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## KCs Treat Fayco Folks To Morning Of Bowling

Nick Wyatt, Gary Townsend and Matt Skinner (in front, from the left) were three of the 21 people served by Fayco in Schram City who enjoyed a day of bowling at Knisley's Hillsboro Bowl on Friday, March 9, courtesy of the Hillsboro Knights of Columbus. In back are Mike Sahr of Fayco and Hillsboro KC Past Grand Knight Harry Hutchison. KCs raise funds for the good things they do—like treating Fayco folks to bowling—through their annual Tootsie Roll drive.

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## MCEDC Hosts Meeting On Foundation Giving

Helping communities through charitable giving was the topic of a meeting hosted by the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) on Wednesday, March 7, at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro.

"I can't think of any other organizations that can effect so much in a community," Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln (CFL) CEO John Stremsterfer said. "We are limitless."

CFL is a tax-exempt public charity that began in Springfield in 1924 and now not only serves Sangamon County but also Cass, Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Menard, Morgan and Montgomery. The foundation was begun by three Springfield banks, but transitioned to a community foundation in 2002, changed to the current name in 2011, and since then, manages 192 charitable funds with over \$32 million in assets. In 2017, the foundation awarded \$2 million in grants and scholarships.

According to MCEDC Executive Director Valerie Belusko, the meeting with CFL was set up to introduce the concept of working with a foundation for philanthropy that will help communities for the long term. Not only can the foundation administer large gifts, but it can also help small organizations that may not have staff to

administer charitable donations. Local organizations have already benefited from grants from CFL, like the local Patriot Guard chapter, and also Place2Play in Raymond that is raising funds for playground equipment.

Local donors, too, have used the foundation. CFL administers the Sgt. John R. Dalhaus Memorial Scholarship Fund, established by Judy Keith Dalhaus of Litchfield in memory of her son who was killed in a traffic accident in 1990 while serving in support of Operation Desert Shield.

Stremsterfer explained six classes of funds that may be funded through a number of ways, including gifts, bequests, charitable trusts, retirement accounts, life insurance, the conversion of private foundations, real property and farmland. Funds can be established for amounts as low as \$10,000 to \$20,000 depending on the type of fund.

Currently, CFL administers three competitive grants available to Montgomery County organizations, and seven scholarships available to students who live here.

To learn more about the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln, contact director of donor services Kimberly Eck at 217-789-4431 or visit the foundation's website at [www.cfl.org](http://www.cfl.org).

## Litchfield Chamber To Honor Winners At Annual Dinner

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce will recognize several businesses and individuals at its 71st annual dinner on Thursday, March 22, at the Litchfield Community Center. A prime rib dinner will be served and catered by Milanos' Catering. The cost per person is \$35 or \$260 for a table of eight.

The Business Person of the Year is Jim Hewitt of Allscripts Healthcare Solutions, Inc. The Rising Star Member Award will be given to Jessica Vickery of Petal Pushers. The Special Recognition Award will be given to Cheryl Nickerson of Bank & Trust Company and the Citizen of the Year Award will be given to Jim Powell of Litchfield.

"We are pleased to recognize these individuals for all of their hard work and dedication to the community. They are all outstanding

individuals and well deserving of recognition," said Executive Director Dawn Pezold.

Cory Evans of State Farm Insurance Company will be introduced as the incoming chamber president; Jeremy Pattillo of Kerber, Eck & Braeckel as vice president; Brenda Masters-Stout of Fleming Tawfall & Co. as the treasurer; and Jessica Vickery of Petal Pushers will act as past president.

Four new members will be introduced to the board of directors, including Andrew Kuehn of Aaron's Sales & Lease, Courtney Polkowski of StaffQuick, Lisa Casterline of Kelly Services and Perry Jackson of the Montgomery County Democrat Central Committee. They will join existing board members, Cheryl Nickerson of Bank & Trust Co., Eric Johnson of Family Eye Care, Jimmy Gorowski and John Winans of

Bathurst Financial Group, Josh Maddaleno of TCCU in Litchfield, Kelly Taylor of WSMI, Mary Ellen Morgan of Sierra International, Inc., Meghan Bertolino of HSHS St. Francis Hospital, Roberta Meyer of the Montgomery County Republican Central Committee, Steve Bryant of the Litchfield Park District and Tiffany Jarman representing Petal Pushers.

Retiring board members are Jennifer Compton, Kayla Hoover, Lorie McDonald and Tom Baker. All four will be greatly missed for their talents, service and leadership skills.

The Chamber invites and welcomes all members, as well as the public, to attend the dinner. For reservations or for more information, contact Dawn Pezold, chamber executive director, at 217-324-2533, 217-313-1078 or [info@litchfieldchamber.com](mailto:info@litchfieldchamber.com).



Hillsboro High School student Elijah Atkins earned a score of 36 on the ACT test. Pictured above is the Atkins family. In the front, from left to right are siblings, Josiah and Chloe Atkins. In the back row are his father, Brian, his brother, Isaiah, Elijah and his mother, Deborah.

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## HHS Student Elijah Atkins Achieves Top ACT Score

Hillsboro High School is proud to celebrate the outstanding academic achievement of junior Elijah Atkins. Elijah, the son of Brian and Deborah Atkins, earned the highest possible composite score of 36 on his first attempt at the ACT.

On average, only around one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2017, only 2,760 out of more than two million graduates who took the ACT earned a composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1 to 36. A student's composite score is the average of the four

test scores. The score for the ACT's optional writing test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

In a letter to the student recognizing this exceptional achievement, ACT Chief Executive Officer Marten Rooda said, "Your achievement on the ACT is significant and rare. While test scores are just one of multiple criteria that most colleges consider when making admission decisions, your exceptional ACT composite score should prove helpful as you pursue your education and career goals."

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam that measures what students have learned in school.

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## Fill Up Bags For 'Scouting For Food' This Saturday



Pictured above, from left to right are Austin Page, Nick Probst and Colton Christian. In the back row are Roger Shipman, Bailey Davis and Brandi Christian.

Journal-News/Christy Mollet

Boy Scout Troop #377, Girl Scouts, and volunteers covered the Hillsboro community on a chilly Saturday, March 10, to hand out plastic bags to collect non-perishable food items for the Hillsboro Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Non-perishable food items include canned or packaged soup, stew, chili, canned fish, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, etc., that will be taken directly to the food pantry.

The troops will pick up the bags next Saturday, March 17, beginning at 9 a.m. Residents who are donating may hang their bags on the door or set them on the front steps. Those who don't receive a bag but would like to donate may take a plastic bag, mark "Boy Scouts" on it and set outside so the scouts can collect it, or residents may take their bags directly to the Salvation Army, 237 S. Main St. in Hillsboro. They are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

| Weather Report |    |    |          |
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|                | Hi | Lo | Prec.    |
| March 8        | 37 | 23 | ----     |
| March 9        | 46 | 21 | ----     |
| March 10       | 51 | 30 | ----     |
| March 11       | 50 | 31 | flurries |

See the current weather and forecast on [www.thejournal-news.net](http://www.thejournal-news.net)



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# Obituaries

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## Richard W. McGraw, 67

### Owned Litchfield McDonald's

Surrounded by family and in the comfort of his home, Richard W. McGraw (67) of Litchfield, passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, after complications from heart failure.

Born and raised in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, he shared a loving upbringing with two brothers, a sister and an extended family of cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Paper routes, the Roxy and family gatherings at the Cottage laid a structure for the most important thing in his life: family.

After taking a job as a crew member while in high school at a McDonald's in Wisconsin, he and his wife, Dona, built the foundation of their life in Litchfield with the first McDonald's of their own. They started in a small two-bedroom apartment with a Chevy Vega Hatchback. With hard work and perseverance, he built not only a loving home for his children but dozens of businesses where opportunity was abundant for others. He dedicated his life to his businesses, the communities in which they were part of and most of all, the people within them.

He was the epitome of living life to the fullest. And somehow effortlessly accomplished that without ever comprising his values.

Allover yardwork, brandy old fashioned's, bar time, the Green Bay Packers, Archie Bunker, a hard worker, his grandchildren, splitting a beer, a fashionable sweater (St. Croix to be exact), "getting some sun," the golf course, Joel Osteen, car time with Mason and Sunday family dinners.

His fight with Scleroderma and heart failure was met with the only two adjectives that would describe his will in general: grit and determination. Never one to complain or let anyone worry about him, he never wanted to let anyone know the situation he may have known he was in all along. But as he would say, it is what it is.

His spirit is carried on by his wife, Dona; children, Jenna (Rich) Beyers, Mike (Juliana) McGraw and Christa McGraw, grandchildren, Mason, Eli, Connor, Addelyn, Bryce and Grace; siblings, Charles (Darcy) McGraw and Kathy (Jim) Meisel and an extended family of relatives, friends and employees from all walks of life.

Dad is now reunited with his father, mother, brother and other family, friends and loved ones. We know in our hearts he is excited to be home and is enjoying the party



that is Heaven.

We invite you to celebrate his life with us this coming Tuesday, March 13, with a visitation at Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield from 2-7 p.m. followed by the funeral service on Wednesday, March 14, at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Edgewood Cemetery in Litchfield.

Memorials can be made out to the Ronald McDonald Charities of Springfield (610 North 7th, Springfield, IL 62702), HSHS St. John's Foundation (800 East Carpenter Street, Springfield, IL 62729) or HSHS St. Francis Foundation (1215 Franciscan Drive, Litchfield, IL 62056) to benefit patient care needs in the areas of cardiac, hospice and children's health.

Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is in charge of arrangements. For more information, to light a candle or sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.plummerfuneralservices.com](http://www.plummerfuneralservices.com).

Throughout his lifetime, Rick was involved in countless organizations and boards and was the recipient of several awards and accolades, to name a few:

Current Chairman of the Board for the Hospital Sister Healthcare System Foundation (Vice Chairman-2010; Board of Directors-2009); Coaches vs. Cancer Las Vegas Golf Classic; 1981 Ronald Award; 1983 Golden Arch Award Winner (given at that time every two years to the top six McDonald's operators in the world); McDonald's Place Team and Development, Chairman - Chicago Region; McDonald's "Create the Future" Committee (2000); St. Louis Regional Owner/Operators Advisory Board Chairman (96); McDonald's National Operators Advisory Board (82-88); McDonald's Task Force Member (88); St. John's Hospital Quality Care Committee (96-98); Lincoln Land Community College Foundation Board Member (95-98); Baymont Inn Franchise Advisory Council (Chairman-2003; Vice-Chairman-2002; Secretary of Board-2001; Council Director-2000-03); St. Francis Hospital Board of Directors (87-95); Litchfield High School Weight Room funding; Funded various scholarships including the Ray Kroc Youth Achievement Scholarship and Middle School Scholar Athlete Award; and McDonald McTeacher Nights.

## Patsy A. Goodin, 87

### Worked For DeMoulin Brothers

Patsy A. Goodin, 87, of Smithboro, died at 7:22 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at Greenville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Greenville with her family by her side.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 13, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Randy Whitehead officiating. Interment will follow at Noffsinger Cemetery in Pleasant Mound Township.

Mrs. Goodin was born on Sept. 28, 1930, in St. Louis, MO, to Thomas Robert and Frances Lorina Ellen (Hall) Shultz. She married Harry A. Goodin on March 19, 1949, in Morganfield, KY, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 2008.

She was raised near Woburn, moving to Smithboro in her youth. There, she attended one-room country schools including Union, Mahle, and Smithboro, then graduating from Mulberry Grove High School with the class of 1948. After raising her family, Mrs. Goodin worked for Shoppers Center, Midwest Commodities, Majestic Draperies and DeMoulin Brothers Cap and Gown.

She is survived by her seven children, H. Bruce Goodin of Donnellson, Kathy Ann Smith of Coffeen, Patsy Jean (special friend Elvin Barackman) Barack-



man of Keyesport, Terri Gail Stanton of Hillsboro, Sara Jane (special friend Bob Miller) Goodin of Fillmore, Rose (Mike) Bare of Greenville and Abby (Gary) Blackburn of Coffeen; 12 grandchildren, Traci (Andy) Hetzel, Wendy (Del) Reeves, H. Curtis Goodin, Tricia (Brian) Rich, Tony Stanton, Shannon (Rebecca), Chad and Cassie Zumwalt, Jonathan (Brittany) and Zachary Bare, Ashley (Brian) Shaw and Jena (fiance Brennan Kershaw) Blackburn; 16 great-grandchildren, Gabriella, Savannah, Matthew, Alex, Samantha, K.C., Hunter, Carissa, Macie, Alexxus, Tristen, Cameron, Austin, Garrett, Trent and Reid; siblings, Robert Shultz of Florida, Ellen (Melvin) Tedrick of Smithboro and Judy Koontz of Smithboro; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband of 58 years, she was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Betty Rainey, Jane Ellsworth, G.J. Shultz in infancy; three grandchildren, Jennifer Goodin, Alia Stanton and Brandon Bare; daughter-in-law, Jean Goodin; two sons-in-law, Darrell Smith and Paul Stanton; and a brother-in-law, Tom Koontz.

Memorials may be directed to Volunteers for Veterans or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.donnellwiegand.com](http://www.donnellwiegand.com).

## Ida D. Sloman, 86

### Was A Farmwife

Ida Dellnor Sloman, 86, of Springfield died Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 4:42 p.m. at Memorial Medical Center.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sutton Memorial Home in Taylorville.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastors Ted Marrinan and David Poeschel co-officiating. Burial will be held in Morrisonville Cemetery in Morrisonville.

Mrs. Sloman was born on May 26, 1931, in Shiloh Community, Northwest of Morrisonville, the daughter of Orris and Della Jane (Waterman) Garrett. She married Nelvin Sloman on June 24, 1950, at Fairview Methodist Church southeast of Morrisonville, and he survives.

She attended rural Christian County Grade School and graduated from Morrisonville High School. She worked at Consolidated Telephone Company in Taylorville as a telephone operator until her marriage when she became a farmwife.

A member of Zenobia Baptist Church and a current attendee of Bethel Baptist Church in Sharpburg, she was a member and past Regent of Peter Meyer chapter NSDAR, member of Christian County HCEA, Christian County Historical Society and charter



member of Christian County Genealogical Society.

For many years she taught VBS, served as a deaconess, a member of Women's Mission Society and as leader of the BYF with her husband at Zenobia Baptist Church.

Following their retirement in 2012, Ida and Nelvin moved to Lewis Memorial Christian Village in Springfield.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons, Dennis (Nancy), Thomas (Patti) and David (Janet) Sloman; grandchildren, Tyler (Samantha) Sloman, Amanda (Chad) Patton, Chad (Elizabeth) Sloman, Amy (Jason) Stiff, Garrett (Danielle) Sloman and Matthew Sloman (Brenda Chavez); 14 great-grandchildren, Alex, Madalyn and Ellie Sloman, Grant and Griffin Patton, Aidan, Elisa, Brenna and Carson Sloman, Christina and Lauren Jo Stiff; Schaeffer, Charlotte and Beckett Sloman; sisters-in-law, Ruth Garrett and Leola Garrett.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Chrissy Lee Sloman; brothers, Paul, Pier and Bernard Garrett; and sister Etta Mae Fowler.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church or Christian County Genealogical Society. Online condolences may be left at [www.suttonmemorialhome.com](http://www.suttonmemorialhome.com).

## Sarah A.J. Strohmeier, 86

### Enjoyed Playing Cards

Sarah A.J. "Sally" Strohmeier, 86, of Bunker Hill, died Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 11:56 p.m. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 11, at the First Congregational Church in Bunker Hill, with Pastors Jeremy Wood and Sydney Anderson officiating. Burial was held in Bunker Hill Cemetery. Kravanya Funeral Home in Bunker Hill is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Strohmeier was born Nov. 4, 1931, in Bethalto, to Ralph and Louise (McDonald) File. She married George W. Strohmeier on Aug. 6, 1950, in Bethalto, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 2013.

A farmer's wife and merchandiser, she was a member of the First Congregational Church and Kuntry Kuzins Square Dancing. She enjoyed playing cards, dominos and the company of her grandkids and great-grandkids.

She is survived by her children, Georgann (James) Morgando of



Hillsboro, Keith (Tana) Strohmeier and Richard (Sheri) Strohmeier, all of Bunker Hill and Beth (Roger) Scroggins of Indianapolis, IN; grandchildren, Deric Morgando, Jeremy Strohmeier, Nicole Stephens, Stephanie Heiens, Erin Meadows, Colten Strohmeier, Kathryn Scroggins, Sydney Anderson, Spencer Strohmeier, Savannah Frizzo and Skylar Strohmeier; step-grandchildren, Tony Harrison, Brandie Turner and Dustin Fezzel; 17 great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Lester Strohmeier, several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, James P. Morgando, II; brothers, Donald File, Kenneth File; and a sister, Marcella Senn.

Memorials may be made to First Congregational Youth Group.

Online condolences may be left at [www.kravanyafuneral.com](http://www.kravanyafuneral.com).

## National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Is In March

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, the physicians and providers at HSHS Medical Group want to remind everyone that of the cancers affecting both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second-leading cancer killer in the United States. Here at home, Illinois has among the highest rates of colorectal cancer in the United States—a range of 42.3 to 49.4 per 100,000 individuals, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The statistics can be sobering, but they don't have to be—a screening is fast (about 30 minutes), has minimal discomfort, and can save a life.

"Most colorectal cancers develop from colorectal polyps. These are abnormal growths that can become larger and more abnormal over time, eventually becoming cancerous and spreading throughout the body," said Nitin Kumar, MD, a gastroenterologist at HSHS Medical Group Gastroenterology in Effingham.

Fortunately, a colonoscopy is available, and is considered the gold standard of colorectal cancer screening methods for its ability to view the entire colon and both detect and remove polyps during the same procedure. During a colonoscopy, the doctor uses a long, thin, flexible, lighted tube (called a colonoscope, or scope) to check for polyps or cancer inside the rectum and the entire colon.

During the test, the doctor can find and remove most polyps and some cancers. A colonoscopy also is used as a follow-up test if anything unusual is found during other screening tests. Most people will not feel pain during a colonoscopy, though some may experience a bit of discomfort. Medication will be given to patients to make them sleep through a colonoscopy, so they don't feel anything during the procedure.

Precancerous polyps and early-stage colorectal cancer don't always cause symptoms, especially at first. This means that someone could have polyps or colorectal cancer and not know it. That's why having a screening test is so important. The bottom line: For those 50 or older (45 if African-American) and/or have a family history of colorectal cancer, talk with a doctor about getting screened.

With March being National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, HSHS Medical Group urges everyone to schedule their colonoscopy. Screening tests like colonoscopies can catch colorectal cancer early, making it easier to treat. Thanks to timely screenings, there has been a 30 percent decrease in colorectal cancer over the last 10 years. Early detection is the best protection. Talk to a family doctor to schedule a colonoscopy. If anyone needs a family doctor, call 844-520-8897 to speak to a patient advocate.

## 4-H Offers 3D Printing And 'Eggcellent' Egg Workshops

Montgomery County 4-H will offer two workshops on Friday, March 30 at the Extension office in Hillsboro.

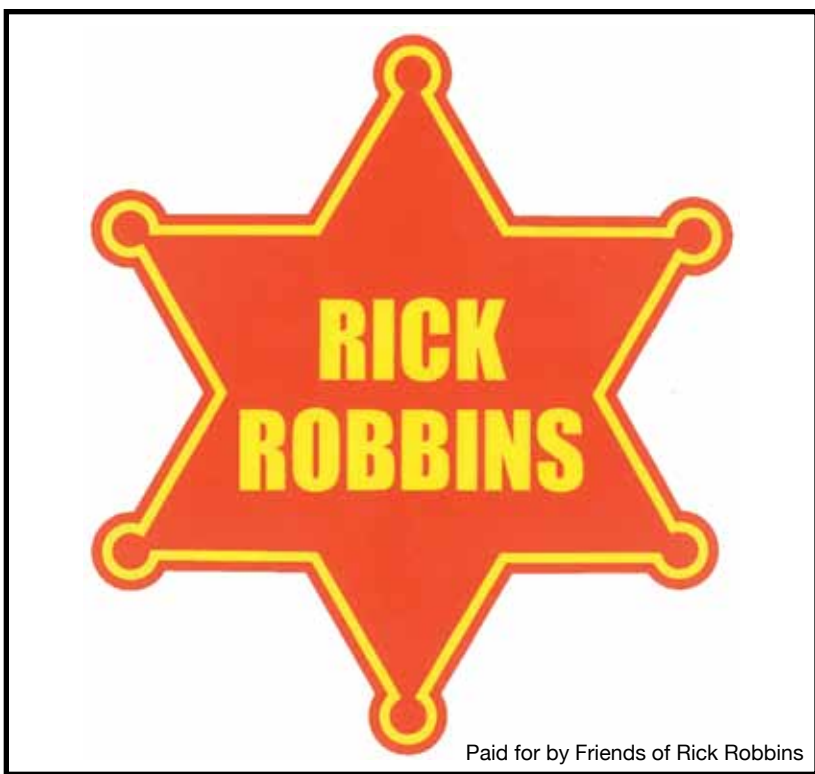
A 3D printing class will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for youth ages eight to 18. This workshop is an introductory basic 3D design class. Youth will use a CAD program to create their own "bag tag" which will be available to pick up the following week. The session will also cover what 3D printing is, how it's used and will be used in the future. The cost to attend is \$5.

Eggcellent Eggs workshop will be held from 12 to 1 p.m. for ages

five to seven. Learn about eggs from farm to table, try some egg recipes, egg experiments and of course egg decorating. The cost of this workshop is \$5.

To register, visit the 4-H website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/montgomery4h/>, call the Montgomery County Extension office at 217-532-3941 or by emailing Elisha Hughes at [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).

4-H needs volunteers willing to share their knowledge with young eager learners. If anyone is interested in volunteering to teach a workshop or course, contact Elisha Hughes at the Extension office.



## Jerry L. McDonald, 73

### Arrangements Incomplete

Jerry L. McDonald, 73, of Decatur, died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2018, at Nokomis Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Arrangements are incomplete

at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

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**Weather Forecast**

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| <p><b>monday</b></p>  <p>44°F / 26°F<br/>Mix of sun and clouds</p> | <p><b>tuesday</b></p>  <p>37°F / 21°F<br/>Considerable cloudiness</p>          | <p><b>wednesday</b></p>  <p>42°F / 30°F<br/>Abundant sunshine</p>                      |
| <p><b>thursday</b></p>  <p>60°F / 46°F<br/>Mostly sunny</p>        | <p><b>friday</b></p>  <p>62°F / 51°F<br/>Showers possible in the afternoon</p> | <p><b>saturday</b></p>  <p>64°F / 50°F<br/>Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm</p> |

**Litchfield Resident Named Alumna Of The Year At Salus**

Angela Morris of Litchfield has been awarded the Audiology Alumna of the Year Award for 2018, presented by the Salus University Alumni Association.

Her numerous leadership roles for state and national organizations have included serving as president of the Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA) and president of the Kentucky Academy of Audiology.

She remains on the executive board for the ADA as immediate past president and serves on additional ADA committees. Dr. Morris was recently elected to the National Academies of Practice, in which she will be installed at their annual conference later this year.

She received her Master of Science in communication disorders/audiology from the University of Louisville in 1999, and completed her Doctorate of Audiology at the Salus University Osborne College



**Dr. Angela Morris**

of Audiology in 2003.

Dr. Morris recently sold her successful private practice of 14 years in Corbin, KY, and has moved with her husband to Illinois.

**Coffeen Seniors Will Meet This Wednesday, March 14**

The Coffeen Senior Citizens Group will meet on Wednesday, March 14, at 11 a.m. at the Ponderosa Steakhouse in Vandalia. The group hopes to have a nice turnout of their current members.

They are also looking for new members and are asking individuals to join them for the following

meeting and luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at the Coffeen United Methodist Church annex, at the corner of Rt 185 and Church Street in Coffeen. Dues are only \$3 a year.

The Coffeen Senior Citizens Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Auxiliary Scholarship Apps Available**

The Hillsboro Area Hospital Auxiliary is now taking applications for two nursing scholarships and one healthcare field scholarship. These scholarships are available for first-year students and those who have completed a year or more in an accredited program.

Applications may be picked up at Hillsboro Area Hospital or any of the high schools in Montgomery County.

Questions regarding these scholarships may be directed to Sue White at 217-532-5257. Application deadline is Friday, April 20.

**Atkins ACT**

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Students who earn a 36 composite score have likely mastered all of the skills and knowledge they

will need to succeed in first-year college courses in the core subject areas. ACT scores are accepted by all major four-year colleges and universities across the U.S.



**KMOV Visits LMS For Storm Mode Tour 2018**

Litchfield Middle School was one of KMOV News Channel 4's stops during their Storm Mode Tour 2018 on Thursday evening, March 1, in the school gymnasium.

The news channel teamed up with Litchfield schools, along with the Tourism Office to bring this free event to the local area.

The meteorologists, reporters and staff were on hand to answer weather-related questions, with a gym full of anxious followers waiting for autographs, giveaways and a chance to meet their favorite meteorologist (pictured above). Meteorologists included Kristen Cornett, Kent Ehrhardt, Matt Chambers, Meghan Danahey and Steve Templeton.

Live weather reports were given at 4, 5 and 6 p.m., followed by a severe weather presentation to give community members a better understanding of predictions.



Pictured to the right, KMOV's 4Warn Meteorologist Meghan Danahey, who reports on News 4 at noon and 5 p.m., gives a live report surrounded by local fans. *Journal-News/Bethany Martin*

**Allen Will Speak At LRM Women's Conference**

LRM Missions of Litchfield invites area ladies to attend the annual Women's Conference on Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17. This year's theme "Fearless Warriors" will be addressed in the main sessions and the Friday afternoon mini-class sessions will be on spiritual warfare.

The featured speaker is Alita Allen, a mother of five, who lost her husband, her mother and had to sell her farm all in one year. She survived by standing on the promises in the Bible. She is a worshipper, songwriter, recording artist and a real "warrior." Based in Tennessee, she is a national leader of a home-based business. Allen sang "Amazing Grace" with the Bobby Robinson band for the HSHS St. Francis Hospital benefit concert in Litchfield in 2017.

She will be supported by two LRM favorite "Generals in the Faith" Doris Ely of Caseyville and Donna Kazenske of Litchfield. Other young fearless warriors will share in the Friday afternoon sessions, including Merari Houser, Deb Duffy Jayarathne and Christine Love.

The conference schedule for Friday is 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the main auditorium in



**Alita Allen**

Sunshine Park, 1200 E. Union Ave. in Litchfield. Noon and evening meals are provided Friday in the Life Center, 1285 E. Union Ave. for those who pre-register.

Saturday will conclude with an extended session beginning at 10 a.m. in the auditorium. The House of Sunshine Coffee Shoppe and Book Nook will be open Friday and Saturday for the convenience of the conference guests and local friends. Local ladies are welcome to drop in for the Friday afternoon meeting without advance registration.

To register, call 217-324-6215.

from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at [www.lrmmissions.org](http://www.lrmmissions.org).

**Montgomery County POLITICAL HATS IN THE RING**

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## Bruhn Couple Celebrate Golden Anniversary Trip

Dale and Carol Bruhn of Litchfield will observe their 50th wedding anniversary in Fort Myers, FL.

Dale and the former Carol Knaggs were united in marriage on March 23, 1968, at the First Baptist Church of Litchfield. Both retired from Litchfield Community Unit School District #12

where Dale served as building and grounds coordinator and Carol was a bus driver.

They have been blessed with two children and two grandchildren, a daughter, Cara, who resides in Greenville, and son Derrick, wife Lynne; and their two daughters, Mabry and Mylin, of Monticello.

## Imagine Hillsboro Will Hold Father-Daughter Princess Ball

Imagine Hillsboro will hold a Father/Daughter Princess Ball on Saturday, March 24, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 11198 IL Rt. 185 in Taylor Springs.

Register for the event by Tuesday, March 20. Registration forms can be picked up at city hall, the public library and Sage on Sage, all in Hillsboro, or register online at <https://www.imagine-hillsboro.com>. Registration forms and payments may be mailed to

Imagine Hillsboro, P.O. Box 234, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

In addition, Bre's Beehive in downtown Hillsboro will be offering princess makeovers that day by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 217-532-2737.

Picture packages will be available for purchase by Tabitha Bock Photography.

For updates, follow Imagine Hillsboro on Facebook or contact Victoria O'Dell at 618-795-4170.

## Births

Christina Nix of Carlinville announces the birth of her daughter, Lanie Rose Keffer, born at 4:20 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 ozs., and measured 19 ins. long.

Lanie is welcomed home by big brothers, Logan Nix, nine years old, and Colton Shane Keffer, 10 months old.

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## Hillsboro Rehab Plans Easter Egg Hunt March 24

Hillsboro Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, will hold an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. at 1300 E. Tremont St. in Hillsboro.

Children of all ages are invited to attend the event.

There will be four different age groups and a golden egg in each group. Find the golden egg and win a bike. Children are encouraged to bring their own basket or bag.

For more information, call 217-532-6191 and ask for Bobbie or Becki.

## Pancake, Sausage Breakfast Will Be Held On March 17

The Coffeen Lions Club will host a Happy St. Patrick's Day Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, March 17, from 7 to 10 a.m. at the East Fork Community Building in Coffeen.

Donations will be accepted and will benefit the community projects and Coffeen Grade School.

## Marriage Licenses

Jerry Edward Shafer, Staunton; Melissa Rae Atwood, Staunton; Edward George Ettlting, III, Hillsboro; Kylie Nicole Carlyle, Hillsboro



## HUMC Raises \$6,500 For Camden's Crew

Members of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church held their annual pancake and sausage breakfast on Feb. 17, and the proceeds were donated to Camden Burke of Irving, who is fighting Cri du Chat Syndrome. Camden is the two-year-old son of Jason and Gina Burke of Irving, and proceeds will help fund an alternative therapy that helps Camden to develop his skills. The annual breakfast raised \$6,500 for the family. Pictured above, from the left are Gina, Rennan, Jason and Camden Burke, Pastor Mike Lawton and Peggy Cooper, who is co-chairman of the NOW Team. For more information, visit "Camden's Crew" on Facebook. Additional donations may be made to Camden's Crew through an established fund at National Bank in Hillsboro.



## Litchfield Daisy Scouts Tour Food Pantry

Members from Daisy Scout Troop 3598 met Saturday, March 3 at the Litchfield Food Pantry to learn about how the food pantry benefits Litchfield families. They helped fill up a shopping cart with the amount of food donated to a family of four. Each month, the Litchfield Food Pantry feeds 150 families of various sizes. During their trip, the Daisies also helped to put away a pallet of bread, buns and the donations they brought that day. They were happy to help and worked fast. Pictured from left to right are Sydney Fleming, Milyn Rodil, Koralyne Jones, Food Pantry Volunteer Dorothy Ernst, Hazle Zeigler, Maria Adam and Elise Stewart.

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## Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinner To Be Held March 17

The United Methodist Women of Gillespie will host a corned beef and cabbage lunch and dinner on Saturday, March 17, at the United Methodist Church, 900 Broadway in Gillespie. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. The menu will include corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, drink and a dessert. Carry-outs are available. A freewill offering will be taken.

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I can never adequately thank my loving church family for the many acts of kindness expressed in so many beautiful ways on Sunday, March 4, at the Retirement Appreciation Worship Service and dinner the church provided in honor of my 30 plus years as the church secretary. I am still in awe at such love that only the Lord can provide!

I am so grateful for the large church family attendance, plus many other friends and family. Thank you all for coming and making my day so special! I also want to thank my three daughters, Vicki, Tami and Kim, for singing with me, something we haven't been able to do for a long time, and to my grandson, Stephen, for assisting us on sound with the tape accompaniment.

My special thanks to John Cooper, Pastor Mike and the Staff Relations Committee for planning the event; to Marty and Patty Niehaus for the wonderful video tapings; an interview of myself and the full worship service; Mary Dagon for her wonderful tribute speech; Jane Spencer and Judy James for a great job of organizing the delicious dinner, the beautiful decorations, and many other things, and to all who helped them and cleaned up afterwards. Thank you also for the monetary and other gifts, and for all the nice cards and notes.

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Matt is a husband, father, and stepfather. Born and raised in Hillsboro. Any extra funds will go to a new local diabetes foundation. Tricia Smith and Nicole Wilkinson are the founders. Account is set up at TCCU. Help spread the word. More information on the NEW foundation coming soon.



## Delores Wright Of Casey's Turns 80 Years Old Today

Delores Wright, of Schram City, will turn 80 on Monday, March 12, but she keeps herself busy by working in the kitchen at Casey's General Store, located at 1556 School Street in Hillsboro. "I came here when this store was built which was around 23 years ago. This is my second home. I love working here and I don't know what I would do without it," Wright said.

Journal-News/Christy Mollet



## Panhandle School District Holds Family Reading Night

Children from the Panhandle School District enjoyed family reading night on Thursday, March 1, in the Raymond Grade School gym. "Camp Read A Lot" was coordinated by the school district's Title 1 Teacher, Misty Poggenpohl. Lily Terneus and Wyatt Jenkins, pictured above, loved coloring bookmarks.

Raymond-News Photo

## Mobile Dental Health Unit Will Be At St. Francis April 3

The Lewis and Clark Community College Mobile Dental Health Unit will be at HSHS St. Francis Hospital on Tuesday, April 3, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This mobile health unit is staffed with professional dental providers to offer high quality, comprehensive exams and preventative services for adults 18 years of age and older. The visit

fee is \$28 and includes all exams, x-rays and preventative services, including cleaning, sealants and fluoride.

Patients will not be refused service due to inability to pay. Follow-up treatment visits will be required. For an appointment or more information, call 618-468-4414.

## Food Course, Exam Will Be Held At The Extension Office

University of Illinois Extension office will be offering the state-mandated Certified Food Protection Managers class and exam. The Illinois Department of Public Health Food Sanitation Code (section 750.540) requires food service establishments to be under the operational supervision of a certified food protection manager during hours of operation. Certificates need to be renewed every five years and class attendance is mandatory to sit for the exam.

The two-day course will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 16 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Extension office in Hillsboro. Participants are required to attend both days of classes. The exam will take place on the second day. Please bring a photo I.D. This class, the materials and the exam will be offered in English. For individuals with special needs or require assistance, let the Extension know during registration for reasonable accommodations.

The class will be taught by Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Lisa Peterson, and provides the minimum classroom work to prepare for the National Certification Examination. Topics include foodborne illnesses, safe food handling, cooking and storage, employee health and hygiene, facility safety and maintenance, and cleaning and sanitization.

Pre-register by Wednesday, March 28. Pre-registration is required as exams need to be ordered prior to course. Register by calling the Montgomery County Extension office at 217-532-3941 or online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/>. The fee for this course is \$115 and includes textbook, class materials and exam.

For any questions or concerns, call the Extension office or email [lap5981@illinois.edu](mailto:lap5981@illinois.edu). If less than five participants are registered, the class is subject to cancellation with full refunds.

## Free Open Registration Prep Day Will Be Held At LLCC

This spring, Lincoln Land Community College will be providing an opportunity for future students to complete many of the tasks required before starting college at LLCC during an Open Registration Prep Day event on Friday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. This free event will take place on the LLCC Springfield campus, 5250 Shepherd Road.

Participants can attend a new student orientation session, activate an online account, fill out a Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) form, take placement tests if necessary and schedule an appointment or meet with an academic advisor. Lunch will be provided.

"If you've made the decision to attend LLCC, this is a great opportunity to accomplish many of the enrollment steps in one day," said Lisa Collier, associate vice president, enrollment services.

Before the event, participants will need to complete the LLCC admission form by going to [www.llcc.edu](http://www.llcc.edu) and clicking on "Apply Now." They will also need to submit high school, GED and other college/university transcripts, as well as SAT/ACT test scores.

Registration for the event is required and due by Monday, March 18.

For more information and to register, visit [www.llcc.edu/Open-Reg-Prep](http://www.llcc.edu/Open-Reg-Prep).



## Schweizer, Marquess To Marry This June In Private Ceremony

Mark and Lisa Schweizer of Nokomis announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista Schweizer to Jacob Marquess, the son of Roy and JoAnn Marquess of Nokomis.

The bride-to-be is a 2007 graduate of Nokomis High School and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 2011, with a degree in business administration. She is currently employed at M&M

Service Company in Carlinville.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Nokomis High School and Murray State University in 2005, with a degree in wildlife biology. He is currently employed at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Shelbyville.

The couple have set a private wedding ceremony for Saturday, June 9, which will be held at a family member's residence.

## Extension Office Will Host A Lesson On Eggs March 26

Once upon a time, shelves in grocery stores were filled with different size eggs, but not a lot of variety otherwise. Shopping for eggs is not that simple anymore. Today, eggs can also be purchased at farmers markets or straight from the farm and are available in many varieties.

To help the public learn more about eggs, University of Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator, Lisa Peterson will host a lesson on eggs, "From Farm to Fork." This lesson will review organic, free-range, lower cholesterol and other varieties of eggs. Peterson intends to provide consumers with knowledge to make well-informed decisions when purchasing eggs and will

distribute information on how to keep eggs safe from farm to fork.

This class will be held at the Montgomery County Extension office, #1 Industrial Park Drive in Hillsboro on Monday, March 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come join in the festive fun and have an "eggcellent" time learning all about eggs, receive a recipe book and sample some "eggciting" recipes. The program is offered at no cost, but registration is required.

To register, call the Montgomery County Extension office at 217-532-3941 or visit their website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/>. For questions or concerns, call the Extension office or email them at [lap5981@illinois.edu](mailto:lap5981@illinois.edu).

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REDSKIN REVIEW • by Brea Cox at Nokomis High

## Redskin Students Keeping Busy At Spring Events



Here we are, already in mid March! My parents have always said that each year seems to fly by a little quicker. I finally know what they mean. There are 58 school days left until my senior year will be over.

Congratulations to the February Students of the Month, including freshman Emma Hand, sophomore Quentin Jamieson, junior Drew Johnson and senior is Brea Cox.

Most people who use the word "retarded" do not mean to be hurtful, but to the millions of people around the world who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families and friends, it is hurtful and as cruel and offensive as any other slur. There is no one who can express the hurt more so than someone who lives with a difference. There was a banner laid out on Wednesday for junior high and high school students to write their names down to take the pledge not to say that word.

The varsity scholastic bowl team finished its season in a tough match against Pana in regionals Monday night. McKenzie Funk correctly answered seven questions, Zack Weiland with two and Jake McDonald with one. Great job!

Ukulele Ensemble will be starting up again on Monday, March 12 after school in the band room.

If you've never played before, no worries! We will meet until 3:45 p.m.

Congratulations to those FFA members who competed at the district proficiency contest Wednesday night! They did a phenomenal job interviewing in front of judges on their projects. Of the nine members, two will be advancing to state later this month. Ben Marley will be advancing in ag mechanics and repair maintenance while Mackenzie Adams advances in nursery operations. Congrats again to Ben, Mackenzie, Cody, Lucas, Drew, Keith, Cade, Nick and Zach!

Bill Steele will be at Steele Hall this Wednesday, March 14 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. for anyone interested in renting a tux for prom.

Order forms for the new "Grace" shirts for the county baseball tournament are available in the office. Orders and money need to be returned by March 26 to the office or by March 29 to Jo Brummet.

In sports, the Lady Redskins softball team will travel for a round robin against Rochester and Warrensburg on Saturday. The Redskins will have their first game Friday.

"High School Highlights" goes to Brayden and Carter Sabol on being named to the first team All-Conference and to Austin McDowell who received honorable mention. Congratulations to Carter who was named to class 1A-2A fourth team IBCA All-State team.

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



## KMOV's Steve Harris Helps Students Celebrate Reading

"I do not like them, Sam-I-Am. I do not like green eggs and ham." KMOV Feature Reporter Steve Harris stopped by Madison Park Elementary School on Thursday morning, March 1, to help students celebrate National Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss' birthday, which was Friday, March 2. Visiting with his friends from the Storm Mode Tour, Harris read Dr. Seuss' popular book to the elementary school, and even dressed as Sam-I-Am, with the help of kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Nancy Flack (pictured to the right).

Steve Harris reports on News 4 This Morning, covering inspirational stories of local "heroes." A short clip of his visit in Litchfield can be found on his Facebook page, Steve Harris KMOV. "Got My Kicks... in Litchfield."

Journal-News/Bethany Martin



## LLCC Spring Film Series Presents *The Way*

The Lincoln Land Community College Arts and Humanities Department invites the public to view and discuss the film *The Way* on Thursday, March 22, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Trutter Center on the LLCC Springfield campus.

In *The Way* (2010), a father hears that his son was killed in an accident in the north of Spain while walking the over 1,000-year-old pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago. The father goes to Europe to claim his son's body.

Once there, he decides to complete his son's pilgrimage to honor his son's memory. This is the story of a man and the people he meets on the Camino de Santiago who find meaning and purpose while on pilgrimage. Speaker and facilitator is Joseph Hoff, LLCC professor of Spanish.

Prior to the film showing, the Trutter Museum will have culturally relevant artifacts from the Trutter collection on display in the reception area. Film series

attendees are encouraged to come early to enjoy the art and history.

The event is the second installment in LLCC's spring film and discussion series entitled "Through a Different Lens: Cultural Perspectives through Film," which is hosted by Ashley Green and Paul Van Heuklom, LLCC professors of English, and Professor Hoff. The final film in the spring series, *Your Name (Kimi No Na Wa)* (2016) will be shown on April 19. There is no charge to attend.

PANTHER PRESS • by Breanna Seely at Litchfield High

## Winter Sport Athletes Honored At LHS



This week was a busy week for awards at LHS. Most of the winter sports had their awards ceremony on Thursday. Boys basketball and cheerleading awarded night took place in Simmons Gym. Basketball players awarded were Sam Painter with most valuable player, Austin Niehaus with impact player award and Billy Beckham with most improved player, impact player award and free throw award (making 75 percent of his free throws).

The cheerleaders awarded were Jonah Ligutom with most spirited cheerleader, Carmen Stephenson with most improved cheerleader and Katie Brandt with most valuable cheerleader and cheerleader of the year.

The scholastic bowl team had an ice cream social in the cafeteria on Thursday night for the team and their families. Junior varsity members awarded were Colton Wall with most valuable player, Anna Baugher with most improved and Bethany Seely with the Panther award.

Varsity members that were awarded were Sydney Hoehl as most valuable player, Blake Rentz as most improved and Brakston Brummet with the Panther award.

Congratulations to all winter athletes and best of luck as the spring season approaches.

Last Friday, we had nine high

school students that attended the state art convention. The theme for this year's convention was "Imagination Nation." The students who went were Brakston Brummet, Melody Salisbury, Bethany Seely, Raven Campbell, Riley Broderick, Michelle Saa-thoff, Bailey Webster, Haydan Brown and Ellie Tishler.

Melody said the thing she was looking forward to at the convention was "networking with local artists interested in similar topics."

Bethany said that her "favorite thing about art is just being able to sit down in front of a blank piece of paper, or a blank canvas, and being able to let [her] thoughts just flow out of [her], and making something beautiful."

Michelle said the things she had been looking forward to at the convention was "definitely seeing [her] friends from last year and seeing everybody else's artwork."

Seniors, Jostens will be at the school on March 13 to deliver items you ordered for graduation. Please make sure to stop by the table to pick up your invitations, mugs, clothing and other items.

Also, make sure you are checking the announcements for new scholarship opportunities. They can be found at the school or on the school website. Printed copies of scholarships can be picked up in student services.

Musical rehearsals for *Once Upon a Mattress* are kicking off almost every day now. The cast learned the first part of their big

dance number on Thursday. Save time in your schedule to come see the production's hard work the last weekend of April. Tickets will be on sale soon.

On Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a prayer circle for 2017 graduate Layton Pezold. This will be hosted on the football field of the high school. Father Thomas Hagstrom will lead the message. A collection will be taken to help cover the cost of their apartment for 100 days.

Layton was diagnosed with leukemia and will be receiving a bone marrow transplant on March 15. Everyone is invited to come and send their thoughts and prayers to Layton and his family. Come out and show that Litchfield is Pezold Strong.

On March 24, the Litchfield Music Boosters are hosting a pancake breakfast. It will be held in the LHS cafeteria. So come get a nice breakfast and listen to the jazz bands perform.

Seniors, you will be receiving baccalaureate invitations in the mail within the next month. Please fill out the RSVP form, if you are going or not, and drop it in the box in student services. RSVPs are due by April 11. The date of baccalaureate is May 6.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is challenging the LHS students and the Litchfield community with a weekly challenge. This week's challenge is to do something nice for someone who will never find out.

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## Season Tickets Now Available For Munny's Summer Series

The Munny has announced that season tickets for The Munny's 2018 centennial summer season are now available.

The historic season includes two Munny premieres. The seven shows are: *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* (June 11-17), *The Wiz* (June 19-25), *Singin' in the Rain* (June 27-July 3), *Jersey Boys* (July 9-16), *Annie* (July 18-25), *Gypsy* (July 27-August 2) and *Meet Me In St. Louis* (August 4-12).

In its first major staging since leaving Broadway in 1990, *Jerome Robbins' Broadway* is an epic musical anthology that honors the career highlights of Tony Award-winning director and choreographer, Jerome Robbins. Filled with mesmerizing production numbers from some of Robbins' biggest hits, including *West Side Story*, *On the Town*, *Peter Pan*, *The King and I* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, this is one monumental Munny premiere befitting a celebratory start to our centennial season.

Based on L. Frank Baum's nostalgic classic, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, *The Wiz* sparkles with heart-pounding soul, unforgettable gospel and infectious rock rhythms. A Grammy Award-winner for Best Cast Show Album, winner of the Tony award for best musical and ranked as one of the highest-watched live television musicals, this re-imagined familiar favorite will have everyone ready to "Ease on Down the Road" to meet the *Wiz* themselves.

Atimeless Munny classic, *Singin' in the Rain* has all the makings of a Tinseltown tabloid headline – the starlet, the leading man, a love affair for the ages and the unexpected transition from the silent film era to "talkies." Known for its unforgettable hit-parade of Hollywood standards, splashy production numbers, hilarious situations and snappy dialogue, this Munny production is sure to be a downpour of pure delight.

The international sensation arrives at The Munny in style. The Munny is thrilled to be the first theatre in the world to produce *Jersey Boys* after its acclaimed international production. *Jersey Boys* is the authentic biographic story of worldwide megahit group, *Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons*. Featuring over 30 chart-topping hits, including "Sherry," "Big Girls

Don't Cry," "Walk Like a Man" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," this Munny premiere is almost too good to be true, and will leave audiences saying, "Oh, What a Night!"

Leapin' lizards! Everyone's favorite plucky, irresistible orphan is back. Based on the popular 1920's Harold Gray comic strip, "Little Orphan Annie", *Annie* is one of the most acclaimed musicals of all time. This seven-time Tony Award-winning family favorite features unforgettable hits like "It's the Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street" and the iconic Broadway standard "Tomorrow." You can bet your bottom dollar this is one beloved, multi-generational Munny favorite guaranteed to entertain the entire family.

Revered by many as the greatest musical ever written, *Gypsy* is the timeless tale of an ambitious stage mother, Mama Rose, fighting for her daughters' success while secretly yearning for her own. With a book by Academy Award-winner Arthur Laurents and lyrics by Tony Award-winner Stephen Sondheim, *Gypsy* features countless showstoppers, including "Let Me Entertain You," "Together, Wherever We Go" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses." Starring Munny favorite and Tony Award-winner Beth Leavel, this is one Munny production guaranteed to shine.

Clang, clang, clang, everyone is off to The Munny. Based on the heartwarming 1944 MGM film, *Meet Me in St. Louis* paints a wholesome portrait of a turn-of-the-century American family. Set in the summer of 1903, the Smiths eagerly await the grand opening of the 1904 World's Fair. Over the span of a year, the family's love, tempered with good-natured humor, guides them through romance, opportunity and unexpected heartbreaks. With hits such as "The Trolley Song," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and the title number, this is the perfect finale to our 100th season, and will evoke nothing but love and pride, right here in St. Louis, MO.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.munny.org](http://www.munny.org), by phone at 314-361-1900, or in person at The Munny Box Office, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Munny proudly celebrates its 100th season in Forest Park this summer.



Pictured above, in front, from the left are Melissa VanGiesen, Laura Helton, Andy Kamp and Brenda Halbe. In the second row are Stephanie Ellis, Gail Schaal, Barb McBroom, Nicholas Carruthers, Lahys Altenberger, Megan Reams and Amanda Payne. In the third row are Sue Ellsworth, Vickie Christian, Phil Ernst, Trinity Flowers, David Holt, Becky Cullison, Jeanette Fenton and Craig Province. Not present for the photo were Glenda Darst, Joette Hartman, Kimberly Lawson, Linda Galla, Angela Legendre, Diana Lovejoy, Kelli Ellinger, Dana Holshouser and Kim Blankenship.

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## Hillsboro Area Hospital Honors Employees At Dinner

Hillsboro Area Hospital honored its employees for years of service at an annual recognition dinner, held Thursday evening, March 8, at Nic's Steakhouse in Hillsboro.

Each employee and a guest were invited to the special meal and presented with a pin marking their years of service, as well as a

double-sided glass picture frame.

Those honored for five years of service are Gail Schaal, Laura Helton, Jeanette Fenton, Dana Holshouser, Craig Province, Nicholas Carruthers, Kim Blankenship, Kelli Ellinger and Megan Reams.

Those recognized for ten years of service are Melissa VanGiesen,

Linda Galla, Angela Legendre, David Holt, Stephanie Ellis, Phillip Ernst, Diana Lovejoy and Andrew Kamp.

Amanda Payne and Trinity Flowers were honored for 15 years of service, while Barbara McBroom, Brenda Halbe and Lahys Altenberger were recognized for

20 years of service.

Those marking 25 years of service to the hospital are Kimberly Lawson, Susan Ellsworth, Victoria Christian and Joette Hartman.

Glenda Darst was recognized for 35 years of service and Rebecca Cullison was honored for 45 years of service.

## Brett Eldredge To Headline 2018 Illinois State Fair Aug. 17

A native of Paris, Brett Eldredge will headline the Illinois State Fair Grandstand on Friday, Aug. 17. His Illinois roots run deep as his second album is titled *Illinois* and he has videos set in his hometown and Wrigley Field. This powerhouse country star is sure to entertain concertgoers with his fun-loving, hilarious, yet sensitive personality.

"The Illinois State Fair is eager to host Brett Eldredge," said Luke Sailer, acting state fair manager. "We are proud to have an Illinois native on the grandstand stage, especially in 2018, Illinois' bicen-

ennial year."

His current album, aptly self-titled, *Brett Eldredge* shows the different sides of Eldredge and reflects where he is in life right now. The album includes upbeat songs, such as "Somethin' I'm Good At," and "Superhero," to meaningful ballads, including "The Long Way" and "Brother," all of which Eldredge co-wrote.

This album is sure to follow the success of his first two albums,

*Bring You Back* and *Illinois*, which combined to give him six number-one singles in a row. Those include "Don't Ya," "Lose My Mind" and "Wanna Be That Song." Building on the success of his 2014 win for CMA New Artist of the Year, Eldredge has been nominated for various other awards and co-hosted ABC's *CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock* and was featured on "Forever Country," a medley performed by a group of

30 different country artists.

An opening act for Eldredge will be announced at a later date. Tickets will go on sale later this spring. Mark calendars for the 2018 Illinois State Fair, Aug. 9-19, in Springfield.

Stay up-to-date with all the latest news and announcements from the Illinois State Fair by connecting with them via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Pictured above are The Dressing Room Owner, Linda Saathoff and her five-year old black Labrador, Ruby.

The Journal-News/Christy Mollet

**The Dressing Room Will Celebrate Eight Years In April**

Linda Saathoff, owner of The Dressing Room in Hillsboro, will celebrate eight years in business on Thursday, April 5.

The Dressing Room carries items for the customer or a gift item for that special someone.

"We carry clothing and family consignments, new home decor, coffees, candles, new handbags and new jewelry, and many other items," Saathoff said.

In addition to the shop's homey feel, customers get to visit with

Ruby, Saathoff's five-year-old black Labrador who goes to work with her every day. She is friendly with customers and very well-behaved.

The Dressing Room is open six days a week, and hours include Monday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, closed.

For more information, contact Linda at 217-532-3700.

**County Art Guild To Meet Tuesday Night In Hillsboro**

The Montgomery County Art Guild will meet Tuesday, March 13 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. Members will be planning their spring art show.

The group will also be doing a sketching session; bring a subject, photograph or still-life object to draw along with a personal sketchpad and favorite art medium. This will be an informal lesson and a chance to share art techniques and ideas with each other. Feel free to bring along any artwork to share. New members are welcome.

A paint night fundraiser for

Pattie Hamlin will be held on Friday, April 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Irving Century House in Irving.

Donations of handcrafted, purchased or re-gifted items are needed for prizes for name drawings. Purchased snack items are also needed.

If anyone is interested in donating to this cause, please bring items to the Tuesday Montgomery County Art Guild meeting.

To reach the Montgomery County Art Guild regarding donations or meeting information, contact Diane Singler at [dksingler@consolidated.net](mailto:dksingler@consolidated.net)

**Montgomery County AREC Will Hold Meeting March 14**

The Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. will meet on Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the Challacombe House, 509 School Street, two blocks east of the junction of Rt. 127 and Rt. 16 in Hillsboro. All licensed amateur radio operators and anyone interested in amateur radio are welcome to attend. Testing is available after the meeting.

Members who want to eat together before the meeting will meet at Gianni's Pizza at 209 S. Main Street in Hillsboro at 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming events include April Fools Fest, which will be held on Saturday, April 7, at West Richland Center, located at 320

East North Avenue in Noble. The Sullivan Hamfest will be held on Saturday, April 14, at the Sullivan American Legion in Sullivan. The Lewis and Clark Hamfest will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Lewis and Clark Community College in the Riverbend Arena in Godfrey.

The next regular meeting of the Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro.

The Montgomery County AREC meets on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Judy Reynolds at 217-532-6297.

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## Brockmeyer Named MVC Freshman Of The Year

Lincolnwood grad and Southern Illinois University freshman forward Abby Brockmeyer was named the Missouri Valley Conference's Freshman of the Year Thursday night, March 8, as voted on by the conference's head coaches, media and sports information directors. Brockmeyer was named to the MVC All-Freshman Team the day before, along with teammate Makenzie Silvey.

Brockmeyer, the daughter of Corey and Dana Brockmeyer, is the third Saluki to earn MVC Freshman of the Year, joining Cari Hassell in 1995 and Cartaesha Macklin in 2012. Brockmeyer and Silvey make it four Salukis that have earned All-Freshman Team honors under fifth-year head coach Cindy Stein.

A 6'1" forward, Brockmeyer finished the regular season ranked in the top-20 of the Missouri Valley Conference in seven statistical categories including 20th in scoring, third in rebounds per game, fourth in field goal percentage, tied for fifth in blocks and fifth in offensive rebounds.

Going into the conference tournament, the Raymond native led all Valley freshmen in rebounds (7.1 per game), blocks (1.28 per game), offensive rebounds (2.5 per game) and defensive rebounds (4.6 per game) and finished third in scoring (10.1 per game) and fourth in minutes per game (29.1). Brockmeyer is tied for 15th nationally among freshmen in rebounds per game and ranks 19th amongst freshmen nationally in blocks per game.

She became the first Saluki in program history to record two double-doubles in her first



Southern Illinois University freshman and Lincolnwood graduate Abby Brockmeyer was named the Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year for women's basketball on Thursday, March 8, at the conference tournament in Moline.

three collegiate games, as she finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds at the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Nov. 13 and followed with 14 points and 10 boards in SIU's

win at Memphis on Nov. 19.

Brockmeyer went on to score a career-high 27 points on 11-of-14 shooting at Evansville on Dec. 29 to tie Cartaesha Macklin's 2011 school record for points by a freshman in a single game. She averaged 21.5 points, 11.0 rebounds, 2.5 blocks and 2.0 steals to help SIU sweep the first weekend of conference play to earn both MVC Newcomer and Player of the Week honors. Brockmeyer was the first freshman to earn both honors in the same week since Jan. 19, 2009, when Casey Garrison of Missouri State swept both awards.

Going into the MVC tournament, her five double-doubles were tied with Mary Berghuis for the second-most in a freshman season in the program's history, while her 294 rebounds were the fifth-most in a single-season by a freshman. Her 36 blocks were tied with Dyana Pierre for the second-most in a freshman season in school history.

The day after receiving the award, Brockmeyer helped Southern Illinois rally from an 18-point deficit to beat Indiana State in the quarterfinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in Moline. She would score 11 points and grab four rebounds in the Salukis' 69-67 win.

Southern Illinois' tournament run would come to an end on Saturday, March 10, as they would fall to the number one seeded Drake Bulldogs by a 68-59 final score, despite getting 12 points and four rebounds from the former Litchfield-Lincolnwood all-stater. Drake would go on to win the MVC tournament over Northern Iowa 75-63 on Sunday to earn the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament.



Nokomis sophomore Carter Sabol earned honorable mention status for the Associated Press Class 1A all-state team and was a fourth team pick by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Class 1A/2A all-state team after averaging 16.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game for the Redskins.

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## Nokomis Boys Add To Redskin Roundball Legacy

by Kyle Herschelmann

While it may have ended slightly too soon, this season was a historic one for the Nokomis boys basketball program.

The Redskins' 24 wins would push Nokomis over the 1,500 win mark in the program's history, just 21 years after reaching the 1,000 victory plateau. Win number 1,500 would also be the Redskins' 19th regional championship, the most of any Montgomery County school (Litchfield and Hillsboro have 18 and 15 respectively, while Lincolnwood has eight).

Even beyond the historical significance, Nokomis had one thing going for them... they were really, really fun to watch.

While foul trouble and super hero-esque three-point shooting from Central A&M ended Nokomis' season in the sectional final, the Redskins maintained that never-quit playing style that has worked so well for them during Coach Steve Kimbro's 37-year tenure.

The loss to the Raiders was the only one of the eight that came against a Class 1A school, with six of the other seven coming against much bigger schools at either the Stove Top Classic against Triad, Granite City, Civic Memorial and

Taylorville, or at the Litchfield Invitational Tournament against Civic Memorial and Taylorville.

Nokomis' other loss came in the fifth game of the season against Alton Marquette, who were averaging 60 points per game and hadn't had a contest within 16 points through their first five games. The Redskins more than held their own against the Explorers, narrowly losing to them by a 39-36 final score. Only four other teams would get within single digits of Marquette, who were undefeated before losing to Columbia in the Class 3A regional championship at Waterloo.

While some of their losses were impressive, their wins were even more so. In their 24 victories, Nokomis outscored their opponents by 720 points, an astounding average margin of victory of 30 points.

No one came any closer than 14 points, with Vandalia holding that distinction in a game at the Morrisonville Mohawk Classic, which the Redskins won for the 25th time in 32 attempts. Only three other wins were within 15 points: against Lincolnwood at the Mohawk Classic, against Neoga in the regional championship and against Altamont in the sectional semifinal. All three were by exactly 15 points.

The Redskins would have three wins by 50 or more points, six by 40 or more points and 11 by 30 or more points.

Overall, in the last 11 years only four teams have averaged 60 points or more per game and only seven teams have allowed 42 points or fewer per game. This year's Nokomis squad is the only team to be on both lists.

The reason for the success this season lies heavily with this year's senior class, seven players who have been a big part of the last four years.

Both Hendrix Barnes and Brayden Sabol saw playing time as freshmen for the 2014-15 team that also made it to the sectional finals. Sabol was second on the team in rebounds with 175 and also averaged 8.6 points per game. A 50 percent shooter from the field for his career, Sabol came up just short of 1,000 points, scoring 986 points in four years, with 642 rebounds as well.

Barnes' versatility was key throughout his senior season and his career as his athleticism allowed him to contribute heavily on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball. He would finish the season averaging 8.8 points per game with 111 rebounds, 80 assists and 42 steals.

Like Barnes, Camden Ransdell's versatility paid dividends on offense, where he was in the top three in scoring, rebounding and assists. Ransdell would average 9.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game, both third most for the Redskins, while also leading the team in assists with 159 for the season.

Austin McDowell would lead the seniors in scoring with 11.1 points per game, second most on the team, and was second in assists with 114. Almost automatic when he got his feet set, McDowell had more than half of Nokomis' 91 three-pointers, hitting 59 of 172 threes in his senior season.

B.J. Chausse would have the second most threes, finishing with 15 triples. Chausse was one of the first off the bench for Coach Steve Kimbro and was effective on both ends of the floor.

Both Connor Engelman and Ben Marley were hampered by injuries this season, but still contributed in their senior year. Engelman had 24 rebounds and 23 assists in 25 games, while Marley had 30 rebounds for the Redskins.

So how does Nokomis rebound from losing seven players who accounted for 68 percent of their scoring? Carter Sabol is a good start.

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## Sabol Earns All-State Honors

The 2017-18 season was a breakout one for Carter Sabol, something that did not go unnoticed by the Associated Press and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. The Nokomis sophomore was an honorable mention selection for the Associated Press Class 1A all-state team and was a fourth team selection by the IBCA, which combines Class 1A and 2A for their all-state picks.

Sabol led Nokomis with 16.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game,

upping his career totals to 900 points and 464 rebounds in two seasons. For his career, the 6'8" forward is shooting over 60 percent from the field (345-for-573) and 67 percent from the foul line (210-for-314).

The full Associated Press Class 1A and 2A all-state teams will accompany the online version of this story at [www.thejournal-news.net](http://www.thejournal-news.net). For the full IBCA list, go to [www.ibcaininois.org](http://www.ibcaininois.org).

## Lady Redskins Return To Winning Ways

by Kyle Herschelmann

After back-to-back seasons in which they finished either one or two games under .500, the 2017-18 season was meant to be a turning point for the Nokomis girls basketball team.

The roster was loaded with seniors, Taylor Lohman, McKenna Sanders, Kayla Stauder, Alyssa Huber and Kerstyn Hughes, who had played an enormous role for Coach Brandon Engelman's club, especially in the last three years.

While the Lady Redskins' quest for their first regional championship since 2001 came up just short, it's hard to classify the 2017-18 campaign as anything short of a success.

In some ways, the Nokomis girls' season mirrored that of the Nokomis boys basketball team. Of their 12 losses, 11 came against teams that were either 2A or 3A. The Lady Redskins' only Class 1A loss came in the regional final against the Tri-County Lady Titans, who held on for a 48-38 win.

The experienced group would claim a share of the conference title, going 4-1 in the Prairie State Conference with wins over Bunker Hill, Metro-East Lutheran and East Alton-Wood River. Marquette, the only PSC team to beat the Lady Redskins, would hold the other half of the title after going 4-1, with a loss to Metro-East Lutheran.

Like the boys, the seniors were integral to this year's Nokomis girls basketball team. One of the

five seniors finished atop virtually every significant statistical category this year, including points, rebounds, assists and steals.

As she did during her sophomore and junior years, Taylor Lohman led her team in scoring (13.4 points per game) and rebounding (5.3 rebounds per game) during her senior season.

Lohman would also go over the 1,000-point mark for her career, making her the 10th Nokomis Lady Redskin to do so.

Lohman also led the team in two-point field goals (99), three-point field goal percentage (31.9%) and blocks (eight).

Lohman would actually share the blocks lead with another senior, McKenna Sanders, who like her classmate started for Nokomis since her sophomore year. Sanders also led the team in two-point field goal percentage (37.8%) and averaged 7.9 points and 4.6 rebounds per game this season.

Alyssa Huber was Nokomis' top outside threat throughout the season, hitting 53 threes at a 30 percent clip. She also paced the Lady Redskins in free-throw percentage (68.7%) and was second in scoring with 9.3 points per game.

While Kayla Stauder didn't put up the points that Lohman, Sanders and Huber did, averaging 3.3 points per game, she was the Redskins' main facilitator. Stauder led the team in assists for the second straight year, picking up 72 dimes.

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The Litchfield High School Student Council is selling "Grace's Grand Slam" shirts as part of a fundraiser for infantile neuroaxonal dystrophy in honor of Grace Herschelmann. The shirts are available in four different styles, representing the four schools in the Montgomery County Baseball Tournament, which will be held on April 14, in Hillsboro.

## Litchfield Student Council Selling Grace's Grand Slam Shirts

The Litchfield High School Student Council is currently selling "Grace's Grand Slam" shirts, as part of a fundraiser for INAD (infantile neuroaxonal dystrophy) research.

This year's shirt fundraiser is in conjunction with the temporary "A Grace-Filled Journey" license plates, which are valid from Feb. 14 through April 14.

Shirts are available in both youth and adult sizes in four styles, including T-shirts, long-sleeve tees, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts. Prices are \$15 for T-shirts, \$17 for long-sleeve tees, \$22 for sweatshirts and \$25 for hoodies. An additional \$2 will be added on all shirt orders for 2XL and 3XL sizes.

All shirt orders are due to

Student Council sponsor Jo Brummet at Litchfield High School by March 29.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to INAD research in honor of six-year-old Grace Herschelmann of Hillsboro. She is the daughter of Kyle and Mary Herschelmann and continues to battle this rare disease.

Currently, there are ongoing research studies in the United Kingdom, at Washington University in St. Louis and Oregon Health and Science University.

Shirts will be worn by baseball players from county high schools, as well as Morrisonville at this year's county baseball tournament on April 14.

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# Toppers Hit The Diamond On March 16 In Hillsboro

by Ron Deabenderfer

When Hillsboro takes the field this Thursday, March 16, to host the Morrisonville/Lincolnwood co-op baseball team at the sports complex, it'll be with a relatively young team—but one with more experience than last year's group had because the Toppers lost only two players, outfielder Jordan Tuetken and pitcher/first baseman Mitch Reynolds, to graduation.

Pre-season practice, which started earlier this month, has been primarily inside because of the cold, windy conditions, and is usually used to sift candidates for starting positions. When most of the players are familiar to the coaching staff, though, sifting isn't required. Head coach Bob Allen has the same staff as last year—Evan Malloy, Matt Burke, and volunteer Mike Rappe—so it's mostly incoming freshmen who need evaluated.

Seniors returning include catcher Christian Hernandez, Alex Schreiber, Dalton Deming, and Jacob Bauman. Juniors on the varsity roster are Landon Carroll, Griffin King, Ty White, Kaden Lemon, and Jordan Gregg. Sophomores include Nic Ondrey, Brock Bellaver, Dylan McCammack, Gunner Michheimer, and Tanner Mullen.

Currently on the junior varsity roster (that doesn't mean they won't see varsity action as the season evolves) are juniors Cole Allen (a newcomer) and Landen Malloy, and thirteen freshmen: Brady Meier, Clayton Eddington, Brady Huber, Zinnan Kenney, Jace Tuetken, Andrew Law, Drew Willman, Jude Bertolino, Tyler Bell, Owen Anderson, Hayden Grosenheider, Cooper Holcomb, and Luke Thompson.

Coach Allen has a tentative starting lineup in mind for Thursday's game, but it is subject to change because of injury or other factors: Hernandez will catch, McCammack will pitch, the infield will be Gregg at first, King at second, Ondrey at short, and Mullen at third, with an outfield of Lemon in right, Schreiber in center, and Carroll in left. Deming will be the designated hitter for a starter yet to be designated.

Coach Allen said at the moment the other starting pitchers are Mullen, Carroll, and Bellaver, with Bauman, Michheimer, White, and Lemon to come out of the bullpen. As it's a 30-game season, other hurlers may be called upon.

Both the varsity and junior varsity play Thursday; first pitch for each is 4:30 p.m.

# White Leading Scorer In SCC Games

by Ron Deabenderfer

Hillsboro's Kaiden White was the leading scorer in South Central Conference games for the 2017-18 basketball season, though Vandalia's Nathan Casey had the highest point-per-game average. White had 144 points in nine games, a 16.0 average; Casey, who missed the last two SCC games after a shoulder injury, recorded 134 pts (19.1 ppg).

Roxana's Gavin Huffman (128), Vandalia's Blake Morrison (120), Southwestern's Justin Bailey (117), Pana's Jack Armstrong (112) and Jonah Lauff (111).

The leading rebounder was Roxana freshman Parris White, who collected 88 caroms (a 9.8 rpg). Lewis was second with 81; Topper Peyton Tester was third with 61. 6'5" Staunton big man Dylan Hemann had 59 rebounds, followed by Carlinville's Will Walton (54), Heyen (52), Litchfield's Sam Painter (48), Lauff and Armstrong (42 each), and Casey (40 in seven games).

Following those two in order were Southwestern's Caden Heyen (131) and Ben Lewis (129), which tied him for fourth with Gillespie's Michael Robbins. Sixth was

# 2017-2018 Nokomis High School Girls Basketball Statistics

| Name             | G         | 2-point FG |             |             | 3-point FG |            |             | Free-Throws |            |             | TP          | PPG         | REB        | AST        | ST         | BLK       | TO         | PF         |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                  |           | Made       | Att.        | Pct         | Made       | Att.       | Pct         | Made        | Att.       | Pct         |             |             |            |            |            |           |            |            |
| Mia Fesser       | 20        | 3          | 19          | .158        | 1          | 14         | .071        | 4           | 10         | .400        | 13          | 0.7         | 3          | 5          | 5          | 0         | 13         | 4          |
| Katie Janssen    | 13        | 2          | 11          | .182        | 0          | 1          | .000        | 0           | 0          | .000        | 4           | 0.3         | 4          | 3          | 0          | 1         | 6          | 2          |
| Delaney Keiser   | 8         | 0          | 2           | .000        | 0          | 0          | .000        | 0           | 0          | .000        | 0           | 0.0         | 2          | 0          | 2          | 0         | 3          | 0          |
| Kayla Stauder    | 29        | 31         | 102         | .304        | 3          | 26         | .115        | 24          | 41         | .585        | 95          | 3.3         | 50         | 72         | 83         | 0         | 122        | 50         |
| Emily Cesaretti  | 29        | 8          | 23          | .348        | 6          | 18         | .333        | 4           | 8          | .500        | 38          | 1.3         | 33         | 13         | 10         | 0         | 20         | 19         |
| Kristen Stauder  | 13        | 2          | 7           | .286        | 0          | 1          | .000        | 0           | 2          | .000        | 4           | 0.3         | 6          | 1          | 0          | 0         | 2          | 4          |
| Macee Eisenbarth | 28        | 39         | 136         | .287        | 0          | 0          | .000        | 46          | 77         | .597        | 124         | 4.4         | 139        | 12         | 32         | 5         | 50         | 71         |
| Alexa Cassidy    | 12        | 0          | 2           | .000        | 0          | 0          | .000        | 0           | 0          | .000        | 0           | 0.0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 4          | 0          |
| Taylor Lohman    | 29        | 99         | 296         | .334        | 23         | 72         | .319        | 122         | 179        | .682        | 389         | 13.4        | 155        | 49         | 69         | 8         | 75         | 74         |
| Kerstyn Hughes   | 27        | 14         | 75          | .187        | 2          | 8          | .250        | 18          | 42         | .429        | 52          | 1.9         | 64         | 6          | 12         | 1         | 40         | 48         |
| Vanessa Patkus   | 27        | 23         | 75          | .307        | 0          | 1          | .000        | 9           | 14         | .643        | 55          | 2.0         | 54         | 2          | 12         | 1         | 20         | 34         |
| Alyssa Huber     | 29        | 33         | 137         | .241        | 53         | 174        | .305        | 46          | 67         | .687        | 271         | 9.3         | 109        | 49         | 68         | 5         | 96         | 69         |
| McKenna Sanders  | 29        | 74         | 196         | .378        | 11         | 43         | .256        | 49          | 86         | .570        | 230         | 7.9         | 134        | 23         | 49         | 8         | 59         | 89         |
| Ellee Waterman   | 11        | 2          | 3           | .667        | 0          | 0          | .000        | 1           | 2          | .500        | 5           | 0.5         | 5          | 0          | 3          | 1         | 3          | 2          |
| <b>Totals</b>    | <b>29</b> | <b>330</b> | <b>1084</b> | <b>.304</b> | <b>99</b>  | <b>358</b> | <b>.277</b> | <b>323</b>  | <b>528</b> | <b>.612</b> | <b>1280</b> | <b>44.1</b> | <b>758</b> | <b>235</b> | <b>345</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>513</b> | <b>466</b> |

Points Scored: 1,280 points = 44.1 ppg  
Season Record: 17 wins, 12 losses

Points Against: 1,105 points = 38.1 ppg  
Conference Record: 3 wins, 1 losses

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Stauder also led the team in steals with 83, many of which turned into fast break opportunities for her teammates.

Kerstyn Hughes would finish her senior season with 52 points, 64 rebounds and 12 steals, often drawing tough post assignments on the defensive end.

With the loss of the five seniors, next year's team will have a new look, but it could be an exciting one from what the group showed in limited minutes.

Only three returning players from this year's team averaged two points or more, sophomore Macee Eisenbarth (4.4 points), junior Emily Cesaretti (3.3 points) and junior Vanessa Patkus (2.0 points), but each brings something to the table for next year.

Eisenbarth is undersized, but scrappy in the post for the Lady

Redskins, finishing second in rebounding with 139. Her nose for the basket should yield more points next season with some of this year's top scorers lost to graduation.

Cesaretti was a viable three-point threat, hitting six on the season, with two coming in the regional semifinal win over Lutheran. A good defender and rebounder despite her 5'5" frame, Cesaretti will score more next season after seeing action in all 29 games this year.

Patkus, like Eisenbarth, will be amongst the trees underneath for Coach Engelman. She had solid numbers in limited playing time, scoring six points and grabbing eight rebounds in Nokomis' win over South Fork.

In addition to those three, the Lady Redskins will also bring back sophomores Ellee Waterman, Alexa Cassidy and Katie Janssen

and freshmen Mia Fesser, Delaney Keiser and Kristen Stauder, all of whom saw varsity minutes this season.

They will be responsible for how much of a turning point this season truly was. If the Redskins can remain over .500 and build on this year's successes, maybe a regional title isn't far away as well.

## Nokomis Girls Basketball Class of 2018 Career Stats

**Alyssa Huber:** 82 games; 550 total points; 6.7 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 92-of-323 (28.5%); Three-Point Field Goals: 94-of-302 (31.1%); Free Throws: 84-of-129 (65.1%); 232 rebounds; 110 assists; 151 steals, 9 blocks.

**Kayla Stauder:** 75 games; 211 total points; 2.8 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 72-of-225 (32.0%); Three-Point Field Goals: 5-of-32 (15.6%); Free Throws: 52-of-89 (58.4%); 114 rebounds; 168 assists; 138 steals.

**Kerstyn Hughes:** 55 games; 134 total points; 2.4 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 42-of-167 (25.1%); Three-Point Field Goals: 2-of-12 (16.7%);

Free Throws: 44-of-92 (47.8%); 149 rebounds; 10 assists; 31 steals, 7 blocks.

**McKenna Sanders:** 99 games; 707 total points; 7.1 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 229-of-655 (35.0%); Three-Point Field Goals: 15-of-67 (22.4%); Free Throws: 204-of-298 (68.5%); 450 rebounds; 45 assists; 125 steals, 19 blocks.

**Taylor Lohman:** 100 games; 1095 total points; 11.0 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 351-of-984 (35.7%); Three-Point Field Goals: 42-of-146 (28.8%); Free Throws: 267-of-426 (62.7%); 545 rebounds; 134 assists; 227 steals, 55 blocks.

## Nokomis Girls Basketball 1,000-Point Club

- Nokomis (Class) ----- Points**
1. Va'Nicia Waterman (2001) ----- 2,384
  2. Molly McDowell (1999) ----- 2,203
  3. Ashley Schneider (2015) ----- 1,888
  4. Stacy Lafeber (1986) ----- 1,801
  5. Jody Johnson (2005) ----- 1,766
  6. Kelsey Hulbert (2007) ----- 1,403
  7. Sarah Hitchings (1997) ----- 1,132
  8. Taylor Lohman (2018) ----- 1,095
  9. Michelle Alexander (2011) ----- 1,080
  10. Anne Murphy (2009) ----- 1,034

# 2017-2018 Nokomis High School Boys Basketball Statistics

| Name            | G         | 2-point FG |             |             | 3-point FG |            |             | Free-Throws |            |             | TP          | PPG         | REB        | AST        | ST         | TO         |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                 |           | Made       | Att.        | Pct         | Made       | Att.       | Pct         | Made        | Att.       | Pct         |             |             |            |            |            |            |
| Hendrix Barnes  | 32        | 110        | 224         | .491        | 0          | 3          | .000        | 62          | 79         | .785        | 282         | 8.8         | 111        | 80         | 42         | 42         |
| Brayden Sabol   | 31        | 118        | 224         | .527        | 0          | 1          | .000        | 29          | 47         | .617        | 265         | 8.6         | 175        | 43         | 20         | 45         |
| Connor Engelman | 25        | 10         | 26          | .385        | 0          | 2          | .000        | 4           | 12         | .333        | 24          | 1.0         | 24         | 23         | 9          | 9          |
| Ben Marley      | 18        | 14         | 24          | .583        | 0          | 1          | .000        | 6           | 12         | .500        | 34          | 1.9         | 30         | 6          | 3          | 3          |
| Austin McDowell | 32        | 55         | 135         | .407        | 59         | 172        | .343        | 67          | 83         | .807        | 354         | 11.1        | 76         | 114        | 50         | 71         |
| Kamden Ransdell | 31        | 106        | 198         | .535        | 15         | 57         | .263        | 31          | 59         | .525        | 288         | 9.3         | 148        | 159        | 42         | 94         |
| B.J. Chausse    | 30        | 19         | 43          | .442        | 9          | 31         | .290        | 12          | 18         | .667        | 77          | 2.6         | 51         | 9          | 8          | 18         |
| Carter Sabol    | 32        | 195        | 326         | .598        | 0          | 0          | .000        | 124         | 165        | .752        | 514         | 16.1        | 244        | 48         | 39         | 54         |
| Alex Tosetti    | 22        | 13         | 22          | .591        | 8          | 18         | .444        | 7           | 10         | .700        | 57          | 2.6         | 17         | 15         | 11         | 9          |
| Trevor Wright   | 10        | 6          | 9           | .667        | 0          | 0          | .000        | 1           | 1          | 1.000       | 13          | 1.3         | 4          | 3          | 0          | 5          |
| Isaiah Bruder   | 10        | 4          | 5           | .800        | 0          | 1          | .000        | 2           | 2          | 1.000       | 10          | 1.0         | 1          | 3          | 0          | 2          |
| Mason Stewart   | 11        | 6          | 9           | .667        | 0          | 3          | .000        | 0           | 3          | .000        | 12          | 1.1         | 5          | 3          | 1          | 4          |
| Ryan Janssen    | 6         | 1          | 1           | 1.000       | 0          | 1          | .000        | 0           | 1          | .000        | 2           | 0.3         | 2          | 1          | 1          | 0          |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>32</b> | <b>657</b> | <b>1246</b> | <b>.527</b> | <b>91</b>  | <b>290</b> | <b>.314</b> | <b>345</b>  | <b>492</b> | <b>.701</b> | <b>1932</b> | <b>60.3</b> | <b>888</b> | <b>507</b> | <b>226</b> | <b>356</b> |

Points Scored: 1,932 points = 60.4 ppg  
Season Record: 24 wins, 8 losses

Points Against: 1,326 points = 41.4 ppg  
Conference Record: 4 wins, 1 losses

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Sabol averaged 16.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game in his sophomore season, which earned him an honorable mention for the Associated Press all-state team and fourth team all-state honors from the Illinois High School Basketball Coaches and Officials Association. In just two years, the 6'8" forward already has 900 points and more than 400 rebounds, putting him in position to be one of the program's best ever at this pace.

He'll be surrounded by a group that is talented, if inexperienced. The Nokomis JV and freshmen teams were stellar in 2017-18 and

many of those players will contribute on varsity next season.

Sabol's classmate Alex Tosetti averaged 2.6 points per game and was 8-for-18 from three-point land in a reserve role this season. He could break out next season. Trevor Wright, Isaiah Bruder, Mason Stewart and Ryan Janssen also saw time on varsity and should see bigger roles next year.

While the varsity will look vastly different, don't count out the Redskins, who haven't had a season under .500 since 1985. Another milestone could be in the works as well. Coach Kimbro will enter the season with 788 wins, meaning that he is just 12 wins away

from joining his former teammate, Lincoln Coach Neil Alexander, in the 800 win club.

## Nokomis Boys Basketball Class of 2018 Career Stats

**Hendrix Barnes:** 123 games; 847 total points; 6.9 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 340-of-704 (48.3%); Three-Point Field Goals: 4-of-24 (16.7%); Free Throws: 157-of-214 (73.4%); 420 rebounds; 223 assists; 121 steals.

**Brayden Sabol:** 117 games; 986 total points; 8.4 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 412-of-812 (50.7%); Three-Point Field Goals: 0-of-3; Free Throws: 162-of-260 (62.3%); 642 rebounds; 124 assists; 77 steals.

**Connor Engelman:** 69 games; 114 total points; 1.7 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 30-of-68 (44.1%); Three-Point Field Goals: 11-of-35 (31.4%); Free Throws: 21-of-39 (53.8%); 59 rebounds; 46 assists; 27 steals.

**Ben Marley:** 61 games; 95 total points; 1.6 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 39-of-80 (48.8%); Three-Point Field Goals: 0-of-1; Free Throws: 17-of-42 (40.5%); 90 rebounds; 12 assists; 13 steals.

**Austin McDowell:** 72 games; 731 total points; 10.2 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 121-of-304 (39.8%); Three-Point Field Goals: 117-of-315 (37.1%); Free Throws: 138-of-180 (76.7%); 149 rebounds; 163 assists; 84 steals.

**Kamden Ransdell:** 70 games; 531 total points; 7.6 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 191-of-368 (51.9%); Three-Point Field Goals: 30-of-109 (27.5%); Free Throws: 59-of-104 (56.7%); 238 rebounds; 201 assists; 66 steals.

**B.J. Chausse:** 50 games; 95 total points; 1.9 points per game; Two-Point Field Goals: 22-of-54 (40.7%); Three-Point Field Goals: 11-of-40 (27.5%); Free Throws: 18-of-24 (73.4%); 56 rebounds; 11 assists; 9 steals.

# Sports Calendar

- Hillsboro Hilltoppers**  
Tuesday, March 13  
4:30 p.m. - Softball hosts Vandalia
- Thursday, March 15**  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball hosts Morrisonville  
4:30 p.m. - Boys Tennis at Metro-East Lutheran
- Friday, March 16**  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Brownstown  
4:30 p.m. - Girls Soccer at North Mac
- Saturday, March 17**  
11 a.m. - Baseball at Auburn
- Litchfield Purple Panthers**  
Friday, March 16  
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Alton Marquette  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Alton Marquette
- Nokomis Redskins**  
Friday, March 16  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Edinburg Tournament
- Saturday, March 17**  
10 a.m. and 12 p.m. - Softball at Rochester Round Robin  
11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Edinburg Tournament
- Lincolnwood Lancers**  
Monday, March 12  
4:30 p.m. - Softball hosts Greenfield  
4:30 p.m. - Morrisonville Baseball hosts Warrensburg-Latham
- Tuesday, March 13**  
4:30 p.m. - Morrisonville Baseball hosts Taylorville
- Thursday, March 15**  
4:30 p.m. - Morrisonville Baseball at Hillsboro
- Friday, March 16**  
4:30 p.m. - Morrisonville Baseball hosts Gillespie
- Saturday, March 17**  
11 a.m. - Softball hosts Staunton

# Litchfield Lady Panthers To Host Preview March 15

The Litchfield Lady Panthers soccer team will take the field with a whole new look this year. Litchfield graduated seven players and most of those were four-year starters.

The Lady Panthers success on the pitch goes back further than that though, with five straight South Central Conference and regional championships. Continuing the winning tradition gets even tougher when you add the fact that this year's squad is put together with exactly zero seniors.

Litchfield will also be without last year starters Greta Flemming and Carson Jackson, who start the season on the sidelines with injuries.

Despite all that, there are actually some healthy returning starters, Sydney Hoehl, Sydney Budd, Jordan Morgan, and Devan Morgan, who will be counted on to buoy the club in this year of transition. The Lady Panthers won't be using any of this as an excuse as expectations are as high as ever in and around the club.

Byots believes that this team has all the right parts to perform at a high level. Returning juniors and sophomores Rayna Spencer, Gracie White, Meera Patel, Mcall Wertin, Ellen Fleming, Riley Broderick, Jordan Minkevich and Abby Roberts will be asked to step up and fill valuable roles.

Incoming freshmen Karly Kruse, Maddi Diamond, Becky Painter, Allison Marburger, Izzy Ray, Jordan Ramey and Maddi Fowler will have an opportunity to step in and contribute immediately.

The Purple Panthers will host their preseason purple and white game at Lloyd Hill Field on Thursday, March 15, at 5 p.m. The regular season opens up on the road with the Lady Panthers facing first-time foe Civic Memorial on March 19.

The home opener is on March 21 as the Panthers welcome North Mac to town. The week of March 26 is the annual Purple Panther Classic where Lloyd Hill Field will be busy all week with tournament games.

# Bowling League

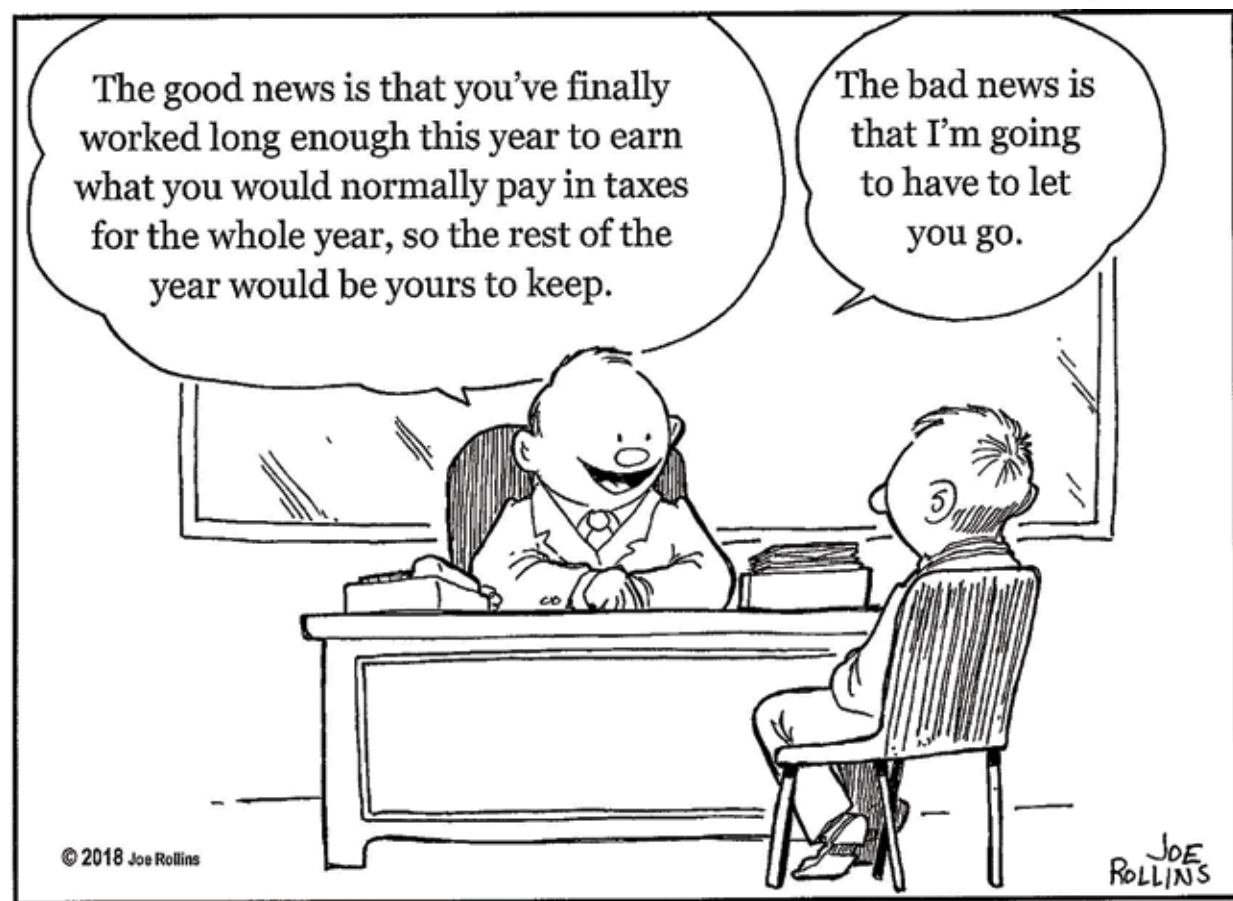
- Wednesday Night League Feb. 21 at Hillsboro Bowl Week 25 of 28**
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| Pinpals              | 16 | 28 |
- Team Scratch Game:** Rednecks 649; Kamer Masonry 626; Bass Patton Dean 606
- Team Scratch Series:** Rednecks 1876; Kamer Masonry 1853; Bass Patton Dean 1713
- Team Handicap Game:** Rednecks 855; Pinpals 845; Kamer Masonry 797
- Team Handicap Series:** Rednecks 2494; Pinpals 2407; Kamer Masonry 2366
- Men Scratch Game:** David Baker 215; Jim Moler 211; Jeff Kamer 194
- Men Scratch Series:** Jim Moler 602; David Baker 556; Jeff Kamer 522
- Men Handicap Game:** David Baker 251; Jamie Moler 243; Jim Moler 243
- Men Handicap Series:** Jim Moler 698; David Baker 664; Jeff Kamer 636
- Women Scratch Game:** Joann Barnes 161; Heather Moreland 145; Marj Caulk 114
- Women Scratch Series:** Joann Barnes 456; Heather Moreland 383; Marj Caulk 288
- Women Handicap Game:** Joann Barnes 223; Heather Moreland 220; Marj Caulk 185
- Women Handicap Series:** Joann Barnes 642; Heather Moreland 608; Marj Caulk 501

**Litchfield Flag Football and JFL Football Sign-Ups**  
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## March 1951: Cold With Lots Of Ice



March 1951 comes in like a lion and roars throughout the month. Ice, snow, power outages and frigid temperatures cause a difficult time for folks. The bad weather doesn't affect Corky, the roaming Romeo pup; he continues his adventures. Grandma used her time to make a very special quilt. She copied a pattern created by her grandmother to make a quilt for me using lots of the scraps from dresses she had made me when I was a little girl. She writes that I will receive the quilt much later. She gave it to me ten years later when I got married. It remained a most treasured gift until it was destroyed when my house burned in 1993. I still mourn the loss of that beautiful quilt. I am not sure that I have correctly transcribed the last name of the couple killed in the car crash; perhaps, a reader may have more information about just who they were. I am most curious about the Helping Hand meeting. I just can't imagine Grandma and the other Butler ladies being involved in a hullabaloo.

Thursday, March 1, 1951—Alberta's birthday. 38 degrees and sunshine. I butchered two late roosters and took them to the locker when Carl went to the doctor.

Friday, March 2, 1951—36 degrees, cloudy with wind in the southeast. Corky has been gone all night. Guess it is absolutely necessary to tie him up at dark. Mary Nimmons and I went to Hillsboro after my shoes which I had half soled.

Saturday, March 3, 1951—59 degrees and rain. Theodore Mohler's sale on the Rome Newcomb place. I went with John Keith's. Carl went later and parked the car at Howard Turner's. Very bad spot. Later we went to Hillsboro for his appointment with Dr. E.T. Douglas. We went to Wayne's at night to see television. Got 116 eggs.

Sunday, March 4, 1951—34 degrees. Froze the ground last night. Clear. I went to Sunday School. We voted to give the Red Cross \$5; also the Crippled Children's fund the same amount. We were out until 11 last night, so we slept most of the afternoon.

Monday, March 5, 1951—30 degrees and froze the ground. Clear. Myron Hawkins brought four bushels of clover seed to Carl about 6 a.m. Duncheon couldn't come to sow grass seed. Merle came about 3:30 and started the job. We went to Merle's after supper to eat ice cream and cake with Jimmy on his birthday.

Tuesday, March 6, 1951—Roberta K. McBroom born. 40 degrees, clear. Must have had shower through the night.

Wednesday, March 7, 1951—38 degrees, sunshine. I washed. Linda went home. Myra Jean (Damman) played with her at home. I finished sewing my necktie quilt blocks together, but it still has to have a border. Merle finished sowing the grass seed, \$7.25.

Thursday, March 8, 1951—33 degrees. Chilly and clear. I put my quilt blocks together, all but two. Short two. The quilt is a copy of a quilt which my mother brought from her mother's (Grandma Wade) home. It has Carole's little girl's dress prints and she will get it later.

Friday, March 9, 1951—25 degrees, sunshine. Mrs. Streight and Mrs. Burris went with me to a Home Bureau regional meeting including Litchfield, Butler Grove, Walshville and Hillsboro. A demonstration on home nursing including some homemade gadgets. A potluck dinner and another demonstration on Frigidaire after noon.

Saturday, March 10, 1951—32 degrees, cloudy. Had a bit of sleet through the night, and the walks are slick. Mrs. Wes Fogle came after a hen to roast. We went to Butler and got bread and milk. Cleaned up the house. I finished sewing my Grandma Wade quilt together.

Sunday, March 11, 1951—Ice all over the trees and fences. Looks too bad to go to church at 9:30. We ate dinner then called on Irene Eckhoff and her brother. Wayne has his tractor located so he can run the wire to furnish light for their little chicks. They lost 34 of them when they piled off last night when the power went off and stayed off all night. Earl Mundhenk's barn burned. Some calves and hogs were burned, also bedding.

Monday, March 12, 1951—The big limbs on the trees are crashing. One of them broke our television wire in the afternoon. We went to Butler and reported it to whoever would listen. Ha, ha! Wayne came and spliced it so it would work. They all came for supper, and our lights went out, so we ate by the light of two lamps. Left the dishes and played Touring

and Dominoes. Lights came on just as they started home, but went off again at 12:20.

Wednesday, March 14, 1951—33 degrees, cloudy. Snowed about all night, and the ice coated trees are now covered with snow. I baked a chiffon cake for John and Ruth Keith's wedding anniversary tomorrow. We took it to them. We took 75 dozen eggs to Litchfield. Grade A are 45 cents.

Thursday, March 15, 1951—30 degrees and cloudy. John and Ruth Keith's 35th wedding anniversary. The ice is off the trees except on the trunks. After cloudy weather since March 9, Friday the sun came out to shine the remainder of the day.

Saturday, March 17, 1951—Thundered last night, then rained which froze on everything again. Ice went off about 2 p.m. We took Carole to Betty Karrick's for 4-H meeting. Merle brought her back. She wants to stay until Sunday. Corky was gone all Saturday night. Guess we will never get him broken of running around.

Monday, March 19, 1951—23 degrees at 6:45. Sunshine. I had a big washing as the weather was so bad all last week. I brought in most of the clothes, then took Margaret to the Litchfield Launderette to do her washing. Cost her \$2 for three stacked up baskets. Geraldine went to help get ready for the supper for the basketball boys and Mr. Hanke, teacher. Linda came here and stayed the night. (newspaper clipping—Best and Turner, Montgomery County, marketed 97 hogs that averaged 213 pounds at \$22.50.)

Tuesday, March 20, 1951—Arthur Hayes, 83 today. About 30 degrees. After noon Carl and I cleaned up the limbs left by the ice. It was hard work. Carl, Wayne and Merle went to the first meeting of the ATA in the Wares Grove schoolhouse. It was a county meeting. The rest of us watched television at Wayne's.

Wednesday, March 21, 1951—16 degrees. Some report sunshine. I went with Mrs. Streight to Petersons to a Helping Hand meeting; 15 present. We voted to get Thelma McBroom a baby present. Mary Seward called to tell me that Marie Kitchell Large and husband George had been killed in a collision with a truck.

Thursday, March 22, 1951—32 degrees and sunshine. I am tired. We had such a hullabaloo at the meeting yesterday. Such chatter and television noise on top of that.

Friday, March 23, 1951—52 degrees at 6:30 a.m. Cloudy. It is Good Friday. I found the stores were to be closed through church services this p.m. I went at 12 and bought a pair shoes, \$12.19, and a hat, \$5.08. Merle came to do some repairs on the tractor. Margaret, Connie and Jim came also. We went to candlelight communion service at night. A nice attendance.

Saturday, March 24, 1951—We visited at John Hanson's. He began work at No. 9 mine when they opened it 36 years ago, and it is being closed now forever. John is unable to work.

Monday, March 26, 1951—28 degrees at 6:30 a.m. Very heavy frost. I washed and had such a nice suds after a small wash that Carl brought Margaret's colored clothes when he came from Litchfield. She sure has big washings. I fried a chicken and made some sandwiches and we went with Maye Stein and Catherine Osborn to Waverland to a scramble supper and meeting of the Larger Parish. Nice supper, and I enjoyed Mrs. Goby as head of the women's division.

Wednesday, March 28, 1951—51 degrees and a mist. Slight rain through the night. Carl is looking for Randy to come put some repairs on the tractor, but he didn't come.

Thursday, March 29, 1951—Today is the birthday of Eunice Bradshaw. 54 degrees and damp and cloudy. Too dark to work. We put a fence in front of the hen house so the hens can learn to go out and in.

Friday, March 30, 1951—Thomas Lee Anderson born today. 34 degrees snowed a bit and is cloudy. Mary (Nimmons) and I went to quilt at the church, but first we washed the communion set.

Saturday, March 31, 1951—Froze hard last night, but the sun shone for the first time since Monday. Carl went to Litchfield to stir the John Deere Co. up about fixing his tractor. They worked on it after noon. Margaret, Connie, Mrs. Toberman, and I went to Coffeen to Mrs. Elmore's sale. I bought a dark gray blanket \$2, and Margaret got a small dresser \$2.50.

Carole (Best) Brown of Golconda provides Journal-News readers with this glimpse of the past from her grandmother, Mary Edith (Newport) Best, Butler farm wife. Carole may be reached at [rosebudbooks@gmail.com](mailto:rosebudbooks@gmail.com).

COONRIDGE DIGEST • by Freida Marie Crump

## The Coonridge Secret To Political Strife

Greetings from the Ridge.

"Don't talk to him. He's a Republican."

Those were the first words I heard my grandfather say when I met my uncle at a long ago family reunion. And he said it right in front of Uncle Harold. I hardly came up to the waist of either of these men and I stood there in fear that a fight was about to break out right there between the potato salad and bug spray. Uncle Harold looked at Grandpa and said, "Hang on a minute. I left my gun in the car." Then both men broke into a spate of laughter that relieved this little kid a great deal. True, Grandpa was a Democrat and Uncle Harold was a Republican but both men lived their lives with a ribbing relationship. Their politics were just a part of who they were and they didn't let their political views define them, much less do any damage to lifelong friendships.

I wish we could say the same today.

I've never known a time when erstwhile friends have become so bitter toward each other and in sadly too many cases it's event seeped down to family relationships and done some harm. It's common just before the Christmas season for a few newspapers and magazines to feature stories on what topics to avoid at family gatherings, and most of these are tongue-in-cheek. There were no metaphorical tongues in cheeks these past two holiday seasons and in some cases it was more like fist-to-jaw. North Carolina alone reported three serious domestic quarrels that led to hospital treatment, all because someone mentioned politics.

A handful of New York restaurants now put a limit on the number of alcoholic drinks that can be consumed at a single visit, again because of the disturbances caused in the past year by patrons whose political views took precedence over their appetite. A handful of Chicago bars tried banning the mention of politics but found it was an unenforceable edict. The combination of liquor and elections was just too potent a cocktail. Some cities have unwritten rules in their taverns assuring drinkers that they will only be imbibing with those whose politics match theirs. So far I've not read of any politically segregated grocery stores or shoe repair shops but it's still early in the year.

Famed African-American comedian Dick Gregory once said that until we can laugh at a problem, we

don't have it solved. He was among the first to poke a bit of fun at the ridiculous state of race relations in the 1960s and although his comedy offended some who thought that racial strife was no laughing matter, Gregory kept kidding us about our foibles and attitudes. "Laughter," he said, "means you're on your way to understanding."

An aging Ronald Reagan met Walter Mondale in a presidential debate and promised that he would not exploit Mondale's age. It brought down the house and no one laughed harder than Walter. Admiral Stockton began his Vice Presidential debate with "Who am I? Why am I here?" Even the moderator laughed at the man's self-effacing humor. Al Gore sort of snuck up on George Bush while George W. was answering a debate question. George stopped and gave him a "What are you doing?" smile and Al smiled back. When Obama and Senator McCain were duking it out just a few weeks prior to the election, Obama took the podium at a fundraiser that they were both attending. He said, "Contrary to popular belief, I was not born in a manger. I was born on the planet Krypton." McCain laughed the hardest of anyone in the audience.

Once upon a time in the middle of a far-off farm pond, I found myself fishing with my dad. Our little rowboat didn't amount to much but it was enough to take us into the best fishing holes. I remember that the date was Friday the 13th, but from that point on my memory grows fuzzy. All I can recall is standing up in the boat to cast my line toward a nest of bass and in the next moment I found myself in the pond along with Dad and an overturned rowboat. At this point we had a few choices. We could get angry and curse the fates, blame each other for causing the flip-flop, or berate ourselves for being so careless. Instead, we chose laughter. We simply looked at each other and laughed. Then with some desperation I asked Dad if we should try swimming to shore. He told me it would be easier to stand up and walk to dry ground since the water was only three feet deep. Laughter. It can kill off fear and anger as keenly as any weapon known to man.

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

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

LETTERS to the editor

## God's Commandment Says, 'Thou Shalt Not Kill'

A letter to the editor began, "A letter writer recently said she left the Democratic party because she didn't want to 'murder the unborn citizens.'" A wise decision, not because of what some Republican's decisions are, but because God's commandment says, "Thou shalt not kill."

By voting for abortion she would be an accessory (one who incites, aids or abets a lawbreaker in the commission of a crime). Whether present when the murder occurs or absent at that event makes no difference.

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgement." (Hebrews 9:22)

"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they

will give account of it in the day of judgement." (Matthew 12:36)

So it's important that we don't mislead others by our words or we'll also be accountable. One minute after one dies he or she will either be enjoying a personal welcome from Christ or catching his or her first glimpse of gloom such as they have never known it. Either way, one's future will be irrevocably fixed and eternally unchangeable. The Bible is God's word and we'll all be judged by it. So study these scriptures in your own Bible for understanding.

The Democrat platform provides abortion. The Republican platform provides life.

Some Republicans are not following their platform, but don't let

them lead you astray (wolves in sheep's clothing?). For example, Gov. Rauner signed a bill requiring pregnancy life centers to instruct those seeking help that abortion is good. However, they countered him with a lawsuit so the bill is not in effect while the suit stands.

And please don't use the name of Jesus when saying women are victimized and "punished" like Republicans do. I, a woman Republican, know many women Republicans and we do not victimize women but support pregnancy life centers, like the one in Hillsboro, who educate and support women. Come and see. Then you will know how to help one in need.

Agnes M. Huber  
Hillsboro

## Worked With Robbins In Law Enforcement For 25 Years

In light of the upcoming election, I would like to submit this letter concerning a friend of mine, Rick Robbins, who is campaigning to be the next sheriff of Montgomery County.

I have known Rick and have had the pleasure of working in law enforcement with him for approximately 25 years. We both started our law enforcement careers at the Morrisonville Police Department. In 1994, Rick was hired as a deputy sheriff at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. I was hired as a deputy

sheriff during the following year.

Since then, Rick was assigned with the drug task force and later appointed to his current position of undersheriff. In that capacity, Rick has assisted Sheriff Jim Vazzi with the daily operations of the sheriff's office for 16 years. Rick and I have spent countless hours working together, and he is always striving to provide professional law enforcement services. Rick's job knowledge, confidence and professional demeanor make him an asset to law enforcement in Montgomery County.

I can assure you that Rick is very dedicated to law enforcement, and he cares about the safety of the Montgomery County citizens. Rick has an outstanding work ethic. Rick has proven himself to be an effective leader, and I am confident that he can successfully carry out the duties of sheriff.

The primary election is March 20, and I would like to encourage the citizens of Montgomery County to vote. I sincerely recommend Rick Robbins for sheriff.

Bruce Sanford  
Hillsboro

## Woods Handles Issues With Level Head, Determination

I am writing this letter to say that I am a proud supporter of Scott Woods for sheriff.

I have the pleasure of knowing Scott as both a friend and co-worker. Scott has wonderful values in life. His faith and family are above the most important. I have worked alongside Scott in many situations and found him to be able to handle any situation that is given him with a level head and determination to get the situation resolved.

Scott goes above and beyond to help the citizens of this county,

whether he is on duty as a law enforcement officer or just talking to a person in need. He stands for the communities of Montgomery County with compassion and character that is greatly needed in this area.

Scott works well alongside the local fire departments, ambulance services and police departments.

I feel that Scott Woods' character is without a doubt honorable and true.

I hope that if you do not know Scott that you seek him out and ask him about his values and plans for the sheriff's department. I think that you will be very impressed.

Joletta Hill  
Nokomis

## Retired Illinois State Police Captain Supports Robbins

I am writing this letter in support of Undersheriff Rick Robbins. My wife and I have known Rick for many years, as she had him in kindergarten.

Rick served in the Gulf War with the Marine Corps, and he is still actively involved with many veterans organizations. Rick paid

his own way to the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois, showing his dedication to the profession. I personally witnessed Rick's positive and professional contributions when he was assigned to the South Central Illinois Drug Task Force.

I know Rick Robbins to be

ethical, hard-working and professional. As the current undersheriff, I can't think of a more qualified person than Rick Robbins to be the next sheriff of Montgomery County.

Leland Storm  
Hillsboro  
Captain, ISP (ret.)

## Undersheriff Will Continue To Lead With Fairness

I am writing this letter to show my support for Rick Robbins, Republican candidate for Montgomery County Sheriff.

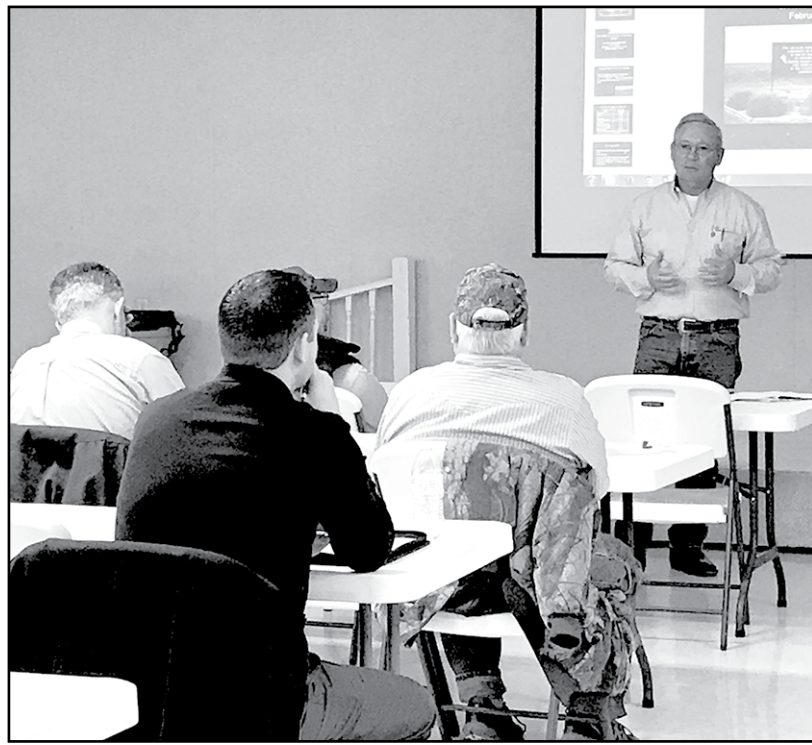
For so many reasons, I wish that my late husband, Roy, could be the one writing this. Roy and

I go back many years with Rick. He was a student in each of our classrooms.

However, many times throughout the years, Roy expressed to me and others how qualified Rick is to be the next sheriff. Rick

has done an outstanding job as undersheriff, and I know that he will continue to lead with fairness, experience and will be fiscally responsible as sheriff.

Mrs. Roy (Nanci) Hertel  
Hillsboro



Bruce Betzold of Nokomis discusses the Betzold's Registered Angus Cattle Management Program at the Dudley Smith Farm Winter Meeting.

## Extension Office Hosts Winter Meeting In Taylorville Feb. 15

The University of Illinois Extension Christian County Office in Taylorville hosted the Dudley Smith Farm Winter Meeting on Thursday, February 15.

This "in-office" field day highlighted the latest on beef cattle grazing systems, livestock management, and anaerobic digestion technology. The event also featured research updates from the Dudley Smith water quality and nutrient management project.

Special guests and topics included Ashley Belle, Ph.D., Extension educator with the Environmental and Energy Stewardship, who spoke on "Anaerobic Digestion Technology"; Travis Meteer, Extension educator with Commercial Agriculture, spoke on "Stretching Your Hay Budget"; the Dudley Smith Water Quality and Nutrient Manage-

ment Project update was given by Giovani Preza Fontes, U of I graduate student with the Department of Crop Sciences; "How Often Should You Move Your Cattle?" was presented by Ed Ballard, retired Extension educator with Animal Systems; and an overview of Betzold's Registered Angus Cattle Management Program was given by Bruce Betzold with Betzold Farms in Nokomis.

For more information, contact Ashley J. Belle, environmental and energystewardship educator at the Christian County Extension office in Taylorville at 217-287-7246 or via email [abelle@illinois.edu](mailto:abelle@illinois.edu). The public is also encouraged to visit the Extension's website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/> for information about upcoming programs.

## Applications To Renew CSP Contracts Are Due April 13

Agricultural producers wanting to enhance current conservation efforts are encouraged to renew their Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract. Through CSP, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation.

Participants with existing CSP contracts expiring on December 31 can access the benefits of the recent program changes through an option to renew their contracts for an additional five years, if they agree to adopt additional activities to achieve higher levels of conservation on their lands. In Illinois, approximately 550 CSP contracts are reaching the end of their initial five-year contract period and may be renewed for an additional five years.

NRCS will mail contract renewal notification letters to all participants whose contracts expire in 2018. The letters will contain instructions on how to apply for renewal. Applications to renew expiring contracts are due by April 13.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like cover crops, nutrient management, buffer strips, and

pollinator and beneficial insect habitat, all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land.

CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies and new management techniques, such as precision agriculture applications, on-site carbon storage and planting for high carbon sequestration rate, and new soil amendments to improve water quality.

Some CSP benefits include improved water quality, improved cattle gains per acre, increased crop yields, decreased inputs, improved wildlife habitat and populations and better resilience to weather extremes.

NRCS recently made several updates to the program to help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources.

New methods and software for evaluating applications help producers see up front why they are or are not meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These tools also enable producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the application process.

Producers interested in CSP are recommended to contact their local USDA service center or visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted).

## Faith Bible Christian Academy Plans All-School Science Fair

Faith Bible Christian Academy of Rosamond will present an all-school science fair on Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m.

This event will showcase projects from every student in pre-k through 12th grade. The public is invited to come view the amazing intellect at work at FBCCA.

Using the educational approach of S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts

and Mathematics), which engages the kids' minds into inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking, they will obtain skills that will enhance their future potential. The display is being coordinated by Mrs. Penny Miller and Mr. Micah Slifer, teachers at the academy.

Cookies and punch will be served.

For more information, contact the school office at 217-562-5054.



## Peyton Tester Earns Two District Awards For FFA

The Hillsboro High School FFA chapter sent two representatives to the District IV proficiency awards night at Sullivan High School on Wednesday, March 7. Erin Kistner, pictured at right, interviewed in the area of agriculture education. Peyton Tester, at left, represented Hillsboro and Section 19 in the star in agribusiness category with a record book about his trucking enterprise and took first place. Tester also won the agriculture services category. He will advance to the state competition on Saturday, March 24 at the University of Illinois.

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SAT., MAR. 17 - 10 a.m. Coin auction at Indian Springs Golf Club, 21347 IL Rt. 185, Fillmore, 6 mi. E. of Coffeen. 425 lots including 4 gold pcs. White Auction, Eric White, auctioneer, [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com) ID#13756, 217-556-2135.

SAT., MAR. 17 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Saturday Night Special featuring estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, [www.gdpope.com](http://www.gdpope.com), 217-825-8682.

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SAT., MAR. 24 - 10 a.m. Farmers Market-farm & garden items. Tools, equipment, small caged animals, hay & straw. Indoor heated seating. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

SUN., MAR. 25 - 9 a.m. at Bond Co. Fairgrounds, 608 Ridge Ave., Greenville for the Wilma Mueller living estate & others. Tractors, mowers, coins, Indian artifacts, adv. signs, antiques, collectibles, glassware, household, furniture, outdoor, tools, lawn & garden, more. Wayne Mollett & Adam Mollett, auctioneers, [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com) ID#23925, [www.wamollett-auctions.com](http://www.wamollett-auctions.com), 618-920-6694, 618-664-4259.

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SAT., MAR. 31 - 10 a.m. at 13017 Harrison Tr., Litchfield. RE of 2BR/2BA home on 1.5 lots to sell at Noon. Also antiques, collectibles, antique furniture, personal property. For the estate of Dr. Betty Robey, Cory M. Meyer & James Micenheimer, auctioneers.

SAT., APR. 7 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Saturday Night Special featuring estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, [www.gdpope.com](http://www.gdpope.com), 217-825-8682.

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SAT., APR. 14 - 10 a.m. located 2 mi. S of Mt. Olive on Old Rt. 66 to Tall Timber Rd., turn E 1/4 mi. to 21589 Tall Timber Rd. RE of 5BR/1BA brick home on 7.59+/- surveyed acres w/3 older outbuildings & silo. Tours: Thurs., Mar. 22 & 29, 5-7 p.m. or by appt. Personal property incl. furniture, household, tools, riding mowers. John Henschen estate, seller. Langham Auctioneers, Inc., [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com) ID#14627, 618-267-8400.

SUN., APR. 15 - 9 a.m. at Mulberry Grove. Farm machinery consignment auction. Ad deadline is April 1. McDowell Auction Service, 618-267-3410, [mcdowellauktion@frontiernet.net](http://mcdowellauktion@frontiernet.net).

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4-H members from Montgomery and Macoupin counties toured the Pioneer Plant in Litchfield. In the front row, from left to right are Braylee Gilmore, Rachel Wolff, Claire Behme, Alden Knodle, Kollin Reynolds and Tony Hermann of Pioneer. In the back row are Derek Birkenkamp of Pioneer, Joe Reno, Molly Reed, Tyler Behme, Ben Reno, Emily Barr, Tyson Oertel, Julie Bennett, Gabe Pauline, Kendall Knodle, Kaden Reynolds and Matt Martin of Pioneer.

## 4-H Members Tour Pioneer Plant In Litchfield

On Feb. 28, 15 4-H members from Montgomery and Macoupin counties toured the Pioneer plant in Litchfield.

Tony Hermann of Pioneer organized a plant tour, and the 4-H youth and their parents saw the process that seeds go through from arrival to packaging.

At Pioneer, seeds go through rigorous quality control checkpoints and several processing steps before they are ready to be packaged. Hermann said this is because they take pride in providing the best quality product to their customers. He also shared with 4-H members about employment and internship programs available

through Pioneer.

This program was coordinated by Montgomery County 4-H, through the University of Illinois Extension.

For more information on 4-H programs, contact Elisha Hughes at [ehugh2@illinois.edu](mailto:ehugh2@illinois.edu).

## Extension To Offer Diabetes Management Classes

Almost 3,000 people in Montgomery County are living with diabetes, and current projections show one in three Americans will have diabetes by 2050. For individuals with diabetes, selecting and preparing foods that are low in sugar, fat and sodium can be a real challenge. To help meet this challenge, the University of Illinois Extension office will offer a program called "I on Diabetes."

"I on Diabetes" is a series of four two-hour sessions designed for anyone interested in preventing or managing diabetes. The program provides information

on treatment goals and self-monitoring, managing carbohydrates, sodium, cholesterol and fat portions, planning meals, reading food labels and using artificial sweeteners, low-fat products, and herbs and spices. In each session, participants receive recipes, watch cooking demonstrations and taste foods to meet their dietary needs.

The goal of "I on Diabetes" is to help individuals improve their diabetes care and overall well-being. The program is meant to compliment the recommendations of their healthcare provider and to help them and their

loved ones manage diabetes.

"I on Diabetes" will meet Wednesday, April 11; Thursday, April 12; Wednesday, April 18; and Thursday, April 19.

Each class will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension office in Hillsboro. There is a \$20 fee, which will cover all four sessions. The fee is for the purchase of food and supplies. No products will be sold at the classes. Space is limited, so enroll now. To register, call 217-532-3941 or visit their website at [web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm).

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## ISP Will Conduct County ACE Patrols

Illinois State Police (ISP) District 18 Commander, Captain Timothy Tyler, announces the ISP will conduct Alcohol Countermeasure Enforcement (ACE) patrols in Montgomery county during the month of March. ACE patrols allow the ISP to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

The ISP has zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois. Officers working the detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, transporting open alcoholic beverages, and most importantly, driving under the influence (DUI), safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving, and all Illinois vehicle code and criminal

violations.

Alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. There is one alcohol-related traffic fatality every 53 minutes in the United States. The ACE program allows officers to work even harder at removing dangerous DUI offenders from the road. This project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Hillsboro Police and Fire Commission

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Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3  
**Position:** Math Teacher Long Term Substitute; **License:** Secondary Illinois Professional Educator's License, must be Highly Qualified. **Job Description:** Plans, instructs and assesses students in Geometry and Algebra II. Develops reasonable rules for classroom behavior and procedure and maintains order in the classroom in a fair and consistent manner. Attends and participates in district, faculty and department meetings in accordance with district policies, practices, and negotiated agreement. Cooperates with other members of the staff in planning instructional goals, objectives, and methods. **Starting Date:** Beginning 4/16/18-5/31/18 (End of School Year). **Salary:** District Substitute Daily Rate. **Submit Application/Resume/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to:** Patricia Heyen, Principal, Hillsboro High School, 522 E. Tremont St., Hillsboro, IL 62049. Fax to: 217-532-5142. E-mail to: [pheyen@hillsboroschools.net](mailto:pheyen@hillsboroschools.net). Phone: (217) 532-2841. **Due By: March 21, 2018**  
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Craig Hires, pictured right, was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2. He was pinned by Col. Joseph Schweickert, Illinois National Guard Chief of Staff, pictured on the left.

## Litchfield Soldier Promoted To Chief Warrant Officer 2

Craig Hires of Litchfield, was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 2, during a ceremony at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, held on Saturday, March 3. Hires was pinned by Col. Joseph Schweickert, Illinois National Guard Chief of Staff.

Hires joined the Illinois National Guard in 1998, as a 92 Y,

Unit Supply Specialist. Hires has been a member of Joint Force Headquarters, Camp Lincoln in Springfield, since 2009.

He serves as the property book officer, Central Issue Facility at Camp Lincoln. He attended Warrant Officer Candidate School in 2016.

## Title Transfers

### Feb. 1

Nancy Wasylenko to Barbara A Valentine, WD, Lot 9, Blk. 1, Davis WG Addn., Lot 10, Blk. 1, Davis WG Addn.

Deborah Wendel to Dennis M. Wendel, QCD, Lot 1, Blk. 63, Huggins PC Addn, Lot 8, Blk. 63, Huggins PC Addn.

### Feb. 2

Michael R. Glenn to Steve A. Locke, Janice L. Locke, WD, Lot 4, Spruills Subn. Nokomis Sec. 23. Walter King, Dawn King to Sean L. Wyant, Tracey R. Wyant, WD, Sec. 9, 2 Pts. NW/NW, Irving Twp.

Nicholas T. Warren, Kristen M. Lindsay, Kristen M. Warren to Ronald Williams, Irene Williams, WD, Lot 9, Blk. 97, Huggins PC Addn., Lot 12, Blk. 97, Huggins PC Addn.

Brenda S. Clavin to Bruce T. Clavin, QCD, Lots 1-12, Blk. 6, Miller Young & Crickenberger Addn., Lots 1-4, Lots 2-4 & Pt. Lot 1, Blk. 14, Miller Young & Crickenberger Addn.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 8, 2018, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: BRITAIN'S PRINCESS PARTIES located at 3415 N. 15TH AVE. in the city of LITCHFIELD and state of IL.

Dated March 8, 2018  
Sandy Leitheiser,  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EULA F. DURSTON, Deceased.

### No. 2018P12 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Eula F. Durston. Letters of Office were issued in Case No. 2018P12 to Suzanne Weller, 224 N. Main, Witt, IL 62094, as Independent Representative, whose attorney of record is JOHN E. EVANS, P.C., 106 E. Wood St., P.O. Box 189, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Montgomery County Court-

house, Hillsboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 12th day of September, 2018, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice.

Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

SUZANNE WELLER,  
Personal Representative  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, A National Banking Association, Plaintiff,

-vs-

BRUCE SPENCER, HOLLI SPENCER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

17-CH-50

### NOTICE OF COURT SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment will be sold to the highest bidder:

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Janeil Barricklow, Security National Bank, #1 West Broadway Street, Witt, Illinois, 62094 (Telephone 217-594-2221).

B. Common address or other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

19392 Matlock Road, Nokomis, IL 62075

C. The legal description of the real estate is:

Four (4) Acres, more or less, out of the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Ten (10) North, Range Two (2) West of the Third Principal Meridian, being 393 feet North and South 443.3 feet East and West in rectangular form in the Northwest Corner of said Quarter Section, situated in Montgomery County, Illinois. (Tax No. 08-25-

200-001).

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: A residence

E. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: No inspection available.

F. Date and place of the sale are: Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. at the front entrance of the Montgomery County Courthouse, North Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois.

G. The terms of the sale are: Successful bidder shall pay 10% of the purchase price to the Sheriff of Montgomery County at the time of sale and shall pay the remaining balance at the time of confirmation of said sale by the Circuit Court.

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Security National Bank, a National Banking Association, Plaintiff

By: Stephen R. Cullison,  
Plaintiff's Attorney

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## Court

• Billy R. Werner, 22, of Gillespie, faces a felony charge of burglary after allegedly entering a building owned by the city of Litchfield on or around August 3, 2017, on Beach House Trail in Litchfield.

• Kenneth P. Warren, 36, of Sorento, faces a felony charge of criminal damage to government supported property after allegedly bending the back door of the squad car by kicking it in with

his feet at 8:35 p.m. on or around Thursday, Jan. 25, on Walshville Trail in Hillsboro.

Warren also faces a misdemeanor charge of resisting a peace officer after allegedly struggling with a deputy who was attempting to remove him from the squad car and take him into the jail at 8:35 p.m. on or around Thursday, Jan. 25, on North Main Street in Hillsboro.

• Daniel K. Herndon, 30,

of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to theft on Monday, Feb. 12, and was sentenced to 190 days in jail with a credit of 95 days served, fined \$100, plus court costs. A felony of residential burglary was dismissed.

• Shelby A. Porter, 28, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to criminal trespass to land on Thursday, Feb. 15, and was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge and eight days in jail with a credit of four

days served.

• Timothy J. Jones, 39, of Coffeen, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of meth at 10:07 p.m. Monday, March 5, on South Main Street at Hirst Street in Witt.

• Kourtney M. Clark, 27, of Coffeen, pleaded guilty to retail theft on Tuesday, March 6, and was sentenced to six months of conditional discharge, fined \$50, plus court costs.

## Fire Calls

### Anhydrous Leak

The Hillsboro Fire Department responded to an anhydrous leak on East Side Lane in Hillsboro at 4:24 p.m. Monday, March 5. Upon arrival, the responders found the leak near the site where the pipeline is being dug

up. Twenty-one members responded and were back in service at 5:30 p.m.

### Vehicle Accident

Members of the Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a vehicle accident on Route 16, just west of Hillsboro, at 6:36

a.m. Tuesday, March 6.

One victim was extricated from a vehicle and airlifted by a medical helicopter, and another victim was taken by Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service to Hillsboro Area Hospital. Nineteen members responded and were

back in service at 7:18 a.m.

### Canceled En Route

The Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at 512 Locust Street at 12:01 p.m. Sunday, March 11. Twelve members responded, but the call was canceled en route.

## Police

### Taylor Springs Police

• Property in Taylor Springs owned by Helen Petty, 93, of Nokomis, was cited for weeds over eight inches at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 6.

• Jake A. Meyer, 24, of Greenville, was ticketed for running a stop sign at 5:09 p.m. Saturday, March 10, on Broadway Street at Seymour Avenue.

• Long K. Clayton, 52, of Hillsboro, was cited for driving on a revoked or suspended license and disregarding a traffic control device at 10:20 a.m. Thursday,

March 8, on Main Street.

• Brock A. Ondesko, 20, of Taylor Springs, was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and criminal damage to state supported property for alleged damage in the village park, located on Park Street at Butter Street, in Taylor Springs.

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### Johanna McCarty Speaks At Rotary Club Meeting March 7

Staff volunteer Johanna McCarty of Retreat and Refresh Stroke Camp spoke at the Hillsboro Rotary Club meeting held on Wednesday, March 7, at the Canton Inn in Hillsboro. The camp, based in Peoria, is on a mission to improve the quality of life for stroke survivors, caregivers and their families. This is accomplished through weekend retreats, as well as community stroke education and awareness events for the public. Pictured above, from left to right is Rotary Member Jerry Wesley and Staff Volunteer Johanna McCarty of Retreat and Refresh Stroke Camp.

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## Postal Services Return To Village Of Waggoner

"We are open and ready for customers to start taking advantage of the services we offer," Postman Matthew Sands said of the newly installed post office in the village of Waggoner.

While the installation of the newly pre-fabricated portable building took place in November 2017, postal services returned to the small community on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Sands began working with the local post offices in August 2017, helping cover at the Harvel location for the clerk who was on maternity leave, and filled in wherever they needed him.

But in order to perform his duties, he was to complete a civil service test and two weeks of training in Springfield, followed by 40 hours of one-on-one training with a local clerk.

He will be available to handle mail, sell postage, ship packages, and once the cluster box units are moved and the new boxes inside are activated, he will begin distributing mail daily.

Once placed near the city hall for convenience purposes, the cluster box units will be closed,

but the shelter that Mayor Ron Seaton built will remain for children waiting at the bus stop.

There are roughly 72 mailboxes housed inside the post office, but they aren't fully activated yet, as staff are in the process of declaring a numerical system.

If new numbers are given to customers, Sands said a letter will be sent to residents to inform them of when the change will occur.

He added that mail distribution will not be disrupted, and if a resident were to receive a new box number, he will have record of the old number that they previously possessed.

Currently, mail is processed in Springfield and is separated at the Farmersville Post Office, where carrier, Barb Durston, will handle it out.

The Waggoner Post Office is a full-service office, and Sands looks forward to assisting community members with money orders, package services and anything else he may be able to assist with.

The office is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, from 9:30 to 11:30



Waggoner Postman Matthew Sands looks forward to serving the Waggoner community, and lend a helping hand where it's needed.

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a.m. The box lobby located inside will be accessible 24 hours, seven days a week.

Sands resides in Hillsboro with his wife Marissa and their 10-month-old daughter, Morgan.

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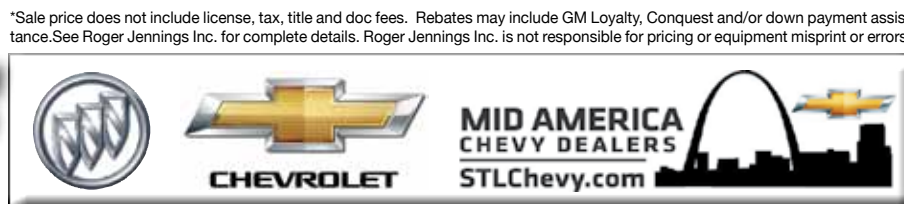
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## Farmersville Grade School Celebrates Dr. Seuss Week



Students at Farmersville Grade School celebrated Dr. Seuss Week. On Friday, March 2, was Dr. Seuss' birthday and was also Read Across America Day. Pictured above, Jan Smith's kindergarten class celebrates Dr. Seuss Week at Farmersville Grade School in Farmersville.



First grader Carolyn White, pictured right, reads a Dr. Seuss book to pre-k student Savannah Michaels, pictured left.

## Kayla Stauder Receives Scholarship To SMSU

Kayla Stauder of Nokomis has received the Regents' Scholarship to attend Southeast Missouri State University for the 2018-2019 academic year.

She is the daughter of Scott and Nicole Stauder of Nokomis and will be a 2018 graduate of Nokomis High School.

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