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Emily Zimmerman, at left, and Kelsey Flack, both of Hillsboro, were crowned the winners of this year's celebrity lip sync battle at the seventh annual Stamp Out Cancer event, held Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Taylor Springs. Their team raised nearly \$18,000 for the Montgomery County Cancer Association, and all five celebrity teams raised almost \$50,000. *Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann*

Stamp Out Cancer Teams Raise Nearly \$50,000

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

"I want to thank all the performers who stepped out of their comfort zone tonight and worked their butts off for this county," said Stamp Out Cancer committee member Lesley Pollard in announcing this year's winners. "But the real winners are the people of

Montgomery County who do so much to support cancer patients."

This year's five celebrity lip sync teams raised \$49,488 for the Montgomery County Cancer Association, and a final total from this year's event will be announced soon. Kelsey Flack and Emily Zimmerman of Hillsboro were crowned this year's winners, raising \$17,584.

"We set a goal of \$10,000, and a few weeks ago, we surpassed that, but it kept coming in," said Zimmerman. "I feel like every team puts in so much work, and it all goes to such a great cause. I'm a hometown girl, and this proves why this is such a great community to live in."

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Two Juveniles Taken Into Custody After Car Theft

Two 14-year-old male juveniles were taken into custody while at school on Wednesday, Jan. 25, in connection with a stolen vehicle.

The Hillsboro Police Department was notified at 5:33 a.m. on Wednesday that a vehicle had been stolen from a residence on Huber Drive. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office later recovered the vehicle, unoccupied in a muddy field south of Taylor Springs. The vehicle was towed to the Hillsboro Police Department and investigated by the Illinois State Police.

Information led police to take a 14-year-old into custody at Hillsboro Junior High School, and another 14-year-old believed to

have been involved in the theft.

After a detention hearing in court that afternoon, both were released to the custody of parents.

Charged With Retail Theft

Four teens, including three juveniles, were arrested after allegedly shoplifting at Dollar General on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Hillsboro police were called at 1:21 p.m. after two of the suspects were detained at the store, but two fled on foot. The two who fled, however, left school backpacks at the scene. A 17-year-old male, two 14-year-old males, and Dalton Shaw, 18, of Carlinville, were charged with retail theft. The 18-year-old was taken to Montgomery County Jail; the juveniles were released to parents.

County Clerk Reports Vital Records Statistics For 2016

Both births and deaths were down in Montgomery County during the past calendar year, but the number of marriages was up, according to Montgomery County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser.

The total number of births, marriages and deaths that occurred in Montgomery County for 2016 has now been provided to the county clerk's office. Statistics show a small decrease in births, a small increase in

marriages and a small decrease in deaths that occurred in the county, according to Leitheiser.

Births occurring in Montgomery County in 2016 totaled 245, down from 261 births for the year 2015. A total of 192 marriages were performed county-wide in 2016, up from 172 marriages in 2015. The number of in-county deaths reported to the County Clerk's office in 2016 totaled 302, down from 318 total deaths reported in 2015.

Honor Flight Announces New Flight Schedule

The Land of Lincoln Honor Flight organization, based in Springfield, had to cancel their annual meeting scheduled for Jan. 14 due to an ice storm that came through southern Illinois.

A future meeting will be announced at a later date but organizers have announced dates for the first three Honor Flights 2017 on April 11, May 23 and June 20. Fall flights are also planned but dates have not been set.

All World War II and Korean War era veterans that were on the waiting list have been contacted

for the April flight, along with some of the Vietnam era next on the list.

Veteran applications are still being accepted for other upcoming flights, and World War II veterans will be served first. The order is veterans who enlisted by Dec. 31, 1946 (World War II), veterans who served from Jan. 1, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1957, and finally veterans who served from Jan. 1, 1958 to May 7, 1975. Any certified terminally ill veteran should contact the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight directly. Because every veteran flies

with a guardian escort, a volunteer who pays his or her own way, applications for guardians are also being accepted. This may be any able-bodied person, 18-70 years old, except for veterans who have already been honored with a flight. Included in the guardian fee is training, cap and T-shirt, round-trip flight, bus tour during the day, meals and snacks and the rare privilege of spending the day honoring true heroes, the veterans.

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"With their tails sticking out, that's a sign of starvation," Illinois Bees and Apiaries Program inspector Larry Roth of Auburn, at the right, said diagnosing a dead hive at a Montgomery County Beekeepers Association meeting on Thursday, Jan. 26, at Challacombe House. *Journal-News/Mike Plunkett*

Local Beekeepers Learn From The Best

With a surge in interest in bees, the relatively new Montgomery County Beekeepers Association met on Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro with some of the best bee minds in the area.

Rich Ramsey, a beekeeper for the past 30 years from Rochester, was the guest speaker and brought a dead hive for diagnosis by Illinois Bees and Apiaries Program inspector Larry Roth of Auburn.

With a crowd of over two dozen beekeepers gathered around, Roth was able to tell that starvation killed the hive in question, and gave ample ideas to prevent the problem.

Also at the meeting were Mike Mason of Springfield, a past president of the Illinois Beekeepers Association, and Lonnie Langley

of Vandalia, past state director of the Illinois Queen Initiative.

According to Tim Hopper and John Stretch, there are between 20 and 30 beekeepers in Montgomery County now, and interest continues to grow.

"We have more and more people who are interested," Hopper said.

Both he and Stretch live in Hillsboro and both work for the Hillsboro Police Department. Hopper has six active hives and Stretch has 31.

"I hope to be at 50 hives by the end of the year," Stretch said. "It hasn't been a money-maker so far."

Ramsey, who has been keeping bees for more than 30 years, agreed, adding a sports-related quip.

"I used to say we beekeepers are like Cubs fans—wait till next

year," he said. "I can't use that anymore."

Most beekeepers consider it a hobby. For one hive, a new beekeeper can expect to spend about \$125 for a "bee package" containing one queen and a couple of pounds of bees, plus another \$120 for the hive components.

"Then you have to spend a little time with them," Ramsey said. "Not a lot, but a little every week."

Stretch said he checks his hives about once every week to 10 days in the winter. Each time takes at least two to three hours.

Those interested in learning more about beekeeping are welcome to attend Montgomery County Beekeepers Association regular meetings, the last Thursday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. at the Challacombe House.



100-Year-Old Kids Celebrate 100 Days

"We made it this far!" filled the gym in song as kindergarten students at Beckemeyer School in Hillsboro danced in celebration of the 100th day of the school year on Thursday, Jan. 26. As part of the fun, students dressed like 100-year-old versions of themselves, and collected 100 cans for the local food pantry. A photo of the students standing in 100 formation appears on page 3A. *Journal-News/Mike Plunkett*

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Obituaries

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Linda Dickson, 68

Worked At Walmart

Mary Linda (Fizzell) Dickson, 68, of Litchfield, died on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at 5:34 p.m. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.



Visitation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Memorial services will follow on Thursday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home with a family friend, Lynn Taylor, officiating.

Mrs. Dickson was born on Feb. 17, 1948, in Flint, MI, to John Joseph and Mary Frances (Cloyd) Fizzell, Jr. She married Jim Dickson on Dec. 27, 1981, and he survives.

Her family later moved to Marianna, FL, and eventually settled in Litchfield. She graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1966, and later attended Cosmetology school.

Most will remember her smiling face from her many years at Walmart, where she made lasting friendships and enjoyed spending time with her "Twisted Sisters," Julie, Shelly and Gall.

She also worked as a switchboard operator for Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.

Mrs. Dickson enjoyed many things in life. She loved to travel

and ride her Silverwing trike with her husband, swimming at Fusion, listening to music, doing jigsaw puzzles, and spending time with her dog, Arie. She was an avid reader but her family was most important to her.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Sarah Dickson of Milwaukee, WI; two sisters, Nancy (Dan) Pugh of St. Louis, MO and Gwen (Daniel) Flinn of Englewood, FL; a brother-in-law, Steve Dickson of Oxford, MA; nephews, Brendan Gamble and Oscar (Tiffany) Gamble of Champaign; nieces, Tawna Dickson Couto of Tiverton, RI, Jennifer Dickson-Solomito of Tiverton, RI and Brandi Dickson of Oxford, MA; great-nieces, Savannah and Madison Gamble of Champaign and Vanessa Couto of Tiverton, RI; as well as a great-nephew, Owen Solomito of Tiverton, RI.

Mrs. Dickson was preceded in death by her parents and a nephew, Manny Couto.

Memorials may be directed to Springfield Animal Protective League, which is dear to their hearts, as that is how Arie came into her life. Online condolences may be left at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Donald C. McGovern, 92

Leaves Family In The Area



Donald C. McGovern, 92, of Beardstown, died on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at Heritage Health in Beardstown.



Visitation will be held on Monday, Jan. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Sager Funeral Home in Beardstown. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, beginning at 10 a.m. at Beardstown First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Beardstown City Cemetery. Military honors will be performed by Guthrie-Pierce VFW Post 1239.

Mr. McGovern was born on Nov. 25, 1924, in Bluff Springs, to the late Andrew and Lottie (Vincent) McGovern. He married Norma Jean George on June 20, 1948, at the Beardstown First United Methodist Church, and she preceded him in death on March 8, 2010.

He was a 1942 graduate of Beardstown High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during WWII, where he was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal. During his career, he worked for Tillitt Motors in Beardstown, before becoming employed by CB & Q Railroad in 1951. Mr. McGovern first worked as a fireman, then as an engineer on the railroad, retiring from Burlington Northern in 1983.

He was an active member of Beardstown First United Method-

ist Church, having been involved in the Men's Club, and also served as a trustee.

Mr. McGovern was a member of Guthrie-Pierce VFW Post 1239, Beardstown Lions Club, and was a past exalted ruler of Beardstown Elks Lodge 1007.

An avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, he enjoyed caning chairs and fishing.

Mr. McGovern is survived by two daughters, Susan (Carlos, Jr.) Treadway of Beardstown and Mollie (Don) Fesser of Farmersville; four grandchildren, Christopher (Marisa) Treadway of Portland, OR, Erica Treadway of Springfield, Aaron (Jana) Fesser of Bismarck and Alyssa Fesser of Farmersville; two great-granddaughters, Madison Treadway of Portland, OR and Harper Fesser of Farmersville; a sister, Delores Looker of Beardstown; as well as a sister-in-law, Wanda McGovern of Beardstown.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Fesser; a sister, Dorothy Riley; as well as three brothers, Eugene McGovern, James McGovern and Bill McGovern Sr.

Memorials may be directed to Illinois Elks Children's Care or Guthrie-Pierce VFW Post 1239.

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

Edna Rae Wall, 78

Worked At Litchfield Nursing Home

Edna Rae Wall, 78, of Mt. Olive died Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, at 4:34 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 28, at Becker & Son Funeral Home in Mt. Olive. Burial was in Chapman Cemetery in Mt. Olive.

Ms. Wall was born on Oct. 5, 1938, in Fairhope, AL, the daughter of the late Fraser and Frieda (Hayes) Brackin. She married the late Robert Meyer, Sr., and they later divorced. She then married Charles Wall, Sr., and they also divorced.

She attended schools in Fairhope, AL, and Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, where she received her nursing degree in 1994. She was employed by Litchfield Terrace Nursing Home in Litchfield from where she retired. She began her career employed by Doctors Hos-

pital in Springfield.

Ms. Wall was a member of Mt. Olive Senior Citizens and enjoyed going to the casinos, Bingo and crocheting.

She is survived by three sons, Robert (Brenda) Meyer, Jr. of Coosawhatchie, SC, Charles Wall, Jr. (fiancee Sheila) and Adam Wall, both of Mt. Olive; one daughter, Susan (Louis) Nowell of Litchfield; one sister, Melba (Austin) Wilson of Loxley, AL; one brother, Fraser "Jr" (Barbara) Raines of Wetumka, AL; 11 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, Ms. Wall was preceded in death by one son, Charles "Terry" Meyer; one daughter, Amy Renee Wall; one brother, Garland Brackin; and three sisters, Betty Peterson, Vivian Brackin and Tommie Lambert.

Memorials may be made to the family. Condolences may be left at www.beckerandson.com.

Anna Ruyle-Rainey, 91

Enjoyed Going To Yard Sales

Anna Marie Ruyle-Rainey, 91, of Carlville died Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, 2017, at Heritage Health Care in Carlville.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Davis-Anderson Funeral Home in Carlville. Private graveside services will follow in Rural Cemetery.

Mrs. Rainey was born in Carlville on Feb. 27, 1925, the daughter of the late William Charles and Pearl (Scott) Beard. She married Russell Ruyle, Sr. on April 16, 1946, in Carlville, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 1975. She then married Lee Rainey on June 2, 1990, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary and Joseph Catholic Church in Carlville. She enjoyed babysitting, taking care of her grandchildren and going to yard sales.

Mrs. Rainey is survived by

four sons, Russell "Butch" (Linda) Ruyle of Carlville, Cecil (Maxine) Ruyle of Carlville, Curt (Bev) Ruyle of Farmersville and Don (Sandy) Ruyle of Gillespie; three daughters, Sally (David) Baum of Gillespie, Lisa Haley of Carlville and Theresa (Carl) Madden of House Springs, MO; 27 grandchildren; several great and great-great-grandchildren; brother, William Beard of Carlville; sister, Sarah (Terry) Clark of Standard City; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and two husbands, she was preceded in death by her daughters, Helen Greenwalt and Betty Robb; son, James Beard; two brothers, John and James Beard; and two sisters, Mary Lomelino and Barbara Morgan.

Memorials are suggested to the Rural Cemetery. Online condolences can be given at www.davisandersonfuneralhome.com.

Linda Darnell, 64

Son Survives In Witt

Linda Sue White Darnell, 64, of Pana died Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, at Pana Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 24, at McCracken-Dean Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Walters officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Mrs. Darnell was born on Dec. 2, 1952, in Pana, the daughter of the late Edward and Dorothy (Puckett) LeDuc. She married Kenny Darnell at South Fork United Methodist Church in November 2000, and he survives in Pana.

She was a graduate of Pana High School and later came back to Pana in 1995 after having lived in St. Louis and Mountain Home, AR. She was a licensed practical nurse and certified massage

therapist and also had been a truck driver. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and loved her dogs.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Darnell is survived by her sons, Paul (Danielle) White of Pana, Edward White of Rosamond and Jesse (Jennifer) Darnell of Witt; three grandchildren, Trenton and Kayle White and Caleb Darnell; sisters, Sharon (John) Swisher of Stonington, Jenette (Lynn) Martz of Shelbyville and Donna Bowers of Decatur; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Carol Sue LeDuc in infancy.

Memorials may be made to Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or American Cancer Society.

Sharon Kay Satterlee, 68

Served On Nokomis Library Board

Sharon Kay Satterlee, 68, of Nokomis, died on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, at 5:45 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.



She is survived by her father of Mattoon; sons, Eric (Carol) Satterlee of Pana and Trevor (Melissa) Satterlee of Harvel; grandchildren, Amber, Chrissy, Cora, Isaac, Leah and Noah; as well as great-grandchildren, Hailey and Xton.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 3, beginning at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Nokomis with Dr. Ryan Follis officiating. Burial will follow at Nokomis Cemetery.

Mrs. Satterlee was born on Aug. 15, 1948, to Harley L. and Cora J. (Porter) Hicks. She married Thomas V. Satterlee on Dec. 27, 1968, at St. Marks Church in Nokomis, and he preceded her in death on June 29, 2011.

She graduated from Nokomis High School and was employed by State Farm.

Mrs. Satterlee was a member of

the First Baptist Church, served on the Nokomis Library Board and Live Wives-Extension. She was also a former member of Omicron Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

She is survived by her mother, Cora, and stepmother, Annis Hicks.

Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church in Nokomis or the Nokomis Public Library.

Online condolences may be directed to www.stiehl-dawsonfh.com.

Janet Aileen Spencer, 69

Worked For State Farm Insurance

Janet Aileen Spencer, 69, of Hillsboro died at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at St. John's Hospice in Springfield.



Mrs. Spencer was a member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, and served as treasurer for the Old Settlers Association for 25 years. In her free time, she loved gardening, traveling and her dogs.

Visitation will be held at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. until noon. A memorial service will follow at the church with the Rev. Mike Lawton of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church officiating. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Spencer was born on Sept. 29, 1947, in Peoria, a daughter of the late Lee "Babe" and Aileen (Warner) Salsi.

A lifelong resident of Hillsboro, she worked as a claims adjuster for State Farm Insurance Company for many years. She was a 1965 graduate of Hillsboro High School, and attended one year of college.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Jared Spencer and Sadie Spencer of Azle, TX, one sister, Carol (husband Dave) Booher of Hillsboro, one niece, Kristin Booher of Davidson, NC, and her furry four-footed friend, Lucky, who was a rescue dog.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Jeffrey Thomas Spencer on Jan. 5, 2014, and Kenneth Lee Spencer on April 28, 2008.

Memorials are suggested to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter or the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be left at www.basspattondeanfh.com.

Harlen Cole, 88

Retired From Alton Steel Mill



Harlen Gene Cole, 88, of Carlville died at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at 10:05 p.m.

His remains were donated to St. Louis University School of Medicine. A memorial service will be held Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. at Lifebrook Church, 400 N. Beau Chateaux St. in Bethalto.

Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Cole was born on Nov. 26, 1928, in Enos, the son of the late Loyd and Margaret Pauline (Dorks) Cole. He married Ida Schwab, and she survives.

He retired as a crane operator for the Alton Steel Mill and was a veteran, serving in the Korean

War with the 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Calvary Division.

Mr. Cole was a member of the American Legion and Moose Lodge, both of Carlville.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Delores (David) Sawyer of Dorchester; grandchildren, LeAnn Diercks of Port Washington, WI, and Brian Sawyer of Litchfield; eight great-grandchildren; and five siblings, Marvin Cole, Albert Cole, Naomi Lancaster, Betty Nation and Geraldine Lambert.

Besides his parents, Mr. Cole was preceded in death by a son, John Cole, and brother, Merl Cole.

Anyone wishing to send an online condolence may do so at www.kravanyafuneral.com.

Paul Morgan, 71

Arrangements Incomplete

Paul Morgan, 71, of Litchfield, died on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Plummer Funeral Home in

Litchfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be published as soon as they become available.

Doyle Public Library To Plan 40th Anniversary Festivities

Doyle Public Library in Raymond is hosting a "Friends of the Library" meeting on Monday, Jan. 30, beginning at 5 p.m. to discuss ideas for the upcoming 40th anniversary celebration throughout the year.

"We would like to encourage everyone in our community, including all the parents and families associated with the Panhandle School District, to come to our

meeting to help us plan wonderful community events and fun activities," said Library Director Deb Young.

Monthly events at the library include a Book Club on the second Monday of each month at 5 p.m., STEAM Story Hour on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. and school age tutoring every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Contact Young at (217) 229-4471.

Prayer Of Thanks

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us now and forever. (Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days, then publish and your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail.)

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The family of Imogene Durbin would like to express our thanks and gratitude for all the kindness shown with memorials, flowers, cards, food, and words. It means so much to us. She will be missed...an amazing woman.

Robert Durbin,
Bobbi, Kim, Connie and Roger and families

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Jan. 26 Was The 100th Day Of School At Beckemeyer

Beckemeyer School kindergarten students filed into the gym Thursday morning, Jan. 26, and promptly snapped into this "100" formation in honor of the 100th day of the school year. Students and teachers dressed as 100-year-olds, collected 100 cans of food for local food pantries, and did 100-themed activities and dances.

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Hillsboro High School Students Named To Honor Roll

Hillsboro High School has announced the students named to the Honor Roll for the first semester.

Seniors: Devon Fenton, Sierra Mann, Jacob Sheldon, Kelsey Jachino, Hunter Campbell, Madelyn Powell, Allison Reeves, Phoebe Wilson, Matthew Furlow, Mark Fenske III, Nicole Miller, Aliese Greenwood, Alwyn Hernandez-Reyes, Mitchell Reynolds, Emily Benning, Kasey Moore, Anna Talley, Lauryn Tuetken, Madison Ondrey, Allison Knisley, Jordyn Finley, Lindsey Major, Remy Shipman, Jessica Durbin.

Also, Kaylee Hefley, Alex Hilt, Kaleb Keiser, Hannah Saathoff, Denzelle Moore, Woodrow Stewart III, Kendra Jacob, Elizabeth Bell, John Jolliff II, Elizabeth Jansen, Jordan Tuetken, Madison Howard, Madyson Shreve, Alysa Adams, Ashlee Bruene, Trenton White, Hannah Chesser, London Sarsany, Wayne White, Sharaden Giller, Joshua Murray, Nathan Renfro, Caleb Roberts, Kason Schmedeke, Brittany Campbell, Brooke Davidson, Eden Edwards, James Petcher, Zachary Rhodes and Ariana Stewart.

Juniors: Anne Mattson,

Macey Eddington, Margaret Huber, Mackenzi Lawson, Shruthi Mekala, Jennifer Seth, Selina Wilson, Christian Hernandez, Samuel Taylor, Ashton Walden, Mitchel Benton, Peyton Tester, Alexander Shelton, Garrett Stritzel, Alexander Schreiber, Cooper Wilson, Spencer Jorn, Aaron Alverson, Madeleine Mizera, Matthew DeWitt, Sydney Herpstreith, Shea Murray.

Also, Kaiden White, Makenzie Bellaver, Lilly Fenton, Erica Wood, Collin Beecher, Kaitlynn Havens, Kain Durbin, Dyllan Lewey, Drake Paden, Raymond Wille, Samantha Moore, Brooke Roemelin, Jigar Patel, Kylie Hart, Morgan Arkebauer, Keltney Chamberlin, Kara Keiser, Dylan Borgic, Alexis Leetham, Anthony Perfetti, Angelo Romero, Lauren Bennett, Dallas Currie, Dalton Deming, Dalton Tefteller and Zachary Vaughn.

Sophomores: Logan Altenberger, Grace Anderson, Elijah Atkins, Lacie Duff, Kaili Hanner, Alexa Huber, Abbi Jett, Alexis Maguire, Samantha Matoush, Kylie Meier, Hunter Moore, Emily Anderson, Isaiah Atkins, Jaykin Foster, Kelly Jansen, Justin Kershaw, Tess Saathoff, Kaden Lemon, Griffin

King, Madeline May, Genevieve Mueller, Aubry Rupert, Kelby Sanders.

Also, Rachel Wilson, Trent Niemann, Connor Roemelin, Chloe Sherer, Angelina Pugliese, Kyra Huber, Raeanne Cooper, Deanna Jackson, Ean Ogden, Katie Page, Tessa Pavolka, Sujeiry Valerino, Emma Voss, Landon Carroll, Jordan Gregg, Steven Barricklow, Jagger Bledsoe, Jacob Dowdy, Sheridan Lyerla, Noah McCormick, Peyton Sarsany, Damaris Valerino, Gabriel Durbin, Elijah Tyszko, Baron Floyd, Morgan Jolliff, Donovan Moore and Christian Scott.

Freshmen: Helena Edwards, Shelby Houchei, Toriana Jeffers, Joseph Mattson, Emily Miller, Erica Niemann, Jordyn Otto, Emily Reynolds, Sheridan Schreiber, Trevor Toberman, Kayli Ward, Emma Dowding, Dane Huber, John Draper, Alexander Eickhoff, Alyssa Niehaus, Nicholas Ondrey, Chase Riggs, Wesley Stockstill, Josi Witt, Glory Wilson, Maci Blankenship, Hannah Compton, Dalton Greenwood, Wilson Hamby, Jordan Lojewski, Rylee Schmollinger, Chloe Smail, Gunnar Michheimer, Charles Babcock.

Also, Jacob Holcomb, Lauren Lucykow, Karli Mackey, Shannah Slightom, Alexandria Jackson, Kaitlyn Austin, Jessica Bell, Abby Benning, Emma Brink, Cheyenne Campbell, Taitt Estes, Christopher Furlow, Tristin Loskot, Dylan McCammack, Tanner Mullen, Alyssa Searcy, Alex White, Chloe Beck, Hannah Carroll, Riley Hemken, Laura Morgason-Oller, Joshua Bauman, Jack Combs, Tre Harston, Hunter Meyer, Gavyn Roberts, Trevor Hartman, Skyler Edrington, Alexander Jump, Colton Keiser, Owen Malloy, Julia McCarty, Maia Moranville, Nathan Reeves and Corrin Woods.

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Doyle Public Library Team Lead Librarian Kaitlin Bergschneider, left, presents a Kindle Fire to Nadine Hitchings during the Patron Appreciation Raffle Giveaway.

Nadine Hitchings Wins Kindle Fire In Doyle Promo

"The library has served us very well over the years," Nadine Hitchings said upon winning a free Kindle Fire from the Doyle Public Library Kindle Fire Patron Appreciation Raffle and Giveaway.

She and her family are representative of many of the families in Raymond who benefit from the resources, information, events, technology and other services provided by Doyle Public Library.

"My family and I have been using the services of Doyle Library since my oldest son Bret was coming to the story hours back in 1979," Mrs. Hitchings said. "In fact, all of my children have been attending story hours at Doyle Library including Sarah and Susan, my younger children.

"I remember every Tuesday morning the moms were the teachers and we had the responsibility for that month to teach the children for that month. The other mothers just took a break that morning and we always loved the summer reading program! Our family has been

visiting all the various locations of Doyle Public Library around the city, along with my husband David Hitchings. We credit Doyle Library with making it possible for all my family members to earn advanced degrees and become successful, productive members of our community.

"We are so thrilled to be able to have this Kindle Fire at the house for all the grandchildren so they can use it (and I can keep my iPhone for myself), as I am blessed to be able to take care of my grandchildren every once in a while for a week here and there, since they are close to Raymond and I can stay involved in their lives. Thank you so much."

"Everyone needs to support the library," she concluded. "We are very grateful that local young people are involved in working at the library. This library is our town's future, and we all need to help, participate, volunteer and utilize the services provided by Doyle Public Library."

LRM's School Of The Spirit Is This Week

Latter Rain Ministries (LRM Missions) of Litchfield announces its School of the Spirit, Jan. 30-Feb. 3.

This annual event, which began in 1989, offers a time of winter spiritual renewal for all Christians, ministry leaders and homeschool families. It is one week with two daily meetings at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and a free noon meal. The Biblical theme is "Led by the Spirit." The interdenominational (charismatic) School of the Spirit is known for extended times of

worship, the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, times of personal dedication and ministry for healing and other needs.

Pastors and ministry leaders are provided a special place for fellowship over the noon meal. People usually attend this event from several states and other nations. This year, guests from Mexico, India, Sri Lanka and other nations will participate.

There will not be one featured speaker. Instead, a variety of ministers will serve in a "ministry

team" ready to teach the Word of God and pray for the people.

The public is invited to attend any meeting without advance registration. The event is held in the LRM Auditorium, 1200 E. Union Ave. in Litchfield (use the south entrance of the south building). There is no fee. Advance registration for those staying for the meal will enable LRM to serve you better. See www.lrmmissions.org or call 217-324-6215 for more information.

Land Of Lincoln Honor Flight

Continued from front page
Veteran or guardian applications may be obtained at www.LandofLincolnHonorFlight.org or by contacting John Dust by email at HonorFlightGuy@aol.com or by phone at (309) 339-0227.

The Land of Lincoln Honor Flight group is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that receives no government funding or grants. It is only able to honor the veterans on these flights to Washington D.C. due to the generous donations, sponsorships, fundraising events, merchandise sales and supporting

efforts of the many local businesses, individuals and organizations within their service area.

Fundraising efforts will kick off with the Midwest Tribute to the King shows, featuring up to 16 Elvis tribute artists, scheduled to perform on Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4. The shows will be held at the Route 66 Hotel and Conference Center, located at 625 E. St. Joseph Street in Springfield at 7 p.m. each night. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and tickets are still available by contacting Andrea at (217) 801-2549.

The Land of Lincoln Honor Flight organization will benefit from a portion of the proceeds.

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Feb. 5 4-H Shooting Sports Club Archery/Outdoor Skills, 1-3 p.m., Extension office
Feb. 7 Adult Painting Class, 7-8:30 p.m., Extension office
Feb. 9 Out with the Old: Pruning Older and Neglected Fruit Trees, Online Webinar, 12-1 p.m.
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Family

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Megan Watson and Mathew Siemens

Watson And Siemens Plan Summer Wedding In Mexico

Megan Watson and Mathew Siemens announce their engagement and upcoming wedding plans. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Larry and Julie Watson of Jacksonville and granddaughter of John and Mary Terneus of Hillsboro and JoAnn Watson of Springfield. She graduated from Quincy High School and Western Illinois University with a master's degree in speech pathology. Ms. Watson is a speech therapist at

the Quincy public schools. The future groom is the son of Walter and Gail Siemens of Quincy and grandson of Walter and Barbara Siemens of Quincy and Richard and Helen Brokaw of Walnut. He graduated from Quincy High School and SIUE with a degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Siemens is employed at Gardener Denver in Quincy. The couple is planning a June wedding in Mexico.

Births

Maurine and John Huber of Fenton, MO, announce the birth of their daughter, Joni Rappe Louise Huber, born on Jan. 19, 2017, at St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, MO. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs.

Joni joins older siblings, Hannah, age ten, and Monroe, age eight.

Grandparents are Anne Huber of Hillsboro and the late Jerry Huber, Rhoda Parker of Rolla, MO, and Alan Sachs of St. James, MO.

Shannon and David Huber of Lumberton, TX, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandria Reagan Huber, born on Jan. 23, 2017, at Women's Hospital in Houston, TX. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs.

Grandparents are Anne Huber of Hillsboro and the late Jerry Huber, Molly Schrader of Walford, IA, and the late Mike Oglesby.

Randy Dean Boerckel, Jr. and Tiffany Nicole Heaton announce the birth of their daughter, Katrina Sky Boerckel, born at 1:40 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2017, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs., and measured 20.5 ins. long.

Maternal grandparents are Cary Michael Heaton and Jennifer Renee Heaton of Litchfield. Paternal grandparents are Randy Dean Boerckel, Sr. and Theresa Ann Boerckel of Litchfield.

Maternal great-grandparents are Chuck Heaton, Sr. and Linda Heaton of Litchfield. Paternal great-grandparents are Roy Lawson and Dorothy Lawson.

Marriage Licenses

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Blood Drive To Be Held In Raymond

The Raymond community will host a community blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 510 E. Sparks in Raymond.

To donate, contact the Community Blood Center at (217) 241-7550 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 60041 to locate the drive.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds.

Central Illinois Community Blood Center is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 90 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin, including Hillsboro Area Hospital and HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.



Thrivent Grant Helps Fill Healthy Snackpicks

This food will help families of low income children at Beckemeyer and Coffeen School, thanks to a \$250 Thrivent Financial grant for each school to the Snackpick program, in which healthy food is sent home on Friday with children in need. According to Snackpick volunteer Jill Anderson, 28 students at Coffeen School and 30 at Beckemeyer benefit from the program. Cash and healthy non-perishable food is always welcome. To donate, contact Jill Anderson at 556-1628 or Jim and Donna Summers in Coffeen at 534-2222. Unloading the food purchased from the Thrivent donation at the Hillsboro Lions Club on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, until it is used are, from the left, Earl and Carolyn Meier, Jill Anderson, Owen Anderson, Susy Anderson, Brady Meier and August Plunkett.

Journal-News Photo



Pictured above are first grade winners, from the left, Brooklyn Stockstill, Hunter Robinson, Harley Edwards, Aubry Vann, Savannah Roach and Kilee Hoover.

Madison Park Students Honored By Principal

Madison Park Elementary School Principal Adam Favre has announced the winners of the Principal's Recognition Award for the week of Jan. 16.

These students are nominated by their classroom teachers for very specific positive things they are working on in class, be it social or academic in nature.

Students are recognized in front of the entire student body in morning opening and receive a certificate for their accomplishment. Each student also earns a free eight-inch pizza, courtesy of Pizza Man in Litchfield.

Students are recognized weekly throughout the entire school year at Madison Park Elementary School in Litchfield.



Kindergarten winners from the left are Hunter Wolfe, Haleigh Simpson and Saige Owens.

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It's Your Money

By Nancy Stanton, E.A.

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Good organization may not cut your taxes. But there are other rewards, and some of them are financial. For many, the biggest hassle at tax time is getting all of the documentation together. This includes last year's tax return, this year's W-2s and 1099s, receipts and so on.

If you really want to make tax season go smoothly, use a personal finance software program like Quicken throughout the year so you have easy access to all the information you need.

How do you get started?

- Print out a tax checklist to help you gather all the tax documents you'll need to complete your tax return.
- Keep all the information that comes in the mail in January, such as W-2s, 1099s and mortgage interest statements. Be careful not to throw out any tax-related documents, even if they don't look very important.
- Collect receipts and information that you have piled up during the year.
- Group similar documents together, putting them in different file folders if there are enough papers.
- Make sure you know the price you paid for any stocks or funds you have sold. If you don't, call your broker before you start to prepare your tax return. Know the details on income from rental properties. Don't assume that your tax-free municipal bonds are completely free of taxes. Having this type of information at your fingertips will save you another trip through your files.

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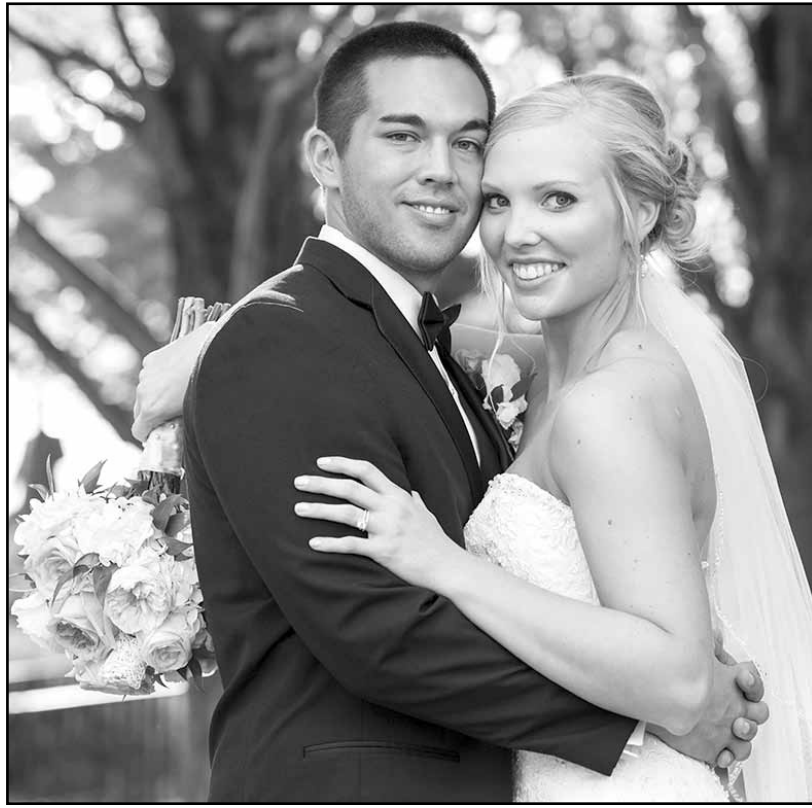
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St. Louis University Grads Exchange Vows In October

Jordan Holderread of Hillsboro and Greg Nelson of Springfield were united in marriage at 2 p.m. Oct. 1, 2016, at The First United Methodist Church in Springfield with the Rev. Mike Whitker officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Alan and Jill Holderread of Hillsboro and the granddaughter of Marjorie Simmons of Coffeen and Agnes Holderread of Litchfield. She graduated from St. Louis University in 2015 with a doctorate in physical therapy and is employed at Teamwork Rehab in Hillsboro.

The groom is the son of Thomas and Susan Nelson of Springfield and the grandson of Barbara Nelson of Mt. Zion and Betty Messina of Rio Rancho, NM. He graduated from St. Louis University in 2016 with a doctorate in physical therapy and is employed by Medical Home Services in Springfield.

Maid of honor was Briana Sullivan of Scottsdale, AZ, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids included Allison Dodd, Annie Worthington and Kristin Guzak, all of St. Louis and friends of the bride, and Mika Nelson of Chicago, sister of the groom.

Best man was Devin Moore

of Peoria Heights, friend of the groom. Groomsmen included Ryan Nelson of Edwardsville, Curtis Nelson of Chatham and Chris Nelson of Denver, CO, all brothers of the groom, and Blake Holderread of Indianapolis, IN, brother of the bride.

Leah and Harper Nelson, nieces of the groom, were flowergirls, and Joben Nelson, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. Ushers were Steve Monier of Chicago, Kyle Dobbe of Kansas City, MO, and Christopher Barnes of Houston, TX, all friends of the groom.

The bride wore a lightly beaded lace mermaid style gown with a sweetheart neckline and tulle skirt with matching scalloped lace. She carried a hand tied bouquet of peonies, blush garden roses and white hydrangeas.

Wedding music was provided by Jacob Terneus and Lisa Sullivan, and reader for the ceremony was Abbey Roberts.

A reception was held at the Illini Country Club in Springfield with music provided by Sean Lynch of Radio Pro DJ's.

Following a wedding trip to Tulu, Mexico, the couple is making their first home in Chatham.

Hillsboro Public Library Adds Books In January

Hillsboro Public Library added the following new books to its collection during the month of January:

Adult Non-Fiction

My 1 Pad For Seniors 4th Edition by Michael Miller; *Teach Yourself Visually Windows 10* by Paul McFedries; *The Doctor is In: Dr. Ruth on Love, Life and Joie de Vivre* by Ruth K. Westheimer; *The Princess Diarist* by Carrie Fisher; *How to be a Husband* by Tim Dowling; *The Girl Who Wrote Loneliness* by Kyong-suk Sin; *The Great Leader and the Fighter Pilot: The True Story of the Tyrant Who Created North Korea and the Young Lieutenant Who Stole His Way To Freedom* by Blaine Harden

Adult Audio - Fiction

Cross the Line by James Patterson; *Below the Belt* by Stuart Woods; *The Cherished Quilt* by Amy Clipston;

Adult Fiction

Sunrise Canyon by Janet Dailley; *The Whole Town's Talking: A Novel* by Fannie Flagg; *A Montana Christmas Reunion* by Roz Denny Fox; *Tom Clancy: True Faith and Allegiance* by Mark Greaney; *Curtain of Death: A Clandestine Operations Novel* by W.E.B. Griffin; *Prince Lestat and the Realms of Atlantis* by Anne Rice; *The Mistress: A Novel* by Danielle Steel

Large Print - Fiction

The Tumbling Turner Sisters by Juliette Fay; *Poor Man's Feast: A Story of Comfort, Desire, and the Art of Simple Cooking* by Elissa Altman; *Saint Mazie* by Jami Attenberg; *Harriet Wolf's Seventh Book of Wonders* by Julianna Baggott; *Jenny's Revenge: A Steve Dancy Tale* by James D. Best; *The Paris Key* by Juliet Blackwell; *Lucky Us* by Amy Bloom; *Return to Red River* by Johnny D. Boggs; *Top Soldier* by Johnny D. Boggs; *The Cavendon Luck* by Barbara Taylor Bradford; *The Clasp* by Sloane Crosley; *Lone Rider* by

B.J. Daniels; *Wild Horses* by B.J. Daniels; *Zero K.* by Don DeLillo; *The Mistletoe Inn* by Richard Paul Evans; *Jeeves and the Wedding Bells: An Homage to P.G. Wodehouse* by Sebastian Faulks; *What I Love About You* by Rachel Gibson; *The Rebellion of Miss Lucy Ann Lobdell* by William Klaber; *Lillian on Life* by Alison Jean Lester; *Bertie's Guide to Life and Mothers: A 44 Scotland Street Novel* by Alexander McCall Smith; *Christmas in Mustang Creek* by Linda Lael Miller; *The Mistress* by Danielle Steel; *Mothering Sunday* by Graham Swift; *An Island Christmas* by Nancy Thayer; *Crazy Love You* by Lisa Unger;

Large Print - Mystery

Her Final Breath by Robert Dugoni; *You Are Dead* by Peter James; *Runner* by Patrick Lee; *Death by Tiara: A Jane Austen Mystery* by Laura Levine;

Mystery

Sinner Man by Lawrence Sanders; *The Midnight Bell* by Jack Higgins; *When All the Girls Have Gone* by Jayne Ann Krentz; *Cross The Line* by James A. Patterson; *Below the Belt* by Stuart Woods; *Signal* by Patrick Lee

Juvenile Fiction

Seaside Stories by Marisa Reinelt; *Thomas' Color Books; Pete the Cat and the Surprise Teacher* by James Dean; *Pete the Cat* by James Dean; *Rubble to the Rescue!* by Kristen L. Depken; *Trouble Next Door* by Karen English; *The Poky Little Puppy* by Janette Sebring Lowrey; *Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne; *Public School Superhero* by James Patterson; *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The Original Screenplay* by J.K. Rowling; *Tales From a Not-So-Friendly Frenemy* by Rachel Renee Russell; *The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, the Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog* by Adam Gidwitz; *The Hammer of Thor* by Rick Riordan

CIPT Plans February Trips To Springfield And Lincoln

Central Illinois Public Transit will be taking two special trips to Springfield and Lincoln in February.

The first trip will be a lunch run to Smokey Bones Bar and Fire Grill on Friday, Feb. 10. They have something for everyone, including burgers, pasta, seafood, apps, soup, chicken, BBQ ribs and more. The group will leave the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. (return at 2:30 p.m.) and the Litchfield Salvation Army parking lot at 10 a.m. (return at 2 p.m.).

The second trip will be to the Lincoln Heritage Museum in Lincoln for an interactive tour on Monday, Feb. 27. They will also be making stops at Railsplitter Covered Wagon and The Mill.

For lunch, the group will stop at Bonanza! The tour cost for the museum is \$4 per person if there are 15 or more people or \$7 per person if under 15 people. They will leave the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church parking lot at 8 a.m. (return at 5 p.m.) and Litchfield Salvation Army at 8:30 a.m. (return at 4:30 p.m.).

The round trip cost for each trip will be \$10 per person for those under 60, and anyone over 60 may ride for free. Depending on the trips, there may be a slight cost increase to cover additional drivers/fuel if the bus is not full. Other trips may have a minimum number of people required or else the trip may be cancelled. Seats will fill fast, so call 1-855-755-2478.

PANTHER PRESS • by Lauren Karnes at Litchfield High

Lady Panthers Team Picks Up Three Conference Wins



The girls basketball team had a game Monday, and defeated the Vandals, and then we had senior night on Thursday and in addition to these three conference wins, we were able to defeat Hillsboro for the second time this season.

We have a game on Monday against Gillespie, and if we are able to win that game, we will

be co-conference champs with Greenville.

In other news, at LHS there will be a blood drive this Friday in the high school gym. The drive is open to students, faculty and the general public. Anytime during the school hours, people are welcome to come and give, with or without an appointment. The more people we can get to donate, the more lives that can be saved!

This week also brings February which is one month closer to May!

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Mt. Olive Church Donates To EAS Baby Box Program


The Rev. James Ritter of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Olive, at left, presents a donation of baby items to Justina Snyder, program coordinator for the Litchfield office of the Elizabeth Ann Seton program. Members of the congregation collected items, including bottles, wipes, diapers, blankets and more throughout the holiday season. Through the Baby Box program, the Elizabeth Ann Seton program provides a box of baby items, and the box provides a safe, clean place for babies to sleep. For more information about the program or to make a donation, contact the EAS office at (217) 324-3270 or stop by at 309 S. State Street in Litchfield.



Edith Crouch Tours Cancer Research Center In California

Edith Crouch of Coffeen recently visited her friend in San Diego, CA, on Jan. 5-10, and also visited Bio-Theragnostics where her "nephew" works. A breast cancer survivor, she toured the facility and viewed cancer cells under a microscope. Bio-Theragnostics is involved in treatment research for breast and prostate cancers.

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Andy Gerwitz, right, a special agent with the Alton & Southern Railway Police, was the guest speaker at the Raymond-Harvel Kiwanis meeting on Thursday, Jan. 5. Pictured with Gerwitz is Kiwanis member Warren Rabe.

Kiwanis Hear About Railway Safety At January Meeting

The Raymond-Harvel Kiwanis Club met on Thursday, Jan. 5, at the Huntergreen Inn, in Raymond. The program speaker was Andy Gerwitz, a special agent with the Alton & Southern Railway Police and a representative of Operation Lifesaver. With a slide presentation, Gerwitz spoke about rail safety, warning people not to take "selfies" or other photos on or around

the tracks. He also warned drivers and pedestrians to use extra caution when approaching crossings and tracks. The Federal Railway Administration reported 2,059 rail crossing collisions, 244 fatalities and 967 injuries nationwide in 2015, the last year that full data was available. For more information on Operation Lifesaver, go to oli.org.



Amateur Radio Operators Tour Battleship Missouri

Mark and Karen Osborn of Hillsboro recently took a copy of *The Journal-News* on board the Battleship Missouri in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Osborns, WA9SXX and WB9OIN, are both amateur radio operators and members of the Montgomery County Amateur Radio Club. After a recent Hawaiian Island cruise, they were guests of the KH6BB amateur radio club on board the Battleship Missouri. The museum ship is moored next to the Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Osborns were given a private tour of the radio room and a chance to operate the club's radio station, which is located inside the ship's radio room which members of KH6BB amateur radio club maintains for museum operations. Mark was also given a private tour of the ship's combat information center and cryptography room, which are normally off limits to public tours.

Nokomis High Students Earn Honor Roll Status

Nokomis High School has announced the students named to the High Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the first semester.

High Honor Roll Seniors: Ryan Archibald, Madison Kates, McKinzi Warnisher, Brianna Blades and Colby Applegate.

Juniors: Zachary Wieland, Madison Keele, Brea Cox, McKenzie Funk, Alyssa Huber, Hendrix Barnes, Delaney Clavin, Taylor Lohman, Ben Marley, McKenna Sanders, Kayla Stauder, Hannah Andries, Darian Ruppert, Austin McDowell and Connor Engelman.

Sophomores: Brenden Applegate, Ashlyn Dahler, Rebekah Follis, Brandon Keiser, Cody Knodle, Sydney Lamb and Allyson O'Malley.

Freshmen: Alexa Cassidy, Katie Janssen, Sophia Keller and Alexander Tosetti.

Honor Roll

Seniors: Anna Dailey, Andrew Herpstreich, Matthew Strazar, Peyton Hoehn, Jordan Foster, Jacob Bell, Alex Strissel, Mason Fesser, Josiah Follis, Ricky Crouch, Arianna Mergler, Alyson English, Cameron Gross, Brenden Friesland, RuthAnn Patton, Coby

Lupton, Mariah Brown, Taylor Dowd, Don Severe and Savannah Ralston.

Juniors: Masen Dilley, Joshua Rolland, Jordan Bruder, Lucas Smalley, Drew Watson, Bryant Chausse, David McDonald, Kerstyn Hughes, Kamden Ransdell, Carter Flowers, Joshua Clymer, Logan Ernst, Michaela Wilkerson, Emily Artis, Carissa Dahler, Mitchell Brooks, Kaden Kirchner, Jacey Blazich, Violet Patkus, Adem Sadiku, Brayden Sabol and Andrew Durbin.

Sophomores: Karlee Beaty, Keith Carlock, Madelyn So-warsh, Madison Ulrici, Mackenzie Adams, Emily Cesaretti, Drew Johnson, Vanessa Patkus, Mckenzie Earon, Emily Chumley, Jorgia Crowe, Emily Wood, Tre Stokes, Trevor Wright and Layne Johnson.

Freshmen: Ciara Stalets, Ryan Janssen, Kourtney Janssen, Macee Eisenbarth, Emma Gonet, Carter Sabol, Quentin Jamieson, Kaylee Barker, Odesca Gibbs, Callie Barnes, Nicholas Mascher, Charlie Pier, Madisyn Uthe-Carter, Chyenna Pease, Skyler Woolard and Levi Craig.



Litchfield Museum Gets \$1000 Baker Trust Grant

The Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center earned a \$1000 grant from the Elizabeth S. Baker Trust for an educational project. Above, museum board secretary Anne Jackson, right, presents a check to President Martha Jackson, left.

REDSKIN REVIEW • by Brea Cox at Nokomis High

Redskin Student Council Plans Dance Feb. 4



Aaa ugh-choo! Sorry about that, but as you may know, the flu is going around. At Nokomis, it has hit the students and

This week, a group of juniors and seniors will travel to Lincoln Land Community College to compete in the WYSE academic challenge. We wish them smart thinking.

the teachers. I hope as you read this article you are feeling well. The NHS yearbook takes a lot of planning and meeting deadlines. Seniors, don't forget that interviews for the yearbook are due by Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Nokomis improved to 4-0 at Morrisonville with a 57-28 win over Carlinville on Monday night, as they finished a tournament that started two weeks ago. They were the only undefeated team going into the final game Friday. A very physical game resulted in a loss to Lincolnwood. The loss resulted in a three-way tie, with Nokomis taking the championship due to allowing the fewest points in the tie breaker rules. Congratulations to Brayden Sabol on being selected to the All-Tournament team, and to Austin McDowell for being named the tournament's most valuable player.

Also, all athletes who have played in fall sports need to check their emails to answer questions for the yearbook.

The boys freshman and sophomore basketball team brought home another trophy as they won the Raymond Lincolnwood junior varsity tournament, beating Gillespie 49-32 in the championship game. Congratulations to Trevor Wright for making the All-Tournament team.

Just a reminder that Student Council will be hosting a Sadie Hawkins Dance on Feb. 4 from 8 to 11 p.m. Have your 1980s-theme costume ready.

The Lady Redskins were busy this past week, too. They came up just short and lost to Gillespie. The Lady Redskins then beat North Mac 45-31.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Nokomis fans blacked out the gym for the girls varsity game and the boys game that followed.

"Cheers on Campus" goes to our winners for the Poetry Out Loud competition. In first place, the winner was Madison Keele. Second place went to RuthAnn Patton and Jordan Foster placed third. Madison and RuthAnn will compete at the regional level in Springfield on Feb. 23. Please wish them luck.

The Arrowhead Open presented the check with a little over \$25,000 to give toward all junior high and high school sports in between the two games. A huge shout-out to the many hard workers that made this happen.

And that's your "Cheers on Campus."

Mrs. Crowe will be having an informational meeting for parents of students in ninth through eleventh grade on Feb. 1 in the high school library at 6:30 p.m. There are informational packets in Mrs. Crowe's room for those interested in going on a trip to French Canada. Please pick one up to take home to your parents.

Congratulations to the scholastic bowl team! The varsity team won both games against North Mac and Pawnee. The junior varsity team won against Pawnee, but lost to North Mac.

Presidential Library Will Celebrate Lincoln's Birthday

The presidential library dedicated to Abraham Lincoln will celebrate his birthday by offering free admission, presenting a special concert and, along with the Old State Capitol, hosting some of the nation's top Lincoln scholars.

Historic Site. The symposium includes:

The birthday events also include solemn ceremonies at Lincoln's tomb and a joyful dance at the Old State Capitol.

A free keynote address at the Old State Capitol at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11. The address will be delivered by Daniel Crofts, author of "Lincoln and the Politics of Slavery," about Lincoln's surprising support for a constitutional amendment that would have protected slavery.

Everyone can visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum at no charge on Sunday, Feb. 12, which would have been Lincoln's 208th birthday. Admission usually costs \$15 for adults and \$6 for children.

A luncheon will be held at the presidential library at noon, Sunday, Feb. 12. The guest speaker will be Noah Andre Trudeau, author of "Lincoln's Greatest Journey," an account of the president's 16-day visit to the front just before his death. Tickets are \$30.

Lincoln's stovepipe hat and a 28-diamond necklace he gave to Mary will also be on display that day and for the rest of February.

A free presentation will be held at the presidential library at 2 p.m. on "Bringing Lincoln's White House to Life." It features two authors with books (one of them a murder mystery) introducing readers to daily life at the executive mansion.

The Liberty Clarinet Quartet, part of the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America, will perform from 1 to 2 p.m., and actors portraying characters from history (such as Mary Lincoln and a Civil War soldier) will greet museum visitors and answer questions that day and the next, Monday, Feb. 13.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will make their annual pilgrimage to the Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2:30 p.m. Winners of Voice of Democracy scholarships will be present along with the VFW national commander for a wreath ceremony and brief remarks.

The Abraham Lincoln Association will hold its annual symposium that weekend, partly at the presidential library and partly at the Old State Capitol State

The next day, at 10:30 a.m., American Legion Post No. 32 will make its 83rd annual pilgrimage to the tomb. Legion members will lay a wreath at Lincoln's burial site.

Both wreath-laying ceremonies are open to the public.

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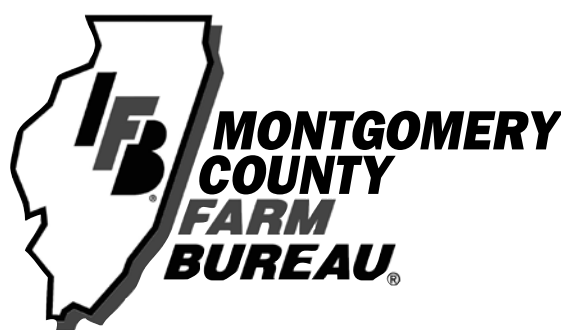
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Apex Physical Therapy Earns National Magazine Ranking

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy was recently ranked in *Entrepreneur* magazine's Franchise 500, the world's first, best and most comprehensive franchise ranking.

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy has an office located in Litchfield.

Recognized by entrepreneurs and franchisors as a top competitive tool of measurement, the Franchise 500 places ApexNetwork Physical Therapy as #222 for its exceptional performance in areas including financial strength and stability, growth rate and brand power.

"We are honored to earn this distinction as one of the most successful franchise systems in the country," said Jason Baxter, director of franchise operations for ApexNetwork Physical Therapy. "We recognize each of our franchise owners and their staff for their dedication to quality care and a personal touch that differentiates our clinics in the communities they serve."

The key factors that go into *Entrepreneur's* evaluation include costs and fees, size and growth, support, brand strength, and financial strength and stability. All

franchises are given a cumulative score based on more than 150 data points, and the 500 franchises with the highest cumulative scores become the Franchise 500 in ranking order.

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy has received awards from *Entrepreneur* magazine including trends, biggest opportunity franchise, hottest franchise opportunity, top new franchise, top 500 franchise, top personal service franchise and franchise trends set to grow next year.

Over its 38 years in existence, the Franchise 500 has become both a dominant competitive measure for franchisors and a primary research tool for entrepreneurs. ApexNetwork Physical Therapy's position on the ranking reinforces its strength in the industry.

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy is headquartered in Highland, and has over 50 locations nationwide. ApexNetwork locations offer physical therapy, sports rehabilitation, occupational therapy, industrial rehabilitation and aquatic therapy.

To find the nearest ApexNetwork Physical Therapy location, visit apexnetworkpt.com.



Farmersville Knights Of Columbus Donate To Panhandle Special Education Programs

The Farmersville Knights of Columbus Council #1152 recently donated \$550 to the special education programs at the Panhandle School District. The KCs raised the money through their annual Tootsie Roll Drive last year. From the left are Panhandle School District special education teachers Crystal Hatley and Kim Jaeger, Dave Leonard and Ben Elvidge of the Farmersville KCs and Panhandle School District special education teacher Karla Kloss.

Hospital Adjusts Visiting Rules For Flu Season

With flu season hitting a peak in central Illinois, visitors at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield are reminded of the important role everyone plays in guarding patient safety.

The hospital is currently providing respiratory etiquette stations at hospital entrances, which have tissues, masks and

sanitizing hand gel for visitors.

During flu season, St. Francis has also issued updated guidelines for visiting hospital patients.

Visitors are encouraged not to come to the hospital if they have any flu-like symptoms, including fever or chills, sore throat, body or muscle aches, headache, cough or runny nose, are under 18 years

of age or are a pregnant woman.

A limit of only two people should visit a patient at any time.

Soap and water or hand sanitizers are the most effective ways to prevent influenza transmission and should be used when entering and exiting patient rooms.

For more information about the flu, visit www.flu.gov.

Ware's Grove Board Will Meet

Members of the Ware's Grove Cemetery Board will meet on Sunday, Feb. 5, at Ware's Grove Church, beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public and community members are invited to attend.

Daniel Britton Earns Spot On Fall Dean's List

Daniel Britton, son of Fred and Trina Britton of Witt, was named to the Dean's List at Maryville University for the fall 2016 semester.

He is a sophomore majoring in sports business management.

Chris Compton Wins Crazy Cash

Chris Compton of Nokomis was the weekly "crazy cash" winner in the St. Louis School in Nokomis fundraiser.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. They are available at the school office or by calling (217) 563-2721.

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AWWW YEAH

Imagine what's happening in the Hillsboro School District!

At Coffeen School!

Coffeen School kicked off the year with a new school-wide character building project, joining with Beckemeyer in their Caught with Character program to build awareness of certain character traits. This semester focused on compassion, cooperation, respect, problem solving, confidence and perseverance. Students who demonstrate these character traits can earn "Cubs Cash" to spend at a store each quarter. Items range from pencils and candy all the way up to a pizza party for their class or lunch with a staff member.

Pre-K began its 30th year of service to the school district this year. They held their annual fall Family Fun Night in October where families could enjoy a variety of outdoor events. Activities included horse rides, face painting, corn bins, an obstacle course, hayrack ride and a cookout complete with s'mores.

Mrs. Rivas' pre-K class also took a fall field trip to Anderson's Pumpkin Patch in Hillsboro. While there, students were able to make a scarecrow. Mrs. Anderson read the students a story about how a pumpkin grows, and each child was able to pick a pumpkin to take home.



Kindergarten through fifth grade students are continuing with Reading to the Rescue, which began last spring. Twice a month students from each grade are selected to go to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter and read to the animals. This program has proven to be beneficial to both the students and the animals in need of adoption.

November brought the election to the school. Mrs. Moroney's fifth grade monitored the election for the school. Working as election judges, they passed out ballots, helped younger students with casting their ballots and handed out stickers. Classes spent time leading up to Election Day learning about the election process.

In observance of Veterans' Day Mrs. Gutierrez's second grade class collected supplies for military personnel. Students wrote letters to go with the packages and sent them to six local men and women in the armed services. They were surprised when they received a letter back.

December brought bowling for all kindergarten through fifth grade PE classes. Students are learning fundamentals of the game in class with Mrs. Kern. They visited Knisley's Hillsboro Bowl where students tested their skills.

All students were encouraged to bring a "gift" for the school Christmas tree. Gifts of non-perishable foods were donated to the Coffeen Food Pantry to support our local families.



At Beckemeyer School!

When learning about the inauguration, Mrs. Waters' first grade class worked on formulating a list of character traits they think a good leader should have. The students came up with the following traits they would like to see in our country's new leader: kindness, compassion, respect, honesty, hard working, friendly, brave, smart, caring and fair. The class also spent time reading and discussing the responsibilities the new President has as the country's new leader. Students were challenged to become good leaders within their families, classrooms, school and community.

Mrs. Ronen's class has been diving into the new Illinois social science standards through an inquiry project on Ruby Bridges. Students formed their own questions, brainstormed research options, and ultimately found the answers to their questions after investigating multiple sources. Students even wrote letters to Ruby Bridges, the first African American girl integrated into an all white elementary, in hopes to get even more of their questions answered and to thank her for helping to make our world a better place for everyone.

Mrs. Naylor's class has started the year with Questioning strategy for reading comprehension and are inquiring about penguins and polar bears. They will be writing to compare these two polar animals. We celebrated the 100th day of school with many activities using 100 things.

Mrs. Cady's second grade class has been working on the reading comprehension strategy, Questioning. This allows students to think about questions that peak their interest before, during and after a story using who, what, where, when, why and how questions. Recently students read a book about George Washington Carver and some of the great questions asked during the process were: Why is he famous enough to get a book written about him? Why couldn't he go to school when he was a little boy? What is a plant doctor?

Mrs. Hoffman's and Mrs. Youngless' third grade classes from Beckemeyer school visited Montgomery County Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs on Dec. 20. The children and residents enjoyed playing "Christmas Bingo" together. The residents were also entertained with a Christmas carol sing-a-long and poetic presentation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Mrs. McBrain's fifth grade science class is learning that gravity is a downward force exerted by Earth. They constructed roller coasters and identified how a roller coaster uses gravity, inertia and friction. Then they designed and built parachutes that had to safely carry a raw egg to the ground. When designing the parachutes, students learned that they had to consider gravity's downward force and how they could use air resistance to defy gravity.

At Hillsboro High School!

In Mr. Vanzo's Current Events class students are discussing the possible impacts of having a new presidential regime and looking at the pros and cons of controversial issues that include having school uniforms and capital punishment. In Western Civilization class students are learning about great European explorers and the causes and effects of the Atlantic slave trade.

The semester has started off with a bang in Mrs. Niemyer's Agriculture Department. Agriculture Construction students had HHS graduate Chris Hubbard, owner of Hubbard Wood, come demonstrate his saw mill to the class. He also spoke about the challenges and rewards of owning a business. The Vet Science class is learning preparing for dissection of a fetal pig later in the semester. The Wildlife Management class is making plans to build Wood Duck boxes to place in the wild. FFA members finishing up their record books for competition this spring. We have two applying for their state FFA degrees and several others competing for proficiency awards. There are several FFA students will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts up town the morning Saturday, February 4th to help pay for their summer activity registrations like FFA Camp and Washington Leadership Conference.

Mrs. Lemons' Hillsboro High School Choir has begun rehearsals for our production of The King and I on April 6-8. They are hard at work learning music, lines, blocking and designing sets, and are so excited for this production! They are also preparing for our annual Solo and Ensemble contest to be held on March 4 in Piasa. Many students are preparing solos and/or small ensembles to sing in front of a judge. The judge will assign them a rating based on the quality of their performance and provide helpful comments on their performance. These performances are open to the public. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

In English II, Mrs. Powell's students are focusing on nonfiction pieces of literature from around the world that deal with discrimination. They are reading using a variety of strategies, watching video with a focus on listening skills and concentrating on writing based on research.

Students in Mrs. Coleman's Culinary Arts class are exploring how advances in food packaging impact their food choices, health, safety and shelf stability. As part of the lesson, students used the foods lab to create a plastic from cornstarch, corn oil and water. The simple plastic is a polymer similar to the plastic used by manufacturers for recycled food packaging and utensils. Newer plastics contain cornstarch, which increases biodegradability. Additional food science connections included: new product research and development, food production and manufacturing facilities and meeting higher consumer demand for healthy and affordable food.

In Mrs. Wilson's Geometry classes, students have been using similar triangles to find missing measurements. They recently used the "Rule of Thumb" to estimate how far away an object of known width is by knowing that the average ratio of a person's arm length to the distance between his or her eyes is 10 to 1. You hold your arm straight out in front of you with your elbow straight and your thumb pointing up. Close one eye and align your thumb with the object. Next switch eyes without moving your head or arm. The object will appear to jump over. Estimate how many widths of the object it jumped, then multiply by 10 and that is how far away the object is.

In Anatomy, Mr. Garmon's science students are studying the brain. The students are learning about the structure of the brain and how it works. Their study has been enriched by human brain models, dissecting a sheep's brain and watching a video that describes how brain constructs reality. So far, it's been a mind-bending journey! In microbiology, the students investigated the hypothesis that microbes are ubiquitous. The students sampled objects around the school, their own bodies and the air. The students were able to show that microbes were located in all of these locations. They concluded that there is evidence to support the hypothesis that microbes are ubiquitous and that it's a good idea to wash your hands and disinfect surfaces. In physics, the students are studying projectile motion. After close observation and experimentation, they will use their knowledge to predict where a projectile will land when launched at a particular angle.

Mrs. Heyen's Spanish 4 class has been reading, researching and debating Latin American immigration to the United States. We have studied the history of immigration from various countries and mapped the current numbers of immigrants and their distribution. The students debated the positions of two U.S. presidents on immigration and wrote a presidential brief offering their recommendations for future immigration policy. They are also practicing their accents and speaking/listening skills and enhancing their familiarity with Spanish culture while singing a popular Enrique Iglesias song. We are continuing our examination of the relation between the U.S. and its Latin neighbors by viewing the acclaimed Argentinian film "The Official Story," a fiction account set during the Dirty War.

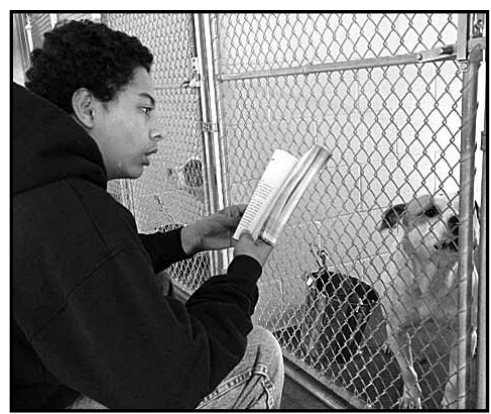
Miss Reid, Mathematics Department
Freshman students taking Geometry which normally is a sophomore level course in Miss Reid's class are encouraged to problem solve with some challenging problems on their homework and during class. They are doing so well! They love to discover new ways of approaching problems, we have in depth discussions during class that really get their advanced thinking activated and they are more than willing to help each other and teach their peers the concepts when they notice they are struggling. Every so often we do activities that engage them in applying recently learned ideas. In a Math-Lib activity, students go around the room answering multiple choice questions that have a variety of words with each solution. When complete, they will have written a short, funny story.

At Hillsboro Junior High School!

Even though it is the beginning of a new year, HJHS ended 2016 on a high note (literally and figuratively). On the last day before the holiday break, HJHS brought back the Variety Show and the participants did not disappoint. The show opened with a performance from the HJHS Band, followed by the Choir. MC Nikya Harston and Mrs. Anderson introduced the 17 acts that included singing, playing the piano and flute, tumbling, dancing, comedy skits, and much more. Students were able to demonstrate their talents and the student body was receptive to all of them, even the faculty participated with their illuminating presentation of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

In addition to the Variety Show, all classrooms were invited to participate in the Annual Door Decorating Contest. Over 19 doors had to be judged by staff members! Categorical winners include: Funniest (Mr. Haston), Most Creative (Ms. Butler), and Overall Winners or the Golden Door Knob Award (Ms. Rozmisiewicz and Mrs. Durbin).

As part of the Reading to the Rescue Dogs, 8th grade students involved in RTI accompanied Mrs. Anderson to the shelter on December 9th to read to the dogs kenneled at the shelter. A little hesitant at first, the boys sat down and started reading to the dogs and were amazed at how calm the dogs became. The students read to the animals for about 20 minutes and then visited with them. One student has asked, "When are we going back?" The experience assists the students in their reading fluency as well as providing the animals with human interaction and a good story!



Opinion



A GRACE FILLED JOURNEY • by Mary Herschelma

A Year Of 'Firsts' On Our Grace-Filled Journey

Within the next month, it's going to be very busy in our house with the addition of another daughter at the beginning of March.

of covering it up, we opted to paint over it, and were very pleased with the results.

For Christmas, we got Grace a Disney princess wall hanging for the walls in the playroom, and it's been fun to set up many of her toys and books in that room.

When it came to the main room, we picked a sage green type color for the walls, mainly because I'm a huge fan of green.

As with all home improvement projects, we hit a few bumps along the way, but didn't give it much worry. We knew things would all get done, and it didn't do much good to worry if it got off schedule.

I wouldn't say the project is complete, as we still can't get the van in the garage for the stuff stored out there. I've been working hard to sort through things and get rid of a lot of stuff.

Thanks to the help of some awesome local businesses, our family not only survived, but thrived through our first home improvement project.

Though we may not get all our home projects finished up before the baby comes, we know it will eventually get there.

Since January brings all things new, I thought I would write about my very first home renovation project.

Our home features a finished basement that we actually use for our living room most of the time. It's got a large, open room, as well as a small side room and a bathroom.

Initially, Kyle and I talked about doing some of the work ourselves, or recruiting some family members to help us out along the way.

We used the larger room to watch TV and play with Grace, and we considered the smaller room an office, mainly because it included a desk, piled high with junk that needed to be thrown out.

LETTERS to the editor

Comments Show Candidate Is Unfit To Lead School District

I am writing to share my conviction that Mr. Thomas DeVore deserves no opportunity to provide leadership to the Hillsboro Community School District following thoughtless and insensitive remarks.

soda, popcorn and candy totaling \$7. Mr. DeVore posted, "The special kid (that's politically correct for window licker) looked at me and argued it was only \$7."

autism," rather than "the autistic student." Such a difference may seem very minor, but the goal is to encourage the student, and others, to realize that various learning challenges possessed by a wide range of students shouldn't be seen as insurmountable disabilities.

More troubling than this is Mr. DeVore's character expressed through his post, particularly through the use of the term "window lickers."

Brian Wheeler Hillsboro

These comments show that Mr. DeVore is unfit to lead our school district for two significant reasons. This post first shows that Mr. DeVore lacks a basic understanding of educational practice.

Through a post on Facebook, Mr. DeVore shared his frustration when students vending at a basketball game failed to properly calculate that he needed \$15 returned after giving a \$20 and two singles for

through the ACA would substantially hurt low-income individuals, many of whom are seniors. House Speaker Paul Ryan's "A Better Way" health care plan will raise the age of Medicare eligibility to 67, denying nearly 5 million seniors insurance starting in 2020.

Health Of Our Nation's Seniors Is Too Important

Retirees are deeply concerned that Speaker Paul Ryan and Republican leaders in Congress, including Congressman Rodney Davis, are moving forward with plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and cuts to Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

These kinds of changes are not about improving health care or even saving money. Instead they will fund tax cuts for multinational corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Last week thousands of people called Congress to tell them they opposed changes to Medicare and to save our healthcare. All Americans should do the same.

David Spinner Litchfield Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans

MONDAY EVENING

JANUARY 30, 2017

Table of TV schedules for Monday Evening, January 30, 2017. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A+E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW.

TUESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 31, 2017

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Table of TV schedules for Wednesday Evening, February 1, 2017. Includes channels like ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A+E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW.



Lisa Hamilton, at left, and Rodney Harrell had all the right moves for their performance to "Moves Like Jagger," during this year's competition, in memory of their spouses, Angel Harrell and Todd Hamilton.
Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



Nine-year-old Andrew Suslee of Nokomis, center, stole the show in his parents' performance with a guitar solo, as Jason and Lacy Suslee performed "Play Something Country." Jason is a stage four colon cancer survivor.
Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



With a little help from some local cheerleaders and ball players, the team of Anthony and Shamera Robinson (pictured at the top of the pyramid), performed a routine to "We're All in This Together," from the Disney Channel movie, High School Musical.
Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



These five teams, pictured above with the Stamp Out Cancer committee, raised nearly \$50,000 for the Montgomery County Cancer Association. Pictured above, from the left are Tiffany Laramée, Ryan Durham and Tessa Harmon, Jason and Lacy Suslee, Rodney Harrell and Lisa Hamilton, Anthony and Shamera Robinson, winners Emily Zimmerman and Kelsey Flack, emcee Don Downs and committee members Zach Wygal, Renee Laughlin, Jeremy Schmidt, Lesley Pollard, Dana Holshouser and Chris and Stacie Wygal.
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Stamp Out Cancer Fundraiser

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Their team performed a lip sync routine to several songs, including "Something Bad's About to Happen," "Baby Got Back" and concluded with "We Will Rock You." The pair held up signs that read Stamp Out Cancer, and encouraged the crowd to sing, "We Will Stamp Out Cancer" as part of their routine.

Following the announcement of the winners, emcee Don Downs, who is himself a former winner, offered a toast to the late Ron "Stamps" Wygal, who passed away from brain cancer, and is the namesake for the fundraising event.

"In the last six years, more than \$300,000 has been raised at Stamp Out Cancer from this community and our county," Downs said. "That's awesome. It takes people like this to beat this dreaded disease."

Also competing for this year's title were Tessa Harmon and Tiffany Laramée of Hillsboro. They performed a *Saturday Night Live* sketch about the Chippendales, to the song "Working for the Weekend," featuring a little help from their co-workers at Care Otter, Jeremy Schmidt, Ryan Durham and Dylan Ross.

Jason and Lacy Suslee of Nokomis were the second act to take center stage to the song "Play Something Country." Their nine-year-old son, Andrew, stole the show with his guitar performance. Before they started, Downs announced that Jason, a stage four colon cancer survivor, is currently cancer free.

Rodney Harrell and Lisa Hamilton of Taylor Springs joined this year's competition in memory of their spouses, who both died of cancer. Their act included the song, "Moves Like Jagger."

"It's been a wonderful experience," said Hamilton. "Our children have been great, and we've gotten to spend so much time with our families these last few weeks. We wanted to give something back to the community that gave to us,

and this gave us that opportunity."

Anthony and Shamera Robinson of Litchfield performed a choreographed routine to "We're All in This Together," from the Disney Channel movie, *High School Musical*, featuring help from some local cheerleaders and basketball players.

In addition to the lip sync competition, the evening also included a 50/50 drawing for \$66, won by Taylor Gutierrez, a gun raffle, won

by Matt Coleman, an extensive silent auction and live entertainment from the St. Louis based *Joe Dirt and the Dirty Boys* band.

"We're so honored to be able to do this each year for the MCCA," said Stamp Out Cancer committee member Zach Wygal. "It's one of the finest organizations around, and all of your donations stay right here in Montgomery County. We just love doing this every year. It's so much fun."



The team of Tessa Harmon and Tiffany Laramée showed off their Chippendale prowess, with a little help from some of their Care Otter co-workers. Dancing to "Working for the Weekend," from the left are Laramée, Harmon, Ryan Durham, Dylan Ross and Jeremy Schmidt.
Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann

Enrollment Events at HSHS St. Francis Hospital Tuesday, January 31, 2017

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American Red Cross Will Hold Blood Drive Friday

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Litchfield on Friday, Feb. 3, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 221 N. Madison. The goal for the drive is 54 units. Donors will be asked for their Red Cross donor card or a positive identification, a photo ID. Machines for double red cell collection will be available.

Severe weather across 27 states has caused the cancellation of about 300 blood drives this winter. More than 10,500 blood and platelet donations have gone uncollected. The American Red Cross urges all eligible blood donors to help restock its shelves to overcome this serious shortage. Each unit donated may help save up to three lives. All blood types are needed to help maintain a diverse and sufficient blood supply.

Participants may make an appointment and on Friday sign in to Rapid Pass, a new tool that allows blood donors to help save lives in less time. Using Rapid Pass is simple, just follow these steps: 1. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass 2. Read the information 3. Answer the questions 4. Print the pass or email it to your mobile device to show at the site.

Donors who do not provide the pass will be asked to complete the questions again. This must be done on the day of the drive using a desktop or laptop computer. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment. It is only used to complete the pre-reading and pre-donation questionnaire in advance of an appointment.

Donors should be sure to eat at regular mealtimes and drink plenty of water prior to donating. Eat foods rich in iron, since only blood with good iron levels will be accepted for donation. Iron is part of hemoglobin, the protein that

carries oxygen and gives blood its red color. Combining iron rich foods with foods rich in Vitamin C will enhance the absorption of iron. Tannin in tea decreases the amount of iron the body absorbs by about 50 percent.

Donors must be at least 17 or 16 years old with a signed parental consent. There is no upper age limit for donors. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

In most cases, it is the condition for which a person is taking medication, not the medicine that causes them to be unable to donate. Usually, if the condition is under control the day of donation, the person is eligible to donate. This includes medicine for high blood pressure and diabetes.

According to FDA regulations, donors may donate whole blood every 56 days, platelets up to 24 times a year and double red cells every 112 days.

Trinity Lutheran Church will provide sandwiches, cookies, relishes and soda. Walmart's Subway Sandwich Shop will also donate sandwiches. Other donations will also be received from Walmart, the Moose, plates from Diane Uehling and cups from McDonald's.

Cheryl Hartel will be assisted in the canteen by women of the church who will also serve as hostesses of the canteen. Registration chairman Janice Kalaher will be assisted by Marilyn Prange, Joyce Hill and Joyce Cranford.

Joe Zalar has distributed posters. Men from the street department will set up the room for the drive. Janet Saathoff is coordinator of the Litchfield Community Red Cross blood drives.

Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to learn more and schedule an appointment.



Pictured above, in front, from the left are Felicia O'Dell, Colleen Harris, Joann Marquess, Marge Holliday, Ashley Smith, Terry Lentz, Angela Reents and Rosanne Heck. In the second row are Barbra Shell, Jennifer Hiller, Chris Morris, Liz Dowalder, Marcia Pilgrim, Sharon Clark, Jayne Fesser, Dawn Mascher, Kris Taylor and Paula Collins. In back are Meagen Aubuschon, Geoff Trost, Don Hamby, Jared Pollard and Chris VanGiesen. Not pictured are Janell Zimmerman, Cheri Rapien, Sally Luckett, Daryl White, Ashley Newberry, Amanda McNish and Melinda Harteniaux.

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Hillsboro Area Hospital Recognizes Dedicated Employees

Hillsboro Area Hospital held its annual staff recognition dinner on Monday evening, Jan. 23, at the Broad Street Grill in Hillsboro.

Each year, the hospital recognizes staff as they complete five-year increments of service. CEO Rex Brown honored each employee with a years of service anniversary lapel pin.

This year, 30 employees were recognized for their years of

dedicated service, representing 505 years of service to Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Those honored for five years of service include Melinda Harnetiaux, Amanda McNish, Ashley Newberry, Ashley Smith, Rosanne Heck, Barbra Shell, Jennifer Hiller, Jared Pollard, Paula Collins, Angela Reents, Janell Zimmerman and Meagen Aubuschon.

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Rapien and Donald Hamby were honored for ten years of service, while Colleen Harris and Sally Luckett were recognized for 15 years of service.

Celebrating 20 years of service to the hospital were Christina VanGiesen, Kris Taylor, Geoffrey Trost and Dawn Mascher. Jayne Fesser was recognized for 25 years of service.

Those honored for 30 years of service were Felicia O'Dell and

Christina Morris, while Joann Marquess, Margaret Holliday, Sharon Clark and Daryl White were recognized for 35 years of service.

Elizabeth Dowalder and Terry Lentz were each honored for 40 years of service to Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Each employee and a guest were invited to the dinner to celebrate his or her dedicated service to the local community.

Illinois State Police District 18 Offer Report Of Activities During The Past Year

Illinois State Police troopers handled 483 traffic crashes throughout the counties of Montgomery, Macoupin, Greene, Jersey and Calhoun. District 18 officers investigated 27 fatal crashes in 2016 which resulted

in 27 fatalities.

District 18 officers completed 3,016 motor carrier safety inspections resulting in 498 vehicles and drivers being placed out of service for safety related violations. There were also 148 overweight

citations issued by officers.

Traffic enforcement activities resulted in 340 total alcohol related arrests which include 92 citations for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. In total, 6,016 citations

were issued for fatal four violations, including 92 for DUI, 4,573 for speeding, 1,096 for occupant restraint and 255 for distracted driving. Troopers also made 593 criminal arrests throughout the year.

District 18 personnel presented or assisted in 219 safety education programs to various schools, business, civic organizations and State of Illinois functions. The topics covered during these presentations were

alcohol awareness, seatbelt and child restraint safety, distracted driving, computer crimes and internet safety, school bullying, Rules of the Road and various other public safety topics.



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- September 2-14 Canadian Maritimes
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- September 19-22 Door County, Wisconsin
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Hillsboro's Jade Scroggins looks for a way around Litchfield's Lauren Karnes during the first half of Saturday's game at HHS. Litchfield would go on to win 63-49 in the second meeting between the two rivals, keeping the Panthers' hopes for a share of the South Central Conference title alive. *Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann*

Lady Panthers Victorious In Rematch With Toppers

by Kyle Herschelmann

It was a game that had been circled on the Hillsboro calendar since before Christmas... Dec. 22 to be exact, the day the Litchfield girls basketball team had handed the Lady Hiltoppers a nine point loss at LHS.

With a full gym ready to go, the two rivals tipped off with hopes for a share of the conference title at stake as both entered the game with just one South Central Conference loss, the same as Greenville, who clinched their share Thursday night with a win over Gillespie.

Four quarters later, it would be Litchfield who would put a damper on senior night for the Lady Hiltoppers as they picked up their second win over their rivals, this time by a 63-47 tally.

After scoring 24 against Hillsboro in round one, Litchfield (via Lincolnwood) senior Abby Brockmeyer touched up the Toppers for 33 points, the fifth time this season she has passed the 30 point plateau.

Brockmeyer's first three points set the tone of the game for the Lady Panthers as she drilled a three from the left side for an early Litchfield lead just 11 seconds into the game. Brockmeyer would add in two free throws and a Valerie Furlong three would make it 8-0 before two minutes had ticked off the clock.

Hillsboro would go on a run of their own with baskets from Maddie Miller, Jade Scroggins and Sammi Matoush to make it an 8-6 ball game, but Litchfield would outscore Hillsboro 11-6 in the second half of the quarter to take a 19-12 lead after one.

The Lady Toppers weren't ready to give up so easily though.

Throughout the second quarter they chipped away at the Litchfield advantage, keeping the ball from going in to Brockmeyer and out of the hands of Furlong, who had two threes in the first quarter.

With just over a minute left, Hillsboro would be down three when Matoush knocked down her first triple, making it 25-25 with 1:05 to play. That would be as close as Hillsboro got to a lead in the first half though as Litchfield scored four points off a pair of Lizzy Luttrell free throws and a basket by Lauren Karnes before Matoush drained a buzzer-beater to make it 29-28 in Litchfield's favor at the break.

The momentum shift in the second quarter could have spelled trouble for the Lady Panthers, who were trying to beat a good team for the second time, on senior night none the less. But instead of coming out timid, Litchfield went for the throat, getting back-to-back transition baskets from Jade Taylor and two more points from Brockmeyer to make it a seven point game.

Maddie Miller would get the game back down to five points shortly after Brockmeyer's basket, but Litchfield would outscore Hillsboro 13 to seven to end the quarter as their lead grew to 48-37.

Matoush, who hit a late three to get the lead down to 11 from 14 in the third quarter, would make a pair of free throws to start the fourth quarter, bringing the deficit to single digits.

That would be temporary though as Taylor hit a shot to make it an 11 point game and Hillsboro never trailed by fewer than ten points the rest of the way out.

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Purple Panthers Fifth At Lovellette

The Litchfield wrestling team would end their regular season with a solid fifth place finish in their home tournament, the Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament.

The tournament's namesake, former Litchfield wrestling coach Rich Lovellette, saw plenty of wrestlers from his former team during the medal presentations on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 28, as six current Panthers earned spots in the top six.

Among them were two first place finishers as the Panthers had a strong showing in the lower weight classes with four medalists in the first five classes.

Sophomore Cam Lee had a stellar tournament at 120 pounds as he won the title over Tanner Swain of Vandalia in a 6-4 decision over Illinois Matmen's fifth ranked 120 pounder. Swain wasn't the only top five wrestler Lee defeated. After pinning Jacob Sileven of West Frankfort in round one, Lee beat third ranked Sam Dietz of Murphysboro 10-6 to advance to the championship match against Swain.

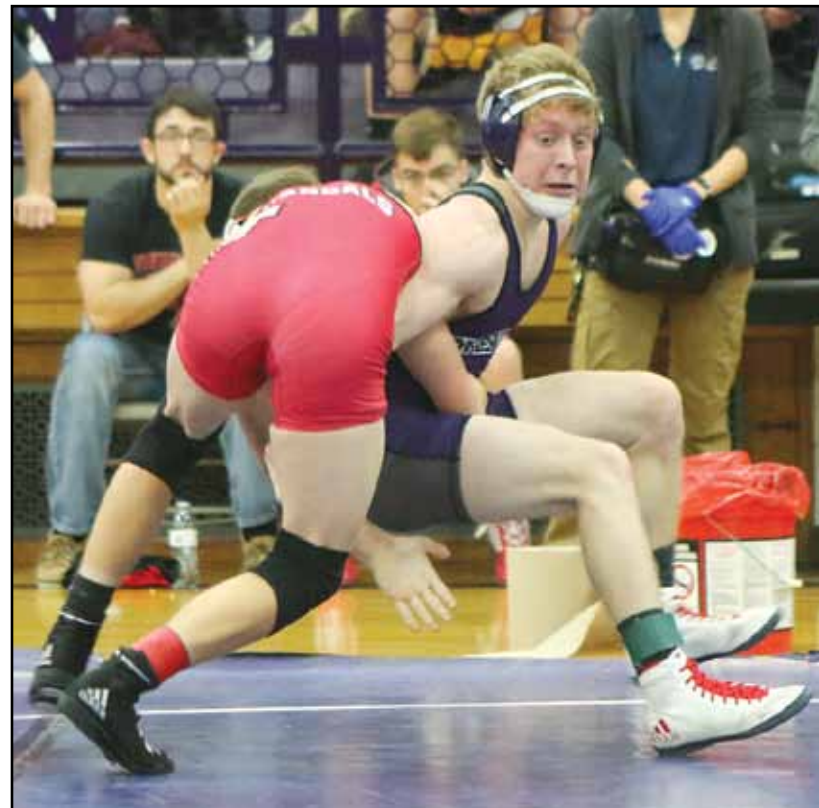
Collin Davidson would win the other title for Litchfield, defeating seventh ranked Jarrett Paslay of Vandalia by fall at the 3:46 mark of the match. Davidson, ranked 11th by Illinois Matmen, defeated Jordan Brewster of West Frankfort by tech fall and Kyle Cavender of Harrisburg 14-11 in his first two matches en route to the title.

The Panthers would come up just short of a third title at 106 pounds as Bailey Powell took second after losing to Michael Ushman of Auburn in a 3-2 decision. Powell had beaten Cody Cherry of Murphysboro by major decision in his first two matches.

In addition to the aforementioned trio in the top two of their respective weight classes, Litchfield also got a fourth place finish from Tyler Thiessen and fifth place finishes from Rhees Hancock and Reese Radtke.

Thiessen would pin Brad Bruner of Taylorville in his opening match at 132 pounds before losing close decisions to Kody Cavender of Harrisburg, ranked 10th by Illinois Matmen, and Mason Loete

first round at 220 pounds, then lost a narrow 3-2 decision to Jeremy Opp of Pinckneyville. In the wrestlebacks, Radtke made short work of Alex Johnson of Harrisburg, winning by fall at



Litchfield's Collin Davidson works to spin out of the grasp of Vandalia's Jarrett Paslay during the championship match at Saturday's Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament in Litchfield. Davidson would go on to pin Paslay with 14 seconds left in the second round to take first place in the 126 pound weight class at the tournament. *Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann*

of Orion, an honorable mention by the prep wrestling website.

Hancock would split his first two matches, pinning Rene Acosta of Murphysboro, then dropping a 12-10 decision to Nick Harvel of Anna-Jonesboro, but was undefeated after that. The senior 195 pounder defeated Jake Upton of West Frankfort and Matt Furlow of Hillsboro, both by decision, to secure his fifth place finish.

Radtke would get a bye in the

the 1:18 mark, then dispatching Greg Cooper of West Frankfort in a close 1-0 decision.

In addition to the medalists, Sean Dearing, Garrett Werner, Billy Ringering, Blake Uehling and Earl Tiepelman would also wrestle at the Lovellette, combining for four wins.

Litchfield will have a few days to prepare for the regional tournament in Mt. Olive on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament

Jan. 27-28 at Litchfield

Team Results: 1. Lena-Winslow 221; 2. Orion 172; 3. Auburn 155; 4. Vandalia 152.5; 5. Litchfield 126; 6. Harrisburg 107; 7. Anna-Jonesboro 103; 8. Taylorville 76; 9. Murphysboro 70; 10. Carlinville 63; 11. Roxana 62; 12. Pinckneyville 58; 13. West Frankfort 57; 14. Mt. Olive 53; 15. Carlyle 43; 16. Hillsboro 34.

Litchfield Results

106: Bailey Powell - 2nd Place - def. Cody Cherry (Roxana) by fall at 1:56; def. Ethan Cue (Murphysboro) by maj. dec. 15-3; lost to Michael Ushman (Auburn) by dec. 3-2.
120: Cam Lee - 1st Place - def. Jacob Sileven (West Frankfort) by fall at 1:44; def. Sam Dietz (Murphysboro) by dec. 10-6; def. Tanner Swain (Vandalia) by dec. 6-4.
126: Collin Davidson - 1st Place - def. Jordan Brewster (West Frankfort) by tech fall at 3:11; def. Kyle Cavender (Harrisburg) by dec. 14-11; def. Jarrett Paslay (Vandalia) by fall at 3:46
132: Tyler Thiessen - 4th Place - def. Brad Bruner (Taylorville) by fall at 1:24; lost to Kody Cavender (Harrisburg) by dec. 5-1; lost to Mason Loete (Orion) by dec. 3-1
138: Sean Dearing - lost to Bradyn Kaiser (Vandalia) by dec. 9-8; lost to Wade Knepler (Auburn) by dec. 11-4
145: Garrett Werner - lost to Jimmy Hicks (Harrisburg) by dec. 6-2; def. Jake Bailey (Mt. Olive) by fall at 1:08; lost to Dylan Fox (Anna-Jonesboro) by dec. 7-0
152: Billy Ringering - lost to Dylan Doerr (Carlyle) by dec. 6-5; def. Finn Tyszko (Hillsboro) by fall at 1:21; lost to Aaron Dvorak (Lena-Winslow) by maj. dec. 14-0
170: Blake Uehling - def. Robby Durbin (Vandalia) by fall at :54; lost to Jacob Dixon (Carlinville) by fall at 1:47; lost to Ethan Krumrey (Anna-Jonesboro) by fall at 1:56
183: Earl Tiepelman - lost to Justin Osmeo (Mt. Olive) by dec. 2-1; def. Gunner Reese (Taylorville) by fall at 1:48; lost to Brady Dambacher (Auburn) by fall at 3:07
195: Rhees Hancock - 5th Place - def. Rene Acosta (Murphysboro) by fall at 3:07; lost to Nick Harvel (Anna-Jonesboro) by dec. 12-10; def. Jake Upton (West Frankfort) by dec. 11-8; def. Matt Furlow (Hillsboro) by dec. 6-0
220: Reese Radtke - 5th Place - lost to Jeremy Opp (Pinckneyville) by dec. 3-2; def. Alex Johnson (Harrisburg) by fall at 1:18; def. Greg Cooper (West Frankfort) by dec. 1-0

900 Wins In 55 Years For Lincolnwood

In 1962, the newly created Lincolnwood High School picked up the program's first win. Fifty-five years later, the Lancers were set to win their 900th game in just their 1,491st attempt.

Win number 900 came against Staunton, who is coached by Troy Redfern, the athletic director at Staunton High School as well. Redfern's father, Kent, is a Lincolnwood graduate and was a junior on the inaugural Lancer varsity basketball team in 1962.

After back-to-back dramatic wins over Pawnee in triple overtime and Nokomis at the Morrisonville Mohawk Classic, Lincolnwood led wire to wire in their 55-27 win over the Bulldogs on Saturday, Jan. 28, in Raymond.

The Lancers held Staunton to single digits in three of the four quarters and struck first with a two-pointer by Seth Foster to give themselves a 2-0 lead. Lincolnwood would go on to win the opening eight minutes by a 13-4 margin, holding Staunton to a pair of field goals.

The second quarter would be closer, with Staunton getting as close as seven points, before baskets by Adam Deal and Josh Bormida late in the quarter boosted the Lincolnwood lead back to 12.

The second half would belong to the Lancers as the lead never dipped into single digits the rest of the way out. By the end of the third quarter, the margin had grown to 22 points.

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Members of the Nokomis Athletic Club's Arrowhead Open Committee presented a check for \$25,322.53 to the Nokomis sports programs in between basketball games at NHS on Saturday, Jan. 28. From the left are Nokomis Superintendent Dr. Scott Doerr, Missy Keiser, Cheri Herpstreith, Tanya Engelman, Julie Knodle, Bonnie Browmbach, Nokomis High School Principal Rachelle McDowell, Adam McDowell, Cassie Watson and Nokomis Athletic Director Paul Watson. *Journal-News Photo*

Arrowhead Open Total Tops \$25,000

The efforts of those involved in the third annual Arrowhead Open paid off in a big way on Saturday, Jan. 28, as the proceeds from this year's event were presented in between the boys and girls basketball games at Nokomis High School.

This year's event raised \$25,322.53 for Nokomis athletics, whether it be for uniforms, equipment, camps or whatever else the Redskins need to remain at the top of their game.

The grand total from the 2016 event increases the overall amount given to more than \$76,000. For the last three years, the money has come from the group's golf play day, held this year at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore, as well as other fundraisers put on by the Nokomis Athletic Club.

The check presentation was just the beginning of the night as the Arrowhead Open Appreciation Bash was held following the

games, at the St. Louis Catholic Church Parish Center in Nokomis. The local band, *Wiplash*, provided live entertainment and soda, beer on tap and snacks were available throughout the event.

Missy Keiser, who emceed Saturday's check presentation reminded the crowd to mark their calendars for Aug. 19, 2017, which will be the date for the fourth annual golf tournament. More information will be available at a later date.

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Lancers Win The Game, Redskins Win The Tourney

by Kyle Herschelmann

For many Class 1A teams in central Illinois, wins against Nokomis are especially hard to come by, but for Lincolnwood, the Redskins have been a particularly tough foe during Coach Steve Kimbro's tenure at NHS.

In their last 64 meetings, Nokomis had won all but seven, with the last Lincolnwood victory coming in 2014. For the last time Lincolnwood had beaten Nokomis at the Morrisonville Mohawk Classic, you had to go back even further, 2009 to be exact, when the Lancers defeated the Redskins 59-46.

Even more rare than a Lincolnwood win against Nokomis though is a victory in which the Redskins are beat at their own game. With a methodical offense that worked for open shots and a pressure defense that kept the Redskins on their toes, Lincolnwood defeated Nokomis 33-29 to hand the Skins their first loss of the 2017 Mohawk Classic.

The circumstances behind the game were quirky as its outcome. Originally scheduled for Jan. 14, the game was moved to Jan. 26, after an ice storm that didn't happen and a conflicting tournament.

The game also happened to fall during a week in which the Redskins looked more like a waiting room in a doctor's office than a basketball team as sickness forced the cancellation of two practices prior to Thursday's game and 6'5" junior Brayden Sabol taking a spot on the bench with the flu.

Lincolnwood had its share of challenges too. The Lancers had lost four of their last five games and would be without the services of Matthew Mizera (injury) and Ryan Poggenpohl (a college visit to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD) for the game.

Regardless of the circumstances, the game was decided on the court and carried the atmosphere of a big rivalry game from the opening whistle.

The lead jockeyed back and forth between the two teams in the opening quarter, with Hendrix Barnes scoring Nokomis' first four points and Seth Foster adding in eight for Lincolnwood.

After eight minutes, the two teams would be knotted at 10 points apiece, with pressure on both to make the first move in the second quarter.

Nokomis would score the first six points of the quarter, but it took them nearly five minutes to do so as neither team yielded much on the defensive end. It looked as if Lincolnwood might get the final points of the half as Adam Deal hit a layup and was fouled to make it a 16-12 game with 3.3 seconds left, but Nokomis got the rebound and somehow Andrew Herpstreith streaked to the basket for two quick points on the other end to give Nokomis an 18-12 lead at the break.

The Redskins would build their lead up to ten points midway through the third quarter, leading 24-14 off of four free throws from Austin McDowell and a basket by

Connor Engelman.

Lincolnwood, who had been held to a Reese Snyder basket in the first four minutes finally got on track in the second half of the quarter. Senior forward Josh Bormida caught fire and scored seven points in two minutes, turning the 24-14 deficit into a three point game at 24-21.

Herpstreith would tack on a free throw to end the quarter, but Nokomis' lead was down to four after being double digits earlier in the quarter.

As Foster did in the first and Bormida did in the third, Lincolnwood received a big boost from a senior in the fourth quarter. Reese Snyder would hit a three to draw the Lancers within one point at the 7:20 mark of the quarter, then made two more shots, cutting in from the outside for easy layups to give Lincolnwood the lead.

While Snyder would make the first three shots of the quarter, the baskets would be spaced out as neither team lit the nets on fire.

Snyder's scoring had helped Lincolnwood to their first lead since the 2:07 mark of the first quarter and a shot by Seth Foster with 1:39 to play gave them their biggest lead at 30 to 25.

Carter Sabol would score on the next trip down to make it 30-27, but Lincolnwood would hold off Nokomis the rest of the way out as they recorded the 33-29 win.

Snyder would finish with 11 points, while Foster added ten and Bormida finished with nine. Adam Deal (two points) and Tanner

Millburg (one point) also scored for Lincolnwood.

Austin McDowell would pace Nokomis with eight points, followed by Carter Sabol and Hendrix Barnes with six each. Andrew Herpstreith with five and Connor Engelman and Ben Marley with two apiece.

Lincolnwood would go 13-of-30 from the field, while Nokomis was 10-of-29. The 29 points scored would be the Redskins' lowest output of the season since Civic Memorial held them to 27 on Nov. 25.

While the Redskins may have lost the battle, they won the war, beating out Lincolnwood and Vandalia for the Mohawk Classic title by virtue of the fewest points allowed at the tournament. The Lancers would take second overall, with Vandalia rounding out the top three. Austin McDowell and Brayden Sabol would represent Nokomis on the all-tournament team, while Ryan Poggenpohl and Seth Foster were all-tourney selections for the Lancers.

Both teams will be off until Friday, Feb. 3, with Lincolnwood hosting Ramsey and Nokomis hosting Bunker Hill.

January 26 at Morrisonville
Lincolnwood 10 2 9 12 ---- 33
Nokomis 10 8 7 4 ---- 29

Lincolnwood (33) - Reese Snyder 11, Seth Foster 10, Josh Bormida 9, Adam Deal 2, Tanner Millburg 1. **Totals:** 13-30 4-10 33.

Nokomis (29) - Austin McDowell 8, Hendrix Barnes 6, Carter Sabol 6, Andrew Herpstreith 5, Connor Engelman 2, Ben Marley 2. **Totals:** 10-29 9-10 29.

Three-point field goals: Lincolnwood 3-12 (Foster 2, Snyder 1); Nokomis 0-5.

Records: Lincolnwood (12-10), Nokomis (14-7).

39th Annual Mohawk Winter Classic Tournament

Final Standings: 1. Nokomis (4-1), 2. Lincolnwood (4-1), 3. Vandalia (4-1), 4. Carlinville (2-3), 5. Mulberry Grove (1-4), 6. Edinburg (0-4).

Thursday, January 26
• Vandalia 85, Edinburg 45
• Lincolnwood 33, Nokomis 29



Lincolnwood's Reese Snyder (#42) and Seth Foster provide defensive pressure against Austin McDowell of Nokomis during the first half of the final game of the Morrisonville Mohawk Classic on Thursday, Jan. 26. Snyder and Foster would combine for 21 points in the Lancers' 33-29 win over Nokomis, but McDowell, the MVP of the tournament, and the Redskins would earn the tourney title by virtue of the fewest points allowed in five games. *Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann*



Panthers Top MCCA Student Section Challenge

The Litchfield High School pep club recently won the inaugural Student Section Fundraiser Challenge, which raised money for the Montgomery County Cancer Association. The Panthers raised more than \$1,300 for the challenge, with the grand prize a promise from *Journal-News* Sports Editor Kyle Herschelmann to dye his hair the school's color, which he did earlier this year. LHS pep club members, in front, from the left, include John Kim, Devan Morgan, Mallory Beechler, Jordan Morgan, Courtney Priddle, Brittany Komor, Brooke Komor, Manali Patel and Bailey Lentz. In the second row are Briana Travis, Madi Throne, Meera Patel, Gracie White, Bryce Freeland, Deja Taylor, Lilly Taylor, Lexi Throne and Logan Wertin. The group's photo will also be the cover photo at twitter.com/JNsports for the rest of the school year. *Journal-News Photo*

Redskins Rebound Against Staunton, EAWR

After falling to Lincolnwood in the finale of the Morrisonville Mohawk Classic, the Nokomis boys basketball team took out their frustrations on Staunton and East Alton-Wood River on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28, beating the two teams by a combined total of 60 points.

On Friday, Staunton was the first victim as they fell to Nokomis 67-28. The Bulldogs would only take five shots from inside the three-point arc, making none as all 28 of their points came from nine threes and one free throw.

Nokomis' points would be a little more evenly distributed as they went 25-of-44 from the field with five threes and a 12-of-19 performance from the free-throw line.

Nokomis led 18-6 in the first quarter and 27-10 at the half, with six players finding the bottom of the net. Staunton would hit four threes in the third quarter to more

than double their point total, but Austin McDowell countered with two threes and ten points of his own to help Nokomis to a 21 point quarter and a 48-22 lead.

The Redskins would spread around 19 points in the fourth quarter, with Andrew Herpstreith and Connor Engelman adding six points apiece to make it a 39-point victory for the Skins.

McDowell would lead Nokomis with 15 points, but three others finished in double figures, with two more scoring eight or more.

Andrew Herpstreith nearly had a triple-double with 14 points, 10 steals and seven assists, while Carter Sabol added in 11 points and nine rebounds. Hendrix Barnes would also hit double figures with 10 points, while Connor Engelman and Ben Marley added nine and eight points respectively.

Nokomis vs. EAWR

On Saturday, Nokomis was scheduled to play East Alton-Wood River at 6 p.m., part of a special co-ed doubleheader that was the bookends for the Arrowhead Open check presentation, which raised more than \$25,000 for Nokomis athletics.

Unfortunately, the Oilers were thought the game was a later start and were still on the road to Montgomery County when the clock struck six in Nokomis.

Once the opposition did get into town, Nokomis wasted little time in picking up the pace. Behind 13 first quarter points from Carter Sabol, the Redskins jumped out to a 20-10 lead and never looked back against the Oilers.

Sabol would add in six more points in the second quarter as Nokomis held EAWR to four points and took a 33-14 lead. The Redskins' lead would grow to 26 points, 50 to 24, by the end of the third quarter with six different players scoring in the frame.

East Alton-Wood River would rack up 23 points in the final frame, nearly doubling their point total, but Nokomis countered with 18 of their own and cruised to a comfy 21 point win.

Sabol was stellar on the night as the freshman center went 12-of-13 from the field for 25 points, while also grabbing 12 rebounds.

Austin McDowell added 11 points, including a pair of threes, while Hendrix Barnes chipped in ten. Andrew Herpstreith had another solid all-around game with eights points, seven assists and four steals, while Connor Engelman (five points), Drew Watson (five points) and Ben Marley (four points despite collecting his fifth foul midway through the third quarter) also scored.

Now 16-7 on the season, Nokomis will get some much needed rest before coming back home on Friday, Feb. 3, to face Bunker Hill in a Prairie State Conference clash.

January 27 at Nokomis
Staunton 6 4 12 6 ---- 28
Nokomis 18 9 21 19 ---- 67

Staunton (28) - Kinder 15, Billings 7, Sievers 3, McBride 3. **Totals:** 9 1-5 28.

Nokomis (67) - Austin McDowell 15, Andrew Herpstreith 14, Carter Sabol 11, Hendrix Barnes 10, Connor Engelman 9, Ben Marley 8. **Totals:** 25 12-19 67.

Three-point field goals: Staunton 9 (Kinder 5, Billings 2, Sievers 1, McBride 1); Nokomis 5 (McDowell 3, Herpstreith 1, Engelman 1).

Records: Nokomis (15-7); Staunton (3-16).

January 28 at Nokomis
EAWR 10 4 10 23 ---- 47
Nokomis 20 13 17 18 ---- 68

East Alton-Wood River (47) - Jamie Roustio 17, Jake Roustio 10, Justin Englar 8, Zach Womack 5, Jake Wells 3. **Totals:** 17 10-19 47.

Nokomis (68) - Carter Sabol 25, Austin McDowell 11, Hendrix Barnes 10, Andrew Herpstreith 8, Connor Engelman 5, Drew Watson 5, Ben Marley 4. **Totals:** 30 4-8 68.

Three-point field goals: East Alton-Wood River 3 (Jm. Roustio 2, Wells 1); Nokomis 4 (McDowell 3, Engelman 1).

Records: Nokomis (16-7), East Alton-Wood River (4-16).



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Hillsboro's Jake Hefley looks for a shot during his match with Auburn's Wade Knepler on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament in Litchfield. Hefley would go on to beat Knepler 7-6 to take fifth place in the 138 pound class.

Topper Trio Medals At Lovellette

With some of the top Class A teams in the state in attendance, the 2017 Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament was the perfect chance for the Hillsboro wrestling team to test themselves prior to next weekend's regional tournament at Argenta-Oreana. While the Toppers would finish 16th in the team standings, half of their six wrestlers would medal in this year's event at Litchfield High School, a good start to the final few days of the season.

Jordan Gregg would have Hillsboro's top finish, taking fourth at 220 pounds. After a bye and a win over Tristan Letcher of Taylorville in the first two rounds, Gregg lost a narrow 7-5 decision to Tyler Graham of Auburn in the semifinals. Gregg's third place match would be another squeaker, as he lost to Jeremy Opp of Pinckneyville in a 2-1 decision, with Opp scoring on a takedown late in the third round, then holding Gregg off for the final 15 seconds for the win.

After working his way back following a tough illness, 138-pounder Jake Hefley had a stellar day, going 4-1 to take fifth place at the Lovellette. Hefley would split his first two matches, beating Matt Wegerer of Orion by fall at 5:01,

then falling to Jeremiah Hermann of Lena-Winslow in a 5-2 decision. The Hillsboro sophomore would rebound from the loss though as he won his next three matches, beating Caleb Geary of Pinckneyville by fall in 20 seconds, scoring a major decision over Bradyn Kaiser of Vandalia and eeking out a 7-6 win over Wade Knepler of Auburn.

While sophomores grabbed two of the medals, a senior would take the third as Matt Furlow placed sixth at 195 pounds. After losing to Jake Upton of West Frankfort by major decision 12-3, Furlow rallied with a pair of wins, pinning Hunter Jackson of Harrisburg at the 2:56 mark and Lucas Carroll of Vandalia at 2:44. In the sixth place match, Furlow would take on Litchfield's Rhee Hancock, falling in a 6-0 decision to finish sixth.

In addition to the three medalists, Jonathan McCaslin, Finn Tyszko and Dylan Hartman also competed at this year's Lovellette.

The Toppers will start off the postseason on Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Argenta-Oreana Regional, which also includes Auburn, Monticello, New Berlin, Shelbyville, Tolono Unity and Warrensburg-Latham, in addition to the host school.

Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament

Jan. 27-28 at Litchfield
Team Results: 1. Lena-Winslow 221; 2. Orion 172; 3. Auburn 155; 4. Vandalia 152.5; 5. Litchfield 126; 6. Harrisburg 107; 7. Anna-Jonesboro 103; 8. Taylorville 76; 9. Murphysboro 70; 10. Carlinville 63; 11. Roxana 62; 12. Pinckneyville 58; 13. West Frankfort 57; 14. Mt. Olive 53; 15. Carlyle 43; 16. Hillsboro 34.

Hillsboro Results
138: Jake Hefley - 5th Place - def. Matt Wegerer (Orion) by fall at 5:01; lost to Jeremiah Hermann (Lena-Winslow) by dec. 5-2; def. Caleb Geary (Pinckneyville) by fall at :20; def. Bradyn Kaiser (Vandalia) by maj. dec. 14-4; def. Wade Knepler (Auburn) by dec. 7-6
145: Jonathan McCaslin - lost to Jordan Roester (Pinckneyville) by fall at 1:55; lost to Michael Cherry (Roxana) by default
152: Finn Tyszko - lost to Trevor Philpot (Vandalia) by fall at :20; lost to Billy Ringering (Litchfield) by fall at 1:21
195: Matt Furlow - 6th Place - lost to Jake Upton (West Frankfort) by maj. dec. 12-3; def. Hunter Jackson (Harrisburg) by fall at 2:56; def. Lucas Carroll (Vandalia) by fall at 2:44; lost to Rhee Hancock (Litchfield) by dec. 6-0
220: Jordan Gregg - 4th Place - def. Tristan Letcher (Taylorville) by dec. 4-2; lost to Tyler Graham (Auburn) by dec. 7-5; lost to Jeremy Opp (Pinckneyville) by dec. 2-1
285: Dylan Hartman - lost to Angel Acosta (Murphysboro) by fall at 3:19; lost to Mike Nelson (Taylorville) by fall at 1:12.

Lady Hiltoppers Survive Challenge From Piasa Birds

At 7-15 going into Thursday's game with Hillsboro, the Southwestern Piasa Birds may be having a bit of a down year, but Piasa is still a tough place to play regardless of what the record is to Coach Steve Wooley's club.

The Lady Toppers found this out first hand as they scratched out a 50-44 win over Southwestern for their sixth conference victory of the season.

Hillsboro would outscore Southwestern in three of the four quarters, but each of the four frames was decided by three points or less.

The Toppers led 10-8 after the opening eight minutes, getting five points from Denzelle Moore, but Southwestern countered with Samantha Burns in the second frame. Burns hit three threes in the second quarter to help pull her team within one point at halftime, with Hillsboro leading 21-20.

Sophomore guard Sammi Matoush, who was held to two points in the first half, began to catch fire in the third quarter. Matoush hit a pair of threes and scored ten of her team's 12 points in the quarter as they extended their lead to three at 33-30.

Matoush would have another solid quarter in the fourth, scoring six points, while Kylie Meier added in five points, including her third three of the game.

The Piasa Birds would score 14 points in the quarter, going 6-for-6 from the free-throw line, but Hillsboro would escape with the six point win.

Matoush would finish with 18 points, one of three players in double figures for the Lady Toppers. Meier would add in 11 points, while Denzelle Moore chipped in ten.

Lauryn Tuetken would add in four points

off the bench for HHS, followed by Jade Scroggins with three and Maddy Powell and Maddie Miller with two. Burns would lead Southwestern with 18 points, hitting five threes in the game.

The Lady Hiltoppers have another tough road trip on Monday, Jan. 30, as they face Pana on the Panthers' home court.

January 26 at Piasa
 Hillsboro 10 11 12 17 --- 50
 Southwestern 8 12 10 14 --- 44
Hillsboro (50) - Sammi Matoush 18, Kylie Meier 11, Denzelle Moore 10, Lauryn Tuetken 4, Jade Scroggins 3, Maddie Miller 2, Maddy Powell 2. **Totals:** 19-6-10-50.

Southwestern (44) - Samantha Burns 18, Mallory Novack 12, Emily Wolff 4, Molly Novack 4, Bailey Weible 3, Jenna Moore 3. **Totals:** 13-10-18-44.

Three-point field goals: Hillsboro 6 (Meier 3, Matoush 2, Moore 1); Southwestern 8 (Burns 5, Ma. Novack 2). **Records:** Hillsboro (21-5, 6-1); Southwestern (7-16, 2-5).

Lincolnwood Basketball

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After that, Lincolnwood finished the fourth quarter on a 8-0 run to account for the final 28 point margin of victory.

The Lancers would shoot well in the game, going 13-of-22 in the first half and 8-of-19 in the second half for a 51 percent shooting percentage overall. Staunton was held to 33 percent shooting, going 10-for-30 from the field.

Adam Deal would help the shooting out a lot with a 5-of-7 performance and a team-best 13 points. Seth Foster would add in 12 points, with a pair of twos, a pair of threes and a pair of free throws.

Josh Bormida and Tanner Millburg would add in eight and seven

respectively, with Bormida going 4-of-5 from the field and Millburg making all three shots he took.

Ryan Poggenpohl would add in six points, followed by Reese Snyder with five, David Pope with two and Connor Wagahoff with two. Snyder also led the team in assists with four, while Wagahoff had three steals.

January 28 at Raymond
 Staunton 4 12 7 4 ---- 27
 Lincolnwood 13 15 17 10 ---- 55
Staunton (27) - Billings 12, Kinder 9, Booth 4, Novack 2. **Totals:** 10-30-5-27.
Lincolnwood (55) - Adam Deal 13, Seth Foster 12, Josh Bormida 8, Tanner Millburg 7, Ryan Poggenpohl 6, Reese Snyder 5, David Pope 2, Connor Wagahoff 2. **Totals:** 21-41 10-14 55.
Three-point field goals: Staunton 2-11 (Kinder 1, Billings 1); Lincolnwood 3-10 (Foster 2, Millburg 1). **Record:** Lincolnwood (13-10).

Dillon Civitate Named Topper Athlete Of The Week

Hillsboro High School junior Dillon Civitate has been named the Gianni's Hiltopper Athlete of the Week for the week of Jan. 23.

After averaging just under six points a game as a sophomore, Civitate has increased his point production by more than a point a game. The improvement has really shown in the last four games, where he has averaged 9.25 points per game, including 16 against Metro-East Lutheran, which tied a season best.

"Dillon has really stepped it up during the second half of the

Lady Redskins Blast North Mac, EAWR

After losing three straight against some tough competition, the Nokomis Lady Redskins are clawing their way back to .500 with a pair of decisive wins over North Mac and East Alton-Wood River on Jan. 26 and Jan. 28.

In Thursday's tilt against North Mac, the Lady Redskins held the Panthers to just seven field goals as they won 45-31 in Nokomis.

Despite the absence of Kayla Stauder and Alyssa Huber, the Redskins got off to a strong start with a 15-4 advantage over the Lady Panthers. Taylor Lohman and Madison Kates each dropped in a three, with Lohman hitting two treys and leading the team with eight points.

North Mac wouldn't get their first field goal until the second quarter and would put up eight points in the second frame, doubling their point total. Still, they would not be able to carve into the lead as Kates and Macee Eisenbarth scored four each and Lohman added two to give Nokomis a 25-12 lead at halftime.

North Mac would make it a nine point game by the end of the third quarter, despite only making two field goals. The Lady Panthers were 9-for-12 from the free-throw line, which helped negate a seven point quarter by Lohman.

Nokomis would have some struggles from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter, going 7-of-17 from the charity stripe, but their defense held North Mac to just six points as the Lady Redskins picked up their tenth win of the season.

Lohman would finish with 21 points and five rebounds in the win as only four Lady Redskins would score in the game. Madison Kates added in 13 points and six assists, while Macee Eisenbarth chipped in eight points. Kerstyn Hughes finished out the scoring with three points, all coming in the fourth quarter.

Nokomis vs. EAWR
 The win over North Mac was a nail-biter compared to Saturday's 61-26 victory over East Alton-Wood River in Nokomis.

The Redskins dominated from the start, hitting six threes in the

first quarter to roll up a 29-8 lead over the Lady Oilers. The second quarter was nearly as decisive, with Nokomis outscoring the Oilers 16-9 to take a 45-17 lead at the break.

There would be plenty of playing time for Coach Brandon Engelman's bench as eight different players scored for NHS.

Taylor Lohman, who hit three of those threes in the first quarter, would finish with 26 points, despite playing limited time in the second half.

McKenna Sanders would add 14 points and eight rebounds, while Kerstyn Hughes had six points and 10 rebounds. Emily Cesaretti would also finish with six points, both coming on threes in the first quarter.

The rest of the scoring came from Madison Kates (four points), Vanessa Patkus (two points), Katie Janssen (two points) and Macee Eisenbarth (one point).

Now 11-13 on the season, Nokomis has two regular season games left before starting the postseason. The first of those two will be on Monday, Jan. 30, at Riverton, followed by a home game against Hillsboro on Thursday, Jan. 2.

January 26 at Nokomis
 North Mac 4 8 13 6 ---- 31
 Nokomis 15 10 9 11 ---- 45
North Mac (31) - Stauffer 10, Tomasko 8, Kullenbach 6, Martin 3, Meador 2, Yemm 2. **Totals:** 7-17-22-31.

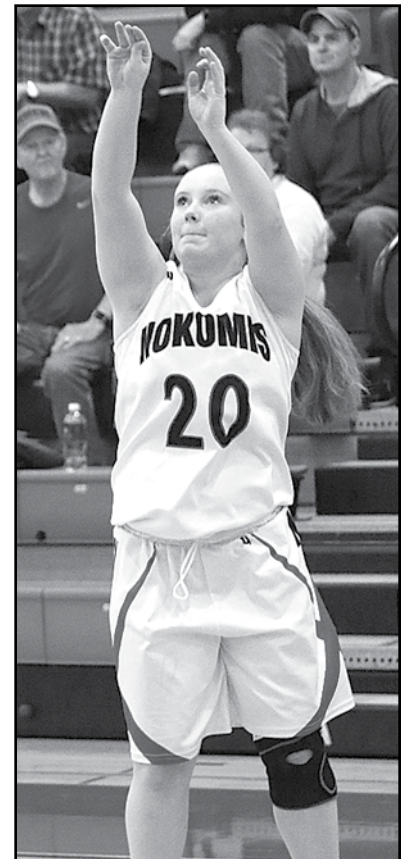
Nokomis (45) - Taylor Lohman 21, Madison Kates 13, Macee Eisenbarth 8, Kerstyn Hughes 3. **Totals:** 16-9-20-45.
Three-point field goals: North Mac 0; Nokomis 4 (Lohman 3, Kates 1). **Records:** Nokomis (10-13).

January 28 at Nokomis
 EAWR 8 9 5 4 ---- 26
 Nokomis 29 16 5 11 ---- 61
East Alton-Wood River (26) - Carly Campbell 17, Kayla Brantley 7,

Sydney Slayden 1, Catlin Lemond 1. **Totals:** 9-4-10-26.

Nokomis (61) - Taylor Lohman 26, McKenna Sanders 14, Emily Cesaretti 6, Kerstyn Hughes 6, Madison Kates 4, Katie Janssen 2, Vanessa Patkus 2, Macee Eisenbarth 1. **Totals:** 22-13-24-61.

Three-point field goals: East Alton-Wood River 3 (Campbell 3); Nokomis 6 (Lohman 3, Cesaretti 2, Sanders 1). **Record:** Nokomis (11-13).



Nokomis' Emily Cesaretti hit a pair of threes in the first quarter to finish with six points in the Lady Redskins' 61-26 win over East Alton-Wood River.

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Litchfield/Hillsboro

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Brockmeyer would finish with 33 points and looked unstoppable at times when the ball was in her hands. The win was a team effort though as Litchfield worked to get solid scoring opportunities for Brockmeyer, but took good shots of their own if she was well guarded.

Both Furlong and Taylor would finish with 11 points apiece, while Taylor Pope added in four. Lauren Karnes and Lizzy Luttrell also scored two points apiece in the win.

Matoush would lead Hillsboro with 22 points, hitting three three-pointers in the win. Kylie Meier also hit three threes, good for all nine of her points, while Maddie Miller and Jade Scroggins added in eight and six respectively. Maddy Powell and Lauryn Tuetken also scored for Hillsboro, notching two points apiece.

Prior to the game, six Hillsboro seniors were honored for their contributions to the girls basketball program, which has racked up at least 20 wins in each of the last three seasons. Lauryn Tuetken, Maddy Powell, Madi Ondrey, Maddie Miller, Lindsay Major and

Denzelle Moore all played their final regular season home games for the Lady Toppers on Saturday, but there is much left to do for the six players.

The Lady Hiltoppers have two games left before regionals begin on their home court. On Monday, Jan. 30, they will close out their South Central Conference season at Pana, followed by another tough road test against Nokomis on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Litchfield can tie Greenville for the South Central Conference title on Monday with a win over Gillespie on the Miners' home turf. After that, they end the season with a pair of road games against North Mac and Marquette before heading to the Class 3A regionals.

January 28 at Hillsboro
 Litchfield 19 10 19 15 ---- 63
 Hillsboro 12 16 9 12 ---- 49
Litchfield (63) - Abby Brockmeyer 33, Valerie Furlong 11, Jade Taylor 11, Taylor Pope 4, Lauren Karnes 2, Lizzy Luttrell 2. **Totals:** 24-11-18-63.

Hillsboro (49) - Sammi Matoush 22, Kylie Meier 9, Maddie Miller 8, Jade Scroggins 6, Maddy Powell 2, Lauryn Tuetken 2. **Totals:** 18-7-12-49.

Three-point field goals: Litchfield 4 (Furlong 3, Brockmeyer 1); Hillsboro 6 (Matoush 3, Meier 3). **Records:** Hillsboro (21-6, 5-2); Litchfield (22-3, 7-1).

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Six players were honored prior to Litchfield's 41-35 win over Carlinville on Thursday, Jan. 26, for their contributions to the Litchfield High School girls basketball program. From the left, are Valerie Furlong, Jade Taylor, Lauren Karnes, Abby Brockmeyer, Taylor Pope and Jordan Brandt. *Journal-News Photo*

Litchfield Girls Pick Up Win On Senior Night

by Sue Billiter

It was senior night for the Lady Panthers girls' basketball co-op team last Thursday evening, Jan. 26, and in keeping with tradition at Litchfield High School, local fans would have the opportunity to stand and applaud one last time as six senior athletes played their final game on the hardwoods of Simmons Gymnasium.

The occasion also marked the end of the girls basketball co-op agreement between Litchfield and Lincolnwood, as the Lancers will co-op next year with Pawnee for both girls basketball and football.

Introduction of the players and their parents was made by Carol Burke, long-time scorekeeper and solo vocalist for the *National Anthem*. She began her senior introductions with team statistician Alexis Brandt followed by players Jordan Brandt, Val Furlong, Lauren Karnes, Jade Taylor and Taylor Pope and Abby Brockmeyer, both seniors at Lincolnwood High School. The Lady Panther varsity lineup also contains a third Lincolnwood player, sophomore Savannah Bowman.

Coach Rob Corso would give the starting nod to Furlong, Pope, Karnes, Taylor and Brockmeyer while Cavalier Coach Darren Deneve's starters included three seniors, Olivia Olroyd, Hannah Lair, and Grace Zachary, junior Sydney Bates and sophomore Rachel Olroyd.

While the opening fanfare of the evening was light and festive, the atmosphere quickly changed as the Lady Cavaliers showed early on they were determined not to become win number 21 for the Panthers.

Point production in the first quarter was spread evenly among four different Cavies, Griffith (four), Zachary (four), and the Olroyd duo (four), while Litchfield struggled to find the cadence of their offense.

Senior Val Furlong would keep the Lady Panthers within range as she scored over half of Litchfield's 12 first quarter points with two big three pointers and a deuce while Brockmeyer dropped in a basket and converted two of four free throws. The period ended with the score knotted at 12.

It was not until 5:15 of the second quarter before either team would find the bottom of the net and it was Carlinville's Rachel Olroyd who would drive by the Lady Panther defense and give her team a 14-12 lead.

Lauren Karnes would answer for the Panthers with a clean-up off a missed layup for two to tie the score at 14. Carlinville's Kayla Seal scored off Litchfield's fifth turnover of the game with 4:22 left and the Cavies recaptured a

16-14 lead.

Missed shots and turnovers by both teams claimed the next two minutes of game time until Brockmeyer drained a three with 2:06 left in the first half. Carlinville would go on to take a four-point 22-18 halftime advantage with baskets by Zachary and R. Olroyd while Litchfield's only other point came at the charity stripe from Brockmeyer.

The Cavies opened second half play with an uncontested basket by Lair in the first 20 seconds of play and it was not until 3:48 before Brockmeyer would give Litchfield their first points of the period on a break away that resulted in a missed layup but she was fouled. Shooting two, she missed the first, but converted the second and the Cavie lead was cut to five, 24-19.

Whether it was the find from Brockmeyer to Furlong for three, the trifecta feed from Furlong to Brockmeyer to Karnes that netted two and tied the game at 24 with 1:49 on the clock, the three pointer from Brockmeyer to take the lead with 54.3 remaining in the period or the defensive effort by Jade Taylor and Taylor Pope that helped limit the Cavies to two points from Cania in the waning seconds, the spark was lit and the Panthers' senior leadership turned a four point halftime deficit into a 28-26 third quarter lead much to the delight of the hometown faithful.

In the opening seconds of the final eight minutes of play, Brockmeyer intercepted a Carlinville inbound pass, and her attempt to score was unsuccessful, but she rebounded her own miss and was fouled in the process.

Neither toss would fall and Litchfield regained possession after the ball was tipped out of bounds by Carlinville. A feed from under the Panther basket to Brockmeyer resulted in an initial miss but she again rebounded her own miss and scored to stretch the lead to 30-26 at 6:25.

In the next possession, good defensive pressure by the Lady Panthers resulted in a tie up, but Coach Deneve called a 30-second timeout to preserve the Cavie possession. The Cavies would not score and in Litchfield's ensuing possession, Taylor Pope would drive to the hoop for a tear drop that wouldn't fall, but Carlinville picked up their sixth team foul.

Pope converted the first, missed the second and followed the lead of her fellow teammate as she charged the basket, pulled down the carom and scored giving the host school a 33-26 spread with 5:16 left in the game.

Carlinville's first points of the period came at 4:12 on a put back by Cania, and the Cavies inched to within five, 33-28. Lydia Albertine

would close the gap to four as she sank one of two free throws for Carlinville, but Brockmeyer got loose for two and the lead was back to six with 2:58 remaining.

A defensive lapse by the Panthers allowed Emma Griffith to score from close range and the Cavies were back in business, down by four with 1:53 left.

Leading 35-31, Brockmeyer maneuvered her way to the hoop and tacked on another two points to the score. Carlinville relinquished the ball on the next possession and with 71 ticks left on the clock, Litchfield's Taylor Pope was sent to the free throw line where she meshed one of two.

The Cavies continued to scratch and claw as Hannah Lair scored over Karnes and the lead shrunk to 38-33. With 49 seconds left, the Lady Panthers had another opportunity to score on a one and one but could not capitalize.

With 20 seconds remaining, Carlinville's Grace Zachary hit a turn around that drew the score to within three, 38-35, but Pope would have another chance at the free throw line and this time she was up to the challenge as she netted both and sealed the deal.

Carlinville would get one more look at the basket but Lair's launch would not find its mark, and Furlong closed out the scoring for Litchfield with a free throw.

Coach Corso credited his Lady Panthers with "finding a way to win." After a dismal first half, he felt that his team did a much better job of moving the ball in the second half and finding the cutter, especially in the fourth period.

The Panthers shot 29 percent (13 of 45) from both the floor and three-point range (5 of 17) while their guests connected for 32 percent of their field goals and did not attempt one three point basket.

The majority of the Cavalier points were scored in the paint, and the difference in the scoring came at the free throw line as the Cavaliers stepped to the charity stripe four times and converted three.

Brockmeyer finished the game as the scoring leader with 19 points, followed by Furlong with 12. For Carlinville, senior Grace Zachary led her team with 10 points.

January 26 at Litchfield
Carlinville 12 10 4 9 ---- 35
Litchfield 12 6 10 13 ---- 41
Carlinville (35) - Grace Zachary 10, Rachel Olroyd 8, Emma Griffith 6, Hannah Lair 4, Olivia Olroyd 2, Kayla Seal 2, Sydney Cania 2, Lydia Albertine 1. **Totals:** 15 3-4 35.
Litchfield (41) - Abby Brockmeyer 19, Valerie Furlong 12, Taylor Pope 6, Lauren Karnes 4. **Totals:** 13 10-23 41.
Three-point field goals: Carlinville 0; Litchfield 5 (Furlong 3, Brockmeyer 2).
Records: Litchfield (21-3, 6-1); Carlinville (16-10, 5-3).

Hiltoppers Avenge Loss To Comets

by Ron Deabenderfer

Perhaps it was practice time (a week had passed since Greenville's boys beat Hillsboro 68-58 in the Litchfield Invitational Tournament); perhaps it was location (the Toppers do shoot better at home than they do on the road); perhaps it was the most even offensive performance the Toppers have had (three Hillsboro players were in double figures, and the other two weren't far behind); perhaps it was tighter defense, as the Comets who scored 23, 18 and 13 points in Litchfield were held to a collective 26 points. Whatever the reasons, Hillsboro gained their measure of revenge Friday, Jan. 27, as they pulled away in the last minutes for a 53-45 victory.

Guard Kaiden White, already leading the Toppers in the treys-made category entering the contest with 30, notched three more as he led all scorers with 15. Assist leader Drake Paden had three recorded assists, but just as importantly he had no turnovers and repeatedly split defenders as a ball handler when the Comets double-teamed him later in the battle; his 13 points included two crucial free throws late. Leading scorer and rebounder Steven Fenske had 12 points on limited shots taken (11 from the field -- he often has at least 16 shots per game) as the Comets concentrated on him. In addition, Dillon Civitate contributed six points and Jordan Tuetken five, all in the third quarter when the game's outcome was in doubt.

For the visitors, guards Brady Simpson and Christian Moss were the most productive with ten each; Tuetken and sophomore Keaton

Pruett shared defensive duties on Simpson while Paden often guarded quick Comet sophomore Caleb Ephron. Fenske had Moss as his assignment. The (shooting) room that allowed the Comets to garner nine threes in Litchfield didn't exist in Hillsboro, where Greenville had only three threes.

The huge crowd, bolstered no doubt by parents and grandparents who were there to watch their bitty granddaughters perform in a cheerleading clinic halftime show, was treated to a close, dramatic finish. White (10) and Paden (7) propelled the Toppers to a 26-20 halftime lead by sharing the last four points.

Ryan Hutchinson opened the second half with a trey, but a Fenske inside bucket prevented the type of momentum the Comets enjoyed in their previous meeting. Tuetken's three and a White three sandwiched two Civitate free throws; suddenly Hillsboro had eight consecutive points and a crowd-appreciated 36-27 lead that was the high water mark of the contest.

Fenske drew his third foul striving for a rebound (the fundamentally sound Comets box off well) and had to sit; the Comets extended their defense to full court and trapped quickly in half-court. An Ephron steal and layup followed by a Hutchinson basket followed by two Hutchinson free throws created the drama; it was 46-45 with 3:14 to play.

Back in the mix, Fenske made a free throw; then each team missed three point attempts. Hillsboro had to call a timeout to prevent a ten second backcourt turnover with 1:04 to play, but a walking violation after play resumed gave

the Comets their last, best chance.

They were called for an over and back with 49 seconds to play -- one of their 15 forced turnovers. They chose Fenske to foul, and he made both ends of the one and one. The Comets wouldn't score again; Paden made his two charity attempts (the Toppers were 80% (8 of 10) from the line) and White picked a Comet pocket and raced for a lay-up to notch an important win for Hillsboro.

Greenville is now 4-1 in conference play; Hillsboro is 3-2, while Piasa Southwestern is still undefeated. Hillsboro hosts Carlinville next Friday, Feb. 3, for their next action. The j.v. game (Greenville won that contest 77-39) begins at 6 p.m.

January 27 at Hillsboro
Greenville 10 10 15 10 ---- 45
Hillsboro 8 18 16 11 ---- 53
Greenville (45) - Christian Moss 10, Brady Simpson 10, Ryan Hutchinson 9, Caleb Ephron 6, Brock Nelson 6, Lucas Carlson 4. **Totals:** 18 6-6 45.
Hillsboro (53) - Kaiden White 15, Drake Paden 13, Steven Fenske 12, Dillon Civitate 6, Jordan Tuetken 5, Keaton Pruett 2. **Totals:** 20-40 8-10 53.
Three-point field goals: Greenville 3 (Nelson 2, Hutchinson 1); Hillsboro 5 (White 3, Tuetken 1, Paden 1).
Records: Hillsboro (11-11, 3-2); Greenville (9-12, 4-2).

Junior Varsity
Greenville JV 15 22 22 18 ---- 77
Hillsboro JV 8 10 5 16 ---- 39
Greenville JV (77) - Chad Stearns 12, Dylan Sanders 11, Drew Frey 11, Blake Doll 11, Brock Nelson 10, McCullough 7, Sam Barber 7, Gaite Brauns 4, Hunter Gray 4.
Hillsboro JV (39) - Jordan Lojewski 9, Nic Ondrey 7, Landon Carroll 7, Keaton Pruett 5, Dom Bates 4, Grant Hamby 2, Ethan Maddaleno 2, Alex White 2.
Three-point field goals: Greenville JV 7 (Doll 3, Nelson 2, McCullough 1, Sanders 1); Hillsboro JV 5 (Lojewski 2, Carroll 2, Pruett 1).
Records: Greenville JV (9-2); Hillsboro JV (3-7).

THE COLLEGE REPORT • by Dan Chamness

Miller Plays Close To Home At Western



For Dylan Miller, a Hillsboro graduate, playing at Western Illinois University in Macomb might be as close to a home game as he gets during his career.

"It really was like a home game, because there was a ton of my family at the Western Illinois game," said Miller. "It felt like high school all over again."

The North Dakota State University player, who has earned a starting role for the Bison, scored a season-high 11 points to help NDSU defeat Western Illinois 89-57. Miller hit four-of-five from the field and three-of-three from the free throw line. Miller, who played 17 minutes, also had four rebounds and two blocked shots.

The North Dakota State sophomore had six points and team-leading four blocked shots. The starter played 13 minutes in NDSU's 89-83 win over Indiana University/Purdue University-Fort Wayne. North Dakota State has won six of their last seven games. The Bison lead the Summit League with a 6-1 mark. They are 14-6 overall.

"I just always want to make the most of my time on the floor," said Miller. "It feels tremendous to get this much time."

Carly Cameron (Hillsboro) and Jaicie Halleman (Hillsboro) each scored in double figures, but it was not enough to power Illinois College beyond Knox College, who won a 72-60 decision. Cameron, who hit six-of-13 from the field

and two-of-two from the charity stripe, finished the game with 14 points, six rebounds, three assists and two steals. She started and played 22 minutes. Halleman hit four-of-seven from the floor, which included three-of-six from beyond the arc, to finish with 11 points. In her 25 minutes of play, she also had three rebounds, three assists and two steals.

In IC's 83-43 loss to Cornell College, Cameron had six points and two rebounds. The starter played 22 minutes. IC is 9-6 overall and 6-4 in the Midwest Conference.

Shelby Gray (Hillsboro) scored almost one point for every minute that she played for Illinois Wesleyan University as they defeated Carroll University 92-56. Gray, who played 13 minutes, hit four-of-six from the floor. She was three-of-four from three-point land to finish the contest with 13 points. She also had five assists and two steals in her court time.

Ashley Schneider (Nokomis), also an Illinois Wesleyan player, had two points and two rebounds against Carroll. She started and played 14 minutes. In IWU's 83-73 loss to Augustana College, Schneider scored two points in six minutes of play. The IWU Titans are 11-6 overall and 6-2 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Derek Bourke (Nokomis) scored six points as his college team, MacMurray College lost a 91-77 battle to Iowa Wesleyan University. Bourke, who played 12 minutes, also had two rebounds and two steals. MacMurray is 2-14

overall and 2-7 in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Dusty Atteberry (Litchfield) and Caleb Jackson (Hillsboro), both Greenville College track athletes, competed at the Snow Bird Open, which was hosted by Illinois College and held at the King Fieldhouse.

Atteberry finished sixth in the weight throw with a toss of 46 feet, 0.25 inches. Jackson, a freshman sprinter, was 12th in the pole vault with a leap of 10-11.75. He was also seventh in the first preliminary heat of the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.65 seconds. Greenville took third with 73 points. Truman State University won the team title with 114.5 points.

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Registration dates are as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Sunday, January 22nd	1:00 pm To 3:00 pm	Litchfield Community Center
Wednesday, January 25th	6:00 pm To 8:00 pm	Litchfield Community Center
Sunday, January 29th	1:00 pm To 3:00 pm	Litchfield Community Center
Wednesday, February 1st	5:00 pm To 8:00 pm	Litchfield Community Center

There is a \$5 discount on registration fees for each additional family member in any age group. A registration late fee of \$10 will be assessed to any application received after February 10th, this will be enforced. **All girls and boys must submit a copy of their birth certificate along with the Player's Agreement at registration. The birth certificate copies will be kept on file at Litchfield Baseball Inc.** Registration forms available online at www.litchfieldplayball.com. Fill it out, print it out and bring it in at registration for faster sign-up. Also, please visit us on Facebook! **Play Ball!!!** For more information visit our web site at <http://www.litchfieldplayball.com>.

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IDNR Releases Hunting Season Totals

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 144,150 deer during all 2016-17 seasons, which concluded Jan. 15. The total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compares with a total harvest for all seasons of 155,229 in 2015-16.

During this year's deer seasons, hunters took 44 percent does and 56 percent males. A breakdown of Illinois deer hunting seasons is as follows:

Archery: Deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 53,479 deer during the season which began on Oct. 1, 2016, and concluded on Jan. 15, 2017. That compares with the harvest of

56,767 during the 2015-16 archery season.

Youth: Young deer hunters harvested 3,259 deer during the 2016 Illinois Youth Deer Season conducted on Oct. 8-10, 2016, compared with 2,850 deer harvested during the 2015 youth hunt.

Traditional Firearm Season: Hunters took a preliminary total of 79,429 deer during the 2016 Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 1-4, 2016, compared with 86,847 deer taken during the 2015 firearm season.

Muzzleloader: Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested 3,297 deer during the 2016 Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season

on Dec. 9-11, 2016, compared with 2,403 in 2015.

Late-Winter Seasons: The 2016-17 Late-Winter Antlerless Only and Special CWD deer seasons concluded on Jan. 15, with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 4,686 deer, compared with a harvest of 6,362 deer taken during those seasons in 2015-16. Season dates for the Late-Winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 29, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017 and Jan. 13-15, 2017.

There were 14 northern Illinois counties open to the Special CWD Season in 2016-17, the same counties that were open for the 2015-16 seasons. The Special CWD season is used to assist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.



Reedy Speaks At Farm Bureau Meeting

Sarah Reedy, representing "Ag Yield," spoke before the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board and Young Leaders at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau's regular board meeting on Jan. 24. Reedy's company has a new approach to farm revenue management. It helps farmers to monitor, execute, streamline and utilize information about their farms to help them ensure they have a good marketing plan to protect their income in any market environment. Ag Yield combines over 45 years of risk management experience with an innovative software platform to offer customized solutions for growers. Reedy may be reached at 217-840-7873 or by email at sarah@agyield.com. Ag Yield's website is www.agyield.com.



National Guard recruiter SPC Thomas Reif, right, congratulates Pvt. Keltney Chamberlin.

Keltney Chamberlin Joins The Illinois National Guard

Pvt. Keltney Chamberlin, a junior at Hillsboro High School and the daughter of Christy and Richard Chamberlin of Hillsboro, was sworn into the Illinois Army National Guard on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the St. Louis Military Entrance Processing Station.

She enlisted as a 91B Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic and is assigned to Company M Recruit Sustainment Program in Shiloh until

leaving for basic combat training this summer. She will be assigned to the 233rd Military Police Company in Springfield after completing her training.

She will also be eligible to receive 100 percent free college tuition through the Illinois National Guard Grant, as well as be eligible for the Select Reserve GI Bill and federal tuition assistance.



Third Nokomis 'Warm Up' Library Program Winners

The Barkers, Knodles and Pam Williams won the third drawing in the "Warm Up with a Good Book" program at Nokomis Public Library. From the left, Joey, Micah and Brandi Barker chose an Angelo's coupon as their prize, and Williams chose a County Market coupon. The Knodles were not present for the photo.

Free Yoga Class Offered At St. Francis Thursday

HSHS St. Francis Hospital, in partnership with FIT-to-GO in Litchfield, is offering a free yoga class on Thursday, Feb. 2, in the hospital's ground floor auditorium from 6 to 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend no matter the skill level. Registration is not required. The class is a 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.

This yoga class is designed to help calm your mind and body leaving you strong, flexible and relaxed. The class will offer basic yoga poses, meditation and breathing techniques. Participants are

asked to bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water. GO! 217 is geared toward the cities where Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) central Illinois hospitals are located—Springfield/HSHS St. John's Hospital, Decatur/HSHS St. Mary's Hospital and Litchfield/HSHS St. Francis Hospital. The hospitals are partnering with the Springfield Park District, FitClub, SCHEELS, YMCA in Decatur and FIT-to-GO in Litchfield to provide community workouts each month in the participating cities.

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These ACE patrols allowed the Illinois State Police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

State police issued zero citations for driving under the influence, but two citations for other drug and alcohol offenses. They also issued zero occupant restraint offenses, zero registration offense, two driver's license offenses and one insurance violation.

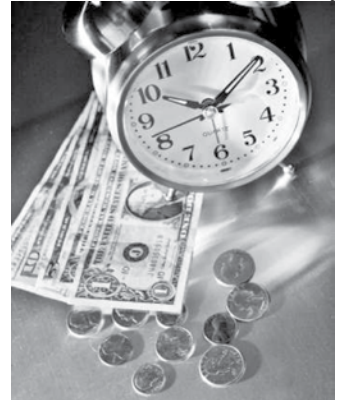
Officers issued a total of 24 citations/arrests and 23 written warnings in December.

Alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois. There is one alcohol-related traffic fatality every 53 minutes in the United States.

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Rural Electric To Sponsor DC Trip

Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative is now accepting applications from local high school juniors for the 2017 Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day and the Youth to Washington contest.

The company will sponsor up to ten students at the Rural Electric Youth Day program in Springfield on March 29, meeting with legislators at the state capitol and visiting the Old State Capitol and Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Two of these students will then be selected to attend the Youth to Washington tour June 9 through June 16. More than 1,000 young leaders from around the country will learn about the federal government and about the cooperative business model.

Application kits are available by calling the Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative office at (217) 438-6917 or emailing recc@recc.coop.

All applications are due by Feb. 27. For more information about the Youth to Washington trip, visit www.YouthTour.coop.



National Guard recruiter SPC Thomas Reif, right, welcomes Pvt. Colleen Edrington.

Colleen Edrington Enlists In Illinois National Guard

Pvt. Colleen Edrington, a 2014 graduate of Nokomis High School, was sworn into the Illinois Army National Guard on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the St. Louis Military Entrance Processing Station.

She enlisted as a 68W Combat Medic Specialist and is assigned to Company M Recruit Sustainment Program in Shiloh. She will leave for basic combat training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, in August with advanced training at Fort Sam Houston, TX. Once

her training is complete, she will be assigned to Company C, 634th Brigade Support Battalion, based in Springfield.

After successfully completing her training, she will be eligible to receive 100 percent free college tuition through the Illinois National Guard Grant, as well as be eligible for the Select Reserve GI Bill and federal tuition assistance. Currently employed at Texas Roadhouse in Springfield, she plans to go to college to study medicine.

Raymond Committee Plans Independence Day Activities

The Raymond Independence Day Celebration Association met on Jan. 15, to continue making plans for this year's 60th annual celebration, which will be held June 29 through July 1.

Among the items discussed were the annual pork chop dinner on Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Raymond. Community members were able to vote on this year's parade theme at the dinner.

Traditional carnival rides will return to this year's celebration

with free rides on Thursday evening, June 29.

The group is also planning a few upcoming fundraisers, including a chili and hot dog dinner on Friday, Feb. 10, as well as the sale of a commemorative item.

Group members are also working toward finalizing a schedule of events for this year's celebration. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12, at Raymond Village Hall, beginning at 7 p.m., and anyone in the community is invited to participate.

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The Hillsboro Police and Fire Commission are preparing a two-year hiring list for the position of Engineer-Dispatcher for the Hillsboro Fire Department. This is a full-time position with the department.
All applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 35. All applicants must be able to pass a physical test, written test, oral interview, criminal background check, appropriate state drivers licensing requirements and certification by a doctor that you are physically and medically fit for the position. All applicants must obtain an application from the Hillsboro City Clerk's Office, 447 S. Main St., Hillsboro, IL or by calling 217-532-5566 and speaking with the City Clerk.
The completed application, along with a \$25 fee and other required information must be returned to Hillsboro City Hall, 447 S. Main St., Hillsboro, IL on or before Friday, February 3, 2017 at 4 p.m. All applicants will receive additional information regarding the position and upcoming dates and times for testing.
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Administrative Assistant at Hillsboro CUSD #3 Unit Office
Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 is seeking a qualified individual to fill a full-time position as Administrative Assistant at Hillsboro CUSD #3 Unit Office. The qualifications and responsibilities for the position may be obtained at hillsboroschools.net/HumanResources/EmploymentOpportunities.
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Title Transfers

Dec. 13
Phyllis A. Whitworth to James Miller, Lisa Miller, QCD, Lot 2, Blk. 4, Big Four Addn.

Dale L. Smith TR, Betty J. McCulley Trust to Vogel Homes, Trstee Deed, Lot 11, Blk. 6, Hardebecks Subdn.

Dan B. Gonzalez, Douglas E. Gonzalez, Andrea M. Seitz to Alban Kaculi, Angela Kaculi, WD, Lot 15, Fairmont Place.

Robert E. Allen, Gina M. Allen to Vincenzo Vitale, Jennifer L. Vitale, WD, Lot 19, Lakewood Estates Subn.

R. Jeanette Barringer to Chicago Title Land Trust Company TR, Trust No. 8002372724, Lots 39-40, Lot 39 & Pt. Lot 40, Coffeen GF 3rd Addn.

William H. Northcraft to Caesars Retail Company, WD, Lot 9-10, Lot 9 & S/2 Lot 10, Blk. 33, Nokomis Original Town.

Ryan C. Johnson to Terra Bierman, WD, Lots 7-8, Blk. 6, Meinzers Jr. 2nd Addn.

Joyce F. Merriman to Sandra Joyce Townsend, WD, Sec. 26, Pt. N/2 NE/SW, Fillmore Twp.

Dec. 14
David E. Miller TR, Emil W. Miller Trust, Imogene Miller Trust to Mark E. Lyons, Trstee Deed, Corrects Legal Bk. 1632, Pg. 619 Document 201600003910, Sec. 7, Pt. E/2 SE/SE, Fillmore Twp.

Dec. 15
Kombrink Farms to David H. Mueller, Karen J. Mueller, WD, Sec. 20, Bois D'Arc Twp., Sec. 20, Pt. NW/SE, Bois D'Arc Twp.

Teresa Darabaras Exec, Charles L. Jordan Estate to Mark R. Yingling, Karen P. Yingling, Exces Deed, Sec. 33, Pt. SW/NW, Bois D'Arc Twp.

Dale Durston Admin., Thomas Durston Estate to Dale Durston, Admin Deed, Sec. 23, N/2 NW/NW; Pt. NE/NW w/Easement, Irving Twp., Sec. 23, S/2 NW/NW; Pt. SW/NW w/Easement, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. NE/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, N/2 SE/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. SE/NW/NE; Pt. NE/NE, Irving Twp., Lot 1, Blk. 34, Irving Original Town, Sec. 22, Incomplete Legal, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Irving Twp.

Dale Durston, to Beverly Seamon, QCD, Sec. 22, SW/NW/NE; N/2 SW/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. S/2 SW/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. SW/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. SW/NE, Irving Twp.

Dale Durston Admin, Thomas

Durston Estate, Beverly Seamon, Admin Deed, Sec. 22, SW/NW/NE; N/2 SW/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. S/2 SW/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. SW/NE, Irving Twp.

Beverly Seamon to Dale Durston, QCD, Sec. 23, N/2 NW/NW; Pt. NE/NW w/Easement, Irving Twp., Sec. 23, S/2 NW/NW; Pt. SW/NW w/Easement, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. NE/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, N/2 SE/NE, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Pt. SE/NW/NE; Pt. NE/NE, Irving Twp., Lot 1, Blk. 34, Irving Original Town, Sec. 22, Incomplete Legal, Irving Twp., Sec. 22, Irving Twp.

Paul C. White to Paul Stephen White, QCD, Sec. 35, Pt. SE/SE, East Fork Twp.

Matthew Waldeck Exec, Frances Reener Estate to Douglas W. Waldeck, Pamela S. Waldeck, Exec Deed, Sec. 14, Pt. SE/NW; Pt. SW/NW, Zanesville Twp., Sec. 22, S/2 NW/NE, Zanesville Twp.

Heaven Hunters to Nathaniel K. Schipkowski, Cara N. Schipkowski, Corp Warr D, Sec. 35, Pt. N/2 SE/NE, South Litchfield Twp.

Gerald R. Williams, Jodi L. Williams to Courtney Polkowski, Bruce Polkowski, WD, Lot 4, Blk. 11, Burrs 2nd Addn. and Lot 9, Birdsall VF.

Jab Sky to Matthew Gerdes, Corp Warr D, Sec. 28, North Litchfield Twp.

Dec. 16
Jerry F. Parola, Jerry F. Parola TR to Jerry F. Parola TR, Sharon J. Parola TR, Deed Trust, Sec. 13, Pt. SW/SW; Situated in the Village of Taylor Springs, Hillsboro Twp., Lot 166, Barringers 1st Addn. Taylor Springs, Lots 164-165, w/ Pt. Park Street, Barringers 1st Addn. Taylor Springs.

Mickalene J. McDaniel TR, Gallup Revocable Living Trust to Mickalene J. McDaniel, Trustee Deed, Sec. 12, Pt. NW/SE, Audubon Twp., Sec. 12, Audubon Twp., Sec. 12, Pt. NW/NE, Audubon Twp., Sec. 12, NE/SE, Audubon Twp., Sec. 12, Recorded Corrected Legal Bk. 1629 Pg. 770, Document 201600003366, Audubon Twp.

Dec. 19
Susan J. Nolan to Susan J. Nolan TR, QCD, Sec. 12, East Fork Twp., and Sec. 13, Pt. W/2 NW/NE, East Fork Twp., and Sec. 13, East Fork Twp., and Sec. 4, Fillmore Twp.

Dennis McCammack, Kathy L. McCammack to Jimmy L. Lohm-

an, WD, Lot 7, Browns IW Addn. Clark Jillson, Barbara Jillson to Sarah M. Lee Jillson TR, Clark H. Jillson Trust, Sarah M. Jillson Lee, TR, Deed Trust, Incomplete Legal, No Sec, Twsp, Range given.

Linda L. Smith to Joyce Braasch, WD, Lot 4, Blk. 4, Pierces Addn.

Jerry R. Martin, Randy Wade Martin, Lorna Lee Jones, Karla M. Stachwiak to Lyle R. James TR, Judith James TR, Deed Trust, Lot 6, Blk. 4, Big Four Addn. and Sec. 11, Pt. SW/NE; situated in the City of Hillsboro, Butler Grove Twp.

Jason M. Wood to Karen S. Miner, WD, Lot 68, Golden Park Litchfield.

Gary Pruitt POA, Leonard Holden, Grace Holden to Steven M. Steelman, WD, Lot 3, Parish BB Subdn.

Lyndell L. Wernsing to Brant L. Wernsing, WD, Sec. 9, NW/SW, Raymond Twp. and Sec. 9, SW/NW, Raymond Twp.

Virginia A. Wernsing TR, Merrill A. Wernsing Trust to Lyndell L. Wernsing, Trstee Deed, Sec. 31, Pt. NW/NE, Pt. SW/NE, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 30, NE/SW, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 30, SE/NW, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 29, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 29, SW/NW, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 30, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 30, NE/SE, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 30, SE/SE, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 31, Raymond Twp., and Sec. 31, Undivided 1/2 Interest, Raymond Twp.

Security National Bank to Tylor I. Johnson, Emily S. Johnson, Corp WD, Lots 5-6, Lot 6 & Pt. Lot 5, Blk. 31, Nokomis Original Town.

Tina Guinn Exec, Norman W. Elam Estate to Kevin E. Pearson, Exces Deed, Lots 11-12, Blk. 8, Miller Young & Crickenberger Addn.

Dec. 20
Hearts United Association to Vitale Caldwell Enterprises, Corp WD, Lots 7-8, Blk. 21, Litchfield Original Town (Bk L/16).

Rebecca S. Bonney Exec, Marilyn Kae Clearwater Estate to Mary Kay Sinclair, Mary M. Howard, Exces Deed, Lots 2-4, Lot 3 & Pt. Lots 2 & 4, Blk. 3, Barrys W Scott Addn.

Dec. 21
Beverly L. Cyrus to Cody N.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of James Edward Piazza, formerly a resident of Schram City, Montgomery County, Illinois, on December 27, 2016. Letters of Office were issued out of the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois, on the 5th day of January, 2017 under case No. 2017-P-1 unto Gary Williamson and James Williamson, and whose addresses are Gary Williamson, 806 Montgomery Avenue, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049 and James Williamson, 507 Pine Street, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049 and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Cullison of 220 South Main Street, P.O. Box 188, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

Claims may be filed within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Garry Williamson and James Williamson, Personal Representatives of the Decedent's Estate By: Stephen R. Cullison Cullison & Vandever Law Office 220 S. Main St., P. O. Box 188 Hillsboro, IL 62049 (217) 532-5432 Registration No. 00555592 69-3TM

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN CLAYTON TROJCAK, Deceased
No. 16-P-77 CLAIM DATE NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOHN CLAYTON TROJCAK, who died November 12, 2016, and who resided at Farmersville, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Kacy A. Trojcek and Kira A. Trojcek, Co-Independent Administrators.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before July 17, 2017 in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, 120 N. Main Street, Room 125, Hillsboro, IL 62049, or with the Co-Administrators at the address given below; and any claim not so filed is barred as to all of the

Durbin, WD, Lot 1, Curdies Addn.
Dec. 22

Edward V. Mulvaney, Pinky S. Wassenberg to Brennon M. Kershaw, Jena M. Blackburn, WD, Sec. 1, Pitman Twp.

Anne L. McLaughlin, John M. Galer to Steven E. Dixon, Kim R. Dixon, WD, Sec. 11, Hillsboro Twp. Shawna Rose McBride, Shawna R. Burke to Shawna R. Burke, Edgar J. Burke, QCD, Lot 1, Blk. 11, Amsdens Addn. and Lot 4, Blk. 11, Amsdens Addn.

Eleanor K. Barnstable, Sonya D. Maretti to Christine M. Ukena, QCD, Lot 5, Easterdays ES Addn., and Lot 14, Hands J & I Addn.

John T. Odle, Sheila M. Odle to Ryan J. Hudson, Bidgette A. Hudson, WD, Lot 79, Crestwood Estates.

Ryan Hudson, Bridgette Hudson, Bridgette Starwalt to Kimberly A. Bullock, WD, Lot 79, Crestwood Estates.

Dave R. Dillenberg TR, Bonnie Sue Dillenberg Trust to Dustin Lee Angle, Trstee Deed, Sec. 36, South Litchfield Twp., and Sec. 31, Hillsboro Twp., and Sec. 36, Undivided 1/2 Interest, South Litchfield Twp.,

Dave Pregon to Dustin Lee Angle, WD, Sec. 36, South Litchfield Twp., and Sec. 31, Hillsboro Twp., and Sec. 36, Undivided 1/2 Interest, South Litchfield Twp.

Litchfield Community Savings to David A. Molohon, Tiffany Y. Fenton, Corp WD, Sec. 3, Pt. SW/SE; w/easement, South Litchfield Twp.

Barbara Anita Wolff to Shirley M. Baugh, Wendell L. Baugh, Janet L. Keistler, WD, Lot 502, Yaeger Place Condominium Phase II.
Dec. 23

Dennis Evans, Sharon Evans to Katy Evans, Cory Evans, WD, Sec. 14, Pt. NE/SE, Hillsboro Twp. Mike Spencer to Abbey N. Spencer, Joshua Spencer, Steven C. Lee, Kay L. Lee, WD, Lots 28 and 29, Latimers Addn.

Kyle Reynolds to Henry Earnest, Traci Earnest, WD, Lots 4-7, Blk. 8, Hardebecks Subdn. Search, View and Print Montgomery County, IL Land Records online at www.landrecords.net, \$5.95 per search.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Neb. Rev Stat. § 43-104.11, Steffanie J. Garner Kotik, Attorney at Law, 1023 Lincoln Mall, #202, Lincoln, NE 68508 (402) 423-0553, does hereby provide the following notice of possible adoptive placement of a minor child:

Ricky Flynn: You have been identified as the biological father of a child delivered October 3, 2012. The biological mother has relinquished her parental rights to the minor child. If you are the biological father, you may (i) deny paternity; (ii) waive any parental rights you may have; (iii) relinquish and consent to the adoption; or (iv) file a notice of intent to claim paternity and obtain custody of the child within five business days of the birth or within five business days of this notice, whichever is later, pursuant to section 43-104.02 of Nebraska Statutes. If you wish to deny paternity, waive your parental rights, relinquish and consent, or receive additional information to determine whether you may be the father of the child in question, you must contact Steffanie J. Garner Kotik, at the above address, and if you wish to seek custody of the child, you must seek legal counsel from your own attorney immediately. 72, 73, 75

Court

• Melissa Gibson, 47, of Hillsboro, was charged with a felony of unlawful use of a credit card at 9:58 p.m. Jan. 1 at Moto-Mart in Hillsboro.

• Trevor J.J. Heaton, 24, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of aggravated criminal sexual abuse on Crabtree Trail in South Litchfield Township on or around Oct. 21, complaint filed on Jan. 24.

• Jolly Jay Mitchell, 31, of Rockford, was charged with a felony of unlawful possession of a controlled substance containing

cocaine at 5:39 p.m. Jan. 24 on I55 southbound milepost 52 in North Litchfield Township.

• James Terelle Hoey, 29, of Holly Springs, MS, was charged with a felony of unlawful possession of a controlled substance containing cocaine at 5:39 p.m. Jan. 24 on I55 southbound milepost 52 in North Litchfield Township.

• Billy F. Guyot, 27, of Fillmore, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of meth at 6:29 a.m. Jan. 26 on Raccoon Trail in Aubudon Township.

Fire Calls

Electrical Fire

Eleven Coffeen firefighters responded to smoke in residence at 609 West 2nd Street at 6:20 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Upon arrival, they found smoke in the house and investigated, finding an electrical fire in the attic. The insulation was removed and the fire was extinguished. The responders were back in service

at 8:11 a.m. The American Red Cross was notified and will be assisting as needed.

Accident

The Hillsboro Fire Department received an accident call on Interurban Circle and Miller Trail at 4:20 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Thirty-two members responded for an extrication and were back in service at 5:10 p.m.

Accidents

Vehicle Rollover

Emergency responders were dispatched to a one-vehicle rollover accident at Miller Trail and Interurban Circle west of Hillsboro just before 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 29. Hillsboro Area Ambulance Service responded with three ambulances, and requested the Hillsboro Fire Department to respond for extrication at 4:22 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS 2015-CH-46
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RAYMOND,

Plaintiff, vs. MARTIN E. KIMBRO a/k/a MARTIN KIMBRO, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON RECORD CLAIMANTS,

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGEMENT OF FORECLOSURE (735 ILCS 5/15-1507 (C))

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of foreclosure and sale entered by the court in the above-entitled cause on November 15, 2016, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgement, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: First National Bank of Raymond, Neil T. Jordan-Authorized Agent, (217) 229-3701.

(B) A description of the property is as follows:

Parcel 1
Legal Description: THE NORTH TWO-THIRDS OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 28 IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY, OF LITCHFIELD, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LITCHFIELD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 10-33-366-025
10-33-366-026

Common Address: 215 & 217 North State St. Litchfield, IL 62056 and

Parcel 2
Legal Description: THAT PART OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 21 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY, OF LITCHFIELD BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT, TWO AND ONE-HALF (2 1/2) FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF, AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH TWENTY-ONE AND ONE-HALF (21 1/2) FEET, THENCE WEST SEVENTY-EIGHT (78) FEET; THENCE SOUTH TWENTY-ONE AND ONE-HALF (21 1/2) FEET, THENCE EAST SEVENTY-EIGHT (78) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 10-33-366-025
Common Address: 307 North State St. Litchfield, IL 62056 and

Parcel 3
Legal Description: LOT 4 IN BLOCK 20 IN THE ORIGINAL

TOWN, NOW CITY OF NOKOMIS. EXCEPTING ALL COAL AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL AND MINERALS IF ANY. SITUATED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN: 08-22-281-001

Common Address: 122 North Vine St. Nokomis, IL 62075.

(C) The time and place of the sale is Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., on the Ground Floor of the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, IL 62049.

(D) The terms of the sale are: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down at the conclusion of the sale by certified funds; with the balance due at closing. Closing shall occur within 30 days of the sale date. NO REFUNDS. Title will be conveyed subject to all liens, general real estate taxes, if any, which are a lien upon the real estate, and special assessments, if any, water bills, etc., and easements and restrictions of record.

The property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to Court confirmation. Upon payment of 10% of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the Real Estate after confirmation of the sale if the sale is confirmed.

(E) The property may or may not be open for inspection. Prospective buyers are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

(F) The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals in possession of the subject premises, if any.

(G) The case title, case number and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are identified above.

(H) For Further Information: Between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. you may contact Bill Nicholson, Plaintiff's Attorney at (217) 965-1400. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Bill Nicholson, Attorney at Law, is deemed to be a debt collector for Plaintiff and is attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Prepared by: Bill Nicholson Attorney at Law #6237771 1330 N. Springfield St. P.O. Box 290 Virden, IL 62690 (217) 965-1400

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY A. MENIN, Deceased.
No. 17-P-3 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of SHIRLEY A. MENIN of Nokomis, Illinois who died on the 13th day of December, 2016. Letters of office were issued on January 17, 2017, to TAMRA L. STONE, 107 Drawbridge Rd., Springfield, IL 62704, whose attorney is MICHAEL R. GLENN, 320 West Central Street, P. O. Box 36, Nokomis, IL 62075.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 120 N. Main,

Room 125, Hillsboro, IL 62049 or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months after date of first publication of this notice or three (3) months from date of mailing to creditor whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before such date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

MICHAEL R. GLENN, Attorney for

TAMRA L. STONE, Executor
GLENN & WEST Attorneys for Personal Representative 320 West Central Street P.O. Box 36 Nokomis, IL 62075 Telephone: 217-563-7777

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NOTICE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY

Construction Craft Laborer Apprenticeship Program Applications are available 1st Tuesday of each month ONLY

LOCAL UNION	CITY	APPLICATIONS WILL OPEN	DESIGNATED HOURS
44	Collinsville	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
100	East St. Louis	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
196	Waterloo	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
218	Godfrey	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
338	Wood River	CURRENTLY OPEN	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
397	Edwardsville	CURRENTLY OPEN	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
459	Belleville	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
581	Carlyle	APRIL 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
622	Greenville	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
670	O'Fallon	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
742	Mascoutah	MARCH 2017	8 a.m.-9 a.m.
1084	Hillsboro	CURRENTLY OPEN	8 a.m.-9 a.m.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicant must apply in person.
- Must be 18 years of age.
- High school graduate or GED certificate.
- Physically able to perform work of trade.
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Stunning engagement ring alternatives

White diamonds have been the traditional engagement ring stones for decades. While shoppers have experimented with gold, silver, platinum, and other precious metals for ring bands, the star of the show has long been that twinkling, pristine diamond.

Even though diamonds may be a "girl's best friend," they may not fit every woman's style, particularly the bride who likes to buck tradition and think outside the box. According to *Money* magazine, the average engagement ring costs more than \$5,800. In addition to being one of the most expensive gemstones, diamonds have become quite commonplace. Some women even eschew diamonds for moral reasons.

Whatever the driving force behind shopping for alternative gems, women who want to set themselves apart from others — and men who

want to "wow" their significant others with unique and eye-catching rings — may opt for other dazzling stones.

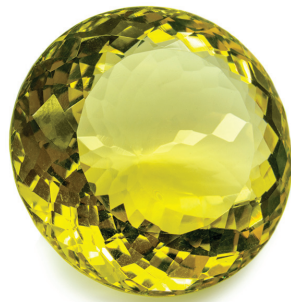
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Sapphire: Sapphires tend to be blue stones (of varying intensity), but they also come in peach, pink, yellow, green, and white. Sapphires may not sparkle as much as a diamond or even moissanite. However, with the right cut, it can be hard to distinguish any lack of luster. Sapphires are the third hardest mineral, and at about one-third the price of diamonds, they make an ideal diamond substitute.

Morganite: According to the blog *Bridal Musings*, morganite is currently one of the most popular choices for engagement rings. Its pretty pink hue is romantic and feminine. It also sits at around the same hardness as sapphires, ensuring the rings will endure.

Vividly cut rubies, emeralds and tanzanite — all gems that are rarer yet less expensive than diamonds — can make beautiful engagement rings. Some couples also may opt for rings without gemstones, such as traditional Claddagh or "true lover's knot" rings to signify their union.



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7 ways to recycle a wedding gown



Wedding gowns can be donated or transformed into other uses.

experienced seamstress or tailor can be transformed into a baby's Christening ensemble or a beautiful dress for a youngster about to receive First Holy Communion.

3. Donate the gown. Brides in need may not have the funds to purchase their own beautiful gowns. Work with an organization that will provide dresses to the less fortunate. Or donate it to an organization that can sell the gown to fund projects for others in need. Another option is the Mary Madeline Project, which uses wedding dress fabrics to create burial outfits for stillborn infants.

4. Cut it up into usable fabric. Wedding gown fabrics can be used in various applications. Dresses can be transformed into decorative pillows or other wedding mementos. Stretch the fabric across a frame and use it as a blank canvas for a photo keepsake. The fabric also can work for baby cribs and infant basket skirting.

5. Use it as a Halloween costume. Dress as a bride for Halloween. Otherwise, tailor the dress to fit a child and she can use it for any number of dress-up opportunities.

6. Donate it to a costume archive. Theatrical companies may be able to use the fabric to create costumes for their productions.

7. Create a keepsake. Cut a small piece of the fabric and put it into a pendant or locket. A piece of tulle or lace also can be placed inside a clear Christmas ornament and hung on the tree for years to come.

Wedding gowns can be upcycled into many new and innovative items. Doing so eliminates long storage times and can benefit others.

When planning their weddings, many brides-to-be devote a large portion of their wedding budgets to their wardrobes. Statistics released by The Knot in 2014 indicated the amount the average woman was willing to spend her gown was \$1,281.

Wedding gowns are among the most costly wedding expenditures. Because wedding gowns can be so expensive, many brides elect to have their gowns cleaned and preserved. Reusing a wedding gown is a cost-effective and earth-friendly idea. Women have many options when it comes time to putting their wedding gowns to use after they have tied the knot. The following are just some of the great ideas couples can explore.

1. Save it for younger generations. One of the primary reasons to preserve a wedding gown is to save the dress for a daughter, granddaughter or another relative to wear at her own wedding.

2. Transform it into other attire. There are a number of different occasions when wearing white is acceptable. Religious ceremonies such as baptisms and communions qualify, and a wedding gown in the hands of an



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Determining wedding day dress codes



Black tie weddings require men to wear tuxedos.

Wedding invitations do more than merely announce that a celebration is on the horizon. Invitations provide key information about the ceremony and festivities to follow. Many details, including the location, time and date of the wedding, are spelled out on the wedding invitations. However, invitations can sometimes leave guests confused about the appropriate style of attire for the occasion.

Even though wedding invitations rarely offer specific information regarding attire, chances are the wording will provide clues that can help guests interpret the desired dress code.

Casual

If the invitation mentions casual attire, it's important to realize that everyday casual is different from wedding casual. Jeans, shorts and tank tops are unacceptable unless otherwise noted. Err on the side of caution and go with business casual, which includes chinos, slacks, a polo shirt or button-down shirt for men. Women can wear a

sundress or slacks or a skirt and an attractive blouse. If the invitation mentions beach casual, shorts and even sandals are likely acceptable.

Semiformal

Semiformal dresswear, sometimes referred to as "dressy casual," is a step up from casual clothing. Cocktail dresses or a more elegant skirt and top are the norms. Gentleman generally wear a suit and tie. Coordinate the colors of clothing to the time of day. Fabrics should represent the season. For example, a linen suit will not pass at a winter wedding.

Formal

Formal attire is the default dress code for the majority of weddings. When the invitation does not specify a dress code, it is safe to assume formal attire is



expected. Men can choose among a dark suit and tie or a tuxedo. Women can opt for a formal cocktail-length dress, a classic suit or a long dress. Select among tones that are gray, black or brown.

Black tie

Black tie events also require formal attire. Black tie typically goes hand-in-hand with an evening wedding. Black tie is more rigid for male guests, who should wear a tuxedo, black bow tie, cummerbund, and

patent leather shoes. Women have a little more leeway with their attire at such gatherings. A long evening gown might be preferable. However, a chic cocktail dress also can be acceptable, and darker, neutral colors are most appropriate. Some invitations may reference "Black Tie Preferred." While men may opt for a tuxedo, a black suit also can be worn.

White Tie

The most formal of occasions will request white tie attire. Ball gowns and tuxedos with tails are the norm, as are dramatic jewelry and hairstyles. White tie attire is akin to what one might see worn to awards shows.

When attending a wedding, it is always better to be overdressed than underdressed. Guests can consult with fellow guests or the bride and groom if they are unsure of the dress code.

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Writing vows can be nerve-racking. Many couples are unaccustomed to speaking in front of crowds, and then there is the challenge of turning life-altering feelings into language that will appeal to the masses.

But couples struggling with their vows need not throw in the vow-writing towel. With some practice and guidance, anyone can write cherished vows that will be remembered for all of the right reasons for years to come.

Skip the schtick. Jokes may pop up in speeches throughout the evening, but wedding vows can be your chance to truly speak from the

heart. Humor may come across as insincerity. Rather, list the words that describe your feelings for your future spouse, and build on that.

Tell a story. If you need inspiration, look to a moment in your relationship when you really knew this was the person with whom you wanted to share your life. Relay the story, but keep it brief. Try to be as specific as possible, and recognize that it's acceptable to be playful with your words. When it's really coming from the heart and not the head, you'll know it.

Borrow from traditional words. Take traditional vows and tweak them to make them your own. This works especially well for those who



have trouble getting started or are unsure of which format to follow. Incorporate key words, such as "partners," "love," "friends," "joy," and "forever."

Be sure the officiant is on board. Depending on the type of ceremony, the officiant may have final say over what can or cannot

be included in your vows. Religious ceremonies, for example, may be limited to certain scripture readings and traditional vows. Before you devote any time to writing vows, ensure that it's alright to include them. Otherwise, save personalized sentiments for a special toast at the wedding reception.

Decide on a mutual structure for the vows. If you and your spouse will not be writing the vows together, agree on a format that you both will follow. Otherwise, you might be writing about your unending love, and he or she may be promising to keep updated on favorite sports teams or television programs. You want the tone and style of the vows to be cohesive.

Dig deeper. Look into the future and project how you hope your life to be in 10 or 20 years. Explain all of the reasons you want to be together for the duration.

Read the vows several times. Read over your work and make sure the language is clear and there are no glaring errors. It may take a few versions to get the final version right where you want it.

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