



A Good Day For A Test Ride

It was a pleasant day to hop on a bike and go for a test ride during April Demo Day on Saturday, April 21, at Niehaus Cycle in Litchfield. For many, it was a first chance to test out the all new 2018 Honda Goldwing and 2018 Yamaha Venture. There were also parts specials, door prizes, and a free lunch (at right, owner Brad Niehaus mans the grill). Niehaus' big spring event, Customer Appreciation Days, is set for May 18-20.

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Litchfield Council Nixes Water, Sewer Increases

by Kyle Herschelmann

The citizens of Litchfield won't be seeing an increase in their water and sewer rates this year, but that lack of action has caused some concern for Mayor Steve Dougherty.

Motions to increase the water and sewer rates eight percent over each of the next two years failed by a 5-3 margin at the Litchfield City Council meeting on Thursday, April 19, causing the mayor to question the council's foresight.

"Apparently the council has decided to not do any projects," Mayor Dougherty said after the vote to not increase the water rates. "I hope our children can live with it."

The projects the mayor is referring to were brought up earlier in the meeting by City Budget Officer Levi Shurenbrock, who said that the eight percent increases were included in the budget that the council approved at the previous meeting.

Sewer projects include reconstruction of the south side drainage ditch and running sewer lines to replace the lagoon at Lake Lou Yaeger. The latter project was estimated to cost around a million dollars. Water projects included repairs and painting on two water towers, plus scheduled major maintenance work on the water plant.

Shurenbrock said that these projects are funded through the water and sewer reserve fund and without the increases, the city would run out of money in the sewer fund. He added that

the problem stems from a period of three years (2011, 2013, 2014) in which the city had no increase.

Shurenbrock said that the amount of reserves spent depends on the number of water and sewer projects the city has to complete. Prior to the votes on the motions, he said that the two years of eight percent increases should stabilize the funds and the city should be able to make smaller rate adjustments after that to help build up reserves for other capital projects.

Alderman Ray Kellenberger asked about using grants for projects. Shurenbrock said that the city is doing that, but Mayor Dougherty added that many of these grants are matching grants and funds need to be available.

Art LeVoy said that eventually the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will force the city to replace the lagoon and that the city has rehabbed only three of its 11 lift stations at a cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000 per station.

Mayor Dougherty said that 50 years ago, the city's leaders made sacrifices so the citizens could have facilities. He added that Litchfield isn't the only community facing such problems and some are approving larger increases.

The vote on the sewer rate increase would come first, with Tim Wright, Ray Kellenberger, Dwayne Gerl, Marilyn Sisson and Mark Brown voting against the increase and Cassidy Paine, David Hollo and Woodrow Street voting for the motion. The vote would be the same for the water rate increase.

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Litchfield School Board Approves TIF District

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

After tabling a motion at last month's meeting, members of the Litchfield School Board unanimously approved a letter of support for the city of Litchfield to extend the life of the TIF (tax increment financing) district for another 12 years.

With all board members present, they held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, April 19, at Litchfield High School.

Superintendent Debbie Poffinbarger said the board had several conversations with the city, and the school district's Finance Committee is recommending to support the resolution. She said the intergovernmental agreement with the city includes funding of \$164,000 annually to the school district for the first five years then a minimum of 30 percent of the surplus funding in the TIF each year after until it ends.

Board member Dennis Scobbie asked if the

30 percent was equal to the \$164,000, and City Administrator Tonya Flannery said it would be at least that much. Scobbie asked if any of the other taxing districts had still not written a letter of support for the TIF, and Flannery said North Litchfield Township and Road Commission. She said she understood they were waiting to see what the school district decided.

Before heading back to the city council meeting, Flannery thanked the board for its support of economic development in Litchfield.

Fogleman Trust

Prior to the start of the regular board meeting, the board met as members of the Fogleman Trust. They introduced a five-member advisory panel, including Dan Delaney, Gary Meyers, Terry Leitschuh, Kevin Niemann and Jeff Thornton.

Board President Jennifer Reid thanked the panel for agreeing to serve and share their gifts with the Fogleman Trust. The panel will have no governing function over the Fogleman

Trust, but will be able to advise the board in financial matters.

The board also unanimously approved the list of high school seniors who will receive this year's Fogleman scholarship. Renewals for college students are not due until Aug. 15, so the board will not determine the amount of each scholarship until then. Board member Meg Werten said a preliminary estimate would be \$1,150 per student. The scholarships will be made payable to the college or university as well as the student by Sept. 15.

Citizens Agenda

With no public comment, the board opened the floor for the monthly citizens' agenda.

Litchfield Middle School wrestling coach Dan Newkirk honored two seventh grade wrestlers, Alex Powell and Charlie Rayphole, who earned a trip to the IESA state tournament this year.

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Pizzas made with vegan gluten-free crusts were offered as samples Wednesday, April 18 to patrons at Pizza Man in Litchfield. The new crust will offer a lower carb option to their traditional pizza lineup.

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Litchfield Pizza Man Offers Gluten-Free Crust Taste Test

With consumers becoming more health conscious, Scott and Jeff Chandler of Pizza Man in Litchfield are now offering a gluten-free cauliflower pizza crust on their menu.

"One in 133 people are intolerant to gluten and must avoid gluten at all costs," said Scott Chandler. "One in seven have some form of gluten intolerance. Several customers per day ask us about low carb options."

A taste testing with Pizza Man pizzas made with gluten-free vegan crust was held Wednesday afternoon, April 18. Over 30 Pizza Man patrons participated in the tasting.

Scott informed the tasters that because they make their own pizza dough at the restaurant, "we make no claims about being totally gluten-free."

He explained that he and

the staff take every precaution to eliminate as much cross contamination as possible such as wearing gloves when preparing pizzas, using unused paddles to work pizzas into and out of the ovens, and using a clean knife for slicing the pizzas.

The gluten-free cauliflower pizza crusts are supplied to the restaurant prepackaged as Sensa Glutine gluten-free crusts.

Pizza Man will also offer a hoagie that is gluten-free as well, Scott told the patrons.

Along with pizza sampling those attending heard from Amy Wills, owner of Snap Fitness in Litchfield, Kim Lipe, owner of Fit Bodies Personal Training Studio in Coffeen, and Jennifer Becker, dietician at HSHS who all offered health tips, advice on exercise and activities, eating, meal planning and lifestyle changes.



Volunteers work to install a new entrance archway at St. Martin's Cemetery in Farmersville this spring.

St. Martin's Cemetery Gets New Archway In Farmersville

A new entrance archway has been installed this spring at St. Martin's Cemetery in Farmersville.

Ryan Murphy, a member of St. Mary's Church in Farmersville, passed away last year, and the archway was partially funded through memorials in his name.

This archway is a reproduction of the original that was destroyed many years ago in a car accident. Photos of the original structure

were sent to Classic Metal Craft in St. Louis, MO, and they were able to design and construct the new arch.

Several local volunteers helped to install the entrance arch, and used their considerable skills to secure the structure. The cemetery board thanks Sean and Mike Hart, Kody and Kolby Nimmo, Tom Keller, Tom Murphy and Dave Leonard for their efforts and hard work.

Weather Report			
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April 19	55	33	----
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Obituaries

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Jeffery J. Fry, 60

Quality Control Inspector

Jeffery John Fry, 60, of Sorento, died on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 5 a.m. at his home.

Visitation will be held Monday, April 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 6 p.m. at the funeral home with his brother, Pastor Mike Fry officiating.

Mr. Fry was born on Sept. 4, 1957, in Granite City, to Thomas and Gertrude (Fitzgerald) Fry. He married Meta Brandt on Aug. 28, 1976, and she survives.

He attended school in Granite City before his family moved to Greenville when he was 14 years old.

Mr. Fry graduated from Greenville High School in 1975, and went on to earn his degree in biology at Greenville College.

He was employed by Carlisle SynTec for 25 years in the laboratory and later as a quality control



inspector. He retired in 2012, and enjoyed being a stay-at-home grandpa.

Mr. Fry was a member of the Sorento Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife of 41 years, he is survived by his children, Alicia (friend Brian Hughes) Granito of Hillsboro, Charles Martin (wife Jeannette) Fry and

Tiffany (husband Scott) Gaffner, both of Greenville; his mother; grandchildren, Aurelie, Dominic, Lillian, Jonathon and Louis; stepgrandchildren, Miranda, Franklin and Michaela; great-grandchildren, Logan, Felicity and Mia; brothers, Michael (wife Reta) Fry of Missouri and Harold (wife Melinda) Fry of North Dakota; a sister, Rosa (husband Melvin) Mollet of Hillsboro; and a sister-in-law, Vickie Fry of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, Robert Fry.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.donnellwiegand.com.

Olivia E. 'Libby' Chumley, 66

Worked For Sale Stamp Printing

Olivia E. "Libby" Chumley, 66, of Witt, died on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at her residence.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Chumley was born on May 26, 1951, in Hillsboro, to Anthony J. and Frances E. (Jones) Durbin. She married Charles Eaton, and he preceded her in death.

She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1969, and worked for Sale Stamp Printing Company in Hillsboro for over 30 years.

Mrs. Chumley was a member of the Democrat Central Committee



and United Methodist Church in Witt.

She is survived by a daughter, Toni (Eaton) Barnes of Witt; three stepchildren, Ted (Cathy) Adams and Tammy Lively, both of Hillsboro, and Dawn (Steve) White of Coffeen; two grandchildren, Kianna and Rea-Anna Eaton; a brother, Leland "Buddy" Durbin of Yakama, WA; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Chumley was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Janice Love and Joe, Tommy and Sonny Durbin, in childhood.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.houghfuneralhomes.com.

Marga E. Hayward, 95

Worked For German, American Armies

Marga E. (Salbaum) Hayward, 95, of Shiloh, died on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at Cedarhurst of Shiloh, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, at Shiloh United Methodist Church with Pastor Ken D. Hutchens officiating. Interment followed at O'Fallon City Cemetery in O'Fallon.

Schildknecht Funeral Home in O'Fallon was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Hayward was born on Sept. 15, 1922, in Nuremburg, Germany, to Michael and Anna Salbaum. She married Robert "Bob" F. Hayward on Dec. 26, 1948, in Nuremburg, Germany, and he preceded her in death on May 20, 2007.

Her early years were spent in Nuremburg, Germany, and she spent several years in Leicester, England, during her teenage years.

During World War II, Mrs. Hayward was employed by the German Army in a civilian capacity. She was garrisoned in France as the war ended, and was forced to find her own way home to Nuremburg when the German Army fled.

Because she was fluent in English, she was subsequently employed as a secretary by the occupying American Army Air Corp in Nuremburg. There, she met and married her husband.

Mrs. Hayward was a loving wife, mother of four and homemaker who supported her husband in his 26-year military career, which took them to postings both at home and abroad.

She occasionally worked in



clerical positions, and wherever they were stationed, would seek out volunteer opportunities such as Gray Ladies or as a thrift shop worker. She also joined and was active in the NCO Wives Club and German Wives Club.

Mrs. Hayward was a longtime member of Shiloh United Methodist Church, and dearly loved her church and faith family.

She is survived by her children, Shirley A. (Edward) Quinn and Norman E. (Joy) Hayward, both of Belleville, Raymond A. (Joanne) Hayward of Buckeye, AZ, and Linda A. (Terry) Liebscher of Hillsboro; grandchildren, Christopher (Lana) Feix, Amanda Hayward, Deidre (Cannon) Fulmer, Nicole Hayward, Allyssa Blasdel, Christian, Cali, Michael, Robert and Paul Hayward and Brent Miller; great-grandchildren, Julian and Heidi Feix, Tyler and John Zeigler, Jaxon and Rylie Brewer, Tecopa Burgess and Michael Norman Fulmer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her devoted husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Francis (Pat) Windover; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Moses and Geneva Hayward; sister-in-law, Eathel Adams; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, William H. (Wanda), Moses, Jr., Paul and Lawson R. (Gertrude) Hayward.

Memorials may be directed to Shiloh United Methodist Church, 210 South Main Street, Shiloh, IL 62269. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.schildknechtff.com.

Arthur L. Brandt, 82

Enjoyed Boating

Arthur Lewis Brandt, 82, of Morrisonville, died Friday, April 20, 2018, at 2:18 p.m. at Heritage Health in Springfield.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 23, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Jim Ferrill officiating. Interment will follow at Morrisonville Cemetery.

Mr. Brandt was born Nov. 23, 1935, in Greene County, the son of Lewis and Mary (Hardwick) Brandt. He married his beloved wife, Edna Mae Smith, on Aug. 29, 1954, in Greene County, and she survives.

He attended Greenfield High School and then went on to work for Lessor's Trucking in Palmyra, MO, as a semi-truck driver. He would then drive for Bettis Trucking in Girard, W.H. Kent and New Products in Taylorville, before retiring from Buske Lines in Litchfield, after many years of service.

Mechanically inclined, he found



enjoyment in working on his own vehicles and building model cars and semis. He also enjoyed boating, camping and taking meticulous care of his yard.

He is survived by his children, Mary (husband Rich) Ladage of Taylorville, Lee (wife Kim) Brandt of Taylorville, Danny (wife Suni) Brandt of Litchfield, Mike (wife Kim) Brandt of Marion, Cindy (significant other Jim Paul) Brandt of Taylorville and David (significant other Amy) Brandt of Sullivan; 11 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Bill (wife Paula) Brandt of Greenfield and Richard (wife Doris) Brandt of Spokane, WA; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to the charity of donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Clifford E. Smith, 78

Enjoyed Spending Time Outdoors

Clifford E. Smith, 78, of Girard, died Monday, April 16, 2018, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 20, at Calvert & Ferry Funeral Home in Girard, with the Rev. John Huxtable officiating. Burial was held in Girard Cemetery in Girard.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 26, 1939, in Girard, a son of George and Beulah (Kellem) Smith. He married Marcia K. Hart on Nov. 26, 1957, in Ft. Madison, IA, and she survives.

A graduate of Girard High School in Girard, he formerly owned and operated Girard Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge Auto dealership and CSC Motor Co. in Girard.

He and his daughter, Sheila, raised and showed American



Quarter horses. He was a die-hard Cubs fan and enjoyed spending time outdoors with his family and friends.

Mr. Smith is survived by a daughter, Sheila K. (Gary) Hoskins of Girard; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Doris Johnson of Harvel and Sharon (Gary) Sumpter of Petersburg; a brother, Gary (Glenda) Smith of Girard; several nieces and nephews; and his faithful and loving dog, Ellie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sons, Scott and Barry Smith; brothers, Ronald and Ed Smith; and a sister, Eva Rucker.

Memorials may be made to the Girard Fire and Rescue Squad in Girard or donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.calvert-ferryfuneralhomes.com.

Edward J. Svoboda, 88

Worked For Brubaker's

Edward John Svoboda, 88, of Sonora, CA, formerly of White City, died Sunday, April 8, 2018, in his home. No public services are planned at this time.

Mr. Svoboda was born Jan. 2, 1930, in Litchfield, a son of Edward Dan and Edna (Liebscher) Svoboda. He married Doris Harding of Carlinville on April 8, 1950, and she survives.

Growing up in White City, he attended grade school there and graduated from Mt. Olive High School in 1947.

An Army veteran, he served in Korea from 1952 to 1954. He earned a bachelor's degree in general engineering in 1959 from Millikin University in Decatur. He

had previously attended Rankin Trade School in St. Louis, MO.

He worked for Brubaker's in Litchfield as a body and fender repairman. Later he worked for Borg Warner, Midas International and Perfection, in the field of automotive fuel and emission controls, until his retirement. He then moved to Sonora, CA, to help his son, Steven, with his tool and die business.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann Kurkis of Plainfield; daughter-in-law, Melissa Svoboda of Twain Harte, CA; and a brother, James Svoboda of Longmont, CO.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, David in infancy and Steven.

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THANK YOU!

The family of Betty Davis expresses its sincere appreciation for all the thoughtfulness shown to them during this difficult time; whether it was a prayer said, a warm hug or a sweet remembrance at the visitation, a phone call, a card or flowers sent or a memorial gift. Thank you to Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home, Pastor Randy Sands for the words of comfort, and to the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church for the funeral dinner. A special thank you to all the staff at St. Elmo Aperiion Care Center for the loving care you provided Betty during the last 18 months of her earthly journey.

Jeremy Chappellear

1/24/1978 — 4/25/1998

Twenty years was all we had
The time flew by so fast
Twenty years since he's been gone
Time moves so slowly as we go on
He will never be forgotten
Memories and love have no time limit
We will love him forever and forget him never

Grandma & Grandpa Klump

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our friends and family for everything you did to help us get through a tough time. I would try to list names and forget someone, but you will never be forgotten. The cards, calls, food, prayers, help at noon, visits, flowers, donations and every act of kindness were deeply appreciated. Thank you Pastor Tim Logue for a lovely graveside service. Thank you Toberman Dean Funeral services for all the help, advice and concern shown. Thank you Terri for coming to get me. I have to say thank you to "My Rock", you know who you are. You are always there for me and things would have been much harder without you. Thank you to my sister, Marilyn, for the poem that she wrote that brought tears to my eyes.

Ron Daniels Family

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 14 for Dr. Walter L. "Chick" Bishop, Jr.

Thank you for your tremendous response.

A special thank you to Milanos' Catering, the Litchfield News Herald, The Journal-News, WSMI and the VFW Post 3912 Color Guard.

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thursday  64°F / 44°F More sun than clouds	friday  53°F / 39°F More clouds than sun	saturday  62°F / 44°F Sunshine

Barbara J. Millburg, 87

Homemaker, Enjoyed Game Shows

Barbara Jean Millburg, 87, of Morrisonville, died on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at 1:47 p.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Visitation will be held Monday, April 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Morrisonville, 304 Carlin Street. The visitation will begin with a prayer service.

Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, April 24, beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville, 706 Southeast 4th Street, with the Rev. Gerald Bunse officiating. Interment will follow at St. Maurice Catholic Cemetery in Morrisonville.

Mrs. Millburg was born on April 14, 1931, in Springfield, to Vincent and Maria (Jones) McKinney. She married Glenn E. "Kelly" Millburg on Jan. 10, 1952, at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Springfield, and he preceded her in death on May 22, 1993.

She graduated from Morrisonville High School in 1949, and went to work as a secretary for the Illinois Department of Highways for a short time.

Mrs. Millburg became a homemaker and CEO of the Millburg household. She was a member of St. Maurice Catholic Church, St. Maurice Altar and Rosary Society



and past member of the Morrisonville Foresters group.

She enjoyed Bingo, reading, jigsaw puzzles and watching game shows, especially Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy and Family Feud.

Mrs. Millburg is survived by her children, Joe Millburg of Springfield,

Jean (husband Walter) Williams of Hillsboro, Mike (wife Denise) Millburg of Morrisonville, Mary (husband Bobby) Hunt of Litchfield, Patty Nail of Collinsville, Margie Mettler of Littleton, CO, and Paul (wife Kelly) Millburg of Taylorville; 17 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Rose, Janet, Donna, Terry and Karen; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Millburg was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Adam Millburg; a sister, Nancy Drury; and a brother Jim McKinney.

Memorials may be directed to Morrisonville Ambulance, P.O. Box 641, Morrisonville, IL 62546, or the charity of the donor's choice. Food donations may be brought to the Morrisonville Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday, April 24. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Gilbert H. Riemann, 96

Owned Gilbert's Repair Shop

Gilbert H. Riemann, 96, of Springfield, died Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 2:35 a.m. at the Bickford House.

Visitation will be held Monday, April 23, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Staab Funeral Home in Springfield. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Radtke officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, where military honors will be conducted.

Mr. Riemann was born Jan. 15, 1922, in Farmersville, to Henry and Martha (Cutter) Riemann. He married Mary Rebecca Schnirring in June of 1955, and she preceded him in death on April 13, 2017.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was stationed in Alaska during World War II. He lived in Springfield most of his life, and was a member of



Trinity Lutheran Church. He owned Gilbert's Repair Shop, then retired and later worked for the State of Illinois.

He enjoyed playing the violin, the banjo, and the guitar and had a green thumb with his garden. He was active in church and enjoyed flying planes.

He is survived by two nieces, Janice (Jim) Meisenheimer of Bunker Hill and Linda Riemann of Columbia, MO; one nephew; Preston (Leetha) Brown of Carlinville; and one sister, Aldena Pluhm of Litchfield.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry and Alfred Riemann.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be left at StaabFamily.com.

Naomi F. Bouillon, 84

Arrangements Pending

Naomi F. Bouillon, 84, of Farmersville, died on Friday, April 20, 2018, at Carlinville Rehabilitation & Health Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at

Hough Memorial Home in Farmersville. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

Richard E. Painter, Jr., 69

Owned Bear Concrete Service

Richard Eugene Painter, Jr., 69, of Spokane, WA, formerly of Chicago, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, in Spokane, WA.

A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, April 28, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Cedar Ridge Cemetery in Honey Bend. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Painter was born on Sept. 22, 1948, in Chicago, to Richard Eugene "Buck" and Virginia (Barton) Painter. He married Nadja Painter, and she survives.

He graduated from high school in 1966, and went on to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served two years in Vietnam.

After being discharged, Mr.



Painter moved to California where he owned and operated Bear Concrete Service. Eventually, he settled in Spokane, WA.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two brothers, William (Carole) Painter of Chicago and Robert Painter of Columbia, MO; a sister, Marie (Thomas) Painter of Chicago; and several nieces and nephews who were very fond of him.

Mr. Painter was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Margaret Eskilson.

Memorials may be directed to Litchfield Veterans Memorial Garden Fund. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Jackie L. Snider, 49

Was A Laborer In The Oil Fields

Jackie L. Snider, 49, of Bingham, died on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Miller Funeral Home in Ramsey.

Mr. Snider was born Oct. 11, 1968, in Hillsboro, the son of Clifford Elbert "Jack" and Julia Ann "Judy" (Cole) Snider. He married Satisha Lynn Hill on March 6, 2015, in Hillsboro.

He was a laborer in the oil fields.

Mr. Snider is survived by his children, Jacky and Dakota Snider, both of Vandalia, Damien Snider of Clearfield, UT, Tylor Durbin of Vandalia, Summer



and Jessie Durbin, both of Effingham, Arianna Bedford Santandarea and Trinaty Santandarea, both of O'Brien, FL; siblings, Shannon Cole of Ramsey, Robert Lash and Rusty Snider, both of Bingham, Christina Tate of Vandalia and Becky Thorpe of Noblesville, IN; brother-in-law, Billy Jackson of Vandalia; sister-in-law, Savannah Walters of Effingham; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be made at www.millerfh.net.

Hillsboro Planning Comm. Members Hear Reports

by Ron Deabenderfer

Five Hillsboro Planning Commission members, enough for a quorum, attended their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19; Chairman Tom Gooding called the meeting to order at 12:30 in the council chambers of city hall. Also present as informative sources were Mayor Brian Sullivan, City Clerk Cory Davidson, and Code Officer Gary Satterlee.

Secretary Barbara Hewitt reported on behalf of Imagine Hillsboro that both the father/daughter princess dance and the mother/son bowling day had gone very well. Planning for the Summer Concert Series is underway. She also indicated activity exists on the housing front, but "Nothing is for public release yet."

Davidson told the planners that bids have been accepted for materials for a pavilion and an accessible dock at the North Marina. As of 2019, the city will have withdrawn all lot leases around the North Marina so work there can progress unabated; he anticipates the entire project, including bathroom renovations, to cost a bit over \$100,000. Davidson also hinted about another possible marina to be financed privately with the city eventually gaining ownership. More details may be available later. "Our lakes will have a new look," Davidson said.

Work is progressing on several downtown buildings, including the Lynch Building, reported Mayor Sullivan. He also said that the Eagle Zinc cleanup site has been fully funded federally (another \$18 million was required after more contamination was found). Margaret T. Gielnienski is the new site manager for the EPA, and work is progressing.

The mayor also said Vistra now has a controlling interest in the Coffeen Power Station; that firm and not Dynegy will make the decisions as to whether that

plant will be shuttered. Vistra reportedly took possession on Wednesday, April 18.

The fiber company from Taylorville, CTI, will be ready to begin build out in Hillsboro in June; the site of their permanent Hillsboro office won't be announced until contracts are signed. Consolidated, Royell, and New Wave will still have presences in the city; no one has an exclusive contract.

According to Mayor Sullivan, the Ameren cleanup of the coal tar site at the old water plant is advancing with demolition of the old building expected soon. He said the firm is doing similar work in Litchfield; he expects a press release from Ameren soon concerning the work at both sites.

When asked about a reworking of zoning board ordinances and procedures, Davidson said a professional firm had reviewed the manual and recommended changes to make it more contemporary as well as updated to meet current state law. After that report came back to the city, the zoning board met once; he (Davidson) is waiting for their response to the professional's work before it can be given to the city council.

Mrs. Hewitt suggested the planning commission review the long range city plan last adopted in September of 2014; the planning commission will look at those reports at their next meeting--12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 17 in city hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Website Calls Montgomery County 5th Best School Value

A website with financial services from home buying to investing, smartasset.com ranks Montgomery County as the county with the fifth best school value in the state for 2018.

"Our study aims to find the places in the United States where people are getting the most for their property tax dollars," according to the website. "To do this we looked at school rankings, crime rates and property taxes for every county."

For 2018, the site shows a property tax rate in Montgomery County of 1.87 percent compared to the state average of 2.32 percent. Schools in the county were rated at an eight on a scale of 1-10, compared to the state average of six.

"As a way to measure the quality of schools, we calculated the average math and reading/language arts proficiencies for all the school districts in the country," the website says. "Within each state, these schools were then ranked between one and ten (with ten being the best) based on those average scores."

Information on the website goes back to 2015, when Montgomery County schools earned a four.

They earned a five in both 2016 and 2017, and an eight in 2018.

The final number in the calculation is the number of violent and property crimes per 100,000 residents. Montgomery County was 2,024 compared to a state average of 2,634.

"Finally, we calculated a tax value by creating a ratio of the community score to the per capita property tax paid," the website said. "This shows us the counties in the country where people are getting the most bang for their buck, or where their property tax dollars are going the furthest."

According to the smartasset.com ranking three of the top four counties in school value in the state are southeastern Illinois neighbors. Edwards County (Albion) is ranked first, followed by Massac County (Metropolis) second. Wayne County (just west of Edwards County) is third, and Wabash County (just east of Edwards County) is fourth.

Montgomery County is fifth, Effingham County is sixth, Jasper County (Newton) is seventh, Ford County (east of Bloomington) is eighth, Macoupin County is ninth, and Logan County (Lincoln) is tenth.

County Locals 'Lighten Up' For Fusion's Weight Loss Challenge

The three-month weight loss competition, Lighten Up 4 Montgomery County, has come to an end with great results.

Challenge participants paid \$10 to join the challenge in January. By Friday, Feb. 23, if a participant lost four percent of their weight, they received their \$10 back. Eighty-six of the participants received their entry fees back. Those who did not, their entry fee went into the final winnings. By Friday, April 6, if participants lost eight percent of their starting weight, they would be able to split the winnings.

In the end, 34 out of 166 people met their goal of losing eight percent and each won \$70. Those lucky losers include Cory Bilyeu, Vicki Bledsoe, Jane Bowman, Fred Butler, Jordan Butler, Donna Chausse, Joe Chausse, Angie Compagni, Kendra Durbin, Lisa Ervin, Jeanne Gebhardt, Isa Hollo, Tom Imel, Bobby Johnson, Amber Kalaher, Chad Kalahar, Debbie Kruse, Kayla Law, Amanda Lemon, Jason Lemon, Jaylaan Milanos,

Kristi Millburg, Debbie Mulch, Tom Mulch, Megan Reams, Melody Riggs, Greg Seago, Kevin Seely, Dan Skinner, Rachel Skinner, Lynn Smith, Anita Tester, Don VanGiesen and Melissa VanGiesen.

Individual winners were Jane Bowman for highest percentage lost for a female, Lynn Smith for highest percentage lost for a male, Tom Imel for most pounds lost for a male, and Jaylaan Milanos for most pounds lost for a female.

Even though only 20 percent of participants lost eight percent or more, almost all participants lost a significant amount of weight totaling 1,076.5 lbs.

Facilitated by Fusion Fitness & Aquatics, the ninth annual Lighten Up 4 Montgomery County was sponsored by First National Bank of Raymond, First National Bank of Nokomis, *The Journal-News*, First Community Bank of Hillsboro, HSHS St. Francis Hospital, Hillsboro Area Hospital, Hampton Inn, Roger Jennings Inc. and National Bank of Hillsboro.



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CNB Bank & Trust Hosts Collection For Area Animals

During the month of April, CNB Bank & Trust in Hillsboro is collecting donations for the Montgomery County Animal Control Facility. Until April 30, the bank is collecting dry dog food, dry cat food, old towels or blankets, cat litter, dog toys, cat toys and cleaning supplies like wipes, paper towels and Lysol spray. Pictured above, Missy Caldwell of CNB Bank & Trust, stands by the collection display.

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Births

Michael Justin and Rena Jean (Vanzo) Larsen of South Jordan, UT, announce the birth of their son, Pearce McCoy Larsen, born at 4:24 p.m. on March 14, 2018, at the University of Utah Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 13.2 ozs., and measured 19 ins. long.



Pearce was welcomed home from the hospital by his big brother, Emmett, age two and a half. Their father is a realtor and their mother is a genetic counselor.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Carolyn Larsen of Sandy, UT. Maternal grandparents are Bruce and Debby Vanzo of Taylor Springs.

Paternal great-grandparents are Arie Visser of Murray, UT, and the late Emma Visser and Margaret Larsen of Lake Havasu, AZ, and the late Rodney Larsen.

Maternal great-grandparents are Doris Reeves of Panama and the late Dallas Reeves and the late Bill and Nancy Vanzo.

Julie Striplin and Adam Kilduff of Gillespie, announce the birth of their son, Silas Benjamin Kilduff, born Thursday, April 19, 2018, at 10:46 a.m. at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 5 lbs., 4 ozs. and measured 18 ins. long. He was welcomed home by his older brothers, Dylan, age nine; Ebin, age five; and Elijah, age three.

Maternal grandparents are Vicky Burgard and Rich Angarita. Paternal grandparents are Lisa and Ben Pfeiffer and Randy Kilduff. Paternal great-grandparents are Doris Kilduff and Carol Henschen.

Trevor and Gabriela Stewart of Gillespie announce the birth of their son, Scott Michael Lansdowne Stewart, born at 11:24 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2018, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and measured 19.5 ins. long.

Maternal grandparents are Jason and Kristin Smith of Leroy. Paternal grandparents are Ray and Janiene Parker of Rushville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Diane and Eric Smith of Virginia. Paternal great-grandparents are Terry and Marilyn Stewart of Arrowsmith.

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County Fair Will Host Glo Bingo

The Montgomery County Fair Association will hold Glo Bingo on Saturday, May 12, at the Litchfield Community Center, 1100 South State Street in Litchfield. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Price includes six bingo cards for ten games, glow dabber and glow hat. For additional Bingo cards the cost is \$5. There will be over \$1,000 in cash prizes. All players must be 18 years old to play.

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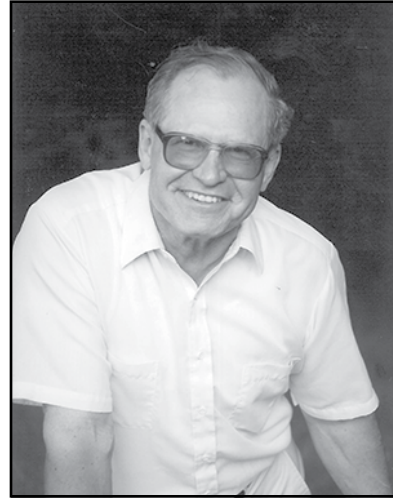
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In the photo on the left is Hillsboro High School teacher Frank Ceney who taught for 35 years. In the photo on the right is Ceney today.

Frank Ceney To Be Honored At 90th Birthday Open House

Frank Ceney will be honored with a 90th birthday open house on Sunday, April 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro.

Mr. Ceney was born in Newark, OH, to Frank and Sophia Ceney. He graduated from Mt. Carmel High School, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a Bachelor of Science degree and from Purdue with a Masters in Physics.

During his college years at SIU at Carbondale, he married Mary James in August of 1953 in Olney. They arrived in Hillsboro to live on Old Settlers Day in 1956.

He taught mathematics and physics for 35 years at Hillsboro High School for all but one year of his teaching career. His first year was at East Peoria; then he started at HHS in the fall of 1956. He taught in the same classroom for his entire career at Hillsboro.

Ceney has always had a love for technology. He worked with early computers in the Army Air Corps, became an amateur radio operator (K9HYZ), built ham radios, repaired radios for the local fire departments, was active in civil defense coordinating storm watch and was a photographer.

He filmed football and basketball games at the high school so the coaches could review them with the athletes. He started video recording the games in the early 70s, but the early equipment was heavy and bulky, so his daughter

was drafted as crew to help him hoist the gear up the ladder into the press box at the football field.

He introduced computer programming into his physics class in the mid 70s with a card-reading Monroe calculating machine that was mounted on a rolling cart. Students punched commands into the cards with a bent paper clip and called the machine 'Marilyn'. He programmed the machine to play "Jingle Bells" for a school assembly before Christmas. Later he taught computer classes at Lincoln Land Community College. He still keeps up with new technology and he is rarely without his iPad.

After retirement, he and his wife, Mary, both volunteered and worked for the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service for seven summers.

Mr. Ceney and his wife, Mary have four children, Tom Ceney, Pam (Ceney) Beyer, David Ceney and Jim Ceney. They also have eight grandchildren, including Pam (husband Bob) Sergarra, Beth (husband Brandon) Rull, Tara (husband Aric) Jackson, Sara Ceney, Kara (husband Michael) Matthews, Drew (significant other Randy) Beyer, Michael (significant other Robin) Beyer and Aidan Ceney, eight great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

The public is invited to attend with a special invitation to past students, colleagues, friends and neighbors. No gifts, please.

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Zion School To Host Flyer Fest On April 28

Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield invites the community to the fourth annual Flyer Fest event on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Flyer Fest is a fundraising carnival for the school that is full of affordable fun, food and entertainment for the entire family.

All ages are invited to enjoy ten carnival-style games and then have a chance to take home goodies from the prize redemption center. Kids can also jump in the bounce house or take a turn down the giant slide. Other activities include face painting, balloon animals and much more.

Wild Times Exotics will have a special, free one-hour show for all who attend at 1 p.m.

New to this year's event will be a silent auction, starting at 10 a.m. All bids must be placed by 1:30 p.m. Some of the silent auction items include four tickets to the St. Louis Science Center, a one-night stay at the Magnuson Grand Hotel and a Grafton gift basket that includes a \$25 gift certificate to the Oyster Bar. Winners of the silent auction will be announced at 1:45 p.m.

Concessions will be open for lunch, including BBQ, hot dogs, nachos, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and other treats.

All funds raised at the event will be used to support Zion's technology budget. With increasing enrollment and expansion of our building, there are numerous

technology projects that are currently needed. In previous years, they have been able to use Flyer Fest funding to purchase iPads and a sound system for the gym.

Organizers give special thanks to all the sponsors who have supported this event with generous donations.

For more information and a complete list of silent auction items and activities, visit the Flyer Fest Facebook page.

Please note that this year's carnival will be held indoors regardless of the weather due to the school's current construction project being underway. The north doors on Fisher Street and east entrance on State Street will be open.

Salon Welcomes New Stylist, Honors Retiree

Pampered Head To Toe welcomes a new stylist to the team, and bids farewell to a longtime stylist who will begin her retirement on Monday, April 30.

Sandy Goodson of Staunton has devoted her entire styling career to the city of Litchfield and its community members for 34 years.

Graduating from Tri-County Beauty Academy in Litchfield, Goodson began her tenure with Pampered Head To Toe in 2004.

She looks forward to camping, quilting and spending more time with her grandchildren in her retirement.

Goodson and her husband, Gary, have three children, Adam (Tracy) Favre, Rachel (Ryan) Bauer and Breanna (Jeff) Williams, and eight grandchildren, Carly, 12 years old, Connor and Owen, both ten years old, Adler, eight years old, Cooper and Imrc, both five years old, and Ryland and Elix, both one year old.

Elizabeth Trost, also of Staunton, will join the staff beginning Wednesday, April 25, and begin her styling career. She graduated from Tri-County Beauty Academy in February, where she earned her degree in cosmetology.

She will continue her education by enrolling in extra hair-cutting courses to learn about different techniques. Trost specializes in cuts, color, perms and braided styles.

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Pampered Head To Toe staff includes, from the left, Nail Technician Jeanette Wolff, retiring Stylist Sandy Goodson, Stylist Cathy Gerhardt, new Stylist Elizabeth Trost and Owner and Stylist Katie White. Not pictured is Stylist Courtney Polkowski. *Journal-News/Bethany Martin*

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The salon is located at 105 Old Route 66 South in Litchfield, and

is open Monday through Saturday. To make an appointment, call (217) 324-3188. For more information about the salon, find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pamperedheadtoToe.

Faith Academy To Hold Dinner Theater Night

Faith Bible Christian Academy of Rosamond will present a dinner theater night on Saturday, April 28. The event will be held in the gymnasium at the school, and doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

The show will be an audience-involved murder mystery entitled "Murder at the Pie Auction" written by Michael Druce, published

through Pioneer Drama Services, and performed under the direction of Tammy Witt.

The evening will begin with a mostaccioli meal served at 6 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m., followed by an actual pie auction at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$5 per child 12 years old and younger. All proceeds raised will go toward the school's operating expenses.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the school office at 217-562-5054 or at the door the evening of the event.

'Story Of Illinois' To Show Exhibit Of State's History

The Illinois State Museum is highlighting artifacts that tell the story of Illinois' rich heritage as part of the state's Bicentennial celebration.

They partnered with the Illinois Association of Museums to launch the "Story of Illinois" website, featuring objects from the Illinois Legacy Collection, as well as collections from other museums across the state that help bring the state's heritage to life.

"The collections from museums in Illinois help tell the unique story of Illinois, from statehood 200 years ago and beyond," said Illinois State Museum Interim Director Robert Sill. "The new 'Story of Illinois' website will allow anyone to go online and sample some of the best of Illinois history, art, culture, and science."

The new website, built by the Illinois State Museum, previews some objects that will be on display in the "Bicentennial and Beyond: The Illinois Legacy Collection" exhibition, which will open at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield on June 30.

"You will find some rare, quirky, and beautiful objects on the website, such as the Lone Ranger's saddle used by Brace Beemer from the Wabash County Museum, a ceremonial war club used by the Potawatomi Indians from the Chicago History Museum, a painting by Illinois native and American Impressionist Ivan Summers from the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, and a photo-electric relay used at the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition of 1933-34," said Illinois Associa-

tion of Museums President Karen Everingham. "Each item has its own story to tell."

While Illinois became a state 200 years ago, the collections held by Illinois museums help tell a story of Illinois dating back approximately 500 million years. From animals, fish, insects and plants to minerals, jewels, paintings, manuscripts, stone tools and fossils, the "Story of Illinois" website will feature some of the best artifacts and treasures from the collections of the participating

museums.

Objects will be added to the website regularly during the celebration of the Illinois Bicentennial this year and promoted through the Illinois State Museum's Facebook page.

To see more about the Story of Illinois, visit the exhibit online at story.illinoisstatemuseum.org.

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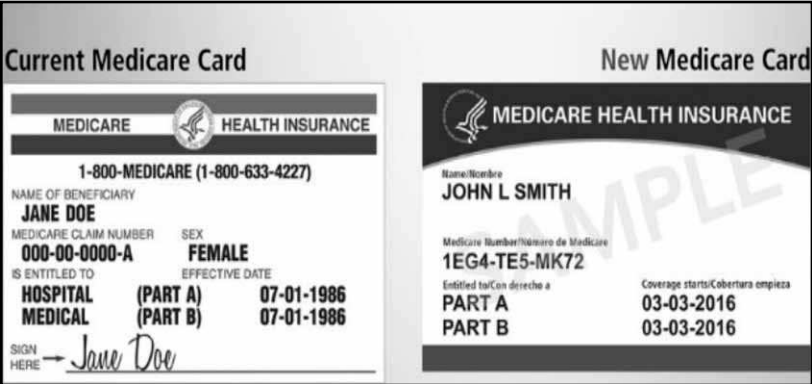
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Medicare Services To Issue New Cards To Beneficiaries

Beginning in April 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will start mailing new Medicare cards to all people with Medicare. A new alpha-numeric identifier will replace the current Social Security Number-based identifier.

This roll-out will occur over a several month period, based upon the geographic location of the Medicare beneficiary.

There are concerns that people might believe that this is a scam, and therefore, will ignore notifications or throw new identification cards away.

For those who are a Medicare beneficiary, watch the mail closely over the next few months for notifications from Medicare relating to this change. Medicare beneficiaries should begin bringing their new card with them to

health care visits as soon as they receive it.

Newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries will get a card with a unique number, regardless of their geographic location. Distribution of cards for current beneficiaries will be randomized by geographic location.

Starting April 2018, people with Medicare will be able to go to [Medicare.gov/newcard](https://www.medicare.gov/newcard) to sign up for emails about the card mailing, and to check the card-mailing status in their state.

People with Medicare should use the new card once they receive it, but either the Social Security Number-based (old) card or the new random alpha-numeric-based numbers can be used through December 2019. Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, only the new card will be usable.

It's Bird Appreciation Week April 22-28 Across Illinois

April 22-28 is Bird Appreciation Week in Illinois, according to a proclamation signed by Gov. Bruce Rauner and furnished by Bremer Sanctuary volunteer Nancy Redman of Hillsboro.

The proclamation points out that each spring, more than 100 different species of birds fly over Illinois and land briefly to feed during migration, allowing birdwatchers to view varieties seldom seen in the state. It also recognizes that 2018 is the

100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treat Act, "which recognizes the significance of an international commitment to protect and conserve migratory birds."

Vernon Kleen of Springfield, a master bird bander, president of the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders, and a birder who has spent numerous hours at Bremer Sanctuary, has the original copy of the governor's signed proclamation.

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Litchfield City Council

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In other business, the council approved an access agreement with Ameren Illinois so the company can investigate possible contamination from the former site of the Litchfield Electric Light and Power Company.

Clay Frankenreiter of Ameren Illinois said that the former manufactured gas plant is located at the southeast corner of Jefferson Street and Edwards Street, adjacent to two city parcels. Frankenreiter said that Ameren took samples of the area of the plant in 1994, 2000, 2001 and in 2012, but the company would like to get more information and samples to find out if the contamination has spread and where it is coming from. After that, the company would be able to decide how to go about remediation for the site.

Brian Holderness, an environmental investigation specialist with Ameren said that in the past, Ameren has seen contamination on the north edge and southwest edge of the property, but they need to see if it has moved onto city property and if there is any impact to ground water. Frankenreiter said that all of the samples taken in the investigation will be shared with the city and that Ameren will work with Litchfield to determine the best way to clean up the contamination.

City Attorney Kit Hantla said that the access agreement with Ameren also includes require-

ments for cleaning up the property. Mayor Dougherty asked what the city's liability was if contamination was found. Holderness said that if the contamination is a product of the plant, then Ameren will do the clean up. He added that if other contaminants are cleaned up in the process, Ameren will dispose of those too.

City Administrator Tonya Flannery asked if the city would be required to clean up contaminants that are found, but not a product of the manufacture gas plant. Holderness said that it is up to the EPA to determine when and if the city has to clean those products up.

The council would approve the access agreement, which allows Ameren Illinois to do inspection on water and soil tests on the city's property.

The council also approved the renewal for city employee health insurance with Scheller Insurance for the following year. Shannon Hall of Scheller Insurance said that there is a rate increase of 4.79 percent, but that is one of the smallest increases that she has dealt with.

Also passing was a motion to contract with the Ameren Small Business Incentive Program through A&D Electric Supply to convert exterior lights at both fire stations with LED fixtures and bulbs at a cost of \$4,280.50, with Alderman Street abstaining due to his employment with A&D Electric Supply.

In planning and zoning busi-

ness, the council approved a motion to change the zoning of 403 West Corwin from single family residential to general commercial for the purpose of operating a beauty shop and the Sylvan Learning Center and to approve a special use permit for a mobile home or modular home to be used as a sales or display area by a manufactured home retail center at 803 West Union.

In economic development business, Flannery told the council that the Litchfield School Board passed the intergovernmental agreement with the city regarding the extension of the TIF 1 District at their meeting. Flannery said that two taxing entities have not yet provided a letter of support for the district, the North Litchfield Township and Road Commissioner boards, which are the same groups of individuals.

In sewer business, the council approved an amendment to the operations contract with EMC/American Water, approved the purchase of a valve actuator (not to exceed \$5,295 plus shipping) and approved the purchase of a variable frequency drive (not to exceed \$3,265) for the wastewater treatment plant.

The council approved an advertising agreement with Google Street View and American Marketing and Publishing not to exceed \$3,915 and a motion to accept the water main, sanitary sewer, the street work for Continental Boulevard and the streetlights

along Continental Boulevard contingent upon approval from the city attorney and the city public works coordinator as well.

The council would go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. and would reconvene at 7:37 p.m. They would vote to approve an agreement with Alply Insulated Panels, who paid off their revolving loan fund and long term economic development with the city. The payoff amount was \$424,200.98, part of which will go back into the city's long term economic development fund.

Earlier in the meeting, the council would honor Jake Prange, who stepped down as an alderman after moving out of the district.

The council also heard from Cassidy Cooper, who was on hand to talk about a structure that he had purchased at 614 North Monroe. Cooper said that he did not know that the property had been scheduled for demolition at the time of the purchase and he had been in contact with a construction company to renovate and flip the house. He added that he had toured the house with Building Inspector Gary Baker and Baker believed that the house was salvageable.

City Attorney Kit Hantla said that removing the house from the demolition schedule could not be done that night, but no demolition would begin before action could be considered at the next meeting.

The council will meet next on Thursday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at Corwin Hall.

Litchfield School Board

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Litchfield High School Student Council President Breanna Seely told the board the seniors enjoyed their trip to the City Museum and St. Louis Cardinals game in April. She also invited the board to attend one of the performances of the school musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, April 26-28, in the gym.

In other club news, Student Council hosted a teacher appreciation breakfast and physics students went to Six Flags for Physics Day on April 20. Band and choir students received a first at organizational contest, and are preparing for their spring concerts on May 10.

Student Council held its final

blood drive of the year with Alex Wilson and Garret Minkovich each receiving gallon-donor pins. The Student Council also delivered 16 comfort baskets to local residents who are battling illnesses and are planning the school picnic for May 10.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is encouraging students to do a random act of kindness and FFA is hosting a plant sale in the greenhouse this spring.

Tom Crabtree of Stifel Financial Corporation talked to the board about its existing bond debt, as well as some options for future bonds.

"The district has been very fiduciary responsible in bonds over the last few years," said Crabtree, noting the board approved short-life loans for working cash and health life safety.

He talked with the board about a variety of options, including an ongoing desire for working cash bonds. Crabtree also said the board would be in a position for larger bonds, based on the county-wide 1 percent sales tax, up to \$10.5 million, payable over as much as 40 years.

In addition to the \$5 million the board could levy in working cash bonds, that would give them \$15.5 million for potential projects. Crabtree said those numbers make a lot of assumptions, but do provide a framework for discussion.

Several members of the district's 1 Percent Sales Tax Committee were at the meeting for his presentation, and Poffinbarger said they would keep that in mind for future discussions.

Last month, the board approved a contract with QNS Technology Services to provide technology services to the district. This month, Jason Gordon and Neil Bryan addressed the board about a three-phase project to update the district's technology needs. All three phases would cost about \$220,000 and Poffinbarger said she is hopeful to be able to secure grant funding for all parts of the project.

Bryan talked about the first phase, which is a \$93,000 upgrade to the district's wireless system. He talked about many of the problems teachers and students see on a daily basis, including drop offs in service.

Reid asked if there would be any more big projects in the immediate future, and Bryan said nothing in three to five years if they do the wireless upgrade.

Christy Randle, who works in technology for the district, said the wireless service had been a problem, especially during test time. Poffinbarger said she had also heard many complaints about connectivity since she came to the district.

Board member Gregg Hires was concerned about whether or not the teachers were able to monitor what the students were looking at on their Chromebooks during class, and LHS Principal Doug Hoster said they do have programs in place for that purpose.

Phase one, part two of the

project includes an upgrade to the district's hardware infrastructure, like servers, back-up devices and firewalls. Gordon said this upgrade will increase the performance of the network, which will result in a better experience for users.

The final phase of the project would be a replacement laptop for each teacher and administrator in the district. Currently, the staff have Nook boxes, which encounter quite a few problems, according to the QNS representatives.

Reid asked if QNS would keep a running inventory of the district's needs after completing the upgrades, and Gordon said they had already done the first inventory, and would continue to monitor the situation, by completing an inventory check twice every year.

Poffinbarger reminded the board about a change in the ERate, which would mean a substantial increase in it that could be used toward the project, as well as a rural low income grant for \$25,000 and Title I funding, as well as other grants. She said it's her goal to get all the phases accomplished using grant funding.

The board unanimously approved all three phases, with an abstention from board member Jeff Seabaugh, who was absent for the presentation.

Other Business

In other business, the board unanimously approved the monthly consent agenda, including an update of classroom volunteers, payment of bills and maternity leave for Ann Pattillo, a fourth grade teacher at Russell Elementary School from Aug. 14 through Oct. 1.

Poffinbarger said the monthly bills totalled \$266,757, including \$104,056 from the education fund and \$111,419 in QZAB funds. She added the balance in all funds for the district is \$3.8 million, including \$2.5 million in operating funds. Poffinbarger added the state owes the district \$279,744, including \$201,752 in transportation funds.

The board also unanimously approved a second reading of board policy updates, including changes to a uniform grievance procedure, incurring debt, workplace harassment and copyrights.

The board voted against a one-year contract with Johnson Controls for \$30,480 for maintenance to the district's HVAC. Poffinbarger said there was no increase in fees to their contract this year, and the district has been pleased with its service.

Board member Dennis Scobbie asked what the company provides to the district, and Poffinbarger said maintenance to the HVAC system, but was unsure of the specifics. Seabaugh asked if the district had ever bid out the service to anyone else, and Poffinbarger said not to her knowledge, but they could look into it.

The board decided to table further discussion on the renewal

until next month. Board member Meg Werten said the contract rolls over on May 1 if no official action is taken, and Poffinbarger said she would make a call to the company.

Information Items

Poffinbarger said the Finance Committee did not meet this month but would meet again in May.

She said the 1 Percent Sales Tax Committee would be taking a break until school resumes in the fall. She did note that the district did receive \$2,341 in sales tax from Macoupin County for the past year. Their 1 percent sales tax started two years ago, but the district would only be able to recover the past year. Poffinbarger said they will receive about \$400 per month from Macoupin County.

In her technology report, Christy Randle told the board she was working on Chromebook repairs with about a 20 percent failure rate. She was hoping they got all the bad ones replaced before the warranty ended this summer. She said they also installed five charging stations at the school to help with lost charging cords.

Scobbie asked about the cost of all the repairs, and Randle said she felt the repairs were not the result of neglect. The administrative team will be looking at a possible fee structure on repairs or lost parts in the coming year.

Superintendent's Report

In her report, Poffinbarger said the district received two FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests, including one from a law firm in Chicago about the district's resource officers and another from Smart Procure about the district's purchasing needs. Both were met.

She reminded the board of several upcoming dates, including the high school play April 26-28 and the FFA banquet on April 29, as well as the CEO Marketplace event on May 8, at Lincoln Land Community College.

Before adjourning into closed session, Poffinbarger thanked district staff and administrative team for all their hard work going into the final month of school.

Personnel

After spending nearly three hours in closed session, the board unanimously approved all motions in the personnel report.

The board approved Kyle Lenhardt as the high school art teacher, starting in the fall. They also accepted the resignation of Whitney Davis as an elementary instructional tutor, Jo Brummet as National Honor Society sponsor, Toby Baugher as eighth grade boys basketball coach and Justin Ripley as assistant high school football coach.

The next meeting of the Litchfield School Board will be held on Tuesday evening, May 15, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Radius Room at Litchfield High School. The meeting was moved from its usual third Thursday spot because of the activities of graduation week.

SLS Open House Will Be Held Tuesday, May 1

St. Louis School in Nokomis is registering for the 2018-2019 school year for preschool through eighth grade. An open house is planned for Tuesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. for interested families. Students are given a Christian-based education. The school offers computer classes, physical

education, art and library each week. The school curriculum incorporates the Common Core and Illinois Learning Standards. The pre-K program is three-halfdays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays or five-half days. They accept three, four and

five-year old students for the preschool program. Although St. Louis School is a Catholic school, they welcome students of other faiths. Contact the school office at 217-563-7445 for a tour of the school or for more information.



Montgomery County Democrat Central Committee officers, from the left, are Treasurer Perry Jackson, Chairman Jim Moore, Secretary (the late) Libby Chumley, Second Vice Chairman Paul Sellers and Vice Chairman Chuck Napier.

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Democrats Elect Officers At Meeting

The Montgomery County Democrat Central Committee reelected Jim Moore of Hillsboro as party president without opposition at a reorganizational meeting on Wednesday, April 18, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Chuck Napier of Litchfield was elected vice chairman, Paul Sellers of Hillsboro was elected second vice chairman, and Perry

Jackson of Litchfield was elected treasurer. Chairman Moore appointed Libby Chumley of Witt as secretary. Committee members were shocked and saddened to learn that Mrs. Chumley passed away the following day. "Libby was always very enthusiastic about politics, and always willing to help out whenever needed," Chairman Moore said on Thursday.

"We're partners in the election process," Montgomery County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser told precinct committeemen and women before administering an oath as deputy registrars. State's Attorney Bryant Hitchings, who called the reorganizational meeting to order, thanked those who serve as precinct committeemen and women, and those who serve as election judges.



Republican Precinct Committeemen Sworn In

Republican precinct committeemen elected in the March primary election were sworn in by Montgomery County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser as deputy registrars on Wednesday, April 18, at the Montgomery County courthouse annex in Hillsboro. In front, from the left, are Jeremy Jones, Roberta Meyer, Marcia Sailsbury, Terry Richmond, Dick James and Tim Mizera. In the back row are Donna Yeske, Connie Beck, Jay Martin, Daryl Hodges, Bill Bergen, Kenneth Gaffney, Curt Faas, Darrin Jorn and Steve Janssen. Officers for the Montgomery County Republican Party were also elected, with Terry Richmond re-elected as chairman. Vice chairmen will be Jeremy Jones and Brad Ozee, with Roberta Meyer serving as secretary and Marcia Sailsbury serving as treasurer.

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Distracted Driving Week Begins April 23

To help bring attention to the dangers associated with driving distracted, the Montgomery County Sheriff's office announced it will participate in Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week (DDAW), Monday, April 23 through Friday, April 27, and conduct an enforcement campaign of Illinois' distracted driving laws. Each day, ten people are killed in distracted driving crashes, contributing to the 37,000 people killed in crashes on U.S. roadways during 2016, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). "No distraction, whether texting or talking on the phone, is ever worth the loss of life on the roadway," said Undersheriff Rick Robbins. "These senseless deaths can easily be prevented if drivers simply choose to focus on the core task of driving when behind the wheel. We aim to do our part to help keep Montgomery County roads safer."

The second annual Illinois Dis-

tracted Driving Awareness Week is a coordinated effort between the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), AAA, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois High School and College Driver Education Association (IHSCDEA) and nearly 300 local law enforcement throughout Illinois to educate motorists about the dangers of driving while distracted and enforcing the laws on Illinois' roadways. Last year's DDAW efforts resulted in over 18,000 warnings and citations for distracted driving offenses. Contrary to what some drivers may think, hands-free, handheld and in-vehicle technologies are not distraction-free, even if a driver's eyes are on the road and their hands are on the wheel. The latest AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety research found that drivers who text when behind the wheel more than double their odds of being involved in a crash. Drivers who use in-vehicle technol-

gies, like voice-based and touch screen features, can be distracted for more than 40 seconds when completing tasks like programming navigation or sending a text message. Removing eyes from the road for just two seconds doubles the risk for a crash. Violating Illinois' distracted driving laws can be costly. Know before you go. In Illinois, the law prohibits all drivers from texting and driving, as well as using a hand-held phone while driving. The law also prohibits all teen drivers from using a cell phone while driving. For more information on Illinois Distracted Awareness Week, visit www.iddaw.org. These partnerships have been formed to help further a traffic safety culture in Illinois and to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries resulting from distracted driving. Help the ILACP, AAA and the Montgomery County Sheriff's office to keep Illinois roadways safe and Illinois strong.

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REDSKIN REVIEW • by Brea Cox at Nokomis High

Redskins' Students Ready For Prom Saturday



NHS is just a few days away from one of the most anticipated events of a school year! Prom is Saturday night, April 28.

Congratulations to the 2018 Prom Court. The juniors are Rebekah Follis and Drew Johnson, Jorgia Crowe and Cody Knodle, Kenzie Earon and Mason Stewart and Emily Chumley and Layne Johnson. The seniors that are on prom court are Emily Artis and Logan Ernst, Delaney Clavin and Ben Marley, Hendrix Barnes and Taylor Lohman, Sydney Hill and Jake McDonald and Alyssa Huber and Kamden Ransdell.

Prom will be held this Saturday from 8 to 11 p.m. at the parish center. Post Prom will be held at Nokomis High School, and students must go into the cafeteria doors to enter.

If you are bringing an out-of-town or out-of-school guest to Prom you must pick up a form and have it returned by this Wednesday.

Speaking of this Wednesday, if you see Ms. Foster in the office, make sure to tell her Happy Secretary's Day for all she has done for Nokomis High School.

Last Tuesday, German Club juniors and seniors traveled to Roemer Top Restaurant in Mascoutah. Owner Renate Gray provided the students a wonderful experience in speaking German and enjoying Bavarian cuisine, topping it off with a test of their musical skills.

Students are reminded that your parking tag must be displayed in your vehicle.

In sports, Carter Sabol and Evan Herpstreith pitched a great game as the Redskins defeated a very good Williamsville team 4-1.

The boys played against Litchfield Wednesday and won after scoring five in the bottom of the

sixth inning. The final score was 6-5.

The Redskins traveled to Alton Marquette, and fell short 2-4. Their record for the season is now 10-1.

The girls defeated Litchfield 21-3 in four innings Wednesday night. Maddie Sowarsh had seven strikeouts while giving up a hit and three runs, one earned. Brea Cox had a single and four RBIs while Emma Blaum had two hits and four RBIs. The girls improved to 4-4 on the year.

The girls lost 11-6 to a good Hillsboro team Thursday night. Maddie Sowarsh had two hits with a three-run homer, Brea Cox had two hits with an RBI and Emma Blaum went three for four with a double. Maddie gave up three earned runs in six innings while striking out five.

The girls junior varsity team beat Hillsboro 7-6. Delaney Keiser had two hits with an RBI double and single. The girls played their hardest, but fell to Effingham Friday.

Ladies then turned around and played against East Alton-Wood River which would have been a neck-n-neck tie, but the Lady Oilers had two home runs to make the score 4-6.

"High School Highlights" goes to the following for receiving first place in their categories at the Shelby County Art Show, Jorgia Crowe, Kenzie Earon, Sydney Hill, Darian Ruppert and Madison Ulrici. Plus, congratulations goes out to Jorgia Crowe for winning best of show for the high school division.

We want to give a shout-out to Allyson O'Malley, Cody Knodle and Rebekah Follis for traveling to Springfield on Thursday and attending Illinois Youth Day, sponsored by Illinois Electric Co-ops.

See me next week for your weekly dose of Redskin spirit.



Elam's Towing Is Hillsboro Chamber Member of Month

Elam's Towing Incorporated in Taylor Springs has been named by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce as its member of the month for April. The towing company was started by owner Billie Simmons' grandfather, Dick Elam, 47 years ago, and as a promise to her grandmother, Kate Elam, the business will remain family owned and operated. Elam's Towing offers 24-hour a day, seven days a week towing, provides outside storage, moves sheds and unlocks cars. "We believe in supporting small business to keep our hometown going," said owners Tony and Billie Simmons. They added, "Stay true to your hometown and treat your customers the way you would want to be treated. And keep your prices reasonable, because we all have to live." Pictured above, from the left are Joey Hapner, Eric Simmons, owners Tony and Billie Simmons, Tinlee Crawford, Emilee Simmons and Jake Jones.

PANTHER PRESS • by Breanna Seely at Litchfield High

Panther Musical Will Open Thursday Night At LHS



It is play week for *Once Upon a Mattress!* Three months of long rehearsals are finally paying off, and we have a show! The cast hopes to see you this weekend at our musical.

We perform Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$8, and tickets for students and seniors are \$7. You can purchase tickets ahead of time at the main office or from a student. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

The cast, directors, stage crew, pit band and many others have put in a lot of hard work. I have decided to interview the directors and the lead characters to give you an insight on the show.

Director Cassie Lord-Remmert McKorkle said "my favorite part of being a director is getting to work with so many different kids that I don't get to see on a normal basis. In this show, we have about 100 different students who are involved in some aspect and so getting to know all of those students and seeing everything they are capable of is really exciting."

Paige Farnworth, a director,

said, "the thing I am most excited about would have to be opening night. I am really excited to see the audience react to not only our amazing set, but also to our amazing students. I love hearing everyone laugh."

Our other director, Ellis Henley explains that they chose this musical "mostly due to the flexible casting options, but also because it had so many opportunities for our students to shine!"

Bethany Seely, who plays Lady Larken, said that her favorite part of the show "is the bond that I was able to create over the past three months with a wonderful group of people."

Sir Harry, played by Austin Marburger said "my favorite memory was receiving my sword, Stacy."

Our Jester, Jonah Ligutom, explains, "I would have to say that the biggest challenge for me this play season would be playing a character that was out of my comfort zone. I sing in three songs, and although it was difficult to get accustomed to singing, thanks to the help of the directors and encouragement of the cast, I was able to grow as a performer."

Our mute king, Nick King said his favorite memory from this musical is "at the end of the play

when he has the queen do a special effect." You will have to come watch in order to find out what that is.

Grace Flannery plays the Minstrel, and she said "My favorite part of the Minstrel is how outgoing and humorous she is."

Our lead Princess Hannah Bergdorf said "my biggest challenge of this play season is definitely becoming my character."

Our wise wizard, played by Alex Fischer, would like to tell the audience to "look for the small jokes between the lines."

I would personally like to thank a bunch of behind the scenes people that do so much for the musical and do not get recognized. With this in mind, thank you to Mr. Justin Ripley and his construction classes for building our stage. Thank you to Mrs. Linda Yurkovich and her art students for painting our sets and castle walls. And a huge thank you to Nick McKorkle and Lynne Taylor for designing and building a two-story castle, drawbridge and a bed 20 mattresses high. Our set is absolutely amazing this year thanks to you all.

And of course, thank you to our three amazing directors and wonderful cast members. This year has been full of amazing memories that we will all cherish forever.

I hope to see you all at our performances to see all the hard work everyone put into this musical and support our fine arts department.

The physics class had an amazing time on their field trip to Six Flags. The weather was beautiful, and we managed not to get stuck on any of the rides like some other students did.

The junior class is taking a field trip on Monday to Springfield to see the play, *The Great Gatsby*.

A quick reminder to all juniors and seniors. If you plan on going to post prom and want a T-shirt, please turn in your form to the main office by May 2. If you are taking an out-of-town guest or a freshman or sophomore, the paperwork can be found on the bulletin board in the main office.

Prom tickets will be sold April 30 through May 4. Single tickets are \$20 and couples are \$25. Additional fees will be added if you would like to purchase pictures.

Voting for Prom Court will take place soon.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is challenging the LHS students and the Litchfield community with a weekly challenge. This week's challenge is to spend a little extra time in nature this week since it was Earth Day weekend.



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Hillsboro's Lexi Lusk (#20) tries to make her way through a trio of Litchfield defenders, Devan Morgan (#17), Sydney Hoehl (#4) and Mcall Werten (#32) during Thursday's rivalry game at the Hillsboro Sports Complex. The Hiltoppers would take the upper hand in a showcase of two solid defenses with a pair of second half goals, giving them a 3-1 win over the Lady Panthers.

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Lady Hiltoppers Net Win Over Litchfield

by Kyle Herschelma

Any win is a good one, especially after three consecutive losses, but a win over a rival who has ended your season in the regional finals each of the last two years is particularly satisfying.

That was the case for the Hillsboro girls soccer team on Thursday, April 19, as the Lady Toppers defeated Litchfield 3-1 at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

Much of the game was played in the middle of the field as both defenses limited shot opportunities. Twenty-two minutes into

the game, Hillsboro would finally break through with the first goal as Aubry Rupert took a pass from Annie Mattson just inside the box on the right side. Rupert would send a low, hard shot to the far post, just out of reach of Litchfield keeper Becky Painter's outstretched fingertips.

While there would be a few more opportunities for both teams in the first half, the defensive battle continued until halftime, with the score still 1-0 in Hillsboro's favor.

Just eight minutes into the second half, Karly Kruse got the

equalizer for the Lady Panthers. Just outside of the box near the left sideline, Kruse received a loose ball and popped a shot from 20 yards out.

The shot would sneak inside the near post, just over the hands of Hillsboro keeper Abbi Jett, to make it 1-1.

Over the next ten minutes, both teams tried to get the go-ahead goal, with both defenses halting the offensive charge. Grace Anderson would end the back-and-forth with 22 minutes to play in the game as she put a high shot on net that slipped in under the cross bar

to make it 2-1 in Hillsboro's favor.

The Toppers would add an insurance goal late in the game on a Hattie Malloy breakaway with four minutes remaining and Hillsboro held on for the 3-1 win.

The victory not only gave the Toppers some revenge for the two losses in the regional final in 2016 and 2017, but it also gave Hillsboro an opportunity to claim bragging rights after the two teams had their first meeting, in the championship game of the Panther Classic, rained out.

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Hillsboro Rolls To 15th Win, Undefeated In SCC

by Kai Hanner

The Hillsboro Lady Hiltoppers' softball program had a very busy and eventful week this week. In five days they played six games, going 5-1 in the span.

The week started on Tuesday, April 17, against Pana. The Toppers beat the Panthers 6-0, with Kai Hanner on the mound and Alexis Wolf behind the plate. Hanner had 13 strikeouts, two hits allowed and two base on balls in

the seven-inning game.

The Toppers played well defensively this game, picking up the other eight outs with only two errors.

Offensively, they put the ball in play several times, having 13 hits. Kai Hanner and Sheridan Lyerla led the team in hits, each providing three. Katie Schaake and Haley Major both picked up two hits, along with Riley Hemken, Chloe Beck and Alexis Wolf, who all added one. Major, Hemken and

Hanner each stole a base, putting runners in scoring position to allow the Toppers to capitalize and score six runs.

Hillsboro vs. Marquette

The next game, played on Wednesday, April 18, against Marquette Catholic, did not go quite as well. The Toppers fell 4-0 against the Explorers in seven innings.

Kai Hanner took the mound again with Alexis Wolf behind the plate. Hanner struck out 12, allowing seven hits and four earned

runs. She only walked one batter this game. All four of Marquette's runs came in the bottom of the sixth inning. On the offensive side, the Toppers came up very short with no hits. They had runners in scoring position but could not get them across the plate.

Hillsboro vs. Nokomis

The third game of the week was played Thursday, April 19, against the Lady Redskins of Nokomis.

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Journal-News On The Line: *Alex Bishop, Litchfield*

Pride Of LHS Golf To Play For Pride Of Purdue Northwest

by Kyle Herschelma

While golf has always been on Alex Bishop's radar, the game wasn't always the Litchfield senior's passion.

"I picked up a club when I was two, but I was just playing around. I actually played JFL until seventh grade and I broke my wrist and I had back injuries so I figured this was probably not for me," Bishop said with a laugh. "So I went back to golf going into my freshman year and I just started getting more competitive with it."

Football's loss has definitely been golf's gain as Bishop has turned into one of the top Class 1A high school players in the state and has earned an opportunity to play golf at the next level. On Thursday, April 12, Bishop signed his letter of intent with Purdue Northwest, where he will continue his aspirations in the classroom and on the golf course.

"The best part about it is when you see it happen to a kid that has worked as hard as he has. He's really dedicated his time, kind of old

school style," Litchfield Golf Coach Dan Newkirk said. "To see that all pay off, the success he had at the state level, it's just a by-product of how hard he's worked at honing his craft."

There is no better way to show Bishop's progression than by looking at the final few weeks of the golf season in each of his four years as a Purple Panther. As a freshman, Bishop had a solid regular season, but came up one stroke short of all-conference accolades and a sectional qualifying spot in back-to-back weeks.

But in the next three years, Bishop's competition wouldn't be so fortunate. He would make all-conference each of the next three years, never finishing worse than fifth, and would qualify not only for sectionals, but for state as well. As a sophomore, Bishop finished 33rd overall at the state tournament and while he finished six places lower as a junior, his score was actually a stroke better than the year before.

This past season was truly Bishop's time to shine. After dominating the competition during the season, the senior would need a playoff to make it out of the sectional. Once that was accomplished, Bishop didn't look back, tying for eighth (with friendly

rival and fellow Alex, Alex Eickhoff) to earn his first state medal.

While the success in the state tournament was the payoff after four years, Bishop is far from done.

"I know he's worked really hard already to make those same advancements at the college level. Sometimes the goal is to get there and once you get there, you're not sure what to do," Coach Newkirk said. "He's already pushing past that point and wants to continue to get better and improve. I'm really excited to see what he does and how it works out for him."

While he has put in the work himself, Bishop said that the journey wouldn't be possible without a strong support system, which includes his parents, grandparents and Coach Newkirk.

"My parents have been a huge influence on me. They've helped me get to tournaments, paid for tournaments and have just encouraged me. My grandparents have always been there. Having the family support is always nice," Bishop said. "Through all four years of high school, Coach Newkirk has taken me to tournaments over the summer. He's taken time out of his personal life just to help me out. It's been a great four years."

That support system is hoping



Surrounded by family, Litchfield senior Alex Bishop (seated, second from the left) signed his letter of intent to play golf for the Purdue Northwest Pride after graduation this May. Joining Bishop, in front, were his parents, Kyle and Nikki Bishop and younger brother Clayton. In the back, from the left, are brother Brady Bishop, Litchfield Head Golf Coach Dan Newkirk, grandfather Hans Mizera and grandparents Nancy and Gary Bishop.

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that the next four years are just as great. Bishop is planning on going into business management, with a minor in finance or marketing ("Someday I'd like to be a CEO of a business.") and is excited to be a part of Purdue Northwest's growth as a school and a golf team.

"The golf coach really convinced me. He's a great guy," Bishop said on why he chose Purdue Northwest. "I met the guys on the team and we gelled together pretty well. And definitely the schooling. Any job interview you go into and have Purdue on your resume, it's

a pretty good start."

Those who know Bishop best know that the school is getting a pretty good deal as well.

"Purdue Northwest is not just getting a great golfer, but a great kid," Coach Newkirk said. "I'm thrilled for him."



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Hillsboro Hiltoppers
Monday, April 23
4:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer at Father McGivney
Tuesday, April 24
4 p.m. - Boys and Girls Track at Southwestern Relays
4:30 p.m. - Baseball hosts Staunton
4:30 p.m. - Softball hosts Staunton
4:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer at Pana
4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis at Shelbyville

Litchfield Purple Panthers
Tuesday, April 24
4:30 p.m. - Boys Track at O'Brien F/S Invite In Carlinville
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Gillespie
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Gillespie
5 p.m. - Girls Soccer hosts Carlinville

Nokomis Redskins
Monday, April 23
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Altamont
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Morrisonville
Tuesday, April 24
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Central A&M
Wednesday, April 25
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Metro-East Lutheran
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Alton Marquette

Lincolnwood Lancers
Monday, April 23
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Lanphier
Tuesday, April 24
4:30 p.m. - Softball hosts Morrisonville
Wednesday, April 25
4:30 p.m. - Softball hosts Edinburg
4:30 p.m. - Baseball hosts Staunton

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Mercenaries Rugby To Host Tourney In Hillsboro April 28

Rugby is coming back to Hillsboro this Saturday, April 28, as the Maryville-based Mercenary Rugby Team hosts a three-team tournament at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

The Mercenaries, a start-up club from the former Macoupin County Mercenaries, will welcome the Belleville Rowdies and Springfield Celts to Hillsboro, with the tournament scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and run through 3:30 p.m.

Concessions and a 50/50 raffle will be available at the tournament and the public is encouraged to come and check out this exciting, high impact sport. For more information on the club, go to www.facebook.com/mercenariesrugby.

Comets Push Past Tennis Toppers For SCC Victory

The Greenville High School boys tennis team handed the Hillsboro boys an 8-1 loss on Friday, April 20, keeping the Toppers from their first win streak of the season.

Hillsboro's lone win would come in singles play, where Brayden Bolyard took a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Greenville's James Kester.

While they would be kept out of the win column in the other eight matches, the doubles matches would be closer, with all three decided by either 8-6 or 8-5 final scores. Now 2-4 on the season and 1-2 in the South Central Conference, Hillsboro will travel to Shelbyville on Tuesday, April 24, to face the Rams.

April 20 at Greenville Greenville 8, Hillsboro 1
Singles: 1. Joshua Brannon (G) def. Joe Mattson (H) 6-1, 6-2; 2. Joseph Bohannon (G) def. Tony Perfetti 6-2, 6-1; 3. Derek Owens (G) def. Kain Durbin (H) 6-0, 6-0; 4. Brayden Bolyard (H) def. James Kester (G) 6-4, 6-1; 5. Harold File (G) def. Trevor Hartman (H) 6-0, 6-0; 6. Earl Farth (G) def. Chance Murray (H) 6-1, 6-1.
Doubles: 1. Brannon/Owens (G) def. Mattson/Perfetti (H) 8-5; 2. File/Farth (G) def. Bolyard/Hartman (H) 8-6; 3. Evan Oakley/Cainon Grove (G) def. Durbin/Murray (H) 8-6.
Records: Greenville (6-3, 3-0); Hillsboro (2-4, 1-2).

Purple Panthers Nearly End Nokomis' Undefeated Streak

When a team starts off a season in a fashion like the 9-0 Nokomis Redskins have, every team is out to give them their first loss of the season. On Wednesday, Litchfield would have Nokomis' back to the wall leading 5-1 late in the game, but just like any good team who is challenged, the Redskins would respond by adding five runs in the sixth inning. The late inning heroics would give Nokomis a 6-5 victory, keeping them undefeated with a 10-0 record.

After a scoreless first inning, the Purple Panthers would put the first runs of the game on the board in the top half of the second inning. After the first out of the inning was recorded Litchfield's Chase Lauderdale would touch home plate on a round trip around the base paths. Lauderdale's home run would give the Purple Panthers a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning.

The Litchfield lead would not hold up for long. The Redskins would respond to the Purple Panthers' early lead by adding a run in their half of the second inning. After the first out was recorded, Carter Sabol would follow with Nokomis' first hit of the ball game. During the next at-bat, Sabol would move to third base, putting a Redskin in scoring position.

Sabol would not remain on the third bag for long as Hunter Arndt would score Sabol from third. The one run would be all the Redskins needed to tie the contest, but they would leave the go-ahead run on second base as the inning would expire.

In the top of the third inning the Purple Panthers would regain their lead with a two-run single from Tai Dobrinich. With one out the Purple Panthers would get two base runners on the base paths as Andrew DeLaCruz and Billy Beckham would pick up base on balls. Dobrinich would follow the two walks with his base clearing single as DeLaCruz and Beckham would both touch home plate on the hit. The two run single would give Litchfield a 3-1 lead after two and a half innings of action.

For the third straight inning the Purple Panthers would get a base runner on the base paths with one out. In the top of the third inning Jake Jurgena would be awarded first base as he would be hit by a pitch.

After stealing second base Jurgena would be pushed over to third base as Tanner Odle would single. The base running by Jurgena would put himself in a prime spot for Litchfield's fourth run of the contest.

Reece Kulick would make sure the fourth run would get in when he sacrificed his at bat, with a fly out to the center fielder. The fly out would be deep enough to score Jurgena from third base, giving Litchfield a 4-1 lead.

That lead would continue to grow for Litchfield when they added another run in the top of the sixth inning. The 5-1 run would be a commanding lead for the Litchfield squad as Nokomis would only have two innings left to overcome the four-run lead.

It would be in the bottom of the sixth inning when the magic struck for Nokomis. Alex Tosetti would lead the inning off with a base hit and Evan Herpstreith would join him on the base paths with a base on balls.

Herpstreith would not be able to proceed any further than first base as he would be retired in a fielder's choice off of Carter Sabol's bat. Sabol though would reach first base on the play and Tosetti would move over to third base, with one out on the board. Adam Lyons would fill the base paths with Redskins as he collected a base on balls.

With the bases loaded Litchfield would call on their bullpen to close out the game as Tai Dobrinich would relieve Litchfield's

starting pitcher, Tanner Odle. Dobrinich would enter the contest with three Redskins on the base paths and only one out. Hunter Arndt would make things difficult for the new pitcher as he would force Dobrinich to walk him, pushing Tosetti across home plate for Nokomis' second run.

Arndt would replace Tosetti on the base paths as the bags would remain loaded with Redskins and only one out.

Nick Mascher would drive in the second run of the inning for the Redskins as he hit into a fielder's choice as Litchfield's shortstop would throw out Arndt at second base on the play. Sabol would be the second run of the inning and third run of the contest.

Now with two outs, the Redskins would have runners on the corners with Lyons on third and Mascher on first. As the Nokomis lineup would flip over, Austin McDowell would collect the biggest hit so far in the contest. McDowell would pick up his first hit with a single that would score both Lyons and Mascher to tie the contest at five runs a piece.

McDowell would quickly be rewarded for his efforts as he would touch home plate when B.J. Chausse would single McDowell in, giving Nokomis a 6-5 lead.

Chausse would be retired on the play as he would try to stretch the single into a double.

In the seventh inning the Redskins would turn to Chausse again, this time on the mound. Litchfield would get one base runner in the inning when Andrew DeLaCruz would be hit by a pitch. DeLaCruz's at-bat was the only action Litchfield would see in their final inning as Chausse would respond and would retire the following two batters to close out the contest.

The early efforts by Litchfield would look like Nokomis' flawless record might be in trouble. Instead a late inning effort would give Nokomis their 10th win of the season, moving their record to 10-0 overall.

The loss would drop the Purple Panthers to 5-4 overall. Tai Dobrinich would be handed the loss while Josh Clymer would collect the win and BJ Chausse would collect his first save of the season. The efforts by both teams added another impressive chapter to the history books of this Montgomery County rivalry.

April 18 at Nokomis											
Litchfield	012	101	0----	5	6	3					
Nokomis	010	005	x----	6	6	0					
Pitching Statistics											
Litchfield	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB					
L-Odle	5.1	6	5	4	3	5					
Dobrinich	0.2	0	0	2	0	1					
Nokomis	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB					
Tosetti	3.1	3	3	4	6	5					
W-Clymer	3.2	2	2	2	2	0					
S-Chausse	1	0	0	0	0	0					
*Clymer 1 HBP; Chausse 1 HP											
Batting Statistics											
Multiple Hits: Litchfield - Jacob Stockamp (2-3). HR: Litchfield - Chase Lauderdale 1.											
Records: Nokomis (10-0); Litchfield (5-4)											

Explorers Hand 'Skins Baseball First Loss

After ten straight wins, the Nokomis Redskins found themselves in the loss column for the first time this season on Friday, April 20. The Skins would go toe-to-toe with Alton Marquette on the Explorers' home field, coming up just short of their 11th win with a 4-2 loss to Marquette.

Nokomis would get a double from Evan Herpstreith in the opening inning of Friday's game, with two runs coming around to score. The lead would only last until the bottom of the inning as Marquette plated two runs of their own to tie the game at 2-2.

Over the next four innings, Nokomis' B.J. Chausse and Marquette's Luke Simmons would shut down the opposing offenses as both pitchers kept the other team off the scoreboard.

Marquette would finally break through in the bottom of the sixth, when Montana Gossage drove in two runs with two outs to give the Explorers the lead.

April 20 at Alton
Nokomis 200 000 0----- 2 5 2
Marquette 200 002 x----- 4 6 2
Pitching Statistics
Nokomis IP R ER H K BB
L-Chausse 6 4 4 6 4 1
Marquette IP R ER H K BB
Simmons 7 2 2 5 10 0
**Chausse 1 HBP*
Batting Statistics
2B: Nokomis - Evan Herpstreith 1, Nick Mascher 1. **3B:** Marquette - Garrett Weiner 1.
Record: Nokomis (10-1); Marquette (11-5).

Recaps of these games will be in the April 26 edition of *The Journal-News* and are online at thejournal-news.net:

- Litchfield Baseball
- Lincolnwood Softball at Lincolnwood Invite
- Morrisonville Baseball
- Hillsboro/Litchfield Track

Lady Lancers Fall To Trio Of Tough Competitors

by Kharynn Millburg

The Lincolnwood softball team faced three straight tough tests on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week as they picked up three losses against Carlinville, Tri-City and Taylorville.

Lincolnwood vs. Carlinville. Lincolnwood softball fell 21-3 against Carlinville on Wednesday, April 18. Being the away team, Carlinville batted first and batted around the lineup, scoring six runs, in the first inning.

Paige Tieman and Ali Jenkins started off with hits to the outfield and a hit from Alyssa DeSpain loaded the bases. Sydney Cania was the fourth batter for the Cavies and she drove in a run after a hard hit to the pitcher.

Emma Griffith followed in her lead and hit an RBI to left field to drive in another. After a strikeout and caught fly ball the Cavies had two outs and bases loaded in the first inning. Lexi Bates came up to bat and drove in DeSpain for the final run for Carlinville, bringing the score to 6-0.

The Lancers only scored three runs for the game, all in the first inning, with Cassie Krager leading off and getting on base with a hit to center field. Brittney Slightom followed, getting hit by the pitch and a walk to Madison Leek loaded the bases.

Sadie Slightom was then up to bat for Lincolnwood and got out at first, but drove in Krager for an RBI. Another out by strikeout and the Lancers had bases loaded and two outs. Kharynn Millburg was the sixth hitter for the Lancers and a hit up the middle put her on first and ran in Slightom and Leek for the final runs of the game for Lincolnwood.

The second inning for the Cavies brought in four runs to make the score 10-3. Sydney Cania started off with a home run hit over the left field fence. Jordan Houseman had a hit to center field, putting her on first and Lexi Bates singled with a hit to the pitcher. Danielle Westnedge had a two-run single to left field which drove in Houseman and Bates and put her

on first. She was then driven in by a hit from Paige Tieman and that finished the inning.

The Cavies held the Lady Lancers the rest of the game while still scoring runs. In the top of the third, they scored another four, with hits coming from Sydney Cania and an RBI hit by Emma Griffith.

The top of the fourth gave five runs to the Cavies with hits from Ali Jenkins (who hit a double to center field), Alyssa DeSpain (another double), Sydney Cania (an RBI single) and Lexi Bates, whose home run plated two more.

The fifth inning only brought in two for the Cavies with Tieman hitting a single to right and DeSpain being hit by the pitch. Sydney Cania drove in Tieman with a grounder in the infield and DeSpain ran home on an outfield hit.

Pitching for Lincolnwood was Sadie Slightom. She had no walks, two strikeouts and hit one batter. Alyssa DeSpain pitched for Carlinville and had eight strikeouts and two walks.

At the plate, Sydney Herman, Madison Leek and Sadie Slightom all went 1-for-2 for Lincolnwood, while Sydney Cania was 4-for-5 for Carlinville. Despain, Bates and Jenkins also had three hits each for the Cavies.

Lincolnwood vs Tri-City
After losing to the Tornados on Tuesday, Lincolnwood fell again to Tri-City on Thursday, April 19, 16-0 in four innings.

Tri-City started off the game with a fly ball caught by third base. Anna Sagh and Aubrey Hunt followed with walks and Taylor Page hit a single to left field and loaded the bases. A fly ball by Enna Farley caught in center field drove in Sagh and left runners on third and second. Kaitlyn Spain hit a single to center field and drove in two runs, making the score 3-0 in the first inning.

In the bottom of the second, Ella Rutherford started off getting a single, hit to right field. Ashlyn Morlock hit a double to right field and scored Rutherford. A home run hit by Aubrey Hunt drove in Morlock and scored two

more runs in the second, making the score 6-0.

Tri-City got to bat around in the bottom of the third, scoring ten runs. Emma Farley started off with a home run. Kaitlyn Spain and Shayla Mills each had singles hit to left field and Ella Rutherford got on with a walk.

Kenzie Krider hit a triple in-between center and right and drove in the three on base. Ashlyn Morlock followed with a walk and stole second. Aubrey Hunt hit a single but got picked off at second. With a walk to Taylor Page, Farley followed with a single to left and an RBI. Another walk to Spain and a hard hit by Mills drove in two and finished the game 16-0 for Tri-City in four innings.

Madison Leek and Sydney Herman pitched for Lincolnwood. Leek pitched two innings and had two walks and a strikeout, while Herman pitched two innings and had four walks and one strikeout. Emma Rutherford would get the win for Tri-City, striking out seven Lincolnwood batters.

At the plate, Leek was 1-for-2, while Katie Payne was 1-for-1 for Lincolnwood. Tri-City got two hits from Emma Farley, Aubrey Hunt, Kaitlyn Spain and Shayla Mills in the win.

Lincolnwood vs Taylorville
Lincolnwood lost to Taylorville 8-7 on Friday, April 20th. Being the away team, Lincolnwood got to bat first and scored five in the first inning.

Brittney Slightom led off with a single to right field. Cassie Krager followed with a walk and Sadie Slightom had a single hit to left field, which drove in Brittney Slightom.

Kyra Shull followed with a hit to the pitcher and Sydney Herman hit it to the third baseman, who threw to second and got an error. Katie Payne hit a double to left field and drove in Krager and Slightom and a hit to third made by Kharynn Millburg drove in Shull and Herman.

Taylorville started off the second inning scoring two runs with Haley Shull leading off with a double hit to left field. Harley

Leatherman hit a triple to center field and drove in Shull.

Laurey Falicis followed with a hit to center field to drive in Leatherman but got tagged out at second to get the third out of the inning with the first two outs being caught fly balls.

Taylorville and the Lancers held each other until the bottom of the third, with Taylorville's Laurey Falicis leading off with a single hit to left field. Cydnee Larson hit a triple to left field as well and drove in Falicis. An error made at first put Kelsey Talley on and a double from Lexi Shull drove in Larson. Courtney Carr followed with a hit to center and drove in Talley, scoring four runs for Taylorville and bringing the score to 6-5.


In the top of the fourth, the Lancers scored one run. Cassie Krager hit a double to left field. Madison Leek moved her over with a hit to shortstop and with an error throw made by the catcher, Krager scored and moved the score 6-6.

Both teams held each other where they were until the bottom of the fifth. Taylorville's Kelsey Talley started off with a single. Lexi Shull followed by getting hit by the pitch. A hit to center by Haley Shull drove in Talley and a hit by Laurey Falicis drove in Shull, scoring the last two runs for Taylorville.

In the top of the sixth, Lincolnwood's Sadie Slightom got on base with a double hit to left field. Kyra Shull followed with a single that drove in Slightom for the final run of the game and making the final score 8-7.

Sadie Slightom pitched for Lincolnwood and struck out one and hit one batter. Laurey Falicis pitched five-plus innings for Taylorville, allowing three walks and striking out one and hitting one. Megan Behl closed out the game, striking out three.

At the plate, Sadie Slightom was 3-for-4, Kyra Shull was 2-for-4 and Cassie Krager was 1-for-2 for Lincolnwood. Falicis went 3-for-4 for Taylorville while Cydnee Larson was 2-for-4.



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Hillsboro Softball

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The Toppers won this game 11-6 with Shelby Houchlei starting the game and Katie Schaake picking up the win. Alexis Wolf was once again behind home plate.

Houchlei pitched three innings, allowing six runs, but only four earned runs. She struck out six and walked one while allowing seven hits.

Schaake came in for the last four innings of the game and gave up zero runs. In her four innings, she allowed two hits, struck out four and walked no one.

The Toppers did not play great defensively this game, having four errors, but they picked themselves up on the offensive side. All together, Hillsboro had 15 hits off of the Nokomis pitcher.

Haley Major and Kai Hanner led the team, each producing three hits. They were followed by Katie Schaake, Riley Hemken, Shelby Houchlei and Sheridan Lyerla who all had two hits, along with Chloe Beck who had one.

Along with the great amount of hits, the Lady Hiltoppers also had three stolen bases; Schaake, Major and Hanner each had one.

Hillsboro vs. Gillespie

At this point, the Toppers were 12-2 on the season, but their eventful week was only half over and they decided to pick up three more wins. On Friday, April 20, the Lady Toppers defeated the Gillespie Miners for the first time in several years.

Kai Hanner took the mound this game with Alexis Wolf behind the plate. Hanner struck out nine, allowing five hits, one earned run, and no walks.

The Toppers put several runs together in order to allow Hanner to secure a 9-1 victory. Riley Hemken led the team this game with three hits. She was followed by Schaake, Houchlei and Major, who all put up two hits. Lyerla and Wolf both added to the Toppers' total of 11 hits.

This game put the Toppers at 5-0 in conference.

Windsor/Stew-Stras Tourney Saturday, April 21, was the last

day of games for the Lady Toppers this week. The Toppers played Windsor/Stewardson-Strasburg for their first game of the day and Altamont for the second game.

The game against WSS was pitched by Kai Hanner and caught by Alexis Wolf. This game was a game to watch as the Toppers beat the Hatchets 5-4 in ten innings. Hanner threw all ten innings, striking out 11 and allowing 11 hits. She walked two batters and allowed two earned runs.

Although outhit, the Toppers scraped across more runs than the Hatchets. While the Hatchets put up 11 hits, the Lady Toppers only put up ten.

Schaake led the team this game with three hits, followed by Hanner, Major and Lyerla, who each had two, along with Chloe Beck who had one.

The Toppers went back and forth with the Hatchets scoring in the fifth, seventh and tenth innings, while the Hatchets scored in the first, fourth, fifth, and tenth innings.

After the thriller of a game for the Hiltoppers, they went on to play their last game of the week against Altamont.

Katie Schaake took the mound this game. Sheridan Lyerla put on the gear this game for her first varsity start as a catcher this year. Schaake ended the game with 13 strikeouts and one base on balls. She allowed seven hits and only three earned runs in the 9-5 victory for the Lady Toppers.

Offensively, they had 17 hits with four of them being from Lyerla. Major and Hanner both added three, along with Hemken, Houchlei and Tester who each added two. Amya Robinson also had one.

The Toppers are now 15-2 on their season and will continue conference play with two games this week against Staunton at home on Tuesday, April 24, and Roxana in Roxana on Friday, April 27.

The Toppers will also be hosting the regional tournament this year. They hope to continue their conference play undefeated and get to 20 wins on the season.

Lady Redskins Split With Montgomery County Foes

by Brea Cox

It was a Montgomery County week for the Lady Redskins of Nokomis as they met up with the Litchfield Lady Panthers last Wednesday, April 18, then the Hills-boro Lady Toppers on Thursday, April 19. Nokomis took a 21-3 win over Litchfield and an 11-6 loss to Hillsboro.

On the Nokomis diamond, Litchfield took the first lead in the game when first batter Emily Senjan doubled on a hard grounder to left field. Ashley Heard soon pushed Senjan across the plate with her own hit to left field. A Nokomis error allowed Heard to score, as well as Lizzy Luttrell. After one half an inning, Litchfield was up 3-0.

Nokomis added their own numbers to the scoreboard when leadoff Alyssa Huber singled, Kayla Stauder walked and Brea Cox drove them on home.

Nokomis picked up their defense and did not allow any more runs for the Lady Panthers. The third inning proved to be a bit of a problem for the Litchfield players. When plays start to go in the wrong direction for a team, it causes a bit of loss in confidence. Plus, the wind was whipping across the field and was bitingly chilly.

These factors caused some difficulties for the Litchfield pitchers and defense. Eight Nokomis batters walked, six hit singles and three reached base on an error in the third inning, driving up the score for Nokomis by 19 runs, making it 21-3.

Emma Blaum led the Nokomis offense with two hits and four RBI. Huber went 2-for-3 from the plate, with two RBIs. Cox and Alexa Cassidy ended the game with four and three RBIs, respectively.

Maddie Sowarsh picked up another win by walking zero batters, striking out eight, and giving up only three hits.

Litchfield pitching duties were split up between Emily Senjan, Kate Komor, and Gabbi Lee.

Hillsboro vs. Nokomis

The next night, Nokomis met their neighboring hosts, the Hill-

sboro Lady Toppers, who managed to bring out the sun and tone down the wind for better playing conditions.

Each team would score in the first three innings and it was tied at six runs by the fifth inning. Hillsboro then managed to pull ahead for good.

Nokomis' Maddie Sowarsh started the action-packed game when she hit a fly ball over the fence with two runners on in the first inning. It was almost back-to-back home runs when Brea Cox's ball looked to be going over as well but ended up hitting the top of the fence and falling fair.

Hillsboro was swinging the bat well and scored four in the bottom of the first. Singles from Sheridan Lyerla, Chloe Beck, Shelby Houchlei and a double from Kai Hanner pushed the Lady Toppers ahead, 4-3.

Nokomis scored again in the second when Huber reached base on a Hillsboro error and her own speed. Cox's deep hit sent Huber home, followed by a hard ground ball by Emily Cesaretti to score Cox.

Hillsboro answered back as Nokomis allowed runners on base due to two errors. Hanner, who was 3-for-3 at the plate, collected another RBI with her second hit of the day. The score was tied at five after two innings.

Kristen Stauder took advantage of a Hillsboro error in the third inning and made her way into scoring position. Alexa Cassidy help Nokomis take a one run lead by hitting into a ground out play that sent Stauder across the plate.

Hillsboro would also get a run in the third inning, when Riley Hemken doubled and scored Haley Major. Nokomis cut their batting short with a double play. Mia Fesser made the catch in right field, then fired to Kristen Stauder at second to get the runner trying to tag up.

With the fourth inning being scoreless for both teams, Major was the leadoff hitter in the bottom of the fifth and put her fly ball over the left field fence for the 7-6 lead.

This seemed to fuel the Lady

Toppers and they went on to score three more runs on a Nokomis error, singles from Hemken and Hanner and a double from Katie Schaake. The Toppers scored one more run in the sixth to icing their 11-6 win.

Houchlei pitched three innings for the Lady Toppers, allowing six hits, two earned runs, walking one and gathering six strikeouts. Schaake came in for the save, gave up two hits, no runs, one walk and struck out four batters in the final four innings.

For Nokomis, Sowarsh was in the circle and allowed 11 hits, just three earned runs, one walk and five strikeouts. Offensively, Blaum had three hits, one of which was a double, while Sowarsh and Cox also had multiple hits.

Hillsboro batters had Hanner leading the way with three hits and three RBIs, while Houchlei and Hemken had two hits each.

Nokomis vs. Effingham

The Lady Redskins were back on their home field Friday night, facing the Effingham Lady Hearts. It was one of those games you have to learn from mistakes and move on. Nokomis errors were very costly and the offense struggled.

Kayla Stauder and Fesser were the only ones to get hits for Nokomis, while Effingham batters racked up 23 hits and their defense committed no errors. The final score was 24-1.

Nokomis vs. EAWR

Putting that game behind them, the Lady Redskins improved their game and came short in a well-fought battle with East Alton-Wood River (EAWR).

The Lady Oilers were big hitters and scored four runs in the first inning of play.

Nokomis' defense was much better, with some outstanding plays being made in the 6-4 loss

Hillsboro Baseball

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Each team had one more run in its arsenal. With two out in the sixth (all eight Hillsboro runs were scored after two were out), pinch-hitter Jacob Bauman blooped a single to right center. Lemon reached on an error, and Bauman scored from second on King's RBI single. Schrieber then smacked a long drive to center field, but Barrett ran it down.

The Miners reached Schrieber for a run in the sixth with the help of an error. Segarra singled, Kaylor reached on the error, and Fritz (the catcher's courtesy runner) scored on a ground out. For the third inning in a row, the Miners left three

to the Lady Oilers.

Alexa Cassidy was kept busy in center field, running down fly balls for outs. Catcher Kayla Stauder hustled hard for a popped up foul ball and Huber made a heads up play from second base, creating a fielder's choice play by throwing home to Stauder for a well-played out.

Combine defense with Sowarsh's pitching and EAWR was held scoreless for the next four innings.

Nokomis put two runs on the board in the fourth inning, with a Kayla Stauder single, Sowarsh double and Cesaretti single.

A two-run homer by EAWR pitcher Megan Moxey pushed the Oiler lead to 6-2 in the top of the sixth inning. In the bottom half of the inning, Sowarsh reached base on an error, then Cesaretti used her second hit of the day to push her around to third base. Sowarsh took a lead off from third and drew the throw down, which went wild and allowed her to score.

In their last at-bat, Nokomis was working to tie the score. Kristen Stauder singled and waited through two outs to get her chance to score. Her patience paid off, as it was her sister Kayla Stauder that allowed her to run home for the fourth and final Nokomis run. Kayla Stauder was the only multiple hitter for the Lady Redskins. Sowarsh was in the circle again and struck out seven Lady Oilers, walked two, allowed 12 hits and six runs.

Nokomis has a full week of away games, traveling to Morrisonville tonight and Alton Marquette Wednesday.

For the Nokomis softball fans, a couple of scheduling items: Nokomis will make up a rained-out game with Decatur on April 30, and senior night will be May 1.

Baseball Toppers Fall To Marquette Catholic

by Ron Deabenderfer

More often than not, Hillsboro's athletic teams journey into Alton to fare poorly while playing the Alton Marquette Explorers; though the baseball Toppers lost 5-3 Wednesday afternoon in Gordon Moore Park, they competed well against the Metro-area team.

Sophomore Tanner Mullen drew mound duties in the non-conference tilt, and it was a bit shaky for the right-hander in the first inning. After left-hander Nick Hemann threw a perfect top of the inning, the Explorers scored two. It could have been worse.

Fleet center fielder Kaleb Ware singled leading off, and quick shortstop Jayce Maag also singled. When Mullen walked the next batter on four pitches, it looked like "Here we go again" time. With the bases loaded, Sam Logan lofted a sacrifice fly to center to drive in Ware before Jed Eggering grounded to second to score Maag. Mullen reached back to strike out the sixth man; to escape a bases loaded, no outs situation while

giving up only two runs was a good omen.

A cold wind was gusting out to center, but the fences were deep (380 feet) and the Toppers played errorless ball. Mullen's fastball seemed to gain speed after the first; Marquette didn't score again until the fifth. The Toppers ruined Hemann's shutout bid in the second. Christian Hernandez walked and moved to third when Landon Carroll's single to right eluded the Explorer stationed there. Jordan Gregg, who smacked extra base hits in his next two at bats, grounded to short to score Hernandez. Carroll, though, was stranded on third despite reaching there with only one out.

It was even more disappointing in the fourth.

Carroll singled leading off in front of a Gregg double. Hemann kept the score 2-1 by coaxing a pop-up to second, registering one of his four strikeouts, and holding his breath as Ware settled under a Mullen long fly ball in the deepest part of the park.

It was 4-1 before the Toppers

threatened again. Designated hitter Will Hurst walked leading off (Mullen only walked two - this one scored). Ware sacrificed, and Maag doubled Hurst home. After he moved to third on a wild pitch, a sacrifice fly to left scored him.

Hillsboro had dodged a bullet in the fourth when Connor Noss tripled with one out. From the Topper dugout (and from the Hillsboro fans' view from the stands), it seemed the relay throw to third had caught Noss before he slid in. After the argument was over, Mullen and Dylan McCammack at third made the argument moot by picking the runner off third.

Down by three entering the top of the sixth, Hillsboro rallied. Hernandez walked leading off and Carroll followed suite. Gregg drove them in with a triple over the right fielder's head. He was the tying run on third with one out -- but again he was stranded there by a ground ball to second (infield in), a strikeout, and a routine ground out to second.

Marquette scored an insurance run in their sixth when Noss doubled with one out and scored on a two-out single by pinch hitter Luke Simmons.

That wasn't Simmons' only impact on the game. Kaden Lemon singled to lead off the Topper seventh and Griffin King walked to put the tying runs on. Simmons brought a wicked curve to the mound in relief of Hemann; that curve and fast-falling dusk helped him strike out two of the batters he faced while Hernandez grounded out.

So, while Hillsboro didn't win, they fought the good fight. Stranding tying runs on third is better than not having base runners at all. A couple of players who had been struggling to make contact hit the ball hard.

April 18 at Alton

Hillsboro	010	002	0----	3	6	0
Marquette	200	021	x----	5	10	2

Pitching Statistics

Hillsboro	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB
L-Mullen	6	5	5	10	2	2
Marquette	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB
W-Hemann	6	3	3	6	4	5
Simmons	1	0	0	0	2	0

Batting Statistics

Multiple Hits: Hillsboro - Landon Carroll (2-3), Jordan Gregg (2-3); Marquette - Jayce Magg (2-3), Connor Noss (2-3). **2B:** Hillsboro - Jordan Gregg 1; Marquette - Jayce Maag 1, Connor Ness 1. **3B:** Hillsboro - Jordan Gregg 1; Marquette - Connor Noss 1. **Records:** Hillsboro (9-5); Marquette Catholic (9-5).

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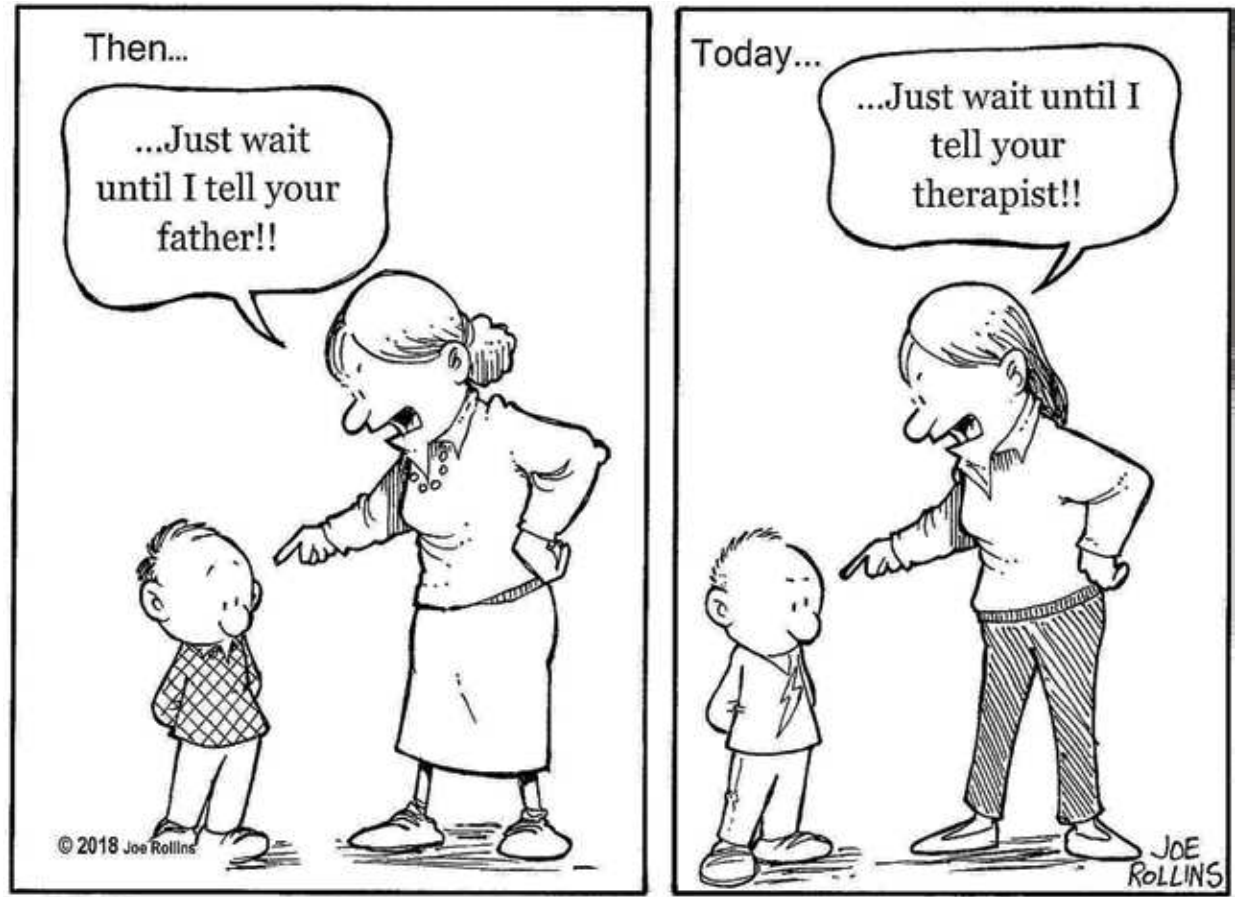
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No Matter What You Hear, People Are Good

Greetings from the Ridge.

Isabelle Pieri's mother died two years ago and her father has been trying hard to be both a father and mother to the 11-year-old, but sometimes he just can't get all the bases covered. One thing he could never quite manage was doing her hair every morning. In fact, at one point he simply had to give her a haircut, being unable to untangle his daughter's curls. Then one day Isabelle saw her school bus driver braiding the hair of another student and asked if she could be next. Now the little girl and the bus driver have a regular morning appointment. Tracy Dean, the bus driver said, "I found out that I had breast cancer, and that's one of the things that went through my head. Who's going to take care of my little ones?"

In spite of what cable news tells you tonight, people are pretty darned good.

Last year a mosque in Victoria, TX, was burned to the ground. Local churches and synagogues provided space for the congregation to meet while a million dollars was raised online to build a new mosque. Meanwhile ISIS in Mosul damaged a Catholic church so their Christian and Muslim neighbors pitched in to restore the church. Yep, no matter what you hear, people are pretty good.

A church in Carrollton, TX, usually spends \$100,000 on commercial advertising. Last week they changed their minds and paid off the medical debt of 4,229 families and veterans. The debts could be purchased for a fraction of their worth so the total debt forgiven topped \$10 million.

Sesame Place, an amusement park in Philadelphia, became the world's first recipient of certification for autism accommodation as the venue offered quiet rooms and sensory guides so parents can plan their visits. All the staff members have become certified in autism sensitivity training.

It had been little Alli's dream to visit the Magic Kingdom in Disney World so her grandma made it happen, even buying a special princess dress for Alli to wear that day. As soon as she stepped through the gates of the kingdom a burly security guard walked up to her and asked for her autograph. His autograph book was filled with squiggles of young princesses over the years.

Many stores are visited by a Secret Santa or two around Christmas but a guy only identified as Charlie

K walked into a New Jersey Toys R Us and paid for all the toys on layaway totaling over \$10,000. Don't tell me the world is going in the wrong direction. He said, "I just love my community and wanted to do something."

The blood donation centers hadn't even opened yet on the day after the Las Vegas shooting and the lines of donors were already stretching around the block.

Harold Holland and Lillian Barnes got divorced 50 years ago. Harold said, "It was my fault—just too devoted to my work schedule." Both remarried, both lost their second spouses, and last Saturday the couple remarried after 50 years. Harold said, "We could have eloped but our kids wouldn't have allowed that."

Adrian Charpentier is 78, must carry around an oxygen tent to breathe, and has a great deal of trouble using his hands. When he sat at the counter of the Waffle House in La Marque, TX, he couldn't cut his ham, so 18-year-old waitress Evoni Williams leaned over the counter and cut it for him. Another customer was touched by the action so she took a picture of what was happening and posted it online. The photo went viral and was noticed by representatives from Texas Southern University who showed up with a check for \$16,000 in scholarship money. Williams had been struggling to save up money to attend college. She's now enrolled.

Samari Izadi Page arrived in Dallas as a refugee from Iran. She and her family were immediately taken in by the Wilshire Baptist Church and set up in a fully furnished apartment. That was 1999. Today Samari is a priest in the Episcopal Church and has started Gateway of Grace, an organization that serves 2,000 refugees a year. A member of her congregation said, "These people are fleeing the same types of things that make us all afraid."

The stories are out there and they seem to multiply as the woes of the planet grow larger. It's a strange, strange world when the citizens show more compassion and wisdom than their leaders.

You ever in Coonridge, stop by. We may not answer the door but you'll enjoy the trip.

In real life, Freida Marie Crump is Ken Bradbury, retired teacher, author, musician and playwright who hangs out in Arenzville.

LETTERS to the editor

Education Is State's Most Important Mission

The state of Illinois recently began cutting checks to provide additional money to schools across the state, including our local schools in Macoupin and Montgomery counties.

According to the ISBE, Montgomery County schools are classified as Tier 1 or 2 and will receive over \$693,970 in new money for the coming year. You can find the specific amount of increased funding for each school at the ISBE website. These new funds aren't tied to any new program or learning initiative. Rather, the new money begins to tackle the gap in funding between the schools that have, like those in

suburban Chicago, and the schools that have-not, many of those in downstate Illinois.

While the richest school districts in Illinois are building new campuses and installing state-of-the-art computer labs, Hillsboro and other local schools annually face tough decisions. The possibility of laying off teachers, cutting programs, and regularly struggling to purchase up-to-date text books are obstacles the neediest school districts must overcome while working to provide for their students.

State Senator Andy Manar ran for office with the hope of prioritizing state dollars for schools like

ours that pinch pennies year after year. After five years of bipartisan progress, Senator Manar has done right by our students and kept his word to prioritize our downstate schools and close the funding gap.

I feel—and think many would agree with me—that education is one of, if not the, most important missions of state government. Andy Manar has spent his time in the Illinois Senate working day in and day out to improve the resources available to educate our children, and I'll proudly be voting for Andy Manar this November.

Julia Baker
Carlinville

This Is 'Help Your Local Shelter' Month

It's that time of year again. Countless kittens are being born that will never have a chance at a loving home.

Some will never make it through their first year. They face a very hard life—danger from humans, other animals, illness, extreme weather, lack of food and fresh water.

Feral cats' average life span is about three years. But in that short time, a female can give birth to six or eight litters. We need a

good catch-and-release program. It's the kindest, best way to reduce the feral cat population.

Did you know this is "help your local shelter" month? You can drop off donations of old blankets, towels, cat and dog food, litter, toys and treats at the CNB Bank & Trust in Hillsboro or at the shelter.

I give them all my aluminum cans and newspapers. They also can use cleaning supplies. While you are there, take a look around. You may just fall in love.

Ask State Republicans About Mentally Ill Having Guns

This is a response to "Come On, Illinois Democrats—Do Something" by C.J. Moody.

The Democrats did pass a bill recently which would limit the

sale of guns to the mentally ill. The Republican governor vetoed it. The Republican state politicians have not helped pass this bill. Maybe you should ask these

Republicans why they are in favor of the mentally ill having guns.

C.M. Blumenthal
Chicago

MONDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC	American Idol: "114 (Top 10 Reveal)" (TVPG) (N)	The Crossing (N)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Nightline				
	CBS	Bang Young Mom Living (N)	The Late Late Show (N)	Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)	Corden (N)				
	NBC	The Voice: "Live Top 12" (TVPG) (N)	Good Girls (TV14) (N)	Local	(.35) Tonight Show (N)	Late Night				
	FOX	Lucifer (TV14) (N)	The Resident (N)	Local Programs	Local Programs					
	ION	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)				
CABLE	A&E	Jeff Dunham: Birth of a Dummy (TV14)	(.01) Biography (TVPG)	(.03) Jeff Dunham: Birth of a Dummy (TV14)						
	AMC	(5:00) Black Pearl (.03)	The Terror (TV14) (N)	The Terror: "A Mercy" (N)	(.10) McMafia (N)	McMafia				
	ANIMAL	Alaska: Last (TV14)	Alaska: Last (TV14) (N)	Alaska: Last (TV14) (N)	Robson Green	Alaska: Last (TVPG)				
	BET	(6:25) Bringing Down the House (.03, PG-13) ★★½	(.55) Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (.11, PG-13) ★½	Martin						
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules (N)	Vanderpump Rules	Watch What Happens	Vanderpump Rules	Housewives			
	CARTOON	Hill Dad	Cleve. Show Dad	Burgers Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick/Morty	Space		
PREM	CMT	Man Man	O Brother, Where Art Thou? (.00, PG-13)	George Clooney	O Brother, Where Art Thou? (.00)					
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°				
	COMEDY	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)	Opposition	South Park	Archer	
	DISCOVERY	Fast N' Loud (TV14) (N)	Fast N' Loud (TV14) (N)	Misfit Garage (N)	Fast N' Loud (TV14)	Misfit Garage (TV14)				
	DISNEY	Grav Falls	BUNK'D	BUNK'D	Stuck Mid.	Stuck Mid.	Bizaard	Mack	Raven	
	E!	The Other Guys (.10, PG-13) ★★	Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg	The Other Guys (.10, PG-13) ★★	Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg					
CABLE	ESPN	(6:00) MLB Baseball: Minnesota vs New York	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter				
	ESPN2	NFL Live Special	Special	Special	Sports Special: "Mock Draft"	Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie			
	FOOD	Spring Baking (TV G)	Spring Baking (N)	Cake Masters (TV G)	Cakes (N)	Cakes	Spring Baking (TV G)			
	FREEFORM	Ratatouille	Grown Ups (.10, PG-13) ★★½	Adam Sandler, Kevin James	The 700 Club (N)	Another Cinderella (.08)				
	FX	Sicario (.15, R) ★★½	Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro	Sicario (.15, R) ★★½	Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro					
	HGTV	Hunters	Hunters	Flipping Virgins (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Flipping Virgins (TV G)			
CABLE	HISTORY	American Pickers	American Pickers (N)	Pawn (N)	Pumped Up	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	(.03) American Pickers			
	LIFETIME	The First 48 (TVPG)	UnREAL (TV14) (N)	UnREAL (TVMA) (N)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TVPG)				
	MTV	Teen Mom (TVPG)	Teen Mom (TVPG) (N)	Teen Mom: Young (N)	(.02) Ex on the Beach	Jersey Shore (TV14)				
	NICK	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Men	Men		
	PARMT	Friends	Friends	It Was Him Ed (N)	Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Cops		
	SYFY	National Treasure: Book of Secrets (.07, PG) Nicolas Cage	Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (.09, R) ★★	Immortals						
CABLE	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Dad (N)	Space (N)	Space	Conan		
	TCM	The Horse Soldiers (.59, NR)	★★½ John Wayne	(.15) Arizona (.40, NR)	★★½ Jean Arthur, William Holden	Bunch				
	TLC	Little People (TVPG)	Little People (TVPG)	Little People (TVPG)	Little People (TVPG)	Little People (TVPG)				
	TNT	2018 NBA Playoffs: "Western Conf.": Houston vs Minnesota	2018 NBA Playoffs: "Western Conf.": Oklahoma City vs Utah							
	TRAVEL	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre Foods (TVPG)	Bizarre Foods (TVPG)	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre Foods (TVPG)		
	TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
CABLE	USA	WWE Monday Night Raw: from Scottrade Center in St. Louis (Live)	(.05) American Ninja (N)	(.15) CSI: Crime (TV14)						
	VH1	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	Teyana	Stevie	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	Teyana	Stevie	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)		
	WGN	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Black Hawk Down (.02, R) ★★½	Josh Hartnett		
PREM	HBO	Paterno (.18) Al Pacino	Westworld: "Journey Into" (TVMA)	Problem	Barry	Alien: Covenant (.17)				
	MAX	Taken (.09, PG-13) Liam Neeson	(.35) Inherent Vice (.14, R) ★★	Joaquin Phoenix, Josh Brolin	(.05) Tighrope (.84, R)					
	SHOW	Homeland: "All In"	Billions (TVMA)	Homeland: "All In"	Billions (TVMA)	The Circus	Kirk Fox			

TUESDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Deception (TV14) (N)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	Nightline		
	CBS	NCIS: "Handle Care"	NCIS (TVPG)	Bull: "Kill Shot" (TV14)	Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)	Corden (N)			
	NBC	The Voice (TVPG) (N)	(.01) Rise (TV14) (N)	Chicago Med (TV14) (N)	Local	(.35) Tonight Show (N)	Late Night			
	FOX	Lethal Weapon (N)	LA (N)	New Girl	Local Programs	Local Programs				
	ION	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Private Eyes (TV14)	Private Eyes (TV14)				
CABLE	A&E	The First 48: Love Kills	The First 48: Love Kills	Marcia Clark Investigates the First 48 (TV14)	The First 48: Love Kills					
	AMC	Escape Plan (.13, R) ★★	Sylvester Stallone	(.35) Batman (.89, PG-13) Jack Nicholson	Michael Keaton					
	ANIMAL	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)	Jeremy Wade	River Monsters (TVPG)				
	BET	Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (.11) ★½	In Contempt (TV14) (N)	In Contempt (TV14) (N)	Daily (N)	Opposition	South Park	South Park		
	BRAVO	Beverly Hills Social (N)	Real Housewives (N)	Housewives (TV14)	Watch What Happens	Housewives (TV14)	Vanderpump			
	CARTOON	Hill Dad	Cleve. Show Dad	Burgers Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick/Morty	Robot		
CABLE	CMT	Hope Floats (.98, PG-13) ★★½	Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr.	Hope Floats (.98, PG-13) ★★½	Sandra Bullock					
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°				
	COMEDY	Tosh.O	Tosh.O	Tosh.O	Jefferies	Daily (N)	Opposition	South Park	South Park	
	DISCOVERY	Deadliest Catch (N)	Deadliest Catch (N)	(.02) Last Outpost (N)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Last Outpost (TVPG)				
	DISNEY	Grav Falls	Grav Falls	BUNK'D	Stuck Mid.	Stuck Mid.	Bizaard	Mack	Raven	
	E!	The Wedding Ringer (.15, R) ★★	Kevin Hart	Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection (.12, PG-13) ★★	E! News					
CABLE	ESPN	Special	Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	Sports Special	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
	ESPN2	NFL Live	Sports Special: "NFL Nation Mock"	Inside	NFL Match	Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	The Draft	
	FOOD	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped: "True Grits"	Chopped (TV G) (N)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped: "True Grits"				
	FREEFORM	Shadowhunters (N)	(.01) Dirty Dancing (.87, PG-13) Jennifer Grey	The 700 Club (N)	Cinderella Story: Shoe					
	FX	(6:30) Thor: The Dark World (.13, PG-13) ★★	Legion (TVMA) (N)	Legion: "Chapter 12"	(.02) Trust: "Silenzio"					
	HGTV	Upper (N)	Hunters	Good Bones (TV G) (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Good Bones (TV G)			
CABLE	HISTORY	Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (N)	(.03) Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)				
	LIFETIME	Married	Married	Married at First Sight: "Final Decisions" (N)	Married	Love (N)	Married	Married		
	MTV	Teen Mom (TV14)	Teen Mom (TV14)	The Challenge (N)	Jersey Shore (TV14)	Jersey Shore (TV14)				
	NICK	Shaun the Sheep Movie (.15, PG) ★★	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Men	Men		
	PARMT	Friends	Friends	Ink Master: Angels (N)	Ink Master (TV14) (N)	Ink Master: Angels	Tammy (.14, R) ★★			
	SYFY	G.I. Joe: Retaliation (.13, PG-13) ★★½	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
CABLE	TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Last O.G.	Conan (TV14) (N)	Last O.G.	Conan		
	TCM	The Apartment (.60, NR)	★★½ Jack Lemmon	(.15) Cactus Flower (.69, PG) ★★	Walter Matthau	(.15) Love Nest (.51) ★★½				
	TLC	Little People (TVPG) (N)	Little People (TVPG) (N)	My Little Life (TV14) (N)	Little People (TVPG)	My Little Life (TV14)				
	TNT	2018 NBA Playoffs: "Eastern Conf.": Miami vs Philadelphia	2018 NBA Playoffs: San Antonio vs Golden State (Live)							
	TRAVEL	Bizarre Foods (N)	Zimmern	Bizarre	Bizarre	Bizarre	Zimmern	Zimmern		
	TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray. (TVPG)	Loves Ray.	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
CABLE	USA	WWE SmackDown Wrestlers compete.	Tupac Notorious (N)	SVU: "Pursuit" (TV14)	Stevie	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)				
	VH1	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	Love & Hip Hop (TV14)	Teyana	Black Ink Crew (TV14)	Black Ink Crew (TV14)				
	WGN	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	
PREM	HBO	Atomic Blonde (.17, R) ★★	Charlize Theron	Real Sports - Gumbel	Fight Game	Silicon Valley	Problem	Barry		
	MAX	The Pink Panther (.06, PG) ★★½	(.35) Down with Love (.03, PG-13)	(.20) Relik (TVMA)	Taking Woodstock (.09)					
	SHOW	Shameless (TVMA)	Homeland: "All In"	Billions (TVMA)	The Circus	Beyond the Opposite Sex (.18)				

WEDNESDAY EVENING

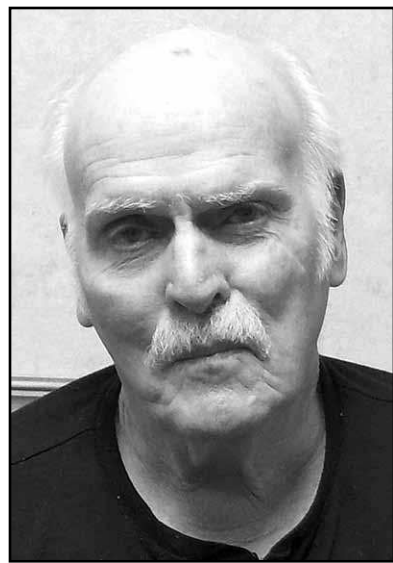
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BROADCAST	ABC	Goldbergs	Alex, Inc.	Family Alex, Inc.	Designated Survivor		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)		Nightline
	CBS	Survivor (N)	SEAL Team (TV14) (N)	(TV14) (N)	Code Black (TV14) (N)		Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)		Corden (N)
	NBC	The Blacklist (TV14) (N)	SVU: "Something"		Chicago P.D. (TV14)		Local	(.35) Tonight Show (N)		Late Night
	FOX	Empire (TV14) (N)	Star (TV14) (N)		Local Programs			Local Programs		
	ION	Law & Order (TV14)	Law & Order: "Genius"		Law & Order (TV14)		Law & Order: "Seer"		Law & Order (TV14)	
CABLE	A&E	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Flip Wars (TVPG) (N)	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
	AMC	Independence Day (.96, PG-13)	★★★ Will Smith, Bill Pullman.				(.05) Fantastic Four (.05, PG-13)		Storage	Storage
	ANIMAL	Tanked: "Brett's Donut"	Tanked: Supersized: "Fueled by Fish" (N)				Tanked: "Tank Atlantis"		Sea-levrity (TVPG)	
	BET	(6:25) Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (11)	Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas (13, PG-13)	★★ Tyler Perry.					Kevin Hart	
	BRAVO	Housewives (TV14)	Real Housewives (N)	Sell It Like Serhatin (N)			Watch What Housewives (TV14)		Housewives	
	CARTOON	Hill	Dad	Cleve. Show Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick/Morty	Robot
	CMT	Man	Man	The Bourne Supremacy (.04, PG-13)	★★★ Matt Damon.			The Bourne Supremacy (.04) (★★★)		
	CNN	Comey: Town Hall (N)	(.15) CNN Town Hall (N)	CNN Tonight (N)			CNN Tonight (N)		Comey: Town Hall	
	COMEDY	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily (N)	Opposition	South Park	South Park
	DISCOVERY	Street Outlaws: Full (N)	Street Outlaws: "OK, Let's Do This" (TV14) (N)				(.01) Street Outlaws: "OK, Let's Do This" (TV14)			
	DISNEY	Grav Falls	Grav Falls	BUNK'D	BUNK'D	Stuck Mid.	Bizaard	Bizaard	Mack	Raven
	E!	Hollywood (TV14)	Hollywood	Medium (N)	Hollywood (TV14)		E! News (N)		Sex & City	Sex & City
	ESPN	(6:00) MLB Baseball: Chicago vs Cleveland			SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	Special Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	Hey Rookie	Special Hey Rookie	Special Hey Rookie	NFL Match	NFL Match	The Draft	The Draft
	FOOD	Iron Chef Gauntlet	Iron Chef Gauntlet (N)	Iron Chef America			Iron Chef America		Iron Chef Gauntlet	
	FREEFORM	Famous in Love (N)	(.01) The House Bunny	(.08, PG-13) Anna Faris.			The 700 Club (N)		Brady Bunch Movie ★★½	
	FX	(6:00) Captain America: The Winter Soldier (.14)			The Americans: "Patriotic War" (N)			The Americans (TVMA)		Americans
	HGTV	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	Hunters	Hunters		Boise Boys (TV G) (N)		Property Brothers	
	HISTORY	American Pickers	American Pickers (N)	(.03) American Pickers			(.03) American Pickers		(.03) American Pickers	
	LIFETIME	Little Women: LA (N)	Little Women: LA (N)	(.02) Partner Knows (N)			(.04) Little Women: LA		(.01) Little Women: LA	
MTV	Jersey Shore (TV14)	Jersey Shore	Full House	Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		Catfish: The TV Show		
NICK	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Men	Men	
PARMT	Friends (TV14)	Friends	Friends	Draft Day (.14, PG-13)	★★★ Kevin Costner, Jennifer Garner.			Guardian		
SYFY	(5:05) Shooter (.07, R)	The Expanse (TV14) (N)	Krypton (TV14) (N)			Shooter (.07, R) ★★ Mark Wahlberg.				
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Frontal (N)		Conan (TV14) (N)	Frontal	Conan	
TCM	Young Man with a Horn (.50, NR) Kirk Douglas.		The Breaking Point (.50, NR) ★★ John Garfield.					The Proud Rebel (.58)		
TLC	My 600-lb Life "Melissa Morris" (TVPG) (N)		Skin Tight (TV14) (N)			(.03) My 600-lb Life "Melissa Morris" (TVPG)				
TNT	(6:00) 2018 NBA Playoffs (Live)		2018 NBA Playoffs (Live)					Inside the NBA (Live)		
TRAVEL	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Locations	Locations		Expedition Unknown		Expedition Unknown		
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	SVU: "Liberties" (TV14)	Suits: "Tiny Violin" (N)	Suits: "Good-Bye" (N)			(.05) SVU: "Net Worth"		(.04) Suits: "Tiny Violin"		
VH1	Black Ink Crew (TV14)	Black Ink Crew (N)	Squares	Squares		Black Ink Crew (TV14)		Squares	Squares	
WGN	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops			Cops	Cops	
PREM	HBO	Problem	War for the Planet of the Apes (.17, PG-13) ★★ Andy Serkis.			Girls Trip (.17, R) ★★ Regina Hall.				
	MAX	Altitude (.17, R) Denise Richards.	Passenger 57 (.92, R) ★★½			Abandon (.02, PG-13) Katie Holmes.				Annabelle
	SHOW	The Girl on the Train (.16, R) ★★ Emily Blunt.		Single White Female (.92, R) ★★½		(.35) I'm Dying Up Here				I'm Dying



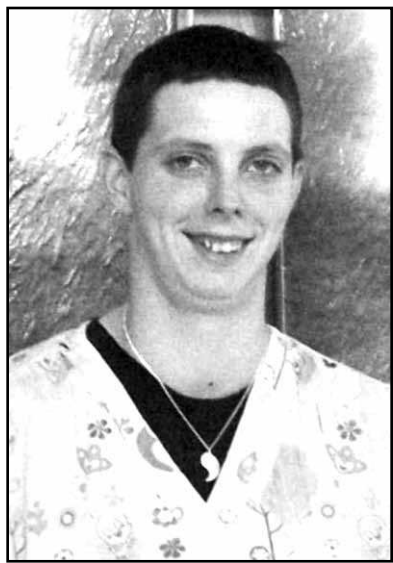
Rotary Members Hear From Hillsboro Superintendent

Rotarian Tom Gooding, left, introduced fellow member David Powell, right, as speaker at the Wednesday, April 18, club meeting at the Canton Inn in Schram City. Powell, superintendent of the Hillsboro School District, discussed school safety in general and the plans for security improvements at the campuses in the school district.

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John McCaffrey



Whitney Ziegler

McCaffrey, Ziegler Are MNRC Employee, Resident Of Month

John McCaffrey and Whitney Ziegler have been chosen as resident and employee of the month for March.

Mr. McCaffrey and his wife, Karen, are the parents of Cari Warren, Heather Plunkett, Dr. Sean McCaffrey and Ryan McCaffrey. They have four grandsons, Pierce and Parker Warren, August Plunkett and Conor McCaffrey.

Mr. McCaffrey attended Griffin High School in Springfield and earned an associate's degree at the University of Maryland. He has taken advanced course studies in the field of criminology. He served two tours of duty in the Army in Korea.

He has enjoyed traveling, dancing, beading and playing cards. He also likes to take short trips, watch movies, read and socialize with the "great staff" at the Home

with Heart. Congratulations on being chosen as resident of the month John.

Whitney Ziegler has been chosen as employee of the month for March. Ziegler works in the dietary department. She is the daughter of Cheri and Randy Rhodes. She is the mother of Rhonda Reed. Whitney enjoys spending time with her daughter, visiting her grandmother in the home and having dinners with her sister.

She has a four-year-old pit/lab mix who is spoiled rotten and who she refuses to call a dog. She said, "I really enjoy my job and my boss. Cathy is always there to listen and correct any problem. I look forward to another ten years at MNRC."

Whitney is one of the reasons we are "The Home with Heart." Congratulations Whitney.

Mandated Reporting Policies Training Will Be Held May 9

The 4th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council is sponsoring a free training opportunity on Wednesday, May 9, to address mandated reporting issues.

"Mandated Reporting Policies", featuring presenters from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Centralia City Schools Home-to-School Liaison Program, SWAN Domestic Violence and Adult Protective Services, Sexual Assault and Family Emergencies (S.A.F.E.) and local insurance professionals, will be held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., and sign-in is at 7:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Centralia, 319 East Second Street in Centralia.

This multifaceted training will take an in-depth look at what it means to be a mandated reporter and the responsibilities and rights that accompany this role.

This training is open to professionals who address abuse and

neglect of children, older adults and persons with disabilities, as well as community members and volunteers who work with children, youth, older adults and persons with disabilities, such as church nursery workers or 4-H, Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders.

Anyone who is interested in helping to increase the safety of victims and solve the problems of child abuse and domestic violence is welcome to attend. Continuing Education Units (3.5 CEUs) for Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professionals Certification Association, Inc. (IAODAPCA)/ Substance Abuse professionals, social workers, LCPCs and nurses will be available for workshop participants.

This training is free. To receive a registration form or for more information, contact Brenda at 618-533-1530 or brenda.benton56@gmail.com. Registration deadline is Monday, April 30.

Accidents

Poor Road Conditions
Brittain D. Williams, 28, of Chicago, along with three passengers, was northbound on North Road, approaching the stop sign at North 21st Avenue in Raymond at 6:58 p.m. Sunday, April 1, when he applied his brakes to stop at the stop sign.

Williams' vehicle began to slide into the intersection and into the path of a vehicle driven by Phillip S. Huston, 42, of Nokomis, who was eastbound on North 21st Avenue.

Williams was unable to stop in time to avoid colliding with Huston's vehicle. The passengers in Williams' vehicle were transported to HSHS St. Francis Hospital

in Litchfield by Raymond-Harvel EMS.

Williams' vehicle was towed from the scene by Elam's Towing in Taylor Springs, while Huston's vehicle was towed by Andy's Towing in Nokomis.

Driver Falls Asleep

Carole R. Page, 76, of Hillsboro, was southbound on Walshville Trail, just south of Farm Trail, in Hillsboro Township at 5:54 p.m. Saturday, April 7, when the driver went off the roadway to the left and struck the ditch.

Page advised she fell asleep, and was transported to Hillsboro Area Hospital. Her vehicle was towed from the scene by Elam's Towing in Taylor Springs.

Fire Calls

Overheated Motor
The Litchfield Fire Department responded to light smoke at #1 Sierra Drive at 2:21 a.m. Saturday, April 21. Upon arrival, the responders found light smoke due to an overheated furnace motor.

The responders turned the furnace off and handed the scene over to the building's maintenance supervisor.

Six members responded with three apparatus, and were back in service at 3:25 a.m.

Landing Zone
Members of the Litchfield Fire Department responded to a call to set up a landing zone for the Arch medical helicopter at Old Route 66 and 16th Avenue at 2:37 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

A patient was airlifted to a trauma center by Arch helicopter as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Twelve members responded with three apparatus, and were back in service at 3:35 p.m.

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Litchfield Fire Chief Kevin Schott, at left, receives at \$1,000 grant from IPMG consultant Kyle Shell.

Litchfield Fire Department Receives Grant For Hoods

The City of Litchfield was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Insurance Program Manager Group. That grant will be combined with \$1,250 of city funds and used to purchase 30 particulate-blocking firefighter hoods.

The hoods are designed to block carcinogens that are present at all fires. Cancer is now recognized as the leading cause of death for firefighters, and these new hoods will be a preventative measure

against that trend.

The vast majority of fire departments are now utilizing this hood as a cancer prevention tool. They are designed to withstand approximately 100 washings or should last eight to ten years, based on the average number of fires in Litchfield.

All city firefighters, including volunteers, are now using this preventative product.



Litchfield's Veiled Non-Profits Donate To Shriner's Hospital

Litchfield's 2017 Veiled Non-Profit Sara Zumwalt made the group's first donation of the year to Shriner's Hospital. Zumwalt chose Shriner's because of her oldest son, who has been a patient of the hospital since 1997. Accepting the \$250 donation on their behalf was Shriner Nick Adam, center, while president of the Veiled Non-Profit group Steve Bryant, at right, assisted in the donation.

LEONARD OTTINO ESTATE SALE
Saturday, April 28th at 9:30
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PUBLIC AUCTION

SAT., APR. 28 - 8 a.m. RE & personal property auction at 1501 Prairie Rd., Greenville, Sorento Ave. to Ripson Bridge Ave., go SW 2 mi. to property. For Leonard & Barbara Hall. 25 acres w/3BR home, out-buildings, 3 acre stocked lake. Also vehicles, trailer, Gator, scooter, tractors & equip., military weapons & collectibles, guns & sporting goods, shop equip. & tools, woodworking, horse equip. & tack, furniture, household, antiques, misc. Call 618-675-3500 for appt. to view. Tom Roniger & Mike Schwarz, auctioneers, www.auctionzip.com ID#12645, thesoppersreview.com, 618-675-3500 or 618-675-3427.

SAT., APR. 28 - 10 a.m. Farmers Market with goats & sheep, tools, equipment, small caged animals, hay & straw. Indoor heated seating. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

SAT., MAY 5 - 8:30 a.m. at 806 Lakeview, Mt. Olive. RE sells at 11 a.m. Antiques, collectibles, coins, knives, modern & antique furniture, misc. items, outdoor & tool items. For the John & Sharon Paoni estate. Ahrens & Niemeier, auctioneers.

SAT., MAY 5 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Saturday Night Special feat. estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.

SAT., MAY 12 - 10 a.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Coin auction feat. gold pcs., Morgan dollars, Peace dollars, comm. coins, silver certificates, Walking Liberty halves, Mercury dimes, large one cent pcs., buffalo nickels, wheat pennies, more. See our website for picture & inventory. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.

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SAT., MAY 19 - 6 p.m. a Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Third Saturday Night Special feat. estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.

SUN., MAY 20 - Noon at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Doors open at 10 a.m. Firearms, sporting goods, ammo & outdoor items. Now accepting consignments. To consign, call Pope Auctions 217-825-8682 or 556-7713 or email popeauctioninfo@yahoo.com. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.

SAT., MAY 26 - 10 a.m. Farmers Market with goats & sheep, tools, equipment, small caged animals, hay & straw. Indoor heated seating. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

SAT., JUN. 2 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Saturday Night Special feat. estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.

SAT., JUN. 16 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Saturday Night Special feat. estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.

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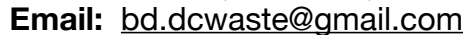
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notice that the City Council of the City of Coffeen shall conduct a public hearing on the 25th day of April, 2018 to consider vacating the alley between Lot 48 (except the Northeast 15 feet thereof) and all of Lots 49, 50 and 51, and part of Lot D in Edward's Subdivision of Block Nine (9) in Claggett's Addition in the City of Coffeen.

CAROLYN COOPER,
CITY CLERK
97-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NUMBER
2014-00180**

To: CARLA ASHMORE AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SANDY LEITHEISER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK,

And all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Illinois, as Case Number 2015-TX-30(11). On August 24, 2018, at 9 a.m., in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Montgomery County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 8 NORTH ACRES 9-5-NA-8 S T00 R.

**PERMANENT INDEX
NUMBER:** 10-28-376-005

And was sold on 10/26/2015 for general taxes for the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on 8/17/2018.

SCOTT D. SIERON,
PETITIONER
95-3t*

• Holly J. Heyen, 31, of Litchfield, was charged with criminal trespass to real property after allegedly refusing to leave an individual's property after being asked by the owner to do so at 1:02 p.m. on or around Wednesday, April 4.

She also faces a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct after allegedly entering an establishment, yelling at the owner and becoming extremely animated.

• Trina M. Jett, 36, of Donnellson, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct on Tuesday, April 10, and was sentenced to six months of supervision.

• Michael D. Wofford, 43, of Staunton, pleaded guilty to retail theft on Tuesday, April 10, and was sentenced to six months of conditional discharge, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• Brian R. Jett, 47, of Donnellson, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct on Tuesday, April 10, and was sentenced to six months of supervision.

• Christopher M. Perry, 27, of Staunton, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct on Tuesday, April 10, and was sentenced to one year of supervision, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• Angelo D. Milanos, 51, of Donnellson, was charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly engaging in a physical altercation at 1:29 a.m. Thursday, April 12, on East Street in Donnellson.

• James L. Austin, Jr., 35, of Donnellson, was charged with

Police

Taylor Springs Police

• A ticket for speeding 55 in a 40 mph zone was issued to Deandra C. Lampkins, 32, of Belleville, at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, on Route 127 at Williamson in Taylor Springs.



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**LEGAL NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NUMBER
2014-00314**

To: THOMAS REZNICEK AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SANDY LEITHEISER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK,

And all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Illinois, as Case Number 2015-TX-30(12). On August 24, 2018, at 9 a.m., in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Montgomery County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT NE NE 348 FT X 186 FT 10-5-218 A S21 T10 R5.

**PERMANENT INDEX
NUMBER:** 05-21-200-003

And was sold on 10/26/2015 for general taxes for the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on 8/17/2018.

SCOTT D. SIERON,
PETITIONER
95-3t*

disorderly conduct after allegedly spraying an individual with pepper spray at 1:29 a.m. Thursday, April 12, on East Street in Donnellson.

• Crystal J. Turcol, 57, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to a felony of bringing contraband into a penal institution on Thursday, April 12, and was sentenced to 18 months of conditional discharge, two days in jail with a credit of one day served, fined \$450, plus court costs.

• An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Monday, April 16, in a misdemeanor charge of consumption of liquor by a minor filed in September 2017 against Lacey L. Barto, 18, of Coffeen.

• Megan A. Helfrich Gress, 38, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to domestic battery on Monday, April 16, and was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge and fined.

• Donald S. Willis, 43, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to domestic battery on Monday, April 16, and was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, four days in jail with a credit of two days served, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• Nathan A. Glover, 30, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct on Tuesday, April 17, and was sentenced to six months of conditional discharge, four days in jail with a credit of two days served, fined \$50, plus court costs.

• Mary H. Rutherford, 38, of Pawnee, faces a felony charge of

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retail theft after allegedly transferring affixed UPC tags indicating value of certain merchandise offered for sale, being trail cameras, without paying full retail value at 3:54 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, on West Ferdon Street in Litchfield.

• Timothy D. Hill, 22, of Litchfield, was charged with retail theft after allegedly conveying property, being insect traps and other various items, to Walmart, the actual owner of said property, in exchange for U.S. currency at 5:08 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017, on West Ferdon Street in Litchfield.

• Christopher A. Goetz, 34, of St. Louis, MO, faces a felony charge of retail theft after allegedly taking Go Pro cameras sometime before Sunday, Sept. 2, 2017, on West Ferdon Street in Litchfield.

• Michael B. Gipson, 50, of Wilsonville, was charged with pushing an individual in the face with his hand at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, at the Litchfield Plaza.

• Kristina M. Tucker, 27, of Litchfield, was charged with battery after allegedly striking an individual in the head with her hand at 11:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017, on South Jackson Street in Litchfield.

• John E. Miller, 41, of Litchfield, was charged with violation of an order of protection at 1 a.m. on or around Nov. 28, 2017, on Kirk Terrace in Litchfield.

• Jeremiah C. Meeks, 37, of

Manchester, SD, faces a felony charge of driving while license revoked at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, on South McElroy Street in Raymond.

• Jeremy E. Watters, 37, of Virden, faces a felony charge of unlawful use of a credit card with intent to defraud after allegedly obtaining gift cards from a gas station by making unauthorized purchases on a credit card issued to his work vehicle at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, on School Street in Hillsboro.

• Mathew S. Konneker, 36, of Raymond, was charged with theft after allegedly taking fire truck parts from another individual at 1:27 p.m. on or around Wednesday, March 7, on O'Bannon Street at Montgomery Street in Raymond.

• John D. Atkins, 53, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of driving while licensed revoked at 9:08 p.m. Thursday, March 22, on Jefferson Street at Scherer Street in Litchfield.

• Lance M. Davidson, 24, of East St. Louis, faces a felony charge of aggravated battery after allegedly pushing a correctional officer in the chest with his hands at 2:55 p.m. on or around Wednesday, March 28, at the Montgomery County Jail in Hillsboro.

• James E. Davis, 55, of Hillsboro, faces a felony charge of retail theft after allegedly taking Dremel cut-off wheels at 5:31 p.m.

Thursday, April 5, on Springfield Road in Hillsboro.

• Heath A. Brown, 28, of Nokomis, was charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly engaging in a verbal and physical altercation at 10:15 p.m. Friday, April 13, on East Union Street in Nokomis.

• Jeffrey S. Jenkins, 51, of Sorento, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of meth at 2:09 p.m. Sunday, April 15, on Hilton Avenue, just north of Walnut Street, in Grisham Township.

• Brad E. Cady, 32, of Hillsboro, was charged with disorderly conduct after allegedly throwing a chair against a wall and making threatening comments to an individual at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, April 15, on South Main Street in Hillsboro.

• Crystal D. Ellis, 32, of Girard, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of meth at 11:33 p.m. on or around Sunday, April 15, on West Frontage Road in Farmersville.

• Christopher M. Murphy, 44, of Girard, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of meth at 11:33 p.m. on or around Sunday, April 15, on West Frontage Road in Farmersville.

• Robert L. Miller, 53, of Fillmore, faces a felony charge of driving while license revoked at 6:50 p.m. Saturday, April 14, on Main Street at Locust Street in Fillmore.

Invitation To Bid

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY -
HILLSBORO, ILLINOIS**

Southwest Stage Funding dba Cascade Financial Services PLAINTIFF

vs.

John P. Scurlock Jr.; et. al. DEFENDANTS

**2017CH 58
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 1/29/2018, the Sheriff of Montgomery County, Illinois will on June 4, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. in the Lobby of the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main Street, Hillsboro, IL 62049, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Montgomery and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PART OF LOTS EIGHTEEN (18) AND NINETEEN (19) AND TWENTY (20) IN NORTH HILLSBORO, BEGINNING AT A POINT 16 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 20, RUNNING THENCE NORTH 180 FEET; THENCE WEST 55 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 180 FEET AND THENCE EAST 55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING TITLE TO ALL COAL WITHIN AND UNDERLYING THE PREMISES, TOGETHER WITH ALL MINING RIGHTS AND OTHER RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES RELATING THERETO.

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general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-17-09154. I3084249

97-3tM

Lady Panthers Score 11 In SCC Win

by Sue Billiter

Emily Senjan pitched a gem and Gabby Lee drove in five of Litchfield's 11 runs at Vandalia last Friday afternoon, April 20, as Coach Jessica Ball's Lady Panthers rebounded quite nicely from a week of ups and downs.

But against Vandalia, they found the two ingredients that generate wins, good pitching and timely hitting.

The Panther defense also responded with just one fielding error while the Vandals committed six errors and the end result was a 11-3 South Central Conference win by Coach Jessica Ball's Panther crew.

Against Vandalia, sophomore Emily Senjan pitched a complete game and in so doing, she threw 87 pitches, yielded just six hits and three runs while fanning nine and walking none. Senjan's success on the mound was due in part to getting out in front of the hitters as she threw 18 first strikes to the 27 hitters she faced and finished with 63 strikes in her seven innings of work.

For Vandalia, Kaitlyn Mills started the game and went five and

a third innings before giving way to Morgan Lidy. The Lady Panther bats touched Mills for nine hits and seven runs while Lidy gave up four runs on three hits. Mills was credited with four strikeouts and one walk, while Lidy finished with three strikeouts and two walks respectively.

Senior Ashley Heard got the Panthers on the scoreboard in the first inning with an RBI single that scored Senjan, who slapped a lead-off single. They added four more in the third with RBIs from Lizzy Luttrell and Lee and three fielding errors by the Vandal defense.

Vandalia scored three times in the bottom half of the game, followed by a bunt single off the bat of Cam Murphy and back-to-back singles by Hayley Azevedo and Kaitlyn Mills, the latter of which drove in Fiscus.

The Vandals picked up run number two with a theft of home by Murphy and an RBI single by Morgan Lidy that brought home Azevedo. With two runners aboard and nobody out, Senjan cut down Mills at home plate on an attempted steal and retired Laura

Miller on a grounder hit back to the mound. Icing on the cake would come in the form of a strikeout as Sam Miller went down swinging.

Leading 5-3 after three, Litchfield tacked on four in the fifth and two more in the sixth. With the bases jammed in the fifth, Lee's bat would strike once again as she singled home Heard and Luttrell. This was followed by a double to right field from freshman Emily Vann that scored both Carly Boden and Lee, the latter of whom batted in Litchfield's final two runs in the sixth with a double to center field.

The Lady Panthers are scheduled to be at Gillespie on Tuesday, April 24 for their next game.

April 20 at Vandalia

Litchfield	104	042	0	---	11	12	1
Vandalia	003	000	0	---	3	6	6

Pitching Statistics

Litchfield	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB
W-Senjan	7	3	2	6	9	0
Vandalia	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB
L-Mills	5.1	7	2	9	4	1
Lidy	1.2	4	3	3	3	2

Batting Statistics

Multiple Hits: Litchfield - Gabby Lee (2-4, 5 RBI), Ashley Heard (3-4, 1 RBI), Lizzy Luttrell (3-4, 2 RBI), Emily Senjan (2-4). **2B:** Litchfield - Gabby Lee 1, Emily Vann 1; Vandalia - Laura Miller 1.

Records: Litchfield (2-11, 1-4).



Three Hillsboro High School seniors were honored prior to the Lady Hiltoppers' game against Litchfield on Thursday, April 20, at the Hillsboro Sports Complex. Lilly Fenton, Annie Mattson and Shea Murray were recognized for their contributions to the Hillsboro soccer program before taking the field in the Toppers' 3-1 win over the Purple Panthers. Pictured with the players are their parents, from the left, Lee and Kim Fenton, Erin and Dave Mattson and Jamie and Dwight Murray.

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Hillsboro/Litchfield Girls Soccer

Continued from 1B

The next battle for bragging rights may have to wait until next year as the two rivals are in different regionals and wouldn't meet until the sectional final at the earliest.

Hillsboro is the second seed at their home regional, where they will play seventh seeded Greenville on May 8, for the third time, having beaten the Comets the other two. Third seeded Southwestern and sixth seeded Staunton are the other two teams in the regional. Litchfield will be at the Carlinville Regional, where they will play fifth seeded Auburn on May 8. The winner of that game plays in the regional

championship against the winner of top-seeded Carlinville and the winner of number nine North Mac and number eight Gillespie.

Leading up to the regionals, Hillsboro will start this week off against Father McGivney on Monday, April 23, in Glen Carbon, while Litchfield takes on Carlinville on Tuesday, April 24, in a possible regional championship preview.

April 19 at Hillsboro

Litchfield	0	1	-	1
Hillsboro	1	2	-	3

Scoring: Hillsboro - Aubry Rupert 1, Grace Anderson 1, Hattie Malloy 1; Litchfield - Karly Kruse 1. **Goalkeepers:** Hillsboro - Abbi Jett; Litchfield - Becky Painter.

Records: Hillsboro (9-3-1, 3-2); Litchfield (6-6, 1-4).

Lady Piasa Birds Slip Past Litchfield In Penalty Kicks

Litchfield's Lady Panther soccer team hit the pitch on Wednesday, April 18, hosting the Southwestern Piasa Birds.

Litchfield was hoping to get back on the winning track, having lost four in a row by the narrowest of margins, but Southwestern would take home the 7-6 victory in the second round of penalty kicks after an evening of quality soccer.

The Panthers went on top first when Jordan Morgan found Maddie Diamond to put the home team up 1-0 with 17:37 gone in the first half.

Southwestern would get the next three goals in the first half with a hurricane-like wind at their back. Litchfield got the wind and the momentum in the second half and their offense took over.

Diamond scored two unassisted goals to earn the hat trick, with the offense of Karly Kruse, Rayna Spencer, Carson Jackson and Izzy Ray helping provide the offensive pressure needed to help

tie the score.

Overtime would see Litchfield dominate, but the Panthers would not be able to net the game winner. The contest was sent to penalty kicks, which is as close to a coin flip as a way that any game can be decided.

Southwestern scored on its first two kicks and Litchfield got goals from Carson Jackson, Jordan Morgan and Karly Kruse in their first round of five. The Birds scored on their final PK to send the shootout to the second round of kicks.

The Panthers missed their opportunity and Southwestern scored to send the Birds home happy.

April 18 at Litchfield

Southwestern	3	0	0	(4) -----	3
Litchfield	1	2	0	(3) -----	3

**Southwestern would win in penalty kicks 4-3 after six attempts.*

Scoring: Litchfield - Maddie Diamond (Jordan Morgan), Maddie Diamond (unassisted), Maddie Diamond (unassisted).

Record: Litchfield (6-5, 1-3).

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