erupt normally.

The jaws of early humans were broader, and their diet of unprocessed and coarse food wore their teeth down both occlusally (on the chewing surface) and interproximally (between the teeth) which provided more room for the wisdom teeth to emerge and line up with the other molars. As humankind continued to evolve our jaws and dental arches became shorter, our faces became more retracted, and our growth slowed as our lifespans increased. In addition, processed food, which causes significantly less wear on our dentition, constitutes a large portion of our diets. Therefore, even with their biologically dictated delayed emergence, there is often simply not enough space in the arch to accommodate this third set of

molars.

Without adequate space, wisdom teeth cannot develop normally. They may be so crowded in the jaw they are only able to partially emerge (partially impacted) or completely trapped and not capable of erupting at all (fully impacted.) In either situation, these molars can grow at a variety of angles, even perpendicular or lying down with the crown pointing to the second molar. Pressure from these developing molars can cause damage and further

crowding to surrounding teeth. Food and bacteria often get trapped around the edges and between or under the gums of a partially impacted wisdom tooth. This not only increases the incidence of decay but can lead to a painful periodontal infection called pericoronitis. Impacted wisdom teeth can form a cyst on or near them. These cysts can damage the roots of nearby teeth and the jawbone. Sometimes wisdom teeth in the upper jaw can migrate or grow roots into the sinus cavities.

Six-month checkups and regularly updated x-rays allow your dentist to monitor third molar development and indications of impacted wisdom teeth before symptoms and damage can occur. Depending on the severity of the impact and

other oral and systemic health issues, your dentist may refer you to an oral surgeon for extraction.

While some circumstances will dictate immediate extraction, most of the time you can schedule impacted wisdom teeth removal in advance. To avoid an emergency while far from home and/or missing critical exams, many college students opt to schedule their wisdom tooth extractions during the summer.

Here are some fun facts about wisdom teeth. The third molars are called wisdom teeth because you usually get them when you are older (between 17 and 22) when it is assumed that you have gained some wisdom. However, different cultures refer to wisdom teeth in different terms.

In Korea they are referred to as *sa-rang-nee*, which means “love teeth” because teens frequently fall in love. Turkish people refer to them as *yas disisi*, meaning “twentieth year tooth.” In Japanese they are called *oyashirazu*, or “unknown to parents” because, by the time the wisdom teeth emerge, the individual has left their parent’s home. Wisdom teeth are the only teeth that develop after birth. All other teeth begin their formation in the womb.

Environment, ethnicity and genetics play a role in the development of wisdom

teeth. Indigenous Mexicans do not have wisdom teeth and individuals of Asian descent, Aboriginal Tasmanians and the Inuit are least likely to have wisdom teeth.

Wisdom teeth are an excellent source of stem cells. Ongoing stem cell research focuses on regenerating tissues to aid in healing and finding new methods to treat disease. This means that while our ancestors relied on wisdom teeth, they no longer serve a purpose in the modern oral cavity. However, they can still serve humanity in stem cell research.

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## Freeport police report

### Arrest made in Sept. 25 shots fired incident

On October 2, 2024, the Freeport Police Department arrested 40-year-old Raymond E. Adams of Freeport inside of a residence in the 400 block of W. Clark Street on a felony warrant stemming from a shots fired incident that occurred on September

25, 2024 in the 900 block of S. Carroll Avenue.

Raymond Adams was transported to the Stephenson County Jail where he was served a copy of the felony warrant and complaint that charged Adams with two counts of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, two counts of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, and two counts of Unlawful Possession of a

Weapon by a Felon. Adams was processed at the Stephenson County Jail and released into the custody of the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office.

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

### Answers

PUZZLE 1

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PUZZLE 2

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## Rulings

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The ruling pointed to a dozen or so similar cases across the country in which courts at both the state and federal level have “reached the same conclusion,” – including a recent 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Appellate Court’s decision in a case with facts “remarkably similar” to Turner’s.

In that case, the court “relied on the existence of a similar statute” to Illinois’ law requiring hospital personnel to notify law enforcement about gunshot wound victims, rejecting arguments “that a person being treated in a trauma room has the same reasonable expectation of privacy as a hotel occupant.”

Rochford noted that Illinois’ appellate courts have previously ruled in favor of a defendant’s expectation of privacy in two separate cases involving patients in hospital rooms. But, she wrote, those rulings were careful to note that the question of reasonable expectation of privacy “depends on the totality of the circumstances and those circumstances will vary from person to person and from case to case.”

# Jury selection begins this week in corruption trial of former Speaker Madigan

Arguments in high-profile case won't begin for another week

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Jury selection will begin this week in the corruption trial of former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan, whose half-century career and status as Illinois' most powerful politician ended nearly four years ago as the feds circled ever-closer to his inner circle.

The 82-year-old ex-speaker faces 24 counts of bribery and racketeering—along with his longtime friend and powerful Springfield lobbyist Mike McClain—in a case that frames Madigan's power in government, politics and as a partner in his law firm as a criminal enterprise.

The trial, which is scheduled to last through mid-December, is the culmination of

more than a decade of digging by the FBI and prosecutors, and it's the final in a series of related cases that have played out in Chicago's federal courthouse over the last few years.

The feds have already won convictions and guilty pleas from many in Madigan's orbit, including McClain. He and three former executives for electric utility Commonwealth Edison were found guilty last year in a case accusing them of bribing Madigan with jobs and do-nothing contracts for the speaker's political allies in order to grease the wheels for legislation favorable to ComEd.

Some of those political allies who got contracts at ComEd and telecommunications giant AT&T Illinois have faced tax evasion charges and are either serving or have already completed prison sentences.

Also last year, the former speaker's longtime and extremely loyal chief of staff Tim Mapes was convicted

on two counts of perjury and attempted obstruction of justice for lying to a grand jury investigating Madigan and his inner circle.

Most recently, however, a jury last month deadlocked in the trial of former AT&T Illinois president Paul La Schiazza, who was accused of bribing Madigan via a do-nothing job for the speaker's political ally in 2017. Arguments for his acquittal are scheduled for next month.

Though that trial's outcome was a hopeful development for Madigan, it's unclear if it will have any bearing on the former speaker's own case, which is much larger and more complex.

Madigan's trial, which was originally scheduled for this past spring, was delayed while the U.S. Supreme Court considered a case that dealt with federal bribery statute. That decision, issued in June, narrowed the definition of "bribery" in federal criminal law to exclude "gratuities"—a

gift given to a politician after an "official act"—and said that the "timing of the agreement is the key, not the timing of the payment."

In response to the ruling, Madigan's lawyers asked U.S. District Judge John Blakey to dismiss some of the bribery charges in the case, claiming prosecutors failed to allege a "quid pro quo" occurred between the former speaker and entities like ComEd and AT&T.

But Blakey last week sided with prosecutors, who have pursued a so-called "stream of benefits" legal theory, wherein a pattern of corrupt exchanges over a long period of time is proof enough of a quid pro quo, even if there's no smoking gun evidence of a handshake deal.

"Contrary to Defendants' characterization, the indictment does not merely allege that ComEd hired certain individuals recommended by Madigan and that, during the same time period, Madigan

happened to vote in favor of certain legislation affecting ComEd," Blakey wrote in his order on Oct. 3. "Rather, it explicitly alleges that Madigan performed official acts related to legislation affecting ComEd in exchange for ComEd's hiring of certain individuals."

Blakey this summer made a series of pretrial decisions for the Madigan case, which will be one of the most high-profile political corruption cases this century, along with last year's trial of Chicago Ald. Ed Burke and former Govs. Rod Blagojevich and George Ryan.

Because of the high-profile nature of the case, Blakey has laid out a schedule for jury selection that will take at least four days, beginning with an extensive questionnaire for the 180 prospective jurors. And when questioning of the jury pool begins, no names will be used and news media will be barred from the courtroom, only able to watch via

an overflow room elsewhere in the courthouse.

Opening statements in the case are likely to begin on Monday, Oct. 15, though Blakey this week said jury selection should take as long as it needs. The trial is scheduled through Dec. 13.

## •Kitchen

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