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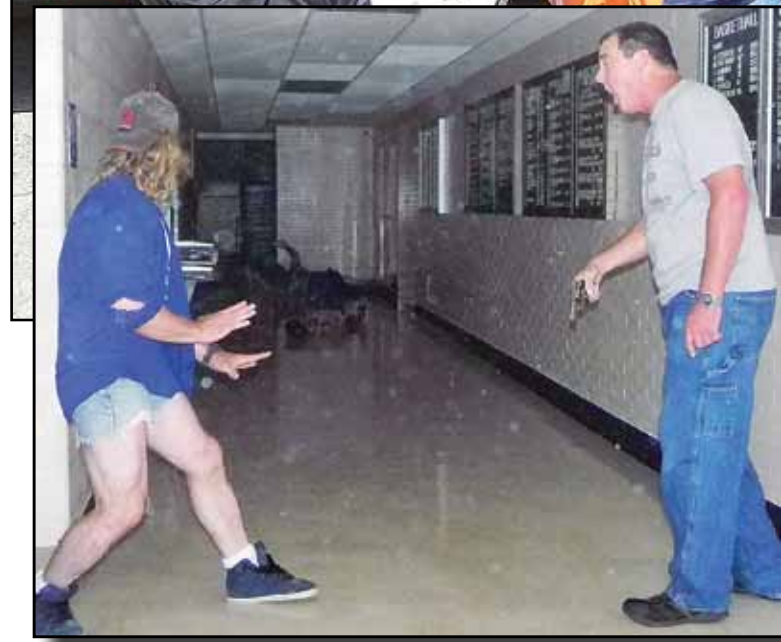
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Above, members of the Hillsboro Fire Department transfer a shooting "victim" to an ambulance after she was wounded in a simulation. At left, "shooter" Hugh Satterlee and "hostage" Andy Kamp became involved in a heated conflict before Satterlee simulated opening fire.

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Preparing For The Worst



Over 20 local law enforcement agencies and first responding entities participated in the active shooter training simulation held at Hillsboro High School on Wednesday, July 11. The simulation, which was led by Montgomery County Sheriff's Deputy and Active Shooter Instructor Tyson Holshouser, was very successful for community emergency responders. "The exercise went really great," said Holshouser. "It was very well-coordinated."

New to this year's training session was simulated search of person and building evacuation. "A large part of evacuation is the accountability and who we might have missing as far as victims and first responders," said Montgomery County Undersheriff Rick Robbins. Agencies that attended or were involved included the Hillsboro, Vandalia, Greenville, Nokomis, Gillespie and Litchfield police departments; Bond, Montgomery, Jersey and Macoupin county police departments; Hillsboro and Litchfield fire departments; Hillsboro and Jerseyville ambulances/EMS; Montgomery County EMA; Hillsboro Area Hospital; Illinois State Police and ARCH Air Medical Services. The event was made possible by all of the above agencies, as well as the Hillsboro School District, the Hillsboro Lion's Club and dozens of area teachers, school officials, role players

and volunteers. The purpose of the simulation was to practice a community-wide response to an active shooter incident. "The idea is not just for a law enforcement response, but to coordinate a unified response with the community's emergency services across the board, with the hospitals, school officials and business entities," said Holshouser. After the training, all responders, participants and volunteers were invited to lunch and a debriefing session at the Hillsboro Lion's Club. The lunch was provided by the Hillsboro Police Anticrime/Education Fund. More photos appear on page 8A.

Duff Gets 13 Years On Child Sex Crime

A Fillmore man was sentenced to 13 years in prison, according to Montgomery County State's Attorney Bryant Hitchings, for sex crimes that resulted in two arrests in January. Windell C. Duff, Jr., 41, of Fillmore, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child under age 13 in front of Judge James Roberts in Montgomery County Circuit Court in Hillsboro on Monday, July 9. According to the terms of a plea

agreement, he must also serve a parole term ranging from three years to life when he is released from prison, plus pay a \$100 fine and court costs. Felony charges of child pornography and sexual exploitation were dismissed as part of the agreement. Duff was arrested on Jan. 14, along with Hayley R. Heinzmann, 21, of Vandalia, who faces a felony charge of sexual exploitation of a child. A jury trial is scheduled to begin on Aug. 20.

Don VanGiesen Will Be New Junior High Principal

by Mike Plunkett

Members of the Hillsboro School board hired a new principal for the junior high school as part of an agenda that focused on getting ready for the next school year during their meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at the unit office. To fill the vacancy created at Hillsboro Junior High School by the resignation of Dr. Mark Fenske, the board hired the present assistant principal at the school, Donald VanGiesen, and elected not to fill the assistant principal vacancy and instead make the counselor who splits time between the junior high and the high school—Jen Anderson—full-time at the junior high. The board also plans to fill a part-time school secretary position that went unfilled for the first time last school year.

"That staffing level is very typical for a high school of our size," Powell said. "That said, we will still be doing the same amount of work with fewer people."

The decision to promote VanGiesen was unanimous; the decision to not fill the resulting assistant principal vacancy was not. Board member Barbara Adams cast the dissenting vote.

VanGiesen has worked at the junior high school since 2005, first as a physical education teacher and as assistant principal since 2015. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Blackburn College in Carlinville in 2004 and spent his first year in education as a P.E. teacher in Milford. He completed his master's degree in education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 2011.

In addition to promoting VanGiesen to principal after a closed session, the board also accepted the resignation of Beckemeyer first grade teacher Shonda Ronen. Earlier in the meeting, the board voted to not fill that vacancy, either.

Superintendent Powell pointed out that without the resignation, first grade class sizes would have projected to average 15.6 students in five classes.

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County Board Supports Ed Study With \$10,000

Members of the Montgomery County board pledged \$10,000 for a study to improve schools, and heard an update about EPA cleanup efforts at the former Eagle Zinc site during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 10, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. In asking board members to spend \$10,000—half of the money needed to fund a school study—board member Dr. Robert Mulch, who also chairs the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) board of directors, said he and other volunteers from Hillsboro, Litchfield and Raymond were motivated by issues brought forward by Jim Hewitt of Allscripts about difficulty in attracting employees to Montgomery County due to schools, as well as property taxes and lack of housing. Those volunteers have proposed using MCEDC 501(c)3 not-for-profit status to raise \$18,000 to \$20,000 to fund a school study and asked the county for the first

\$10,000. "We have raised a significant amount of that remaining \$10,000 to date," Dr. Mulch said. He and other members of the group have already met with school superintendents from Hillsboro, Litchfield, Nokomis and Panhandle school districts, and anticipate making presentations at school board meetings in each of those districts in the coming month. Margaret Gielniewski from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), along with Nicole Wilson of the Illinois EPA and John Rossi of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, were among a group present to update board members on "Superfund" cleanup work underway at the former Eagle Zinc plant in Hillsboro. "We've located more underground structures than anticipated," Gielniewski said of surprise findings on the site that have added to the amount of work and the cost.

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Hillsboro Joins Litchfield In Support Of MCGI

by Ron Deabenderfer

Hillsboro's city council welcomed Dave Strowmatt (spokesman), Litchfield Mayor Steve Dougherty, and Robert Buda of the Montgomery County Growth Initiative (MCGI) committee to their meeting Tuesday evening, July 10, and unanimously adopted a resolution in support of that committee's work.

According to Strowmatt, the county has much to offer veterans—places to build and live, a community college eager to educate and train them, and a low unemployment rate as well as quick access to two major population centers. Veterans are looking for safe places to live with a relatively low cost of living and job opportunities. The committee, with a resolution of support from the Litchfield City Council as well as Hillsboro's, plans a presentation to the county board in the near future.

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A joint resolution for the Montgomery County Growth Initiative was approved at the Hillsboro City Council meeting Tuesday. The City of Litchfield approved the initiative at their council meeting last Thursday, July 5. From the left are Hillsboro Commissioners Dan Robbins, Mike Murphy, Don Downs, Mayor Brian Sullivan, Litchfield Mayor Steve Dougherty, Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent Dave Strowmatt, veteran and Litchfield resident Robert Buda, and Hillsboro Commissioner Katie Duncan.

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Obituaries

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Edith E. Hazelwood, 97

Enjoyed Time With Family, Puzzles

Edith E. Hazelwood, 97, of Litchfield, formerly of Girard, died on Sunday, July 8, 2018, at 3:29 a.m. at her daughter Nancy's residence, surrounded by her loving family.



women's church mission groups. She also taught Sunday School for many years.

Most importantly, she loved spending time with her family.

Mrs. Hazelwood is survived by her son, Paul Warren (April) Hazelwood of Wichita, KS; daughters, Joyce Colclasure of Bloomington, Bonnie Hazelwood of Elgin, Nancy Shade of Litchfield and Sharon (Dewey) Thoms of Denham Springs, LA; a sister, Vanita Beck of Rossville, GA; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Laurel and Ralph Grigg; two sisters, Cora Redding and Loreen Blevins; and a son-in-law, John Shade.

Memorials may be directed to Teen Challenge. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.calvert-ferryfuneralhomes.com.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 10, at Calvert & Ferry Funeral Home in Virden with Jim Shade and Pastor Roy Eller co-officiating. Burial followed at Union Chapel Cemetery in Girard.

Mrs. Hazelwood was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Sorento, to Edward F. and Martha G. (Michaels) Grigg. She married William Milton Hazelwood on Aug. 18, 1946, in Virden, and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Nilwood Baptist Church, along with her husband, for over 60 years, and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church for the past few years. Mrs. Hazelwood loved to do word search puzzles, and was involved in numerous

Catherine 'Katie' L. Wolfe, 86

Clerk At Coffman's Drug Store

Catherine "Katie" Louise Wolfe, 86, of Litchfield, died on Monday, July 9, 2018, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.



Visitation will be held Friday, July 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Litchfield Family Funeral Service. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 14, beginning at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield with Pastor Fred Kraemer officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mrs. Wolfe was born Nov. 16, 1931, in Litchfield, to Louis and Eva Maria (Farmer) Slusser. She married Warren L. Wolfe on Oct. 10, 1981, at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, and he survives.

She graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1949. She was most commonly recognized at Coffman Drug Store in Litchfield, where she served as clerk for 16 years. She was also a homemaker and loving mother.

Mrs. Wolfe was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, and was helpful in all areas of the church.

She enjoyed attending her Coffee Club mornings, where she and 13 other ladies met at Jubel's once a week for several years. She always took care of her friends, making sure they were able to get to where they needed to go, and in return, when she was unable, her friends returned the favor. They always

took care of each other. Mrs. Wolfe's grandchildren were the light of her life, and she enjoyed every moment spent with them. She never missed an activity they were involved in and was always their biggest supporter.

Every year, she and her husband hosted an Easter egg hunt for their family in celebration of the holiday. The grandchildren enjoyed the hunt throughout their youth and even to adulthood.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Wolfe is survived by a son, Dennis Lee (Penny) Wolfe of Nokomis; daughters, Monacita McLaughlin of Fort Myers, FL, Kim Wenona (Michael) White of St. Louis, MO, Katherine Diane Smegal of Taylorville and Dawn Marie (Darin) Ashby of Litchfield; grandchildren, Brandon McLaughlin, James White, Chelsie Wolfe, Michelle Costello, Brittany and Alyssa Ashby and Christopher James and Matthew Smegal; and sisters, Carol Jeane Conner and Betty Irene Slightom.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Tim White; brother, Melvin Slusser and first husband, Everett Meitzenheimer.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Zion Lutheran Onward in Faith campaign or the Montgomery County Cancer Association. Online condolences may be left at www.litchfieldffs.com.

Melba A. Berry, 79

Parts Inspector For Crane Packing

Melba A. Berry, 79, of Fillmore, died on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at Montgomery Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 11, at Glendale Cemetery in Fillmore. Miller Funeral Home in Fillmore was in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Berry was born Jan. 4, 1939, in rural Bingham, to Russell G. "Gabe" and Kentria June (Newcomb) Cole, Sr. She married Cyril Dean Beesley, and he preceded her in death. She later married Robert Lee Berry. She then met her companion, Dick Peek, and he survives.

She retired from Crane Packing in Vandalia, where she worked as a parts inspector.

Ms. Berry is survived by her beloved companion of Fillmore; sons, Bruce (Mary) Beesley of Shobonier and Curt Beesley of

Fillmore; two daughters, Connie (Jim) Longwell of Vandalia and Betty Ann Ellis of Mt. Carmel; brothers, Donald Loyd of Florida and Kenneth (Crystal) Cole of Brownstown; sisters, Janet McElroy of Patoka, Bessie Cole of Ramsey, Mary Kennedy of Florida, Judy Snider of Bingham, Joann Cole of Greenville, Marilyn Rockrow of Effingham and Carolyn Thacker of Mulberry Grove; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Royce Beesley; a brother, Russell Cole, Jr.; and infant twin sisters, Brenda and Linda.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

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

Donald S. Robertson, 76

Worked In Auto Body Industry

Donald Samuel Robertson, 76, of Litchfield, died Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at 6:50 a.m. at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.



auto body industry. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served from 1959 to 1961.

He is survived by his children, Donald Robertson, Jr. of Gillespie, Kristina (Steven) Remer of Mt. Olive, and Donna (Dennis) Riesinger of Benld; grandchildren, Noah Robertson and Bianca Robertson; several great-grandchildren; and a sister, Roberta Heyen of Litchfield.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth E. Robertson. Online condolences may be left at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

No public services are planned at this time. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Robertson was born April 19, 1942, in Gillespie, to Samuel Robertson and Edna Mae (Kliest) Robertson Guild. He married Eilene (Fritz) Robertson on April 1, 1966, in Carlinville, and she preceded him in death on July 17, 1996.

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NEW LISTING! 210 S. Elm, \$73,000 - Pretty, classic 3-4 BR-1.5 BA home! Original woodwork & doors! Open staircase, crystal chandelier, updated kitchen, separate dining room with built-in glass door hutch, main floor bedroom with double closet. 1-car garage, covered patio & pretty front porch! MUST SEE!



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Dennis W. King, 76

ISP Telecommunicator

Dennis W. King, 76, of Springfield, died on Friday, July 6, 2018, at 9:27 a.m. at his home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 12, at Staab Funeral Home in Springfield. Burial will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, where military honors will be conducted.

Mr. King was born Sept. 30, 1941, in Carterville, to Dennis Cromwell and Fionnie Mae (Dollar) King. He married Twyla Marie Williams on Aug. 10, 1963, and she preceded him in death on June 10, 2003.

He faithfully served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Hailing from Williamsville, Mr. King was a resident of Springfield for the past 15 years.

He was employed with the Illinois State Police District 9 as a telecommunicator, retiring in 1998 after 30 years of service. He was involved in the AFSCOME



initial contract for the State of Illinois for Illinois State Police telecommunicators.

Mr. King was an active Boy Scout Leader, and enjoyed building model airplanes, fishing, camping, woodworking and most importantly spending time with his family.

He is survived by a son, Denny (fiancee Amy Hampton) King of Springfield and their two children, Shayne Law and Krystin Law, both of Litchfield; a daughter, Kelly (Jerry) Meneghetti and their two children, Cheyenne and Raleigh of Rochester; and one brother, Harold Deck of Williamsville.

In addition to his beloved wife, Mr. King was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters.

Memorials may be directed to the Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, Springfield, IL 62702.

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

THANK YOU

The family of Dale Osterholt would like to thank you very much for the cards, flowers, food, prayers, and kind expressions of sympathy shown following his sad passing.

Your support at this difficult time is truly appreciated and of great comfort to all of our family. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful people in our lives.

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Lawrence J. Auda, 84

Dean of Litchfield Deanery

Monsignor Lawrence J. Auda, 84, of Gillespie, died on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at 2:40 p.m. at Heritage Health: Therapy & Senior Care in Gillespie.



Visitation will be held Thursday, July 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church in Gillespie. Funeral Mass will be held Friday, July 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at the church.

Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Gillespie. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is in charge of arrangements.

Monsignor Auda was born May 3, 1934, in Litchfield, to Charles and Victoria (Ricchiardi) Auda. He was ordained a Catholic priest on May 21, 1960, and received his Papal Honor: Chaplain to His Holiness (Monsignor) on Aug. 23, 2002.

Monsignor Auda was an assistant at St. Paul in Highland, from 1960 to 1964; St. Anthony in Effingham, from 1964 to 1968; and St. Matthew in Alton, from 1968 to 1972.

He served as a pastor at St. Mary in Marshall, from 1972 to 1975, then went on to serve as a Parochial Administrator at Christ

the King in Greenup and St. Charles, Borromeo and Casey, from 1973 to 1975.

From 1975 to 1976, Monsignor Auda was a pastor of St. Michael in Greenfield and St. Catherine in Hagaman, and went on to serve additional time at St. Mary in Marshall from 1976 to 1988.

He was a Spiritual Director of the Diocesan Seminary from 1980 to 1986, before he began pastoring at SS Simon & Jude in Gillespie and St. Joseph in Benld from 1988 to 2009. In 2009, he was deemed Parochial Administrator of the two until 2014, when he became the Pastor Emeritus.

Additionally, Monsignor Auda served as the Dean of the Litchfield Deanery from 1994 to 2009. He is survived by several cousins.

Monsignor Auda was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be directed to SS Simon & Jude Altar Society or St. Joseph's Altar Society. Online condolences may be left at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

Brian M. Bergschneider, 47

GSI Manager, Army Veteran

Brian M. Bergschneider, 47, of Taylorville, died on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 3:43 p.m. in his home.



In accordance to his wishes, he will be cremated, and a private inurnment will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton. McClure Funeral Home

and Cremation Services in Taylorville is assisting the family.

Mr. Bergschneider was born on May 19, 1971, in Hillsboro.

He graduated from Witt High School with the class of 1989, and went on to faithfully serve his country in the U.S. Army. He was very proud of his time in the service, and was active during the Desert Storm period. Throughout his service, he was stationed in Berlin, Germany, Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Mr. Bergschneider was employed as a manager at GSI in

both Taylorville and Assumption.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, riding his motorcycle, and couldn't start his day without his cup of Casey's coffee. More than anything, he adored his children, and was always eager to talk about them any chance he had.

Mr. Bergschneider is survived by his sons, Jacob M. Bergschneider and Alex S. Bergschneider, both of Taylorville; a daughter, Lauren T. (Lucy) Hendrix of Alton; his mother, Teena (Marlin) Durbin of Kincaid; grandmother, Adelia "Dee" Bale of Kincaid; a brother, Todd A. Bergschneider of Petersburg; a sister, Jaime (Christopher) Silva of Kincaid; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

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

Danny L. Brown, 65

Construction Foreman

Danny Lee Brown, 65, of Ramsey, died on Sunday, July 8, 2018, at 4:49 p.m. at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 12, beginning at 10 a.m. at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. Burial will follow at Craig Cemetery in Ramsey.

Mr. Brown was born May 16, 1953, in Montgomery County, to Espy and Evelyn (Murkin) Brown. He married Rose Porter on Nov. 13, 1971, at Oak Valley Church, and she preceded him in death on July 11, 2013. He later married Judy Stokes on Sept. 6, 2015, in Oconee, and she survives.

He served as a foreman for Christy Folts Construction Co.,

and was a member of the Local 159 in Decatur.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Brown is survived by his children, Tabitha (Jeremy) Eller and Britany Brown, both of Ramsey; a stepson, Johnnie Franklin (Michelle) Williams of Nokomis; grandchildren, Jacob Eller and Summer Marley; stepgrandchildren, Tyler Wright and Derek Reynolds; sisters, Mildred (Carl) Morefield of Ramsey and Bernadine Brown of Benton, KY; and a brother, Jim (Shirley) Brown of Ramsey.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and his parents.

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

Rebecca 'Becky' Matli, 65

Arrangements Pending

Rebecca "Becky" Matli, 65, died at her home in Raymond. Arrangements are pending

at Hough Funeral Home in Raymond. A full obituary will be published in the next edition.

Brenda P. Crays, 56
NHRA Drag Racing Fan

Brenda P. Crays, 56, of Girard, died on Monday, July 9, 2018, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.



Visitation will be held Friday, July 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hough Memorial Home in Farmersville. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 14, beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Bethel Ridge Cemetery in Atwater.

Ms. Crays was born on Nov. 10, 1962, in Carlinville, to Claude and Pearl Caudle, Jr.

She loved NHRA drag racing and spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren and beloved dogs, Bella

and Daisy. Ms. Crays is survived by her mother of Girard; companion, Art Gustafson; two daughters, Sheila (Jerry) Miller of Carlinville and Andrea Gustafson of Carlinville; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers, Gene (Wanda) Caudle of Springfield, Leroy (Judy) Caudle and Glenn (Johna) Caudle, both of Farmersville; and a sister, Becky (Larry Islie) Caudle of Farmersville.

She was preceded in death by her father; and one brother, Donald Caudle.

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



Now selling HSA youth soccer raffle tickets, from the left are Jen and Matt Weiss of Weiss Power Equipment in Taylor Springs and HSA President and Soccer Director Matt Lentz. *Journal-News Photo*

Raffle Tickets Will Help Out HSA Youth Soccer Program

Tickets are now available for a raffle with \$1,200 in incredible prizes, all to help out the Hillsboro Sports Association youth soccer program.

First prize in the raffle is \$500 to spend at Weiss Power Equipment in Taylor Springs which can be used on the store's full line of Stihl equipment, Toro mowers, accessories, or top of the line smokers and grills. Second place is \$300 in cash, third is \$200 to spend at Paris Frozen Foods, fourth is \$100 to spend at Capri IGA, and fifth is \$100 to spend

at Casey's General Store. The drawing is set for Saturday, Oct. 13; winners need not be present.

Tickets are now on sale at Weiss Power Equipment or from Hillsboro Sports Association President and Soccer Director Matt Lentz (217-371-1536), or from Bill Christian (217-827-1778). When youth soccer season begins this fall, players will also have tickets for sale.

Funds raised through the raffle will be used for needed soccer equipment. Last year's raffle paid for a sprayer.

Ronald G. Monke, 55
Construction Laborer, Loved Fishing

Ronald Gene Monke, 55, of Wilsonville, died on Sunday, July 1, 2018, at 2:45 p.m. at his residence.



A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 7, at the Staunton Country Club. Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Monke was born Feb. 16, 1963, in Litchfield, to LaVern and Vivian (Greeling) Monke.

He was employed as a laborer in the construction field. He enjoyed playing darts, fishing and being with his children.

Mr. Monke is survived by two daughters, Breanna Monke of Staunton and Bethany Monke of Wilsonville; a son, Ronnie Mon-

ke of Wilsonville; three brothers, Jerry (Chris) Greeling of Australia, Kenny (Barb) Monke of Arcola and Richard (Pam) Monke of White City; four sisters, Bonny Monke, Debbie Monke and Barb (Aaron) Bishop, all of Benld, and Sandy Svoboda of Dillon, MT; 14 nieces and nephews; 19 great-nieces and nephews; and two great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be directed to the Ronnie Monke College Fund.

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

Leona M. Hammond, 78
Housekeeper, Enjoyed Holidays

Leona May Hammond, 78, of Litchfield, died on Sunday, July 8, 2018, at 6:45 a.m. at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.



Private family graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, July 11, at Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield with the Rev. Gary Stanford, of First Baptist Church in Taylor Springs, officiating. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield assisted the family.

Mrs. Hammond was born on Dec. 11, 1939, in Nokomis, to Delvin George and Clara Minnie (Stolte) Hunter. She married Billy L. Sipes on March 15, 1956, in Hernando, MS, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 1985. She later married Earl Eugene "Gene" Hammond on May 23, 1987, in Taylor Springs, and he preceded her in death in 2003.

She worked in the housekeeping department at Hillsboro Area Hospital for 20 years.

Mrs. Hammond loved her children and her grandchildren more than anything in the world. There wasn't anything she wouldn't do for them and one could tell as they walked in her home because there were wall to wall pictures of family.

She loved family dinners, holidays with her family and loved cooking big meals for everyone.

No one went home hungry. She was known to bake many pies for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Hammond enjoyed her flower garden and watching the birds from her window. Several hummingbirds, yellow finch and doves would visit her every day. She will be missed greatly.

She is survived by her companion of 14 years, Tom Eaton of Litchfield; two sons, Billy L. (Ronda) Sipes, Jr., and Robbie L. (Kristal) Sipes, both of Litchfield; a daughter, Lisa A. (Mike) Kessler of New Douglas; 12 grandchildren, Kelsie, Brittny, Lily and Billy L. Sipes, III, Austin, Clayton and Riley Kessler, Benjamin and Adam DeWitt, Kelly Harrell and Becky and Kimmie Beckett; two great-grandchildren, Atlas and Kacey; and a sister, Darlene Benelra of Georgia.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Janice Sipes; two brothers, Leo and Earl Hunter; two sisters, Mildred and Judy Hunter; and an infant granddaughter, Ryleigh Griffith.

Memorials may be directed to Coats For Kids.

For more information, to light a candle or sign the online guestbook, please visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

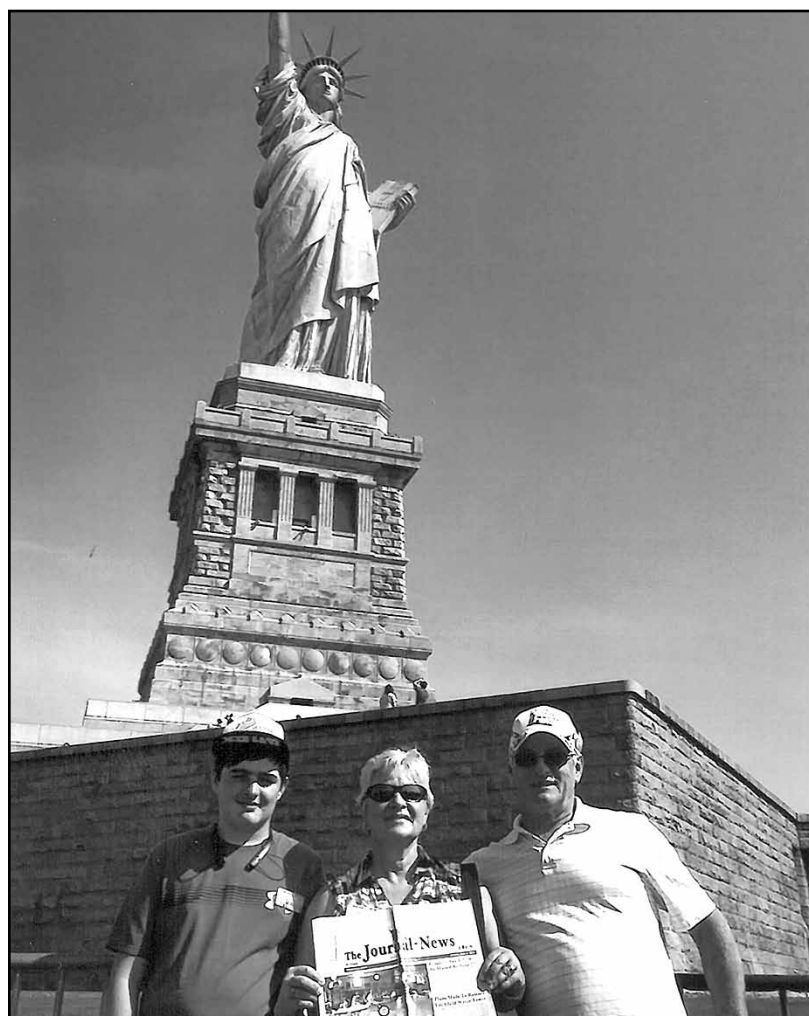
Whereabouts Of Missing Hillsboro Man Still Unknown

Just over a month after he was last seen, countless hours searching by countless volunteers have yet to turn up a lead on the whereabouts of Hillsboro resident Michael W. Schmidt.

Last seen on Sunday, June 10, while hunting for arrowheads in a rugged rural area of Pawnee, 59-year-old Schmidt, in poor health with a breathing tube and unable to speak, has been the subject of searches first by Sangamon County authorities, the Pawnee Fire Department, and Search and Rescue Team Disaster Dogs of Illinois, then by family and friends from World Harvest Church in Hillsboro and the Missing Person Awareness Network.

"This is what it means to have a community come together for their missing person," network president and founder Gia Hoffman posted on social media this week. "It is very clear that Mike Schmidt is loved, not forgotten, and has brought many together to bring him home. We hope that everyone will continue their searches. We have suspended our own searches at this time, knowing that those out there have the strength, passion and ability to continue."

In thanking those who have participated in searches, Hoffman wrote "I'm pretty confident I can say with certainty that someone has gone searching for Mike every day."



Tobermans Take Journal-News Along On New York City Trip

Dennis and Jean Toberman of Hillsboro and their grandson, Izac Adams also of Hillsboro, took a trip to New York City, NY, from June 14 to June 21. At their stop at the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, they posed with a copy of *The Journal-News*.

Journalisms

News About People and Events of Interest Throughout The County

It's the weekend for Nokomis' big bash, and don't forget that the Homecoming Parade begins earlier this year, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 14. The fun includes softball, Bingo and stage entertainment all weekend, pageants on Friday, three-on-three basketball, chicken, pedal pull and the parade on Saturday, and the Olde Tyme Tractor Show, washers tournament, cruise-in and fireworks on Sunday.

The staff at Tremont Ridge will once again be washing cars and cooking hot dogs from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, July 13. The car washes and lunches are free, but staff would appreciate it if their work inspired generosity. They will be collecting donations to purchase school supplies for children participating in the Hillsboro Area Hospital summer lunch program.

Mt. Moriah Masons know how to grill, and they will be cooking up pork chops for lunch outside their lodge on Main Street in Hillsboro from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 13. Sandwiches, chips and drinks are on the menu.

"Go wild with wildflowers" is the theme for the second children and family workshop at Bremer Sanctuary from 10 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, July 18. Children age five and up and their families are invited to learn about flowers and pollinators, pick and press flowers to take home, and taste-test different kinds of honey. The workshop will be led by Illinois Ag in the Classroom education coordinator Beth Groves, with help from Bremer volunteers.

Old Settlers photos for Little Miss, Junior Miss and the Queen candidates are on display at Tres Chic Salon, 433 South Main Street, in downtown Hillsboro. Also, canisters are set up at CNB Bank & Trust to vote for Miss Photogenic in all three age classes. Votes are made by cash donations. All of the charming photos are the work of Ken Meade Photography.

Speaking of Old Settlers (and if you've checked your calendar, you realize it's time to be speaking of Old Settlers), the final day to be guaranteed an Old Settlers Fun Run and Fun Walk T-shirt is to be registered by tomorrow-Friday, July 13. Entry applications are at *The Journal-News* or www.hillsborooldsettlers.com. The event is set for Saturday, July 28, and will benefit the Montgomery County Cancer Association.

Practically as soon as Old Settlers ends, Butler Homecoming begins. Scheduled for the first weekend in August, the friendly event at the little village on Route 127 boasts fresh river fish and kids pedal pulls and races on Friday night, tractor pulls Saturday afternoon, and truck pulls on Saturday night.

This year, Butler Homecoming is hosting a raffle to benefit the Pezold Strong movement for Layton Pezold, who is battling a leukemia diagnosis. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10 and first prize is half a beef, second is a hog, and third is a \$100 gift card.

It's good when neighbors warn each other where trouble might be lurking, and Mary Jane Macias of Taylor Springs said she got a suspect telephone call last week from someone selling a vacation. If it's not a trusted local business, be careful.

"Mark your calendar! Spread the word!" an ad in today's paper reads, before describing a community Bingo event hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Courthouse Square in downtown Hillsboro. The fun is from 2-4 p.m. Monday, July 16, and is open to all at no cost.

Another Hillsboro Sertoma Club "Picnic in the Park(ing Lot)" is just around the corner. This one is set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 23, in the usual spot on the CNB Bank & Trust parking lot, and will benefit renovations at the new downtown Hillsboro Public Library location. The menu? Chicken breast sandwich or a famous Paris Frozen Foods' Big Porkie, served with chips and a drink if you want and delivered on group orders of three or more.

Panhandle School Board Will Hold Meeting Monday

The Panhandle Community School District will hold its regular meeting on Monday, July 16, at 7 p.m. in the library at Lincolnwood High School, 507 N. Prairie Street in Raymond.

Old business items include the summer maintenance update, the second reading of board policies and the Lincolnwood HVAC project update. Under new business items, the board will discuss the FY18 cafeteria report and the FY18 transportation report.

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David J. Dirks, 66
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David J. Dirks, 66, of Nokomis, died on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 5:03 a.m. in his home surrounded by family.



A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nokomis Memorial Park House. A memorial will follow, beginning at 1 p.m. at the memorial park house. Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dirks was born on Dec. 5, 1951, in Hillsboro, to Harvey and Ruth (Engelman) Dirks. He married Linda Niewinski on June 20, 1970, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Nokomis, and she survives.

He served in the 183rd Air National Guard from 1970 to 1976. He retired from Caterpillar in Decatur, and operated Dirks Radiator in Nokomis from 1981 until present.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Dirks is survived by his children, Michael (Jodi) Dirks and Kelli (Roger) Gregg, both of Nokomis; grandchildren, Dylan and Cloey Dirks and Griffen and Colbi Gregg; and two sisters, Linda

Waters of Sullivan and Betty Rench of Nokomis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Cinda Reatherford; and two brothers, John and Charles Dirks.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.stiehl-dawsonfh.com.

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Pictured above, from the left, are Hartman, Cubs Manager Joe Maddon and left fielder Kyle Schwarber.



U.S. Navy Veteran and lifelong cub fan, Lemar Hartman, was greeted and honored by an Army general, above, and other members of this country's militia during the Cubs vs. Reds game Saturday, July 7.

Local Cubs Fan Honored For Service, 95th Birthday

by Bethany Martin

It isn't every day that you're honored by some of this state's best athletes, and it sure is rare that you're the center of attention in a stadium full of thousands of fans.

But for Lemar Hartman, this was a reality as he traveled to Wrigley Field in Chicago for the very first time to watch his favorite baseball team claim a 8-7 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday, July 7.

In honor of Hartman's 95th birthday, the Chicago Cubs organization in conjunction with the United Service Organization, paid a special tribute to the proud U.S. Navy veteran who is a lifelong fan of the 2016 World Series champions.

The words "Ladies and gentlemen, please stand as we recognize from the United States Navy, WWII Pearl Harbor survivor, First

Class Henry Lemar Hartman who is celebrating his 95th birthday today," were announced just before a performance of the National Anthem by anthem singer John Vincent, who sang to the 95-year-old veteran.

Following the anthem, thousands of indebted spectators roared as Hartman was greeted and honored by an Army general, as well as other military service members. He was escorted by Cubs Manager Joe Maddon and left fielder Kyle Schwarber.

Additionally, members of the Cincinnati Reds also offered a standing ovation.

Hartman faithfully served his country in the U.S. Navy as a radioman striker on the USS Selfridge, from December 1940 to July 1946. He is an Irving native and currently resides at Montgomery Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

Births

Casey Marie Spensberger and Jordan Llyod Cervi of Carlville, announce the birth of their son Gaten Albert Cervi, born at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, June 24, 2018, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 10 lbs., 4 ozs. and measured 23 ins. long.

Maternal grandparents are Christy and Bill Bailey of Carlville and Mark Spensberger of Panama.

Paternal grandparents are Pam and Gary Dilley of Carlville and Tony Cervi of Carlville.

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Nathan and Allyson (Whitworth) Loucks of Highland announce the birth of their son, Drew Nathan Loucks, born at

7:52 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese. He weighed 8 lbs., 8 ozs., and measured 21 ins. long.

Drew is welcomed home by big brother Nolan, two years old.

Maternal grandparents are Patty Whitworth of Hillsboro and Mike and Melody Whitworth of Columbia, MO. Maternal great-grandparents are Betty Whitworth of Hillsboro, the late Max and Marge Weaver and the late Ralph Whitworth.

Paternal grandparents are David and Robin Loucks of Hillsboro. Paternal great-grandparents are Helen Loucks of Hillsboro, David and Shirley Caluffetti of Phoenix, AZ, and the late Lamar Loucks.

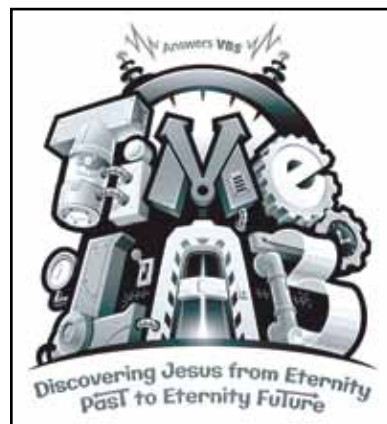
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2018 Pleasant Hill VBS To Feature Daily Time Travel

Vacation Bible School leaders at Pleasant Hill Christian Church are making sure everyone knows Bible School fun is full of adventures.

A Vacation Bible School production called "Time Lab" is scheduled to start July 16 and run through July 19 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. each day. There will be classes for students from age three through the fifth grade.

"Kids will be divided into teams and will travel throughout the church campus as they discover how God blessed us with His word," explains Margaret Ziegenbein, the 2018 VBS "Time Lab" director. "Students will learn some fascinating Bible details from the special 'expedition guides' each night. They will be taking challenges, winning prizes, playing games and enjoying a nightly treat as well. All along the way, they will learn that God's word is true."



This creation themed Vacation Bible School produced by Answers In Genesis will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages.

Sign-up at the Mission Launch Center in the church's foyer starts on Monday night, July 16 at 6:15 p.m. One may also call the church at 217-229-3074 and a registration form will be mailed to your home in advance.

Pleasant Hill Christian Church is located on the West Frontage Road of I-55 one mile north of the Magnuson Grand Hotel and Conference Center.

I'm Dreaming Of... The '18 Old Settlers Kiddie Parade

The Hillsboro Rotary Club presents the 2018 Old Settlers Kiddie Parade, to be held on Thursday, Aug. 2, at 10 a.m.

The theme of this year's kiddie parade is "I'm Dreaming Of..." and is open for children 12 and under to participate. Pullers may be older.

Categories of the parade include floats, mini floats - 2' x 3', vehicles, pets and walkers (no wagons). Horses and ponies will not be allowed at the event to ensure the safety of visitors. Floats may be pulled by motorized lawn tractors; however, no four-wheelers or larger tractors are

permitted. Drivers must be 21 or older. Entries with animals must be registered in the pet category.

Parade line-up will begin at 9 a.m. at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church parking lot with judging to follow at 9:30 a.m.

Forms for entry can be found in *The Journal-News* or on the Old Settlers Facebook page. Entry forms must be returned by Tuesday, July 31, to a drop box located at Capri IGA or mailed to Patty Whitworth at 8 Old Oaks Drive in Hillsboro. Entries not received by July 31 may participate but are not eligible for prizes.



Bernard Huber, at three years old in 1921.



Bernard Huber, in his teens in the early 1930s.

Huber To Have Celebrated 100th Birthday On July 19

Bernard Joseph Huber was born July 19, 1918, to Albert and Lily Huber, who lived outside of Coffeen.

Mr. Huber married Geraldine Crites on April 18, 1940. The two raised seven children together while he farmed in East Fork

Township near Coffeen and worked at Caterpillar in Decatur. Mr. Huber died March 14, 2011 at the age of 92.

His children and other remaining family will celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday and his life this July 19.

HSHS St. Francis Hospital To Hold Mind-Body Classes

The next series of mind-body health classes at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield begins Monday, July 16. Two classes will be held each Monday through Aug. 27.

The "Healthy Steps: Moving You to Greater Health" class uses therapeutic movement done to music to improve overall wellness, range of motion, balance, strength, endurance and self-image. It is suitable for anyone, regardless of health, age or ability level. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring water. If individuals are being treated for a medical condition, have the doctor give written permission to participate in the class. The next class series is held on Mondays, July 16 through Monday, Aug. 27 (no class on Monday, Aug. 13), from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The fee is \$10.

"Harnessing the Power of the Positive" class is the next set of mind-body classes to be held. The field of neuroscience has discovered that the thoughts people think and the experiences they focus on can change the shape of the brain and its neural pathways. Neurons that fire together, wire together. The bad news is that those who focus on negative experiences and negative patterns of thought may be setting themselves up for stress-related illnesses, cardio-

vascular disease, cancer, chronic back pain, obesity and weakening of the immune system. This class will focus on the good news that it is possible to "rewire" the brain so that one's mental state is more positive. People who focus on the positive have greater resilience in the face of the stresses of life and move through life in a greater state of relaxation. The next class series is held on Mondays, July 16 through Aug. 27, from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The fee is \$10.

Bridget Rolens, M.A., BSOT, is the program facilitator and the Mind-Body Health Services educator at HSHS St. Francis Hospital. She holds a bachelor of science in occupational therapy and a master of arts in theology. She has certifications as a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) teacher and as a Healthy Steps trainer. She has completed the Core Coach Training program through Wellcoaches7 School of Coaching. Over 40 years of experience in traditional health care, mind-body medicine and a variety of meditation practices have given Rolens a strong understanding of the connection between body, mind and spirit in promoting health and well-being. For more information or to register for a class, email meghan.bertolino@hshs.org or call 217-324-8206.

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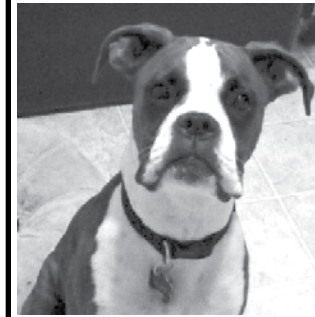
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Area youngsters had the opportunity to learn from the professional coaches from the Chicago Fire during the youth camp hosted by the Litchfield Youth Soccer Association on June 18-22. Coaches worked with the young players on their technique and the finer points of the game. *Photo courtesy of Darin Ashby*

Area Players Learn From Chicago Fire Coaches

It was hot and occasionally rainy, but it was also a great opportunity for area youngsters to get some top-notch coaching.

The Litchfield Youth Soccer Association (LYSA) hosted a Chicago Fire youth soccer camp on June 18-22, with 16 young players participating. This year's

coaches were Connor McTaggart, a Scotland native, and Josh Yeaman, from England.

"They kept the kids interested and busy with an occasional visit to the air-conditioned haven of the Litchfield Community Center banquet room," read the post on the LYSA Facebook page. "The

pictures taken on the last day (graduation) show a lot of smiling faces that appear to have nothing but good memories and progressed soccer skills to take away from this challenging/fun week of soccer education."

The LYSA went on to thank Darlene Middleton and family

for hosting the coaches this year and expressed gratitude to the Chicago Fire for the opportunity to host high-level soccer educational opportunities.

For more information on the LYSA, visit them at www.facebook.com/LitchfieldSoccer.

Franzens Win School Crazy Cash

Mark and Kimberly Franzen of Aurora are this week's winner of \$175 in the Crazy Cash drawing at St. Louis School in Nokomis.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. They are available at the school office or by calling 563-2721.

SORENTO NEWS • by Corrine Varner 272-4454

'My Favorite Era' Is Theme For The Kids' Parade



The Sorento United Methodist Church will have Vacation Bible School, Monday through Friday, July 23 through July 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It is for youngsters, ages three years old and up. Tickets for the Sorento Homecoming, which is Saturday, Aug. 11, will be given for days attended.

The Sorento Homecoming is Saturday, Aug. 11. This is a one-day event. The kids' parade and the big parade are being combined. The theme for the kids' parade is "My Favorite Era." Lineup is at 5 p.m. at Sorento School and the parade is at 6 p.m. Entertainment will follow the parade.

Please help participate by helping your organizations at their stands, come out to the parade, listen to the entertainment and visit with friends and family. We need your help by being there.

Varners' Vacation

I, Corrine Varner, and three of my four adult kids, Tom Varner, Vonda Schuette and Jim Varner, enjoyed an eight-day trip through six northeast states, Tuesday, June 26 through Tuesday, July 3, starting from the St. Louis, MO, airport. We flew to and from Hartford, CT, and then drove to Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Our flights stopped in Ohio and Michigan.

A few of our favorite places/sights were Mark Twain's House and Museum, The New England Patriots' "The Hall," John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and

Museum, the USS Constitution, walking some of The Freedom Trail, going up and down the stairs of the 221-foot Bunker Hill Monument (I didn't), going to Gertrude Chandler Warner's, the author of *The Boxcar Children* books, Boxcar Museum, The Dog Chapel on Dog Mountain, seeing several lighthouses and driving along the Atlantic coastline and through the mountains. Two special places where we ate at in Boston were Wahlburgers and Cheers. It was an enjoyable, fun and educational trip we all are happy we took.

Wednesday, July 4, my son, Tom Varner and I, Corrine Varner, went to Mattoon to our cousin's/niece's Rebecca and Derick Warren's home to celebrate the Fourth of July and four birthdays: Dwayne Varner, Saturday, June 30; Brody Warren, Wednesday, July 4; Alisha Alms, Tuesday, July 10; and Rebecca Warren, Friday, July 13. A dinner with four birthday pies was enjoyed by all of us, along with other family members and friends.

Did You Know

The Shoal Creek Fire Protection District will meet Sunday, July 22, at 4 p.m. at the Sorento Firehouse.

The Sorento Food Pantry will be open Wednesday, July 25, between 9 to 11 a.m.

The Sorento United Methodist Church VBS is Monday through Friday, July 23 through July 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youngsters ages three and up may attend.

The Sorento Community Development Organization meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.



Illinois Funeral Directors Association President Mark Sherfy presents the Illinois Award of Funeral Service Distinction to Terry Plummer of Plummer Funeral Services, Inc. of Litchfield.

Plummer Funeral Services Receives Statewide Award

Plummer Funeral Services, Inc. in Litchfield was recently recognized by the Illinois Funeral Directors Association as a recipient of the Illinois Award of Funeral Service Distinction.

Only ten funeral homes received this prestigious honor this year at the 138th Annual Illinois Funeral Directors Association Convention. The presentation was held June 26 at the Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria.

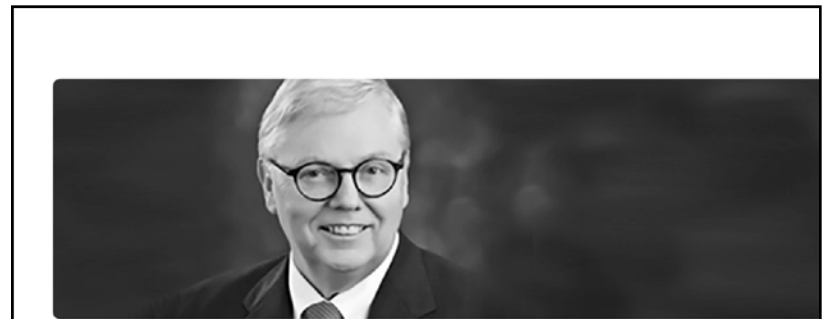
"These ten firms personify the commitment to excellence and service and bring distinction to themselves and to the Illinois Funeral Directors Association," said IFDA President Mark Sherfy.

This is the first year that the association has established the awards program as a way to recognize the exemplary and enduring contributions that its members make to the communities they serve, as well as to the funeral profession.

The Illinois Award of Funeral Service Distinction has been instituted to recognize IFDA members for their outstanding achievements in select areas and to promote initiatives in social and educational areas. These firms inspire future generations of leaders to higher levels of achievement.

Entries and the accompanying criteria were carefully reviewed by the IFDA Illinois Award of Funeral Service Distinction Committee. Plummer Funeral Services, Inc. completed stringent funeral service criteria related to community outreach, family outreach and professional development.

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Southside Hosts 10th Annual Free Education Station Event

Southside Church in Litchfield is hosting a free back-to-school supply distribution event on Sunday, July 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The church has been distributing free school supplies to children in the community since 2009, making 2018 their tenth year.

All of the community children are welcome and encouraged to join them. They will be giving away a variety of items depending on grade level, such as book bags, crayons, pencils, glue bottles and sticks, notebooks, colored pencils, markers, index cards and more.

They will not be able to give a child every single item they might need for the upcoming school year, but rather hope to provide some of the necessary items in order to help more students overall.

The supplies will be given on a first come, first served basis while

supplies last.

The event is not based on residency or income in any way. The church volunteers instead say they base this program on their love for God and for the children and families in their community. They do not ask for names, addresses, phone numbers or income. The only questions asked will be to find out the student's grade and whether or not they need a book bag.

For more information, contact Shannon at 217-313-0342, Carrie at 217-556-4308, send a message to the church's Facebook page at Southside Church Litchfield or email the church at southsidech@consolidated.net. Leave a detailed message, and provide your name and a contact number.

Southside Church is located at 500 South Illinois Avenue in Litchfield.

Weather Forecast

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88°F / 65°F Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	92°F / 69°F Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	94°F / 73°F Showers and thunderstorms late. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
sunday	monday	tuesday
89°F / 72°F Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	89°F / 70°F Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	86°F / 67°F Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

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Local presenters, from the left, were Amanda Payne, Rick Robbins and Mandy Sebeschak. *Journal-News Photo*

Local Presenters Teach At Statewide Summit

Three local presenters—two from Hillsboro Area Hospital and one from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office—shared their knowledge at the Public Health and Health Care Coalition Preparedness Summit, "Learning from the Past, Preparing for the Future," June 12-14 in Normal.

Amanda Payne, EMT-P, RRT, and Mandy Sebeschak, CRT, disaster preparedness co-chairs at Hillsboro Area Hospital, along with Undersheriff Rick Robbins of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office led an hour and fifteen minute session on "surviving an

active shooter situation; ensuring your patients and employees go home at night."

More than 80 leaders in public health and healthcare disaster preparedness attended and learned from the hospital and sheriff's office employees about how to prepare an organization or community for an active community situation. The local instructors taught "run, hide, fight" and how to "practice like it is really happening."

The three day summit was at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Normal.

Schram City Passes Their First Million Dollar Budget

by Bethany Martin

Members of the Schram City Village Board held a public hearing regarding its 2018-2019 budget just before their regular monthly meeting Monday evening, July 9, at the Schram City Village Hall.

Following approval of last month's minutes, board members entered into executive session for nearly a half an hour. Upon returning to the regular meeting, they approved the village's \$1,006,000 budget.

"This is the first time the village of Schram City is passing a million dollar budget," said President Albert Oberle.

Trustee Pat Rhodes asked if the sewer fund will be enough to cover costs of maintenance and updates as they work on replacement of existing galvanized water meters. Oberle said \$20,000 should cover the costs of the project, as well as other maintenance work.

President Albert Oberle reported that Water Treatment Operator Roger Fath's contract has expired. Trustees approved renewing his contract with the village, as well as hiring a new attorney, Alicia Granito, effective Aug. 1.

With summer help leaving, Oberle advised board members that the village will advertise a temporary job opening the last week of July while an employee is absent.

Water Clerk Marsha Eller reported that 225 cross connection control surveys have been returned. Oberle said the village still needs roughly 70 more surveys as they work on a grant application that is due by Nov. 1. He also said the village is to complete the surveys every two years as they expire.

"I've received several calls from different residents that there has been a firm, Illinois Gas and Elec-

tric, that has been out canvassing residents," Oberle stated.

A representative of the alleged company has asked Schram City residents to sign a contract with them at the rate of 7.5 cents, saying the village is currently charging them ten cents. Based out of Norwalk, CT, the company offers a ten-day grace period for those who wish to back out of the contract at a cost of \$50.

Oberle said the village signed a three-year electrical aggregation in May 2016 that guarantees its residents a 5.43 cent rate per kilowatt.

Board members will establish a new ordinance stating that all solicitors must obtain a permit from the village hall and let the residents know what the village rate is, otherwise the permit will be revoked and the company could be liable for trespassing.

Treasurer Lois Guinn advised that the yearly audit was performed Thursday, July 5, and will be presented at next month's meeting.

Oberle said he will be sending out letters to residents regarding needed grass mowing. He also reported that the village will begin asphalt work the last week of July and first week of August. Once asphalt work is finished, they will start oiling and rocking roadways.

Oberle said that the city of Hillsboro runs a monthly siren test for roughly three minutes on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. He asked board members if they'd be willing to station at certain points of the village to see if they could hear the siren. This will help to determine whether the village will need to buy its own siren.

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday evening, Aug. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. at the village hall. A fall festival meeting will follow.

Hillsboro School Board

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Without replacing the teacher, classes project to average 19.5 students in four classes. That compares to a predicted 23 first graders in one first grade class at Coffeen School.

The superintendent went on to explain that since teacher reductions in 2011 and 2013, the district has gone from 85.5 teachers in the district (kindergarten through

12th grade) to 87.5 teachers this past year, all while enrollment has dropped 6 percent. With the junior high teacher that the board has already elected not to replace and the Beckemeyer teaching position, "this takes us back to 85.5," Powell said.

"It is a way to save money," Board President Greg Bellaver said. "We seem to always be looking at ways to stop the bleeding, and this is one."

Hillsboro City Council

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Their mission (currently there are 12 members) is to market the county to veterans as a preferred place to live.

Also approved was an ordinance introduced by Councilman Don Downs during the last meeting in June. The ordinance specifies the materials a homeowner or plumber hired by the homeowner must use while connecting a residence from water main to the residence; the installation must be inspected by water department personnel before approval. A copper trace wire must be included with PVC pipe installs, and copper pipe is no longer required nor preferred.

Finance Commissioner Katie Duncan had bills totalling \$372,840.55 to present; the vote to approve was 3-0, with Councilman Danny Robbins voting present.

The council's last action item Tuesday evening was to okay the Dragon 5K, a fundraising 3.1

mile fun run/walk scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 11, to benefit the junior high cheer team. Cheer sponsor Jessica Furness said she had cleared the route with Police Chief Randy Leetham. Entry fee is \$30; those who register by July 21 are guaranteed a T-shirt. Registration the day of the event (it starts at 8 a.m.) is possible, but a T-shirt is not guaranteed for late registers. Online registration is possible at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Hillsboro/Back-to-School-Dragon-5k-Fun-Run-Walk>. It is not a timed race.

The meeting ended with a discussion of the North Marina project. Key is timing; the 2019 budget is not yet ready (it will be presented at the July 21 meeting, according to Duncan) because of uncertainty over health care expenses. Work on the project has begun, but the contractor who will build the pavilion was told to not order the materials yet.

Mayor Brian Sullivan assured

the audience that the pavilion and the accessible dock will be built, but he suggested a delay of two weeks in the process until the budget is set. The council agreed; no vote was necessary.

The preliminary mayor and commissioners departmental reports were shorter than usual. The Public Properties crew cleaned the former beach house before the July 4th Cardboard Boat Regatta. The annual, state-mandated dam inspections were completed on June 27; and the campground was without power for a time because a camper hit an electric transformer behind the shower house.

In Central Park news, the pool passed inspection by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a broken soda ash feeder was repaired, and a full-height small building now protects the kiddie pool filter and pump.

Both Mayor Sullivan and Public Safety Commissioner Mike Murphy thanked the police depart-

ment, the auxiliary police, and the organizations that provided events for the city's Fourth of July celebration. Attention now turns to preparation for Old Settlers, which is only two weeks away.

The mayor reiterated Murphy's admonition from past meetings regarding public safety--"If a citizen sees unlawful activity happening, call the police; don't just post it on Facebook the next day."

Streets, Water and Waste Water Commissioner Don Downs said the "monsoon downpour" which occurred July 1 meant a flooded underpass between Schram City and Hillsboro on Rt. 16 and flooding near the Seymour and Kimball Street intersection in West Hillsboro near the highway department building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.; they next meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24. The public is invited to attend and to take advantage of the public comment segment of the agenda.

Montgomery County Board

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She described underground tunnels and vaults about 15 feet below the surface. Some are constructed of brick but many were constructed of 20-inch thick concrete. Some of the tunnels contained rail spurs.

Since beginning the ground phase of cleanup last April, about 40,000 person hours have been logged, and Gielniewski expects work to continue until next spring. Rossi said 25-30 people are on-site daily.

The residue is being moved into a 10-acre on-site cell lined with two feet of clay on the west side of the grounds. Gielniewski reported daily air monitoring surrounding the site, and frequent "dust suppression" efforts to reduce the chance for particles to become airborne.

During the portion of the county board agenda for office reports, Undersheriff Rick Robbins reported two resignations from the sheriff's office—a deputy and a jailer—both of whom left for jobs with the Illinois State Police. The sheriff's office has scheduled two orientation meetings in the first step to fill the vacancies.

"If you know anyone looking for a good job, please pass the word," he said.

Treasurer Jay Martin reported that his office has collected \$7.4 million in property taxes, anticipating a first disbursement to taxing bodies on Friday or Monday.

Board member Earlene Robinson reported the 708 board had made \$595,200 in grants for the upcoming fiscal year to FAYCO, the Montgomery County Health Department, Continuing Recovery Center, TASC, UCAN, SAAD, and the Litchfield and Panhandle school districts.

In his MCEDC report, Mulch said the economic development corporation had hired Nancy Slepicka

as a grant writer and is planning a tech-focused summit in October.

Following up on a discussion that began at last month's meeting, Chairman Evan Young said he is expecting data from law enforcement before making a decision on proceeding with an opioid lawsuit against drug manufacturers.

During the report of the Road and Bridge Committee, the board approved Chairman Gene Miles recommendation to spend half the cost of a \$12,000 pipe on North 20th Avenue. The other half of the cost will be paid by Nokomis Township. Miles also reported his committee is discussing either making improvements to the current highway department building on Seymour Avenue in Hillsboro or looking for another building.

Reporting for absent Finance Committee Chairman Megan Beeler, Vice-Chair Mike Plunkett asked for and received board approval to pay an invoice to Lipe Construction of Hillsboro for \$75,792.50 for the new roof on the Montgomery County Jail. The board will also review for the next month a new "predictable recording fee" ordinance that will, instead of charging recording fees based on the number of documents, standardize that fee at a "predictable" \$79.

The board also transferred a parcel in Fillmore Township to the village of Fillmore at the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Board members learned from HWE Committee Chairman Connie Beck that ten dogs and ten cats are currently at the animal control facility, and learned that federal policies have local impacts.

"Because of the trade war with China, we're not getting a good price on cardboard," she said of decreased recycling revenue.

She also reminded dog owners that the law requires annual rabies shots.

Board members approved a

list of Republican and Democrat election judges; Robinson, who is on the list, abstained from voting.

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Bob Sneed said Smart Watt will begin their work which is supposed to result in guaranteed energy saving at the next committee meeting. He also reported that an email from Dave Ronen of A&D Electric indicated replacement of lights with newer, even more efficient LEDs will begin at the Historic Courthouse next week.

Sneed said the committee is working with Judge Jim Roberts about establishing at least two private attorney/client conference rooms in the new courthouse.

In addition to introducing the visitors working on Eagle Zinc and the school study discussion, Economic Development Committee Chairman Glenn Savage reported on the need for \$9,000 in next year's budget to oil and chip the Green Diamond Bike Trail between Farmersville and Waggoner.

The county board unanimously supported the recommendation of EMA/Ambulance Committee Chairman Bill Bergen to approve annual contracts with the five ambulance special service districts and the anticipated tax each expects the county to levy: Farmersville-Waggoner (\$72,000), Hillsboro (\$93,000), Litchfield (\$181,000), Nokomis-Witt (\$199,000), and Raymond-Harvel (\$54,000).

Bergen also reported that on June 14, the 911 board notified the county that they were terminating the existing intergovernmental agreement centralizing dispatch services in the sheriff's office in 90 days, ending an agreement that dates back to 2010.

According to a media release provided by 911 Coordinator Greg Nimmo, "due to an increase in 911 funding through an updated Illinois state statute, the 911 board

is terminating the contract for dispatch services with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in order to focus on their sole assigned mission of operating a centralized public safety dispatch center."

The release concludes, "The 911 board, upon agreement with the Montgomery County Board, will fully operate and supervise a centralized public safety dispatch center under the authority given by statute for "all public safety agencies" it currently partners with, to include all necessary staffing required. The planning and transition will take place over the next several months and is tentatively planned to be enacted in the 2019 calendar year."

Dr. Mulch, reporting as Personnel Committee vice-chairman for absent committee chair Kirby Furness, reported that Litchfield Family Practice gave notice to Health Alliance that as of Aug. 31, the preferred provider contract between the two would end. That would be a problem for many county employees, so the county is seeking other insurance options.

Mulch also reported that the county's labor attorney informed them that the June 27 Supreme Court decision ended "fair share" union dues, and deductions should stop immediately. Responding to a question, Chairman Young said the Supreme Court decision impacted four county employees.

After a closed session, the board approved a union contract with correctional officers working in the sheriff's office, approved Chairman Young's reappointment of Bill Kinney as Litchfield Airport Authority commissioner, and heard from two members of the public. Carol Dressen of Litchfield asked for continued county support of the recycling program, and Bill Schroeder of rural Hillsboro asked the board to "be a little more proactive" on the status of the Deer Run Mine. Specifically, he was interested in the status of the fire and said that if the mine is permanently closed, "remediation needs to start."

Board member Jeremy Jones, a former miner, said that he believes the mine situation is at a standstill until a lawsuit pending in Montgomery County is resolved. He said his opinion is that the mine will eventually reopen, albeit under a different owner.

"In my opinion as a former coal miner, the fire is not that big of a deal," Jones said.

Board member Dillon Clark announced that his twin brother Austin and wife Kelly had their first baby, Autumn, on Tuesday morning, and shared photos of his new niece with board members seated around him.

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South Fork Celebrates 150th Anniversary

by Maddy Keele

South Fork United Methodist Church outside of Nokomis is celebrating their 150th anniversary on Saturday, July 21, and Sunday, July 22, and they are inviting everyone to join in on the sesquicentennial festivities.

Saturday, July 21 kicks off at 3 p.m. on the church grounds with activities like sack races, water balloons, Model A and barrel train rides and a fish pond. The potluck picnic will start at 5:30 p.m. with hot dogs, barbecue and sandwiches provided by the church. The event organizers ask that everyone who is able to bring a dish to share and lawn chairs. Saturday evening will close out with singing, storytelling and acting at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday's celebrations will begin at 10 a.m. with a service officiated by Bishop Frank Beard in place of the normal Sunday morning worship and Sunday School. After the morning service, there will be a catered meal. Activities will begin at 2 p.m. with entertainment interspersed with memories from former South Fork pastors. Cake and punch will be served after the program at 4 p.m.

If anyone attending the program is travelling and in need of a place to stay, they are asked to contact the church at sfumc-nokomis@gmail.com or Suzi Dooley, the church historian, at 217-710-5114.

South Fork United Methodist Church, known locally and affectionately as "The Light on the Prairie," was first organized in 1868 when German families settled north of Nokomis. The Reverend E.H. Kriege visited these families to preach to and talk with them. The first organized meeting of these early settlers took place in the home of Henry Best with the Stulken and Kettelkamp families.

By the following year, the congregation had grown to the point that private homes were no longer large enough to accommodate the community. Reverend Kriege was named as the church's first official pastor after the church was built in 1869. Services were conducted in German, and many of the families that helped found the church have descendants that still attend to this day.

One of these descendants recently brought the current pastor, Tami Werschey-Kessinger, a booklet printed entirely in German from the church's 25th anniversary celebration. They found it in their attic while cleaning and didn't even realize what it was at first, but quickly brought it to the pastor.

At that time, the church included three weekly services, Sunday School, Sunday worship and a class meeting on Sunday afternoons.

By around 1900, the church had started a couple traditions, some of which survive in one form or another in the modern church. South Fork children have put on a Christmas Eve program every year except 1984 (when there was a snowstorm to rival even the might of a nearly century-old tradition). After the first program, children were given a sack of candy, nuts and an orange, much like a stocking.

The Sunday School Picnic is believed to have started around the same time. The day typically began with singing and devotions, a family dinner at noon, ice cream, games for the children, a ball game and an evening program. Some of the earlier picnics had nearly 500 people in attendance. The last Sunday School Picnic was held in 2008, but this tradition lives on in the form of their summer and winter meals provided for and by the community.

In the late 1940s and early

1950s the church began a couple more enduring traditions, Bible School and the Mother-Daughter Banquet. In recent years, South Fork has joined with other community churches for their Bible School, but their Mother-Daughter Banquet is still held every spring.

Newer events at the church have included trunk-or-treat in October, a movie night and participation in the parades in Nokomis and Pana.

As farming families become fewer and smaller, South Fork's membership has shrunk from what it used to be, but that by no means diminishes the commitment the congregation has to their community. Their current membership roll has 170 names with 50 that attend regularly, with ages ranging from three months to 98 years.

Over their 150 years, the church has seen a great number of ups and downs. In the fall of 1918 there was a deadly flu epidemic, 1920 saw excellent Sunday School attendance (200 each week), 1925 services were transitioned from being held in German to English, in 1941 a chimney fire occurred and two members were sent to Pearl Harbor, in 1944 the church basement was added by hand, the 1950s saw a beautification of the church building and grounds including the addition of an illuminated cross, in 1957 that very same cross caught fire and in 1980, the interior of the church was remodeled, but that's just a quick overview and is by no means exhaustive enough to present a full history of this long-enduring and tested church.

For South Fork United Methodist Church, 150 years is just a start. Pastor Werschey-Kessinger said of her congregation, "They want to continue to be a light on the prairie for years to come."



Pictured above are some of the members of Sew and Show Stitches, from left: Kristy France, Shannon Durbin, Mary Bishop, Pat Beal, Marti Benning, Lori Jacobs, Lisa Ervin and Marti Coderko.

Quilt Raffle To Benefit Sew And Show

Sew and Show Stitches are raffling off a king-sized quilt with two throw pillows. The original design, perfect for bird-lovers, was created by the group as a fundraiser.

Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each or six for \$5, and can be purchased from any club member.

The quilt will be on display and

raffle tickets can be purchased at the Hillsboro Old Settlers Quilt Show presented by Sew and Show Stitches at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

The show will take place on Thursday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will feature over 70 quilts on display, a video loop of

machine quilting, English paper piecing demonstrations, hand-quilting demonstrations and quilt tying demonstrations.

The winning ticket will be drawn during Imagine Hillsboro's Christmas event to be held on Saturday, Dec. 1.



4-H Voyagers took part in swim lessons at Fusion Fitness & Aquatics in Hillsboro. The participants pictured are Trenton Segrest, Derek Segrest, Mette Lee, Emily Huff, Zac Cottler, Matt Marcoot-Segrest, Frankie Huber, Amber Huff, Barrett Monk, Cory Huff, Abigail Monk, Emily Monk, Charlotte Plummer, Judah Lee, Otto Lee and Lucy Merano. Not pictured is Owen Dyas.

4-H Voyagers Enjoy Swimming Lessons

Fusion Fitness & Aquatics in Hillsboro hosted swimming lessons for the Voyagers Homeschool 4-H Club. The lessons took place from June 18 through June 22,

and 17 Voyagers took part in the five days worth of lessons.

The children had a great time learning different swimming strokes as well as important

water safety tips alongside their 4-H friends.

The Voyagers Homeschool 4-H Club is currently led by both Lisa Huber and Brooke Segrest.

TRS Meeting Will Be In Effingham Aug. 29

The Regional Office of Education #3 and Effingham CUSD #40, in conjunction with the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 4:30

p.m. at Effingham High School cafeteria, 1301 West Grove, Effingham, IL 62401.

The meeting will provide information about TRS benefits and explain the retirement

process.

Members of the retirement system who have questions about their benefits and the retirement process should plan to attend the group meeting.

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Over Twenty Local Agencies Attend Active Shooter Training Simulation

Gillespie police officer Mike Stephenson stands at his post at the front door of the business building Wednesday, July 11, at Hillsboro High School. *Journal-News/Jordyn Smith*



Local law enforcement escort a classroom of "students" out of Hillsboro High School in an effort to safely evacuate the building during active shooter training. *Journal-News/Jordyn Smith*

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Pictured above is Nokomis FFA member Ben Marley, who received the Illinois State Degree.



Drew Watson, pictured above, was the winner of the Illinois State Degree.



Pictured above are this year's National FFA Honorary Degree recipients. Front row, from the left are Julie Wollerman, Larry Riden, Kirk Stevens, Marianna Shields, Darin Walter, Jenny Webb and Kaitlin Weitekamp. In back row are Doug Falk, Dave Clark, Senator Neil Anderson, Kenny Hartman, Randy Meyer, Senator Andy Manar and Dr. Walt Hurley.

Nokomis FFA Members Receive Awards At State Convention

Members of the Nokomis FFA chapter attended the 90th annual Illinois State FFA Convention on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 12 through June 14, along with more than 5,000 other FFA members, advisors and guests.

"Be Bold" was the theme of the three-day event which recognizes achievements of Illinois FFA members, elects the major state officer team and celebrates agriculture.

Students at the convention were greeted with activities, including a career fair, featuring colleges and agribusinesses, an evening dance and talent show, and an opportunity to engage in the history of Illinois' capitol city.

The Convention's 2018 service project benefitted children through "The Crayon Initiative," which collects old, used crayons and creates new ones for distribution to art programs at children's hospitals

across the nation. The convention program featured addresses by National FFA Southern Region Vice President Ian Bennett of Georgia and from each of the retiring major state officers.

During the convention, the following awards were presented to the Nokomis FFA chapter.

Growing Leaders National Chapter Award Section Winner: As part of the National Chapter Award program and the chapter's program of activities, Growing Leaders is designed to encourage the chapter to develop individual and cooperative activities to enhance students' life skills. Nokomis FFA students who received this award were Zachary Schmitz and Cade Tester.

Building Communities National Chapter Award Section Winner: As part of the National Chapter Award program and the

chapter's program of activities, Building Communities is designed to encourage the local development of FFA partnerships with alumni affiliates and other organizations while taking a leadership role in making the community a better place to live and work. MacKenzie Adams and Cade Tester received this award.

Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement State Proficiency Winner: Ben Marley is the son of George and Connie Marley of Nokomis. His FFA advisors are Randy Meyer and Claire Geiger.

Over the past four years, Ben has worked at a local mechanics shop, performing repair and maintenance on vehicles. His specifics include working on brake, cooling, electrical and other mechanical systems on a vehicle.

Ben's experiences with his Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) have influ-

enced his decision to join the Illinois Air National Guard and to be a crew chief on the KC-130 Refluxer at Scott Air Force Base and study to become a mechanical engineer. The Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Placement State Proficiency Award is sponsored by Altorfer, Inc.

Strengthening Agriculture National Chapter Award Section Winner: As part of the National Chapter Award program and the chapter's program of activities, Strengthening Agriculture is designed to encourage opportunities and service for members, such as promoting increased member participation and financial responsibility, creating a positive image, and interacting with support groups and cooperatives through organized activities. Ben Marley and MacKenzie Adams received this award.

Section Banker's Plaque Award: The

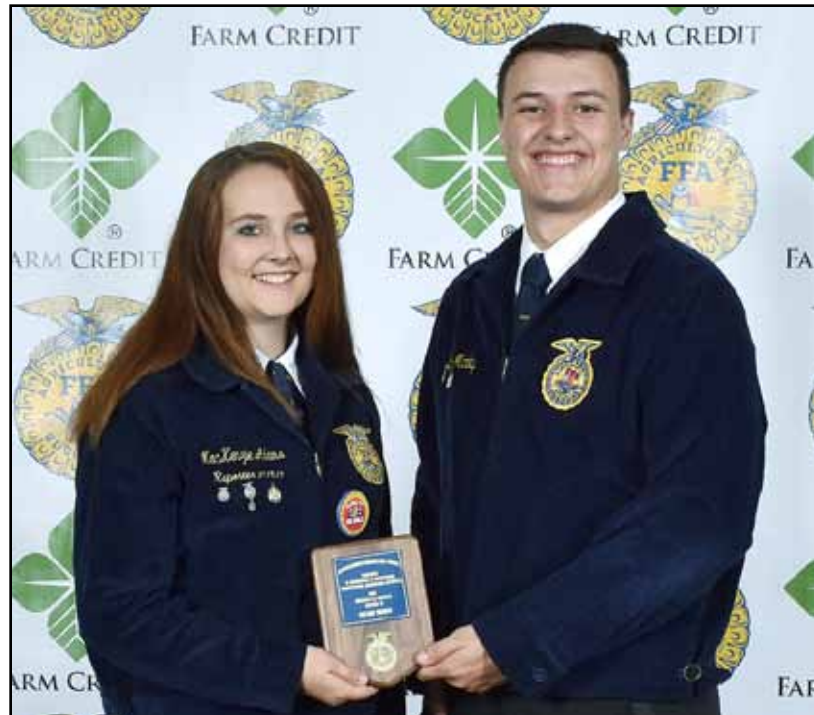
Banker's Plaque is given to the chapter in each section with the highest overall score on the National Chapter Award application. Nokomis FFA members to receive this award were Zachary Schmitz and Cade Tester.

Ben Marley and Drew Watson received the Illinois State Degree. This is the highest degree members of the State FFA Association can receive. To receive a State FFA Degree, members must meet the requirements listed in the official FFA manual.

Also awarded were honorary degree recipients. The National FFA organization relies on the support of exceptional teachers, individuals and companies to provide life-changing experiences for its members. Each year at the National FFA Convention and Expo, those who have made outstanding contributions to FFA are honored with the honorary degree.



In the photo are Nokomis FFA members Mackenzie Adams, left, and Cade Tester, right, who were awarded the Building Communities National Chapter Award.



Mackenzie Adams, left, and Ben Marley, right, took home The Strengthening Agriculture National Chapter Award.



Nokomis FFA members, Zachary Schmitz, left, and Cade Tester, right, were awarded the Section Banker's Plaque Award, as well as the Growing Leaders National Chapter Award.

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Hearts United Thrift Store Undergoes Renovations

Hearts United Thrift Store in Litchfield is currently undergoing phase three of building renovations, thus expanding their retail space as well as their client services area.

The non-profit organization opened its doors in 1999 when a local group of concerned, praying believers wanted to meet the needs of individuals in the community.

The Hearts United Association helps locals with needs such as utilities, rent and mortgage, emergency transportation, gas for medical appointments or jobs, emergency repairs, food, clothing, medicine, hygiene and education. They also help families who have no place to call home. Last year alone, the organization was able to help 70 families in housing distress.

In 2002, in order to offset overhead costs, Hearts United opened the thrift store. The organization moved to its current location in 2005, and has grown ever since.

"It was a big step of faith," said Administrator and Case Manager Matt Houser. "Since then we've been bursting at the seams."

The newly renovated building, which will officially open around September, will feature a private waiting room, a proper client office, an additional 1,500 square feet of shopping space as well as another 2,000 square feet for processing and sorting. The renovation is possible with the help of thrift store sales, donations, grants and local fundraisers.

"One of my favorite parts

is loving people who are beat down from life, and seeing the community come together in different ways," said Houser, "and working with the team that we have here."

According to Houser, the organization operates with 99 percent volunteers. In 2017, over 40 volunteers put in a total of 14,000 hours of work. Through their casework, the Hearts United Association is able to reach 400 households a year by providing emergency assistance.

Hearts United emergency assistance is available to those who live in the Litchfield school district. Funds are paid directly to the vendor (utility, landlord, etc.). The organization also works in cooperation with local churches, schools, CEFS, local township offices, Montgomery County Housing and other agencies to provide help to those in need.

"We have some great people that we work with in the community," Houser said. "It's such a privilege."

The Hearts United Thrift Store is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (until 6 p.m. on Thursday), and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If interested in volunteering or donating items or monetary gifts, visit Hearts United on Facebook or their website at www.heartsunitedlitchfield.org. You can also call their phone number at 217-324-2876, or visit their location at 110 N. Jackson Street in Litchfield.



Hearts United in Litchfield will feature an additional 1,500 square feet of retail space, part of which is shown above. *Journal-News/Jordyn Smith*



Above, Hearts United caseworker Helen Beason puts together hygiene kits for area men, women and children in need in the newly renovated client office. *Journal-News/Jordyn Smith*

Local Volunteer Fire Departments Awarded Small Equipment Grant

Seven area rural fire protection and ambulance districts have been awarded small equipment grants through the Office of the State Fire Marshal. State Senator Andy Manar extended congratulations to the recipients. Grant recipients are as follows:

Montgomery County fire departments including Fillmore Community Fire Protection District, Nokomis Area Fire Protection District, Nokomis-Witt Area Ambulance Service, Taylor Springs Fire Department, Raymond Community Fire Protection District; in Christian County, Morrisonville-Palmer Fire Protection District; and in Macon County, Long Creek Fire

Protection District.

Statewide, 100 fire departments have been awarded a share of \$2 million in funds for the FY2018 Small Equipment Grant Program, which provides grants of up to \$26,000 to purchase small equipment.

Examples of small equipment include firefighting items, such as cylinder tanks, flashlights, handheld radios and thermal imaging cameras; EMS emergency response equipment, such as AED machines, backboards and stair chairs; and vehicle rescue equipment, such as extrication tools, reciprocating saw blades and air lifting bags.

Irving Area Museum Open On Sundays This Summer

by Maddy Keele

The Irving Area Museum is a charming reminder of little-known local history. Open on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. in June, July, August and September, the museum is run entirely on volunteer efforts.

Summer of 2000 saw the opening of the museum in the old Irving Bank building that had been built in 1900. They have on display relics that go back to Irving's early days when John Lawrence Franklin, the first permanent settler in Irving Township, settled just southwest of the current village boundary in 1826.

When William Hartman, museum volunteer, was asked why the group opened their exhibition, he said simply that "they just wanted to have a museum here in town" to preserve their town's history.

All items in the museum are

gathered through donations. Hartman said that most of the time, people find things in their attics and "they don't realize it is a piece of Irving history."

With a population of about 500, the village is lucky to have an organization dedicated to preserving their ancestral roots and accomplishments.

The museum also has the book Lemar Hartman, Pearl Harbor veteran and uncle to William Hartman, wrote on his experiences during the war on sale for \$20.

When asked about extraordinary citizens from the past or present, Hartman remembered Harold Jurgena who spent 44 years as Irving's village president, 54 years as an elected village official, 51 years on his church council, and 45 years as a volunteer fireman.

With a dry chuckle, Hartman said, "I'd say that's pretty extraordinary."

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GO!217 Initiative To Feature Evening Core Crusher Class

HSHS St. Francis Hospital, in partnership with Snap Fitness in Litchfield, is offering a free Core Crusher class on Thursday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Snap Fitness, located at 900 W. Union in Litchfield.

Registration is not required. The class is part of the GO!217 initiative to keep community members moving and to improve the overall health of everyone who lives in the 217 area code.

Class participants will work on core power, strength and stability during this 30 minute workout. Core exercises train the muscles in the pelvis, lower back, hips and abdomen to work together in harmony. This leads to better balance and stability in daily activities. The class leaders

ask that everyone brings a drink and, if they want, friends and a yoga mat.

GO!217 is geared toward the cities where Hospital Sisters Health Systems (HSHS) central Illinois hospitals are located - St. John's Hospital in Springfield, St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur and St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. The hospitals are partnering with the Springfield Park District, FitClub, Scheels, YMCA in Decatur, FIT-to-GO and Snap Fitness in Litchfield to provide community workouts each month in the participating cities.

See more about upcoming community workouts and receive fitness and diet tips at the GO!217 Facebook page. For details, email go217@hshs.org.

Entire Cast Announced For Munny Production Of Gypsy

The Munny announced its complete cast and design team for the theatre's centennial season production of *Gypsy*, which runs July 27 through Aug. 2. *Gypsy* is proudly sponsored by Missouri Lottery.

"*Gypsy* is arguably one of the greatest musicals ever, and this amazing, brilliant cast, assembled by Megan Larche Dominick is ready to make it shine in our 100th season," said Munny Artistic Director and Executive Producer Mike Isaacson. "Having the real-life couple of Beth Leavel and Adam Heller as Rose and Herbie will be particularly delicious."

Joining the previously announced Beth Leavel as Rose are Adam Heller as Herbie, Julia Knitel as Louise, Hayley Podschun as Dainty June, Jennifer Cody as Tessie Tura/Miss Cratchitt, Ann Harada as Electra, Ellen Harvey as Mazeppa, Kip Niven as Pop / Cigar/Philadelphia Announcer, Drew Redington as Tulsa, Michael James Reed as Weber/Bourgeron-Cochon/Detroit Announcer, Lara Teeter as Uncle Jocko/Phil/Minsky's Announcer, Elise Edwards as Baby Louise and Amelie Lock as Baby June.

Striking ensemble completes this cast including Kevin Curtis, Meghan Faddis, Ciara Alyse Harris, Haley Holcomb, Zachary Daniel Jones, Chris Kelley, Evan Kinnane, Katie Pohlman, Jack Sippel, Gabi Stapula, Daryl Tofa and Keaton Whittaker. The company will also be joined by the Munny Kid youth ensemble. A show stopping design team

leads this production with scenic design by Luke Cantarella, costume design by Amy Clark, lighting design by John Lasiter, sound design by John Shivers and David Patridge, video design by Nathan W. Scheuer, wig design by Leah J. Loukas, with production stage manager Shawn Pennington.

As previously announced, *Gypsy* is directed by Rob Ruggiero and choreographed by Ralph Perkins with music direction by James Moore.

Gypsy has a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.

Revered by many as the greatest musical ever written, *Gypsy* is the timeless tale of an ambitious stage mother, Momma 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," and "Together, Wherever We Go." Take our word for it, "You Gotta Get a Gimmick," or better yet a ticket, to see this spectacular Munny gem shine.

The seven shows in the 2018 Munny season are: Jerome Robbins' *Broadway* (June 11-17), *The Wiz* (June 19-25), *Singin' in the Rain* (July 27-July 3), *Jersey Boys* (July 9-16), *Annie* (July 18-25), *Gypsy* (July 27-Aug. 2) and *Meet Me In St. Louis* (Aug. 4-12). For more information, visit munny.org.

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4B - Thursday, July 12, 2018

Benefit For Sherry Mueller Will Be Held Saturday, Aug. 4

A casino night benefit for Sherry Mueller will be held Saturday, Aug. 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Litchfield Community Center, 1100 S. State Street in Litchfield.

Tickets for the event are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, and includes dinner, two drinks and \$100 worth of fun chips for

gambling. Doors will be open at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m.

Other activities include gambling for prizes, a DJ, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, quilt raffle and a grand prize raffle, which includes three nights at Tadpole Point Lakehouse at Lake Centralia. It is a three bedroom lake

house with a hot tub, fireplace and a beautiful view.

Mueller is the loving mother of five children and grandmother to eight grandchildren. She spent most of her life battling kidney disease. Over the past several years, her kidneys have failed completely. She had been required to go on dialysis and

had spent four years praying for a kidney transplant. Mueller finally received a kidney from a live donor who was a dear friend from grade school.

To donate to Mueller, visit her GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/acxe7-kidney-transplant>.

Community Calendar

To make sure your event is seen by Montgomery County, bring it to The Journal-News office in Hillsboro or Litchfield by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. You can also call us at 532-3933 or email it to thejournal-news@consolidated.net

Thursday, July 12

6 p.m. - Litchfield VFW Auxiliary, VFW Hall
6 p.m. - Nar-Anon Meeting, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis
7 p.m. - Photo Imaging Club, LLCC, Litchfield
7 p.m. - Moncravie Legion Post #425 and Auxiliary, Irving Century House
7:30 p.m. - Royal Arch Masons #197, Hillsboro Masonic Hall
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield VFW Post 3912, Post Home
8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, First Baptist Church, Litchfield

Friday, July 13

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Free Car Wash and Hot Dog Lunch, Tremont Ridge, Hillsboro
2 to 7 p.m. - Litchfield Farmer's and Community Market, Library Park
4 to 8 p.m. - Fish and Chicken Dinner, Hillsboro Moose Lodge

Saturday, July 14

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Litchfield Museum and Rt. 66 Welcome Center
11 a.m. - Emotions Anonymous, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis

Sunday, July 15

1 to 4 p.m. - Irving Area Historical Museum
1 p.m. - Crabtree Ringers Horseshoe Club, Old Crabtree School, Litchfield
1 p.m. - Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Crabtree Cemetery, Litchfield
3 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis

Monday, July 16

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Sewing for Missions, Witt United Methodist Church
10 a.m. - Raymond-Harvel Home Arts Club, Tosi's
2 to 7 p.m. - Litchfield Farmer's and Community Market, Library Park
5:30 p.m. - Breaking Bread, First Baptist Church, Litchfield
7 p.m. - Coffeen City Council
7 p.m. - Panhandle Board of Education, Lincolnwood Library
7 p.m. - Raymond Village Board
7 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis
7 p.m. - Nar-Anon Family Group, Mt. Olive Care Center, 120 East Main Street
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield American Legion
7:30 p.m. - A Day At A Time Group Meeting, 1st Baptist Church, 608 North Van Buren, Litchfield

Tuesday, July 17

7 a.m. - Hillsboro Sertoma Club, Hillsboro Moose Lodge
6:15 p.m. - Hillsboro Public Library Board
6:30 p.m. - Community Bingo, Heritage Manor, Litchfield
6:35 p.m. - IL TOPS #1708, Southside Church, weigh-in 6 to 6:30 p.m.
7 p.m. - Taylor Springs Village Board
7 p.m. - Nokomis School Board
7 p.m. - Panama Village Board
7 p.m. - ACTS Substance Abuse Program, Cornerstone Apostolic Fellowship of Litchfield (324-2030)
7 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting, St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield
7 p.m. - Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, County Board Room, Hillsboro Historic Courthouse
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield Moose Lodge #1634
7:30 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous, 325 N. Madison, Litchfield
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield Masons #236
7:30 p.m. - Zonta Club, Evergreen Place, Litchfield
8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, St. Agnes Catholic Church, Hillsboro

Wednesday, July 18

7 a.m. - Litchfield Rotary Club, Maverick Steaks & Spirits
8:15 a.m. - TOPS Chapter #L 2468 weigh-in, Litchfield Comm. Center
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Litchfield Museum and Rt. 66 Welcome Center
Noon - Hillsboro Rotary Club, Canton Inn
p.m. - Alzheimer Support Group, Hillsboro Rehab & Health Care
7 p.m. - Bingo, Litchfield Moose Lodge

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CIPT Will Take Trip To State Fair August 13

Montgomery County CIPT will take a trip to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield on Monday, Aug. 13, for Senior Day. Admission for the fair is free for those 60 years of age and older.

The bus will pick up residents at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and the Litchfield Salvation Army parking lot at 9 a.m. The bus will return to the Salvation Army parking lot at 3 p.m. and the Hillsboro Free Methodist church parking lot at 3:30 p.m.

Anyone under 60 may ride the bus for \$10. Seniors 60 years of age and older may ride the bus for free.

For more information or to book a ride, call 1-855-755-2478.

Little Mermaid Musical Hosted By Blackburn

The Summer Repertory Theatre at Blackburn College has announced their musical production of Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Performances are July 19, 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and July 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. at the Bothwell Auditorium on the Blackburn College campus.

Tickets may be purchased at CNB Bank & Trust on the Carlinville Square, Carlinville Public Library, at the door or online at blackburnsummerrep.org.

For the July 19 performance, it is pay what you can at the door. More information is available at blackburnsummerrep.org.

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Buzzin' Good Time At Stoecklin's Orchard

Despite the high temperature, dozens of visitors gathered at Stoecklin's Orchard in Donnellson Saturday afternoon, June 30, to watch as hummingbirds flock near three feeders that were set out in hopes to capture.

Once the hummingbirds were captured, bands were placed around their leg by Licensed Hummingbird Bander Vernon Kleen who is an associate with the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders. Visitors had the opportunity to adopt a bird by making a donation to the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders and received a signed certificate, had the privilege of releasing their adopted bird and will be notified if it is recaptured.

Stoecklin's blueberry patch was also open for those who wanted to pick their own. Additionally, family friend Jay Wade offered horse rides to the youngsters in attendance.



Dog trainer and family friend of the Stoecklins, Jay Wade gives seven-year-old Treslynn Scoles of Vandalia a ride on her very first horse, Taxi, during the Hummingbird Festival Saturday, June 30.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

For more information about Stoecklin's Orchard in Donnellson, please call 217-537-3801 or visit their Facebook page at Stoecklin's Orchard.

CAH Auxiliary To Host First Ever Wine Tour

Carlinville Area Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a motor coach tour of Illinois and Missouri wineries on Saturday, Sept. 22. The cost is \$30 per person, which covers transportation. Wine tastings and purchases, meals and souvenirs are the individual's responsibilities. The tour is open to the public, but there are only 25 seats still available.

Tour takers may reserve their seats by sending their checks, made payable to CAH Auxiliary (memo: Wine Tour), to Becky Donaldson, 18358 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville, IL 62626. Cash payments and credit card

payments are not available for this event.

The itinerary for the tour begins at Carlinville Area Hospital, with departure at 9 a.m. The motor coach will arrive at the Chandler Hill Winery in Defiance, MO, around 11 a.m. It will leave at 3 p.m. and head to Grafton Winery in Grafton. The coach will leave Grafton at 6 p.m. to return to the hospital in Carlinville at roughly 7:30 p.m.

"We're having a wine tour just for the fun of it," said tour coordinator Becky Donaldson. "It's a chance for people to get out in the nice fall weather, ride through the

beautiful countryside in comfort, learn how a winery operates and, maybe best of all, sample some popular Midwest wines. There is no obligation to buy wines at any of the vineyards. There also is no obligation to join the auxiliary, and there will be no captive audience presentation to promote membership. Nor is this a fundraiser for the auxiliary. We just want to have fun. I urge people to act now. There are tickets available, but the deadline for payment is Wednesday, Aug. 1."

For more information about the tour, contact Donaldson at 217-556-4847.

Todd Maxwell Named TCCU Branch Manager

Todd Maxwell of Raymond has been named branch manager of Taylorville Community Credit Union in Hillsboro following the retirement of longtime manager, Catha Yount.

Maxwell joined the Hillsboro branch in February 2017 as a loan officer/vice president, bringing with him 27 years of financial services experience.

"We were extremely pleased to have Todd join us last year," said Will Perkins, TCCU President. "His extensive experience, which includes collections, management and commercial/business lending, has proven invaluable to our Hillsboro branch as well as TCCU in general."

In his new position, Maxwell is responsible for the overall management and operations of

the TCCU-Hillsboro branch. This includes staff hiring and training, day-to-day operations and ensuring the organization meets all state and federal regulations.

Maxwell is an active member of both the Hillsboro and Raymond communities. Along with his daily duties, he is also a 15-year basketball official with the Illinois High School Association.

TCCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative that has served its members since 1956. Membership is open to everyone who lives or works in the tri-county area of Christian, Shelby and Montgomery counties. For more information about how to join, or about the credit union's comprehensive range of products and services, please visit www.taylorvillecommunitycreditunion.com or call any



Maxwell

of the three locations at Taylorville 217-824-9658, Hillsboro 217-532-5300 or Litchfield 217-324-7496.

Annie Jr. Performances Will Be Held July 12-15

Lee's Fine Jewellery and More, Rinderer Law Firm and Scott Credit Union, in association with Hard Road Theatre, are proud to present *Annie Jr.* Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, with a beloved book and score by Tony Award-winners, Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, *Annie Jr.* features everyone's favorite little redhead in her very first adventure.

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts, despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy. *An-*

nie Jr. features several audience favorite tunes, including "It's the Hard Knock Life," "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" and "Tomorrow." The cast is composed of students from communities all around the area, including Highland, Grantfork, Troy, Edwardsville and Hillsboro. The show is directed by Angela Nuxoll, assistant directed by Kristy Hindman-Cook, with musical direction by Dani Boulanger and choreography by Karlee and Kenzie Holzinger.

Performances for *Annie Jr.* are Thursday through Sunday, July 12, July 13, and July 14, at 7 p.m. and July 15, at 2 p.m. at the Highland High School Kennel, 12760 Troxel Ave. in Highland. House doors open approximately

30 minutes before the scheduled show time.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$9 for children, ages four to 12, and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the Highland Chamber of Commerce or at the door. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All online ticket sales stop approximately 30 minutes before scheduled show time.

Hard Road Theatre Productions is a non-profit theatre organization, committed to providing Highland and the surrounding area with high-quality, affordable, live theatre productions.

For more information about *Annie Jr.* or Hard Road Theatre in general, visit the Hard Road website at www.hardroad.org.

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Location: 114 E. Wood St., Hillsboro, IL 62049 • Entry fee is \$25
100% of net proceeds benefit Montgomery County Cancer Association

COURSES:
4-mile run... The race is a staggered start by age and gender designed to bunch runners for races to the finish. It is four mile run out & back starting from just east of Main Street heading towards the Hillsboro sports complex and country club looping back from the old lake park area. The course is slightly hilly and finishes with a short sprint to the finish after the toughest hill. There is one water station at approximately the one-mile mark. The four-mile participants will pass it twice. The first ten finishers of the race are recognized as the top ten and get to pick prizes donated by the sponsors based on order of finish. The race is chipped timed and ribbons will be given to the top three finishers in each division based on chip time.

The 2-mile walk is an out & back event on the same course. Running is not allowed on the 2-mile walk. All walkers will start at the same time and ribbons will be given to the top finishers in each division.

Restrictions: No bicycles, skateboards, baby joggers, roller blades, roller skates, or any other wheeled conveyance, animals (other than seeing-eye dogs), and no headphones. While the Hillsboro police and auxiliary police will be watching various intersections, the course is not "closed". These restrictions are for your safety and insurance considerations.

Please PRINT clearly: EVENT: [] 4-Mile [] 2-Mile

Name: _____ Sex: M [] F [] Birthdate: ____/____/____
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Signature (parent or guardian if under the age of 18) _____ Date _____ Printed Name _____

Make checks payable to M&M MULTISPORT CLUB, memo: OLD SETTLERS MCCA RUN
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6B - Thursday, July 12, 2018

Announcements

Notices

U-PICK BLUEBERRIES in season now at Stoecklin's Orchard. \$3.50 lb. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 a.m., 1709 Ayers Rd., Donnellson, IL 217-537-3801

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Employment

Employment Wanted

HEAVY DUTY truck mechanic needed: ASE and CDL certifications required. Mon. - Fri. Resumes to KTM Truck Services, Inc., 3127 State Rte. 4, Marine, IL 62061 or email ktmtruck@sbcglobal.net

General Help

HELP WANTED: Part-time position in ad sales, four half days a week. Stop in at The Journal-News, 431S. Main, Hillsboro, and fill out an application.

PART TIME THERAPIST position, on the job training. Zumwalt Chiropractic Clinic. Call 217-532-6124

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Employment

General

CEFS HEAD START 0-5 program is seeking applicants for the following school year positions in Litchfield: Teacher assistant: Associates degree in early childhood education required. 40 hrs. wk. Must be at least age 21. Substitute Classroom aide: High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be at least age 18. Send employment application education/college transcripts to CEFS Personnel Dept., P.O. Box 928, Effingham, IL 62401. Applications can be downloaded at www.cefseoc.org and must be received no later than Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Must meet pre-employment requirements. Equal Opportunity Employer.

LOCAL CONCRETE company looking for immediate full time help. Must have driver's license, experience a plus. Call 217-313-6629 or 217-324-5926. Please leave message.

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Houses

FOR RENT in Hillsboro: 954 Rountree, 2 bedroom, with c/a and 1 car garage. \$600 month plus \$600 deposit. 217-851-0264

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FOR SALE: 4 and 5 drawer chests \$229. Hendrick's Outlet, Virden. 217-965-3331

FOR SALE: Dining room sets close-out. \$599. Hendrick's Outlet, Virden. 217-965-3331

FOR SALE: Discontinued sofa, tan. \$229. Hendrick's Outlet, Virden. 217-965-3331

CLOSEOUT BUNKBED FROM main store was \$599 now \$309. Matching chest was \$699 now \$309. Hendrick's Outlet, Virden. 217-965-3331

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Miscellaneous

1995 BUICK RIVERIA, black, low miles; 1996 Safari Pathmaker camper, \$14,500, 6.5 diesel, low miles; 2 juke boxes, pinball machine, and 12 piece barrel furniture. 217-883-1235

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VINTAGE COMICS, magazines, toys, collectibles. 618-637-2132, Bob.

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Boston Chapel To Host VBS Starting July 16

Boston Chapel Christian Church in Girard is hosting Vacation Bible School, beginning Monday, July 16 to Friday, July 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Kids in pre-K to fifth grade are welcome to come out every night to make cool crafts, play games, eat snacks and worship God. Also, make sure to come to the closing program on Friday for the petting zoo, great food and fellowship.

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12 Westwood Dr., Hillsboro
Friday, July 13, Noon to 5 p.m.
Saturday, July 14, 8 a.m. to noon

Hundreds of items being sold - A real treasure hunt!

Too many items to list, but things from every room in the house are available: Lenox, Fenton, Kings Crown, silver, dining room set, modern glass top table and chairs and baker's rack, king-size wrought iron bed, piano, curio cabinets, office furniture, and other miscellaneous furniture items.

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Submit: Application (found at hillsboroschools.net click on Human Resources)/**Resumé/Letters** to:

Donald VanGiesen, Assistant Principal
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email to: dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net

Due by: July 19, 2018

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GARAGE SALE

MULTI FAMILY garage sale! July 13th, 3 to 8 p.m., Sat. 9 to 3, 457 Miller Branch Trail, Hillsboro. Barbies, Dora the Explorer dolls, lots of toys, hunting fishing, tools, misc. Men's clothing up to XXXL and women's and kids clothing, baby to adult.

GUYS GARAGE SALE: 309 W. Main, Mt. Olive. 7/14, Weedeater/polesaw, tackle, toolboxes, waders, 12v battery chargers, work boots, CBs, coolers.

2 DAY ESTATE Sale of Jake and Nola Hertel, 16 Hiltop, Fri. 11 to 6, Sat. 8 to 12. Zero turn Cub Cadet, tools, fishing gear, ping pong table, bikes, air compressor, older Craftsman table saw, Stihl weed whips and leaf blowers, 7 rooms of furniture, dishes, linens, household items, and piano.

YARD SALE: 317 Tilson Place, Hillsboro (enter from Hickory St.) Sat., July 14, 7 to 11. Lots of name brand clothes for the whole family and misc. items.

FRI. AND SAT. 9 to 1, 1322 School St., Hillsboro

ON GOING GARAGE sale: 30 years of accumulated articles. 408 23rd St., Schram City. If garage door is open stop by.

YARD SALE: Saturday, July 14, 2018. 8:00 - 11:00 a.m., 226 Lake-wood Drive, Hillsboro, IL 62049. Items included - toys, stuffed animals, knick-knacks, holiday decorations, kitchen accessories, items from mom's move.

HUGE YARD Sale: Sat., July 14, 7 to 11:30 a.m., 634 Hickory St., Hillsboro. Tons of misc., some wedding decor, books, some teaching items, plastic bins. Shop in the shade. All must go.

YARD SALE: Sat., July 14, Chalcacombe House, Hillsboro, 7:30 to 11:30. Holiday items, toddler kitchen set, oak quilt rack, Graco Forever car seats, nice kids clothes, shoes, toys, household and misc.



M&M Service Company Holds 'Solutions At Work' Field Day

On Tuesday, July 10, M&M Service Company in Litchfield held its annual Solutions at Work Field Day for farming customers. The purpose of the field day was to provide customers with professional expertise. Several crop specialists provided dynamic discussions and presentations that surround the factors driving the future of agriculture. The 30-minute sessions covered topics including precision agriculture services, nutrient management, herbicide management systems and corn and soybean seed technology.

Journal-News/Jordyn Smith

Crop Condition

There were five days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending Sunday, July 8.

Statewide, the average temperature was 76.7 degrees, 1.2 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged .69 inches, .16 inches below normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 80 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 2 percent very short, 14 percent short, 79 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus.

Corn silking reached 76 percent, compared to 32 percent for the 5-year average. Corn condition was rated at 2 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 49 percent good and 32 percent excellent.

Soybeans blooming reached 64 percent, compared with 29 percent last year. Soybeans setting pods reached 21 percent. Soybean condition was rated at 3 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 47 percent good and 25 percent excellent.

Sorghum headed reached 4 percent, compared to 6 percent for the five-year average. Sorghum condition was rated at 14 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 44 percent good and 9 percent excellent.

Winter wheat harvest was 92 percent complete, compared to the five-year average of 84 percent.

Farmersville-Waggoner Library Keeps Kids Busy With Program

Thirty-three readers are registered for the Farmersville-Waggoner Public Library summer reading program "Reading Takes You Everywhere." To participate, readers must read 15 books and final reports must be submitted by Thursday, Aug. 2. A family picnic will be held at the park on Friday, Aug. 3, at noon. At that time, readers will receive a T-shirt and their school supplies for the coming school year. A drawing will also be held for one award of \$50 and two for \$25.

The participants are enjoying many different crafts and small prize awards at the library throughout the program as they submit their reports.

A reminder that the library is also hosting a Summer Story Hour, presented by Carrie Matthews and Ashleigh Rockwell each Thursday, at 11 a.m. during July.

The library will also be hosting Ag in The Classroom on Tuesday, July 24, at 10 a.m. at the library. This program will be presented by Montgomery County Extension.

SIREN BIDS

The City of Litchfield will be accepting bids for the purchase and turnkey installation of (1) Whelen WPS-2904 electronic, radio controlled, community outdoor warning siren and associated activation equipment and Class 2 60' wooden pole. Contact Fire Chief Kevin Schott for bid specs at 217-324-8170 or at firechief@cityoflitchfieldil.com. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Litchfield City Clerk at 120 East Ryder, Litchfield, IL 62056 by 4:00 PM on August 7, 2018. Bid opening shall take place in City Hall at 5:00 PM on August 7, 2018. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on July 24th in City Hall at 1:00 PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. DEWERFF, DECEASED. No. 2018P35 CLAIM DATE NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of John J. DeWerrf, who died April 12, 2018 and who resided at 20298 Nokomis Road, Nokomis, Illinois 62075. Letters of Office were issued to Pierina C. DeWerrf, Independent Executor.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before January 5, 2019, in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, 120 North Main Street, Room 125, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, or with the Independent Executor

at the address given below; and any claim not so filed is barred as to all of the estate. If claims are filed with the Clerk, copies must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to Pierina C. DeWerrf, 20298 Nokomis Road, Nokomis, Illinois 62075, and to her attorney, Kyle E. Boose of Law Group of Illinois Ltd, 307 N. Third Street, P.O. Box 1108, Effingham, Illinois 62401, within ten days after they have been filed.

PIERINA C. DEWERFF, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

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307 N. Third St., P.O. Box 1108
Effingham, IL 62401
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE ESTATE OF KAREN S. COX, DECEASED DOCKET NO. 2018P37 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of KAREN S. COX, of 2087 Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd., Diablo, CA 94528. Letters of Office were issued on July 6, 2018, to Richard B. Cox, of 2087 Mt. Diablo Scenic Blvd., Diablo, CA 94528, whose attorney is Bill Nicholson.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, or with the repre-

sentative or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which is January 12, 2019, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing of this notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative(s) and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

RICHARD B. COX, Executor

Prepared by:
Bill Nicholson #6237771
Attorney at Law
1330 N. Springfield St.
P.O. Box 290
Virden, IL 62690
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Taylor Springs Police
• Joseph L. Petty, 74, of Taylor Springs, was cited for a dog at large at 6:30 a.m. Friday, June 29, on Seyborn Avenue in Taylor Springs. He was also cited for the same offense at 7 a.m. Saturday, July 7, on Brown Avenue in Taylor Springs.
• A ticket for speeding 55 in a 40 mph zone was issued to Thomas J. Kern, 66, of Irving, at 6:51 p.m. Monday, July 9, on Route 127 at Montgomery Street in Taylor Springs.
• Sara A. Kesselring-Willeford, of Greenville, was cited for speeding 54 in a 40 mph zone at 6:39 p.m. Monday, July 9, on Route 127 at Countryside Repair in Taylor Springs.

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The City of Litchfield will be accepting sealed bids for a 30Kw, 30va, 120/240 volt, single phase emergency generator with installation for the West Side Fire Station. For complete bid specs, contact Fire Chief Kevin Schott at 217-324-8170 or at firechief@cityoflitchfieldil.com. Sealed bids shall be submitted to the Litchfield City Clerk, 120 East Ryder, Litchfield, IL 62056 by 4:00 PM on August 7, 2018. Bid opening shall take place in City Hall at 5:00 PM on August 7, 2018. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on July 24th in City Hall at 2:00 PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Central Illinois Storage will be holding a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. **SALE WILL TAKE PLACE AT www.storage-treasures.com**. Property being sold includes all contents in units of the following:
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PUBLIC AUCTION
SUN, JUL 15 - 9 a.m. at 2601 Lakeland Blvd., Mattoon. Preview Sat., Jul. 14, 5-8 p.m. 350+ hand guns, 300+ rifles, 300+ shotguns, more. Bauer Auction Service, www.bauer-auction.com.
TUES., JUL 17 - 6:30 p.m. Auction to be held at Greenville Country Club, 1391 IL Rt. 140, Greenville. Thomas S. Paine Trust. Rec. acreage with pond. 40.06 acres-hunter's paradise-located on Terrapin Ridge Rd. to Old Nebo Ave. Tract is SW of Old Nebo Cemetery. Platted twp. rd. to and along north edge or property. Nat. woods & 2 strips in CRP tree program. Wayne A. Mollett & Adam Mollett, auctioneers, 618-920-6694 or 664-4259, www.auctionzip.com ID#23925 or www.wamollettauctions.com.
SAT, JUL 21 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Third Saturday Night Special feat. estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.
THURS., JUL 26 - 6:30 p.m. Bidding ends for online RE & personal property auction. Open house Sun., Jul. 15, 2-4 p.m. Lot 1: 818 E. Washington St., Staunton. Antiques, collectibles, antique furniture, Fenton art glass, crocks, primitives, Montgomery County adv., toys, glassware, more. Mystic Antiques & Glenn & Ivarene Karrick, owners. Cory M. Meyer, auctioneer, 217-710-5642, [#46147](http://auctionzip.com) for 200+ pics.
SAT, JUL 21 - 9 a.m. at Bond County Fairgrounds, 608 Ridge Ave., Greenville. For the Robert Stich, Sr. estate. Military guns, antiques, collectibles, bottles, jars, lighted signs, piano, guitars, furniture, more. Wayne A. Mollett & Adam Mollett, auctioneers, 618-920-6694 or 664-4259, www.auctionzip.com ID#23925 or www.wamollettauctions.com.
SAT, JUL 21 - 9 a.m. at Matcoupin County Fairgrounds, Rt. 4 N., Carlinville. 5th wheel camper, JD riding mower, mobility scooter, 1 ct. diamond ring, musical instruments, collectibles, furniture. Estate of Dorothy Sherman & others, sellers. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, mikecrabtreeauctions.com.
SAT, JUL 28 - 9 a.m. at Matcoupin County Fairgrounds, Rt. 4 N., Carlinville. 5th wheel camper, JD riding mower, mobility scooter, 1 ct. diamond ring, musical instruments, collectibles, furniture. Estate of Dorothy Sherman & others, sellers. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, mikecrabtreeauctions.com.
SAT, AUG. 4 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Saturday Night Special feat. estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.
MON., AUG. 6 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Montgomery County farm land auction for Beth Hughes Ulrici. 59.74 acres to be sold in 2 tracts. Open house Sat., Jul. 21, 10 a.m.-Noon & Mon., Jul. 30, 5-7 p.m. For more details visit aumannauctions.com, Nelson Aumann at 888-282-8648.
THURS., AUG. 9 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction for the Paul Oller estate. 111.25 acres of RE plus personal property. Property inspections Thurs., Jul. 19 & Aug. 2, 3-6 p.m. Pick up Fri., Aug. 10, 1-6 p.m. Kubota L2900 tractor w/1500 hrs., attachments, jon boat, tools, 3-wheeled bike, misc. See www.aumannauctions.com for complete listing. Paul Oller estate, seller; Kris Adamson, Exec. Kent Aumann, auction manager. Bidding open at www.aumannauctions.com. Buyer's premium: 4% on RE & 10% on PM.
SAT, AUG. 18 - 6 p.m. at Pope Auction & Ag Center, 823 N. O'Bannon, Raymond. Third Saturday Night Special feat. estates, general antiques/collectibles, furniture, toys, more. Gavin Pope, CAI auctioneer, www.gdpope.com, 217-825-8682.

How To Protect Vulnerable Family From Scams

Older family members whose cognitive functions or decision making abilities have declined, or who are lonely or recently widowed may need help protecting themselves against financial scams. Edward Jones recommends several steps family members can take to help their vulnerable loved ones.

Gaining a good sense of their overall financial activity is an important first step. Red flags can be spotted such as reluctance to discuss money matters, consistently unpaid bills, unexplained withdrawals, mysterious wire transfers or a sudden need to purchase large quantities of gift cards. New "best friends" or caretakers who show an unusual interest in their finances are also red flags.

Whether or not these activities have been observed, steps can be taken to protect elderly loved ones.

Having checks, such as Social Security payments, directly deposited can save a lot of potential

trouble. Loved ones may be reluctant to consider adding a joint account owner, but a trusted family member with whom they have a good relationship can explain the benefits to them and then review statements for suspicious activity.

A shredder may be a perfect gift for them. They should be shredding old bank statements, credit card offers and notices of lottery or sweepstakes winnings.

Telephone scammers can be persistent and devious. By registering an elderly loved ones' house and cell phones at www.donotcall.gov, their exposure to these unwanted calls will be limited.

By creating a power of attorney, elderly loved ones can designate a trusted relative or friend to assist with their finances now - for day-to-day assistance and protection from scammers - and later, should they become incapacitated.

Caretakers' references should always be thoroughly checked

because some are, unfortunately, dishonest. Scam artists have been known to use accomplices as references, so research and questions will need to be very thorough.

Any reputable financial advisor will welcome a connection with their clients' loved ones. An acquaintance with an elderly loved one's financial advisor could come in handy, especially in estate plans.

Ask to meet any new "friends" they meet online. When someone is lonely, they become vulnerable to these online predators. Sometimes these new friends make promises of meeting, but never show - and then they suddenly need money for one reason or another.

It can be challenging to guard against all threats posed by the scammers of the world, but by staying alert and taking appropriate preventative actions, loved ones' financial security can be safeguarded.



Hilltop Elite Academy of Tumbling & Trampoline, Inc. athletes traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL, to compete against athletes from across the nation. In the front row, from the left are Jack Cunningham, Gracelynn Crayne, Kyla Greenwood, Isabelle Zbinden, Auni Wollin, Kate Cunningham and Marisa Shipman. In the middle row are Carly Bland, Rylin DeBlois, Kaylee Tompkins, Mackenzie Harnettiaux, Briley Kirby, Summer Spencer, Amya Greenwood, Hannah Laurent, Kamdyn Putnam and Avery Maddaleno. In the back row are Raegan Skinner, Cate Leible, Albany Kindernay, Madison Lofland, Sophie Harrison, Morgan Lofland, Livi Wehrle, Marcie Carroll and Ella Greenwood. Not pictured are Alyssa Aabuschon, Faith Duplayee, Jenna Durbin, Mila Harrell, Haylee Hediger, Marah Huber, Haley Lalor, Lainey Lessman, Bella Lueken and Leighton Warchol.

HEAT Athletes Compete In Fort Lauderdale

During the week of June 11-16 36 athletes from Hilltop Elite Academy of Tumbling & Trampoline, Inc. (HEAT) traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL, to compete against other United States Tumbling and Trampoline Association athletes across the nation.

There were 145 teams present, and many students were competing against groups of 40 or 50 other competitors. Athletes placing in the top ten places of their group received trophies.

The HEAT team overall brought home 30 trophies, an amazing number.

Cate Leible, Kamdyn Putnam and Kyla Greenwood, all of Hillsboro, reached the highest honor of becoming National Champion. This means they received the top score out of all the competitors in their division.

HEAT also received two team trophies on floor, second place in the sub-beginner division and second place in the advanced beginner division. Team trophies are acquired by combining the three top athletes' highest scores into one sum team score. The team with the highest total is the winner.

HEAT coaches are very proud of their athletes



The Hilltop Elite Academy of Tumbling & Trampoline, Inc. National Champions from the left were Kyla Greenwood, Kamdyn Putnam and Cate Leible.



Local Bible Quiz Team Competes At Nationals

The Hillsboro Free Methodist Church Bible Quiz Team competed at Bible Quiz nationals in Greenville, from Monday, July 2 through Friday, July 6. They have been studying Ruth and the first half of Luke. While the team did not win any medals or trophies, they did make it one more round than they have in the previous two years. In semi-final competition, they were in double-elimination competition. They won their first game, but lost the next two. Practices will begin again in September, with material covering Jonah and the second half of Luke. Quizzing is open to any students, grades six through 12. For more information, contact Florence Rozmislowicz at rozmislowicz@gmail.com. The 2019 nationals will be held in Spring Arbor, MI, July 8 through July 12, 2019. Pictured above, from left to right are Macy Shipman, Jesse Balla, Coach Florence Rozmislowicz, Ruthie Matthews and Kyleigh Currie.

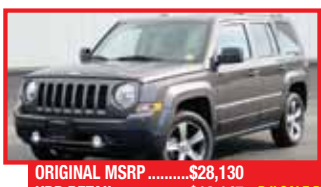
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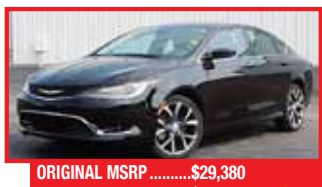
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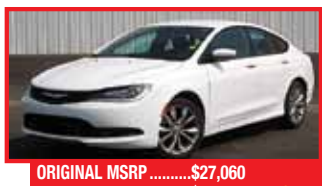
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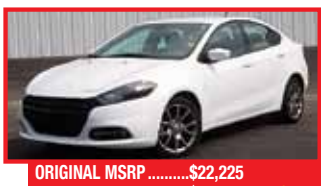
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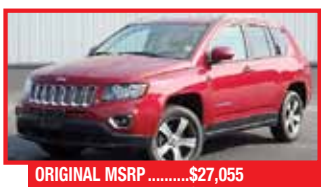
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