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Yearbook Wins In 'Golden Dozen'

The 2016 Hillsboro High School yearbook won big in the Southern Illinois Student Press Association (SISPA) "Golden Dozen" Yearbook Contest. The tough competition judges each yearbook extensively on coverage, design, writing and photography. In order to qualify for the Golden Dozen, a publication must receive one of the top 12 scores out of the entire competition. This is a first-time honor for Hillsboro High School. The 2016 staff, pictured above from the left, are Nicole Boyd, Hunter Campbell, Lucaas Secrist, Joseph Stokes and Tyler Wesley.

Two Charged In Drug Bust And Fight With Deputy

What began as a potential warrant arrest northwest of Raymond on Thursday, March 9, ended up as a significant drug bust and an altercation that sent a deputy from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to the hospital.

Deputy Lance Weitekamp was taken by the Farmersville Ambulance Service to St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield for evaluation of minor injuries from the altercation, according to Undersheriff Rick Robbins of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Regina L. Burks, 42, and Joe A. Radcliff, 52, both of the same rural Raymond address, were taken to Montgomery County Jail and charged with felony aggravated battery of a peace officer. Multiple drug charges are pending against both, according to Montgomery County State's Attorney Chris Matoush.

"I am thankful that the deputy was not seriously injured and I commend him on his actions to further an investigation," Undersheriff Robbins said. "Radcliff was not known to law enforcement in our area and by a deputy doing his job, an alleged drug dealer is off the streets of



Burks



Radcliff

Montgomery County."

At 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Weitekamp was on routine patrol on North 24th Avenue, northwest of Raymond, and saw Burks, who was wanted on an outstanding warrant for a felony meth charge in February, in her yard. After the deputy placed her into custody, she asked to speak with Radcliff to obtain bond money.

The deputy went to the doorway with Burks and smelled a strong odor of cannabis, according to the sheriff's office, and attempted to detain Radcliff to further investigate.

Radcliff allegedly resisted the deputy which escalated into an approximate ten-minute fight. During that time, dispatchers and other law enforcement headed to the scene lost all radio contact with the deputy except for occasional sounds indicating an altercation and hearing Weitekamp say "hurry."

The deputy eventually subdued Radcliff while Illinois State Police, the Litchfield Police Department and additional deputies from the sheriff's office were arriving on the scene.

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Find An Ag Career At Farm Bureau Job Fair

Employers in the ag sector—from finance to retail to livestock—will be looking to fill job vacancies at an agriculture based job fair, planned for 1-5 p.m. on Friday, March 17, at the Montgomery County Farm Bureau Building in Hillsboro.

The job fair is sponsored by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau and Lincoln Land Community College. The farm bureau building is on the west side of Courthouse Square in downtown Hillsboro.

"We are always looking for ways to help improve our community," Montgomery County Farm Bureau board president Jay Niemann said. "Helping people find jobs is a great way to do that. We've got employers coming in the financial services, health care, ag-based retail, and

other ag services."

Those scheduled to have booths at the job fair include Farm Service Agency (FSA), Midway Trailer Sales, McKay's Napa Auto Parts, M&M Service Company, Illinois Farm Bureau, Neuhaus Heating and A/C, Brandt Consolidated, Effingham Equity, Fleming Tawfall & Co., International Filter, Sarco Hydraulics Inc., Midwest Tractor Sales, Borgic Hog Farms, Sloan Implement, HSHS St. Francis Hospital and Rural King.

Lincoln Land Community College will be on hand to help write resumes for those who need assistance.

The fair is open to the public and free of charge. For more information call the Montgomery County Farm Bureau office at 217-532-6171.

Sullivan Will Participate In March For Meals Day

The Meals on Wheels of C.E.F.S. has announced that they will be holding March For Meals America. Hillsboro Mayor Brian Sullivan is participating in the event to show his support for the community's seniors.

"We are excited about having Mayor Sullivan participate in our event. We participate in the national March for Meals because our seniors should not be forgotten."

Hundreds of local Meals on Wheels programs across the country will reach out to their communities to build the support

to enable them to deliver nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to America's seniors all year long. By volunteering, donating or speaking out, one can ensure the seniors in their neighborhood can live healthy, happy and independent lives at home, where they want to be.

The Meals on Wheels of C.E.F.S. provides at least one nutritious meal for homebound seniors in the Hillsboro community.

If anyone would like to volunteer their time, please call 217-532-3662.

Hillsboro And Litchfield Drug Busts Result In Arrests

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro Police Department, Litchfield Police Department and the South Central Illinois Drug Task Force made drug busts at three Hillsboro residences and one in Litchfield on Wednesday, March 8, resulting in multiple arrests.

Nathan L. Thrasher, 32, of Litchfield, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine between five and 15 grams and possession of meth with the intent to deliver. Joshua D. Logsdon, 29, of Litchfield, was arrested for participation in meth manufacturing, and Mallory M. McKenzie, 29, of Litchfield, was arrested for possession of meth less than five grams.

In addition, Stuart L. Maguire, 30, of Hillsboro, was arrested on an outstanding Mont-

gomery County warrant for failure to appear in court on a possession of meth charge, and Juli A. Savorgino, 27, of Hillsboro, was arrested on an outstanding Macoupin County warrant for failure to appear in court on a retail theft charge. More arrests are pending.

The sheriff's office and Hillsboro police went to three locations in Hillsboro, one on East Tremont Street where Maguire was arrested, one on Brown Street where drugs and drug paraphernalia were located and charges are pending, and one on North Douglas Street where drugs and drug paraphernalia were located and Savorgino was arrested.

The sheriff's office and Litchfield police found drug paraphernalia, meth and meth manufacturing products at a residence on

South Lincoln Street where Thrasher, Logsdon and McKenzie were arrested.

"The increased amount of methamphetamine in Montgomery County in recent months has the attention of all law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County," Undersheriff Rick Robbins said. "With the increase, law enforcement is seeking your help in assisting us in locating and arresting the dealers of this horrific drug."

Email tips to Crimestoppers at www.macmontercrimestoppers.com, text a tip by entering 722TIP and the message to CRIMES (274637), or call Crimestoppers at 1-800-352-0136. Information that leads to an arrest is eligible for a reward up to \$5000. Tips may remain anonymous.

ITEA Names Sheldon Truck Enforcement Officer Of Year

On Feb. 27, Officer Tim Sheldon of the Hillsboro Police Department was awarded the Truck Enforcement Officer of the Year by the Illinois Truck Enforcement Association (ITEA).

Officer Sheldon received this award at the ITEA annual conference in Carol Stream. Every year the ITEA designates one member as the Truck Enforcement Officer of the Year. To be considered for this award, an officer must be nominated by either a peer or member of the trucking industry. The ITEA Board of Directors then votes on all the nominees. The Truck Enforcement Officer of the Year must represent the core values of the ITEA and assist in furthering the mission of bridging the gap between law enforcement and the trucking industry.

Officer Sheldon has taken significant steps to better commercial vehicle enforcement in his jurisdiction. Aside from conducting en-

forcement, Officer Sheldon also assisted in bringing online oversize/overweight permitting to Hillsboro in the form of Oxcart Permitting Systems. Oxcart is a program that allows trucking companies to obtain oversize/overweight permits with a simple online process which is not only efficient, but also free to the municipality.

Officer Sheldon is one of the few ITEA members representing the central and southern part of Illinois. He has been essential in keeping the ITEA informed as to the different issues that the trucking industry and law enforcement officers are facing outside of Cook and the collar counties. Sheldon is constantly participating in the ITEA's online forums and networking with other commercial vehicle enforcement officers from around the state. He truly manifests all the qualities the ITEA expects of its members.

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Pictured above, Hillsboro Police Officer Tim Sheldon, at left, accepts the Truck Enforcement Officer of the Year award from Brian Cluever, executive director of the Illinois Truck Enforcement Association.

Weather Report

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
March 9	67	35	----
March 10	60	30	----
March 11	39	26	----
March 12	40	25	----

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



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Sample Ballot
For The April 4
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Election



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Weather Forecast

Monday 40°F / 26°F Snow changing to rain	Tuesday 32°F / 17°F Cloudy	Wednesday 34°F / 19°F Mostly sunny
Thursday 46°F / 33°F Mix of sun and clouds	Friday 54°F / 35°F Showers	Saturday 53°F / 31°F Considerable cloudiness

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James G. Tackett, 48**Mother Survives In Irving**

James G. Tackett, 48, of Irving died at 12:47 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2017, at his residence.

Cremation rites were accorded, and no services are planned at this time. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Tackett was born in California on Aug. 31, 1968, the son of Gary L. Tackett and Reba (Bledsoe) Matthews. During his lifetime, he lived



in California, Texas and Irving.

Mr. Tackett is survived by his mother of Irving; sisters, Yvonne Rokita of Washburn and Tina Taylor of Mulberry Grove; stepsister, Lisa Steptoe of Texas; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Send condolences online to basspattondeanfh.com.

Mildred Marie Stewart, 86**Deputy City Clerk In Gillespie**

Mildred Marie Stewart, 86, of Gillespie died at Heritage Health of Gillespie on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 8:27 p.m.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 11, at Kravanya Funeral Home in Gillespie with Pastor Larry Moreau officiating.

Burial was at Gillespie Cemetery in Gillespie.

Mrs. Stewart was born on Jan. 9, 1931, in St. Louis, the daughter of the late Nicholas and Louise (Villa) Morris. She married Sam Stewart, Sr. on Aug. 19, 1950, in Gillespie, and he preceded her in death on June 11, 2003.

She was a deputy city clerk for the city of Gillespie for over 38 years and a member of the United Methodist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her

grandchildren and the outdoors.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by her son, Donald (Charlene) Stewart of Gillespie; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Stewart of Litchfield; grandchildren, Kelly Lyons of Sawyerville and Jaclyn (Ted) Knetzer of Gillespie; great-grandchildren, Brody Edward Knetzer and Aidan Samuel Lyons; and sisters, Eileen (Dick) Stratton of Bluffton, SC, and Estelle Volosian of Weirton, WV.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Sam Stewart, Jr., and brother, Nick Morris.

Memorials are suggested to Gillespie Cemetery.

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

Kenneth Titsworth, 94**Arrangements Are Incomplete**

Kenneth Titsworth, 94, of Hillsboro, died on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Bethesda Hospital in Boynton Beach, FL.

Arrangements are pending at

Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro and will be printed in the next edition of *The Journal-News*.

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

Robert L. Epley, 87**Arrangements Are Incomplete**

Robert L. Epley, 87, of Taylorville, formerly of Manteno and Nokomis, died on Sunday, March 12, at 4:10 p.m. at Taylorville Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 14, 1930,

in Nokomis.

Arrangements are pending at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis and will be printed in the next edition of *The Journal-News*.

**Beckemeyer, Coffeen Choir Performs At Cardinals' Game**

The Beckemeyer, Coffeen Elementary fourth and fifth grade choir are putting on their Cardinal's gear, and will be performing the National Anthem at the St. Louis Cardinals vs. the New York Mets game on Sunday, July 9, at Busch Stadium. In no particular order, fourth grade choir members include Addison McLaughlin, Alexander Babcock, Audrey Shultz, Brittney Williams, Brodie Clinard, Brynn Conner, Caleb Page, Chase Schmidt, Clara Armbruster, Clayton Rufus, Colista Smith, Cooper Schmidt, Corianne Jarman, Dalton Spensberger, Dominic Clark, Elijah Howard, Ella Greenwood, Emily Lanter, Eryka Gunderson, Jackson Tuetken, Jesse Ringhausen, Kamryn Langston, Kydin Benson, Lauren Storm, Laurn Miller, Leah Hemken, Makaela Martin, McKenna Stillman, Miah Garmon, Mitchell Cunningham, Morgan Lehnen, Mya Bolton, Natalee Fenton, Peyton Brewer, Peyton Chesney, Quinn Hunt, Reagan Lentz, Rickey Denny, Samantha Page, Tatum Christian, Tycen Thacker, Valerie Elliot, Wesley Myers, Xavier Stratton and Zoey Spinner. Fifth grade choir members include Aurora Olson, Austin Loskot, Caitlyn Jarman, Chase Saathoff, Chloe Martincic, Deklan Riggs, Elias Gutierrez, Ellie Miller, Elliot Lentz, Emily Lowe, Emma Fields, Faith Denny, Hunter Payne, Jacob Corazza, Jacob Huber, Jesse Balla, Jossilin Tooley, Kendal Devlin, Kenna Snoddy, Kinley Richardson, Kyle Holcomb, Kylee Jarman, Kyleigh Currie, Landon Frisbie, Landon Summers, Lily Churchwell, Madison Hollo, Marah Huber, Maressa Tarver, Melissa Bell, Nathan Brown, Quinten Stratton, Reiley Owens, Ryder Hoover, Sammie Frailey, Sophia Blankenship, Sophia Duncan, Tyler Rufus and Zev-Laven Hubbard.

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Beginner 4-H Sewing Club Now Accepting Members

Montgomery County 4-H is now accepting registrations for a beginner's 4-H Sewing Club. The first class starts April 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension Office in Hillsboro. The club will meet weekly through May 18.

Topics covered in this club will help youth who have little to no experience sewing learn how to use a sewing machine, do straight stitching and choose the correct fabric. The club does several projects together including a community service sewing project.

The cost for the club is \$15 and there is a \$10 enrollment fee for

all non-members. All equipment and supplies will be provided by the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation, however participants may choose to bring their own. A parent or guardian is asked to stay with each youth.

Those interested in joining are asked to register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>. To register, go to the Extension homepage, then look down the right hand column until you find the registration link for Montgomery County beginner sewing. Interested persons can also register by calling the Extension office at 217-532-3941.

Raymond Arrests

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With the threat subdued, the South Central Illinois Drug Task Force continued the investigation and executed a search warrant on the residence, seizing over 40 pounds of suspected cannabis, over 200 suspected cannabis plants, approximately 45 grams of

suspected meth, over 50 controlled substance prescription pills along with several fentanyl patches, as well as over \$8000 in cash.

"This incident also demonstrated the unity of our local law enforcement due to their response to another law enforcement officer in need of assistance," Robbins added.

Sheldon Award

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The Illinois Truck Enforcement Association is a non-for-profit organization that trains police officers and those in the trucking industry on the complex commercial vehicle laws in Illinois. The ITEA works with both law enforcement and the trucking industry to help

create common ground between the two. Currently the ITEA has approximately 600 members with around 400 of them being from law enforcement. The remaining 200 members are those from the trucking industry, attorneys and administrators of regulatory agencies within Illinois.

**Sertoma Give \$250 Towards Post Prom**

Hillsboro Sertoma Club helped the Post-Prom Committee with a \$250 donation recently. The funds will be used to help with this year's Post Prom to be held Saturday, May 6. From the left are Sertoman Earl Meier and Shawna Rovey, chair of fundraising for Hillsboro post prom.

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Service Calendar of Events

Mar. 13	Importance of Branding, Webinar, 1-3 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 13	4-H Video Game Design Club for Beginners, 4-5 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 13	Adult Beginner Sewing Class, 6:30-8 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 14	Master Gardeners Meeting, 4 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 16	Maximizing Windbreaks on Your Farm, Online Webinar, 12-1 p.m.
Mar. 16	4-H Homeschool Club Sewing Class, 1:30 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 16	How to Draw Art Class, Ages 16 & up, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro
Mar. 19	4-H Shooting Sports Club Archery/Outdoor Skills, 1-3 p.m., 4-H Park, Butler
Mar. 19	Montgomery County Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 20	4-H Video Game Design Club for Beginners, 4-5 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 20	Adult Beginner Sewing Class, 6:30-8 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 21	Montgomery County Clovers 4-H Club Cloverbuds Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 21	4-H International Cooking Club, 6-7 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 23	Benefits of Mulching Vegetables, Online Webinar, 12-1 p.m.
Mar. 23	4-H Homeschool Club Sewing Class, 1:30 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 23	How to Draw Art Class, Ages 16 & up, 7-8:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro

If you have any questions about the above programs please call 532-3941

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Litchfield Library Holds Lego Club Wednesdays

Lego Club at the Litchfield Library continues to grow. It is held every Wednesday after school until 4:30 p.m., and children ages seven and older can build and create with the popular building toy. As shown in the photo, there are plenty of blocks to share. Children are encouraged to use their imagination with the blocks.

Marriage Licenses

Nathan Paul Andrew Durbin, Fillmore; Saleena Marie Adams, Fillmore

Richard Wayne Wallis, Jr., Litchfield; Jean Marie Oroake, Litchfield

Travis Lee Shields, Fairfax, OK; Amanda Lee Springer, Nokomis

Zachary Ryan Roderick, Pevely, MO; Cheyanne Elizabeth

Davis, Pevely, MO

Dewitt Hershall Blankenship, Jr., Hillsboro; Kathy Marie McQuade, Hillsboro

Joshua Paul Ohliger, Cleveland, OH; Alexis Fontana Niesel, Cleveland, OH

Brandon John Schmitt, Hillsboro; Anna Marie McDonald, Hillsboro

Births

Chelsea Lapolice and Blake Shannon of Litchfield announce the birth of their son, Brady Kenneth Shannon, born at 8:30 p.m. Monday, March 6, 2017, at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 9 lbs., 8 ozs. and was 20 ins. long.



Maternal grandparents are Jackie Niehaus and Richard Niehaus of Litchfield. Paternal grandparents are Sandy and Kenny Young of Mt. Olive.

Maternal great-grandparents are Larry and Shirley Baugh and Emma Niehaus of Litchfield. Paternal great-grandparents are Eugene and Joni Rosenthal of Mt. Olive and Tjode Young of Hillsboro.

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Adam and Whitney Evans, of Hillsboro, announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Lynn Evans, born at 2:50 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2017, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 5 lbs., 5 ozs., and measured 17 ins. long.

Audrey joins a sister, Adisyn Evans, age three.

Maternal grandparents are Tara Beck of Hillsboro and Shane Christy of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Sharon Evans of Hillsboro.

Maternal great-grandparents are Diane Beck of Hillsboro and Cindy Christy of Pana. Paternal great-grandparents are Clifford Wayne Evans of Hillsboro and Dorris Johnson of Nokomis.

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Ashley M. Vogel and Brett S. Wallace, of Hillsboro, announce the birth of their daughter, Rhyann Annmarie Wallace, born at 9:56 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 6 lbs., 6 ozs., and measured 18 ins. long.

Maternal grandparents are Bryan and Sandi Vogel of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Lori Jollif of Irving, and Joe and Mona Wallace of Taylor Springs.

Maternal great-grandparent is Merle Vogel of Hillsboro. Paternal great-grandparents are Pat Wallace of Panama, and Brad and Sheila Webb of Pleasant Hill.

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Jacob and Kathryn Wilkin-son, of Hillsboro, announce the birth of their son, Ledger James Wilkinson, born at 3:27 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 6 lbs., 3 ozs., and measured 19.5 ins. long.

Ledger joins a sister, Kylee, age 14, and brothers, Colby, age 6, and Casen, age 5.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. James and Jane Pastrovich of Walshville, and Ann Pastrovich of Springfield. Paternal grandparents are Michael and Janet Wilkinson of Hillsboro.

Maternal great-grandparent is Minnie Pastrovich of Walshville. Paternal great-grandparent is Marie Lehman of Hillsboro.

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Nicole Cook and David Kelsch, of Litchfield, announce the birth of their son, Grayson Kelsch, born at 7:52 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and measured 20.5 ins. long.

Grayson joins a sister, Chloe Ringo, age 4, and a brother, Elijah Kelsch, age 1.

Maternal grandparents are Cora and Dave Hesse of Naper, NE, and Kevin Cook of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Kimberly Kelsch of Hazelwood, MO.

Paternal great-grandparent is Coral Ward of Florissant, MO.

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Andrew and Hannah (Dixon) Blank of Hillsboro announce the birth of their first child, a son, Isaac Joseph Blank, born at 11:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at home. He weighed 9 lbs. and was 23 1/4 ins. long.



His father is a delivery driver and his mother is an author.

Grandparents are Steve and Kimber Dixon of Irving and William and Rosemary Blank of Langhorne, PA.

Great-grandparents are Donna Laster of Kampsville and Joanne Blank of Feasterville, PA.

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County Board Will Meet Tuesday Morning

Updates from Central Illinois Public Transit and the Montgomery County Housing Authority are among early items on a long agenda for the Montgomery County Board when they meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

The board will review reports from 14 departments during the consent agenda, and hear reports from eight standing committees.



The Khongsai family from Myanmar will be special guest speakers at the Christian Church of Witt this Sunday, March 19.

Myanmar Missionaries To Visit Witt Church Sunday

Palal, Kikim, Solomon (12), Cherry (6) and Noah (1) Khongsai, a native missionary family from Myanmar, will be special guests at the Christian Church of Witt (427 N. First St.) on Sunday, March 19.

Palal will be sharing about Myanmar Hope Christian Mission (MyHope) with the adults during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour. Solomon and Cherry, who speak the English language very well, will share with the children during that same time frame. Palal will be preaching during the worship hour at 10:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship lunch for all in attendance, hosted by the Christian Church of Witt.

MyHope was formed in Spring-

field in May 2007 in an attempt to meet the tremendous needs in Myanmar. After becoming aware of the problems faced by the poor and needy in Myanmar, a vision was born for a new organization that would bring hope, comfort, encouragement and much needed help to the tribal villages of north-west Myanmar and beyond. In just the few short years since MyHope's founding, God has done amazing and incredible things through His grace and the generosity of many.

The Christian Church of Witt extends a heartfelt invitation to the community to attend on Sunday, March 19, and to join them for lunch and fellowship immediately following the worship service.



Montgomery County Art Guild Will Meet Tuesday

The Montgomery County Art Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 103 N. Main St. in Hillsboro. Guild membership is open to anyone from Montgomery County. The art project for that night will be making a T-shirt. Please bring a dark or brightly colored T-shirt or piece of fabric, piece of cardboard to place inside the shirt and a design already drawn on white paper. Any simple design will work. Pictured above, Nancy Snyder is shown working on a collage during the February meeting of the art guild.

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Saturday, March 18, 6-9 PM

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Snacks * Raffles * Door Prizes

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Download a registration form at imaginehillsboro.org
For more information contact Becky Moler at bmoler57@yahoo.com



FGS Principal Announces Students Of The Month

Farmersville Grade School Principal Chris Paproth has announced the Students of the Month for February in grades pre-K, kindergarten and first. Above, front row from the left, are kindergartners Caleb Eldridge and Julianna Kinney. In the back are first graders Daniel Morgan and Peyton Givan.



Theresa Lang of Security National Bank presented prizes to Coffeen School students as part of a contest with the Bank at School program. Pictured above, front row from the left, are second grade winner Astrid Denby, first grade winner Sophia Watkins and kindergarten winner Gabriel Wells. In the back are Lang, fifth grade winner Kinley Richardson, fourth grade winner Trey Leetham and third grade winner Sophia Mullen.

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Coffeen Students Receive Prizes For Banking Contest

Theresa Lang, vice president of Security National Bank in Coffeen, presented prizes to six Coffeen students Friday, March 3, as part of their Bank at School program.

Every student at Coffeen School was invited to draw and color a picture and write a sentence about what Christmas means to them. Each winner received a \$5

certificate that they could take to the bank to open a savings account or add to a current savings account to encourage the students to save.

Security National Bank staff members come to the school twice a month to collect money if students wish to add to their account. They also plan contests several times a year.

Hillsboro Planning Commission Will Meet Thursday

The Hillsboro Planning Commission will meet at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at Hillsboro City Hall.

Special Personnel Committee Meeting Will Be Held Today

Aspecial Personnel Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 13, at 4 p.m. in the County Board Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct a union mediation meeting with the Fraternal Order of Police in the sheriff's department.

School Board Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Hillsboro School Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the unit office. Items on the agenda include possible curriculum changes and every school in the district, bus purchases, and the school calendar for next year.

A Building and Grounds Committee meeting to discuss maintenance projects and the greenhouse at the high school will begin at 6 p.m. before the full board meeting.

Hillsboro City Council Meets Tuesday Night

Hillsboro City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at Hillsboro City Hall.

Agenda items include extending the TIF redevelopment agreement for Broad Street Bar and Grill, drafting a resolution authorizing participation in the federal surplus program, purchasing a K9 and training for the Hillsboro Police Department and giving the oath of office to Officer Vonna Green.

MSSE Executive Committee Will Meet Wednesday

The Mid-State Special Education Executive Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the MSSE Central Office in Morrisonville.

They will discuss contract and service agreement renewals, job description and resolutions authorizing and approving the second amendment to the joint agreement and amendment to each region joint agreement.

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Sorento Names Students Of The Month

Sorento School has named students of the month for February. Pictured above, front row from the left, are Maci Bone, Aiden Blanton, Cale Elam, Skylar Voyles, Ella Hudson, Trey Suggs, Abie Abcock, Avery Bassett Harmon and Mary Woods. In the back are Skylar Voyles, Cheyenne Hancock, R.J. Sinclair and Hannah Potthast.



HJHS Awards February Good Citizens

Hillsboro Junior High School awarded six students—two from each grade—with Citizenship Awards for the month of February on Wednesday, March 8. The award winners, from the left, are seventh grader Brier Wilson, sixth grader Avery Walden, seventh grader Magnus Wells, sixth grader Cole Spensberger, eighth grader Griffin Wright. Eighth grader Shelby Thacker was not present for the photo.

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U Of I Extension Hosts Drawing Class

Montgomery County 4-H is now accepting registrations for the Beginners Drawing Class. The classes will be held April 1 and 8 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Montgomery County Extension office in Hillsboro.

Topics that will be covered are: "Drawing What you See" - draw people and objects from observation using techniques that train

the eye to see like an artist; bring a favorite object, that you can hold in your hand, to draw; and "Make it look 3-D" - draw a cityscape of buildings using artists' techniques to create the illusion of space.

The cost for the class is \$5. All supplies will be provided by the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation. Those interested

in joining are asked to register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cjmm>. To register, go to the Extension homepage, then look down the right hand column until you find the registration link for Montgomery County 4-H Drawing class; or register by calling the Montgomery County Extension office at 217-532-3941.

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Zion Students Learn About Civil War, Abraham Lincoln

In February, the third grade students at Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield learned about Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War and other people from this time period. They created posters and made "bottle people" from recycled materials. Following the unit, they visited the Abraham Lincoln Museum and Lincoln's Home in Springfield. Pictured above, front row from the left, are Melanie Pence, Nathan Bown, Keilan Cox, Cal Frerichs and Alli Frerichs. In the second row are Nathan Dougherty, Ethan Neese, Maui Lemons, Ellie Gass and Isaiah Bilyeu. In the back are Dade Vega, Jackson Mullins and Henry Webb.



Ryan Poggenpohl of Raymond (left) joined Senator Andy Manar on Wednesday, March 1, on the floor of the Illinois Senate.

Poggenpohl Joins Manar As Senator For The Day

Ryan Poggenpohl, a junior at Lincolnwood High School in Raymond, joined Senator Andy Manar at the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield on March 1 for Manar's Senator for the Day program. Poggenpohl, 17, is the son of Allen and Rebecca Poggenpohl.

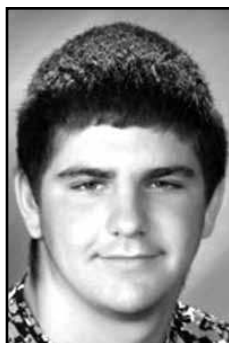
Hillsboro Selects Five Top Toppers During Month Of March



Ackles



Seth

**Allen**

Gregg



Carver

Five Hillsboro High School students have been named Top Toppers for the month of March. They are Isaiah Ackles, Jennifer Seth, Cole Allen, Jordan Gregg and J.J. Carver.

The Top Topper award is given monthly to Hillsboro High School students who show exemplified characteristics in leadership, attitude and direction. Teachers nominate the students, and the administration makes the final selection.

The Top Topper program strives to improve school climate by recognizing students for their acts of kindness and other good deeds that are performed on campus.

Sponsors of Top Topper award include Gianni's Pizza, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Hardees, Little Italy's and The Orpheum Theatre.

Isaiah Ackles

Isaiah Ackles is the son of Christina Monroe and has been chosen to be the Top Topper for the month of March at HHS. His favorite class is P.E. because he enjoys his friends and it is fun. He likes to play video games and watch television in his spare time. In addition, he likes to read books about the St. Louis Cardinals and listen to country music.

Ackles works at the nursing home. He would like to give a shout out to his teachers: Mrs. Lomprez, Mrs. Johnsey and Mrs. Freeman for helping him be the best he can be. He says his mom motivates him because she wants him to graduate. His favorite quote is: "When all else fails, go to a Cardinal game!" After high school, he hopes to live in a group home and get a good job.

Jennifer Seth

Jennifer Seth is a junior at HHS and has been chosen as the Top Topper for this month. She is the daughter of David Seth. Her favorite class is anatomy because she thinks that learning about how our bodies function and what keeps us alive is fascinating. She enjoys reading, watching movies and YouTube videos and playing her saxophone in her spare time. At HHS, she is involved in band, choir, a capella choir, Operetta and Scholastic Bowl. Her favorite music is pop and jazz. Her dad motivates her in life.

Seth's advice to other students is to take the time to do your homework and do it well—it will go a long way. Her inspirational quote is "It's trash can, not trash cannot." She would like to give a shout out to Keltney Chamberlin for always working hard to get what she wants and for her determination to follow her interests. After high school, she plans on attending a four-year university to major in an undecided field of science.

Cole Allen

Cole Allen is a sophomore at HHS this month and has been chosen as the Top Topper for this month. His favorite class is biology with Mr. Duff because it

is a place to have fun but be serious when it comes to completing work. He enjoys shooting bows and hanging out with his family and friends in his spare time. His favorite music is country and his girlfriend pushes him to do better by telling him to do his work even when he does not want to do it.

Allen's advice to other students is to stay current with your work. It is better than slipping and having to catch up. He likes the quote: "Out of all the paths in life, make sure a couple of them are dirt." He would like to give a shout out to his dad because no matter what he is there for him. After high school, he plans to become a diesel mechanic.

Jordan Gregg

Jordan Gregg is also a Topper this month at HHS representing the sophomore class. His favorite class is Mrs. Powell's English. He plays sports in his spare time and if he is reading it is usually a book about sports. At HHS, he is involved in football, wrestling, baseball and track. He is also in FFA. He likes any type of music. He would like to give a shout out to his parents and his coaches because they motivate him to do better.

Gregg's advice to other students is to not take any classes lightly. He likes the quote: "Success isn't owned, it's leased. And rent is due every day." J.J. Watt. He would like to give a shout out to his friends, his family and coaches for pushing him as hard as they do. After high school, he plans to attend a four-year college to play a sport and major in accounting.

J.J. Carver

J.J. Carver is the freshman Top Topper for the month of March at HHS. He is the son of Dawn Motley. He likes all of his classes and teachers at HHS. He enjoys watching television and spending time with friends in his spare time. His favorite music is rap. His mom, brothers and sister all motivate him to succeed. His advice to other students is to try your best and not to give up in hard times.

Carver's quote is "Imagine with all your mind, Believe with all your heart, and Achieve with all your might." He would like to give a shout out to his sister because she is very hard on him when it comes to homework; however, it all pays off. After high school, he plans on going to college in Springfield.



Savannah Roach Joins 100 Point Club At Madison

The newest member of the AR 100 point club at Madison Park Elementary is Savannah Roach. She is a student in Mrs. Warchol's first grade class. To achieve this goal, students read a minimum of 50 books and often more in order to gain enough points to be in this club. As a reward, students receive lunch with the principal from Pizza Man in Litchfield. Roach is pictured above with Mrs. Warchol.

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Ethan's Angels Plan Spare Me A Cure Bowling Event

Ethan's Angels for a Cure are busy working on their seventh annual Spare Me a Cure which will be held Saturday, March 25, at The Town Pump Bowl in Nokomis.

Shift times will be available every two hours starting at 11 a.m. that morning and the last shift will be at 9 p.m. that evening. Once again Lance Lehnen, owner, will be offering a great deal of \$10 which includes two games of bowling and free shoe rental.

This year there will be three wonderful sports themed basket giveaways. Again this year they have the St. Louis Blues basket which includes April 9 game tickets along with a signed puck from Tarasenko, clothing, hats, canvas artwork and much more. They will also have a Cardinals and Cubs basket, both of them will be overflowing with shirts, mugs, shot glasses, ceramic car coasters, insulated cups and so much more.

The kid's shifts will not be left out either. There will be a kid's basket raffle with a Cardinal T-shirt and many more items.

Each shift will have a 50/50 drawing and there will be door prizes at each of them also. Once again, Lehnen will be offering a meal special so even if you are not bowling please come out, have lunch or dinner, buy a 50/50 or raffle ticket and support Ethan's Angels for a Cure as they raise funds for Montgomery County Cancer Association, which helps assist patients and their families with expenses during their treatment of cancer.

Registration forms are available at Town Pump Bowl, First National Bank of Nokomis or contact Shelley Hallemann at 217-412-8598 to reserve a lane or any team member. All reservations and money must be turned in by March 23.

Litchfield High School Announces Third Quarter Honor Roll

Litchfield High School has announced both the High Honor Roll and Honor Roll for the third quarter.

High Honor Roll

Seniors: Sarah Adams, Joseph Aldridge, Tessa Beckham, Trevor Beechler, Spencer Bloome, Alexis Brandt, Jordan Brandt, Chyanne Bruntjen, Doug Carlile, Erin Caveny, Kalli Daugherty, Logan Dealey, Brooke Ernst, McAllen Fenton, Tatum Fenton, Kellie Frerichs, Zachary Greene, Ethan Guinn, Bryn Guthrie, Elizabeth Holan, Riley Jennings, Madison Jones, Lauren Karnes, Grace Keeton, John Kim, Brooke Komor, Bailey Lentz, Brielle Marten, Elizabeth Niemann, Manali Patel, Dakota Porter, Courtney Priddle, William Ringering, Megan Skinner, Alia Stewart, Jade Taylor, Lilly Taylor, Colin Thomas, Alexis Throne, Briana Travis, Joshua

Webster and Cooper Wilson

Juniors: Katherine Brandt, Aleiyah Jymie Dapog, Jessica Deal, Sean Dearing, Madeline Ellis, Eaden Fleming, Aaron Guo, Hayden Kolb, Brittany Komor, Reece Kulick, Jonah Ligutom, Austin Marburger, Tessa Matthews, Dalton Maxwell, Hannah Niemann, Megan Pigg, Andrea Priddle, Grace Richardson, Larisa Rudolph, Melody Sailsbury, Breanna Seely, Grant Shelton, Alexis Stephens, Elizabeth Tinkler and Andrew Townner

Sophomores: William Beckham, Sarah Boucher, Damon Burdell, Carlee Ernst, Alex Fischer, Greta Fleming, Alexis Gibson, Dylan Hemann, Sydney Hoehl, Alexander Jackson, Ashton Jones, Maggie Kalaher, Alexander Pastrovich, Meera Patel, Desiree Rhodes, Katharine Ringering, Sydney Robinson, Rayna Spencer,

Grace Thrasher, Casey Throne, Madison Throne, MCall Werten and Mackenzie Wilson

Freshmen: Anna Baugher, Summer Beckham, Mallory Beechler, Makenna Bolte, Anthony Boston, Kayli Butler, Grace Flannery, Ellen Fleming, Eddy Guo, Jacob Malloy, Devan Morgan, Jordan Morgan, Caroline Querton, Blake Rentz, Bethany Seely, Lauren Thompson, Clayton Walch, Colton Wall and Hannah Whitten

Honor Roll

Seniors: Erica Compton, Tylie Compton, Darlene Conlee, Shelby Curtis, Beverly File, Valerie Furlong, Mallory Haarstick, Noah Horn, Kenneth Lauderdale, Cassandra Maberry, Cole Odle, Breanna Owens, Cheyanne Page, Jason Shell, Danielle Skinner, Jordan Sparks, Deja Taylor and Logan Werten

Juniors: Alexander Bishop,

Kyra Bishop-Jacobs, Brooke Conlee, Andrew Delacruz, Trevor Geggie, Gabrielle Hale, Nicholas King, Tanner Odle, Bailey Powell, Dalyn Riemann, Jacob Stockamp, Courtney Tabaka, William Thiesen and Megan Thornton

Sophomores: Brooke Buffington, Logan Diedrick, Bentley Helfrich, Britney Law, Cameron Lee, Trinity Renner, Patience Roberts, Christopher Satterlee and Gracie White

Freshmen: Ashley Andrews, Zoe Ashmore, Brady Bishop, Carly Boden, Raven Campbell, Meghan Chambers, Devin Frederick, Rebecca Hollo, Carson Jackson, Abbigale Kuehn, Matthew Leitschuh, Abigail Millsap, Austin Niehaus, Hunter Niemann, Alison Phillips, Abigail Roberts, Patricia Seipp, Emily Senjan and Corey Voyles.



Director Belusko Informs Sertoma On MCEDC Work

Valerie Belusko, executive director of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation spoke of the organization's work in helping area businesses grow and prosper. MCEDC is the sponsoring organization for the CEO program, with students at all four county high schools participating in entrepreneurial learning. MCEDC has recently started work to facilitate broad band internet service to the entire county, a service for which many residents and businesses presently lack. From the left are Sertoman Dave Immler and Belusko.

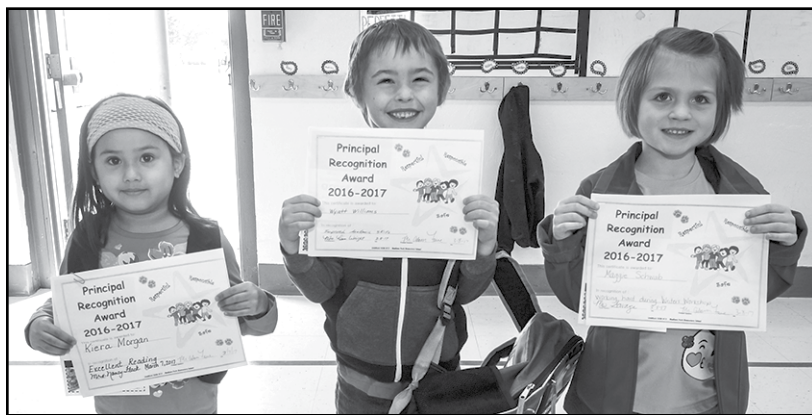
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RGS Holds Camp-Themed Reading Night Thursday

Raymond Grade School sponsored a family reading night Thursday evening, March 2, in the RGS gym. The event was entitled "Camp-Reads-A-Lot" and included five campsites and seven tents. Thirty-six families attended and enjoyed treats, including three different popcorn flavors by The Kettle Creek Company, and a photo booth with props. Pictured above, Kim Hopper reads to her daughter, Eden, and Ella Jenkins, while Cyndi Lewis holds her son, Caleb.

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Principal Favre Recognizes Students At Madison Park

Madison Park Elementary School Principal Adam Favre has announced the winners of the Principal's Recognition Award for the week of March 6. Students receive these awards from the building principal based on classroom accomplishments noted by their teachers. Awards can be given for citizenship or achieving academic and social goals. Pictured above, from the left, are kindergarten winners Kierra Morgan, Wyatt Williams and Maggie Schwab.

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This is especially important if you are claiming the earned income tax credit, or EITC, or the additional child tax credit. Why? The IRS is now required by law to hold all refunds on those returns until Feb. 15. The new law was put into place to allow the agency additional time to detect and prevent tax fraud.

You will need to complete Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, to adjust the amount of taxes withheld and submit it to your employer.

According to the IRS, one out of every five workers fails to claim the very valuable earned income tax credit. If you worked and earned less than \$53,505 in 2016 (the limit will be \$53,930 in 2017), then use the EITC Assistant tool to determine if you qualify for the credit. You must file a return in order to receive the credit. Don't miss out on this!

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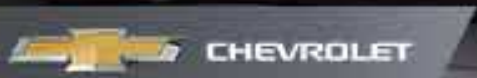
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Hillsboro's Steven Fenske, left, and Drake Paden, right, were both named to the South Central Conference all-conference team this past season by the coaches of the SCC. Fenske was a second team selection, while Paden was a first team pick.

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All-SCC List Includes Paden, Fenske

The 2016-17 South Central Conference boys basketball season was the year of the upperclassman as 11 of the 16 players honored on this year's all-conference team are seniors.

Five of those 11 would be first team selections, with Hillsboro junior Drake Paden the only exception on the six-player first team. One of the top guards in the area, Paden averaged 12.9 points per game and led the Toppers with 96 assists. While his stats were good, Paden also possesses that intangible quality that can make the other players around him better and spark his team to win.

Paden was joined by Southwestern's Collin Baumgartner, Roxana's Zach Golenor, Pana's Kyle Lynch, Gillespie's Nick Price and Vandalia's Richie Well. Baumgartner and Well were also first team selections as a junior, while Golenor, Lynch and Price were second team picks in 2015-16.

The upperclassmen trend would continue on the second team, which featured three seniors, including Hillsboro's Steven Fenske.

The 12th leading scorer all-time at Hillsboro, Fenske averaged a double-double as he put up 16.2 points and 11.3 rebounds per game. Fenske also led the team in steals, with 70, and his 350 rebounds set a new single season record for the Hiltoppers.

In addition to Fenske, seniors Adam Miller of Pana and Brady Simpson of Greenville also made the second team, with juniors Justin Bailey of Southwestern and Nathan Casey of Vandalia rounding out the squad.

On the third team, Pana senior Nick McMillen, Carlinville senior Brady Jamieson and Gillespie senior Tate Wargo joined Southwestern junior Ben Lewis and Greenville sophomore Kaleb Ephron to finish off this year's honorees.

Boys Basketball Final 2016-17 South Central Conference Standings

Team	W	L
1. Southwestern	8	1
2. Greenville	7	2
2. Hillsboro	7	2
4. Pana	6	3
4. Vandalia	6	3
6. Roxana	4	5
6. Gillespie	4	5
8. Carlinville	2	7
9. Litchfield	1	8
10. Staunton	0	9

South Central Conference All-Conference Team Boys Basketball

First Team: Collin Baumgartner, Sr. (Southwestern); Zach Golenor, Sr. (Roxana); Kyle Lynch, Sr. (Pana); Drake Paden, Jr. (Hillsboro); Nick Price, Sr. (Gillespie); Richie Well, Sr. (Vandalia)

Second Team: Justin Bailey, Jr. (Southwestern); Nathan Casey, Jr. (Vandalia); Steven Fenske, Sr. (Hillsboro); Adam Miller, Sr. (Pana); Brady Simpson, Sr. (Greenville)

Third Team: Kaleb Ephron, So. (Greenville); Brady Jamieson, Sr. (Carlinville); Ben Lewis, Jr. (Southwestern); Nick McMillen, Sr. (Pana); Tate Wargo, Sr. (Gillespie)

Toppers' First Pitch Set For March 17

by Ron Deabenderfer

When Hillsboro High's baseball team opens its home season this Friday, March 17, by hosting Brownstown/St. Elmo (4:30 first pitch), those attending will see a major difference at the sports complex; the infield features lush green grass rather than dirt. A not-visible change will take place in each dugout where the scorekeepers (or another designated person) will keep track of the number of pitches thrown by the hurlers for both teams.

Hillsboro coach Bob Allen (this year assisted by Mike Rappe, Evan Malloy and Matt Burke) had 23 players on his roster as of Friday, March 10. Freshmen include Carter Lentz, Nic Ondrey, Brock Bellaver, Finn Tysko, Tanner Mullen, Dylan McCammack, Gunnar Mienenheimer and Owen Malloy.

Sophomores are Landon Carroll, Griffin King, Jordan Gregg, Kaden Lemon, Ty White, Baron Floyd and Landon Malloy; listed as juniors are Tony Perfetti, Christian Hernandez, Alex Schreiber, Dalton Deming, Jacob Bauman and Jordan Primo; and seniors are Mitchell Reynolds and Jordan Tuetken.

Coach Allen's crew opens at

Morrisonville on Thursday, March 16; and he anticipates starting Schreiber on the mound; when Schreiber doesn't pitch, he'll be at short. Hernandez will do most of the catching, but Ondrey is a potential catcher as well as an infielder.

At Morrisonville, Allen thinks Reynolds will be at first, King at second, Carroll at short and Perfetti at third, with the outfielders coming from a group of Ondrey, Lemon, Tuetken (a fixture in right) and Deming. Jordan Gregg will often start in center, but he couldn't participate in early practices because of a non-baseball injury.

The coaching staff welcomes the new pitch-count rule. It should take away any disputes about how long a pitcher can go without risking injury to his arm, and this year, thanks to an influx of freshmen who can pitch, it could be advantageous to Hillsboro. Schreiber comes into the season as the ace, the pitcher with the most varsity experience, but Carroll, Perfetti and Reynolds all threw for the Toppers last season; McCammack, Mullen and Ondrey will most likely also see some varsity mound action this season as the Toppers tackle a 34 game varsity schedule. Twenty-two games

(many to be played after varsity games are completed) are on the junior varsity schedule.

The IHSA regulations in effect this spring limit a varsity player to a maximum of 105 pitches in any one appearance; the junior varsity maximum is 95. Only a pitcher who throws fewer than 30 pitches can pitch the next day, and the allowable number of pitches to be thrown on a second appearance in a seven day period is determined by a sliding scale.

Pitch totals must be exchanged between dugouts every two innings, and each coach must submit the pitcher's name and number of pitches thrown to the IHSA after every game.

Highlights of the schedule include a game against Auburn here March 18 (11 a.m.), at Taylorville on March 23, Mater Dei here April 13, Marquette here April 19, a doubleheader here April 22 against Carrollton (10 a.m.), a doubleheader here against Nashville (10 a.m.) on May 6 and a trip to Albion (Edwards County) on May 13 for contests against Edwards County (1 p.m.) and Altamont.

Coach Allen listed Piassa Southwestern, Carlinville and Greenville as strong contenders for the South Central crown.



Morrisonville senior Seth Foster, left, and Lincolnwood junior Ryan Poggenpohl, right, each earned all-conference honors from the MSM Conference coaches this season, with Foster being named to the first team and Poggenpohl being named to the second team.

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Foster, Poggenpohl Named All-MSM

Two players from the Lincolnwood/Morrisonville co-op boys basketball team were among the 10 honored by the MSM Conference coaches as all-conference players this season.

Senior Seth Foster would earn first team recognition, while junior Ryan Poggenpohl was the only non-senior in the top 10, earning a second team nod.

The team's MVP this season, Foster averaged 12.8 points, 2.1 assists and 2.7 rebounds per game for the Lancers. The Morrisonville High School senior finished his career with 1,260 points, eighth all-time on the Lincolnwood boys basketball scoring list.

Also earning first team honors were Ryan Couturiaux of South County, Steven Price of Tri-City, Austin Galloway of Pawnee and Trenton Eckert of Pawnee, all of

whom are seniors.

Poggenpohl was second on the team in scoring with 11.9 points per game and was second in rebounds with 4.1 per contest.

Joining Poggenpohl on the second team were seniors Justin Gill of South County, Dylan Pop of Edinburg, Stephawn Taylor of Lutheran and Jake Bennett of Mt. Olive.

In addition to the two five-player all-conference teams, five other players earned honorable mention recognition. Those five were Calvary freshman Derrick Roberts and sophomore Zach Kroenlein, Lutheran junior Drew Cowles, Tri-City senior Andrew Gordon and Mt. Olive junior Roger Conlee.

The basketball accolades are the second time this school year that Foster and Poggenpohl have

been recognized by their respective conferences. Foster was the Prairie State Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the South Fork football team, while Poggenpohl was earned all-conference honors in the South Central Conference for the Litchfield cross country team.

MSM Conference All-Conference Team Boys Basketball

First Team: Ryan Couturiaux, Sr. (South County); Steven Price, Sr. (Tri-City); Austin Galloway, Sr. (Pawnee); Seth Foster, Sr. (Lincolnwood); Trenton Eckert, Sr. (Pawnee)

Second Team: Ryan Poggenpohl, Jr. (Lincolnwood); Justin Gill, Sr. (South County); Dylan Pop, Sr. (Edinburg); Stephawn Taylor, Sr. (Lutheran); Jake Bennett, Sr. (Mt. Olive)

Honorable Mention: Derrick Roberts, Fr. (Calvary); Zach Kroenlein, So. (Calvary); Drew Cowles, Jr. (Lutheran); Andrew Gordon, Sr. (Tri-City); Roger Conlee, Jr. (Mt. Olive)

Panther Cub Trio Goes .500 At State

All three Litchfield Middle School wrestlers came away with wins at the IESA State Wrestling Finals on March 10-11 as the Panther Cubs wrapped up their season at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University in Dekalb.

Eighth grader Will Carlile would get a bye in the preliminary round and took on Donnie Hidden of Morton in the first round of the 105 pound bracket. Carlile would defeat Hidden 5-1 in the match, but lost to Adell Gamboa of Braidwood Reed-Custer by a narrow 7-4 decision.

In the wrestlebacks, Carlile would defeat Darrion Easter of Antioch in a 7-1 decision, but came up just short of a medal as he lost to Nate Ramsey of Homer Glen by fall at the 2:08 mark.

While Carlile would go 2-2 at

the state tournament, his teammates, eighth grader Carter Powell and sixth grader Ashtin Carver each went 1-1 in Dekalb.

South, then fell to Ben Swidler of Buffalo Grove Twin Groves in a 9-2 decision.

Unfortunately, both Russell and Swidler would lose their next matches, meaning that Powell and Carver would not get a wrestleback match. The tournament was a solid end to the season for the Panther Cubs, who had eight wrestlers advance to sectionals this year, only three of which were eighth graders.

March 10-11 at Dekalb IESA State Wrestling Litchfield Results

70: Ashtin Carver - def. Ronit Kapoor (Lake Zurich South) by dec. 6-4; lost to Ben Swidler (Buffalo Grove) by dec. 9-2

95: Carter Powell - def. Owen Brooks (Dixon Reagan) by dec. 4-0; lost to Dylan Russell (Sherrard) by fall at :34

105: Will Carlile - def. Donnie Hidden (Morton) by dec. 5-1; lost to Adell Gamboa (Braidwood Reed-Custer) by dec. 7-4; def. Darrion Easter (Antioch) by dec. 7-1; lost to Nate Ramsey (Homer Glen) by fall at 2:08

Clayton Competes At State

Hillsboro's Tanner Clayton competed in the IKWF State Tournament on March 9-11, going up against some of the top young wrestlers in the state.

In his first match, Clayton would face Tyler Casey of TJ Trained Wrestling. Casey would lead 2-0 after the first period, 5-0 after the second period and 7-0 at the end of the match. Casey would then lose his next match, which kept Clayton from getting a match in the wrestlebacks.

Competing in the novice class at 101 pounds, Clayton still has several more opportunities to win at state in the coming years before moving up to the high school ranks.

Powell would defeat Owen Brooks of Dixon Reagan in his preliminary match, before falling to Dylan Russell of Sherrard in his second match. Carver would pick up a 6-4 decision win over Ronit Kapoor of Lake Zurich

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The MoMac FC soccer program is one of several community organizations that have benefitted from the proceeds of the Big Dawg Dare extreme 5K, which will be held Saturday, July 15, this year. The Big Dawg Dare committee purchased two regulation sized goals for the Litchfield-based team, which is made up of players from throughout Montgomery and Macoupin County.

Big Dawg Dare Ready For Year Six

In its first five years, more than 2,000 "Big Dawgs" have slogged through the obstacles of the extreme 5K course at Wolff Farms in Litchfield, the home of the Big Dawg Dare and if the early registrations are any indication, that number is going to increase significantly.

More than 220 people have already signed up to run the sixth annual Big Dawg Dare on Saturday, July 15, nearly as many that participated in the inaugural event in 2012.

While the first three editions of the obstacle run brought in more than 200 people each, the last two Big Dawg Dare races have blown up, averaging over 650 competitors to make it one of the premier obstacle runs in the area.

As has been the case the last several years, women have outnumbered the men in the early registrations by a significant margin. This year, as of noon on March 12, 132 women have already signed up for the race, compared to 91 on the men's side.

Each runner who signs up for the race will receive a T-shirt, cup, tote and a custom Big Dawg medal. The medals are a special addition this year as the Big Dawg Dare Committee has opted to stop the cash prizes this year and focus on keeping the entry fee to the race down.

The switch also allows the group to give back more to the community, which was race founder Brian Hollo's goal when the event was started six years ago.

"We wanted to be able to help the community," Hollo said. "So instead of giving cash to a few, we are utilizing part of that money to purchase nice heavy distinctive medals that we can give to everyone."

Proceeds from the Big Dawg Dare have gone to help more than two dozen community organizations, from high school teams to Toys for Tots to the Marine Corps League.

If the donations to the community are the icing, the event itself is the cake, which should be tastier than ever as the commit-

tee has made this year's course more challenging than last year. The new course promises more obstacles, more water and a more challenging trek through the field near the start of the course.

Waves begin at 8 a.m. and go off every half hour, with the last wave starting at 11:30 a.m. There is also a 2K Puppy Dawg Dare for beginners ages 10 and up. The waves are limited to the first 150 entrants, with the 9 a.m. wave already more than half full for the Big Dawg Dare.

In addition to the race, local musician Hunter Sharp will be playing at this year's race from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food and drinks are also available at the site and good views of the course are available throughout Wolff Farms.

The entry fee for this year's Big Dawg Dare is \$55 until March 31, with the cost going up by five dollars each of the next four months leading up to the race on July 15. Online registration, which is open until July 10, is available at bigdawgdare.com.



HSA Hosts Fourth Grade Basketball Tourney

The Hillsboro Sports Association recently sponsored a fourth grade basketball tournament held in Coffeen with a total of nine teams in the fourth grade bracket. Taylorville Threat won first place, and Raymond won second place. Pictured above are members of the Taylorville Threat team. Sitting in front are Ava Odam and Baron Odam. In the second row are Clark Durbin, Cooper Champley, Tucker Durbin and Drake Howard. In the back are Jeb Odam, Ian Stubbs, Jacob McWard, Shey Champley, Kade Beckmier and Rian Ebert.



From the Raymond-Harvel Sports Association team, in front, from the left, are Dorthy Lipscomb, Ava Reif, Cooper Poggenpohl, Jonah Elvidge, Donny Daugherty, Kristyn Pope and Anna Jones. In the back are Coach Joe Poggenpohl, Brayden Morris, Jared Klein, Kennady Clayton, Karson Hayes, Drew Gilpin, Coach Landon Hayes and Coach Nick Todt.

Boltz Attend Regional Championship

Two members of the Fusion Fitness and Aquatics Boltz USA Swim team traveled to Fort Natatorium at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington Feb. 25-26.

Shaw Riggs, 14, of Butler and Griffin Wright, 13, of Hillsboro were able to participate in the Regional Championship Swim Meet hosted by the Funky Fish Swim Club. Riggs qualified for and participated in the 100 freestyle and the 50 freestyle. He swam 100 free in 58.04 seconds and 50 free in 25.75 seconds. Wright qualified for and swam the 50 freestyle. His time in 50 free was 26.31 seconds. Riggs and Wright were the only teammates that qualified for events during this regional meet.

This meet signals the end of the 2016-2017 USA Swim Short Course Season. The shorter Long Course Season will begin the last week of April and run through regional championships in mid-July. Practices will begin soon.

The Boltz team has swim-

mers ranging in age from 7-17 and represent many of the towns in Montgomery, Bond and Macoupin Counties. For additional information, please contact par-

ent liaisons Kendra Wright at kendranwright@icloud.com/217-556-6890 or Jodi Speiser at jodispeiser492001@yahoo.com/217-556-8853.



Boltz teammates Shaw Riggs and Griffin Wright competed in the regional championship swim meet Feb. 25-26.



Ten boys and girls between the ages of nine and 14 were crowned champions of the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships in Nokomis on Saturday, March 4. In front, from the left, are Olivia Tosetti, Ali Fritz and Sammy Anderson. In the back row are Blaze Helton, Ryan Baugher, and Analise Best. Not pictured are Ian Keller, Nathan Matoush, Landon Engelman and Kendall Knodle.

KC Free Throw Winners Crowned In Nokomis

Ten boys and girls from ages nine to 14 were named District Champions at the 2017 Knights Of Columbus Free Throw Championship held Saturday, March 4, in Nokomis.

Ian Keller was crowned the boys' 9-year-old champion. Sammy Anderson of Staunton and Nathan Matoush of Hillsboro were the 10-year-old champions. Ali Fritz of Staunton and Blaze Helton of Hillsboro captured the 11-year-old division.

Olivia Tosetti of Nokomis and Ryan Baugher of Litchfield were the 12-year-old winners. Landon Engelman of Nokomis was the 13-year-old winner and Analise Best of Staunton and Kendall Knodle of Nokomis were the 14-year-old champions.

Each of these winners will compete in the regional competition to be held on Sunday, March 12, in Godfrey, with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.



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Lincolnwood Lancers
Monday, March 13
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Greenfield (Terry Park in Palmyra)
4:30 p.m. - Morrisonville Baseball at Warrensburg-Latham
Tuesday, March 14
4 p.m. - Morrisonville Baseball at Taylorville
*Lincolnwood and Morrisonville co-op for baseball, with home games played in Morrisonville.

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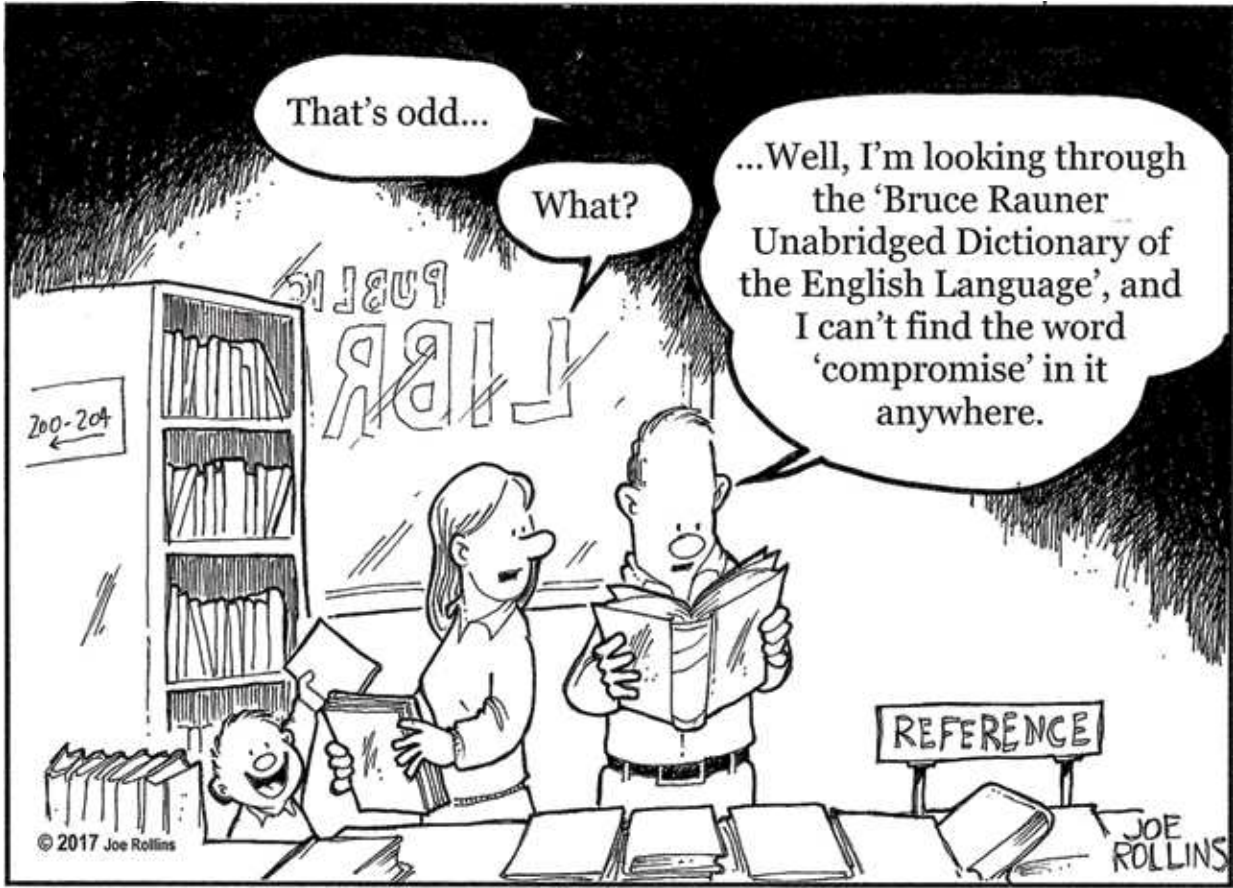
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COONRIDGE DIGEST • by Freida Marie Crump

We Must Listen To Each Other—Over Tea

Greetings from the Ridge.
DATELINE: Boston, May 11, 1773. A group of demonstrators, some disguised as Native Americans, destroyed an entire shipment of tea owned by the East India Company. They boarded the ships and threw the chests of tea into Boston Harbor. The act was the culmination of a resistance movement throughout British America against the Tea Act that had been passed by the British Parliament earlier this year.
Lord Mitch McConnell, leader of the Tory Party, responded immediately on the Colonial Fox Network by saying, "Winners make policy. Losers go home." He insisted that the losing party in the recent election should have no voice in American policy, adding, "They're just sore because they lost." Earlier this month Lord McConnell had local washerwoman, Lizzy Warren, silenced on the floor of Congress. McConnell said, "She was breaking tradition with her language. Besides that, she was a woman."
The head of the Colonial House Oversight Committee, Sir Jason Chaffetz, said that, "The men dressed as Indians were most likely from out of state. These were probably professional protestors hired by the so-called Revolutionary Party." When asked about why his committee wasn't investigating possible interference in the last Colonial election by the Tsar of Russia, he said, "That's a minor matter. I'm too busy looking into letters sent by a fishmonger named Clinton that were sent via an insecure pony express rider."
Meanwhile, King George of England responded by saying that, "The so-called Boston Tea Party didn't really happen. It's all fake news. I urge all my subjects to totally ignore everything they read in the press. The press is our enemy. From this day forward I decree that my people believe me and me alone."
History might have come out differently if we had stifled protests from the beginning. There's little doubt that the powers that be at the birth of our nation were just as irritated at people demanding to be heard as they are today, and when our senators and representatives traveled home to hear what their constituents had to say a couple of weeks ago, many of them wish they'd have stayed in Washington. Those who were met with angry protests began their hometown speeches with the

standard lie of, "It's great to live in a country where we allow this sort of free expression!" Translation: "Somebody get me out of here quick. Is there a back door to this place?"
Free expression is heartily encouraged and cheered when the speakers and protestors are touting our cause and when we disagree we resort to Lord McConnell's, "Losers go home." Both sides of the American political spectrum are vulnerable to this sort of hypocrisy. As the saying goes, it depends upon whose ox is being gored. However, it does seem especially ironic that the current political group who took their name from the historic Tea Party would be so quick to condemn acts of protest and civil disobedience today. It makes one wonder how the current Tea Party would have reacted to the original Tea Party.
McConnell has the cleverest method. Instead of holding open Town Hall meetings he charges \$60 for a lunch by reservation only. Three questions into his last "public meeting" he announced that he'd have to leave in ten minutes. And of course he gives no credence at all to those who disagree with him, saying, "They're sorry they lost the election."
Anyone who lived through the Civil Rights and Vietnam protests of earlier decades must surely realize that today's marches and rallies are more reasonable and civil than some of the times we've endured in the past, and a peek further back into our past would find ladies being pelted with rocks on the streets of New York City because they had the audacity to ask for the right to vote. And let's face it, our senators and representatives will listen most closely to those who can afford to take off in the middle of the day and plop down big bucks to be heard. This leaves only one response if we're to keep our democracy alive—we must continue to listen to each other. Our government is stumbling because the parties refuse to compromise. Let us not commit the same sin with our neighbors. I'd suggest sitting down and having a good chat—perhaps over a cup of tea.
You ever in Coonridge, stop by. We may not answer the door but you'll enjoy the trip.
In real life, Freida Marie Crump is Ken Bradbury, retired teacher, author, musician and playwright who hangs out in Arenzville.

GRANDMA'S DIARIES • by Carole (Best) Brown rosebudbooks@gmail.com

March 1950: Running For Non-Hi Director



March 1950 brings the last of winter weather, and by the end of the month some folks are starting to do a bit of gardening. Grandma and Grandpa celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with a family dinner and some nice gifts, including Grandma's favorite, a pop-up toaster. It's hard to remember when a pop-up toaster would have been a luxury item. Grandma's hitching a ride on the school bus is another example of how things have changed. Lots of rural folks regarded the school bus as a kind of mass transit for the county. It wasn't just school children who were passengers. I still am trying to figure out exactly what the Non-Hi Board was. If any readers have a clue, I would like to know. It may have had a relationship to smaller school districts giving up their high schools in the late 1930s, and they may have lasted until consolidation in the 1950s.
Wednesday, March 1, 1950: Baked a chiffon cake for our anniversary tomorrow.
Thursday, March 2, 1950: Fair day. I boiled beef and made boiled dumplings for dinner. Geraldine and Linda came bringing a beautiful bouquet of snap dragons, red roses and ferns for our 40th anniversary. Then Merle, Margaret and Jim came, and we had quite a dinner.
Saturday, March 4, 1950: I went to Litchfield with eggs (.35 two dozen) and cream. Emma Gray went with me. Irene Eckhoff was found between five and six this morning, paralyzed. She was taken to Hillsboro Hospital about six this evening. Cleve and Florence Robinson got back from California and Denver, CO, this afternoon.
Sunday, March 5, 1950: We went to Wayne's for dinner. They took several flash pictures of us. Merle's gave us a beautiful three tier white and pink wedding cake. Wayne's gave us a Sunbeam toaster-pop up, and George and Fern (Best) came. They brought us three piece refrigerator set and an angel food cake.
Monday, March 6, 1950: Clear day. I did a two weeks washing. Afternoon I took Hazel Marin, and we called at the Hillsboro Hospital to see Irene Eckhoff. She is paralyzed on her right side and can't talk. I brought the makings of my quilt home from Mrs. Mitts, Mrs. Keith came at night, and we put the quilt in the frames. Wayne got 20 acres of oats sowed.
Saturday, March 11, 1950: John Eckhoff reported that his mother spoke one word, "yes" this morning and fed herself her lunch. No improvement otherwise. Wreck of truck and car near Matilda Rehner's about 5:30 p.m. One woman seriously injured. Took Bert Campbell to the Litchfield Hospital tonight.
Sunday, March 12, 1950: We went to church and Sunday School. Started snowing about 10:30, then turned to tiny hail and freezing rain. Bad driving by evening and so many wrecks and accidents reported.
Wednesday, March 15, 1950: Fifteen for dinner at Helping Hand at Millie Peterson's. Quilted on Olive

Westcott's and my quilt. Eliza Turner took Olive's home with her. I left mine for a day or two. Mrs. Shockey, Alma and Grace Campbell joined Helping Hand. We went with Merle and Margaret to Coffeen to see the Elmore family. Ann Osborn stayed with Carole and Jim. Began raining before 7 p.m. and was still at it two hours later.
Thursday, March 16, 1950: Snow from the north-east, enough to cover the ground.
Friday, March 17, 1950: We took the eggs to Litchfield. Went after Wayne's eggs and got the petition for Carl to run again for Non-Hi director. Three more years are all the Non-Hi districts will last. Something else will then take place.
Sunday, March 19, 1950: Ice on everything, but weather became warmer and ice melted. We went to Sunday School. Had rain by noon. We intended to go to Hillsboro Hospital to see Irene Eckhoff, but the rain didn't let up. We did call at Cleve Robinson's. Mrs. Robinson's paralyzed eye is a little better. She can open it a wee bit.
Monday, March 20, 1950: Cloudy. I didn't wash. Quilted all my spare time.
Wednesday, March 22, 1950: Weather is so blustery. Mary Nimmons called and wanted us to come and eat birthday supper with her. We got our chores done early and went. The weather was better. I took the eggs (.38 a dozen) and cream to Litchfield. Margaret and Jim went along. We got eyelet embroidery to trim Carole's dress.
Saturday, March 25, 1950: Real nice day. I went with Ray Raines in the school bus to the Stein-Mitts public sale. Our Helping Hand served lunch. Kept Mary Nimmons and I busy heating water in the kitchen. We took in \$61. George and Fern (Best) with a lady from Detroit and another from Decatur called for an hour after we got home. The Detroit lady wants the Helping Hand to make her a quilt.
Sunday, March 26, 1950: I went to church and Sunday School, but Carl took most of the day to separate the largest of his shoats for Harold Anderson to get at three o'clock. I went to see Irene Eckhoff at the hospital in the afternoon. I went to the Henry Greenhouse also. Our Sunday School class will get Florence Robinson something for Easter. At night-fierce lightning in northwest. We went to Wayne's. Saw our wedding anniversary pictures. Some are fine.
Monday, March 27, 1950: Partly clear, but still windy. I washed. Quilted some. My lines are now connecting in the middle. Soon be done now. Went to Hillsboro after bread and meat. Carl needs someone to help hauling manure. Merle's finally came and Merle and Jim helped. Margaret quilted for a bit. I sent the film for our anniversary pictures away.
Carole (Best) Brown of Golconda provides Journal-News readers with this glimpse of the past from her grandmother, Mary Edith (Newport) Best, Butler farm wife. Carole may be reached at rosebudbooks@gmail.com.

LETTERS to the editor

The People's House Is No Longer

The guest column piece by former Indiana Representative Lee Hamilton in the Feb. 27 edition of *The Journal-News* was interesting.
The writer stressed that there is a threat to our representative democracy and he is correct on some things. Our country has not been so polarized and divided since 1865. The House of Representatives does not have to respond to their constituents in many cases because of the way the districts have been designed. "The People's House" is no longer the people's house because the elected representatives very rarely fear re-election. Many are never challenged, although the stockpiles begin for re-election the day after the current election. Money, money, money.
An example of the potential corruption perpetuated by money can be illustrated by the lack of donations to the Clinton Foundation since Nov. 8—down 37 percent, per *The New York Post*. A significant part of the Clinton Foundation, the Clinton Global Initiative, will lay off the last 22 employees and close its doors April 15 due to many foreign donors cancelling their commitments following the election loss of Hillary Clinton. Doesn't paint a great picture of "business" in Washington D.C. does it? The writer is correct: "our system is awash in money."
The statesmanship and honorable image of the senate has been

tarnished as well with all the flip-flopping that goes on depending on whose agenda is being attacked by whom. Very few senators, it seems, are consistent in their views. Just check out the witch hunt going on these days. Russia was good when the Democrats did "the Russian reset." Now they're bad again since Clinton lost. The Obama administration said there was no evidence that Russia influenced the election, and yet even that's not good enough. I don't recall anyone calling for President Obama's resignation after it was revealed that his administration interfered in Israel's election. The hypocrisy is ridiculous.
Although Congress was mentioned in the article along with "presidents of both parties," other than Vietnam, all the events listed happened under Republican presidents. Funny that none of the failures of the late 1970s, or corruption of the late 1990s was worthy of mention. Why was there no mention of the POTUS going straight to the golf course after announcing the beheading of American journalist James Foley? That builds confidence! My point here, is that the bipartisanship, and working together to solve issues that he says is needed, is overshadowed by the subliminal blame he seems to place on the other side of the aisle.
I wonder what Mr. Hamilton's idea of making the voting process more secure is. Voter ID laws

maybe? I doubt it. The statement "legislative attempts to limit access to the franchise" seemingly refers to voter ID laws and his opposition to them. Vote early, vote often as the joke goes. More and more it is being reported that non-citizens have voted, illegal in all 50 states, yet the Democrats fight tooth and nail against voter ID laws. These non-citizens should be expelled from the country. Ohio recently levied a fine of \$300 for one of the five people prosecuted out of the hundreds of non-citizens who voted in recent elections since 2011. No one spent any time in jail. Wow, harsh right? But it's a start.
One of the biggest fallacies in our country today is that voter ID laws are racist, voter ID laws denigrate the poor, voter fraud is not a problem, etc. It's unbelievable, insulting, and disgustingly dishonest. And yet Mr. Hamilton decries the churlish nature, and the lack of ability of Congress to work together to resolve issues. You'd think he would know better considering he served 34 years in Washington D.C. and maybe that's the key here: term limits with no pensions. Maybe that would restore the integrity of Congress and raise their dismal 19 percent approval rating. Maybe then, our representatives and senators will once again worry about what their constituents think.
Billie J. Michael
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We Hope To See You At Ag Job Fair On Friday

The Montgomery County Farm Bureau and Lincoln Land Community College have put together an Agricultural Job Fair for our communities.
The job fair will be held March 17, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the MCFB Building, 102 North Main Street in Hillsboro. The FB building is located on the west side of the Old Courthouse Square.
Several businesses from around the county have agreed to attend:

Farm Service Agency (FSA), Midway Trailer Sales, McKay's Napa Auto Parts, M&M Service Company, Illinois Farm Bureau, Neuhaus Heating and A/C, Brandt Consolidated, Effingham Equity, Fleming Tawfall & Co., International Filter, Sarco Hydraulics Inc., Midwest Tractor Sales, Borig Hog Farms, Sloan Implement, HSHS St. Francis Hospital, Rural King, Lincoln Land Community College.

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