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Litchfield School Board Plans Retreat

Members of the Litchfield School Board will meet tonight, Monday, Feb. 29, for a board of education retreat meeting. The meeting, which will be open in part to the public, begins at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Litchfield High School.

"Based on several items discussed at the most recent board meeting, the board of education is holding a special board meeting for the purpose of discussion only," according to Litchfield Superintendent Jeff Striker.

Among the items to be discussed are a review of the Fogleman Farms Trust and scholarship program, a preview of the Illinois State Board of Education training on April 2 and a program overview of the QZAB (Quality Zone Academy) program bonds.

"With these three items, no action will be taken," Striker said. "The intent is to further educate the board on these topics, allowing them to engage in discussion, rather than me providing it to them electronically."

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Choir To Host Glass Slipper 5K On March 19

The Hillsboro High School Choir will be hosting their second annual 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, March 19, at 8 a.m. at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

This year, the theme is "The Glass Slipper 5K: Run Like It's Midnight." Prizes will be given for the best princess costumers. Participants may run or walk, and the race will not be officially timed.

Registration is \$20 and comes with a shirt if payment and form is received to Amy Lemons at Hillsboro High School by Friday, March 4. A shirt is not guaranteed if payment and form are received after that date.

Registration forms are available at the high school office or Probst Veterinary Clinic. Participants may mail the form to Lemons at the high school or turn it in to the high school office. For more information, contact Lemons at alemons@hillsboroschools.net.



'Brushville' With Greatness For CEO Students

The *Brushville* concert put on by the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students was a rocking success Saturday evening at the Hillsboro High School gym. With a crowd of approximately 800 the concert was a business venture by the students and successfully earned the group about \$8,500. Montgomery County CEO is a part of The Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship program that is dedicated to providing entrepreneurial leadership in communities across the country. Montgomery CEO is filled with Montgomery County high school juniors and seniors who were selected through a rigorous application process. The program provides an opportunity for each student to start their own individual business which must be fully financed with their own funding. In addition, the students are required to collaborate and create a class business to raise seed money to help offset the costs for their individual businesses.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto

Litchfield Chamber Will Again Host 'Choices' Program

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce will be providing the Choices Education Program for the benefit of the Litchfield Middle School eighth grade students on Tuesday, March 8, and wishes to thank Bank & Trust Co. for generously sponsoring the program again this year, as they have in the past.

The Choices Program focuses on keeping teens in school, motivates them toward their education and future and introduces them to practical life skills to help them succeed. During a two hour session, local business volunteers will take students through exercises on academic self-discipline, time

and money management, goal setting, the consequences of dropping out and the opportunities gained by staying in school.

Chamber Director Dawn Pezold would also like to thank the participating volunteers this year: Cheryl Nickerson and Roger Krabbe of Bank &

Trust Co., Jennifer Bitter of First National Bank of Litchfield, Shane Grammer with the city of Litchfield Police Department, Tiffany Jarman of Unique Personnel Consultants and Steve Bryant of Community Directories Inc.

"Several of the presenters have been volunteering with

the Choices Program for years and have expressed how truly rewarding the experience is and feel their efforts really do make a difference," said Pezold. "After the program, the students fill out a survey. I am always amazed how much of an impact it seems to have had on so many of them."



Students Still Jumping With All Their Heart

Students at Beckemeyer Elementary in Hillsboro jumped and jumped and jumped some more Friday morning during the annual Jump Rope For Heart playday. This year was extra special for the kids and PE teacher Marilyn Prange (seated) as she will be retiring after 30 years of teaching and fundraising with over \$150,000 collected for the American Heart Association between Beckemeyer and Coffeen schools. Above, with banners celebrating years past on the wall, Prange quickly spins the jumping sticks during a challenge between fifth grade boys.

Journal-News/Pavel Slepicka

Hillsboro Restaurant Owner Begins Tax Evasion Sentence

A Hillsboro businessman reported to the Illinois Department of Corrections Friday morning, Feb. 26, after pleading guilty to evading more than \$40,000 in sales tax payments to the state, according to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan.

Long Clayton, 50, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty in Montgomery County Circuit Court to one count of sales tax evasion and one count of aggravated identity theft, both of which are Class 2 felonies. Clayton was sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections and agreed to pay restitution of \$44,934.68 to the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) as well as \$2,030.11 to Ameren Illinois.

As the owner of the Cozy Cafe in Hillsboro, Clayton allegedly convinced current and former employees to register the café under their names in order to use their Illinois business tax numbers to report sales in an attempt to evade paying more than \$40,000 in taxes, Madigan said. Clayton fraudulently used those business tax numbers due to his own business tax number being revoked

by IDOR for delinquency in paying previous taxes. Clayton also allegedly fraudulently used a Social Security number of a former employee with a developmental disability to open a utility account through Ameren Illinois.

"This defendant has illegally profited at the expense of the state and his employees," Madigan said. "Business owners that violate state tax laws will be held accountable."

"Individuals who defraud our tax system and commit acts of forgery must be held accountable," Revenue Director Connie Beard added. "I applaud the efforts of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Division, as well as the Attorney General's Office in this case. My office will continue to work with the Attorney General to ensure that lawbreakers are held accountable and that full restitution is paid on behalf of taxpayers."

The case was investigated by IDOR's Criminal Investigations Division and referred to Madigan's office for prosecution. Assistant Attorney General Gregory Stucka handled the case for Madigan's Special Prosecutions Bureau.

Weather Report			
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Obituaries

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Gary White, 57 Enjoyed Playing Guitar

Gary Lynn White, 57, of Litchfield died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, at 9:43 a.m. in his home.



Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 29, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 1, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Elm Lawn Cemetery in Litchfield. Mr. White was born on Sept. 8, 1958, in Litchfield, the son of Ernest Lewis and Shirley Jean (Ferrari) White. He married Michele Irene Bundy on Aug. 9, 1980, at the First Baptist Church in Litchfield, and she survives.

He was a union carpenter and worked out of Union Local #725 in Litchfield. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, enjoyed playing his guitar and had played with the bands "Hard Luck" and "Free & Easy" in his younger years. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grand-

children. In addition to his wife, Mr. White is survived by one son, Trevor (Ashley) White; three daughters, Meghan Diamond (companion Scott Pace), Ashley (Benjamin) Stockstill and Kendra White; his mother, Shirley Ernst; two brothers, Ernest (Janet) White and Kelly (Lisa) White; four sisters, Peggy (Earl) Himstedt, Sabina (Daniel) Webster, Marijane (Michael) Zimmerman, all of Litchfield, and Tammy (Stephen) Mowry of Harrison, AR; and 11 grandchildren, Hayden, Madison and Tyler Diamond, Devin and Kailyn White, Kyra, Keilana and Kalie Kircher, Abigail and Hailie Stockstill and Kelby White.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorials may be directed to the family of Gary L. White c/o Michele White. To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

C. Tom Larson, 75 Past MC Health Administrator

C. Tom Larson, 75, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2016, at his residence in Nokomis.

Funeral services for Mr. Larson are scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, at 10 a.m. in the Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. Father Dan Willenborg will officiate. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 1, at Stiehl-Dawson's from 5 until 7 p.m.

Mr. Larson was born on Aug. 17, 1940, to Carl A. and Mary (Sauerbier) Larson in Nokomis in the same house in which he lived his entire life. After earning a master's degree from the University of Minnesota in Public Health Administration, Mr. Larson was hired as assistant administrator at Tay-

lorville Hospital. He then became administrator of the Montgomery County Health Department in Hillsboro in 1972, retiring in 1999. The original building of the health department complex along Route 185 was dedicated in his honor for his years of service and dedication.

He enjoyed working on his house, and especially had a knack for growing roses. He also enjoyed doing cut glass work.

Mr. Larson is survived by one sister, Mary C. "Punky" Larson and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be directed to either the St. Louis Catholic School or to St. Jude Hospital.

Mary Beth Glenn, 67 Enjoyed Gardening And Reading

Mary Beth Glenn, 67, of Wagoner died at St. John's Hospital in Springfield at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 27, at Staab Funeral Home in Springfield with Chandler Huffman officiating. Burial was at Farmington Cemetery in Farmingdale.

Mrs. Glenn was born on Nov. 21, 1948, in St. Louis, the daughter of Elwood and Helen Stewart. She married Danny Glenn in Springfield on Aug. 26, 1967. She was proud to have been a stay-at-home mom to raise her children. For the past 20 years she was the office manager of her and her husband's small family business.

Mrs. Glenn was baptized in

1975 as one of Jehovah's Witnesses and was a member of the Auburn Congregation. She enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, reading and playing video games with her grandchildren.

She is survived by three daughters, Julie (Jim) Thome, Cindy (Casey) Quartermous and Laurie (Tim) Johnson; five grandchildren, Kimberly Magon, Logan Thome, Madisen Johnson, Peyton Johnson and Quenten Johnson; and three sisters, Nancy Tannehill, Ruth Carswell and Patricia Lynch.

Memorial donations may be made to the local Kingdom Hall to support the world wide work of Jehovah's Witnesses. Donations can also be sent in care of Staab Funeral Home.

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Martha (McCario) Schumacher

Jean Hamister, 87 Enjoyed Needlework

Jean Hamister, 87, of Hillsboro died at 8:06 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, at Hillsboro Rehab and Health Care in Hillsboro.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Hamister was born in Ithaca, NY, on April 23, 1928, the daughter of the late Warren and Jean (Lindsay) Rumsey. She married John M. Hamister in Ithaca, NY, on Sept. 13, 1958, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 2008.

She lived in Hillsboro during her lifetime, was a high school



graduate and attended two years of college. She was a homemaker and also assisted with registration of voters.

Mrs. Hamister was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. She enjoyed needlework, playing cards and spending Friday nights with friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (husband Edward) Boyd of Hillsboro; and brother, Don Rumsey.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Send condolences online to basspattondeanf.com.

Margaret Elliott, 83 Avid Bridge Player

Margaret Louise Elliott, 83, of Hillsboro died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Private funeral services will be held, and burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield.

Mrs. Elliott was born on May 25, 1932, the daughter of the late George and Georgia Nimmons. She married John R. Elliott at St. Timothy Methodist Church in Litchfield on May 23, 1954, and he preceded her in death on July 8, 1994.

She graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1950. She had worked as a legal secretary for Kinder and Cooper Law Firm in Litchfield, as a court reporter and stenographer and she managed

the Elliott family farm.

Mrs. Elliott and her husband also owned an artificial flower business and a gift gallery. She was a member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, an active member of the Phi Sigma Nu sorority in Litchfield and an avid bridge player.

She is survived by three sons, Kevin, Tim and Mike; sister, Dorothy Wire; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Warren and Byron Nimmons; and sister, Addie Sammons.

Memorials may be made to Hillsboro Public Library.

Evelyn Kaye Kean, 61 Complete Obit Next Issue

Evelyn Kaye (Jett) Kean, 61, of Litchfield died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016, at 1:52 p.m. in her residence.

A private family visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, from 4 until 6 p.m. at the Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Her remains will be cremated and a

graveside committal service will be conducted Friday, March 4, at 2 p.m. in Elmwood Cemetery, Litchfield.

The full obituary will be published in Thursday's *Journal-News* and posted both to the paper's website and www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

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Montgomery County VAC To Meet March 7

The Montgomery County Veterans Assistance Commission will hold a regular full commission meeting on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex building, located at 201 S. Main Street in Hillsboro.

Guests will be Heather Hampton+Knodle and 4-H Wreaths Across America.

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Tony Munos, Jr., 58 Loved Model Railroading



Tony E. Munos, Jr., 58, of Phoenix, AZ, who has ties to the area, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix. A Celebration of Life service was held Thursday, Feb. 25, at Hansen Mortuary in Phoenix. Burial was in National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Mr. Munos was born on Dec. 28, 1957, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Greene County, OH, the son of Tony Munos, Sr. and Marilyn Munos.

After high school in Alabama, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served as a Morse systems supervisor/evaluator at San Vito Air Station in Italy (two tours) and Homestead Air Force Base in Florida. He also was a student training advisor at Lowery Air Force Base in Denver.

Mr. Munos studied at the Community College of the Air Force. He was the recipient of many USAF awards and medals including AF Training Ribbon, AF Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, AF Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster, AF Outstanding Unit Award, AF Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and AF Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

He separated honorably from the Air Force in 1987 at the rank of staff sergeant. His career after the Air Force included a variety of positions for many technology companies including Planning Research Company (PRC), British Telecommunications (BT), Concert (a joint venture between BT and MCI), Qwest/LCI International, Global TeleSystems (GTS), TriCom/TMNG, and Level 3 Communications.

In July 2005, Mr. Munos accepted a position at Cisco Systems in Phoenix, relocating from Denver. Before moving to Denver to work

with Level 3, he was a longtime resident of Northern Virginia. At Cisco, he was a solutions architect and part of the Cisco Advanced Services organization. In July 2015, he celebrated his tenth anniversary with Cisco.

He was the recipient of numerous awards and commendations throughout his career. He was a hard core believer in the Minnesota Vikings, a team he loved since childhood. He rarely missed a game and enjoyed joining his Vikings clan on Sundays to cheer "SKOL VIKES!" at Four Peaks Brewery in Temple, AZ. He also became the most passionate Florida Gator fan ever, far surpassing the enthusiasm of his wife, Carole Relick, a University of Florida graduate, and joining her in becoming a proud member of the Gator Nation.

Mr. Munos enjoyed many hobbies. At the top of the list was his love of model railroading. He was a member of the Arizona Model Railroading Society (AMRS) in Glendale, AZ, and served as N scale assistant superintendent. He also kept busy designing and perfecting his own layout in his "Man Cave" at home.

He is survived by his wife, Carole Relick; three children from a previous marriage: sons, Theodore (Rachel) Dryden and Michael Dryden; five grandchildren; father, Tony Sr.; sister, Deborah; brother, Phillip (Bambi); and many cousins in the area.

Mr. Munos was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn, on Jan. 29, 2007; and grandparents, Tony and Jane Munos and Harold and Edith Elam, all formerly of Taylor Springs.

Donations in his name may be made to the Arizona Model Railroading Society (AMRS) or the Arizona Patriot Guard Riders.

AWWW YEAH

Math 3 Students Figure Price Per Skittle



The Math 3 class taught by Mrs. France took a field trip to the grocery store. The class identified items that were priced per pound. They calculated the best buy on pre-packaged items, as well as the different prices on the different sizes of the same item. The highlight was counting Skittles in a package and finding the price per Skittle, \$.0087 in the large package. Then they calculated calories per Skittle—four. Then of course, students ate the project.

Consumer Education classes had a guest speaker discuss "neurolinguistic programming" to start students in the unit of obtaining and keeping careers. The guest speaker focused on job interviews, attitudes and the importance of their future choices including college types. Next, students completed online tests to learn their interests, aptitudes, personality traits and learning styles. The program gave each student a list of careers they might possibly be interested in according to their results of these tests and students spent time researching the choices and the colleges that offered degrees in these types of careers. Next, students developed productive resumes for themselves with cover letters along with a list of references all using business format. Successful interview tips with many practice questions and answers were also discussed and practiced.

Computer Application classes started this semester in Microsoft Excel. Students created spreadsheets and learned different techniques to format the spreadsheet with many real world practice scenarios to utilize the many functions available in this program. In addition, students utilized the

chart function to make a variety of graphs to display the spreadsheet information.

Multimedia 2 worked on updating the school district web page. Also, this semester students are working in DreamWeaver to create web pages and using HTML5.5, Bootstrap and CSS programming languages to enhance their DreamWeaver web pages and to create other interactive web sites. In addition to these programming languages, students are starting to learn Python language as well to enhance their web pages.

In anatomy, students are learning about the heart. Ironically, every year around Valentine's Day, the anatomy class dissects hearts in order to learn about heart structure and function. Due to Valentine's Day occurring during the heart dissections, the class discusses the origin of "love" and discovers that "love" is not a function of the heart, but is a brain phenomenon. Yet, students don't foresee the brain replacing the heart on Valentine's Day cards anytime soon, though it would be more accurate.

Mr. Tuetken's American history classes are studying World War II. But along with that, February is Black History month, and all students have chosen an important African American and will do a presentation in front of the class. The students will give their presentation the last week of February. Students have made many different choices, from athletes to musicians to historical figures. We are looking forward to the presentations at the end of the month.

In English II, students have been discussing the importance of words. They have been "book talking" a new novel each day to encourage personal reading and focusing on improving writing skills.

Clara Borgic, 85 Enjoyed Collecting Dolls

Clara Jane Borgic, 85, of Pana died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 1, from 10:30 a.m. until funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pana. The Rev. Rodney A. Schwartz will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Pana. McCracken-Dean Funeral Home in Pana is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Borgic was born on Feb. 26, 1930, in Dunkel, the daughter of the late Ben H. and Mary (Swiney) Kramer. She married Wayne Borgic on Nov. 25, 1967, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pana, and he survives in Pana.

She lived in the Assumption and Pana areas her entire life and was a graduate of Assumption High School. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church



in Pana. Mrs. Borgic had worked at JC Penney as a bookkeeper. She also took care of her father until he passed away and helped her husband on the farm.

She enjoyed collecting dolls, sewing and made many of her own clothes. She liked dogs and always had a dog from the time she was a small child. She especially liked collies.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Borgic is survived by her sister, Kathryn Lehn of Pana; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ben Kramer.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart School or Pana Community Hospital Foundation. Light a virtual candle or send condolences to the family at www.mdfh.com.

Next Sensory Friendly Film March 5

Eisentraut Theatres and The Autism Support Connection (TASC) have teamed up to once again offer a "sensory friendly film" at the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Hillsboro on Saturday, March 5.

Disney's *Zootopia* will be shown at 1 p.m., and this movie event is open to all families who have a loved one who is unable to attend a regular viewing due to sensory issues.

For this movie, TASC will cover the cost of the film, including one popcorn and soda per person. Soda and popcorn will be sold

separately for anyone interested.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable environment, the auditorium lights will be left on during the movie and the sound will be turned down lower. Families are also invited to bring their own gluten-free or casein-free snacks. Seating will be limited, and audience members are welcome to move about and dance, walk, shout or sing.

For more information, contact Lynn Sellers at (217) 556-9535 or Kim Draper at (217) 710-3598 or by email at tascillinois@gmail.com.

Litchfield School Board

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"Given that we have three new board members and a new superintendent, the time together discussing these topics will enable

greater coherence," the superintendent continued.

Following the discussion, the board will enter into closed session to discuss personnel matters, as well as student discipline.

Avery Bourne Appointed To Education Task Force

Representative Avery Bourne was recently appointed to the Education Funding Task Force, which held their first meeting in Springfield. The newly formed task force is a bipartisan effort to help craft a legislative plan to equitably fund education throughout Illinois.

Bourne is proud to be a strong voice for downstate Illinois on this task force and is working closely with local educators and superintendents in this effort.

"As an advocate for education funding reform, I am honored to be on this task force," said Bourne. "As a state, we need to make sure

every student, regardless of where they're born, has the same educational opportunities."

The Education Trust, a non-partisan advocacy group, found Illinois' school funding system to be the nation's most unfair. The current funding formula hasn't been updated in 20 years, even though many of the dynamics in the state have changed. Governor Rauner and Senate President Cullerton have both endorsed the idea of changing the state school funding formula.

The Education Funding Task Force in the House will continue to meet throughout the spring.

TS Board Member Clarifies Reason For Water Surveys

In response to concerns of some Taylor Springs residents following the article submitted and published in the Feb. 25 issue of *The Journal-News*, Taylor Springs Village Board member Nancy Richardson wanted to clarify information it contained.

"The Taylor Springs Board has not discussed increasing water or sewer rates or taxes to pay for a sewer project. At some point, the village sewers are going to need

expensive repairs and updating, which is why it is so important for income surveys to be returned. Without this participation, the village has no opportunity to apply for any available grants."

Any village water user who needs a survey may obtain one at the Taylor Springs Village Hall. They should be completed and returned as soon as possible. For more information, call Richardson at 532-2384.

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Mar. 7	4-H Video Game Design Club, 4-5 p.m., National Bank, Main St., Hillsboro
Mar. 7	4-H Sr. Robotics Club, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 8	Master Gardeners Meeting, 4 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 10	Slow Cooker Class, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 14	4-H Video Game Design Club, 4-5 p.m., National Bank, Main St., Hillsboro
Mar. 14	4-H Sr. Robotics Club, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Extension office
Mar. 17	4-H Sewing Club Session 2, 6:30-8 p.m., Extension office

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Memorial To Hold Free Nursing Camp In July

Memorial Medical Center is accepting applications for a free, four-day summer camp for high school students interested in a nursing career.

Now in its 15th year, Memorial's Teens Experiencing Nursing (TEN) camp will be held July 26-29 at Memorial Medical Center. The program begins with an orientation and an overview of the nursing profession. Participants will visit the hospital's Simulation Center in the Memorial Center for Learning and Innovation, where students will learn and practice basic nursing skills.

Students will also have the opportunity to job shadow and interact with nursing staff on several nursing units throughout Memorial, including maternity, dialysis, emergency, intensive care and the Regional Burn Center.

"TEN Camp participants receive a hands-on opportunity to experience nursing education and nursing practice," said Stacey Hull, workforce development consultant for Memorial Health System. "We're looking for the best and brightest high school students interested in pursuing a nursing career."

TEN Camp is limited to 30 students. Campers are expected

to attend all four days of the camp and may not leave the camp for any reason other than a family emergency.

Students will need to complete an application, which includes a school counselor reference, written permission from parents or guardians and an essay explaining why they want to become a nurse. Applications are available from local high school guidance counselors. The deadline for applications is April 1.

For additional information, contact Memorial's Workforce Development Department at 217-788-6254 (MCLI).

Gym Organizers Seeking Input

An area group is seeking information about local interest in a 24 hour gym. The gym would have cardio, circuit and strength/free-weight equipment and be competitively priced according to the organizers.

If interested respond via email to 24gymsurvey@gmail.com.

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4A - Monday, February 29, 2016



Class members participating in debates at Hillsboro Junior High.

AWWW YEAH

HJHS Debates, Art Show, And Music Contest



Eighth grade students began learning the debate process in Ms. Rozmisiewicz's literature class.

Students were able to choose partners, teams, topics, and which side of the debate to be on. Students used the computer lab and the Chrome books to research their topics, making sure to research both sides of the topic in order to effectively debate the topic thoroughly. Students were required to write a thesis statement and create an outline of their positions.

Debates were presented to the class with other students acting as the audience and asking questions. Many teachers came during their prep time in order to be a part of the audience. Some debates became quite lively and were thought provoking, possibly even thought changing. Several students deliberately chose a side they did not agree with as they knew that would make them research the topic even more.

Students are hoping there is time in the school year in order to do more debates and yes, to do more research on a topic that interests them—probably due to the sanctioned "arguing."

The halls of HJHS are always full of brightly colored art work thanks to Ms. Butler and her art students. Now is the chance to see some of that talent. Ms. Butler will host an art show at HJHS on March 18 from 6-8. Student art will be displayed in the halls and awards will be given for first, second, and third place. Come out and see the great work they are doing and support the students of HJHS.

Saturday, March 12, is the choir's 2016 Illinois Grade School Music Association solo and ensemble contest. Choir members, under the direction of Mrs. Lemons will be performing as soloists or in small ensembles. Hillsboro has 50 different events entered and each event is open to the public. Events will be scored by a judge based on the quality of the performance.

Litchfield PTO Will Hold Cosmic Bingo Fundraiser

The Litchfield PTO will hold a Cosmic Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, March 12, at the Litchfield Community Center, 1100 S. State St. Participants must be 18 years or older to attend.

The evening's activities will include glow-in-the-dark Bingo, a live DJ and more than \$1,000 in cash prizes.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and include a glow hat, dobber and six Bingo cards. An

additional six Bingo cards may be purchased for \$5. Participants may bring their own snacks and drinks.

For tickets or more information, contact Cathy at 217-204-5402, Amber at 702-306-3078, DeDe at 217-710-6572, Katie at 217-710-9248 or Amanda at 217-556-9581. Tickets are also available at the Briar Rose, Key Largo and Litchfield Chiropractic Care. More information may also be found on the group's Facebook page.

Birth

Brittany Denny and Tim Davidson of Hillsboro announce the birth of their son, Parker Michael Dean Davidson, born at 2:12 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 6 lbs., 5 ozs. and was 19.5 ins. long.

Parker joins big brothers, Rickey Denny, eight, and Jayben Denny, three; and big sisters, Elexis Davidson, eight, and Faith Denny, ten.

Maternal grandparents are Kent and Nance Breuchaud of Gillespie and Marie Breuchaud of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Kim and Mike Davidson of Hillsboro.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Mary Aymond, the late Granville Floyd, Lu Breuchaud of Greenville and the late Don Breuchaud. Paternal great-grandparents are Merle and Betty White and James and Joana Davidson.

Sew And Show Stitchers Will Meet Tuesday

The Sew and Show Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

Future workshops, projects and trips will be discussed. Bring quilts/projects for show and tell.

Quilters and those interested in learning to quilt are welcome to attend.

Christiana Tillson Chapter To Honor Winners Saturday

The March meeting of Christiana Tillson Chapter NSDAR will begin with a brunch at 10 a.m. at the Challacombe House on Saturday, March 5.

Guests include the winners of the history essay contest, grades 5-8, and the DAR Good Citizens from area high schools along with their parents.

The brunch will be followed by introductions and presentation of certificates to the students.

Burdell Earns Nursing Degree

Hannah Burdell, a native of Litchfield, received a BSN nursing degree from the University of Iowa at the close of the fall 2015 semester.



Homeschool Club Learns About Hidden Sugar

The 4-H Homeschool Club met Friday, Feb. 26, at the Extension office for their monthly meeting with about 20 children in attendance. Sara Merano taught them how to read food labels and look for hidden sugar. The students then participated by selecting a food item and trying to identify added sugar. The Homeschool Club meets the fourth Friday of every month at the Extension office in Hillsboro from 9 to 10 a.m. It is open to youth ages 5-18 and is usually focused on social interaction and science. For more information on how to join, contact Elisha Hughes at ehugh2@illinois.edu or 217-532-3941. The club will meet next on March 25, and the lesson will be on identifying parts of plants. Everyone will go home with plants to watch grow.



Pictured above are Farmersville Grade School Young Author winners. Front row, from the left, are Izabel Witt, Marley Hewitt, Phoenix Eckhardt, Ben Barker, CJ Matthews, Drew Riemann, Charlee Wood, Peyton Elvidge, Paxton Walch, Byron Hudgins, Emma Millburg and Brody Meisner. In the back are Zayne Lutz, Kolby Matli, Zachary Boehler, Adysen Creasey, Kelsey Suffern, Bryce Cowdrey, Eden Hopper, Rylan Gorman, Carter Arnold, Addy Beal, Camryn Poggenpohl and Tori Elvidge.

FGS Names Young Author Winners

This year, 74 students in the Panhandle District wrote and submitted stories for the Young Authors Program, including 24 kindergarten and first grade students from Farmersville Grade School.

Teachers and faculty members read and determine the winning stories, and every child who submits a story gains the experience of writing. By creating and writing a story, children learn to organize their thoughts and use written language to communicate with readers in a variety of ways.

Listed below are the top three winners from each class:

Kindergarten - Bethard
Third - Phoenix Eckhardt, *My*

Favorite Colors
Second - CJ Matthews, *Counting to 100*

First - Paxton Walch, *The Ghostbusters: We Love Our Town*
Honorable Mention - Ben Barker, *The Adventure of the Three Little Pigs*; Marley Hewitt, *New Years*; Emma Millburg, *Zebra and Lion*; Izabel Witt, *Frozen Pigs*

Kindergarten - Smith
Third - Brody Meisner, *My Robot Birthday Party*

Second - Charlee Wood, *The Princess and the Unicorn*
First - Peyton Elvidge, *Princess June's Puppy*
Honorable Mention - Byron Hudgins, *Counting Dinosaurs*; Drew Riemann, *Playing in the Dirt*

First Grade - Allen
Second - Kelsey Suffern, *Winter Book*

First - Addy Beal, *Super Dog*
First Grade - Reid
Third - Rylan Gorman, *The Girl That Was Lost*

Second - Camryn Poggenpohl, *Getting First Place*

First - Carter Arnold, *Grasshopper's Big Adventure*
Honorable Mention - Zachary Boehler, *Lego Superheroes*; Bryce Cowdrey, *The Hunt With My Dad*; Adysen Creasey, *Come Quick Flash*; Tori Elvidge, *The Lost Kitten*; Eden Hopper, *Missions of San Antonio*; Zayne Lutz, *Captain America Saves the Universe*; Kolby Matli, *Flash's New Bike*

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FILLMORE NEWS • by Priscilla McDowell 538-2360

Bingham Couple Visit St. Thomas On February Trip



Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life.

Ruth McDonald visited Janice Kirk on Friday. Janice and Mar-ian Kimbro at- tended the visitation Monday for Julie Himes.

Shirley Stokes attended Zoey Cook's ball game in Taylorville Thursday. Mike and Susan, Tom and Michelle spent the weekend with Shirley.

Visitors here have been Evelyn Livingston, Harry Kirk, Roger Corrington, Arno, Alan, Nancy and Chuck McDowell.

Trip to St. Thomas

We traveled to St. Louis on Feb. 1 to spend the night. We were up by 4 a.m. to go to the airport. Had small breakfast at hotel. Took shuttle to airport, checked bags. Got on plane about 6:30, landed in Atlanta about 9:30, had about one and a half hour layover. Boarded around 11 a.m. Got to St. Thomas about 3:30, got taxi with about eight other girls. Taxi prices are outrageous. Thirty-five dollars for ten miles. So much per person and so much for your luggage.

Made it to resort around 4:30, checked in. The resort had two restaurants, one casual and one more fancy. We checked the casual one out and ordered a pizza, which was pretty good. Feb. 3, we were up and checking out the pool and beach. In the 80s early, checked out the activities, signed up to go to Margaritaville on Thursday and

to take a tour on Friday.

We decided to check out the neighborhood and came back. Some people were standing out talking. I asked if they knew of a grocery store close by. They gave us a cold beer and said they had a car and would take us down to one at Red Hook. Got some groceries and other supplies around \$100.

Thursday, Feb. 4, met at lobby for the ride to Margaritaville. Spent all day over there. We ate at restaurant. I had some good jambalaya and Nancy had blackened chicken. While there, we walked to Coco Beach, swam and saw some yellow striped fish. Coco Beach is one of the favorite sterling beaches. We got back to resort and went down to hot tub to soak.

Friday, Feb. 5, met at lobby to go on tour with David. Left about 8:45. First stop was an overlook of Charlotte Amalie. Saw a couple of cruise ships and had a photo taken with a donkey named Monica Lewinsky. Went to mountain top for their world famous banana daiquiris, bought some souvenirs for kids and grandkids. Then to downtown, saw Blackbeard Castle, ate at local restaurant, had jerked chicken. Went shopping, got buddies H-D shirts. Then we loaded up and went to Megan's Bay to swim and relax. Got back to resort around 4 p.m. We went down to Sangria, the casual restaurant, and ate. Then to hot tub and met some people from Philadelphia, PA, who had come for two days.

Saturday, Feb. 6, went to gym then to beach and saw a lemon

shark. Went up at noon and ate, then to pool for rest of day. There were three or four big iguanas that hung out by the pool. Then met about 6:30 p.m. for a taxi that took us grocery shopping. Another \$100.

Sunday, Feb. 7, Super Bowl. Ate breakfast, went down to get on computer but some guys were on it and wouldn't get off. They had a get together on beach, had Painkiller Rum punch, Bloody Mary and banana bread, etc. Went back to room, had a sandwich, read and took a nap. They had a Super Bowl party on beach. Met up with the people that took us to grocery store. Pat, Nancy, Todd and Barb; they were from Thief Fall River, Minnesota. Broncos won.

Monday, Feb. 8, got taxi and went to Red Hook and took boat over to St. John. We walked around the little town by boat dock looking for some more souvenirs, but didn't find anything. I had BBQ ribs at the Cowboy Bar. Nancy had pulled pork. Took 2 o'clock ferry back to St. Thomas. Shopped down by Red Hook. Took taxi back to resort. Nancy's sister Janet texted her and said their mom wasn't very good. Checked about plane tickets, etc.

Tuesday, Feb. 9, up and showered. Checked computer and Marilyn was some better. Got taxi, went back up to mountain top. Got all of our souvenirs bought. Got back around 11, went down and did a couple loads of laundry. Got back to room and ate. They had a movie on beach that night called "Date Night." They had vendors set up on beach. Good movie.

Wednesday, Feb. 10, we had tour planned for British Virgin Isles. Up at 5. Our friends from Minnesota took us to Sapphire Beach for boat and they went back and got their wives for they were going also. Took about an hour and a half to get to the Baths which were huge rocks heaved up from oceans. We were there about two hours. Got back on boat and went to Marina Coy for lunch (fish and chips), then to Aquarium Reef to do some snorkeling for about one hour. Then we were supposed to go to Josh Van Dyke Island, but waves were rough and went to another beach to swim. Had to go through customs at St. John. Got back about 4:30 p.m. Got on computer to get tickets to come back. Nancy's mom had passed away late Tuesday night. Went to room to finish packing.

Thursday, Feb. 11, Got up, went to beach and sat out. Our plane wasn't leaving until 4. Got back to room about 11. Showered and got taxi to airport, \$40 (\$12 per person, \$4 big bag, \$2 small bag). We got in line at airport, the computer was down, stood in line for over an hour. Finally got on plane to Atlanta, where we had two and a half hour layover. Got to St. Louis about 11, called shuttle, got car and made it home in Bingham about 1 a.m. Great time, beautiful weather, met some great people. We tried again some day.

Fillmore readers like to read about Fillmore folks. Please give Priscilla McDowell (538-2360) a call if you have news to report. Your neighbors will thank you for it.



The HHS class of 2018 is holding a volleyball tournament March 11-12. Above, from the left, are class officers Mitchell Beck, Garrett Stritzel, Maggie Huber and Macey Eddington.

Volleyball Tournament Will Benefit HHS Class Of 2018

The Hillsboro High School class of 2018 is sponsoring a bracket volleyball tournament on Friday, March 11, and Saturday, March 12, in the HJHS and HHS gyms. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used by the class of 2018 to sponsor Prom and senior pictures in the yearbook. Teams will consist of six to 12 players and the cost is \$10 per person. Official entry

forms are available in the HHS office. For more information, contact the high school office at 532-2841.

Class officers invite both teams and fans to come out and support their fundraiser. Class officers include Mitchell Beck, Garrett Stritzel, Maggie Huber and Macey Eddington. Barry Burge and Thersa Coleman are the HHS sophomore class sponsors.

TASC Group Will Meet For Monthly Meeting Thursday

The Autism Support Connection (TASC) will meet on Thursday, March 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church, located at 1400 Seymour Ave.

This month's meeting will feature an open discussion format.

The meetings are open to all interested parents, grandparents and other individuals who are affected by autism or other related disorders that are looking to connect, share information and

experiences, gain education and find support.

For more information, email tascillinois@gmail.com or contact Lynn Sellers at (217) 556-9535 or Kim Draper at (217) 710-3598.

TASC also maintains a closed group on Facebook. Anyone interested in participating may request an invitation to the group, which allows for a safety net of private conversations with only group members.

Historic Preservation Committee Will Meet On March 7 In Hillsboro

The Hillsboro Historic Preservation Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, at Hillsboro City Hall.

New business items include discussion of HPC goals for the

coming year, continuing the facade grant program and ideas for improving the appearance of buildings and display windows within the Historic Preservation District.

Hospital Launches Memorial Center For Healthy Families

Memorial Medical Center in Springfield has launched the Memorial Center for Healthy Families, a new program that offers healthy and wellness guidelines along with nutritional support to children, teenagers and their parents.

The comprehensive, patient-centered program is part of the Memorial Weight Loss & Wellness Center. The Center for Healthy Families offers two family-based classes, each eight weeks long.

Healthy Kids provides classes for 3 to 7-year-olds and for 8 to 12-year-olds; parents attend part of the class with their children. Parents also meet

separately to learn how to support a healthy lifestyle for the entire family.

Healthy Teens is designed for 13 to 18-year-olds and covers good eating, exercise and understanding body image. Parents attend an accompanying support group.

Both programs cover nutrition education, strategies for successful meals and meal times, exercise and understanding body image and self image. They are designed to encourage patients and their families to identify barriers to healthy living and gain new ideas that will assist them in establishing and maintaining healthy lifestyles

choices, said Cheri Harrison, pediatric program coordinator for the Center for Healthy Families.

"We partner with our patients and their families to develop the goals to make themselves as healthy as possible," said Dr. Virginia Dolan, a pediatrician with Memorial Physician Services-Koke Mill. "Weight loss may or may not be part of that, but it's about feeling healthy and being healthy."

Dolan is one of four pediatricians in the program. The others are Dr. Teena John, Dr. Nicole Florence and Dr. David Sandercocock, all with Memorial Physician Services-Koke Mill.

In addition to working with a

pediatrician and participating in group classes, patients and families can receive referrals to work individually with a dietitian, physical therapist, lifestyle professional or a combination of the three.

Patients and families can also choose to participate in the program's Just Cook class, in which they visit a teaching kitchen with a chef and learn basic kitchen and cooking skills, such as how to use cooking utensils and how to work with food, such as raw fruits and vegetables, Dolan said.

For more information, visit MemorialCenterForHealthyFamilies.com.

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Saturday Early Voting hours will be conducted from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and will include Saturday, February 27th, Saturday, March 5th, and Saturday March 12th, 2016.

Voters should use the west street level entrance to the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro for easy access to the Absentee/Early Voting Center. Any voter validly registered in Montgomery County may vote during the Early Voting period, however any vote cast is final and may not be revoked and the voter is not eligible to cast a vote on Election Day.

Voters with questions about the Early Voting schedule may email the Montgomery County Clerk's office at sandyleitheiser@hotmail.com or contact their office at 217-532-9530.

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REDSKIN REVIEW • by Karmyn Cox at Nokomis High

Thanks To All The FFA Week Participants



The FFA emblem consisting of five symbols is representative of the history, goals and future of the organization.

As a whole, the emblem covers the broad spectrum of FFA and agriculture. Each element within the emblem has unique significance. The cross section of the ear of corn provides the foundation of the emblem, just as corn has historically served as the foundation crop of American agriculture. It is also a symbol of unity, as corn is grown in every state of the nation. The rising sun signifies progress and holds a promise that tomorrow will bring a new day glowing with opportunity. The plow signifies labor and tillage of the soil, the backbone of agriculture and the historic foundation of our country's strength. The eagle is a national symbol which serves as a reminder of our freedom and ability to explore new horizons for the future of agriculture. Lastly, the owl, recognized for its wisdom, symbolizes the knowledge required to be successful in the industry of agriculture.

The Nokomis FFA thanks all who participated in last week's dress up days in honor of National FFA Week.

What a bittersweet end each season brings. After beating Mulberry Grove on Tuesday evening, the Redskins advanced to the regional championship on Friday against Effingham St. Anthony. Though our Redskins continued to amaze us with their good passes, quick defense and

drive through the lane, it was just not enough to compete with the Bulldogs incredibly high shooting percentage. NHS appreciates the efforts the Redskins have given this year, and specifically thanks seniors Christopher McQuire and Dominic Ruppert with a sad farewell. As the players all agree to, "it just won't be the same playing without you next year."

Basketball girls earned a small break and cheerleaders will go right into the next activity. Those who were involved in neither are ready to get at it. Nokomis softball is ready to begin. Practice begins Monday after school and has high hopes for a great season.

Any student 16 or older interested in umpiring for Nokomis girls softball league starting this spring, is able to sign up in the high school office.

Nokomis High School Student Council would like to invite the student body to participate in their P'Jammin' event. P'Jammin' will start Monday and will continue every Monday until spring break. Here is how the event works: you wear your PJs to school on Mondays and student council members will come around during third hour to collect \$1 from those participating. All money collected will be donated to the INAD research in honor of Grace Herschelmann.

For any students having some free time Thursday after school, NHS has an idea for you to enjoy playing board games such as chess, checkers, or Clue. Ms. Hyett has volunteered to host game days in her room after school on Thursdays! Light snacks will

also be provided if that helps to reel in students.

Though it has been mentioned before, NHS will be offering the ASVAB Career Exploration Program test, an assessment required for entrance into all branches of the military, at school on Tuesday, March 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. It is also an assessment to help guide students toward the right career path for them. If you are a sophomore, junior or senior interested in taking the ASVAB, please sign up in the high school office no later than Friday, March 18.

Really pushed hard this week, the fantastic event was heard in the halls. *Brushville* sang a variety of country, pop, classic rock, and original songs. They mastered performing everything from Led Zepplin, to Katy Perry, to Garth Brooks. I personally knew every song they played and feel sorry for all who did not come because they "don't know the band." *Brushville* was a fantastic choice for the CEO's first project. NHS gives a shout-out and huge congratulations to the members of the Montgomery County CEO for hosting an amazing night. They have poured hours into the night, and they could not have been more proud. CEO personally thanks the CEO board and investors, sponsors, school administration, their parents, their friends, the school students, the Christian County CEO members and most importantly, their facilitator Ryan Follis for their support and for coming to the concert. I wonder what will be heard in the hallways next week.



Our Gang Raises Over \$2,500 For MCCA

The Our Gang team of the Montgomery County Cancer Association held a trivia night Feb. 20 at the Hillsboro Lion's Club with the largest number of teams in attendance in the seven years of the trivia contest. There were 17 teams with up to ten players each, as well as a 50/50 raffle and Grab for Grub gift certificate "pull." Over \$2,500 was raised and Lisa Finley won the 50/50 raffle, which she donated back. Our Gang is currently selling raffle tickets for an iPad Pro donated by John and Kendra Wright. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and may be purchased from an Our Gang member. Pictured above is the winning team of the trivia night. From the left are Zach Wills, Christopher Miosky, Kimber Deming, Bryan Deming, Andrea Hart, Adam McCammack, Alison McCammack, Clint Harkins and Heather Harkins.

PANTHER PRESS • by Megan Evans at Litchfield High

LHS Panthers Start Bass Fishing Club



Litchfield students (and teachers) enjoyed a snow day on Wednesday, the first snow day of the year!

The boys basketball team began regional play on Monday in Greenville, where they took on Hillsboro. The Panthers started off the game with a good lead after one quarter. Litchfield was up 27-19. By halftime, the Toppers had tied the game and the score stood 37-37. Unfortunately, Litchfield was not able to pull off the win, and lost 69-54. This loss ended their season with a final season record of 15-14.

As we move into March, the winter sports are wrapping up,

and spring sports are beginning to blossom. Practices and meetings are being held regularly for baseball, softball, girls soccer and track. The scholastic bowl team will host regionals beginning March 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Prom and Post Prom preparations are in the works. These committees have been hard at work in preparation for prom on April 30. Post Prom will be hosting a Drive for Your School Fundraiser on Saturday, March 5. You can help raise money for Post Prom simply by test driving a vehicle at Victory Lane Ford. For every vehicle that is test driven, Ford will donate \$20 to Post Prom up to \$6,000.

The Student Council is selling shirts as a fundraiser for the Herschelmann family and INAD

research. T-shirts are \$15, long sleeve tees are \$18, and hoodies are \$25. These orders will be done on a rolling basis, so as your forms are turned in, your order will be placed, and your merchandise will be ready for you as soon as possible. Order forms are available from Mrs. Brummet.

Our principal, Mr. Hoster, is starting a new group at LHS, the Bass Fishing Club and team. Students wishing to take part in this new opportunity should sign up in the office.

Students will get to enjoy a slightly shorter week this week Friday school will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. for students for a teacher's institute day. There will be no school for teachers or students on March 7 for Casimir Pulaski Day.



R-H Kiwanis Club Hears About Coal Industry

Dave Webb, a coal mine manager for nearly 40 years, was the guest speaker at the Thursday, Feb. 18, meeting of the Raymond-Harvel Kiwanis Club. Webb, accompanied by his wife Brenda, spoke about the industry and gave predictions of the future of the mining industry. President Larry Moslener presided over the meeting at which the upcoming annual pancake and sausage supper on March 3 was also discussed. Above from the left are Brenda and Dave Webb with program chairman Earl Sorrells and his wife, Doris.

If/Then Makes Debut At Fabulous Fox

Original Broadway cast member Jackie Burns, Tamyra Gray and Matthew Hydzik, will join original Broadway cast member Anthony Rapp and the rest of the previously announced cast in the national tour of *If/Then*, playing at the Fabulous Fox Theatre March 15 through March 27 in St. Louis, MO.

Tickets for *If/Then* at the Fabulous Fox are on sale now online at MetroTix.com, by calling (314) 534-1111 or in person at the Fabulous Fox Box Office. Ticket prices start at \$25. Prices are subject to change; please refer to FabulousFox.com for current pricing. *If/Then* is part of the U.S. Bank Broadway Series.

Performances of *If/Then* at the Fabulous Fox run March 15 through March 27. Show times are Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. There will also be a performance on Sunday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. and Thurs-

day, March 24 at 1 p.m.

If/Then is an original Broadway musical which reunites composer Tom Kitt, book writer and lyricist Brian Yorkey, and director Michael Greif, the creative team behind the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning musical, *Next to Normal*.

If/Then is a contemporary new musical that follows two distinct storylines in the life of Elizabeth, a city planner who moves back to New York to restart her life in the city of infinite possibilities. When her carefully designed plans collide with the whims of fate, Elizabeth's life splits into two parallel paths. *If/Then* follows both stories simultaneously as this modern woman faces the intersection of choice and chance.

Jackie Burns will play Elizabeth, a woman on the verge of turning 40 whose smallest decisions or most random occurrences will impact her world in ways she never dreamt possible. Burns recently played the role of Eliza-

beth in *If/Then* on Broadway, and has also played the iconic role of Elphaba in *Wicked*, both on Broadway and in the first national tour. She starred in the 2009 Tony Award-winning revival of *Hair*, and also appeared in the original Off-Broadway cast of *Rock of Ages*.

Anthony Rapp will play Lucas, an old college friend of Elizabeth, who reconnects with her when she moves back to New York City. Rapp is best known for originating the role of Mark Cohen in Jonathan Larson's Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, *Rent*. His other Broadway credits include his Broadway debut in *Precious Sons* with Judith Ivey and Ed Harris, for which he received an Outer Critics Circle Award and a Drama Desk nomination; the original company of John Guare's *Six Degrees of Separation*; and the revival of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

For more information about *If/Then*, visit them online at IfThenTheMusical.com.

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Court

• Mark T. Miles, 52, Grayslake, was charged with possession of cannabis at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 19 on I-55 in North Litchfield Township.

• Melissa Gonzalez, 19, Champaign, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance at 6:44 p.m. Feb. 22 on I-55 in Zanesville Township.

• Jeffrey H. Chenoweth, 31, Witt, was charged with criminal damage to property, driving while license revoked and two counts of aggravated driving under the influence at 3:47 p.m. Feb. 23 at 114 Sherman St. in Nokomis.

• William J. Corbin, 25, Gillespie, was charged with theft at 11:49 a.m. Feb. 23 at 120 W. Union Ave. in Litchfield.

• Brittany K. Moore, 25, Decatur, negotiated a plea of guilty Feb. 23 to possession of drug paraphernalia. Moore was ordered to

pay a \$750 fine and ordered to pay court costs.

• Debra A. Godwin, 56, Hillsboro, negotiated a plea of guilty Feb. 23 to retail theft. Godwin was sentenced to six months court supervision, ordered to pay a \$100 fine, court costs and a \$25 Crime Stopper fee.

Rene Torres-Valazquez, 35, Chicago, negotiated a plea of guilty Feb. 23 to obstructing identification. Velazquez was sentenced to two days in jail, ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

• Jennifer S. Odle, 34, Litchfield, negotiated a plea of guilty Feb. 25 to retail theft. Odle was sentenced to one year conditional discharge, ordered to pay a \$200 fine, court costs and a \$25 donation to the Litchfield Anti-Crime Fund.

• Lori K. Black, 45, Litchfield, negotiated a plea of guilty Feb. 23 to violating an order of protection. Black was sentenced to six months court supervision, ordered to pay a \$100 fine, court costs and a \$25 donation to the Litchfield Anti-Crime Fund.

Ordinance Violations
Justin M. Stines, 30, Nokomis, allowing a dog to run at large, fined \$140.

Corey E. Barker, 43, Litchfield, unsafe equipment, fined \$425

Jeffrey A. Bethard, 37, Litchfield, unsafe equipment, fined \$300

Denise R. Bird, 44, Nokomis, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$295

Tracy L. Bremerkamp, 37, Litchfield, electronic communication device, fined \$120

Lee E. Canter, 61, Litchfield, operating uninsured vehicle, fined \$200

Kevin L. Cearlock, 51, Ohlman, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Elizabeth A. Coatney, 33, Nokomis, disregarding stop sign, fined \$120

Bobbie J. Collins, 30, Litchfield, electronic communication device, fined \$295

Karmyn B. Cox, 20, Witt, speeding 11-14 mph over the limit, fined \$295

Kelsey A. Crawford, 23, Litchfield, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$235

Kane A. Davis, 16, Litchfield, operating uninsured vehicle, fined \$200

Jessica M. Dierkes, 24, Donnellson, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Austin D. Dunnermann, 22, Nokomis, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$295

Shawn M. Evans, 21, Hillsboro, operating uninsured vehicle, fined \$200

Janice K. Foster, 69, Nokomis, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$295

James M. Franklin, 56, Litchfield, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Zacharia Gibbs, 32, Fillmore, operating uninsured vehicle, fined \$321

Courtney L. Gipson, 26, Litchfield, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$295

Michael R. Glenn, 64, Nokomis, unsafe equipment, fined \$235

Megan N. Hays, 24, Litchfield, operating uninsured vehicle, fined \$621

Alan D. Holt, 37, Hillsboro, operating uninsured vehicle, fined \$200

Adrienne L. Homa, 32, Taylor Springs, electronic communication device, fined \$120

Alexander B.E. Jenkins, 25, Litchfield, disregarding stop sign, fined \$120

Payton A. Leaster, 23, Hillsboro, electronic communication device, fined \$120

Patsy P. Littrell, 70, Litchfield, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$235

Robin L. May, 56, Litchfield, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Robert F. Morgason II, 18, Fillmore, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$235

Deborah J. Myers, 54, Raymond, electronic communication device, fined \$120

Carlos M. Porter, 46, Litchfield, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Saul Quiroz, 38, Hillsboro, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$235

Josua J. Rabida, 28, Walshville, electronic communication device, fined \$120

Danielle N. Roberts, 26, Coffeen, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Paul J. Ruppert, 53, Nokomis, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Mark R. Sauls, 51, Litchfield, failure to wear seat belt, fined \$60

Douglas H. Schulte, 60, Irving, unsafe equipment, fined \$300

Steven L. Snow, 59, Coffeen, driving under the influence, fined \$3,525

Steven L. Snow, 59, Coffeen, leaving the scene, fined \$170

Courtney L. Wendel, 23, Litchfield, speeding 15-20 mph over the limit, fined \$120

Sherri L. White, 41, Hillsboro,

speeding 11-14 mph over the limit, fined \$245

Randle W. Wilson, 59, Litchfield, electronic communication

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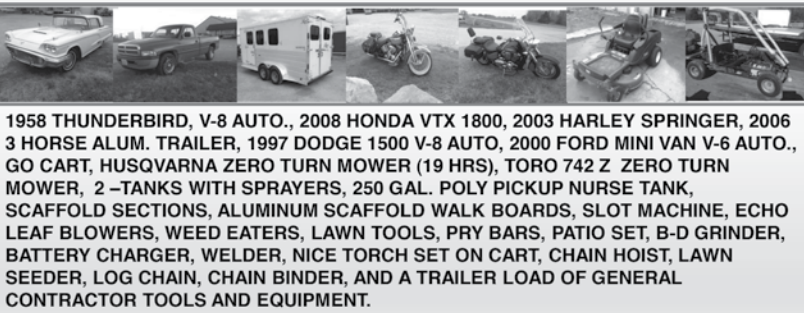
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8A - Monday, February 29, 2016

A GRACE FILLED JOURNEY • by Mary Herschelmann

Shine In Your Own Way On Rare Disease Day



Today marks Rare Disease Day, an international celebration of rare disease and the patients who live with them every single day. Kyle and I are joining other INAD families in an effort to raise awareness by using the phrase #beatINAD across all social media platforms today.

As we continue to raise awareness for children with INAD, I got to thinking about my column series this year on lessons from children's books. Last month, I wrote about our love for Pete the Cat, which was an easy place to start. When Kyle asked me about my second month's pick, I had a little more trouble, with so many great books to pick from.

I settled on two books by Drew Daywalt, including "The Day the Crayons Quit," and "The Day the Crayons Came Home." If you haven't read either of these two titles with your children, I highly recommend it. We have really enjoyed them.

Grace received "The Day the Crayons Quit" for her birthday one year from Kyle's Aunt Kathy. At the time, we thought it was the perfect book because Grace hated to color, no matter how hard I tried with her. We figured she probably did wish that her crayons would quit!

As the story begins, Duncan opens his desk to get out his crayons, only instead to find a stack of letters written by the crayons with their grievances to him. Red crayon was mad that he had to work on holidays like Christmas and Valentine's Day. Purple crayon was mad that Duncan colored outside the lines, and yellow and orange crayons were in a fight about which was the true color of the sun. Pink crayon pleaded with Duncan to use him, even though it was a girl's color, and blue and gray crayons both felt they were overused coloring things like oceans and rhinos.

In the end, Duncan decides that he wants all his crayons to be happy, so he uses his creativity and changes the colors that he uses for different things, making a beautiful picture. In his final picture, the whale is orange, the sky is yellow and the ocean is green. It got me thinking about how we all have different talents, and want to be used in our own

ways. Maybe we don't always fit the mold of how things are usually done, but we all have something to offer with just a touch of creativity.

Then, at Christmastime, Kyle and I were delighted to find a follow-up book, and put it under the tree for Grace. "The Day the Crayons Came Home" is just as cute, with fun new crayons, like pea green, who changes his name to Esteban the Magnificent because no one likes peas.

At the start of this book, Duncan gets a stack of postcards in the mail from some of his crayons that have been discarded or lost over the years. There's neon red crayon who was used to color a sunburn, and that got left by the pool on vacation. Then there was a light brown crayon, possibly tan or burnt sienna, that had been eaten and puked up by the dog, and now covered in fur. Duncan managed to leave his glow in the dark crayon in the basement after they used it to draw scary pictures for his baby brother. And gold crayon got blunt when Duncan individually colored a pirate's treasure coins. As a treat, orange and yellow crayon came back, but they were no longer arguing about who was the true color of the sun because they had been left outside, and melted together.

In the end, Duncan was sad to learn about all the crayons he'd lost and forgotten, so he ran around gathering them up. However, by now, they were all so badly damaged and misshapen that they no longer fit in his crayon box. Instead of throwing them away, Duncan built a brand new crayon box where all of the crayons would feel at home, no matter what shape they were.

And that's what got me thinking about Rare Disease Day. We've met so many kids who have different abilities and don't always fit into the normal pictures we paint. But with a little love and compassion, everyone can be included and given an opportunity to shine in his or her own way.

This year on Rare Disease Day, I hope you will take a few moments and help us to raise awareness about INAD, and what a devastating disease it is. But I hope you will also take a few moments and think about ways you can be more empathic and compassionate to those around you, and help them find their own ways to shine in the rainbow of life.

COONRIDGE DIGEST • by Freida Marie Crump

Giving Up Buffoons And Lackies For Lent

Greetings from the Ridge.

Experts tell us that the tradition of chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies at Easter originated in Germany. Rich chocolate was the chief treat of our Germanic forefathers and so they often chose the yummy confection to give up during Lent, thus it became natural to celebrate the end of the Lenten season with chocolate. My father used to give up watermelon, and we always reminded him that this wasn't much of a sacrifice.

Becoming a Christian in the early days of the church was a serious business since the Roman government wasn't keen on the idea and your final confirmation class might involve a hungry lion in front of 4000 less-than-welcoming Italian spectators revved up from their tailgate parties outside the Coliseum. It was tradition that new converts be baptized on Easter so the last 40 days of preparation were given over to a final purification and thus the custom of giving up things for Lent.

I've watched my Catholic friends alternately struggle or delight themselves through this season of sacrifice and I've wondered if perhaps even a wayward Presbyterian might benefit by a bit of this process of giving up something in order to help me focus on Easter. I'll admit that I've had buddies go for the real biggies by giving up their tobacco or caffeine for Lent and the resulting personality swings were less than holy. Maybe they should have tried something easier and worked their way up to the full-scale addictions.

So as a semi-serious lark this year I thought I'd try abstaining from something—perhaps something that I felt was doing me real harm. Of course my first thought was husband Herb, but he came with the house, and besides, I have trouble connecting him with anything sacred. I thought to myself, what gives me the most irritation during the day? What keeps me awake at night? What could I give up that would make me happier? The answer came like a bolt out of the blue. I decided to give up anything having to do with politics for a week.

There's been no more hateful season of politicking in my lifetime than what we've observed during this current Presidential campaign. Buffoons and

their lackies command the airwaves and we've been bombarded by a barrage of talking heads talking their heads off, analyzing each upswing and downturn in every poll and sampling as the candidates themselves have turned us into the laughing stock of the world with their attempts to out-scream their opponents. Demigods pandering to the basest of our instincts are worlds away from Lincoln's plea to appeal to our "better angels," when trying to heal the wounds of our nation.

So—I've given up politics for Lent. I read a book or go for a walk during news time, I tear off the front page of the paper with my eyes closed, I change the subject at the coffee table when the subject comes up, and Herb has instructions not to bring up the subject. Being somewhat of a news junky I've gained new sympathy for my friends who are addicted to other poisons, but the benefits are starting to show up already.

I first noticed something strange happening when my morning coffee tasted better. I'd had no idea that the bitterness on my tongue was actually coming through by ears via the morning news. When I walked out of the house the air seemed a bit fresher and no longer polluted by the acrid odors of smears and innuendo. Even the faces of the folks I met that day seemed somehow happier since I no longer thought of them as Hillary supporters or Rubio advocates. Even the Trump supporters seemed to have lost the foam around the edges of their mouths.

The real miracle occurred at suppertime when I looked across my bowl of tomato soup and noticed that even Herb didn't seem quite as objectionable as he'd been the last 60 years or so. This was a miracle that almost made the Resurrection pale by comparison.

I won't butt into your religious observances, but if you're still cruising around for something to give up for Lent I'd highly recommend giving politics the boot.

You ever in Coonridge, stop by. We may not answer the door if you're campaigning.

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

GUEST COLUMN • by Mike Rappe

History Of Tax Supported Schools Here

The citizens of Hillsboro (and now all of the communities that comprise Hillsboro Community School District #3) began supporting the needs of students with their tax dollars in 1861 when the North School (known as Winhold School in 1915) was constructed on the present site of Knisley's Hillsboro Bowl. Pre-high school age children were educated there for 89 years until about 1950 when deterioration made it unsuitable for use. It was demolished in 1962 after the collapse of the entire west wall. *Eighty-nine years of useable life.*

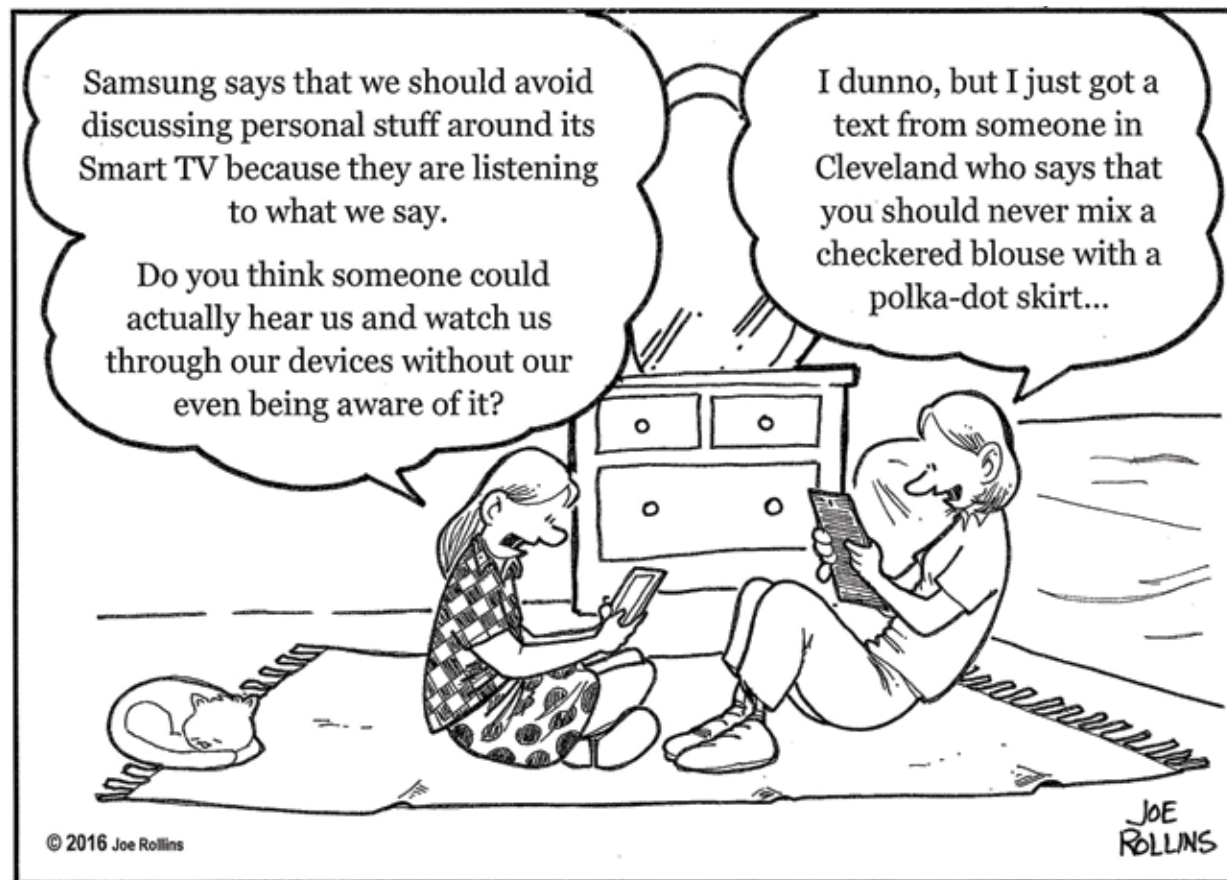
In 1887, the Hillsboro City Council voted to donate the old Hillsboro Academy property (currently Hardee's) to be used for the construction of a new brick school. A two story brick school was approved by voters in July of that year and would serve elementary grades as well as high school students. On May 7, 1888, students entered this new South School (later to be named Edison) and five students graduated on May 31. Over the years, rooms were added and costly repairs were made as needed, yet Edison became unsafe for use and was closed on Jan. 5, 1968. Edison was demolished in December of 1971. *Eighty years of usable life.*

While Edison was sufficient for the lesser grade students, voters again saw the need to pass a tax

levy on March 7, 1904, for the construction of a new high school on 15 acres of property on the site of the old fairgrounds. This new brick Hillsboro High School opened to students on Dec. 19, 1904. The class of 1921 was the last to be graduated here and it continued to be used as Hillsboro Junior High School until 1953 when it became known as Beckemeyer Elementary School. This multi-story brick school also outlived its safety and utility and was torn down when the current Beckemeyer was constructed in 1980. *Seventy-six years of useable life.*

During the boom years of the early 1900s, voters approved an additional (third) grade school in 1915 and named it Burbank School (currently the site of the Assisted Living Facility). Burbank continued to be used until 1980 when the current Beckemeyer School was completed, allowing all elementary students to be educated in one facility. Burbank had 65 years of useable life.

In 1920, the Hillsboro residents recognized the need for a new Hillsboro Community High School and again voted to take action. Work began on Sept. 1, 1920, and the "new" high school was opened to students on Sept. 2, 1921, with an enrollment of 311 students and 15 staff members. This building is now in its 95th year of use.



LETTERS to the editor

We Need To Make The Leap Of Faith

I attended the information meeting on Feb. 18 and came away with the conclusion that the opponents and proponents of the bond issue agree on one thing—we need to replace the old high school structure.

My problem is that I see both sides of the arguments presented. We need to be fiscally responsible in how we can set up the bid process and as to what extent we replace the existing structures. Public input will still be solicited once we get beyond the bond issue. There will still be time to input our concerns to this construction process.

We cannot afford to, at this point in time, draw lines in the sand and not work as a community to get this bond issue passed. We need to pass the referendum which will allow the school district to issue (if needed) up to \$34.5 million in bonds. We cannot pass a \$25 million bond issue but then need \$27 million or \$30 million to complete the project. The bond issue limits the cap on spending. If more money is needed by passing too low of a bond issue, then the funds will not be available to appropriately complete the project. The district has solicited a general contractor and project manager who have a proven track record of bringing projects in at or under projected cost. They are not the contractors but the facilitators to oversee the project. At this time we need to trust our elected officials, our board members, for making the proper decision to select the contractors/project managers to oversee this construction process.

I am not trying to pull on everyone's heart strings by giving all the

criteria for which we should pass this bond issue. I have lived in the Hillsboro area for practically all my life. Good grief—I married the girl next door. I wanted to raise my family in a small town environment. I wanted the closeness of family, a small-town life and community spirit to be a part of our families' upbringing. I graduated from Hillsboro High School, my wife graduated from Hillsboro High School and my daughters and sons-in-law graduated from Hillsboro High School. My grandchildren presently attend the Hillsboro school system and will graduate from this school system as well. I hope that someday my great-grandchildren will have the same privilege of attending this school system, too.

I do hope, however, they can attend a newer high school. It really upsets me when someone makes the remark, "why would anyone want to live in Hillsboro?" We are fortunate to have quality educators and a quality educational system to serve District #3. Our district has a lot to offer but our hopes are fading. A vote of yes will open new possibilities. A vote of yes will breathe new life into our educational system and community.

To open those possibilities there was a group formed called "Imagine Hillsboro." An integral part of their mission is to promote the enticement of new businesses to Hillsboro. An integral part of completing that objective should be to replace the current high school. How can we move forward without adequate educational facilities in place?

Ninety years ago our ancestors

were faced with the same challenges that we face today. We have the opportunity to make the same financial commitment that they did. They, too, were faced with the same issues that we are faced with today. Will businesses close down that support our tax base? Will we see a shrinking assessed valuation which will put a greater burden on the remaining taxpayers? Will this improve our community to the degree that we will attract new businesses? Will we also attract new residents to increase the assessed valuation of our taxing body and thus decrease the burden on the remaining taxpayers? Will we be able to obtain funding from the state or federal government to offset costs? The answer is—nobody knows. We need to make the leap of faith—our ancestors did! After all, this is about the kids.

We are a community. That includes Panama, Donnellson, Coffeen, Irving, Witt, Butler, Schram City, Taylor Springs and Hillsboro. We are all a part of the Hillsboro Community Unit District #3. My wife and I came back to Hillsboro because our roots are here. We want our families' roots to be here. To be rooted is one of the most recognized needs of the human soul and tradition.

If you are concerned about declaring your party in the upcoming primary, declare no party and you can still vote on this bond issue. Whatever you do, get out on March 15 and vote. Make a commitment on the upcoming bond issue and secure our roots and the roots of future generations. Vote yes for HHS!

Gene White
Hillsboro

School Board Is Doing The Right Thing

I'm not a Hillsboro native; in fact the term I use for that is that I'm "not from here." I have my own definition of what "not from here" means—I wasn't born and raised here nor did I attend or work in the schools here. So what I know about this community as a 27-year resident is what I consider my observations from the outside looking in.

I describe this community as very proud and fiercely loyal. I've seen loyalty in many places—it comes out when people speak of the town they were raised in, of the school mascot, of their teachers, of which grade school they attended, the physicians, the hospital, etc.

I joke with my husband that I cannot ask him someone's name without him taking me on a trip down memory lane and through their family tree. Everyone knows everyone—nostalgia, supporting each other, and hometown loyalty is strong here. That is something I have always found unique and special to this area.

So maybe I'm naive and should've expected the opposition to this school referendum, but I still do not get it. I attended this past week's open forum and after the first 30-45 minutes, I felt pretty good. I appreciated hearing answers to tough ques-

tions, I understood the bidding process much better and I had a clear picture of what needed to be done and why. But as the evening progressed, the focus seemed to shift to undermining the school board's intent and process, more than emphasizing the real need.

There is zero evidence to be suspicious of what is being proposed, but suspicion was heavy in the air. Even after the business plan was fully explained, to include that community input was solicited some time ago to decide what was needed, it felt as if we got off topic. For example, Mr. Powell and the board were told they will lose votes if they announce use of non-union workers and then were told they will lose votes if they use union workers. The board explained the selection of the construction management team, their reputation and expertise, but they were similarly grilled on detail applicable to any construction project down to managing bad behaviors of those contractors yet to be selected.

When asked how long the current buildings could last, Mr. Powell reported that unless a catastrophe happened, they'd have to be used until the community permitted otherwise. He gave the example of a catastrophic failure

of the structure. I should've asked what would happen if law suits were to ensue over a handicapped child hit by a car on the road he must travel to get to the cafeteria, or by a teacher/student injured or having gotten ill because of the building. I have to assume those are potential catastrophes too.

Why is there mistrust of the school board's plan? What could their hidden agenda possibly be? They are not the first board to come to the conclusion that these buildings are a problem. They have not just suggested this school is a problem, they have proven it, over and over again, expert after expert. Surely everyone must understand that these buildings cannot last forever, surely we are not just going to continue to turn a blind eye to this and hope the catastrophe hits on a day our own children are not there.

I would like to thank Mr. Powell and the school board for their hard work and for their willingness to stick with this. They are men and women of this community trying to do the right thing. For the sake of our students, they've decided to stand up and take it on the chin once again. They are truly "from here." I'm with them.

Kelly Cobetto
Taylor Springs

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Police

Hillsboro Police
Warren J. Huff, 38, of O'Fallon, was arrested for unlawful possession of a weapon on a revoked FOID card and possession of drug paraphernalia at 6:05 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at Tison and Hamilton Street in Hillsboro.
Timothy C. Siverly, 21, of Taylor Springs, was ticketed for driving a car with tinted front side windows at 12:34 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, on South Main Street at Tremont Street in Hillsboro.
Thomas L. Roach Jr., 23, of Hillsboro, was cited for operating a vehicle with no valid registration and operating an uninsured vehicle at 5:40 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27,

on Springfield Road in Hillsboro.
A ticket for careless driving was issued to Shawn Woolsey, 16, of Staunton, at 4:34 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, on City Lake Road in Hillsboro.
Tickets for improper use of an electronic communications device and operating a vehicle on a revoked license were issued to Detwain M. Green, 33, of Taylor Springs, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, on Vandalia Road in Hillsboro.
Tierra D. Allen, 22, of Springfield, was cited for driving a vehicle with tinted front side windows at 2:17 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, on Vandalia Road at Sen. Miller Drive in Hillsboro.

Accidents

Two Taken To Hospital
Two 16-year-old passengers in a car driven by Remi L. Carter, 16, Litchfield, were taken to the hospital with serious injuries following a crash at 5:59 p.m. Feb. 14 on Worksaver Trail, just west of Crabtree Trail in South Litchfield Township.
Megan N. Skinner of Litchfield was taken to St. Francis Hospital and Lukas S. Rakey of Glen Carbon was taken to St. John's Hospital, both were taken by Litchfield Ambulance.
Carter was eastbound on Worksaver when he lost control of his vehicle on the ice covered road and struck a concrete bridge abutment head-on.
Slides Into Trees
Kyle E. Schmedeke, 56, Irving, suffered minor injuries in an accident at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 on Fillmore Trail, nearly a mile east of E. 17th Road in North Fillmore Township.
Schmedeke was westbound

when he lost control of his vehicle on the snow covered road. The vehicle spun around, went over an embankment and struck several trees.
His passenger, Kason W.M. Schmedeke, 17, Irving, was uninjured in the accident.
Slides Off Road
Dustyn D.L. Pease, 16, Nokomis, was taken to Pana Community Hospital with serious injury by personal vehicle following an accident at 8:22 p.m. Feb. 13. The accident occurred on N. 17th Avenue, a mile west of Raccoon Trail in Audubon Township.
Pease was westbound when he failed to negotiate a turn due to the snow covered roadway and his vehicle slid off the road and into a ditch.
Hits Deer
William K. Wilkinson, 44, Palmer, hit a deer at 10:10 p.m. Feb. 1 on Mine Avenue, a quarter mile east of E. Frontage Road in Bois D'Arc Township.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To Add Territory, Add two units of Government and to Delete Territory to the MONTGOMERY COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that a public hearing will be held on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in the County Board Room located at #1 Courthouse Square, in the City of Hillsboro, Illinois 62049 at 5:45 PM on Wednesday, March 16th, 2016. The purpose of the hearing is to amend the designating ordinance and to file an application to add territory, add two units of government and to delete territory to DCEO. A copy of the Amended Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement will be on file in the County Board Administration Office. In said public hearing, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to present both written and oral comments and testimony regarding the aforementioned applications to the Enterprise Zone. The amendments will include adding territory, adding the municipalities of Butler and Donnellson and to delete territory in the Montgomery County EZ. Any person wishing to appear at such public hearing and be heard may do so in person or by attorney or other representative communications in writing in relation to such proposed extension. Such public hearing may be adjourned or continued from time to time to another date and time without further notice. For additional information regarding the public hearing and proposed Enterprise Zone Territory Additions and Deletions should contact the Montgomery County EZ Administrator, Christine Daniels at #1 Courthouse Square, Room 202, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049. Phone: (217) 532-9577 or Fax: (217) 532-9585 or e-mail: chrisd@montgomeryco.com

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on February 11, 2016, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: ANDY'S BODY SHOP located at 115 E. HAMILTON in the city of NOKOMIS and state of IL.
Dated February 11, 2016
Sandy Leitheiser, County Clerk
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Public Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2016, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: WAREHOUSE 8212, located at 303 S. STATE STREET in the city of LITCHFIELD and state of IL.
Dated February 26, 2016
Sandy Leitheiser, County Clerk
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
On March 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Hillsboro City Hall there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for a request for a variance from William Havey who wants to build a dock extending out 40 feet on Glenn Shoals Lake near his property at 59 Turkey Lane.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE of Property Owned by the Village of Fillmore and Invitation to Bid Thereon
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of the Village of Fillmore will receive sealed bids for the purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest in the following real property:
Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) and the South Twenty (20 feet of Lot Eight (8) in Block Nine (9) of Gideon Richmond's First Addition to the Village of Fillmore, situated in the Village of Fillmore, Montgomery County, Illinois.
Which property is generally located at 200 N. Cleveland Street, Fillmore, IL 62032 and is currently vacant.
Bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above described tract are hereby invited beginning the 8th day of February, 2016 and will be received by mail by the President of the Village of Fillmore Board at 111 N. Palmer, P.O. Box 158, Fillmore, IL 62032, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and until 3:59 p.m. on the 11th day of April, 2016 the date for the opening bids. Said proposals shall be addressed to:

Fillmore Village Board of the Village of Fillmore c/o Rexdon Boliard 111 N. Palmer Post Office Box 158 Fillmore, IL 62032
And shall bear the legend "PROPOSAL - SALE OF 200 N. CLEVELAND STREET" and the name and address of the bidder.
All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the Board of the Village of Fillmore at 6:00 p.m. on the 11th day of April, 2016.
A contract may be awarded to the highest bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the Village of Fillmore. The Village of Fillmore Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The Village of Fillmore Board further reserves the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within 30 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.
Copies of the bidding documents (including the proposed Contract) may be obtained at the Office of the Fillmore Village Clerk.

BID SPECIFICATIONS - GRASS MOWING SERVICES FFY 2016/2017 FOR THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

1. ADVERTISEMENT
1.1 The Montgomery County Housing Authority is hereby soliciting bids for lawn mowing services at all fifteen of its developments in Montgomery County. The term of the contract will be for two (2) years, with an option to extend the contract for a third year, if a price can be agreed upon by both parties.
1.2 Sealed bids will be received by the Authority at the office of Montgomery County Housing Authority 216 Shelbyville Road, P.O. Box 591 Hillsboro, Illinois 62049 until 3:00 P.M. local time on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after this date and time will not be considered.
1.3 A pre-bid conference and on-site inspection tour will be held at 1:00 pm local time on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at:
Montgomery County Housing Authority Long Community Building 203 Shelbyville Road Hillsboro, Illinois 62049
Following the pre-bid conference, bidders will be extended the opportunity to inspect the grounds at each development.
1.4 Copies of the Bid Specifications may be obtained from:
Montgomery County Housing Authority 216 Shelbyville Road Hillsboro, Illinois 62049
1.5 The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities and to award the contract in the best interest of the Authority.
Kelly Moroney Chief Operating Officer Dated: Feb 29th, 2016

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Nokomis is now accepting sealed bids on the following:
1950 CATERPILLAR NO. 12 MOTOR GRADER
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The Motor Grader and Backhoe can be seen at the City of Nokomis Street Maintenance Shed, 420 E. Central Street, Nokomis, IL 62075. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2016, and will be opened at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
The City of Nokomis reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Questions may be directed to the Nokomis City Hall at (217) 563-2514.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BANK BRANCH ACQUISITION
Notice is hereby given that First Community Bank of Hillsboro, Hillsboro, Illinois, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") for its written consent to purchase the assets and assume the liabilities of the Hillsboro, Illinois branch of First Financial Bank, N. A., Terre Haute, Indiana. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office located at 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606-3447 not later than Thursday, March 31, 2016. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portions of the application file will be made available upon request.
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INVITATION TO BID
The Village of Irving will receive Bids until 2:00 P.M. local prevailing time on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 2016, at the VILLAGE OF IRVING, 110 EAST STATE STREET, P.O. BOX 308, IRVING, ILLINOIS 62051 for the following work:
Project description: Repainting and Repair of the Village of Irving's 75,000 Gallon Pedesphere Tank in Irving, Illinois.
A Pre-bid Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 16th day of March, 2016 at 10:00 A.M., prevailing time, at the Village Hall, 110 East State Street, Irving, Illinois 62051.
Drawings and specifications may be obtained at the office of Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc., 1400 East Tremont Street, Hillsboro, Illinois, after 8:00 A.M. on March 1, 2016, by paying a non-refundable amount of \$20.00 (\$25.00 if mailed) for each set of drawings and specifications.
Bidding Documents, Drawings and Specifications, may be examined by prospective bidders and material suppliers at the offices of Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc., 1400 East Tremont Street, Hillsboro, Illinois, and the following Plan Rooms:
Central Illinois Plan Room, 1620 S. 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62703
Greater Peoria Contractors & Suppliers Association, 1811 West Altorf Drive, Peoria, IL 61615
McGraw Hill Construction, www.dodgeprojects.construction.com
Drawings and specifications will be available for viewing on the internet at: www.hurst-rosche.com. The documents are being provided for reference purposes only. Bidders must obtain a signed and sealed hard copy set of the bidding documents, in-

cluding bid form, from the offices of Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc., 1400 East Tremont Street, Hillsboro, Illinois to submit a bid for this project.
The Owner requires the Project to be completed within any 60 consecutive calendar day period between the issuance of the NTP and July 15, 2016. Should the Contractor fail to complete the Work within such time, contractor agrees to compensate and will apply to the Owner for each and every day of such delay in completion of the Work beyond the Contract Time the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250) per day for Work not completed by the substantial completion date as liquidated damages. Alternate Deduct bid pricing will be accepted for completing the work between July 16, 2016 and October 15, 2016.
Bidders will be required to provide Bid security of a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Sum. The bid security shall be either certified check, cashier's check, bank money order or bid bond issued by surety licensed to conduct business in the State of Illinois. Hereinafter this bid security shall be referred to as the bid bond.
Submit two copies of your Bid on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate.
Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.
The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids or any part thereof, to waive any informality in bidding, and to accept bids deemed most favorable to the Owner.
VILLAGE OF IRVING WILLIAM JURGENA, VILLAGE PRESIDENT
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THE COLLEGE REPORT • by Dan Chamness

Steffens Goes Yard In Debut



Tessa Steffens, a Litchfield graduate and a Purdue University-Calumet freshman, has a goal of hitting at least .300 during her first year of college softball.

After two games, the infielder is well on her way. PU-Calumet split a doubleheader with St. Catherine College of Kentucky to open the season. They defeated St. Catherine 12-1, but lost a 6-1 decision to the opposition squad as well.

Steffens emerged from the two games with a .625 batting average. In the loss, she was 3-for-4 with a solo homer and a double. In the win, she was 2-for-4, scored three times and stole a base. She currently leads her team in batting average, hits, runs scored, homers and stolen bases.

"I want to keep hitting well," said Steffens. "In the first two games, I was just trying to get on base. It is my job as a leadoff hitter. If I can keep hitting well, my confidence will be good. I have always done well in the field. Our head coach (Heather Tarter) is so good at coaching me as a hitter. She does not pile on the stress and the pressure."

Derek Bourke (Nokomis) scored 15 points to help the MacMurray College Highlanders defeat Fontbonne University 78-67. Bourke, who started and played 24 minutes, hit 5-of-7 from the field and 5-of-6 from the charity stripe. He also had eight rebounds and two assists. Fellow MacMurray player **Marcus Chausse** (Nokomis) played two minutes, but did not have any stats. In MacMurray College's 64-60 loss to Westminster College, Bourke had five points, five rebounds and two assists. He started and played 19 minutes. MacMurray is 15-10 overall and 12-6 in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Kelsey Going (Litchfield) helped Millikin University post two College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin wins, their first of the year. In the 70-57 win over Augustana College, Going, who

played 22 minutes, finished with seven points and four rebounds. She had two points in 18 minutes of play in the 71-61 win over Carthage College. Going also had seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Millikin is 9-16 overall and 2-12 in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Victoria Quarton (Litchfield), an Eastern Illinois University Panther runner, finished 12th in the 3,000-meter run at the EIU hosted Friday Night Special at Lantz Field House in Charleston. Quarton finished the race in 11 minutes, 4.84 seconds. As a team, EIU won the competition, finishing with 136 points. Indiana State University took second with 125 points.

Gretchen Hobbie (Hillsboro) and **Kerriann Cooper** (Hillsboro) both played and scored for Lincoln Land Community College, but it was not enough to power them by Danville Area Community college. Hobbie, who started and played 16 minutes, finished with four points and three rebounds. Cooper, who played two minutes, had three points. LLCC's 72-55 win over Lincoln College, Hobbie finished with one point, two rebounds and two steals. LLCC is 16-8 overall.

Shelby Gray (Hillsboro) scored three points to help her college team, Illinois Wesleyan University, defeat Augustana College 79-57. Gray, who played 11 minutes, also had two rebounds. IWU is 16-9 overall and 11-3 in the CCIW.

Dylan Miller (Hillsboro) had two points as his college team, North Dakota State University, defeated Western Illinois University 63-54. Miller, who started, played eight minutes. In the 76-69 loss to University of Nebraska-Omaha, Miller finished with two points in 12 minutes of play. North Dakota State is 18-10 overall and 8-6 in the Summit League.

Dusty Atteberry (Litchfield) took sixth in the weight throw at the Monmouth College Fighting Scots Indoor Track and Field Invitational. Atteberry recorded a toss of 14.45 meters. Team scores were not kept at the meet.

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Hillsboro Open Draws Near Record Field

Out of one of the largest fields in the tournament's 27-year history, it was Mike Plunkett of Hillsboro over Tim Tonn of Bloomington to win the Hillsboro Table Tennis Open on Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

The tournament is annually sponsored by *The Journal-News*.

As the tournament's sixth seed, Plunkett's 11-6, 11-7, 11-6 best-of-five win over fifth-seeded Tonn in the finals game him his tenth title in the tournament's history and first since 2011.

After compiling a 3-1 round robin record in Class A singles, Plunkett advanced to the finals by beating second-seeded Brad Kendle of Quincy 3-2, third-seeded Ryan Driskill of Chesterfield, MO, 3-1 in the quarterfinals, and top-seeded Sonny Henderson of Canton 3-0 in the semifinals. Tonn had advanced to the championship match after a 3-0 round robin record and a 3-1 semifinal win over fourth-seeded Johnny Satterlee of Taylorville.

In doubles, it was Driskill and Tonn defeating Kendle and Satterlee 3-1 to win the championship. The winners had advanced to the final match by beating Plunkett and



Brad Kendle of Quincy prepares to attack a ball during the Hillsboro Table Tennis Open on Saturday, Feb. 27. Kendle, the tournament's second seed, teamed up with fourth-seeded Johnny Satterlee of Taylorville to finish second in doubles. *Journal-News Photo*

Mark Mathews of Hillsboro 3-2 in one semifinal while the runners-up beat Simon Hsu of Ballwin, MO, and Brad Woo of Champaign 3-0 in the other semifinal. Hsu and Woo had beaten Tanmay Jain of Shelbyville and Faisal Zuberi of Champaign 3-0, then Randy Henson

in the other. Edwards had beaten Ron McCarty of Mt. Pulaski and Jeff Shannon of O'Fallon after advancing from round robin play.

Simon Hsu of Ballwin, MO, officiated the finals in all three singles events.

Boltz Swimmers Compete At Regionals

Three Fusion Boltz swimmers earned a trip to the Illinois Swim Regional Meet in Peoria Feb. 26-28. This three-day meet showcased the most talented and fastest swimmers in central Illinois. Seven regional meets are held across the state with state and national meets following for those who qualify.

Every event in the regional meet has a qualifying time standard for each age group, and three swimmers from the team succeeded in securing race times under the qualifying time standards in at least one event.

Sydney Hoehl, 14, of Litchfield achieved a time of 27.92 seconds in the 50 free. This time earned her a chance to compete in this event at the regional meet this weekend as the 13-14 girls regional time standard is 28.09 seconds and she managed to swim .17 seconds under. Additionally she was just shy of regional time in the 100 free, missing the mark by only .34 seconds. Since joining USA Swim, she has achieved an "A" cut in the free, "BB" in the breast and "B" in the back and IM.

Hoehl has been swimming with the Montgomery County Sharks summer swim team since she was eight and with the Boltz since she was 13. She loves to swim and has wanted to compete on a year round swim team before the Boltz but could not since the nearest team was in Springfield. Her mom and aunts used to swim competitively when they were young, so swim team was something that she has always heard about from their stories. She also keeps busy with soccer and scholar bowl, and she plays the piano and trumpet.

After high school, Hoehl wants to attend the University of Wisconsin and plans to participate in their marching band while study-



Three members of the Fusion Boltz swim team competed in the Illinois Swim Regional Meet in Peoria Feb. 26-28. Above, from the left, are Griffin Wright, Sydney Hoehl, Spencer Hoehl and Coach Mary Beth Seher.

ing pre-law. She wants to attend law school at Columbia University in New York City.

Griffin Wright, 12, of Hillsboro has reduced his time in the 50 free over the course of the season down to 28.56 seconds. This time is over one second under the regional qualifying time in this event for age 11-12 boys of 29.59. He has also managed to reduce his time in the 50 fly down to 31.05 seconds and has earned his first USA Swim "A" cut for that time. The regional qualifying time for age 11-12 boys for the 50 fly is 32.89, his time is 1.84 seconds under that time. He has also qualified in the 100 free with a time of 1:03.36, 1.33 seconds under the qualifying time standard of 1:04.69. Furthermore, he

missed the regional time in the 50 back by .92 seconds.

Wright, who moved to the area in 2013, started swimming when he joined the newly formed Boltz in October 2014. He has achieved an "A" cut in the fly as well as "BB" cuts in the back and free. He joined the swim team because it sounded like fun and a few months later his younger sister, Annabelle, also joined the team. He now loves swimming so much that he hopes to swim for a Big Ten college team while pursuing a degree in computers, engineering or aviation.

His biggest wish is that his local high school had an IHSA swim and dive team. His favorite activities outside the pool are competing in races like triathlons and biathlons as well as computer programming.

Spencer Hoehl, 12, of Litchfield also found success since joining the Boltz swim team. He has achieved a "BB" cut in the free, fly, breast and back as well as a "B" cut

and Dave Miller, both of Centralia, 3-0 after advancing from round robin play.

In Class B singles, it was Shane Griffin of Hillsboro over Woo 11-6, 11-13, 5-11, 11-5, 11-5 in the five-game championship match. The Class B championship was Griffin's first after finishing second in Class C in 2013 and 2007.

After compiling a 2-1 record in Class B round robin play, Griffin defeated Don Dagley of Decatur 3-1, Eric Niemann of Hillsboro 3-0 in the quarterfinals, and Ben Doong of Peoria 3-1 in the semifinals. Woo had beaten Bob Brown of Decatur 3-1 in the other semifinal.

In Class C, Brandon Bernard of Ina defeated Dave Rademacher of Edwardsville 11-7, 6-11, 11-6, 12-14, 16-14 in a dramatic final match.

The winner had beaten Nick Edwards of O'Fallon 3-0 in one semifinal while Rademacher beat Robert Eddington of Hillsboro 3-2

Edwards had beaten Ron McCarty of Mt. Pulaski and Jeff Shannon of O'Fallon after advancing from round robin play.

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in the IM. He decreased his time in the 50 free to 29.26 seconds, beating the regional qualifying time in this event for age 11-12 boys of 29.59 by .33 seconds. He has trimmed his time in the 50 back to 34.23, cruising by the regional qualifying time of 34.49 by .26 seconds. He has also surpassed by the regional qualifying time in the 50 fly with a time of 32.48 in his best race. This time is .41 seconds under the regional qualifying time for age 11-12 boys of 32.89.

These successes have earned Hoehl a lane to compete in all three races at the Illinois Swim Regional Meet. He has also just missed the regional mark in the 50 breast by only .58 seconds. He has swam with the Montgomery County Sharks swim team for the past five summers and joined the Fusion Boltz team a year ago. He started swimming simply because he wanted strong ab muscles like those his sister had developed from swimming.

He spends his time out of the water playing soccer, the trumpet and the piano and also competes on the Scholar Bowl team. His favorite thing about swimming is the competition and seeing faster swimmers pushes him to work harder. He plans to attend Harvard University and study aerospace engineering.

After this weekend's regional meet, the Boltz swim season will come to an end. The SCY (Short Course Yard) season of USA swim season runs October through February and features 25 yard indoor pools. Their LCM (Long Course Meter) season will begin the last weekend in April and run through early July. The LCM season features 50 meter pools and some outdoor summer meets.

This is Fusion's second season in competing for USA Swim after starting the Boltz team in the fall of 2013. Anyone interested in finding out more about joining the team should contact Fusion Fitness & Aquatics at 217-532-3896 or email Coach Seher at swimteam@fusion4life.com.

Lifeguard Certification Class

March 23 (5pm-8pm), March 24 (8am-8pm),
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Start and ending times may slightly vary each day. If extra help/time is spent, it may result in additional days/times.

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Pawnee's Cade Hennemann leaves his feet while trying to draw a charge against Lincolnwood's Bryan Graham during the regional championship game at Edinburg on Friday, Feb. 26. Hennemann and the Indians would hold Graham to 13 points and Lincolnwood to 35 total in their 53-35 victory that snapped a seven year regional title drought.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Indians Push Past Lancers

by Kyle Herschelmann

Thirty seconds into the second half, Lincolnwood looked to be in solid shape to pick up their first regional title since 2007. Less than three minutes later, the tides had turned, the Lancers were on their heels and Pawnee was on its way toward snapping their own regional championship drought.

A 38-15 advantage in the second half led to a 53-35 win for the Indians, resulting in Pawnee's first championship since 2009, when the Indians were coached by Nokomis grad Dan DeWerff.

The game started with the Lancers jumping out to an early lead as they led 8-0 before Pawnee got their first points, coming on a pair of free throws from Evan Roberts.

Pawnee would cut the lead to one at 8-7, but a swooping layup by Kyle Thomas gave the Lancers a three-point lead after the opening eight minutes.

Lincolnwood would continue to hold onto the lead throughout the second quarter, building up a six point margin after scoring four of the first five points on a putback by David Pope and a basket by Bryan Graham.

The six point lead would be the biggest of the quarter for the Lancers, who finished the frame with a 20-15 edge after a pair of free throws by Graham with 11 seconds left in the half.

Graham would lead all scorers with 10 in the first half, but Pawnee hadn't made it easy for the senior guard. The Indians collapsed

on Graham every time he went toward the hoop, but still managed to guard against the outside shot as well as Lincolnwood was held without a three in the half.

The one dimensional offense would haunt the Lancers in the third quarter as Pawnee outscored Lincolnwood 17-6 in the third frame.

After Graham scored to open the quarter, Pawnee scored the next eight points, with only one field goal by Austin Galloway in that mix. Galloway also had three of the free throws, the last of which gave the Indians their first lead of the game at 23-22 with 4:49 to play.

Seth Foster would hit a pair of free throws to push Lincolnwood back in front, but Pawnee would peel off seven straight points, including five from Trenton Eckert, to take a 30-24 advantage.

Both teams would score in the final two minutes of the quarter as Lincolnwood trailed 32-26 going into the final frame.

With a victory still within reach, a quick start would have been nice for the Lancers, but wasn't in the cards for Lincolnwood. Six straight points gave the Indians a 38-26 lead with just under six minutes to play in the game and left the Lancers reeling.

A free throw by Graham would cut the lead to one, but four straight free throws by the Indians boosted the lead back up to 15 with 4:20 to play.

The Lancers would launch one last rally with back-to-back baskets by Foster, but a technical on Lincolnwood Coach Matt Millburg

would give Pawnee a four-point swing to boost the lead back to 15 with three minutes left.

The Indians would lead by as many as 17 as they kept the Lancers away from the basket down the stretch. As the final horn sounded, Pawnee celebrated their first regional title in seven years with an 18-point win over the Lancers.

Graham would finish with 13 points in the loss, while Foster added in eight, six of which came in the second half. Reese Snyder would contribute six points, while A.J. Thomas, Josh Bormida, David Pope and Kyle Thomas added in two for the Lancers.

Austin Galloway would finish with 19 to lead Pawnee, but Trenton Eckert (15 points) and Garrett Gillette (13 points) also reached double figures for the Indians.

The Lancers finish the season with a 20-11 record, marking their second 20 win season in the last three years. Since taking over the program before the 2012-13 season, Coach Millburg is 74-49 in his four years with Lincolnwood.

February 26 at Edinburg

Class 1A Regional Championship

Lincolnwood 10 10 6 9 ---- 35
Pawnee 7 8 17 21 ---- 53

Lincolnwood (35) - Bryan Graham 13,
Seth Foster 8, Reese Snyder 6, A.J. Thomas 2, Josh Bormida 2, David Pope 2, Kyle Thomas 2.

Pawnee (53) - Austin Galloway 19,
Trenton Eckert 15, Garrett Gillette 13, Evan Roberts 4, Kolton Behrent 2.

Three-point field goals: Lincolnwood 0; Pawnee 1 (Gillette 1).

Records: Lincolnwood (20-11); Pawnee (13-15).

Bulldogs Shoot Down Redskins

At just over 100 miles round trip, the Effingham St. Anthony boys basketball team had the longest route of the five teams at the Class 1A Nokomis Regional. The Bulldogs' distance from home mattered less than their distance from the hoop on Friday, Feb. 26, as St. Anthony hit nine threes to end Nokomis' season in the regional championship game by a 55-30 final score.

The Bulldogs would get their first three triples of the night in the second quarter as St. Anthony picked up a five point lead after a 9-9 first quarter saw the Redskins keeping pace with the private school.

The combo of the three-pointers and Nokomis being held to just seven points and two field goals, both from Brayden Sabol, resulted in a 21-16 deficit for the Skins.

Nokomis would reach double figures in the third quarter, upping their total by ten after getting buckets by Reid Detmers and Hendrix Barnes and six points from Andrew Herpstreith, but St. Anthony answered from long range.

Cade Walsch would hit a pair of threes, after knocking down one in the second quarter, while Nick Grunloh (who had two in the first quarter) and Drew Gibson added one each in a 4-of-8 shooting performance from behind the arc that saw the Bulldogs pull ahead by 11.

The long range shooting and solid defense would keep St. Anthony ahead the rest of the way out as Walsch and Kyle Hartke added two more threes and the Bulldogs went 6-of-8 from the charity stripe to seal the win.

Nokomis would get 12 points in the final quarter, including nine from Sabol, but weren't able to gain any ground on the Bulldogs.

Sabol would lead all scorers with 17 points, while Detmers and Herpstreith added seven points apiece. Barnes would add six points in the loss, with Chris McQuire finishing his high school career with one point on a second quarter free throw.

Grunloh and Gibson would pace a balanced attack with 17 points apiece while Walsch added in 12 points, all from behind the three-point line. James Kabbes (six points) and Hartke (three points) would be the only other St. Anthony players to score.

St. Anthony would finish the game 18-of-42 from the floor, but 9-of-17 from three-point range. Nokomis would go 13-of-31 overall, with a 1-for-5 mark from be-



Redskin junior Reid Detmers goes up for a shot in front of a full Nokomis gym Friday night during the regional championship game against St. Anthony. Despite a close first half, the Bulldogs would pull away from the Redskins for a 55-38 victory to end the Redskins' season.

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hind the arc. The Bulldogs would also outrebound Nokomis 24-19 in the game, which made a difference in second chance offensive opportunities.

The loss to the Bulldogs ended the Nokomis season with a record of 20 wins and 10 losses. Since the 2003-04 season, when Nokomis went 15-15, the Redskins have won at least 20 games ten times, with 19 wins coming in each of the other two seasons.

The season isn't over quite yet for Reid Detmers though. The junior guard was one of four players to advance in the three-point showdown, joining Drew Gibson of St. Anthony, Tyler Wilson of Ramsey and Shawn Iberg of Mulberry Grove.

Detmers will shoot next on Fri-

day, March 4, prior to the sectional championship game at Red Hill High School in Bridgeport. The top four shooters from the sectional move on to the Country Financial preliminaries at Carver Arena in Peoria on Thursday, March 10.

February 26 at Nokomis

Class 1A Regional Championship

Nokomis 9 7 10 12 ---- 38

St. Anthony 9 12 16 18 ---- 55

Nokomis (38) - Brayden Sabol 17, Reid Detmers 7, Andrew Herpstreith 7, Hendrix Barnes 6, Chris McQuire 1.

Totals: 13-31 11-15 38.

St. Anthony (55) - Nick Grunloh 17, Drew Gibson 17, Cade Walsch 12, James Kabbes 6, Kyle Hartke 3. Totals: 18-42 9-17 55.

Three-point field goals: Nokomis 1-5 (Detmers 1); St. Anthony 9-17 (Walsch 4, Grunloh 3, Hartke 1, Gibson 1).

Records: Nokomis (20-10), St. Anthony (20-10).

Toppers End Season Against Hornets

by Ron Deabenderfer

Hillsboro's boys basketball team couldn't survive its Greenville Regional semi-final game Thursday evening, Feb. 15, against a bigger, more-experienced Nashville Hornet team, but the Toppers finished the game, and their season, in a strong fashion.

The Hornets had size (6'7" Royce Newman will suit up as a lineman for Ole Miss next fall; 6'6" Brogan Kemp is the first substitute; and 6'3" Brady Bultman starts) and experience (three seniors start). In addition 6'1" Ryan Brink's outside marksman ship means opponents can't just swarm Newman, and point guard Hayden Heggemeier could put the ball into the intended hands of the scorers.

The Hornets used a 2-3 zone as their primary defense; the Toppers have struggled offensively against good zones for most of the season. With Newman's bulk awaiting any penetration, the Hornets were imposing - and difficult to rebound.

The Hornets jumped to an early lead. The left-handed Bultman opened the scoring with his only trey; a Newman interior goal and free throw, and a Jake Haley three gave them an 11-4 advantage.

A baseline jumper by Dillon Civitate, a short jumper by Steven Fenske, and a Fenske offensive rebound basket (Fenske had 7 of the Toppers' 22 rebounds) brought the Toppers to within 1; a Donovan Moore three (he was 6 of 11 from behind the arc

promise. Drake Paden grabbed a rebound, drew the defense to him while dribbling the length of the floor, and fed Fenske for a lay up. Newman, Brink and Heggemeier created separation, though, as the Hornets took advantage of a Topper defense that had to gamble to gain possessions by scoring easily behind it; it became 44-29 in the first four minutes.

Moore, though, found his shooting touch from deep on his left wing; he had three treys, Jordan Tuetken one, as Paden (5) and Fenske (7) played as if they didn't want the season to end. Newman's 6 points kept the Hornets comfortably ahead until the last minute; the Hornets helped themselves by making 8 of 13 free throws. Fenske and Civitate each fouled out.

Nashville, now 19-10, moved on to the finals, meeting Greenville on Friday evening; when the two played at Greenville in early January, Nashville won 44-41. The Toppers finished 13-16.

A review of the season and the final statistics will be published soon in the Journal-News.

February 25 at Greenville

Hillsboro 13 5 9 26 ---- 53

Nashville 17 8 11 23 ---- 59

Hillsboro (53) - Donovan Moore 26, Steven Fenske 15, Drake Paden 5, Jordan Tuetken 3, Dillon Civitate 2, Alex Hilt 2.

Nashville (59) - Royce Newman 16, Ryan Brink 16, Brady Bultman 11, Hayden Heggemeier 7, Jake Haley 3, Jaris Dalman 3, Brogan Kemp 2, Riley Edwards 1.

Three-point field goals: Hillsboro 7 (Moore 6, Tuetken 1); Nashville 6 (Brink 4, Heggemeier 3, Bultman 1).

Records: Hillsboro (13-16); Nashville (19-10).

The fourth quarter began with

Boys Basketball Regional Tournament Schedules

Class 1A Edinburg Regional

Monday, February 22

Game 1: (9) New Berlin 58, (11) Edinburg 55

Game 2: (6) Pawnee 60, (12) Jacksonville Rount 41

Tuesday, February 23

Game 3: 7 p.m. - (2) Lincolnwood 58, New Berlin 24

Wednesday, February 24

Game 4: (6) Pawnee 57, (3) West Central 55

Friday, February 26

Game 5: (6) Pawnee 53, (2) Lincolnwood 35

Class 1A North Greene Sectional

Tuesday, March 1

Game 1: 7 p.m. - Carrollton vs. Waterloo Gibault Catholic

Wednesday, March 2

Game 2: 7 p.m. - Okawville vs. Pawnee

Friday, March 4

Game 3: 7 p.m. - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Class 1A Jacksonville Super-Sectional

Tuesday, March 8

Game 1: 6 p.m. - Winner Bushnell Sectional vs. Winner North Greene Sectional

Class 1A Nokomis Regional

Monday, February 22

Game 1: (10) Mulberry Grove 71, (8) Okaw Valley 69

Game 2: (5) Central A&M 111, (13) Ramsey 59

Tuesday, February 23

Game 3: (2) Nokomis 63, Mulberry Grove 44

Thursday, February 25

Game 4: (3) Effingham St. Anthony 76 (5) Central A&M 45

Friday, February 26

Game 5: (3) Effingham St. Anthony 55, (2) Nokomis 30

Class 1A Red Hill Sectional

Tuesday, March 1

Game 1: 7 p.m. - Patoka vs. Edwards County

Wednesday, March 2

Game 2: 7 p.m. - Dieterich vs. Effingham St. Anthony

Friday, March 4

Game 3: 7 p.m. - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Class 1A SIU Carbondale Super-Sectional

Tuesday, March 8

Game 1: 6 p.m. - Winner Red Hill Sectional vs. Winner Gallatin County Sectional

Class 2A Greenville Regional

Monday, February 22

Game 1: (7) Hillsboro 69, (8) Litchfield 54

Game 2: (6) Gillespie 74 (10) Carlinville 47

Thursday, February 25

Game 3: (2) Nashville 59, (7) Hillsboro 53

Game 4: (3) Greenville 65, (6) Gillespie 55

Friday, February 26

Game 5: (2) Nashville 72, (3) Greenville 56

Class 2A Pinckneyville Sectional

Tuesday, March 1

Game 1: 7 p.m. - Breese Central vs. Alton Marquette

Wednesday, March 2

Game 2: 7 p.m. - Pinckneyville vs. Nashville

Friday, March 4

Game 3: 7 p.m. - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Class 2A SIU Carbondale Super-Sectional

Tuesday, March 8

Game 1: 6 p.m. - Winner Flora Sectional vs. Winner Pinckneyville Sectional

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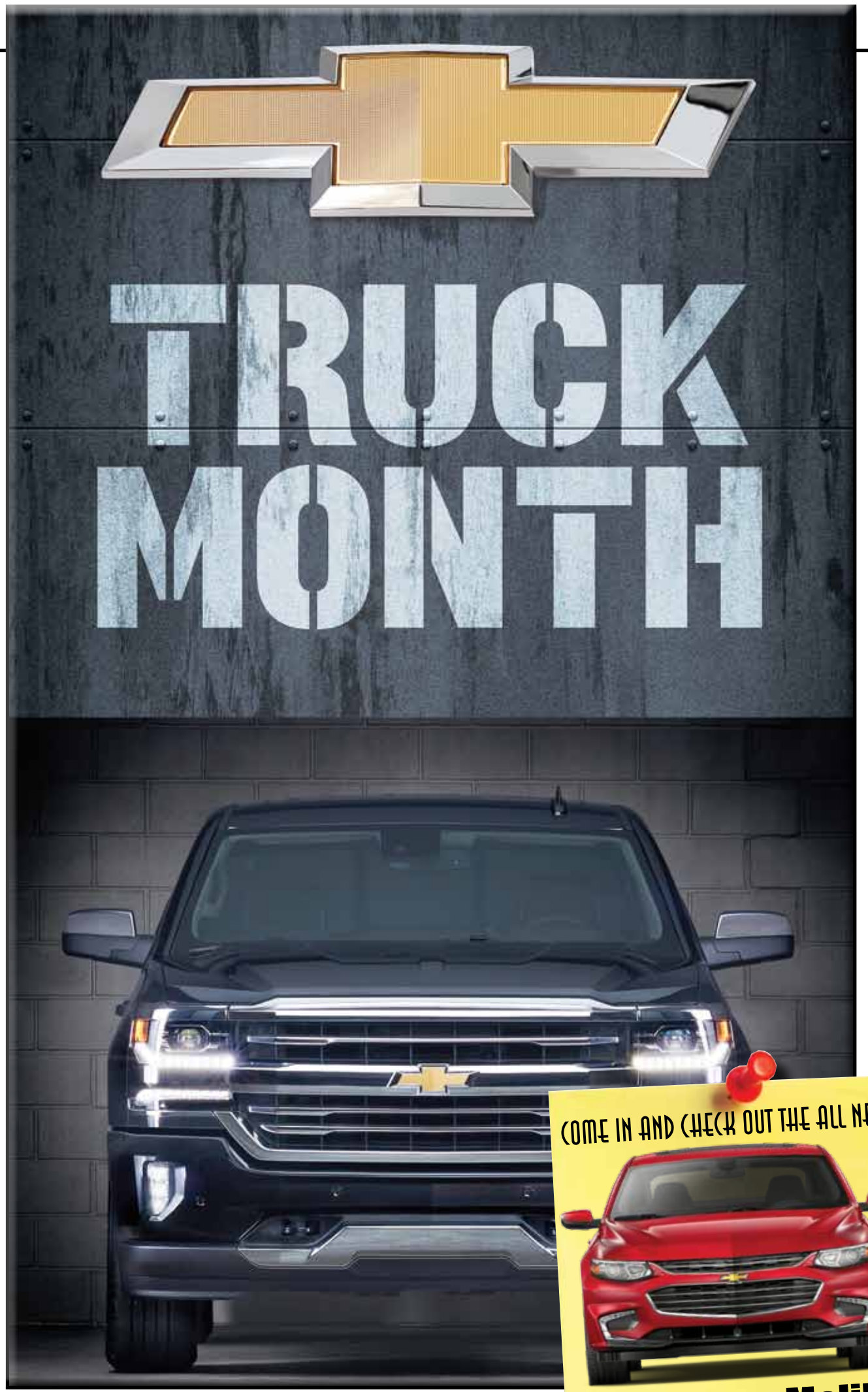
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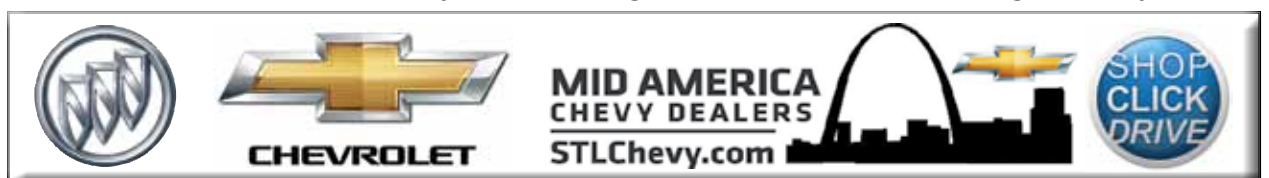


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