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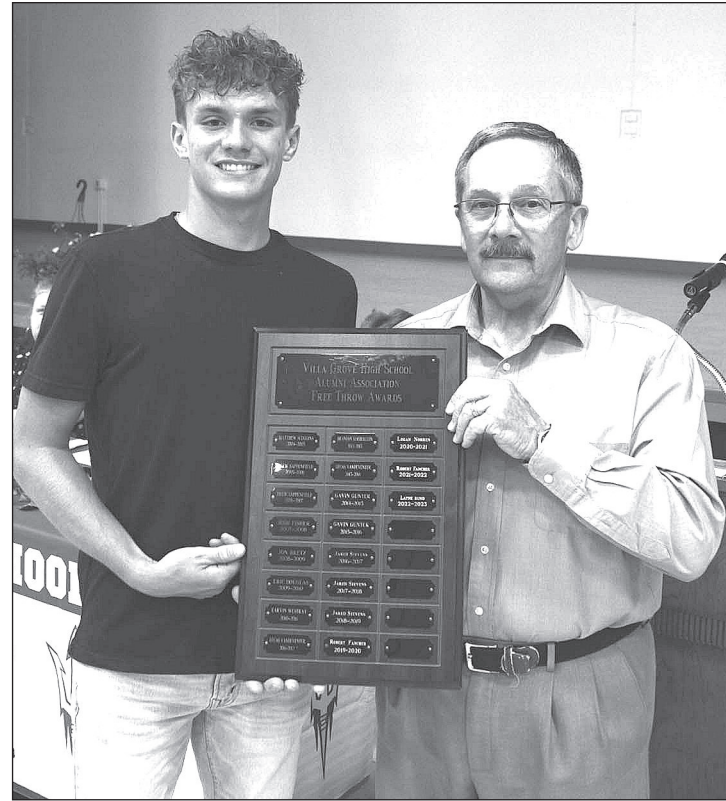
By Tony Hooker

Clawed by Panthers
Villa Grove saw their season come to an end with a 4-3 loss to Leroy in the IHSA class 1A sectional first round. The Panthers got a walk off 2 run homer with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn the win in a hard-fought contest. Hayden Thomas led the way at the plate for VG, going 2-3 with a homer, a double an RBI and a run scored, and Piper Kiser drove in two for the Blue Devils. Workhorse pitcher Alex Brown, who will be playing for Danville Area Community

College next season, took the loss, allowing 4 earned runs on 4 hits while fanning seven.
Season stats wrap up for area college players
Junior Reagan Cheely had a solid year at McKendree, batting .298 with 2 homers and 31 RBI's. The Bearcats finished the season with a record of 29-16.
Freshman Vanessa Wright put together a good first year for Monmouth College, batting .263 with 2 doubles, a triple and 19 RBI's for the Scots. Monmouth finished with a record of 13-27.



DR. STEVE KOENIG presents the Ernie Combes Trophy to Peyton Smith during the Villa Grove Alumni Banquet on May 27. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



DR. STEVE KOENIG presents the free-throw award with 73 percent to Layne Rund during the Villa Grove Alumni Banquet on May 27. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



EMMA BRATTEN-NOICE runs to the home-plate two score two RBIs during the Sectional game against Leroy. Villa Grove lost 5-3. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



DR. STEVE KOENIG presents the most tackles award to Luke Zimmerman, the only athlete to receive the award all four years of high school. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



DR. STEVE KOENIG presents the girls three-throw award with 61 percent to JoBella Crafton during the Villa Grove Alumni Banquet on May 27. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



LOGAN LILLARD shortly before hitting the ball during the Sectional game against Leroy on May 22. Villa Grove lost 5-3. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



THE VILLA GROVE SOFTBALL TEAM cheer on Hayden Thomas after she scored a solo homerun for the team during the sectional game against Leroy on May 22. Villa Grove lost 5-3. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



GINGER GREGER PATTON presents the John Greger Memorial Award of Leading Scorer in basketball to Layne Rund with 389 points and Emma Buesing with 132 points. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



ALEXANDRIA BROWN pitches the ball to the Leroy batter during the sectional game. Villa Grove lost 5-3. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



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