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Kite Fest is fun for all

To the Editor:

Our sincere thanks to everyone who made DeKalb Kite Fest 2016 a huge success.

Attendees were able to enjoy a wonderful day of fun thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: A-TEC Ambulance, B-95 WDKB-FM, Bill White's C.A.R. Hospital, Brad Hoey, Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor, Country Inn & Suites by Carlson, Daily Chronicle/Shaw Media, DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau, DeKalb Park District, First Midwest Bank, First National Bank, Foster, Buick, Conklin & Lundgren LLC, Heartland Bank and Trust Co., Hickey's Corner Store, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Hotel at Holmes, KishHealth System, Mike's Auto & Truck Repair, Morning Star Media Group LTD, Nestle, Northern Illinois University, NIU Athletics, Pro Sound Productions by Shawn Lowe, Quality Inn, Red Roof Inn & Suites, Siepert & Co. LLP, Sundog IT Inc., The Sign Shop of DeKalb and WLBK AM/FM & WSQR AM/FM.

Dave Zavell from Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor recruits kite enthusiasts from all around the Midwest to come and perform for us. Dave and his family work tirelessly with us to ensure that everyone enjoys the day and all the amazing kites. Our thanks to the high fliers that made our event a success: Dave Zavell, Joey Zavell, Jarret Austin, Vern Balodis, Ed Brunt, Mike Diehl, Mike Hall, Paul Krekel, Harry Larsen, Dennis and Leann Lauer, Ken McNeill, Brett and Katie Marchel, Rich May, Charlie Mazzulla, Bill Miller, Jim Overman, Nathan Overman, Dave and Katherine Piotrowski, Al Sparling, Troy Stringer, Roger Tompkins and Dick and Sis Vogel.

Thank you to the participants from Art Attack, Barbed Wire Betties, DeKalb Park District, NIU Athletics and NIU STEM Outreach that offered a variety of fun activities which added to the enjoyment of the event.

We salute all the volunteers from our community, NIU Student Leadership & Involvement, NIU Athletics, NIU Service Clubs, NIU Greek Society, NIU School of Business and nonprofits for their dedication and support for Kite Fest. You make sure that Kite Fest is fun for all.

Share your photos, video or stories with the #DeKalbKiteFest hashtag and on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/DeKalbKiteFest](https://facebook.com/DeKalbKiteFest). If you'd like to share them directly with us or would like to help with next year's festival, to be held on Sept. 10, 2017, contact us at [DArmstrong@dekalbcountycvb.com](mailto:DArmstrong@dekalbcountycvb.com).

See you next year on Sept. 10!

Doug Nelson, co-chairman

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