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Lewis Patton of Louisville, KY, talks to Litchfield Middle School sixth graders at Roger Shipley's RC Jet Rally on Friday morning in Litchfield. *Journal-News Photo*

RC Jet Rally Gets Off To A Flying Start On Friday

In spite of wet and windy conditions on Saturday, 28 pilots from around the country traveled to Litchfield over the weekend for Roger Shipley's RC Jet Rally, hosted by the Litchfield Airport Authority.

The event got off to a promising start on Friday, with around 350 students from Litchfield Middle School, Zion Lutheran, and homeschool students from Troy visiting the rally. After rain and wind kept jets out of the air on Saturday, seven pilots returned to fly on Sunday.

RC jet pilot Lewis Patton, a retired teacher and band director from Louisville, KY, encouraged students to be "educated nerds" on Friday. He also selected students from each of three presentations to start one of his RC jets.

"You're about to start a \$20,000 airplane," Jim Wright of the Litchfield Airport Authority told sixth grader Hana Law from Litchfield Middle School before she started the jet.

During Patton's presentation, sixth graders enjoyed seeing a Dolphin RC jet piloted by Keith Yates of Bardstown, KY, perform loops, knife-edge and inverted passes, and out-of-sight climbs into low level clouds and subsequent dives reaching speeds of 188 miles per hour.

Yates, who owns seven RC jets, has been to the Litchfield rally the past three years. He has been an RC hobbyist for 30 years, including the past ten years flying jets. The nine-minute Dolphin flight burned about a gallon of Jet A fuel.



A Dolphin jet flown by Keith Yates of Bardstown, KY, reached speeds of 188 miles per hour. *Journal-News Photo*

Atlas46 Announces 2019 Production Plan

Atlas46, a manufacturing firm from Fenton, MO, announced their plans to start a production project in Montgomery County during the first quarter of 2019, the Montgomery County Growth Initiative (MCGI) was informed Thursday by Brian Carver, company CEO.

MCGI along with the county and Litchfield, Hillsboro and Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation representatives have been in discussions and planning with Atlas46 for the past several weeks. A tour of the company's Fenton plant was held in August where the group saw sewing manufacturing and assembly work being processed.

Premium quality items used in the construction include vests,

bags, pouches, belts, accessories and some clothing items and are all manufactured by Atlas46. The rapid growth in sales of these items precipitated the discussions between MCGI and the firm.

Justin Schultz, production manager for Atlas46, has been named project head, and in the short-term he will be initiating home sewing for the project. This will involve getting some products being worked on in the home, with industrial quality sewing equipment.

A building will be the next needed part of the project and Finance Director Ryan Avola and Accounting Director Lucas Allen have been put in charge of getting it up and running by mid to late first quarter of 2019.

Litchfield Makes Zion Intersection 4-Way Stop

by Kyle Herschel

As the progress continues on the new addition of the Zion Lutheran School, the Litchfield City Council moved forward with three items to ensure the safety of its students during their meeting on Thursday, Sept. 6.

The aldermen approved two ordinances making the intersections of Clark and Madison and Fisher and Madison four-way stops during the meeting and also approved the installation of a crosswalk and control lights, at the expense of Zion Lutheran School, on Madison Street if warranted.

The school had originally proposed closing the section of road on North Madison, because students will be traveling from the school to the playground on the other side of the street. The council and planning commission expressed concerns over public

safety (including access to the road during an emergency like a fire) and other issues, which led to the compromise.

City Administrator Tonya Flannery said that there may be some Department of Transportation requirements regarding the crosswalk. The motion for the crosswalk requires the approval of the police chief before it is installed.

In other business, the council approved the minutes of the last meeting, to transfer funds and pay bills and to approve a bid from Pro-Bilt Buildings for the Madison Park pavilion for an amount not to exceed \$41,900. Flannery said that two bids were received for the project, which will be paid for with money from a Kilton Fund grant.

The Madison Park pavilion wasn't the only pavilion related item on the agenda.

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Chamber Sets Annual Awards Dinner

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce is making plans for its annual Business and Industry Dinner on Thursday evening, Sept. 27, at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge.

Tickets are \$35 per person at the door, and this year's dinner has a theme from the Kennedy era. Presale tickets are also available for \$30 each. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., and the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

Nominated for Business of the Year this year are Ace Hardware,

The Journal-News, Lomas del Sol and Sweet Addictions.

This year's nominees for Business Owner of the Year are Tim England of Sage on Sage, Dr. Pam Kotschevar of Hillsboro Chiropractic, Linda Saathoff of The Dressing Room and Denny Hiller of Hiller Sheet Metal.

The nominees for Makeover of the Year awards are Corner Spirits, Opera House Brewing Company, Raise the Bar and Weiss Power Equipment.

Winners in each category will be announced the night of the dinner.

This year, the chamber is also presenting a People's Choice award, and all nominees in all categories have a chance to win. To cast a vote, visit the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the dinner, contact Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Theresa Reeves at 217-532-3711.

Candidates File Papers To Run As Write-Ins

Eight write-in candidates filed for four offices before the Thursday, Sept. 6, statutory deadline ended, according to the Montgomery County Clerk's office.

One of the candidates filed for two offices, and one candidate has numbers for a name. Thomas J. Kuna (Jacob) filed write-in declaration forms for both U.S. Congress in the 13th District and for governor. JO 753 (also known as JO sevenfivethree) is also a candidate for governor. According to his website, he is a 58-year-old from Wauconda who

officially had his name changed to JO 753 in 2003.

In addition to Kuna (Jacob) and JO 753, those who have filed write-in declarations for governor are Robert G. (Bob) Canfield, Rev. Michael W. Scruggs, Gregg Moore and Nancy Foster.

Craig Barnstable filed as a write-in for state representative, and Jake Leonard filed as a write-in for Montgomery County Clerk.

Only candidates who have filed write-in declaration forms should be written in by voters in the November general elec-

tion, according to the county clerk's office. To properly write in the candidates name on the optical scan paper ballot, voters should darken the oval next to the write-in line and write the candidates name on the line next to the darkened oval. Write-in instructions will be provided in each voting booth at precincts where write-in candidates are authorized.

Voters with questions may contact the county clerk's office at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro at 217-532-9530.



St. Paul's Serves Free Lunch On Sunday

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro served a free lunch to the community on Sunday, Sept. 9, on Lincoln Plaza, an event supported by Thrivent Action and part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church's nationwide day of service. The church served hot dogs grilled by Dr. Bob Mulch, chips, cookies and drinks. "The people of St. Paul's enjoy lots of good food, and always cares for others," Pastor Stefan Munker said.

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Weather Report			
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Sept. 6	92	71	----
Sept. 7	79	70	----
Sept. 8	74	61	1.00
Sept. 9	73	58	.50

See the current weather and forecast on www.thejournal-news.net



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Obituaries

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Terry Pope, 66

Semi-Truck Driver, Associate Pastor

Pastor Terry Pope, 66, of Sorento, died on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at 9:44 p.m. at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sorento Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12, beginning at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Jimmy Hayes and the Rev. Gene DeClue co-officiating.

Interment will follow at New Douglas Cemetery, Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento is in charge of arrangements.

Pastor Pope was born Feb. 4, 1952, in Missouri, and was adopted by Joseph and Betty (Byrum) Pope. He married Glinda Gale Tift on Sept. 7, 1991, in Wilson Park in Granite City, and she survives.

He was a semi-truck driver his entire life, and upon his retirement, he gave his life to God. He served as an associate pastor at Donnellson Baptist Church and most recently at Sorento Baptist Church.

Pastor Pope enjoyed riding



and raising horses, singing, dancing, fishing and watching "Days of Our Lives." He was beloved by his congregation and was always willing to help anyone in need. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Tim (wife Michelle) Ingram of New Douglas; daughters, Kimberly Pearse of Hollywood Heights, Makayla Pope of Sorento and Kimberly Knight of Panama; grandchildren, Corrie Cocker and Ridge, Kayla, Nick (wife Sarah), Joseph, Austin, Kenzie, Gabriel and Gabriella Ingram; great-grandson, Sebastian; and several nieces and nephews.

Pastor Pope was preceded in death by his adopted parents; a brother, John Pope; and biological mother and her husband, Norma and Carlos Perez.

Memorials may be directed to his family c/o Sorento Baptist Church, 206 West Taylor Street, Sorento, IL 62086. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Stephen Jagosh, 89

Owned Heating/AC Business

Stephen Jagosh, 89, of Hillsboro, died at 5:04 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Memorial mass will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro with Fr. Daniel Willenborg, pastor of St. Agnes, celebrant. Burial will follow at St. Agnes Cemetery in Hillsboro with military rites by VFW Post 1306 and American Legion Post 425. No visitation is scheduled.

Mr. Jagosh was born on Jan. 9, 1929, in Taylor Springs to Agnes (Jagodzinski) and John Jagosh, Sr. He graduated from Hillsboro High School and Ranken Technical School in St. Louis, MO. He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and had spent time in Germany.

He owned and operated a heating, air conditioning and plumbing business, and had also owned a Honda motorcycle dealership. He was a member of St. Agnes Catholic



Church and the Hillsboro Knights of Columbus. He married Mariellen Etter on June 25, 1955, at St. Agnes, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 2009.

He is survived by five children, Stephen (wife Tamara) Jagosh of Bradenton, FL; Sue Ellen Kunz of Springfield; Mark Jagosh of Hillsboro, Michael Jagosh of Bloomington; and Brian (wife Alice) Jagosh of Litchfield; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Pauline Lipe of Hillsboro and Theresa Whitley of Hillsboro; and two brothers, Joseph Jagosh of Tacoma, WA; and James Jagosh of Ft. Myers, FL.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by four siblings, Marie Nicol, Agnes Strauber, Ludmilla Whitley and John Jagosh.

Memorials may be directed to Disabled Veterans. Send condolences online to basspattondeanf.com.

Ollie Witt, 90

Devoted Homemaker, Loved To Garden

Ollie Witt, 90, of Butler, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, at 4:13 a.m. at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12, beginning at 10 a.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro with the Rev. Randy Sands, pastor of the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro, officiating. Family and friends will meet at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home at 9:30 a.m. to proceed to the cemetery.

Mrs. Witt was born July 29, 1928, in Evarts, KY, to Alexander and Mary (Bailey) Creech. She married Asa Frank Witt on July 30, 1946, in Harlan, KY, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1999.

A homemaker, she loved to garden and had a green thumb. She also loved to watch birds, especially hummingbirds.

Mrs. Witt lived in Kentucky and Butler during her lifetime. She is survived by two sons,



Delmar (wife Lisa) Witt and Elmer (wife Linda) Witt, both of Taylor Springs; two daughters, Sharon Selsek of Bayard, WV, and Karen (husband Dwight) Pearson of Mt. Carmel; one daughter-in-law, Linda Witt of Eldorado; nine grandchildren, Nathaniel Witt, Benjamin (wife Robin) Witt, Jonathan (wife Kelsey) Witt, Byron Witt, Graham (wife Nicole) Witt, Amanda (husband Robert) Stubblefield, Jeremy (wife Danielle) Witt, Barry (wife Kim) Pearson and Franklin Pearson; and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Witt was preceded in death by one son, Dennis Witt; a son-in-law, John Selsek; grandchildren, Tammy, Mary and Bruce Pearson; and two brothers, Ted and Delmer Creech.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

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

Wayne Belanger, 71

VA Nurse For 30 Years

Wayne Belanger, 71, of Hillsboro, died at 11:44 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Cremation rites were accorded and a memorial service was held in Chicago.

Mr. Belanger was born on March 25, 1947, in Chicago, the son of Henry and Doris (Schultz) Belanger. He graduated from Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Loyola University in Chicago and a master's degree in nursing from St. Xavier in Chicago. He worked as an RN clinical nurse specialist at Hines VA Hospital in Hines for 30 years.

He married Linda Senkerik on Sept. 1, 1974, in Chicago, and she



survives in Hillsboro.

He was a member of the Hillsboro Natural Resource Committee for parks and recreation, Imagine Hillsboro, Bremer Sanctuary, and Meals on Wheels. He loved hiking and the outdoors, as well as history and music. He also enjoyed reading, chopping wood and making fires, exercising, and collecting axes.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother in Las Vegas, NV; a daughter, Carrie Ann Belanger of Big Sur, CA; two brothers, Allen Belanger and Dale Belanger; and a sister, Marsha Gonzalez.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Condolences may be sent online to basspattondeanf.com.

Stephen L. Holden, 61

Enjoyed Fishing, Great Outdoors

Stephen L. Holden, 61, of Witt died at 12:54 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, in Litchfield.

Cremation rites were accorded and no services are planned at this time. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is assisting the family.

Mr. Holden was born on Dec. 29, 1956, in Long Beach, CA, to the late Leonard Holden and Leeta (Reener) Crawford. He married Nancy Giannuzzi, and she survives in Millstadt.

A truck driver, Mr. Holden lived in the Montgomery County area most of his life. He attended Litchfield schools and was a member of the Litchfield Moose Lodge. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing and being outdoors.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Gena Nichole Holden of Staunton and two brothers, Michael (wife Jeanne) Holden of Witt and Gary (wife Jan) Pruitt of Litchfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Shelia DeWitt. Memorials are suggested to the family. Online condolences may be left at www.basspattondeanf.com.

Kenneth Engelman

Retired As Methodist Minister

Kenneth Lemar Engelman died on Sept. 5, 2018.

A service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. at Capitol Lakes in the Grand Hall, 333 West Main Street, Madison, WI. Cress Funeral and Cremation Service in Madison, WI, is in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Engelman was born in 1924 on a farm near Raymond, the son of William and Anne (Baumann) Engelman. His mother died when he was 18 months old, and he was raised by his father, sisters and brothers.

From a one-room country school, he eventually attended Illinois Wesleyan University. While at Wesleyan, he was active in interracial and interfaith conferences on a national and international level.

In 1949, he married Marjorie Jeckel from Delavan. They embarked on a life journey of addressing social justice and equality issues.

The Rev. Dr. Engelman served United Methodist churches in Wisconsin including Appleton, Wautoma, Spring Lake, White-water and Madison. In 1971, he was appointed to the American



Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry in Green Bay, WI, and for ten years was a personal counselor and marriage and family therapist.

He went on to serve in the church's central office in Sun Prairie as director of the Conference Council. In 1984, he became the senior minister of First United Methodist Church in Madison, WI. After retiring in 1988, he remained in Madison, WI.

His family said the Rev. Dr. Engelman was with people wherever they were. He was a thoughtful community builder, a caring and compassionate person, with utmost integrity, in all areas of his life.

In addition to his wife, Marge, he is survived by a daughter Ann Engelman and husband Anders Yocom; a son Barth; two grandchildren, Paul Engelman and Angela White; a son-in-law Paul White; two great-grandchildren, Caleb and Olin White; many nieces and nephews and four stepgrandchildren, Jenny (Shelton), Alison Yocom, Mark Yocom, Meredith (Schwall) and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Uncle Arthur, sisters, Lucille, Mildred and Velma and brothers, Harold (Spud), Mitchell and Jess.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Porchlight in Madison, WI, or the Capitol Lakes Foundation, Madison, WI.

Online condolences may be left at www.cressfuneralservice.com.

David C. Swofford, 64

Ameren Technician

David C. Swofford, 64, of Greenville, died on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

Burial will be held at a later date. Young Funeral Home in Greenville is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Swofford was born on March 26, 1954, in Highland, the son of Robert Charles and Donna Mae (Sugg) Swofford. He married Joyce Natalie Core on July 4, 1989, at her parents' home, Hillcrest Farms, in Pocahontas.

He grew up in Pocahontas, attended Pocahontas grade school, and graduated from Bond County Community Unit #2 in 1972. He

graduated from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville with a degree in teaching. He worked for Ameren as a technician and was a strong advocate and supporter for the Laborer's Union.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Casey (Don) Bassford of Auburn and Lacey (Michael) Sonderegger of Edwardsville; a sister, Barbara Swofford of Highland; and four grandchildren, Emersyn and Jaelyn Bassford and Noelle and Maezy Sonderegger.

He was preceded death by his parents and a brother, Thomas Charles Swofford.

Online condolences may be made at www.youngfh.net.

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Weather Forecast

<p>monday</p>  <p>75°F / 55°F A few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.</p>	<p>tuesday</p>  <p>76°F / 54°F Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.</p>	<p>wednesday</p>  <p>80°F / 58°F Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.</p>
<p>thursday</p>  <p>83°F / 62°F Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.</p>	<p>friday</p>  <p>85°F / 64°F Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.</p>	<p>saturday</p>  <p>85°F / 65°F Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.</p>

Edward C. Millhorn, 89
Manager At Glass Factory

Edward C. Millhorn, 89, of Bettendorf, IA, died on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, at his home.



There will be no services and cremation rites will be accorded. He will be interred in Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro. Mr. Millhorn was born May 20, 1929, in Odon, Iowa, the son of Paul I. and Hilda L. (Edwards) Millhorn. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps, beginning his duty as a clerk and was honorably discharged as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. He was very honored to have served his country. He married Carolyn J. White on Oct. 12, 1951, in Hillsboro, and she survives. He was employed with Hiram-Walker, formerly the Ball Brothers Glass Manufacturing Company, retiring as manager of shipping and receiving. He had

been employed with the company in Fort Smith, AR, and in Hillsboro. He was proud of his employees, many receiving a college education because of his support.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Sally Jane (husband Mike) Worden of Bettendorf, IA; and a son, Edward (wife Maria) Millhorn of LaPaz, Bolivia; grandchildren, Melissa Brown, Carolyn Millhorn, Nathan Edward Sweet, Benjamin Sweet and Anna Worden; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Frances Rinker; and a brother, Myron Allen Millhorn.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Edward's obituary at www.McGinnis-Chambers.com.

Litchfield City Council

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The council briefly discussed a request from the Litchfield Park District asking to charge a fee to use the pavilions at Walton Park.

Flannery said that the fee would help pay for the clean up of the property after events such as weddings and reunions. The fees would range from \$20 to \$30 for a regular event to \$100 for a wedding and/or reception. Based on how often the pavilions have been reserved in the past, the fees are estimated to net the park district \$3,848. Flannery noted that the city does not charge fees for the other pavilions on city properties.

No final decision on the proposal was made. Litchfield Park District Director Steve Bryant was unable to attend the meeting and the council thought it would be good to have his input before a discussion was held.

The aldermen also approved a special waste service agreement with Republic Services, the purchase of largemouth bass from Fountain Bluff Hatchery at a total cost not to exceed \$5,000,

the purchase and installation of a new ShinMaywa explosion proof submersible pump and the purchase of three bicycle repair stations, nine 32-gallon animal proof trash receptacles and two commercial grade six-foot hanging swings as improvements to the Route 66 Hike and Bike Trail at Lake Lou Yaeger.

A motion to approve the notice of state award and the agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for a long-awaited 319 Grant for Lake Lou Yaeger was also approved. The grant is a 60-40 split between the state and city, with the city's share of the \$963,263 project coming in at \$385,305. The project will stabilize the shoreline of Lake Lou Yaeger and construct a silt basin.

The council would enter into closed session at 6:46 p.m. and would vote on one item once they reconvened into open session; Litchfield Fire Chief Kevin Schott's consultant agreement was approved for an additional 90 days.

The Litchfield City Council will meet again on Thursday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

News Briefs

County Board Set To Meet Tuesday Morning

The Tuesday, Sept. 11, meeting of the Montgomery County Board will include three guest speakers from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources about the status of the closed Deer Run Mine.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro, and include reports from the eight board standing committees.

Hillsboro City Council Will Meet Tuesday

Members of the Hillsboro City Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. at Hillsboro City Hall.

Agenda items include departmental and engineer reports, redevelopment agreement with Red Rooster, LLC, TIF assistance for Opera House Brewing Company and personnel.

Rainbow Appears Friday Evening In Eastern Sky

Although it rained throughout the weekend, the predicted torrential downpours missed the Hillsboro area. There was enough rain and sunshine on Friday night, though, for Cheri Ozee to photograph a rainbow in the eastern sky. For a short while, a double rainbow appeared.

Journal-News/Cheri Ozee

John Palmer Blevins, 89

Coal Miner, Enjoyed Bluegrass

John Palmer Blevins, 89, of Hornsby died on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at 6:50 a.m. at the Heritage Health Therapy and Senior Care in Gillespie.



enjoying the farm life. His passion was telling stories about the good of days and working on cars.

He is survived by his children, Rhoda (Lorraine) Gipson of Greenville, Charlotte (James, Jr.) Jones of Mt. Olive, Lois Turner of Wichita, KS, Virginia Voyles of Dallas, TX, and Henry (Belinda) Blevins of Gillespie; stepchildren, Sherrie (Lance) Stout of Greenville, Jeff (Lisa Lawson) Beck of Litchfield, Brenda Beck of Litchfield, Kim Beck of Florida and Marvin Beck of Litchfield; nine grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren, ten stepgreat-grandchildren and a brother, Paul Dean Blevins of Hillsboro.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at Litchfield Southern Baptist Church in Litchfield. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mike Rogers officiating. Burial will be in the Kinder Cemetery in Hornsby.

Litchfield Family Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Blevins was born on Nov. 29, 1928 in Gillespie, a son of Henry Palmer and Goldie Mae (Shuey) Blevins. He married the former Virginia (Root) Beck on May 2, 1970, in Hillsboro, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 15, 2011.

During his career, Mr. Blevins was a coal miner at Crown Mining in Virden and Farmersville, where he retired in 1987. Mr. Blevins enjoyed listening to and playing bluegrass music, especially playing his homemade fiddle. He also enjoyed playing the guitar and being outside

Blevins of Gillespie; stepchildren, Sherrie (Lance) Stout of Greenville, Jeff (Lisa Lawson) Beck of Litchfield, Brenda Beck of Litchfield, Kim Beck of Florida and Marvin Beck of Litchfield; nine grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren, ten stepgreat-grandchildren and a brother, Paul Dean Blevins of Hillsboro. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brothers, Albert, Raymond and Robert Blevins, as well as sisters, Annamay Blevins and Rose Zumwalt.

The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the family of Mr. Blevins. To view the online guestbook, leave condolences or light a candle, please visit litchfieldffs.com.

Judith A. Pence, 77

Loved God, Family And Friends

Judith A. Pence, 77, of Champaign, formerly of Litchfield, died on Monday evening, Aug. 20, 2108, at 6:15 p.m. at Helia Health Care in Champaign.



was very loyal and loving to family and friends. She was a beacon of hope to many who knew her.

She is survived by her daughter, Sarah (Doug) Holcomb of Holly Springs, NC; two grandchildren; one sister, Florence Hopper; and two brothers, Fran Mazenko and Mike Mazenko.

Graveside memorial services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m. in Holy Cross Cemetery in Litchfield. No visitation will be held. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is in charge of local arrangements.

Ms. Pence was born on Oct. 14, 1940, to Frank and Susan (Thomas) Mazenko.

She was an artistic, intelligent woman who loved God and believed in the power of prayer. She

In addition to her parents, Ms. Pence was preceded in death by two brothers, Edward Mazenko and Leonard Mazenko.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. For more information, or to light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.



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Litchfield Couple Take Paper On Fishing Trip To Michigan

Mark and Karen Viehweg of Litchfield took a copy of *The Journal-News* with them on a fishing trip to Frankfort, MI, this summer. While they were there, they enjoyed the beautiful beaches and scenery along the coastline. The couple also took a charter fishing trip on the lake to fish for king salmon. They had a beautiful day for the trip and brought home many keepers.

HHS Junior Class To Host Annual Powderpuff Game

Members of the Hillsboro High School junior class are hosting the annual powderpuff football game on Wednesday, Sept. 12, as part of the Homecoming week festivities. This year, the girls from the junior class will play flag football

against the senior girls, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Sawyer Field. Admission is \$3, and the concession stand will be open that night. They will also have a 50/50 raffle at halftime.

Births

Derek and Crystal (Murle) Earheart of Renton, WA, announce the birth of their daughter, Harmony Rose Earheart, born on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at Puget Sound Birth Center in Renton, WA. She weighed 9 lbs., 7 ozs., and measured 21 ins. long.



Her mother, who is originally from Carlinville, is a medical assistant, and her father is a print developer. She was welcomed home from the hospital by her big brothers, Coury, age seven, and Zach, age five.

Grandparents are Chris and Liz (Eilers) Bron of Springfield. Great-grandparents are Henry and Ursula Eilers of Litchfield.

Matthew and Tracy Beckham of Litchfield announce the birth of their daughter, Eden Monroe Beckham, born at 9:25 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 9 lbs., 5.5 ozs. and measured 21.5 ins. long.

Eden is welcomed home by big brother Mason Beckham, 14 years old, and big sister Eliza Beckham, five years old.

Maternal grandparents are Hazel Fulks of Harvel and George Fulks of Hillsboro.

Paternal grandmother is Mary Lindsey of Litchfield.

Tim and Kelsey (Holbrook) Bost of Fillmore announce the birth of their daughter, River Ann Bost, born at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She weighed 9 lbs., 5 ozs. and measured 21 ins. long.

River is welcomed home by big brothers Brooks Leo, five years old, and Gannon Dale, three years old.

Maternal grandparents are the late Nelson and Beverly Holbrook. Paternal grandparents are Richard and Becky Bost of Fillmore.

Jason Allen Birkenkamp and Chelsey Nicole Matthews of Litchfield announce the birth of their son, Chason Allen Birkenkamp, born at 10:19 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 9 lbs., 2.5 ozs. and measured 21 ins. long.

Chason was welcomed home by his big brother Keaton Allen Birkenkamp, age 9.

Maternal grandparents are Gail Logsdon of Litchfield and Chad Matthews of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Kimberly Applegate of Litchfield and Mark Birkenkamp of Litchfield. Maternal great-grandmother is Shirley Beasley of Litchfield. Paternal great-grandmother is Darlyne Sykes of Walshville.

Matthew and Misty (Pfeifer) Walton of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Sue Walton, born at 9:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 5 lbs., 6 ozs., and measured 18.5 ins. long.

Lauren was welcomed home by her big sister Nora Walton, 16 months.

Maternal grandparents are Harold and Wilma Pfeifer of New Palestine, IN, and the late Sherry Pfeifer. Paternal grandparents are Steven and Kay Walton of Shobonier. Paternal great-grandmother is Elaine Lange of Shobonier.

Marriage Licenses

Zachary Allen Eliason, Carlinville; Samantha Jean Aubuchon, Carlinville

Shawn Michael Denton, Litchfield; Carrie Ann Cox, Litchfield

MCCA Group Reschedules Benefit Lunch To Sept. 12

Ethan's Angels for a Cure, a fundraising team for the Montgomery County Cancer Association, is hosting a lunch benefit on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until they are sold out. The fundraiser was originally

set for Friday, Sept. 7, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Lunch will be served at Kroger's parking lot in Nokomis. On the menu will be a \$6 sack lunch, which includes a pork patty sandwich, chips, cookies and a drink, or a \$4 sack lunch, which includes a hot dog, chips, cookie and a drink. Pork patty sandwiches will be sold for \$4 and hot dogs will be sold for \$2.

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Nokomis Students Create Fun German Sugar Cones

Students in Mrs. Shalter's German classes at Nokomis High School participated in the wonderful tradition of "schultuten" or sugar cones during the school day on Friday, Aug. 31. They designed and created the cones, which were then filled with surprise goodies from their parents and Mrs. Shalter, which mimics a fun tradition in Germany that students have on the first day of school. Pictured above, opening their cones, from the left are Emily Cesaretti, Haley Gibbs, Landon German and Adriana Martin.



CEO Students Learn About Customer Service At HAH

On Friday, Aug. 31, students in the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program participated in AIDET training with Kayleigh Bondurant and Amanda Payne, center, at Hillsboro Area Hospital. As a form of customer service, students discussed communication skills that acknowledge (the customer), identify (who they are and what business they represent), discuss for a duration their product and/or services (in a reasonable amount of time), explain their knowledge and experience of the product or service and thank the customer for their time and business.

CEO students also participated in a communication illustration of recreating their Lego products and practicing AIDET. "Customers expect the same quality of attention and service across industries," said Payne. "Everyone wants to be acknowledged, understand the experience and leave feeling appreciated."

Hillsboro Senior Club Welcomes New Members At August Meeting

The Hillsboro Community Senior Club met at the Hillsboro Senior Center on Tuesday, Aug. 28. The club welcomed three new members at their carry-in meal and celebrated six members with August birthdays.

Door prizes were won by Shirley Page and Rose Mary Weller. The 50/50 drawing was won by Roberta Buttol.

The senior club will next meet on Tuesday Sept. 25, at the Senior Center in Hillsboro.

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REDSKIN REVIEW • by Rebekah Follis at Nokomis High

Nokomis Redskins Plan For Homecoming



It was quiet this week in Nokomis, but they always say the quiet comes before the storm!

In this case, the storm is Homecoming week. Boys and girls have been finding the courage to ask a date to the dance, and cheerleaders have been harassing football players to wear their jersey for the game.

Student Council has been working hard to plan games for the week and the pep rally next Friday. Each class also voted for Homecoming court. The freshmen are Jake Johnson, Matthew Hill, Presley Lamb and Isabella Dailey. The sophomores are Benny Clavin, Seth Johnson, Kristen Stauder and Mia Fesser. The juniors are Quentin Jameson, Ryan Janssen, Macee Eisenbarth and Emma Gonet. The senior boys are Cody Knodde, Layne Johnson, Drew Johnson and Brenden Applegate. The senior girls are Jorgia Crowe, Emily Chumley, Rebekah Follis and Ally O'Malley. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The Lady Redskins gave it their all, but lost against Metro-East this last week, 13-25 and 12-25. The girls haven't had the best luck with this rough start to the season. However, they continue to keep their heads up and work hard.

Soccer also lost to Metro-East this week, 1-0.

The football game on Friday was up in the air, but the team decided to stick it out and play through the rain. The cheerleaders were debating bringing floaties, but they made the trek too.

Both players and cheerleaders were also wearing ribbons of Marquette's colors in honor of their quarterback, whose father passed away. Our Redskins ended up losing the game 27-14, despite bringing it closer in the third quarter.

Many good things are happening here at NHS. And as this week was a slow week at NHS, it's only gearing up for next week. Be ready for all of the upcoming exciting details of Nokomis Homecoming week!



Members of this year's Litchfield High School Homecoming Court, in front, from the left are Sydney Hoehl, Madi Throne, Kailea Dobrinich, Greta Fleming and Sydney Budd. In back are Alex Fischer, Jeremy Frazier, Billy Beckham, Sam Painter and Ethan Washburn.

Litchfield Ready For Homecoming Week

It's officially Homecoming week at Litchfield High School.

Members of this year's Homecoming court are Sydney Hoehl, Madi Throne, Kailea Dobrinich, Greta Fleming, Sydney Budd, Alex Fischer, Jeremy Frazier, Billy Beckham, Sam Painter and Ethan Washburn.

The Student Council has been busy working on activities for the week, including hall decorating on Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 3:15 to 5 p.m. That night, they will host Wednesday Night Lights, a fun, family-friendly event. Admission is free for all Litchfield High School students, and \$1 for

everyone else.

On Thursday evening, the Pep Club is planning a variety of activities.

The annual pep assembly will be held on Friday, Sept. 14, from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. in the gym. This year's Homecoming parade begins at 4 p.m. through downtown Litchfield, followed by the street fair on the northeast corner of the campus.

Members of the Homecoming court will be announced at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of the football game, which begins at 7 p.m. at Lloyd Hill Field, when the Panthers host the Vandalia

Vandals.

This year's Homecoming dance, "All Around the World," will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 10:30 p.m., and the coronation of a new king and queen will be held at 7:30 p.m.

'Ripple Effect' To Be Shown In September

Cross-Over Ministries will be hosting a special screening of "The Ripple Effect" documentary tonight, Monday, Sept. 10, in Litchfield and Monday, Sept. 17 in Hillsboro.

"The Ripple Effect" chronicles the life of Kevin Hines and his unsuccessful attempt at suicide when he jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, CA. Hines, an internationally known speaker, has dedicated his life to mental health advocacy and suicide prevention.

The movie will be shown free of charge at 6:30 p.m. at both the Lincoln Land Community College auditorium in Litchfield on Sept. 10 and at Hillsboro Junior High School on Sept. 17. Tickets are not needed to participate in the event.

In addition to the movie, Cross-Over Ministries is working with the Gift of Voice, whose president, AJ French, will lead audiences in a frank discussion about suicide and suicide prevention. There will also be resource tables and an opportunity to talk one-on-one.

For more information, contact President Linda Liebscher at leendachambers@yahoo.com.

COFFEEN NEWS • by Robin Moore 556-1238 cofenews@yahoo.com

Coffeen Plans Fall Festival, Yard Sale On Sept. 29



Howdy. Just a quick note to keep you up-to-date on what is going on around our little town.

The Coffeen City-Wide Yard Sale will be Saturday, Sept. 29 this year. I do not know who will be in charge of it this year, but when I get more information I will let you know. So start your fall cleaning out and get ready to sell, sell, sell.

The Coffeen Fall Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 29 also. This is a win-win for everyone. The yard sales will bring folks into town, and they will stop at the festival, and the festival will bring folks to town and they will go treasure hunting between events.

There will be craft vendors and food. Music will be provided by *Wildflower Conspiracy*, which is a country rock band from 4 to 7 p.m. There will also be a horse-

shoe tournament and washers tournament. There will be lots of games for the children, including a pinata. How about a good game of Bingo or a color fun run? There will even be a bags (cornhole) tournament.

I will give you times later on and any other information I may have.

The Meals On Wheels program is in danger of ending due to lack of recipients. We need to get this worthy program out to those who could use the assistance. If you know of someone who could use a hot meal during the day or is really not able to cook a meal, please let them know that this program is available in Coffeen and other communities in the county. You may contact Merle Imler at 217-534-6349 for more information.

Our sympathy to the Sharon Ricke family and to the Maggie Scheifer family. Our sympathy to the Angelo Romero family. Until next time.

County Youth To Sponsor Feed The Hungry Activity

by Erin Kistner
Montgomery County Youth

A study by Feeding America estimates that one in five children face hunger regularly, and not having enough of the right kind of food impairs a child's physical and mental health.

Students, 4-H members and other volunteers will assemble meal packets for local food pantries on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the University of Illinois Extension, located at #1 Industrial Park Dr. in Hillsboro.

Anyone interested in volun-

teering, may register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>, by Sept. 14.

This year's event is being coordinated by the Montgomery County Youth Leadership team, in collaboration with 4-H and Illini Fighting Hunger.

At least 30 volunteers are needed on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9:30 to noon, and volunteers must be at least eight years old.

For more information, contact Elisha Hughes at the Montgomery County Extension Office at 217-532-3941.

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PANTHER PRESS • by Bethany Seely at Litchfield High

Litchfield Purple Panthers Ready For Annual Homecoming Week



The short week students had last week was greatly appreciated. However, this week is going to be filled with craziness, because this week is Homecoming week.

Many students are staying busy throughout this week in preparation for Homecoming.

Student Council has arranged dress up days for this year's homecoming week! Monday is "pajama day!" Wear your coziest (school appropriate) pajamas. Tuesday is "color war" day, with seniors in black, juniors in blue, sophomores in green and freshmen in white. Wednesday is "country versus country club." Dress up, or bring out your boots, the option is up to you! Thursday is "tourist day." Dress up as your favorite tacky tourist. We end the week with lots of spirit, because Friday is "spirit day!" Be prepared to deck yourself out in purple, white and black! Bring on your Panther spirit!

The annual Homecoming parade and street fair will be on Friday, Sept. 14. The line-up for the parade is at 3:45 p.m., and the parade begins at 4 p.m. The street fair follows the parade on the northeast lawn of the high school.

The Litchfield Marching Band marched in the Witt Labor Day parade on Monday, Sept. 3. The band sounded beautiful, despite the heat. Big shout out to the band!

The volleyball team had a home match on Monday, Sept. 3, against Pawnee. The Pep Club's theme for this game was "purple out."

Thanks to all of those who came to the game in your Panther gear, and cheered on our athletes! On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the girls played another match at East Alton-Wood River. Varsity brought home a win by defeating East Alton-Wood River in two matches! Congrats on the win!

The girls played again on Thursday against Greenville on their home court. The Pep Club's theme for the game was "black out." The girls also competed in A Grace-Filled Tourney, Friday Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 8, as well as the Pawnee Freshman/Sophomore Tourney, on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The boys golf team traveled to Lakeshore Golf Course for a match on Tuesday, Sept. 4, where they faced Auburn, Taylorville and Waverly. On Wednesday, they traveled to Vandalia Country Club for a match against Vandalia and Christ Our Rock. On Friday, Sept. 7, a junior varsity match was held at Hillsboro.

The girls golf team played on their home links on Tuesday, Sept. 4, against Auburn, Greenville, Marquette and Roxana. On Thursday, Sept. 6, the girls team traveled to Bell Park Golf Course in a quad match against Civic Memorial, Roxana and Staunton.

The boys soccer team had a game at Pana, on Tuesday, Sept. 4. There was another game, on Thursday, Sept. 6, at Gillespie against Southwestern.

The junior varsity football team traveled to Southwestern on Monday, Sept. 3. The LHS varsity football team traveled to Carlinville for an away game on Friday, Sept. 7. The Pep Club's theme was "tie

dye night." Big thanks to all of the fans who traveled to support the football team and cheerleaders!

The cross country team competed in the PORTA Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 7.

Student Council decorated State and Sallee streets with purple and white decor, a few weeks ago, to show Panther pride of the fall sports! Student Council also asks anyone who lives on State Street (north of Union) to decorate their houses in purple and white in support of fall sports. Student Council will also decorate the houses, who contacted Mrs. Brummet, by Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The Litchfield Public Library hosted a poster making event on Wednesday, Sept. 5 from 4 to 8 p.m., for fall athletes, band members and their parents to make posters for Homecoming week. There was an awesome turn out! Thanks to all of those who came and made posters. Go Panthers!

Pep Club is painting windows of uptown businesses on Monday, Sept. 10. This event will take place after school, in support of Homecoming week.

The junior varsity football team competes against Vandalia on Monday, Sept. 10. The game is away, and start time is 6 p.m. Good luck boys!

The boys golf team has a three-way match in Carlinville, against Carlinville and Southwestern on Monday Sept. 10. The match begins at 4 p.m. They also travel on Tuesday, Sept. 11 to Timber Lakes Golf Course to compete in another three-way match against Greenville and Staunton. The match starts at 4 p.m. The girls

golf team travels to Carlinville for an away match on Monday, Sept. 10 and the match starts at 4 p.m. The team also faces Civic Memorial, Hillsboro and Pana on their home course on Tuesday, Sept. 11. The match starts at 4 p.m. Good luck golfers!

The boys soccer team has three games this week! On Tuesday, Sept. 11 they travel to Hillsboro for a 4:30 p.m. game. They compete against Carlinville with a 5 p.m. in Gillespie on Thursday, Sept. 13. On Saturday, Sept. 15, they compete against Metro East Lutheran in Gillespie at 11 a.m. Good luck boys!

The volleyball team is on the road this week, with two away games. On Monday, Sept. 10, the girls travel to Morrisonville for a 6 p.m. match. On Thursday, Sept. 13, they are on the road again to Gillespie for a 6 p.m. match. The Pep Club theme for this match is "spirit wear." Best of luck girls!

The cross country team competes in the Edwardsville Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 15. The meet starts at 9 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 14, is the annual Homecoming game! The football team plays against Vandalia. The 2018 Homecoming Court will be announced before the game. The Pep Club theme for this game is "purple/Row the Boat."

This week, I interviewed Coach Tom Priddle, about the excitement of the game. When asked what he was most excited about, he replied, "I am most excited about the atmosphere, the crowd and playing under the lights. There is no other feeling quite like it."

Priddle added, "I want the boys

to know that win or lose, we will always be a Panther family. Play every down 110 percent because for some it's their last and others will only get three more after this one. Take it all in. Participate in as much as possible. Be a part of something bigger than any one individual".

Come out and support our football players, cheerleaders and band members this Homecoming night! Good luck, Panthers!

Student Council is hosting a fun student-based event on Wednesday, Sept. 12. This event is called Wednesday Night Lights. Students, parents and families are encouraged to show up at the football field from 6 to 8 p.m. Only Litchfield High School students are allowed to participate in events. Even if you don't want to participate, make sure you stop by to support and pep up the Panthers! LHS students will get in free; admission for everyone is \$1. The Homecoming dance is on Saturday, Sept. 15. The dance is from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Coronation will start at 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is All Around the World.

The yearbook staff is requesting that each senior submit a baby photo, a head and shoulders senior photo and one in between. The deadline for these photos is Jan. 11, 2019. Please email these photos to Mrs. Jo Brummet at jbrummet@litchfieldpanthers.org.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is challenging the Litchfield community and the students of LHS with a weekly challenge. This week's challenge is to offer to pray with someone in person this week.

Topper Seniors Invited To Join Fun Activities

A group of nine Hillsboro High School moms came up with the idea to form a new group to keep this year's senior class close.

"Our kids have always been super tight since grade school and throughout the years new friendships have formed as families have moved to the district," said Michelle Wallace, who is helping to plan the events. "We are shocked how quickly time has passed as we start preparing for graduation, college, the military and adult life."

The group, which can be found on Facebook at Senior Toppers, wants to organize several events throughout the school year for senior students and their families.

The first activity will be a Fall Feast on Saturday, Oct. 20, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Fireman's Clubhouse at Lake Hillsboro. This event includes a potluck meal for senior students and their families, and everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs and games to play. Plastic ware and drinks will be provided.

Organizers hope that all senior students and their families will get involved with these activities. For more information, call Michelle Wallace at 217-313-8059 or find them on Facebook at Senior Toppers.

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Chamber Discusses Junior Membership

The Nokomis Chamber of Commerce met on Thursday, Sept. 6, at Demi's in Nokomis, for their regular bi-monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order by chamber president Ed Heck. Members present included Heck, Loren Compton, Judy Rupert, Jake Leonard, John Broux, JoAnn Keele, Judy Beaman, Jessie Sadiku, and Roger Blankenship.

The minutes from the July 5 meeting were read and approved, as well as the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$2,402.64.

President Heck then addressed the board asking them to look for ways to build youth interest in junior chamber membership.

President Heck reported that two new Christmas lights have been received and discussed possible placement of the lights on Spruce Street.

It was noted that the city banners are becoming weather worn. Board members JoAnne Keele and John Broux were assigned the task of researching pricing and possible funding options for new banners. The board passed a motion to

set the fall 2019 rummage sale for October 4 and 5. Board members Judy Beaman and John Broux will work on plans for the spring 2019 rummage sale.

The board then assigned members to check on possible ribbon cutting ceremonies and the upcoming Nokomis Christmas festival. Members will report back at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m. The next Nokomis Chamber of Commerce meeting is set for 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Demi's.

District Begins Strategic Planning Process

Bond County Community School District No. 2 is set to begin a strategic planning process and is reaching out to district families and the community for help.

Starting this month BCCU No. 2 will launch online surveys and community engagement sessions to gauge how they can best plan for the current and future success of the school district. BCCU No. 2

implores that families and community members alike participate in helping to plan for the future of BCCU No. 2.

"Bond County Community Unit No. 2 is committed to providing a high quality education for all students. It is important we get as many voices to the table as possible," said Superintendent Wes Olson.

Anyone interested in being

one of those voices may attend a community planning session. The sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at Sorento School.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m. at Greenville JH Library.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. at BCCU No. 2 High School Library.

Wednesday Oct. 3, 6 p.m. at Pocahontas School.



Dan and Marci Carter spent Friday afternoon playing Bingo with their grandson, Blake Cullison, as part of Beckemeyer Elementary School's Grandparents' Day celebrations. *Journal-News/Tori O'Dell*

Beckemeyer School Honors Grandparents

Students of Beckemeyer Elementary School were excited to take a break from curriculum Friday, Sept. 7, to recognize their grandparents.

In honor of National Grandparents Day, Sunday Sept. 9, the fifth grade classes of Beckemeyer Elementary hosted over 125 grandparents.

The grandparents and students gathered in the cafeteria, where the students served their grandparents cookies and juice and assisted them in a game of Bingo.

Teachers and staff were thrilled to see the happy families and stated it was an event they look forward to each year.

The elementary school provided all the refreshments and Hillsboro McDonald's donated the cups for the event.



Little Maisyn Kieffer was ecstatic to join her big brother Brody Kieffer and grandmother Rochelle Chappelle for a game of Bingo. *Journal-News/Tori O'Dell*



Pep Rally Raises Nearly \$750 For Toppers

John Galer, owner of *The Journal-News*, presented a check for almost \$750 to the Hillsboro High School football team on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 6, at the high school. The donation came from the annual pre-season pep rally, sponsored by *The Journal-News* and the Hillsboro Moose Lodge on Aug. 23. Galer presented the check to head coach Aaron Duff and this year's team captains. Pictured above, from the left are Baron Floyd, Kaden Lemon, Landon Carroll, Coach Aaron Duff, Liam Dugan, John Galer, Jordan Gregg and Landen Malloy. *Journal-News Photo*

Veterans Assistance Commission Will Meet Monday

The Montgomery County Veterans Assistance Commission will hold its regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Building, located at 201 S. Main St. in Hillsboro.

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Hillsboro, IL 62049

Monday, September 10, 2018



The eight teams in the gold and silver brackets of the Montgomery County Invitational "A Grace Filled Tourney" got their picture taken with the tournament's namesake, Grace Herschelman, on Saturday, Sept. 8, prior to the medal round games at Lincolnwood High School. The 16-team tournament, which was also played in Litchfield, raised money for research looking for a cure for Infantile Neuroaxonal Dystrophy, a rare genetic condition that the Hillsboro seven-year-old is battling.

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Auburn, Grace Big Winners At Montgomery County Invite

It was a bit of déjà vu at the 2018 Montgomery County Invitational volleyball tournament on Sept. 7-8, as the "Grace Filled Tourney" saw a repeat champion crowned.

The Auburn Trojans were a perfect 5-0 on the weekend to earn their second straight title at Lincolnwood High School, the host of the tournament along with Litchfield High School and Litchfield Middle School this year.

While the Trojans were the champions

once again on the court, they weren't the only ones to repeat the success of a year ago. Early numbers indicate that the event raised more than \$8,000 for Infantile Neuroaxonal Dystrophy research in honor of the tournament's namesake, Grace Herschelman, who suffers from the rare genetic condition and turned seven at the tournament.

"As amazing as the fundraising is, the fact that Montgomery County's volleyball teams have embraced Grace so

much is even more so," Grace's father Kyle Herschelman said. Both Hillsboro and Lincolnwood swapped their regular orange and black uniforms for special purple jerseys emblazoned with "Beat INAD" and "Team Grace" on the back.

The Hillsboro kindergartener was serenaded by the crowd on Saturday, the day after her birthday, and received cards and gifts from all four Montgomery County schools and Calvary, who gave her two hair bows, one in their team colors

and one in purple and teal, the colors of this year's tournament.

The teal was in honor of another young lady from Montgomery County, Ayden O'Malley, who passed away in January from a hemorrhage of an arteriovenous malformation. O'Malley would have been a freshman on this year's Nokomis volleyball team and the Redskins sport teal shoe laces in her honor.

Beat INAD Pool

As for the tournament itself, the four

Montgomery County schools anchored the four different pools, which played at the Lincolnwood High School, Raymond Grade School, Litchfield Middle School and Litchfield High School gyms.

The Lancers would have the benefit of playing in their home gym in Raymond during play in the Beat INAD Pool on Sept. 7, but Roxana would negate the home court advantage in the opening match.

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Members of the Montgomery County volleyball teams made seven-year-old Grace Herschelman's birthday a special one as they presented cards and gifts to the Hillsboro kindergartener at the Montgomery County Invitational Grace Filled Tourney in Raymond and Litchfield on Sept. 7-8. Clockwise, from the top left, are the Hillsboro, Nokomis, Litchfield and Lincolnwood volleyball teams.

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Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers
Monday, September 10
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Pana, Roxana at Hillsboro Country Club
 5 p.m. - Volleyball at Father McGivney
 6 p.m. - JV Football at Roxana
Tuesday, September 11
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Father McGivney at Timber Lakes
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Pana, Litchfield, Civic Memorial at Litchfield Country Club
 4:30 p.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Gillespie
 4:30 p.m. - Girls Tennis hosts East Alton-Wood River

Litchfield Purple Panthers
Monday, September 10
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Lincolnwood, Carl-inville at Carlville Country Club
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Carlville, South-western at Carlville Country Club
 6 p.m. - Volleyball at Morrisonville
 6 p.m. - JV Football hosts Carlville
Tuesday, September 11
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. Greenville, Staunton at Timber Lakes
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Pana, Hillsboro, Civic Memorial at Litchfield Country Club

Nokomis Redskins
Monday, September 10
 6 p.m. - JV Football hosts Marquette Catholic
Tuesday, September 11
 6 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Bunker Hill

Lincolnwood Lancers
Monday, September 10
 4 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. North Mac, Auburn at Oak Hill
 4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Litchfield, Carl-inville at Carlville Country Club
 4:30 p.m. - Soccer at North Mac
 6:15 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Carlville
Tuesday, September 11
 4 p.m. - Boys and Girls Golf vs. South County, Springfield Lutheran, Ramsey at Timber Lakes
 4:15 p.m. - Soccer at Vandalia

College Report

by Dan Chamness

Names, names, names. We have only one more article to go, featuring the athletes that wrapped up their careers during the 2017-18 school year. After that, we will immediately pivot to the 2018-19 school year.

If you have a name to add to the list, please email me (Dan62801@aol.com). Please put "Montgomery County Journal News" in the subject line of the email. There are two rules to be included in the College Report. First the athlete needs to be a resident of Montgomery County or be a graduate of a Montgomery County school. The other rule is they must be involved in intercollegiate athletics.

Toppers Leave Shells Shocked

by Ron Deabenderfer

Several factors worked together to make the first home game of the 2018 Hillsboro football season a success Friday night, Sept. 7. First, just as some of HHS's premier athletes of the not-too-far distant past assembled for introductions prior to induction into the school's Hall of Fame, the rain that had fallen in the late afternoon stopped; even a rainbow glowed in the eastern sky. Second, a nice crowd had gathered to honor athletes past and to see this year's football team. Third, the team itself stepped up for the occasion, adjusted to a few lineup changes, and cracked the visiting Roxana Shells 36-6 to draw even with the Shells in the South Central Conference race.

The Toppers featured a balanced offense behind an offensive line that has grown into a more effective unit during three weeks of play. Senior Kaden Lemon, the leading tackler on the Topper roster from his safety position, moved from wide receiver to running back offensively; his quickness meant production that justified the move. After gaining eight yards on two carries in the first two games, he darted through Shell defenders for 116 yards on just eight carries, scoring three rushing and one receiving touchdown in the process. In addition, he had three other catches while accumulating 111 receiving yards (277 yards total).

He, tight end Jordan Gregg (four catches for 58 yards), and junior back Jonah Harkins caught ten Topper passes for 172 yards; quarterback Landon Carroll threw nine of those for 162 of the yards. In total, Hillsboro ran 41 plays for 366 total yards with nary a punt.

Lemon scored from distance (88 yards in the second quarter) and in close (one and four yards in the last quarter). His first TD was a 54 yard pass from Carroll that culminated a four play, 61 yard drive the second time Hillsboro had possession--the first time ended in Hillsboro's only fumble on the Shell 41 three plays into

the contest.

The second score, Lemon's 88 yard serpentine sprint on a reverse, came after an ineligible-receiver-downfield penalty that nullified Keaton Pruett's first varsity catch on the Topper 26. Carroll was scrambling to his right before the throw, so a lineman released downfield. Though that penalty can be explained, the other ten pointed out weaknesses in Topper play. After Lemon's first TD, he ran for the extra points; this time Carroll threw to Gregg, who used his stature (6'4") to make that catch.

The only Roxana score came next; fullback Mike Ilch, their leading rusher with 91 yards on 21 carries, scored from seven yards out with 6:19 to play in the first half. Their extra point attempt was an end around pass by Parris White, a sophomore athlete/punter who ran from punt formation more than he punted. The young visitors didn't use trick plays often, persisting with a running attack that featured; Ilch inside the tackles and junior Cole Liley on sweeps to either side.

Though the Shells had more time of possession and ran more plays (64 compared to 41) for the Toppers, the difference was the quick strike nature of the Topper attack. The last touchdown of the half demonstrated that. After their touchdown, the Shells tried an onside kick that Jude Bertolino covered for Hillsboro on the midfield stripe.

Carroll passed to Gregg for eight, Lemon gained eight on two carries, and Carroll found Gregg cutting across the field from left to right. Gregg stepped out of one tackle, ran through another, and scored standing, then caught the extra-points pass to produce a 24-6 lead; the Shell's defense seemed overwhelmed.

The Topper defense grudgingly gave ground to the visitors, but they definitely weren't overwhelmed. Their first drive of the second half ended with a fumble lost (recovered by Landen Malloy) on the Topper 42. The next, pro-



Hillsboro's Kaden Lemon leaves a prone Roxana Shell in his wake during a first quarter run on Friday, Sept. 7, in Hillsboro. Lemon carried the ball eight times and rushed for 116 yards, caught four passes for 111 yards and scored four times in the Toppers' 36-6 win over the Shells. *Journal-News/John M. Galer*

longed by a pass completion, White to Braeden Wells for 21 yards, in a punting situation, ended on the Topper 30 when Lemon and cornerback Joey Lipe defended a pass intended for White as the last quarter began. The Shells ran 18 plays in the third quarter but didn't score; their ball possession kept the Toppers from scoring, though.

That strategy didn't work in the last quarter. After the Toppers gained possession at their 30, Carroll completed a catch and run pass to Lemon to the Roxana 30; a personal foul moved the line of scrimmage to the 15. Two Jonah Harkins' carries reached the six; Carroll kept for one, then handed twice to Lemon for the score.

The next Shell possession lasted four plays as Roxana subbed in the backfield; two running plays gained four yards. Jace Tuetken knocked a third down pass to the ground, and Drew Willman, Baron Floyd, and Bertolino met at the quarterback on fourth down; the ten yard loss was Hillsboro's first sack of the young season, with the

ball on the Shell 34.

Liam Dugan, the Topper's leading defender statistically this week with four solos and nine assists, gained six from his fullback spot, before Lemon danced for 17 with a screen pass. Three plays later, Lemon was in the end zone for the fourth time; the lead 36-6, and the game belonged to the reserves.

This Friday is Homecoming, which means egg rolls and ribeye sandwiches in the concession stand, school spirit hoopla, and the appearance of a fast Staunton Bulldog team on Sawyer Field. The Dogs are 2-1 coming into the game, losing to Greenville and defeating Litchfield and Piasa Southwestern. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

September 7 at Hillsboro
 Roxana (1-2) 0 6 0 0 -----6
 Hillsboro (1-2) 8 16 0 12 -----36

Scoring Summary
 1st: 7:18 - H - Kaden Lemon 58-yard pass from Landon Carroll (Kaden Lemon Run)
 2nd: 10:41 - H - Kaden Lemon 88-yard run (Jordan Gregg pass from Landon Carroll)

2nd: 6:19 - R - Michael Ilch 7-yard run (pass failed)
 2nd: 4:30 - H - Jordan Gregg 34-yard pass from Landon Carroll (Jordan Gregg pass from Landon Carroll)
 4th: 9:01 - H - Kaden Lemon 1-yard run (pass failed)
 4th: 4:52 - H - Kaden Lemon 4-yard run (run failed)

Individual Statistics
Passing: Hillsboro (10-15-172) - Landon Carroll 9-14-162, Liam Dugan 1-1-10; Roxana (7-21-82) - Huffman 6-20-61, White 1-1-21.
Rushing: Hillsboro (26-194) - Kaden Lemon 8-116, Jonah Harkins 6-25, Landon Carroll 4-24, Jaykin Foster 2-14, Liam Dugan 3-13, Andrew Law 1-2, Colton Keiser 1-1, Jace Tuetken 1(-1); Roxana (43-140) - Ilch 21-90, Liley 11-51, Lara 2-10, White 3(-2), Huffman 1(-10).
Receiving: Hillsboro (10-172) - Kaden Lemon 4-111, Jordan Gregg 4-58, Jonah Harkins 2-3; Roxana (7-82) - White 5-48, Lara 1-13.
Defense (Solo/Assists): Hillsboro - Liam Dugan (4/9), Kaden Lemon (9/0), Jake Heffley (2/6), Baron Floyd (3/4), Colton Keiser (3/4), Dylan McCammack (2/5), Landon Malloy (3/2), Jordan Gregg (1/4), Jace Tuetken (2/2), Joey Lipe (1/2), Jude Bertolino (4/1), Drew Willman (1/2), Brett Cunningham (0/3), Andrew Law (0/1), Eli Tyszko (1/0), Tyler Loskot (1/0).

Prep Pick 'Em

Eighteen readers tried their luck at picking the winners in week three of this year's *Journal-News* Prep Pick 'Em Contest and eight were able to get all six games correct.

Of those eight, Blake Malloy, Chad Dooley and Bruce Gunn were the closest to the tiebreaker, total points for the Carlville/

Litchfield game (52). In a blind draw, Malloy would earn the win, the extra point in the overall standings and the *Journal-News* tumbler.

Other perfect prognosticators were Keith Phillips, Josh Laurent, Daryl Hodges, Ben Schwab and Ben Hemken.

Journal-News Pick 'Em Week Three Results

1. Blake Malloy - 7
2. Keith Phillips - 6
2. Josh Laurent - 6
2. Daryl Hodges - 6
2. Chad Dooley - 6
2. Bruce Gunn - 6
2. Ben Schwab - 6
2. Ben Hemken - 6
9. Walt Duzan - 5
9. LNB Drive-In Girls - 5
9. Ed Holcomb - 5
9. David Jenkins - 5
9. Dan Wanger - 5

9. Carrie Hemken - 5
15. Riley Hemken - 4
15. Kourtney Jenkins - 4
15. Harold Douglas - 4
18. Deidre Hanger - 3

One point is given for each correct pick, plus one bonus point to the weekly winner.

Week Three Results

- Hillsboro 36, Roxana 6
- Litchfield 52, Carlville 0
- Staunton 44, Southwestern 6
- Vandalia 37, Greenville 21
- Pana 27, Gillespie 2
- Marquette 27, Nokomis 14

The Journal-News **PREP PICK 'EM WEEK 4**

- Staunton at Hillsboro
- Vandalia at Litchfield
- Gillespie at Roxana
- Greenville at Southwestern
- Pana at Carlville
- Dupo at Nokomis

Tie Breaker: Total Points for the Staunton/Hillsboro Game

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Turn picks in by Friday at 5 p.m. to the *Journal-News* office in Hillsboro. Picks can also be emailed to JNsports@consolidated.net or posted *The Journal-News* Facebook until kickoff.

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 - Roxana def. Ramsey 25-10, 25-17
 - Lincolnwood def. Ramsey 25-14, 25-9
 - Roxana def. Father McGivney 25-23, 25-18
- Hope Pool**
- Nokomis def. South County 25-22, 12-25, 15-13
 - Vandalia def. Calvary 25-3, 25-12
 - Vandalia def. Nokomis 25-6, 25-18
 - South County def. Calvary 25-9, 27-25
 - Nokomis def. Calvary 25-16, 25-11
 - Vandalia def. South County 25-16, 26-28, 15-9
- Grace Pool**
- Hillsboro def. North Mac 25-15, 19-25, 15-6
 - St. Elmo/Brownstown def. Morrisonville 15-25, 25-16, 15-10
 - Hillsboro def. Morrisonville 25-20, 20-25, 16-14
 - St. Elmo/Brownstown def. North Mac 25-18, 25-13
 - Hillsboro def. St. Elmo/Brownstown 25-22, 16-25, 15-5
 - North Mac def. Morrisonville 25-17, 25-17
- Purple Pool**
- Litchfield def. Edinburg 25-23, 21-25, 15-10
- Auburn def. Staunton 25-15, 23-25, 15-9
 - Staunton def. Litchfield 25-13, 26-24
 - Auburn def. Edinburg 25-6, 25-13
 - Auburn def. Litchfield 25-7, 25-12
 - Staunton def. Edinburg 25-16, 25-20
- Saturday, September 8**
Gold Flight
- Vandalia def. Roxana 25-20, 22-25, 15-11
 - Auburn def. Hillsboro 25-11, 26-24
- 3rd Place:** Roxana def. Hillsboro 25-18, 24-26, 25-19
1st Place: Auburn def. Vandalia 25-20, 25-16
- Silver Flight**
- Lincolnwood def. Nokomis 25-16, 25-22
 - Staunton def. St. Elmo/Brownstown 25-16, 25-11
- 7th Place:** St. Elmo/Brownstown def. Nokomis 25-16, 20-25, 15-11
5th Place: Lincolnwood def. Staunton 25-23, 25-17
- Bronze Flight**
- Father McGivney def. South County 26-24, 11-25, 15-12
 - North Mac def. Litchfield 25-10, 25-13
- 11th Place:** Litchfield def. South County 19-25, 25-23, 15-13
9th Place: Father McGivney def. North Mac 26-24, 25-22
- Copper Flight**
- Ramsey def. Calvary 23-25, 25-10, 15-12
 - Morrisonville def. Edinburg 25-11, 25-4
 - 15th Place: Calvary def. Edinburg 25-20, 25-17
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The Shells defeated the Lancers 28-26, 25-15 to take an early edge for the right to move on to the gold flight the next day. Lincolnwood did get seven points and an ace from Sidney Glick in the loss to Roxana, with Cassie Krager contributing 15 digs and Kayley Armour putting down seven kills and four blocks as well.

The Lancers would play Father McGivney next, with the Griffins boasting a 1-0 record in the pool after beating Ramsey 26-24, 19-25, 15-6 the game before. Lincolnwood picked up their first win of the tournament in straight sets over Father McGivney, beating the Griffins 25-19, 25-13.

Again Cassie Krager would have a big game on defense with 23 digs, while Briley Johnson had 12 assists. Glick led the team again in points with 10, while Kelsey Armour and Katelyn Payne paced the attack with six kills each.

The Lancers would get a breather while Roxana dispatched Ramsey, beating the Rams 25-10, 25-17 as the Shells improved their pool record to 2-0.

Ramsey wouldn't have much better luck against the host school as the Lancers defeated the Rams 25-14, 25-9 to finish pool play with a 2-1 mark. Johnson, Glick and Cassie Krager all had three aces in the win as the serving was on point for the Lancers. Johnson also tied for the team lead in kills with five, with Kayley Armour adding five kills to her team-best two blocks.

In the final game of the night, Roxana would sew up the top spot in the pool with a 25-23, 25-18 win over Father McGivney. Roxana would move on to the gold flight, while Lincolnwood advanced to the silver flight. Father McGivney would go to the bronze flight, with Ramsey playing in the copper flight.

Grace Pool

While the Lancers were in Raymond, Hillsboro was taking care of business in Litchfield as they went 3-0 in the Grace Pool to advance to the gold flight.

It would be far from easy though as all three wins would go to a deciding third set for the Lady Hiltoppers.

In the opening game against North Mac, Hillsboro would turn a 14-14 tie game into a rout with scoring run that resulted in a 25-15 win in game one. The Panthers returned the favor with an early lead in game two, holding on for a 25-19 victory over the Toppers. The third set was all Hillsboro though as they earned their first win with a 15-6 victory.

Chloe Beck served up seven aces in the win and led the team with 12 points. Emily Reynolds and Haley Major also had eight points apiece, while Kaci Papin led the team in kills with five.

Hillsboro's second win would be even closer as they knocked off Morrisonville 25-20, 20-25, 16-14. Kayli Ward led the team with seven points and seven kills, while Jordan Jacobs added seven points and a pair of aces. Jacobs and Maria Hernandez led the team in assists with nine and ten respectively.

The Toppers closed out their pool play with another three set

thriller over St. Elmo/Brownstown. After splitting the first two games 25-22, 16-25, Hillsboro made short work of the Eagles in the third set with a 15-5 victory.

St. Elmo/Brownstown would go to the silver flight with a 15-25, 25-16, 15-10 win over Morrisonville and a 25-18, 25-13 win over North Mac. North Mac would beat Morrisonville 25-17, 25-17 to advance to the bronze flight, with the Mohawks moving to the bronze flight.

Hope Pool

Back in Raymond, Nokomis earned their first victories of the season and punched their ticket to the silver pool with a 2-1 record in the Hope Pool.

The Lady Redskins would edge South County in their opening game, beating the Vipers 25-22 in set one, then rebounding from a 12-25 loss to win 15-13 in the third set.

Kristen Stauder had six kills and three aces in the win, both team highs, while Macee Eisenbarth led the team in digs with 16.

had the advantage of playing their games in the Purple Pool in their home gym. The Lady Panthers would use this advantage with a win over Edinburg in their first game.

The Panthers would beat the Wildcats 25-23 in the first set, but Edinburg rallied back for a 25-21 second set win. In the deciding game, Litchfield defeated Edinburg 15-10 to start their tournament on a positive note.

Devan Morgan had 12 points in the win, while Becky Painter had nine kills and eight blocks. Kate Komor led the team in digs with 12, while Morgan also had 10 assists.

Unfortunately, the Auburn Trojans and Staunton Bulldogs would keep Litchfield from racking up any more wins as Litchfield fell 25-13, 26-24 to Staunton and 25-7, 25-12 to Auburn.

Painter led the way against the Bulldogs, racking up seven points, two aces and four kills to lead the attack. Defensively, Jordan Morgan led the team with 14 digs, two more than Komor, who finished



Members of the 2018 All-Grace team from the Montgomery County Invitational, from the left, are Morgan Lidy (Vandalia), Kristen Stauder (Nokomis), Marlee Nolen (St. Elmo/Brownstown), Sarah Isenberg (Staunton), Lauren Stade (Auburn), Kenzi Domesic Rink (Auburn), Cassie Krager (Lincolnwood), Macie Lucas (Roxana), J'Amy Jackson (Vandalia) and Emily Reynolds (Hillsboro).



Hillsboro's Haley Major (#6) slips a hit past the outstretched hands of the North Mac blockers during the Toppers' opening game at the Montgomery County Invitational on Friday, Sept. 7. Hillsboro would go 3-0 on Friday, en route to a fourth place finish in the 16-team tournament. *Journal-News/Kyle Herschelman*

Nokomis would run into a buzzsaw in their second game as they fell to Vandalia 25-6, 25-18. Jade Jett had five kills for the Skins, while Stauder led the team in points with six and digs with ten.

The Redskins would close out pool play with a victory, beating Calvary 25-16, 25-11. Maddie Sowash led the charge at the net with five kills and a pair of blocks, while Mia Fesser had 11 points, four aces and nine assists in the win.

The 2-1 record moved Nokomis to the silver flight, while Vandalia took the top spot with a 3-0 record after wins over Calvary (25-3, 25-12) and South County (25-16, 26-28, 15-9). The Vipers would defeat Calvary 25-9, 27-25 in their match as South County went to the bronze flight and the Saints moved to the copper flight.

Purple Pool

Like Lincolnwood, Litchfield

with 12. Devan Morgan would lead the serving with six points against Auburn, while Carlee Ernst had three points.

The 1-2 mark would put Litchfield in the bronze flight, while Edinburg went to the copper flight with a 25-6, 25-13 loss to Auburn and a 25-16, 25-20 loss to Staunton. Auburn would defeat Staunton in three games, 25-15, 23-25, 15-9, to advance to the gold flight.

Gold Flight

As good as the Trojans were in pool play, they might have been better in the gold flight on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Hillsboro would be the first victim of Auburn's solid play as the Toppers fell to the Trojans 25-11, 26-24 in the first semifinal.

Haley Major and Kayli Ward were bright spots for HHS with five points and three aces each, while Chloe Beck led the team in kills with three. Ally Devore led the defense in digs, picking up five.

In the other semifinal, Vandalia held off SCC foe Roxana 25-20, 22-25, 15-11 to make their way to the championship game. Auburn was on a roll though, and the Trojans took care of the Vandals 25-20, 25-16 to earn the title for the second consecutive year.

Prior to the championship, Hillsboro narrowly lost to Roxana in a three-set third place match. The Shells would win the first game 25-18, but Hillsboro would rally for a 26-24 win in set two. Despite the Toppers' best efforts, Roxana would earn the win in the third set by a 25-19 final score.

Several players would come up big in the third place game, including Devore, who had 11 points, two aces and eight digs. Kayli Ward added nine points, three aces and six kills, while Haley Major had eight points, three aces and a team-best ten digs. Kaci Papin would lead the team in kills with eight, while Jordan Jacobs and Maria Hernandez combined for 21 assists.

Silver Flight

The silver flight of the tournament would begin with a Montgomery County clash as Lincolnwood defeated Nokomis 25-16, 25-22 in the first semifinal.

The Lancers were led by Katelyn Payne at the net with seven kills and two blocks, while Briley Johnson had 14 assists. Cassie Krager would come up big on the back line with 15 digs, which led all players. Lexie Millburg and Maggie McClelland led the serving game with ten and eight points

respectively.

Nokomis was paced by Mia Fesser, who had seven points, five assists and five digs. Kristen Stauder also had nine digs, while Macee Eisenbarth had six points.

The Lancers would draw Staunton in the fifth place match after the Lady Bulldogs defeated St. Elmo/Brownstown 25-16, 25-11.

After a razor thin 25-23 win in the first set, Lincolnwood knocked off Staunton 25-17 in the second set to capture fifth place with a 4-1 overall record at the tournament.

Cassie Krager led the team in points, with seven, and digs with 14, while her sister Maddie put down a team best seven kills. Lexie Millburg also had ten digs for Lincolnwood, while Sidney Glick had six points and two aces.

In the seventh place match, St. Elmo/Brownstown would edge the Lady Redskins by a 25-16, 20-25, 15-11 final score. Maddie Sowash had eight points and four aces for Nokomis, while Kristen Stauder led the team with five kills and two digs. Sophia Keller also had five points and two aces in the narrow loss.

Bronze Flight

In the bronze flight, Litchfield lost their bid to advance to the ninth place game with a 25-10, 25-13 loss to North Mac in their opening semifinal.

Trish Seipp led the team with six points, while Becky Painter had five points. Kate Komor finished with a team-best ten digs, while Jordan Morgan added eight digs.

In the other semifinal, Father McGivney defeated South County 26-24, 11-25, 15-12, then knocked off North Mac for ninth place with a 26-24, 25-22 win.

Litchfield would finish the tournament like they began it, with a win, as they defeated South County 19-25, 25-23, 15-13 to place 11th. Seipp again led the team in serving with ten points, while Painter had nine points and six kills, which matched Jordan Morgan for the team high.

Defensively, both Komor (17)



Nokomis' Jade Jett goes up for a kill during the Lady Redskins' pool play game against Vandalia at the 2018 Montgomery County Invitational on Friday, Sept. 7. *Journal-News/Kyle Herschelman*

and Jordan Morgan (12) notched double digit dig totals, while Emily Senjan and Painter had three blocks each.

Copper Flight

In the copper flight, Ramsey would defeat Calvary in one semifinal, winning 23-25, 25-10, 15-12, while Morrisonville defeated Edinburg 25-11, 25-4 in the other.

Calvary would knock off Edinburg in the 15th place game 25-20, 25-17, while Morrisonville won the 13th place game by a 19-25, 28-26, 15-11 final tally over Ramsey.

At the completion of the tournament, Morgan Lidy (Vandalia), Kristen Stauder (Nokomis), Marlee Nolen (St. Elmo/Brownstown), Sarah Isenberg (Staunton), Lauren Stade (Auburn), Kenzi Domesic Rink (Auburn), Cassie Krager (Lincolnwood), Macie Lucas (Roxana), J'Amy Jackson (Vandalia) and Emily Reynolds (Hillsboro) were named to the All-Grace team, with Rink earning MVP honors for the tournament. Both Rink and Isenberg were all-tournament picks last year as well.



All eyes are on Lincolnwood's Kelsey Armour as she awaits a set during the Lancers' game against Father McGivney on Friday, Sept. 7, in Raymond. The Lancers would go on to beat Father McGivney, one of their four wins in the 16-team Montgomery County Invitational as they went on to finish in fifth place overall. *Journal-News/Kyle Herschelman*

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Electrical Fire
Six members of the Nokomis Fire Department responded to a minor electrical fire on South Oak on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Upon arrival, personnel found that a light fixture became faulty. They were on scene for 20 minutes.

Vehicle On Fire
The Raymond-Harvel Fire Department responded to a vehicle on fire on Route 48 at 6:27 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6.

When personnel arrived on

scene, they found contents in the back of a pickup truck were on fire. The truck did not sustain any damage.

Eleven members responded and were back in service at 7 p.m.

Two-Vehicle Accident
Thirteen members of the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle accident on the edge of town on Route 48 at 6:35 a.m. Friday, Sept. 7.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FCB BANKS f/k/a FIRST COLLINSVILLE BANK, Plaintiff,

v. KEVIN NANCE, STACEY NANCE, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

Case No. 18-CH-31 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING

NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206, 2-207, 2-413 and 15-1502, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is October 10, 2018.

The Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on August 22, 2018.

A. Plaintiff is FCB BANKS f/k/a FIRST COLLINSVILLE BANK and the case number is 18-CH-31.

B. Plaintiff brought said action in the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Illinois.

C. The titleholders of record on the real estate are KEVIN NANCE and STACEY NANCE.

D. The legal description of the real estate which is the subject of Count I of the Complaint for Foreclosure is as follows:

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Over the next few months, farmers will be working longer hours. Often starting their days before sunrise and continuing long after sunset, with little to no rest periods in between. Drivers will find themselves sharing roadways with slow moving, oversized tractors, planters and

tillage equipment. In an effort to ensure the safety of farmers, Country Financial has compiled a list of easy farm safety tips.

1. Maintain farm equipment. Most farm accidents and deaths involve outdated machinery. Make sure all equipment is maintained according to the manufacturers' recommendations, in order to prevent tractor rollovers and accidents.

2. Make sure to understand how to safely handle the chemicals which are used. Keep chemicals in their original, marked container and train everyone working on the farm to safely handle chemicals and understand emergency procedures.

3. Be alert on the road. Most accidents happen at dawn or dusk. Accidents occur most often when a driver attempts to pass a slow-moving vehicle, or does not realize a farmer is turning or stopping. Farmers should watch out for other vehicles on the road and use flashing lights to draw attention to the tractor's slow speed.

4. Implement a plan for grain bin safety when entry is absolutely necessary. Train workers

on grain storage hazards and the risks involved with entering a grain storage bin. Follow safe bin entry practices like "Lock Out Tag Out" and utilizing a lifeline system. Have an emergency action plan in case an accident occurs and make sure everyone on the farm is trained to follow it.

5. Tell family and helping hands where and when farmers will be working. Always keep the lines of communication open by carrying a cell phone or walkie-talkie in case of emergencies or accidents.

6. Make sure to get plenty of rest and take frequent breaks. Drink plenty of fluids and have healthy snacks on hand. Accidents are more likely to happen once fatigue sets in.

7. Familiarize oneself with how prescriptions and over-the-counter medications affect each person. Consult a doctor if the medications impair the ability to safely operate the equipment.

Country Financial implores farmers to take extra care of their health not only during National Farm and Safety Health Week but all year long.



Panhandle Prepares For Harvest Season

Roughly five farmers and their employees from Raymond and Harvel are gearing up for the harvest season as they bag up beans on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 5. They began their work Tuesday, Sept. 6, and have filled four bags in Raymond alone. Each bag is made of plastic and holds 14 to 15,000 bushels of crops, and allows for more storage space.

Raymond News Photo

New Program Will Return Unclaimed Refunds

The Illinois State Treasurer's Office is responsible for safeguarding all unclaimed property, such as unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards. As of September 2018, the state of Illinois holds more than \$2 billion in unclaimed property.

The state treasurer is legally required to get the property to the rightful owners, no matter how long it takes for the owner to come forward. In an effort to expediate this process the state has instituted a new program, which they have titled Money Match.

"The new Money Match program will automatically return lost money to Illinois residents, without the usual need to gather paperwork or file a claim," said Illinois State Treasurer, Michael Frerichs. "The goal of the program is to return more money to Illinois taxpayers, more quickly, and without the need of paper."

In 2017, the General Assembly granted the treasurer's office authorization to use existing technology and state records to match unclaimed cash with qualifying Illinois taxpayers. The Money Match Program will only identify owners within the specific criteria range of one-owner properties, with rebates of \$2,000 or less owed to them.

Once identified, the treasurer's office will partner with the Illinois Department of Revenue's tax data to determine if an up-to-date mailing address exists. Once a

mailing address is identified and confirmed, the owner will receive a letter detailing the amount and source of the money that will then be mailed to them in the form of a check. The Money Match Program has already been instituted by both the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and the Rhode Island State Treasurer's Office with great success.

This past fiscal year a record breaking \$180 million in forgotten cash and stocks were returned to individuals, employers and non-profit organizations. Of the more than 116,000 claims that were fulfilled, 49,000 of them were paperless. On average individuals were rebated \$1,552. In each of these claims, the individual had to initiate the process.

The new Money Match Program will be the exact opposite. Rather than individual citizens initiating the return process Money Match enables the treasurer's office to initiate the claim, with no need for action by the owner.

The state treasurer's office estimates that 63,000 Money Match notification letters will be mailed in the month of September. Checks will be issued only after the address is confirmed to be correct. The program expects to return \$12 million statewide. In Champaign County alone, there are an estimated 1,077 properties with an estimated value of \$210,755 to be returned.

"The treasurer's office has over \$2 billion in lost money and

unclaimed property. This new matching process will make it even easier for us to return money to people here in Illinois so they can use it as they see fit," said Frerichs.

Already more than 830,000 Illinois unclaimed property files have been evaluated with the results of 63,000 Money Match recipients identified. The data set evaluates all eligible unclaimed properties individually, so a person with more than one piece of unclaimed property will receive more than one letter.

The data matching effort does not include cash owned by multiple parties, joint holdings of a parent and minor child, shares of stock and bonds, bank safe deposit box contents or escrow accounts. Claims issued under any criteria that are outside the scope of Money Match's data collection authorization still need to be initiated by individual taxpayers.

Individuals who fall outside the criteria of the Money Match Program are encouraged to search the state treasurer's database for their name or the name of their business or non-profit. Since the treasurer's office accepts unclaimed property twice each year, Frerichs encourages individuals to search the database twice a year. Frerichs' office never charges money to search the database or return unclaimed properties. Access the treasurer's website at www.illinoistreasurer.gov/ICASH.

Title Transfers

Aug. 27

TOWD Point Mortgage Trust 2015 6, US Bank TR, Select Portfolio Servicing POA to John J. Wilson, Harry A. Fraase, Spl. WD, Lot 14, Sunset Acres Subd. Norman L. Micnheimer, Peggy Ricks, James E. Micnheimer to Andrew J. O'Guinn, WD, Lots 16-17, Lot 17 & N/2 Lot 16, Blk. 8, Hillcrest.

Aug. 28

Gloria Akeman, Darrell L. Akeman to David James Belusko, Matthew Ryan Belusko, WD, Sec. 36, NW/SW, South Litchfield Twp.

Prairie Homes Association to Tyler M. Todt, Annie E. Todt, Corp. WD, Sec. 3, Pitman Twp.

Erik J. Freeland, Angela D. Freeland to Eric D. Maguire, WD, Lot 2, & Strip of Land Adjacent to Tract, Blk. 11, Burrs 2nd Addn.

Aug. 29

Kathryn A. Wilson, Dennis W. Wilson, Jr. to Litchfield National Bank, Deed, Lot 7, Blk. 93, Huggins PC Addn., Lot 10, Blk. 93, Huggins PC Addn.

Wells Fargo Bank TR, Home Equity Loan Trust 2003 HE6, Ocwen Loan Servicing POA to Melissa Metcalfe, Spl. WD, Lot 1, Blk. 59, Huggins PC Addn.

Edward F. Kiefer, TR, Robert W. Kiefer Trust, Eileen C. Kiefer Trust to Karl A. Kiefer, Trstee Deed, Sec. 28, Pt. NW/NW, Witt Twp.

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Nokomis FFA Officers Serve Lunch At Fillmore Elevator

Officers with the Nokomis High School FFA volunteered their time to cook pork patties at the Fillmore grain elevator for customer appreciation day on Monday, Aug. 27. Pictured above, from the left are Cody Knodle, Derick Bell, Kenzie Earon, Cade Tester, Mackenzie Adams and Keith Carlock.

FFA Hosts Pedal Tractor Pull

The Taylorville FFA will once again present the annual Chilifest Pedal Tractor Pull. The tractor pull will take place Saturday October 7, at the Greater Taylorville Chamber Of Commerce Chilifest on the square. The pedal tractor pull will start at 1 p.m. Event registration will open on the square at noon.

The pedal tractor pull will feature four classes of competition: three to four year olds, five to six year olds, seven to eight year olds, and nine to ten year olds.

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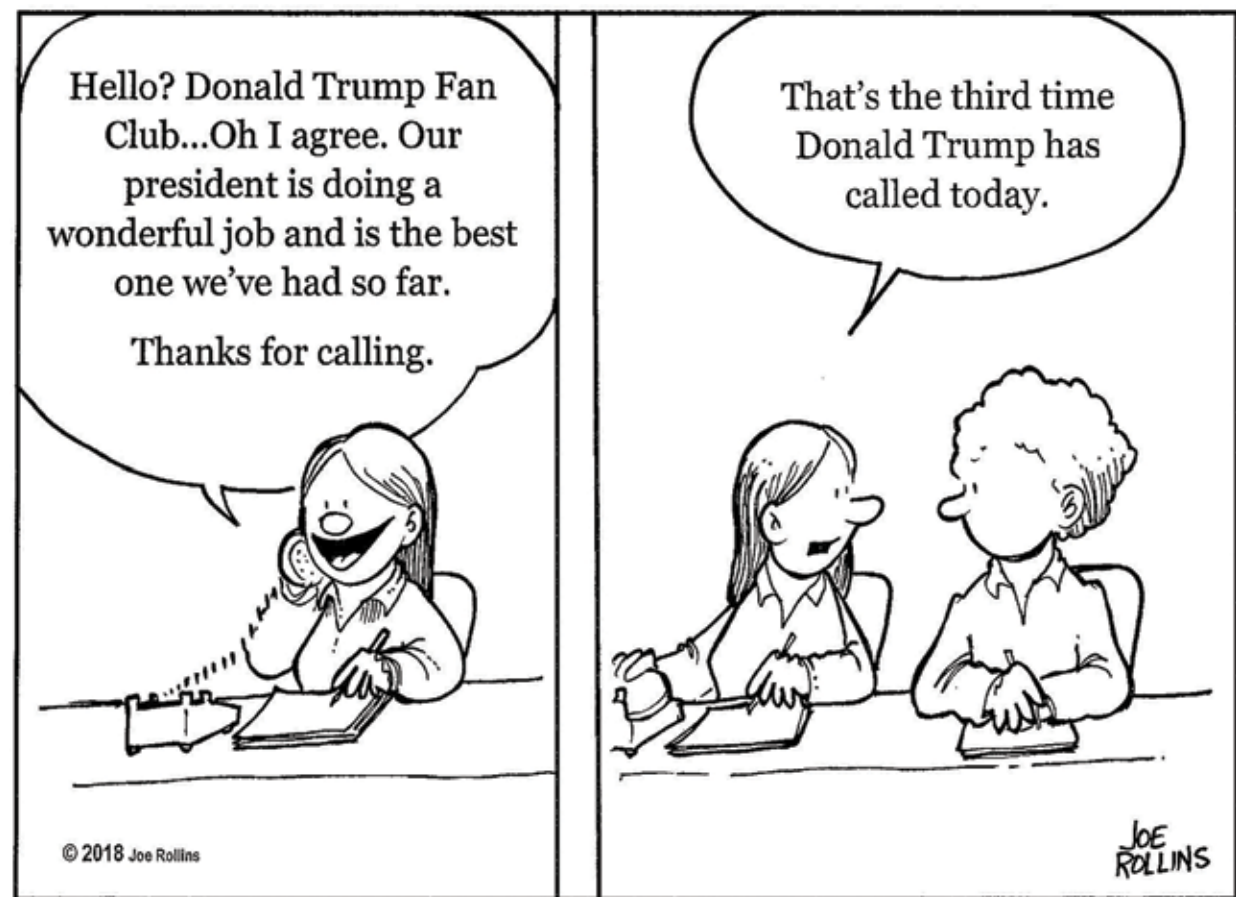
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COONRIDGE DIGEST • by Freida Marie Crump

A Return To The Coonridge Water Cooler

Greetings from the Ridge. You're offered a choice of flavors like orange mango, coconut, or a combination of blueberry and cucumber, and it comes either plain or carbonated. The iconic American water cooler has morphed in a healthier more sustainable direction with Bevi, a liquid dispenser built to cure our growing disdain for sugary drinks and environment-choking plastic bottles. The company estimates that in the past year they've helped save 25 million bottles and cans.

The set up comes in two sizes, one that'll fit on a shelf and a large model about the size of an old-fashioned Coke machine. You can either swipe a touchscreen or send in an order from your desktop. Water—basically pure water flavored in whatever way you wish.

About four years ago MIT came up with the idea after discovering that Americans buy about 29 billion water bottles per year, and manufacturers use about 17 million barrels of crude oil to produce these bottles. Only one in six water bottles are recycled and the rest end up in landfills if we're lucky, and along roads and in oceans if we're not. The result was the Bevi, an "eco-friendly water cooler" that filters and adds carbonation and customized flavors to tap water. Each machine can potentially eliminate 35,000 plastic bottles a year with a four million bottle savings last year.

The new coolers seem to be catching on with over 400 companies including Apple, AT&T, Fidelity, GE, and Netflix now supplying their break rooms with Bevi dispensers. This year the company's sales will top \$20 million.

You walk up to the machine, swipe whether you want plain or sparkling water, then tap your favorite flavor. The price ranges from \$300 to \$500 a month and the storerooms are no longer filled with stacks of bottled water. The Bevi keeps track of its own supplies and sends the message to its supplier who fills the machine. All flavors are both vegan and kosher, and it works out to about 20 cents a glass, putting it well below the cost of most bottled water.

I think that the first water cooler I ever saw was at the local John Deere dealership. It was one of those inverted bottle affairs with a clip of conical drinking cups attached to the side. The little cones held about one gulp so it took several trips to the spigot to quench your thirst. But, the great American tradition of gath-

ering around the fountain to discuss the affairs of the world was very much in evidence, even among the four employees of the tractor dealership. Around 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the parts man, the mechanic, the bookkeeper and the salesman would convene at the cooler to rehash the events of the morning, share their views of the more eccentric or troublesome customers, talk about which acts really hit the spot on the previous evening's Ed Sullivan Show, and most importantly they wrestled with the problems of the world. It wasn't an ideal setting. There were usually no chairs, the smell of tractor oil hung heavily in the air, and the coned cups were always covered with a thin layer of something not quite discernable, yet the water fountain did indeed provide a forum for that most of American tradition of freedom of expression. Blows were hardly ever exchanged and now and again listening to the views of another might actually enlighten someone's mind.

If this sounds like a custom long gone, you're right, and perhaps a new type of water fountain might coax us into a more charitable discussion of our differences. After all, how angry can you get while sipping on a carbonated blueberry and cucumber glass of water? And if indeed the Bevi does cause a return to the water cooler convocation then it would be a boon to our democracy as we start airing our opinions and grievances face to face instead of Facebook to Facebook and other often-anonymous social media. I think there must be something inherently dehumanizing about conversing with our fellow man through a computer screen. I've read that the later at night a digital slam is typed, the most disgruntled is its content. Water coolers, I think, are used mainly during waking working hours.

My grandfather talked about how Democrats and Republicans would go at it tooth and nail around the potbellied stove in his Wayne Feeds store, but that it was all good-natured banter and seldom was a friendship ever destroyed by politics. Perhaps if we started more political discussions with, "Do you want your orange mango water carbonated or plain?" then this business of free speech wouldn't leave such a bad taste in our mouths. 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.

MONDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC Bachelor in Paradise (TV14) (N)	CBS CBS Fall	NBC American Ninja Warrior: "Las Vegas" (TVPG) (N)	FOX So You Think You Can Dance: "Finale" (N)	ION Criminal Minds (TV14)	(01) The Good Doctor	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	(01) Late Show (TV14)
CABLE	A&E Inside Story: Halloween (TV14)	AMC (4:30) Armageddon (98)	BET Black Girls Rock! 2018	BRAVO Housewives (TV14)	CARTOON Dragon	CMT The Breakfast Club (85, R) ★★½	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY The Office	DISCOVERY Street Outlaws: "The Daily Drive" (TV14) (N)	DISNEY Raven
PREM	HBO Atomic Blonde (17, R) ★★★	MAX Terminator Salvation (09, PG-13)	SHOW Shameless (TVMA)	Kidding	America	Shameless (TVMA)	Kidding	SMILF	(15) Scarface (83, R)	

TUESDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC Bachelor in Paradise (TV14) (N)	CBS NCIS: "Fallout" (TV14)	NBC America's Got Talent: "Seminole 2" (TVPG)	FOX Beat Shazam (TVPG)	ION Criminal Minds (TV14)	Castaways (TVPG) (N)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	(35) Late Show (TV14)
CABLE	A&E The First 48 (TV14)	AMC The Day After Tomorrow	BET Black	BRAVO Below Deck (TV14)	CARTOON Dragon	CMT (6:30) Secretariat (10, PG) ★★★	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY Tosh.0	DISCOVERY Alaskan Bush People: "Taking Charge" (TV14) (N)	DISNEY Raven
PREM	HBO Sherlock Holmes (09, PG-13)	MAX Date Night (10, PG-13)	SHOW Shameless (TVMA)	Inside the NFL (N)	Kidding	(10) Inside the NFL: "2018 Week 1"	Traffic			

WEDNESDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC Goldbergs	CBS Big Brother (TV14) (N)	NBC America's Got Talent	FOX MasterChef: "Battle Beef; Semifinal" (TV14) (N)	ION Blue Bloods (TV14)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden (N)
CABLE	A&E Deaf Out Loud (N)	AMC The Chronicles of Riddick (04, PG-13) ★★½	BET Treehouse Masters	BRAVO Real Housewives (N)	CARTOON Dragon	CMT Angels & Demons (09, PG-13) ★★★	CNN Anderson Cooper 360°	COMEDY South Park	DISCOVERY Expedition Unknown	DISNEY Raven
PREM	HBO Bring It On (00, PG-13) ★★½	MAX King Arthur: Legend of the Sword (17) ★★★	SHOW Jerry Maguire (96) ★★★	Kidding	(35) Legally Blonde (01, PG-13) ★★½	(15) Kidding (TVMA)	Inside the NFL (TVPG)			

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Nokomis running back Adam Lyons ran the ball 21 times for 128 yards and a touchdown against Marquette, but the Explorers managed to defend their home turf in Alton with a 27-14 victory over the Redskins. *James Ryan/NokoPhoto*

Redskins Take Week Three Defeat In Alton

by Austin McDowell

The Nokomis Redskins football team traveled to Alton Friday night, Sept. 7, and took a tough 27-14 loss to the Alton Marquette Explorers.

The game didn't start the way the Redskins wanted it to, surrendering a three and out on their first drive. Starting at their own 45 yard line, Marquette found its rhythm and marched it right into the end zone to make the score 7-0.

Starting deep in their own territory, the Skins would pick up four first downs, but ultimately turn the ball over on downs and the Explorers took over. Picking up right where they left off, Marquette strung together five first downs, putting them inside the Redskin ten yard line. Senior quarterback Kaleb Ware would finish the drive off by getting into the end zone to increase their lead to 14-0.

Each team would punt on their next two drives, giving the Redskins the ball near midfield with time running out in the second quarter. Marquette got the big play they needed, though, picking off Alex Tosetti's throw, putting the Explorers in prime position to score before halftime.

And that's exactly what they did with Kaleb Ware getting another touchdown, this one through the air.

The score was 21-0 going into halftime, and the Redskins were looking for a spark.

Marquette would punt it away to the Redskins on their first drive of the second half, and the offense started to come alive. Starting inside their own five yard line, the Skins picked up a couple first downs, and an Adam Lyons' carry got them across midfield.

Tosetti would hit Brown for 30 yards, and Lyons would cap the drive off by getting into the end zone to cut the score to 21-6. The Redskins defense forced another Explorer punt, giving them the ball at their own 20. Lyons would break a seam for a big gain, and Tosetti would run for another one himself. Tosetti then hit Mason Stewart deep for a 41 yard touchdown pass. Ryan Janssen punched in the two-point conversion and the Redskins were within a touchdown at 21-14.

With all the momentum, the Nokomis defense forced their third straight three and out, and the Skins got the ball back looking to tie or take the lead.

The rain started to come down pretty hard in the final quarter. And with eight minutes to go in the game, the ball slipped out of Tosetti's hands. Kaleb Ware scooped it up and took it to the house to swing the game back to 27-14, Explorers.

The Skins would pick up the next drive at their own 32 yard

line, but would fumble again, giving Marquette the ball back. Marquette would try to put three more points on the board, but Lyons would get around the edge and block the field goal attempt.

But Nokomis couldn't get anything going their next drive, and ultimately ran out of time, giving the Alton Marquette Explorers a 27-14 win in Week three.

Alex Tosetti completed ten of his 21 passes, throwing for 117 yards. Mason Stewart led the receivers with 41 yards and secured his first touchdown of the season. Adam Lyons rushed for 128 yards on 21 carries and a touchdown. Defensively, Ryan Janssen had 17 tackles, leading the Redskins for the third straight week. The loss moved both teams' records to 1-2 on the season.

The Redskins host Dupo in their Homecoming game next Friday, Sep. 14. Dupo is 2-1, coming fresh off a 14-0 win Saturday afternoon against South Fork.

September 7 at Alton
Nokomis (1-2) 0 0 14 0 ---- 14
Marquette (2-1) 14 7 0 6 ---- 27

Nokomis Statistics
Passing (10-21-117): Alex Tosetti 10-21-117.

Rushing (38-228): Adam Lyons 21-128, Alex Tosetti 4-50, Ryan Janssen 13-50.

Receiving (10-117): Mason Stewart 1-41, Ryan Janssen 4-35, Hayden Brown 2-34, Brandon Keiser 1-6, Adam Lyons 2-1.

Defense (solo/assists): Ryan Janssen (2/15), Quentin Jamieson (3/10), Tre Stokes (1/8), Hayden Brown (6/3), Derick Bell (0/8), Brandon Keiser (1/4), Adam Lyons (1/3), Mason Stewart (1/3), Dylan Hayes (0/4), Gavin Vincent (2/1), Alex Tosetti (0/2), Keith Carlock (0/2), Braeston Brummet (0/1), Trevor Wright (1/0).

Soccer Toppers Blanked By Comets On Thursday

After a thrilling 7-2 victory over the Roxana Shells on Tuesday to open their 2018 conference schedule, the Hillsboro High School boys soccer team traveled to Greenville Thursday afternoon for a conference showdown against the Comets.

With the conference shrinking by one team this year with the consolidation of the Gillespie and Litchfield teams, each game on the schedule is an incredibly important event. Unfortunately for the orange and black, the step they took forward against Roxana was erased by the Comets as two first half goals and another in the second doomed the Toppers as they fell 3-0 dropping to 1-1 in conference in play.

When play began in the first half, the Toppers used their speed to make room against the Comets and they would nearly break through just two minutes into the tilt as junior Josh Bauman took the ball up the right side and rocketed a shot on. Bauman's shot would sail just wide, but it quickly got the attention of the Greenville backliners and they buckled down.

Both teams would exchange attacks in the early minutes but the Comets would get the best of the battle as at the 11-minute mark

of the half, Greenville would beat Hillsboro keeper Matt Page to the low right side to take the 1-0 lead.

The Toppers would very nearly answer on their next possession as senior midfielder Isaiah Atkins took matters into his own hands, and controlled the ball up the left side. Atkins was able to create space on the play and put a good shot on, but his shot sailed right into the Comet keeper's chest. He would follow up the near miss with a shot over the crossbar on the next possession, but Hillsboro never could break through.

The near misses on the part of the Toppers seemed to ignite the Greenville squad as they would answer at the other end with another goal just past the midway point of the half to go up 2-0, a lead they would keep until the break.

When play resumed in the second, the Comets would add yet another goal just ten minutes into the second, and from there they were very much in cruise control as they would keep the Toppers off of the board, and drop them to 2-6 overall on the season.

The Toppers are off on Monday, before they host the Gillespie Miners on Tuesday at the Sports Complex. The varsity only contest starts at 4:30 p.m.

Comets Hand Panthers First Conference Loss In Volleyball

by Sue Billiter

In its first conference match of the season, Litchfield played host to Greenville on Sept. 6, and it was the visiting Comets who would capture a 25-18, 25-16 match decision.

Amanda O'Regan, first year coach at Greenville, starts five seniors and a junior, a lineup that contains experience and length, both of which were keys to the win in a fast-paced match that contained excellent play by both teams.

But in the end, it was Greenville's hitters who would come up big when needed, namely junior middle hitter Megan Halleman who measures 6'4", 5'11" Nancy Fritzsche, also a middle and outside hitter, Nia Ephron, a 5'10" middle hitter, and outside hitter 5'8" Madelyn Daiber.

In contrast, Coach Jeremy Heigert's starting lineup included two seniors, three juniors and two sophomores none of whom top the 5'8" mark, but played taller as sophomore Becky Painter recorded two blocks, and junior Emily Senjan and senior Lizzy Luttrell each had one.

Neither team established a comfortable lead in set one and with the scoreboard reading 13-10 Greenville, Litchfield took a

timeout but the Comet front line kept the Panther defense on their toes, and the set ended on a touch off the serve of Greenville's Katie Hutchinson for a seven-point first set win.

Litchfield began the second set at the service line, but a downed spike by Greenville's Ally Cantrill returned possession and established a 1-0 lead that was extended to 6-0 before a Comet serve found the net, and put the Panthers on the board. But points would be hard to come by as Greenville again extended its command to 17-10.

The Panthers would battle to within three, 14-17, but it was not to be as Greenville closed it out 25-16.

September 6 at Litchfield
Litchfield 18 16
Greenville 25 25

Litchfield Statistics
Service Points: Devan Morgan 6, Mallory Beecher 6, Carlee Ernst 5, Emily Senjan 5, Jordan Morgan 3, Becky Painter 2; **Aces:** Carlee Ernst 2, Emily Senjan 1, Becky Painter 1; **Blocks:** Becky Painter 2, Lizzy Luttrell 1, Emily Senjan 1; **Kills:** Becky Painter 3, Carlee Ernst 2, Jordan Morgan 2, Lizzy Luttrell 1, Emily Senjan 1; **Digs:** Carlee Ernst 7, Kate Komor 6, Emily Senjan 4, Devan Morgan 2, Mallory Beecher 2, Becky Painter 2, Jordan Morgan 1, Lizzy Luttrell 1; **Assists:** Devan Morgan 5, Mallory Beecher 2, Jordan Minkevich 1.

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