

Stateline Area Business News in Brief

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Main Street honors Beloit

The Downtown Beloit Association and the City of Beloit earned an honorable mention for Best Public-Private Partnership in Downtown Revitalization during the Wisconsin Main Street Awards event held Oct. 25 in Wausau.

The Downtown Beloit Association and the City of Beloit earned the honorable mention for providing grant funds to businesses and property owners in the downtown area for improvements. In the last few years 12 facade renovations and six upper floor housing projects were completed. Capital was available through the Tax Incremental Finance District.

Also at the Main Street Awards night, Tim McKearn was named one of the Main Street Volunteers of the Year and Jason Braun was named a Main Street Honorary Board of Directors member. Each of the 21 Main Street communities names a volunteer of the year and an honorary board member. McKearn and Braun were selected for the honor from Beloit.

Kirkland's opens in Rockford

ROCKFORD — Kirkland's, a specialty home decor and gift store, held a grand opening event for its new store at the Forest Plaza, 6310 E. State St. in Rockford Oct. 26 and 27.

Those who attended the event and brought in a nonperishable food item for the Northern Illinois Food Bank received a 10 percent discount on any purchase.

The Rockford Kirkland's store employs about 15 people and it is one of 322 Kirkland's stores located in 35 states across the country. The store offers an extensive selection of decorative items, gifts and seasonal merchandise. Kirkland's was founded in 1966.

Apple earnings fall

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple's latest quarterly earnings fell 9 percent as more people bought the company's lower-priced iPhones and iPads.

The company's fourth-quarter results included early sales of the latest iPhones released late last month.