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Above, Tony Rothering speaks to a group of kids about bird banding and allows them to release the newly banded birds. From the left, are Susan Shaw, Brenda Rompaskey and her grandsons, Grayson, Landon, Jaxson, Kolton and Braydon and Tony Rothering.

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Area Residents Learn About Banding Birds

Tony Rothering, a licensed bird bander from the Lincoln Land Association of Bird Banders, held a banding demonstration at Bremer Sanctuary on Saturday morning, Sept. 21.

Guests enjoyed an up-close view of area birds while learning about the scientific process of banding and how the data is used to study topics, such as bird population dynamics and the impact of habitat change on the diversity and density of bird species. Susan

Shaw presented the "Be a Bander," children's program at the morning event. The youth program included a hands-on activity where child attendees could extract plush birds from a mist net while learning about the process of banding.

Despite the windy weather, Rothering banded 96 birds. The sanctuary set up ten mist nets, though most of the birds were captured in four nets. Rothering banded one Downy

Woodpecker, seven Eastern Wood-Pewees, two Black-Capped Chickadees, four House Wrens, one Eastern Bluebird, two Gray Catbirds, two Magnolia Warblers, one Black and White Warbler, 20 Common Yellowthroats, two Chipping Sparrows, two Field Sparrows, one Lincoln Sparrow, one Northern Cardinal, 32 Indigo Buntings and 18 American Goldfinches.

Bremer Sanctuary provided refreshments at the Saturday morning presentation.

Panhandle School Budget Shows Positive Balance

by Kyle Herschelmann

For the first time in several years, the budget for the Panhandle School District projects a positive balance in the general education fund at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, although

Superintendent Aaron Hopper said that could change depending on a number of factors, including state funding.

Hopper presented the FY2020 budget to board members during a public hearing on Monday, Sept. 23, with board members approving

the budget later on in their regular monthly meeting that night.

This year, Panhandle started the year with \$1.1 million in the general fund and the budget is expecting that number to grow to \$1.5 million on June 2020. Hopper said that initially they believed

that something was wrong, since the district had been in the red during the budget process each of the last six years, but an additional transportation payment from FY2019 and other factors led to a positive fund balance this year.

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Hillsboro Police Hires Holshouser As Officer

by Ron Deabenderfer

Luckily for the Hillsboro City Council, it only takes two (of four) city council members plus the mayor to constitute a quorum so official business can be conducted. Neither councilwoman Katie Duncan nor councilman Daniel Robbins could be at the scheduled meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 24. It took councilman Don Downs and Mike Murphy plus Mayor Brian Sullivan and City Attorney Kit Hantla only 40 minutes to conduct the city's business.

In one personnel matter, Public Safety Commissioner announced "a rare lateral transfer" which will return the Police Department to full strength, reducing overtime hours. Murphy said Hillsboro native Tyson Holshouser is coming back to town and will join the police force. Holshouser began his law enforcement career as a Montgomery County deputy before joining the St. Petersburg, FL, police force. Because he comes to Hillsboro with academy training complete, he can begin work immediately and will fill the time slots opened with the recent resignation of Sgt. Kelly Brewer. Murphy said, "Tyson is road-ready; the HPD just received a Christmas present."

The council also agreed to purchase a computer for the Police Department; at a cost of \$1,925, it replaces a unit that is eight years old which was rebuilt three years ago. Chief Randy Leatham also asked for a restructuring of the department. After Brewer's retirement, Leatham is the only supervisor left. Murphy said a "white shirt" (supervisor) is needed at a crime or accident scene when the chief can't be present, so Hantla was directed to construct an ordinance to create a Chief Deputy's position. It will be a salaried, non-union position.

Hantla and Utilities Commissioner Downs will also work on an

amendment to Section 38-3-18 of the city code. As written, the section says owners are responsible for the cost of replacing pipes leading from the water stop to their businesses or homes, but for various reasons that ordinance has never been consistently enforced. If it is unenforceable or unfair, Downs feels it needs to be changed.

Four plumbers spoke to the council about the problem over a month ago, so both Downs and the mayor want the ordinance changed to serve the needs of the public. Mayor Sullivan also said it's time for the issue to be resolved; the topic has been on the last several agendas.

As a response to social media, Attorney Hantla read a press release concerning the paid administrative leave imposed on city intern Jonathon Weyer. The text of the press release is at the end of this article.

The rest of the meeting dealt with okaying expenditures for various city purposes. The estimate to repair two motors for pumps at the water treatment plant was presented. Pump A will cost \$2,984.60 for repair by A.W. Smith Company; Pump B will cost \$2,453.85. The budgeted total was \$20,000.00, so the project is well under budget although Tim Ferguson of Woodard & Curran said one of the pumps also needed additional repairs to be operable.

The council also approved the purchase of a battery-powered rescue tool for the Fire Department at a price not to exceed \$11,000; Murphy, the Commissioner of Public Safety who brought the request to the table, reported the volunteers had already spent their own personal money for other battery-powered equipment.

The council decided to purchase two streetlight poles for the north side of Courthouse Square for \$22,732.36 total.

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The sirens of area fire trucks, police and emergency vehicles heralded the start of Sorento's 2019 Fall Festival parade. The Shoal Creek Fire Protection District opened their station to serve chicken and fish dinners during the event. Young attendees were even able to sit in the station's trucks and pull the fire engines' horns. See page 9A for more from this year's parade.

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Sorento Hosts Annual Fall Festival Parade

Sorento held their annual Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 22. The family-friendly event featured a variety of vendor and food booths. The Shoal Creek Fire Protection District opened their station to serve their much anticipated chicken and fish dinners.

The rainstorm on Sunday af-

ternoon did not dampen the Fall Festival's parade. The local Girl Scouts troop's Moana float won first place in the in-town floats division and the Bond County Secret Santa Society won first place in the out-of-town division. Additional parade participants included Don Wall, Jr., Jack Wall,

David and Kelley Voyles on their tractors, Cale Elam on his motorcycle, Pocahontas American Legion, Greenville High School marching band and color guard, area Fire and Police Stations, and local Democrat and Republican groups.

Literary Libations Raises Funds For Library

Imagine Hillsboro and Opera House Brewing Company are teaming up to host Literary Libations (Books and Brew), a fundraiser for Hillsboro Area Public Library.

The evening of frivolity, literature and music will be held from 4 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Opera House Brewing Company. Those in search of spooky October outings, will not want to miss the official release of the Opera House's newest brew, Edgar Allan Porter.

In keeping with Poe's renown for the mysterious and macabre, the Opera House has created a dark yet smooth brew, a chocolate hazelnut porter.

Literary Libations will feature a chilling dramatic reading of Edgar Allan Poe's classic poem, *The Raven* at 6 p.m. The evening's entertainments will continue with live music by popular Nashville recording-artist Cary Miller from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to dress in theme for the evening - the darker the attire the better.

A \$5 admission charge will be



Above, from the left, are Opera House Brewing Company owner Tony Marcolini, Imagine Hillsboro board member Nancy Slepicka, Hillsboro Area Library board member Carolyn Meier, and Opera House brewers Carlos Luevano and Tim Ulrici.

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taken at the door, which includes entrance and a raffle ticket for a prize basket filled with \$50 worth of goodies.

The drawing will be held at 10 p.m. on the night of the event.

Attendees do not need to be present to win.

Proceeds from Literary Libations (Books and Brew) will benefit Hillsboro Area Public Library's new building renovations.

Weather Report			
	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Sept. 23	87	61	-----
Sept. 24	79	53	-----
Sept. 25	80	63	-----

See the forecast on www.thejournal-news.net

Coats For Kids
Coats for Kids kicks off its annual campaign in Litchfield. See page 5A.

Shoal Creek Shootout
Toppers earn bragging rights over Lancers in this year's Shoal Creek shootout. See Sports, 1B.

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Obituaries

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Clarence R. Hoehn, 81

Farmer And U.S. Army Veteran



Clarence "Ace" R. Hoehn, 81, of Fillmore, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019, at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

Visitation will be held Monday, Sept. 30, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Miller Funeral Home in Fillmore. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Simburger officiating. Burial will be held in Bost Hill Cemetery in rural Fillmore, with military rites.

Mr. Hoehn was born Oct. 12, 1937, in Montgomery County, the son of Oscar and Margaret "Maggie" (Mindrup) Hoehn. He married Carolyn Darlene Voils on Jan. 13, 1962, in Nokomis, and

she preceded him in death on June 11, 2016.

A farmer, he was a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed coon hunting, golfing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by a son, Dennis (Kelly) Hoehn of Irving; daughter, Karen (David) Melton of Fillmore; grandchildren, Jana, Justin, Ben and Matt; brothers, Everett Hoehn of Fillmore and Donald Hoehn of Witt; and sisters, Lucille Barber of Lexington, KY, and Elizabeth Hoehn of Charleston.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Mark Hoehn.

Online condolences may be left at www.millerfh.net.

George R. Allen II, 47

Nokomis Business Owner



George Raymond Allen II, 47, of Nokomis, died on Monday Sept. 23, 2019, at Christian Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 28, at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home, in Nokomis with visitation from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Nokomis Cemetery.

The son of George Raymond Allen and Irene Emerson Allen, Mr. Allen was born on June 20, 1972, in Pekin. He married Yvette Hays July 9, 2011; they had been together 28 years and she survives.

He is also survived by his mother in Nokomis; a son, George

Raymond Allen III of Alton; a stepdaughter, Megan Hays (fiance Zach Taylor) of Nokomis; grandchildren Leah Rose Allen, Gregory Chadwick, Carson Chadwick, Aaron Chadwick, Mitchell Brown and Myla Brown; and a brother Barry (Kimberly) Allen of Greentown, IN.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Allen was the owner operator of Allen's Tire Service in Nokomis, a Christian, a member of the Nokomis Fire Department and a member of South Fork Dirt Riders.

Janet L. Honaker, 52

Loving Mother And Grandmother

Janet L. (Beiermann) Honaker, 52, of Litchfield, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, at her residence.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Honaker was born Oct. 23, 1966, in Hillsboro, to Howard and Peggy A. (Stride) Beiermann. She married Kevin Honaker, and he survives.

She was a homemaker and of the Christian faith. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

In addition to her father, she is survived by two sons, Kevin

Honaker of Rushville and David Smith of Missouri; one daughter, Kara Honaker of Morrisonville; two grandchildren, Nevaeh and Jerikeh; and siblings, Carol Blanton, Patty Varwig, Brenda Skinner, Mary Gates, Katie Taylor and Butch Beiermann.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by one child, Kristen Nicole Beiermann; and two brothers, Mark Beiermann and Bobby Stride.

Memorials may be made to Benld Adopt-A-Pet or Paws Care.

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

Roger W. Mollett, 62

Formerly Of Hillsboro



Roger Wayne Mollett, 62, of Springfield, formerly of Hillsboro, died Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Brown Cemetery in Old Ripley.

Mr. Mollett was born July 8, 1957, in Highland to Charles Benedict and Dorothy (Hunter) Mollett. He married Vickie Seabolt and they later divorced. He then married Karen May Noblet on Nov. 8, 1985, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield,

and she survives.

Growing up on the family farm north of Greenville, he attended local schools, and at the age of six, the family moved west of Hillsboro, where he graduated from Hillsboro High School.

He moved to Springfield and worked for the Illinois State Police, computer programming for four-and-a-half years. He then worked for over 25 years for the Illinois Department of Corrections, where he was a supervisor, retiring in 2007.

In addition to his wife of 33 years, he is survived by daughter, Audrey Marie (husband Mark) Williams of Centerville, OH; son, Charles Howard May of Chicago; brother, Glenn (Liz) Mollett of Auburn; and grandchildren, Ciara Williams, Kayla Williams and Jacob Williams.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Judy Mollett and brother, Randy Mollett.

Memorials may be made to the Animal Protective League of Springfield. Online condolences may be left at www.donnellwiegand.com.

Zonna Elane Culbreth, 77

Leaves Family In Hillsboro



Zonna Elane Culbreth, 77 of Johnston City died at 11:05 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, in Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO, with her family by her side.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26 at Pyle Funeral Home in Johnston City. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Brian Harris officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeview Cemetery in Johnston City.

Mrs. Culbreth was born June 22, 1942, in Herrin to Edward and Marie (Lane) James. She was married to Raymond Culbreth on April 20, 1963 in Energy. He preceded her in death on June 19, 2008. Together they shared 45 years of marriage.

Mrs. Culbreth was retired, having been employed by the Johnston City State Bank for several years.

She was also employed by Borens IGA in Herrin for several years.

Mrs. Culbreth is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Raene and David Summers of Johnston City; three sisters, Frances Harvel of Kansas City, MO, Shirley (Charles) Williams of Carterville and Janice (Brad) Grimes of Hillsboro; a sister-in-law, Linda (John) Lorenzo of Marion and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, George Harvel, Ricky "Jason" Culbreth and Larry and Judy Culbreth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of America or the American Heart Association. Memorial envelopes are available at the funeral home. To sign the book of memories, visit www.pylefuneralhome.com.

THANK YOU
Thank you to the
Woodsboro neighborhood
at the time of
our loss.
Alan and Carol Berry

Happy Birthday
LEANN DRAPER!
We miss you
so much.
Love,
Dalton, Bradley,
Mom and Dad

Anna (Hudgins) Jennings, 64

Machinist At Echlin



Anna L. (Hudgins) Jennings, 64, of Atwater, formerly of Litchfield, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

No services are planned at this time. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is in charge of arrangements.

Ms. Jennings was born Jan. 9, 1955, in Jacksonville, the daughter of Lawrence and Verlie Mae (Tipsword) Hudgins. She married Earl Barnes, and they divorced. She later married Jerry Jennings, and they divorced.

A member of the Litchfield Moose Lodge and Carlinville Elks, she was a machinist at Echlin before retiring.

She is survived by a son, James (Christy) Barnes of Chatham; daughter, Missy Barnes of Atwater; four brothers, Leroy (Shari) Tipsword of Chesterfield, Jimmy (Evelyn) Hudgins of Palmyra, Gary Hudgins of Jerseyville and Ronald Hudgins of Alabama; three sisters, Brenda (Steve) Jones of Standard City, Donna Beeman of Girard and Caryn Bushue of Carlinville; and four grandchildren, Dakota and Madilyn Barnes, and Dustin and Tyler Sanchez.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother, Kenny Hudgins.

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

County CEO Students Tour Nokomis City Hall This Fall

Students in the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program toured Nokomis City Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

City Clerk Rachel Hill, explained the relationship between businesses and local municipalities includes street maintenance, maintaining the sidewalks, water and waste and fire and safety protection. Hill informed the team that the city decided to outsource water treatment and maintenance for cost saving measures.

Police Chief Bill Kenny, talked about the police department and the benefit to the city and local businesses to have continuous

patrol. The team toured the city hall, and discovered how different departments interact and address community concerns.

The team also asked questions related to city budgeting and how the city's investment into roads and sidewalks and infrastructure benefits local businesses. For example, how do small towns entice businesses to build in rural communities?

Hill reviewed the benefits of more affordable buildings, and in turn, cheaper labor as a result of cheaper living expenses. Small communities are catching up with digital services that afford small businesses the opportunity to do online business almost anywhere.

Litchfield Senior Club Enjoys Catered Meal, Holds Meeting

Forty-two members of the Litchfield Senior Club met on Sunday, Sept. 22, at the Litchfield Community and Senior Center for a delicious meal, catered by Milanos Catering in Hillsboro.

Charlie Fulk led the group in the Lord's Prayer before enjoying the meal. Club President Carl Savage opened the business meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary and treasurer reports were read and accepted.

Larry McGee won the door prize. Birthdays for September included Sylvia Prior, Carol Ovens and Charlie Fulk. Anniversaries included Alice and Ray Schwab, who celebrated 58 years.

Under old business, a donation was approved, to the building fund, for a new sound system. In new business, Savage announced that he had received an email from Joyce Bishop about another trip that the Senior Achievers are planning. The trip will be on Thursday, Oct. 17, to Salisbury for lunch at the Morning Star Mercantile and then on to a farm near Petersburg to shop and visit the gardens. For anyone who is interested, see Savage for details.

The Litchfield Senior Club's entertainment was Bingo, and numbers were called by Russell and Mary Young. Coverall was won by Babe Meyers. Fall table decoration was provided by Jeanette Manning.

Future scheduled activities includes a free senior dance, which will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m.; a potluck on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 12:30 p.m., with Russell Young's band the Country Melodies.

All seniors 55 and over are welcome to attend.

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to create a comfortable
experience for
our patients

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

Journalisms

News About People and Events of Interest Throughout The County

There'll be cars crashing and crunching this weekend at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Butler for the annual fall demolition derby. The action starts at 6 p.m., so stop out for lots of thrills at this year's event.

In honor of Veterans' Day, Trent West of Glenn and West law office, will be offering a free last will and testament to all military veterans. Appointments are available in Nokomis on Monday, Nov. 11, and in Litchfield on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Veterans will need a photo ID and proof of veteran status. Limited appointments are available. For more information, call 217-563-7777 or 217-324-7777.

Looking to see the fabulous Christmas displays in Branson, MO, this season? Then stop in at First Community Bank in Hillsboro and sign up for their Christmas in Branson trip Nov. 14-16. The trip includes a stay at the Grand Plaza Hotel, two breakfasts, two dinner meals and three shows. For more information, call Jennifer, Holly or Carla at 217-532-2030.

Save the cooking for someone else this weekend, and help some really great causes in the process. On Friday, Sept. 27, stop by the parking lot at CNB Bank and Trust in Hillsboro for the Knights of Columbus famous fish fry. They will be serving meals from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Community of Faith Church in Raymond will be hosting an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper on Friday evening, Sept. 27, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at the church, located at 101 Belle Street. Proceeds will benefit the church's mission.

The Irving Masonic Lodge will be serving up biscuits and gravy for breakfast on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 6 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, ages ten and under. The Irving Masonic Lodge is located on Route 16 in Irving.

In Donnellson, the Masons will be hosting their annual spaghetti dinner on Sunday, Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Langham Outdoors, located on Route 127, just south of Donnellson. Don't miss this all-you-can-eat special.

Mark your calendars for a few upcoming fundraisers to benefit St. Louis School in Nokomis. On Saturday, Nov. 2, they will be hosting a MOCO putt-putt golf tournament, where teams of four travel from house to house or barn for a nine-hole course. Following the golf, there will be a meal and auction at the Parish Center in Nokomis. On New Year's Eve, they will be hosting a party at the Parish Center, featuring a DJ, drinks and a meal, as well as casino or carnival-type games.

And this April, they will be hosting Live After Friday Night, a spoof of some favorite vintage Saturday Night Live sketches. It will be held on Saturday, April 4, at the Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. More details will be forthcoming about all these events, so save the dates for a really great time!

Calling all performers, the first meeting of Hillsboro's Community Theatre group will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Event Center of Montgomery County. The group will be led by acting coach Susan Collins and is open to adults and teens ages 15 years and older. Sunday's meeting will cover a variety of information, including meeting times, dates, membership dues and future productions. The group is open to all individuals in the county, of all skill sets; performers as well as those interested in working behind the scenes. Questions about the theatre group may be directed to Collins via email at susantcollins@gmail.com.

Remember that the second of Imagine Hillsboro's three "What's Next?" sessions is tonight, Thursday, Sept. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m., in the cloud room at Hillsboro Area Hospital. Imagine Hillsboro and the City of Hillsboro are working together to host the series of community development meetings. Local residents, especially young families, are urged to bring their ideas to the brainstorming discussion led by representatives of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University. A light meal will be provided at 5:30 p.m. free of charge. The third and final session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3. Those in need of child care to attend the meeting should contact Imagine Hillsboro President Barb Hewitt at 217-259-4103 or Tori O'Dell at 618-795-4170 by the Monday prior to each meeting.

Kendra Wright had a table on the sidewalk near the entrance to the Red Rooster during the Old Settlers Car Show in early August, and she asked passersby if they knew who owned the pigeon eating the newly sown grass seed on the Rooster's lawn. She said the bird had helped itself frequently over the summer, so much so that the grass crop on the west side was rather sparse. The pigeon had a band on its leg and was relatively tame, so the Wrights assumed it had an owner. A pigeon fancier in Taylor Springs had a bird not return, so he came to check out the escapee at the Rooster. It was his—not the one that disappeared recently, but one that had flown the coop three years ago. It walked over to him when he called and presumably is happy in its Taylor Springs roost now. The grass is also flourishing.

The City of Hillsboro Water Department will be conducting a free chlorine conversion for approximately the next 30 days. During this time, there is potential for a stronger smell of chlorine in the drinking water. Residual levels are constantly monitored leaving the treatment plant and are below the regulatory limits set by Illinois EPA. This brief process is beneficial in helping sustain adequate Chloramine levels in the distribution system year around.

LANCER LINES • by Bree Boehler at Lincolnwood High

Lincolnwood Students Enjoy Dodgeball In The Gym



On Sept. 20, school had an early dismissal at 11:25 due to School Improvement Day.

Students who had no unexcused absences were able to play dodgeball in the gym all day. Students from junior high and high school were able to compete against each other. In high school, seniors won and in junior high, eighth grade won.

Also, on Sept. 20, senior photos were taken. These photos will be hung in the senior hallway with a quote of each senior's choice. Seniors must turn in their quote to Mrs. Scott by the end of the week.

In FFA, everyone is studying for the agronomy CDE. Students are memorizing all noxious weeds, bugs, and identifying different seeds all found commonly in Illinois. FFA members are excited

for the competition and plan on doing well.



Montgomery County CEO student Brayden Bolyard of Hillsboro, at right, talks to Jack Tosetti, at left, and Heather Hampton-Knodle at a meet and greet event on Thursday evening, Sept. 19.

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Jack Tosetti Hosts Event For CEO Students In Witt

Jack Tosetti of Witt hosted the annual meet and greet event for this year's Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students and the program's investors.

Five of this year's students, including Jackson Peck and Colton Wall of Litchfield High School, Erin Kistner and Brayden Bolyard of Hillsboro High School and Evan Hopper of Lincolnwood High School, spoke to those in attendance about their experience in the CEO program. Four other students in this year's program were unable to attend.

The students talked about this year's fair market challenge, which gives each students a

chance to turn \$10 into \$100 in just three weeks. Students also told investors what they like about the CEO program.

Other speakers during the event included CEO alumnus Lucaas Secrist, who founded the Montgomery County CEO Alumni Network and CEO facilitator Dr. Ryan Follis.

Before concluding, Heather Hampton-Knodle, chairman of the CEO board, spoke and introduced other members of the board of directors. Treasurer Misty Borrowman also presented the financial report for the program.

For more information about the CEO program, visit www.montgomeryceo.com.

Montgomery County Prairie Banquet Will Be Held Nov. 2

The Montgomery County Prairie Banquet will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Event Center, 11198 IL Route 185 in Hillsboro. Games, raffles and social hour, and two-meat buffet will begin at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 per person or \$20 for spouse or child (15 and under). Ticket order deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 22.

White Tail Unlimited (WTU) membership is included with a single ticket. Tickets will not be sold at the door. They are first come, first served. Current members will have their membership extended one year from the date of expiration. Life members can deduct \$23 off the single ticket or sponsor price. Members are asked to give their Life Member number.

As a non-profit organization, the purpose is to raise funds in support of educational programs, wildlife habitat enhancement and acquisition and the preservation of the shooting sports and hunting tradition for future generations.

This fundraising event will include a dinner, auction and prizes with a wide array of products, such as firearms, outfitter packages, hunting and outdoor-related equipment, artwork and collectibles only available at WTU events. Check out whitetailsunlimited.com/i/p/19-20merch.pdf to see what could be won.

To become a sponsor, donate \$250 in cash or \$350 in marketable whole goods merchandise (no discount coupons) and receive the WTU sponsor Browning survival kit and decal, two banquet tickets (includes one membership), a general raffle package and entry into a sponsor-only gun drawing.

To become a table captain, guests may purchase banquet tickets for eight people or more. Table captains will receive entry into a table captain-only gun

drawing, WTU cap, seats reserved in last name and recognition as a special WTU guest.

For the General Raffle Early Package, purchase the \$100 package by Tuesday, Oct. 22, and receive 132 general raffle tickets (one raffle with multiple winners for several guns and a large amount of merchandise), six chances at the top gun (first choice general raffle firearm), and two WTU gifts. Items may be picked up at event. If purchased at the event, purchasers will only receive 88 general raffle tickets, one WTU item and two chances at the top gun. Banquet ticket is not included and must be purchased to be eligible to buy this item. Must be present to win.

For the Ladies Raffle Early Package, purchase the \$50 package by Tuesday, Oct. 22, and receive 176 ladies raffle tickets (one raffle with multiple winners and a conceal carry handgun), and WTU gift. Items may be picked up at event. If purchased at the event, participants will only get 110 ladies/basket raffle tickets. Banquet ticket is not included and must be purchased to be eligible to buy this item. Must be present to win.

For the pre-season raffle, tickets are \$10 each with 300 tickets sold. This is for a chance to win a Taurus Slim 9mm handgun, TriStar Setter 12-gauge shotgun and Savage 64 .22 caliber rifle.

Through the Grassroots Program, WTU provides grants to local projects and activities that advance the mission.

For ticket information, call Tim Taylor at 217-971-7110, Rich Reincke at 217-537-3159, Ken Parmenter at 217-313-1425, WTU National Headquarters at 800-274-5471 or buy online at www.whitetailsunlimited.com.

Weather Forecast

THU SEP 26	Partly Cloudy	76°/56°	10%
FRI SEP 27	Mostly Sunny	86°/66°	20%
SAT SEP 28	Isolated Thunderstorms	83°/67°	30%
SUN SEP 29	AM Thunderstorms	88°/69°	40%
MON SEP 30	Sunny	90°/68°	10%
TUE OCT 1	Mostly Sunny	90°/69°	10%
WED OCT 2	PM Showers	86°/60°	40%



Hillsboro Rotary Club's new banner was on display at their September meeting. Pictured with the new banner, from the left, are District Governor Julie Dobski, Hillsboro Rotary Club President Dr. Patty Whitworth, and Assistant District Governor Miley Palmer.

Hillsboro Rotary Presented With New Banner At Meeting

Hillsboro Rotary Club welcomed two special guests at their recent meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, the District Governor for Rotary district #6490, Julie Dobski of Bloomington and Assistant District Governor, Miley Palmer of Decatur.

The local club members shared details of the club's many projects, including college scholarship programs, sending local high school students to the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA), the presentation of dictionaries to each third grader in the Hillsboro school district, the operetta Dinner Theatre, the Old Settlers Kiddie

Parade, the Halloween parade and participating in the Hillsboro Christmas festival with a beverage stand. The club also provides monetary support for numerous local causes, such as the new library and the Reimagine Hillsboro community development meetings.

Dobski shared information with the Hillsboro club regarding grants for community projects that will become available to Rotary Clubs during the next year. She then presented the new Rotary banner for the current year, displaying the theme of how the world is connected through Rotary International.

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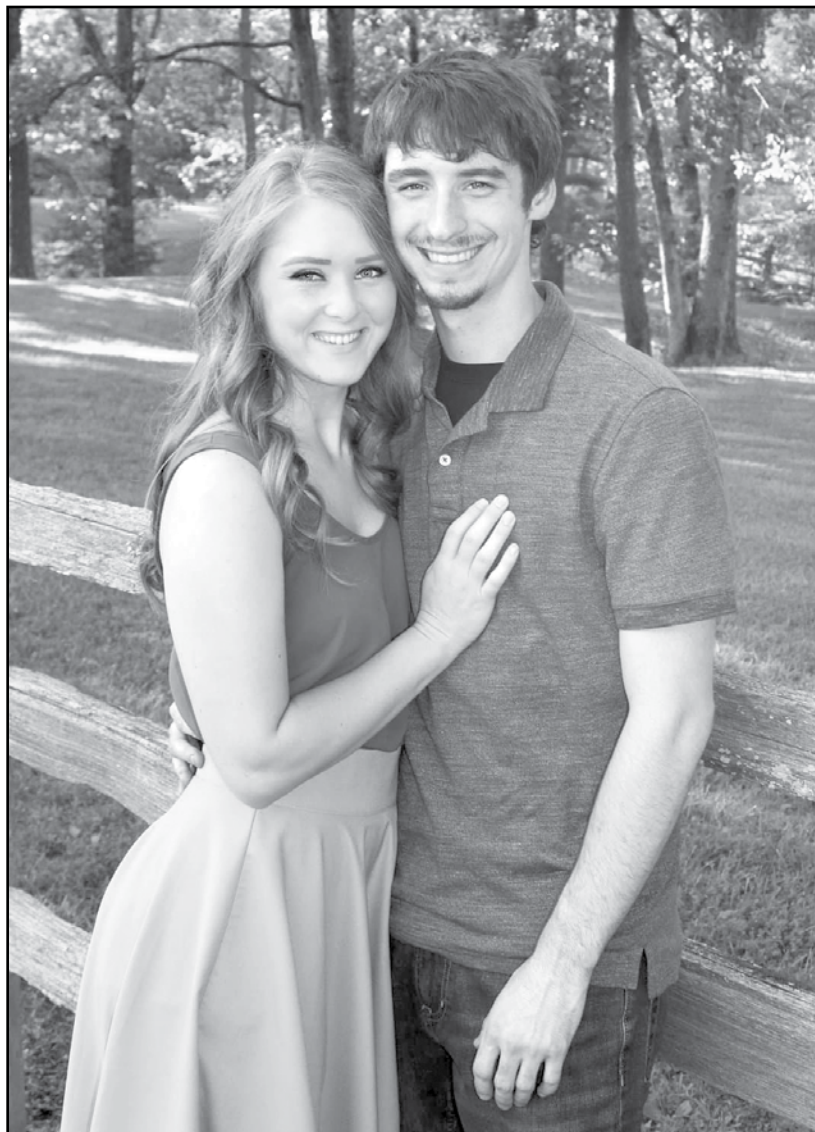
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Kati Hampton, Chris Fenton Plan Wedding In November

Christopher Fenton and Kati Hampton of Litchfield announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Patty Hampton of Litchfield and Debbie and Jeff Compton-Kornmann of Overland, MO. A 2013 graduate of Litchfield High School, she graduated from Paul Mitchell the School in St. Louis, MO, in 2014 and is currently a stylist at The Body Depot

in Carlinville.

Her future husband is the son of John and Trish (Hamilton) Fenton of Litchfield. A 2014 graduate of Litchfield High School, he graduated from Lincoln Land Community College in 2018 with a degree in criminal justice. He is currently employed at Atlas 46 in Hillsboro.

The couple plan to marry on Nov. 9, at the Christian Church of Litchfield.

Montgomery County Art Guild Will Host Origami Workshop

The Montgomery County Art Guild will host an origami workshop on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m. in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

The workshop will be led by Denise and Erin Kistner and other members of the art guild.

All materials will be provided. Anyone interested in art is welcome to attend.

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Thank you, Trent S. West of

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Birth

Brittney and David Friesland of Litchfield announce the birth of their daughter, Gracie Ellen Friesland, born Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, at 8:40 a.m. at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 5 lbs., 13 ozs., and measured 19 ins. long.

Gracie has a big sister, Aria Friesland, age two.

Maternal grandparents are April and James Sevier. Maternal great-grandparent is Steve White.

Paternal grandparents are Kristal Friesland and David Friesland. Paternal great-grandparents are Denise and AJ Reed.

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McDonald Wins Fall Crazy Cash

Monica McDonald of Fillmore is this week's winner of \$175 in the Crazy Cash drawing at St. Louis School in Nokomis.

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

Royal Neighbors To Hold Library Benefit October 5

Coffeen Royal Neighbors will hold a biscuits and gravy breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The breakfast will be held at East Fork Community Building in Coffeen. The breakfast is donation only with the proceeds to benefit Coffeen Community Library.

Church Tour Group Will Take Holiday Trip To Branson

The First United Methodist Church of Gillespie is sponsoring their 3rd annual Christmas in Branson tour on Thursday, Nov. 14, Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16.

The tour group will take a three-day, two-night holiday to Branson, where they will stay at the Grand Victorian Hotel, located on the strip. The tour includes four class "A" shows, a drive-thru Christmas lights display and shopping trips in downtown Branson and the Crafters Mall. Four buffet meals are included.

The cost for the Christmas tour is \$410.00 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy is \$545.00.

For more information or to reserve a space contact Bob at 217-313-3317.

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In the photo above are DAR members. From the left are Kendra Wright, Deb Small, Anne McLaughlin, Patty Whitworth and Carolyn Cerven.

McLaughlin Speaks At September DAR Meeting

Member Anne McLaughlin was the speaker at the September Christiana Tillson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) meeting.

In keeping with the September theme of Constitution Month, McLaughlin used her finely-honed teaching skills to give a

very informative and entertaining presentation, including a short quiz of sorts. She touched upon many misconceptions regarding the Constitution, and provided fascinating insight into many of the writers of the document.

The next meeting of the Christiana Tillson Chapter will be held

in conjunction with tree plantings which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, in Schram City and Taylor Springs. The annual DAR Trivia Night will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Lions Club.

For more information, contact Kendra Wright at 217-556-6890 or Patty Whitworth at 217-246-2806.



Members of the Coats for Kids committee are hard at work gearing up for this year's campaign to make sure that no children in the Litchfield School District go without warm winter clothes. Pictured above, from the left are Linda Grammer, Shirley Laird, Matt Vaughn, Sharon Schwab, Audrey Vaughn and Caris Vaughn.

Journal-News Photo

Coats For Kids Kicks Off Annual Campaign

"We get so much support from our family, friends and this community," said Audrey Vaughn of the Coats for Kids committee in Litchfield. "It's overwhelming how much help we get, and what a blessing those kids are to us."

For the past 25 years, Coats for Kids has worked together with the community to make sure that no children have to go without warm clothing in the winter.

Joining Vaughn on the committee are her husband, Matt Vaughn, Shirley Laird, Sharon Schwab and Linda Grammer. They

work tirelessly all year long on fundraising and organization to fulfill their mission.

Applications for this year's program are now available for pick up at Hearts United and the South Litchfield Township Hall. They must be returned by Friday, Oct. 18, to be eligible for help.

Volunteer shoppers will purchase new clothing for local youth on Saturday, Nov. 2, in the morning, and will enjoy a lunch provided by Michelle Osborne at The Underground afterward. Youth will be able to pick up their clothing at a pizza party on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 6 p.m. at The Underground, where they will enjoy fun and games as well. All kids will also get a brand new pair of shoes from Shoe Sensation in Litchfield on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Volunteer shoppers from Tri-County Beauty Academy will help to shop for the littlest children in the program, ages zero to five, prior to the annual shopping day.

Donations are still needed to make sure local children stay warm this winter, as it takes about \$16,000 to operate the program each year. Donations may be sent to Coats for Kids, P.O. Box 157, Litchfield, IL 62056.

Terry Plummer of Plummer Funeral Home donates a container of laundry detergent for each child in the program, and the committee is still looking for a church or organization to donate blankets, so each child will have a personal blanket this winter.

For more information about making a donation, contact one of the committee members.

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Annual Harvest Market Heralds Fall In Hillsboro

Preparations are underway for Hillsboro's annual European-Style Harvest Market. This will be the fifth year for the market, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5. Hosted and organized by Imagine Hillsboro's Festivals and Events committee the Hillsboro Harvest Market will take place along Hillsboro's historic courthouse square.

Montgomery County Paws Care invites attendees to start their morning with a hearty breakfast at Hillsboro Moose Lodge. Pancakes for Paws will be held from 7 to 11 a.m. at the local lodge's downstairs restaurant. The animal rescue organization will serve pancakes, sausage, and biscuits and gravy for only \$8 per person.

After a filling meal, guests can usher in October with a stroll down Main Street where many of Hillsboro's downtown businesses will be open showcasing their wares, and outdoor vendors will be set up along the street, selling handmade and vintage wares, clothing, home decor, baked items, produce, food and more.

Live entertainment will take the Lincoln Plaza Stage throughout the day and child attendees may enjoy free entertainment including pumpkin painting, a scarecrow scavenger hunt and more. Those interested can bring a decorated scarecrow to enter into the market's Scarecrow Decorating Contest. Hillsboro High School's Cheer Squad will take a respite from homecoming preparations to boost town morale with a flash mob dance at 10 a.m. Learn about local history at the Harkey House, which the Montgomery County Historical Society will open to visitors during the market. Head down to the Opera House Brewing Company where they will be unveiling a new brew, Octoperfest.

Several new events will take place at this year's market. Imagine Hillsboro's Downtown Committee is planning to turn Main Street into a masterpiece with their Chalk of the Town competition. For \$25 participants

will reserve an 8X8 square (between The Opera House Brewing Company and Napa) and a box of chalk to create their own artwork. Prizes will be awarded for People's Choice. The friendly competition is open to individuals of all ages and there is not a limit to how many people may participate in a group. For more information or to reserve a square contact Cindy Huber at (217) 534-2451 or Linda Belanger or (708) 805-5119.

This year, Atlas 46 has teamed up with Imagine Hillsboro to host a Monster Building Competition. The challenging event has two levels of competition, the Fun Family Build and the Competitive Build. The Fun Family Build is a free event open to all market attendees. Starting at 10 a.m. teams of no more than four (including at least one adult and one child) will be given one hour to work together to construct a monster using only the pre-cut materials provided by Atlas 46. Contest winners will be decided on by a team of judges, with the top three teams receiving a new, All American 75/25 Duffle Bag. Registration for the Fun Family Build will remain open through the day of the event.

The Competitive Build will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Teams for this build may consist of up to three builders and must pay a \$25 entry fee. Monsters for this build must be a minimum of four feet tall and free-standing. Winners of the Competitive Build contest will be decided by popular vote from event attendees, with first place taking home the grand prize of \$1,000. Monster creations will be displayed at a local Hillsboro business through the month of October.

Pre-registration is required to participate in the Monster Building Competitions. Those interested may register online at www.hillsboromonster.com, prior to the deadline on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

More information on the Hillsboro Harvest Market, Chalk of the Town, and the Monster Building Competition may be found online at www.imagine-hillsboro.com or via Facebook.



Ohren, Leitschuh Families Enjoy September Reunion

The descendants of the Marie Ohren, Anthony Leitschuh and Carl Leitschuh families enjoyed the annual family reunion on Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Holy Family Parish Center in Litchfield. Lots of great food was shared along with photos and memory books. Those in attendance include Helen Loucks, David and Robin Loucks, Kyle, Brooke and Sawyer Loucks, Nathan, Allyson, Nolan and Drew Loucks, Diane Jacob, Paul and Karen Donham, Dale and Rosemary Hughes, Matthew, Connie and Marissa Hughes, Sam and Ann Miller, Bill, Ruth, Andrew, Trenton and Erika Bill, Bernie Leitschuh and Sharon Gowin, Terry Leitschuh, Toby and Missy Dean, Ted and Dee Simmons, Shelley Gipson, Thad, Tonya, Collin and Brady Davidson, Gloria Leitschuh, Michael Leitschuh, Gene and Beverly Wagner, Stephanie and Ashley Hickerson, Shirley Savage, Marvin and Karen Savage, Jim and Debbie Hendrickson, Melanie Campbell and Chris, Kim and Nathan Fyffe.

Cross Over Ministries Learns About Early Intervention Plan

Cross Over Ministries board met on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Hillsboro Area Hospital. Those in attendance were Linda Liebscher, Dawn Young, Donna Yeske, John Speiser, Annette Blankenship, Deb Roemheldt, Becky Wedekind, Wayne Wedekind, Katie Wilson, Amanda Cunningham and Kim Noyes.

The board heard from special guest Amanda Cunningham, the school psychologist for Hillsboro School District. She spoke about the need for early intervention in promoting mental health among students that are at risk for depression or other mental illness. Catching signs of trauma early and intervening may be a key factor in preventing or reducing substance abuse disorders and mental illnesses in the children's teen and adult years. Cunningham shared that the district's schools will offer screenings to attempt to identify signs of adverse childhood events and trauma, so that students may receive early intervention services.

The board also heard from Katie Wilson with The Montgomery County Farm Bureau. Wilson shared statistics on suicide among farmers and the need for families

to learn about stress reduction. The Farm Bureau and Cross Over Ministries are currently working together to plan a seminar on the topic.

The board reported that the Divorce Care 4Kids program is currently underway. The 13-week program is held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evenings, at the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church. There is an adult program as well as a children's program, for youth ages five through 12. Registrants are still being accepted. Those interested may contact Lynette Weiss at 217-246-8455.

The board then reported that the annual Out of the Darkness Into His Light walk will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2. This is the second year for the event, which promotes suicide awareness and prevention. St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro will host this year's event and will provide breakfast for the attendees. More information on the walk will be forthcoming.

The Cross Over Ministries board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Hillsboro Area Hospital's conference room. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.



The Journal-News Spotted At Mt. Rushmore With Claytons

Olin D. and Barb Clayton of Raymond, took a copy of *The Journal-News* with them on their trip to Mt. Rushmore in Keystone, SD. Photo was taken by Inland Northwest Broadcasting, Mr. Dennis Deccio and his wife, E.J., who work in Moscow, ID.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church Will Hold Upcoming Events

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 410 W. 3rd North St. in Mt. Olive has Bibles available for "Take your Bible to School Day Oct. 3."

The church will hold a Christian movie night on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m., featuring the film *Breakthrough*. It's preceded by episode four of eight of the video series of Jonathon Cahn's new book *The Oracle-The Jubilees*, which details God's work from Bible times to today and into the future.

Everyone is welcome to take advantage of all the opportunities. For more information, call 217-299-0508.

SORENTO NEWS • by Corrine Varner 272-4454

Sorento Food Pantry To Be Open This Saturday



Sorento School News

The next scheduled basketball games for the Lady Greyhounds are Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. in Pocahontas and Thursday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. in Greenville.

Check out Sorento School's Facebook page to see photos and school updates at Facebook: Sorento School PTO.

Sorento School Menus

Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2019

Breakfast

Monday: Breakfast bites or cereal, toast.

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast.

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast.

Thursday: Biscuit and gravy or cereal, toast.

Friday: Mini strawberry bagels or cereal, toast.

Lunch

Monday: Corn dog or deli sandwich, steamed carrots, peaches.

Tuesday: Nachos/meat/cheese or deli sandwich, corn, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: Chicken-n-noodles or deli sandwich, green beans, pears, breadstick.

Thursday: Hamburger/bun or deli sandwich, baked beans, apple.

Friday: Cheese pizza or deli sandwich, tossed salad, mixed fruit.

Milk is served with all meals. Juice and fruit are available with breakfast. Menus are subject to change.

Do You Know

The Sorento Food Pantry will be open Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Shoal Creek Fire Protection District will meet Sunday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. at the Sorento Firehouse.

The Sorento Community Development Organization will meet Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

The Sorento Village Board will meet Monday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Nokomis Woman's Club Will Host Fall Arts And Craft Show

The Nokomis Woman's Club will host a fall arts and crafts show on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Academy, 316 East South Street in Nokomis.

Cakewalks will be held in the morning. The kitchen will provide breakfast rolls. Lunch will consist of chili, sandwiches and pie.

Door prizes will be awarded on the hour and participants must be present to win.

The Woman's Club will also have a basket raffle with a "Fall Treats" theme. All money collected from the basket raffle will go to

"Save the Pool."

Booth space may be reserved by calling B.J. Tooley at 217-851-1309 for more information. Booths may offer any variety of hand-crafted, upscale or commercial items.

Proceeds from the craft show will be used to fund the club's many annual events, such as Treats with Santa, the Easter egg hunt and the Red Cross blood drive. The Woman's Club makes routine donations to various community and charitable causes, including Honor Flight and After Prom.

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Homecoming Week Activities Begin Monday



Homecoming week is finally here! Starting on Monday, Sept. 30, the high school will have different activities for students to participate in.

This year's dress-up days include Monday is Decade Day (seniors-90s, juniors-80s, sophomores-70s and freshmen-60s), Tuesday is Country vs. Country Club Day, Wednesday is Hero vs. Villain Day, Thursday is Senior Citizen Day and Friday is Topper Pride Day. Remember that HHS dress code applies for all days.

Throughout the high school, ten Topper Rocks will be hidden in different classes. They will be orange with a black H on it. If you see one, see Mrs. Boston to claim your \$10 prize.

The Interact Club wants to know why you have pride in being a Topper. You can stop at their table and write your reasoning on a football-shaped post-it note. The first 200 participants will receive a Topper Pride mini candy bar.

The annual Powder Puff football game is on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Immediately afterwards, Project 41 will have a Powder Party. This will entail colored powder being thrown, which will be sold \$1 per bag. Make sure to wear a white shirt!

The Homecoming parade is Friday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance will be on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 8 to 11 p.m. Coronation will begin at 9:30 p.m. The cost to enter is \$5 per person.

Congratulations to the 2019 Homecoming Court: Freshman Representative Summer Smith, Sophomore Representative Mia

Sherer, Junior Representative Madi DeVore and seniors, Kaitlyn Austin, Chloe Beck, Emma Brink, Katelyn Davis, Emma Dowding, Zoey Honchell, Shelby Houchlei, Lauren Lucykow and Corrin Woods.

For any sophomore needing to place an order for their class ring, Jostens representatives will be at the high school tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 27, to collect order forms and the \$75 down payment.

Friday, Sept. 27, is also the last day for seniors to have an in-school cap and gown order.

This past Sunday and Monday, Sept. 22 and 23, ten students traveled to Millikin University to participate in the 2019 Millikin Music Festival. They learned a total of five new pieces of music in the span of 28 hours. Students included Vanessa Compton, Tad Daniels, Hunter Downen, Owen Draper, Meghan Garmon, Isaiah Gates, Tasha Mizera, Chase Riggs, Shaw Riggs and myself.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, the girls cross country team will travel to Litchfield for a meet against Litchfield and Staunton at 4:30 p.m.

The varsity football team will host a match against Gillespie tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 27. The game will start at 7 p.m.

The junior varsity football team will have an away game on Monday, Sept. 30, against Gillespie with a 6 p.m. kickoff.

The freshman football team will travel to Vandalia on Thursday, Oct. 3, for a 6 p.m. game.

The boys golf team will participate in the Edwardsville Tournament on Friday, Sept. 27. They will play against Edwardsville and Marquette at 1 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 28, the team will travel to the

Edwardsville Fox Creek Golf Club for an open match at 8:30 a.m. Then, on Monday, Sept. 30, Hillsboro will host the SCC Conference Meet at the Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore at 10 a.m. The team will travel to the Carlinville Country Club to play against Carlinville and East Alton-Wood River at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3.

The girls golf team will host the SCC Conference Meet at the Indian Springs Golf Course on Monday, Sept. 30. Hillsboro, Litchfield, Staunton and Vandalia will play at 10 a.m.

The boys junior varsity soccer team will participate in the Greenville JV Jamboree on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m. While the JV team is in Greenville, the varsity team will host a match against Riverton at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, Oct. 1, the varsity team will host a match against Pana at 4:30 p.m. The varsity team will then travel to Gordon Moore Park in Alton on Thursday, Oct. 3, to play against Piasa at 5 p.m. The game will be played on field 4.

The girls tennis team will travel to Centralia for the Annie Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 28, for a 9 a.m. start time. The team will then travel to Vandalia on Monday, Sept. 30, for a 4:30 p.m. match.

The girls volleyball team will participate in the Morrisonville Tourney on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The matches will start at 5 p.m.

I hope you all are as excited for next week as I am. Don't forget to get involved. Good luck to all of the teams on their upcoming games. Have a great week!

"If watching is all you're gonna do, then you're gonna watch your life go by without ya." -*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*



Key Largo Tan and Hair Salon of Litchfield is celebrating a decade in business. Above, from the left are Tina Simpson, Tabitha Pratt, Andrea Watson and Pam Voyles.

The Journal-News Photos

Key Largo Serves Litchfield For A Decade

Key Largo Tan and Hair Salon is celebrating their ten year anniversary by extending thanks to their patrons. The Litchfield-based salon began anniversary celebrations on Tuesday, Sept. 24, and will hand out door prizes throughout the week, ending in a grand prize giveaway. On Friday, Sept. 27, guests are invited to the salon for drinks and treats.

Denise Stokes and her daughter Andrea Watson began operating Key Largo Tan and Hair Salon in December 2008. Within two years of the mother-daughter duo taking ownership, they were forced to find a new location to accommodate the popular salons growing clientele. In May 2011, Stokes and Watson held a grand opening at Key Largo's current location at 400 West Union Avenue

in Litchfield.

Key Largo Tan and Hair Salon offers quality hair care for all ages. Services include color, cuts, special event styling, air brush makeup, acrylic nails and manicures. They have four bronzing beds, which include a stand up unit, three base beds and UV free sunless spray tanning. Key Largo operates as a fully licensed salon. All of the stylists are certified in their craft and the salon maintains sunless and sunbed certifications.

The mother-daughter duo has a family background of operating local businesses, having owned The Sugar Bowl, The Gardens and The Annex. Watson continues her family's long-standing service to the community through the local salon. She finds personal fulfillment through her work as

a stylist. The salon brings art to her life, allowing her to express her creativity behind the chair. She also finds joy in pampering her clientele and watching them leave her salon feeling refreshed and empowered.

"I am so happy that we have been a part of Litchfield's business community for a decade. Litchfield is a great community to work in and our customers really are the best," Watson stated. "The fact the Key Largo is celebrating a ten year anniversary is a testament to our customers and the talent of our stylists. We (Watson and stylists) are all so grateful for the friendships that have developed with our customers and look forward to another ten years of making memories."



New Van Allows Rescue To Save More Animals

Paws Care, Inc. recently purchased a brand-new Ford Transit Cargo van. The Hillsboro-based animal rescue will use the van to save dogs and cats from kill shelters and transport them to no-kill shelters, where they have the chance to be adopted. "Paws Care was able to purchase the new van because of the generous donations we received from our sponsors," stated Stacey Schraut, president of Paws Care, Inc. "We are beyond grateful to everyone who contributed to our van fundraiser. The new van will be used to help Paws Care save more animals from an uncertain fate. Above, from the left are Stacey Schraut, Mark Williams, Rhonda Reener, Florence Rozmislowicz and Debby Williams.

Drag Racing Returns To Madison This Weekend

by Steve McLaughlin

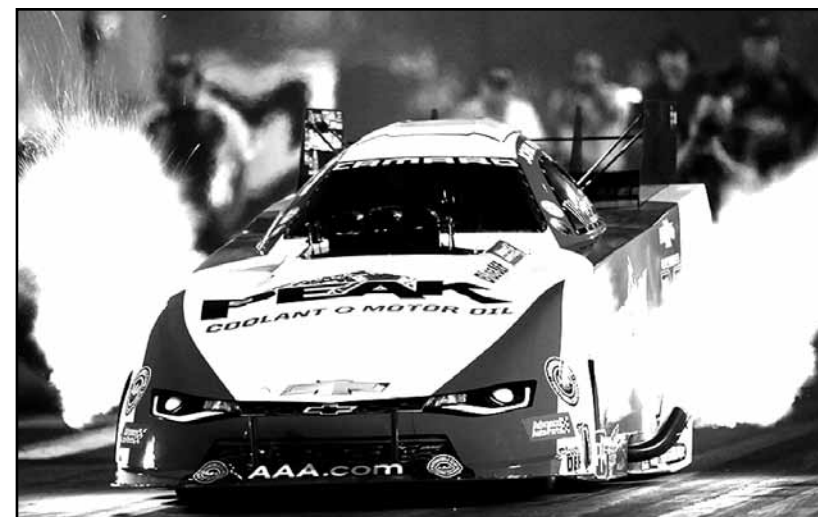
For those who have never heard the roar and felt the vibration of an 11,000 horsepower vehicle shooting out of the starting gate and racing down a 1,000-foot strip topping 330 miles per hour, then they are in for a real treat this weekend as the AAA Insurance NHRA Midwest Nationals returns to Madison, at what is now called the World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway.

Events begin on Friday, Sept. 27, with gates opening at 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. On Saturday, the gates open at 10:15 a.m. with qualifying runs taking place until 5:30 p.m. And on Sunday, the gates open at 9 a.m. and conclude with the finals at 4 p.m.

Each ticket also doubles as a "pit pass" allowing spectators to see cars and crews up close and personal. In addition, children, ages 12 and under are admitted free of charge with a paid adult.

Neal Strausbaugh has been hanging around drag strips since he graduated from Hillsboro High School in 2001. Early on, he worked with Don "The Snake" Prudhomme racing team for a number of years before joining the Don Schumacher Racing team in 2008. He has worked as an assistant car chief for Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher and Funny Car champion Jack Beckman.

This year, he is assistant car chief on the Top Fuel MOPAR Dodge Dragster, driven by Leah Pritchett. She currently stands in eighth place, but is only 85 points behind the leader. With a



70-year-old John Force behind the wheel of his PEAK Chevrolet Camaro SS. Force will be trying for his fourth win at Madison when he competes in the AAA Insurance NHRA Midwest Nationals this weekend.

good showing this weekend, it is quite possible that she could move into the top spot with a victory on Sunday afternoon. Pritchett already has eight top fuel wins to her credit and a personal best speed record of 334.15 mph.

There are several innovations that will debut at the track this year. One will take place on Friday night as spectators will be entertained with NHRA Prime Time. It will take place during the Top Fuel and Funny Car qualifying sessions, at approximately 6:45 p.m. It will include pyrotechnics, a D.J. with special music for each driver, a special exhibition vehicle, and the blazing nitromethane exhaust flames from each car's exhaust.

Another to watch for is John Force, the 70-year-old funny car driver who is striving for his fourth

win at Madison. Force is currently in second place in the Funny Car standings behind the wheel of his PEAK Chevrolet Camaro SS, where he competes against a host of other drivers half his age.

Force, a family man, always brings his daughters and other family members to the races with him. His daughter, Brittany, is currently in second place in the Top Fuel division behind the wheel of the Advance Auto Parts dragster. Another daughter, Courtney, won in a funny car at Madison in 2014, but has since retired from the sport after her 100th victory. She is still active in the family's racing team. A third daughter, Ashley, was also a successful Top Fuel/Funny Car driver who won rookie of the year honors and raced successfully for several years.

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Farmersville Park Gets New Oodle Swing

Kids in the Farmersville community will be having "oodles" of fun this fall with a new swing in the park. The \$5,000 oodle swing was purchased by the Village of Farmersville and the Farmersville Revitalization Committee this summer, and installed by village employee Justin Millburg, his son Tanner Millburg and Al Rimini. The park's newest addition is geared toward children ages five to 12, and comfortably seats four to six children at once.

Out & About

8A - Thursday, September 26, 2019

Nancy's Pizza To Support Breast Cancer In October

Throughout the month of October, Nancy's Pizza in Litchfield is working on a few fundraisers for the Montgomery County Breast Cancer Support Group. During the month, restaurant staff will be selling pink ribbon donation cards for \$5, \$10 or \$20, and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the support group.

In addition, they put together a little "Drink Pink" cocktail menu. They will be selling a "Warrior Margarita" as well as a Rose wine. A percentage of proceeds from these drinks will also be donated. Nancy's Pizza is located at 13 Thunderbird Circle in Litchfield. For more information, call 217-324-0707.



Niehaus Cycle To Host First Annual Car And Bike Show

Niehaus Cycle Sales is gearing up to host the first annual Hank and Blank Car and Bike Show, on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the cycle shop.

Registration will open from 8 a.m. to noon, with trophy presentation to take place at 3 p.m. The Litchfield-based cycle shop anticipates hosting more than 200 cars, trucks and bikes at this judged event, which is open to multiple

classes. The family-friendly show will have entertainment for all ages, with prizes, raffles, live music and food vendors. Entry costs for car show competitors are set at \$15 and all proceeds will benefit the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

Niehaus Cycle Sales is located at 718 North Old Route 66 in Litchfield. For more information on the Hank and Blank Car and Bike Show call 217-971-8400.

Homecoming Gospel Choir Will Give Concert On Oct. 6

The Southern Illinois' Homecoming Gospel Choir will appear in concert on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro.

There will be a great evening of southern gospel music, featuring the southern Illinois' 80-voice Homecoming Gospel Choir singing everyone's favorite southern gospel songs and traditional hymns and presented in the Gaither style.

Now in their 20th season, the Homecoming Gospel Choir, under the direction of John and Judy Roberts, features singers and musicians from all across southern and central Illinois. The Homecoming Gospel Choir presents an upbeat, fast-paced two-hour concert, featuring many soloists, as well as several excellent duets, trios and quartets.

The 20th anniversary edition of the Homecoming Gospel Choir will feature the debut of award-winning pianist Tim Parton as the newest addition to the instrumental section. Parton has appeared on many of the Gaither Homecoming

videos. He has formerly played for *The Lesters*, the *Speer Family*, *Gold City*, *Legacy Five* and the *Jim Brady Trio*.

Larry Delawder, as known as Barney Fife, from Branson, MO, and award-winning soloist Abby Paskvan from Bowling Green, OH, will once again appear with the Homecoming Gospel Choir at selected concert venues during the 2019 concert season.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this memorable evening of southern gospel music. There will be plenty of seating and convenient parking available. Admission is free, and a love offering will be received.

For additional information regarding this concert event, contact the Free Methodist Church at 217-532-2216 or John and Judy Roberts at 618-245-9133. Additional information regarding the Southern Illinois' Homecoming Gospel Choir, including the complete 2019 concert schedule, is available online at ilhomecominggospelchoir.com.

IL Society To Mark Graves Of Two Soldiers In October

The Illinois Society of the War of 1812 will conduct a grave marking ceremony honoring two War of 1812 soldiers on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Reno-Bethel Cemetery, also known as Bethel Cemetery, near Reno in Bond County.

The soldiers to be honored are Pleasant Jones and John Armstrong. A memorial marker will be placed on both graves and it is hoped that any descendants of Jones and Armstrong will attend and take part in the ceremony.

The Illinois Society of the War

of 1812 encourages patriotism and patriotic education. They promote historic preservation and make every effort to have a gravestone marker placed on the grave of any War of 1812 soldier buried in Illinois.

For more information contact Robert Ridenour at 618-377-9096. Reno-Bethel Cemetery's GPS coordinates at North 38.9836006, West 89.5147018. There is a cemetery sign at Reno Road and Sorento Road, then down Reno Road to the cemetery.

Community Calendar

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

- Thursday, September 26**
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - SAAD/Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center Educational Training, 119 West State Street
 11 a.m. - Raymond-Harvel Senior Citizens, Tosi's
 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Time For School Program (K-4th Grade), Hillsboro Public Library
 7:30 p.m. - Litchfield Jaycees
 8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous, First Baptist Church, Litchfield
- Friday, September 27**
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Hillsboro KC Fish Fry, CNB Parking Lot
 2 to 7 p.m. - Litchfield Farmer's and Community Market, Library Park
 4 to 8 p.m. - Fish and Chicken Dinner, Hillsboro Moose Lodge
 4:30 p.m. - Spaghetti Supper, Community of Faith Church
- Saturday, September 28**
 6 to 11 a.m. - Irving Masonic Lodge Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Litchfield Museum and Rt. 66 Welcome Center
 6 p.m. - Fall Demo Derby, Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- Sunday, September 29**
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Donnellson Masonic Lodge #255 Spaghetti Dinner, Langham Outdoors
 1 to 4 p.m. - Irving Area Historical Museum
 3 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis
 6 p.m. - Raymond American Legion Post #299 Flag Retirement Ceremony, Raymond Veterans Memorial Park
- Monday, September 30**
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Sewing for Missions, Witt United Methodist Church
 3:30 to 5 p.m. - Hillsboro Public Library Lego Club
 5:30 p.m. - Breaking Bread, First Baptist Church, Litchfield
 7 p.m. - Nar-Anon Family Group, Mt. Olive Care Center, 120 East Main Street
 7:30 p.m. - A Day At A Time Group Meeting, 1st Baptist Church, 608 North Van Buren, Litchfield
- Tuesday, October 1**
 7 a.m. - Hillsboro Sertoma Club, Hillsboro Moose Lodge
 6 p.m. - Nar-Anon Meeting, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis
 6:30 p.m. - Sew and Show Stitchers, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hillsboro
 6:35 p.m. - IL TOPS #1708, Southside Church, weigh-in 6 to 6:30 p.m.
 7 p.m. - Taylor Springs Village Board
 7 p.m. - ACTS Substance Abuse Program, Cornerstone Apostolic Fellowship of Litchfield (324-2030)
 7 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting, St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield
 7 p.m. - Friends of Montgomery County Animal Control, Hillsboro Free Methodist Church
 7:30 p.m. - Litchfield Moose Lodge #1634
 7:30 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous, 325 N. Madison, Litchfield
 8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, St. Agnes Catholic Church, Hillsboro
- Wednesday, October 2**
 7 a.m. - Litchfield Rotary Club, Maverick Steaks & Spirits
 8:15 a.m. - TOPS Chapter #1L 2468 weigh-in, Litchfield Comm. Center
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Litchfield Museum and Rt. 66 Welcome Center
 Noon - Hillsboro Rotary Club, Canton Inn
 6 p.m. - Nar-Anon Meeting, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis
 7 p.m. - Bingo, Litchfield Moose Lodge
 7 p.m. - Hillsboro Lioness Club

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Sunday, September 29

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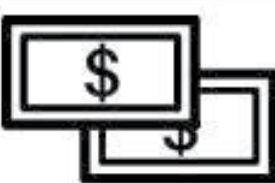


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Hillsboro City Council

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That amount comes from Business District funding, not from the General Fund.

The other expenditures were for contractual obligations. The city had agreed to contribute \$10,000.00 as cost-sharing, community involvement funds as part of the HUD Block Grant process. The first payment (a total of \$26,000.00) was due to the investors in the Glenn Shoals Lake Club, Inc. for the dock addition at the South Marina. Also, the council approved a facade grant reimbursement of \$4,000.00 to the Red Rooster Inn; \$28,000.00 in receipts were submitted by the Rooster developers.

Commissioner Murphy presented Robbins' reports. Concerning public properties, electrical work is completed at the South Marina. The crew is still mowing and weeding city property as the grass is growing as if it were summer. Work continues on the pickleball court in Central Park (one bad section of concrete had to be replaced, so it will have to cure for seven days). Robbins met with Kendra Wright (of the Glenn Shoals Lake Club) and Jeff Smith (of JLS Marine Company) about perhaps extending the roof over the older slips at the Marina and improving the ramp from the shore to the dock and restaurant.

Also, he has met with Imagine Hillsboro's Central Park Committee as they seek cost estimates for new playground equipment, sidewalks, fencing, and other amenities. The former community garden has been tilled, harrowed, and seeded in grass. Finally, city land used for archery deer hunting and spots on the lakes for blinds for duck hunting have been assigned and the payments received.

Robbins also wants the public to know that though Pawsboro 620K9 appears to be finished, it is not yet open --and won't be until Saturday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. when the grand opening ceremony will be held.

Panhandle School Board

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Hopper said that new revenues for the district include the federal Idea PreK grant, rent from the ROE alternative school, bonds for the roof project and a \$30,000 school improvement grant, which offsets salaries for special education paraprofessionals.

Hopper said that new expenses include the reorganization of Midstate Special Education Cooperative and funding of the special education program and salaries of the special education teachers that go along with the changes.

Board member Dana Pitchford asked if there was a cost difference in the new system and what the district used to pay to Midstate, who then paid the teachers. Hopper said that there are still some unknowns, but the belief is that the costs will be about the same.

Other new expenses include the roof project, the salary of a new Title 1 teacher and the addition of the girls basketball program.

Hopper said that there may be other issues along the way, which might require a budget amendment down the road.

In other business, the board approved the consent agenda, the second reading of board policies, the FFA overnight trip to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis and a change in the

The Street Department was also busy the past two weeks. A water leak on Brailey was repaired. Riprap went into the ditch on Hickory Street, and sidewalk work on Summer Street occurred. The boulevard on Broad Street was graded, the street sweeper was used, and brush and bagged leaves were picked up on the regular second and fourth Tuesday of the month schedule.

Motor Fuel Tax funds were used to oil roads in pre-chosen areas of greatest need; that announcement prompted Murphy as Public Safety Commissioner to remind motorists to drive slowly and safely on all roads. According to Murphy and Chief Leatham, the department opened 103 new case reports and completed 21 case follow ups from May through August.

There were 1,295 activity log entries, 127 abatement notices served, 47 criminal arrests, 15 ordinance citations, 29 traffic citations, 127 verbal warnings, and 3 written warnings.

The chief was notified the day of the meeting that Hillsboro was awarded \$3,124.75 by the Bullet proof Vest Partnership 2019 group to help purchase ballistic resistant vests for the officers to wear. It is a 50% grant, and Leatham expects measurements of his officers and pricing to occur within the next several weeks.

A note of thanks over the chief's signature, read by Murphy and echoed by Mayor Sullivan praised the sheriff's office, the Litchfield Police Department, and Street Supervisor Justin Chappelle for assistance on Friday's priority call to the shooting incident in west Hillsboro, which was covered in Monday's *Journal-News*. Leatham was the only Hillsboro officer on duty when the call came in, but when he requested emergency assistance, all officers available were on scene within minutes. He also acknowledged the stress the telecommunicators/dispatchers feel during serious calls. Also praised were the nurse who came from across the street to aid the

victim, the workers nearby who helped at the scene, and the EMS and ambulance crew.

Murphy added that he had talked to Dr. Robert Mulch, recently of the Natural Resources Committee, about steps needed to move forward with a Tree City designation. Hopefully more defined plans will be available by mid-fall.

Commissioner Downs also praised those who helped with the shooting and subsequent car accident on Seymour Avenue. He hopes to present plans for water line replacement on Huber Hill and Huber Drive at the next meeting "...to start the process." He also said Broad Street has sewer problems, evident when camera work done on Tuesday showed at some time plastic pipe had been inserted within clay tile, but surface water was infiltrating anyway. He said the situation calls for "...exploratory surgery."

The council meets again on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in city hall. The public would be welcomed.

PRESS RELEASE

It has come to the attention of the City of Hillsboro that there have been allegations made against a recently hired employee, Jonathon Ryan Weyer. It should be noted that the alleged events occurred two years ago. Mr. Weyer currently serves as the Interim Community Planner. The City Council and the City as a whole take these allegations very seriously and are currently taking steps to investigate them. However, at this time that is all that they are, allegations. During the investigation Mr. Weyer will be placed on paid administrative leave as the City strongly believes that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. This action is being taken only to be proactive and to be as fair as possible both to Mr. Weyer and the City. More information will be forth coming at the conclusion of the investigation.

October meeting date from Oct. 21 to Oct. 17.

Hopper also updated the board on three areas in which administration are working on updating curriculum at the schools. One area regarded working on the credit recovery strategy, with a focus on Lincolnwood High School. The second area involved meeting with Morrisonville for the possibility of additional vocational and educational opportunities.

The third area involved a possible partnership with Blackburn College regarding dual credit classes.

Hopper said he would be meeting with the provost on Sept. 26 to discuss the program, which five other districts are also interested in.

In the initial discussions, 24 possible classes were listed for dual credit enrollment, with more possibilities down the road. Pitchford asked about the absence of computer classes on that list. Hopper said that there are some issues with bandwidth and other technology, but they were looking at other possibilities and solutions.

The best case scenario for the program would be video conferencing, which would allow students to remain on campus, but there is a chance that students would have to travel to Carlinville.

Hopper said he was very excited about the prospects of the partnership with Blackburn and he believed the opportunity was right for such a program. He told the board that he hoped to have more information after meeting with Blackburn on Thursday and with the other schools who are interested.

In Superintendent Hopper's report, he stated that he participated in Montgomery County census training. Raymond Grade School students have participated in two fire drills, a tornado drill and a bus evacuation drill since the start of school and the 3:16 Book Study will begin on Sept. 25 after school and will be reviewing the book *Help for Billy*.

Hopper also noted that the IASB Kaskaskia division will meet in Bunker Hill on Oct. 22 and that parent/teacher conferences will be held after school on Oct. 23-24, with school not in session on Oct. 25.

The meeting would go into closed session at 7:16 p.m. and would reconvene into open session at 8:10 p.m. The only item acted on was to grant a student's early graduation request.

Barring a special meeting, the school board will meet next on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Lincolnwood High School library.



Sorento Fall Festival Parade

Pocahontas American Legion Post #1104 braved Sunday afternoon's storms to ride in Sorento's parade. The veterans were one of many groups to participate in the annual Fall Festival.

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The Bond County Secret Santa float won first place in the out-of-town division at Sorento's Fall Festival parade. Several floats, riders, and walking groups participated in this year's event.

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Greenville High School's Color Guard and Marching Band played through the rain at Sorento's Fall Festival. The high school performers entertained festival attendees as they walked the streets.

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Officers from the Litchfield Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police will be at McDonald's in Litchfield on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 8 to 10 a.m., at the second annual Coffee with a Cop event. In front, from the left, are Montgomery County Sheriff Rick Robbins, District 18 Commander Captain Mark Gillock and Litchfield Police Chief Kenneth Ryker. In the back row are Litchfield McDonald's General Manager Tim Reynolds, Sergeant Brian Reid, Officer Shane Grammer and Sergeant Dan Evans of the Litchfield Police. *Journal-News Photo*

McDonald's To Host 2nd Coffee With A Cop

Officers from the Litchfield Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police, along with K-9 officers from two departments, will be at McDonald's in Litchfield on Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 8 to 10

a.m., at the second annual Coffee with a Cop event. Patrons will have the opportunity to talk to the boys in blue (and khaki) while enjoying a free cup of coffee and a chocolate chip cookie courtesy of McDonald's.

Visitors will also have the chance to win a basket full of fun and treats. Officers will be handing out tickets (not the speeding variety this time) for the basket, which will be raffled off at the event.



Residents Provide Lunch For Police, Fire

Marking the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on America, three Litchfield residents, Bill Short, Nick Adam and Jim Simpson provided lunch on Wednesday, Sept. 11, for members of the Litchfield Police Department and the Litchfield Fire Department to honor their service to this area. Pictured above, from the left are Dan Evans of the Litchfield Police Department, Nick Adam, Jim Simpson, Bill Short and Brian Reid of the Litchfield Police Department. *Lynn Erspamer Photography*



Steve Dougherty, at left, owner of Westside Cinema in Litchfield, provided a tour to Montgomery County CEO students on Friday, Sept. 13.

CEO Students Tour Westside Cinema

Students in the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program toured Westside Cinema in Litchfield on Friday, Sept. 13.

Owner Steve Dougherty emphasized a singular takeaway for the team, "Everything, and I mean everything you do is an opportunity." Dougherty shared his personal story as a stock boy who worked hard and was given the opportunity to be in management when he was only 17-years-old. He made the most of that opportunity and became assistant manager at nineteen. The next opportunity

came when Dougherty became the youngest store manager in the company at 21.

The team asked Dougherty how he went from managing stores to owning his own theater. "That was another opportunity," he told them. His management experience in the company prepared him for the opportunity to plan, build and manage the operations of growth of the Litchfield cinema. Dougherty explained how the cinema business has changed ten fold since he first built the theater. "We used to have carbon reels

and now everything is digital," he said. "We used to sell tickets that looked like 50/50 raffle tickets, but now people buy digital tickets online."

The conversation led the team to inquire about the expenses to cover new technologies and replacement costs. Dougherty offered several examples and his thought process for each situation, but in the end he reminded the team that business is always about passion and personal investment. Quite simply, he said, "I love business. I love the challenges. I love the opportunities."

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Lady Lancers Close In On 900th Win

The Lincolnwood volleyball team continued to click on all cylinders on Monday, Sept. 23, as they took down Gillespie in two sets 25-13, 25-14.

The Lancers would fall behind early in the first set, but quickly regrouped and erased a 3-0 deficit with Sidney Glick on the service line. Glick, who led the team in points with seven, served up five straight points to give Lincolnwood a 6-3 lead. Madison Krager had a kill to get the Lancers the serve, then two more in the run to put her team ahead.

Lincolnwood wouldn't look

back after that as they led by at least three points the rest of the way out. The Miners would get just one service point after the initial three to start the game as Lincolnwood finished off the 12-point victory on a free ball kill by Katelyn Payne.

Game two followed a similar pattern, except Lincolnwood jumped out to an early 8-1 advantage with Lexi Millburg serving. Millburg got all six of her service points in the set, including a pair of aces that gave her team momentum.

The Miners would chip away

at the early margin though, cutting the lead all the way down to 10-9 before Lincolnwood broke Gillespie's serve.

The Lancers would slowly rebuild their lead, with Gillespie staying within four or five, until five straight service points from Emme Weller to end the game with a nine point lead.

Lincolnwood would be solid all over the court, getting eight kills from Katelyn Payne and seven from Cassie Krager. Avery Pope led the way with seven assists as the Lancers finished the game with 25 kills, compared to just ten

for Gillespie.

Defensively, Pope had two blocks and two digs, while Lexie Millburg and Cassie Krager led the team in digs with eight apiece.

The victory was also number 899 in the history of the program. To get win number 900 in their next game, the Lancers will have to take down Springfield Lutheran on the Crusaders' home floor on Thursday, Sept. 26. Both Lincolnwood and Lutheran are 3-0 in conference play this season and the winner would have a definite advantage in the race for an MSM Conference championship.

September 23 at Raymond

Gillespie 13 14
Lincolnwood 25 25

Lincolnwood Statistics

Service Points: Sidney Glick 7, Lexie Millburg 6, Emme Weller 5, Maggie McClelland 4, Kyra Shull 3, Avery Pope 3, Cassie Krager 3. **Aces:** Avery Pope 3, Lexie Millburg 2, Cassie Krager 1, Sidney Glick 1, Kyra Shull 1, Emme Weller 1. **Kills:** Katelyn Payne 8, Cassie Krager 7, Madison Krager 5, Maggie McClelland 3, Lexie Millburg 1, Sidney Glick 1. **Assists:** Avery Pope 7, Cassie Krager 3, Emme Weller 3, Sidney Glick 2. **Blocks:** Avery Pope 2. **Digs:** Lexie Millburg 8, Cassie Krager 8, Sidney Glick 2, Avery Pope 2, Emme Weller 2, Madison Krager 1, Maggie McClelland 1, Kyra Shull 1.

Gillespie Statistics

Service Points: Madison Niemeyer 3, Sydney Bires 3, Eve Kaduk 3. **Aces:** Madison Niemeyer 2. **Kills:** Kenzy Mix 3, Emily Schmidt 3, Sydney Bires 2, Madison Niemeyer 1, Iris Page 1. **Assists:** Eve Kaduk 5, Madison Niemeyer 2, Sydney Bires 1. **Blocks:** Kenzy Mix 1, Sydney Bires 1, Bella Kochinski 1. **Digs:** Madison Niemeyer 9, Emily Schmidt 8, Sydney Bires 7, Iris Page 6, Kenzy Mix 6, Bella Kochinski 3, Lucy Gucciardo 1, Eve Kaduk 1.

Records: Lincolnwood (14-3), Gillespie (6-10).



Lincolnwood junior Cassie Krager elevates to meet the ball at the net during the Lancers' home match with Gillespie on Monday, Sept. 23. Krager had seven kills in the Lancers' 25-13, 25-14 victory over the Miners, the 899th in the program's history.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann



Lincolnwood's Sam Terneus (left) and Hillsboro's Dalton Greenwood (right) vie for possession during the Shoal Creek Shootout on Monday, Sept. 23, in Hillsboro. The Toppers would lead 1-0 at halftime and score two late insurance goals to pick up the win over the rival Lancers.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Hillsboro, Litchfield Hit The Links At Oak Terrace

Litchfield won the battle and Hillsboro made strides in the war on Wednesday, Sept. 25, as the two Montgomery County girls golf teams met in Pana for a triangular at Oak Terrace Golf Course.

The Litchfield girls shot a 204 as a team to take the top spot by 17 strokes over Hillsboro, who has been shaving shots off their game for the last few weeks. The Toppers' 221 was

11 strokes better than Pana and significantly better than the 240 they put up just a few matches ago.

Wednesday would belong to the Purple Panthers though as they not only earned the team win, but also had the low individual score as well. Laura Boston continued a stellar freshman campaign with a 9-over-par 45 on the day. Carly Guinn would tie for second with a

51, while Jordan Ramey added a 53 to also earn a spot in the top five. Alyssa Loyd added a 55 to the scoring for Litchfield, while Hailey Rentz wasn't far behind in the number five spot with a 59.

Hillsboro was led by Erin Kistner, who has been in the top two of Topper scorers in every Hillsboro match.

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Tennis Toppers See Win Streak Snapped At Four

After four straight wins, the Hillsboro girls tennis team was brought back down to Earth recently as they fell to Roxana and Marquette in back-to-back matches at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

The loss to the Shells would come on Sept. 19, with Roxana edging the home team in a 5-4 heartbreaker.

Hillsboro would hold a 4-2 advantage entering doubles play, but weren't able to pick up the deciding fifth victory. Sheridan Schreiber, Lauren Lucykow and Chloe Smail would sweep the top three singles spots, with Torrence

Clark also earning a victory in the singles. Karli Mackey would take the number four match against Madi Pirtle to three sets, but lost 11-9 in the tiebreaker.

On Sept. 23, Hillsboro was up against a tough Marquette squad, who handed the Lady Hiltoppers an 8-1 loss.

Mackey would get the win in the match, this time earning the victory in the tiebreaker with a 10-8 decision over Monica Wendle. Smail would also take her opponent to three sets before falling 10-3 in the rubber match.

In addition to the varsity action, Hillsboro also got a JV match

in the books on Sept. 18. The JV Toppers would defeat Greenville's junior varsity squad 5-4 in a match at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

Meghan Garmon and Ella Pfeifer would earn wins against the young Comets, but Hillsboro trailed 4-2 going into singles. In a reverse of the varsity match against Roxana, the Toppers would sweep doubles play, with Garmon and Pfeifer winning 8-3, Tressie Clinard and Emma Dowding winning 8-6 and Sally Mattson and Paige Lucykow winning 8-4.

The varsity will once again be in action on Sept. 26, when they host Jerseyville. The team will

also participate in the Centralia Annies Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 28.

September 19 at Hillsboro

Roxana 5, Hillsboro 4
Singles: 1. Sheridan Schreiber (H) def. Lauren Gegen (R) 6-2, 6-4, 10-3; 2. Lauren Lucykow (H) def. Stephanie Kamp (R) 6-4, 6-4, 10-6; 3. Chloe Smail (H) def. Makenna John (R) 6-2, 6-3; 4. Madi Pirtle (R) def. Karli Mackey (H) 6-4, 6-0, 11-9; 5. Torrence Clark (H) def. Bailey Isom (R) 7-6 (4) 6-1; 6. Savannah Milsap (R) def. Maia Moranville (H) 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles: 1. Abbey Gegen/Stephanie Kamp (R) def. Sheridan Schreiber/Lauren Lucykow (H) 8-2; 2. Lauren Gegen/Lindsey Ratliff (R) def. Chloe Smail/Karli Mackey (H) 8-4; 3. Makenna John/Savannah Milsap (R) def. Torrence Clark/Maia Moranville (H) 8-3.

September 23 at Hillsboro

Marquette 8, Hillsboro 1
Singles: 1. Leah Hoefert (M) def. Sheridan Schreiber (H) 6-3, 6-1; 2. Emily Berkenbile (M) def. Lauren Lucykow (H) 6-4, 6-3; 3. Kaya Thies (M) def. Chloe Smail (H) 6-3, 6-1, 10-3; 4. Karli Mackey (H) def. Monica Wendle (M) 6-3, 7-5, 10-8; 5. Grace Schulz (M) def. Torrence Clark (H) 6-3, 6-4, 10-3; 6. Aubrey Hunter (M) def. Maia Moranville (H) 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles: 1. Leah Hoefert, Kaya Thies (M) def. Sheridan Schreiber, Lauren Lucykow (H) 8-4; 2. Emily Berkenbile, Monica Wendle (M) def. Chloe Smail, Karli Mackey (H) 8-3; 3. Anna Joehl, Nina Walters (M) def. Torrence Clark, Maia Moranville (H) 8-3.

Record:

Hillsboro (4-6).
September 18 at Hillsboro
Hillsboro JV 5, Greenville JV 4
Singles: 1. Meghan Garmon (H) def. Walker (G) 8-6; 2. Ella Pfeifer (H) def. Harnetiaux (G) 8-6; 3. Mathias (G) def. Emma Dowding (H) 8-6; 4. Dickenson (G) def. Tressie Clinard (H) 8-5; 5. Johnson (G) def. Paige Lucykow (H) 9-7; 6. Ridens (G) def. Lexy Cameron (H) 8-3.

Doubles: 1. Garmon/Pfeifer (H) def. Harnetiaux/Walker (G) 8-3; 2. Clinard/Dowding (H) def. Dickenson/Hardin (G) 8-6; 3. Sally Mattson/P. Lucykow (H) def. Lang/Fitzgerald (G) 8-4.



Hillsboro's Ella Pfeifer (left) and Tressie Clinard await the return shot during an exhibition doubles match at the Lady Hiltoppers meet with Marquette Catholic on Monday, Sept. 23. Both Clinard and Pfeifer would earn wins in the Topper JV team's match with Greenville on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Toppers Down Lancers In Shoal Creek Shootout

The Hillsboro boys soccer team shackled the Lincolnwood offense and made the most of their opportunities as they defeated the Lancers 3-0 in the second annual Shoal Creek Shootout on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Hillsboro Sports Complex.

The Toppers controlled possession for much of the game, but Lincolnwood kept the home team off the board for the majority of the first half.

With ten minutes left in the opening period, Hillsboro would finally break through as Joe Mattson won a loose ball near the top of the box and found Ethan Lentz to the right of the goal. Lentz would take it from there, beating the charging Lincolnwood keeper, Austin Gwinn, to make it 1-0.

The one goal margin would stand the rest of the first half and much of the second, with Hillsboro still holding the offensive advantage. Time after time the Toppers went on runs, including one by Josh Bauman at the midway point of the half, only to see their shots just miss or go directly into Gwinn's hands.

Lincolnwood would have their best chance with 12:45 left in the game, when leading scorer Evan Hopper drove down the right side and tried to put a shot at an impossible angle on net. Hopper's shot would cut close across the front of the goal, but the Hillsboro defense was able to clear it out of harm's way to stop the rally.

Shortly after Hopper's shot, Hillsboro added to their lead as

Mattson and Lentz hooked up again to make it 2-0. This time, Mattson dribbled down the left side and passed to Lentz in front as the sophomore slotted home goal number two on the game.

Seven minutes later, Bauman made it 3-0 on a free kick just outside the box that the senior curled into the side netting, just inside the far post. Gavin Matoush would draw the foul that resulted in the free kick after he was bumped off the ball on a breakaway with 3:30 to play.

With the three goal advantage, Hillsboro locked down on defense, with Matt Page earning the shut-out for the Toppers' tenth win of the season.

The victory was Hillsboro's second over the Lancers in the rivalry series. It also gave them an 8-7 edge in the series since 2011, with three games also ending in a tie.

Both teams face tough tests in their next games as both welcome the undefeated Hawknoades of the Riverton/Tri-City co-op program to town. Lincolnwood will host the visitors from Sangamon County on Friday at 5:30 p.m., while the Toppers will see the 12-0-1 Hawknoades on Saturday at 10 a.m.

September 23 at Hillsboro

Lincolnwood 0 0 - 0
Hillsboro 1 2 - 3

Scoring: Hillsboro - Ethan Lentz (Joe Mattson), Ethan Lentz (Joe Mattson), Josh Bauman (free kick). **Goalkeepers:** Hillsboro - Matt Page; Lincolnwood - Austin Gwinn.

Records: Hillsboro (10-1-2); Lincolnwood (5-7-2).

Lady Redskins Trump Aces In Three For Second Win

by Macee Eisenbarth

The Aces from Mulberry Grove were the opponents for the Nokomis volleyball team on Tuesday, Sept. 24, and the Lady Redskins were ready for the start.

Mulberry Grove grabbed an early lead in set one, but it wouldn't last long. Nokomis scored several points in a row on aces and kills and took a commanding 9-2 lead. The

teams played even the rest of the set with Nokomis winning 25-18.

With momentum and confidence, the Redskins played good volleyball in set two. The Aces were also inspired and both teams entertained the fans. Despite the intensity of the host team, Nokomis had enough to take game two, and the match, 25-19.

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| 5. Blake Malloy - 20 | 13. Deidre Hanger - 17 |
| 5. Carrie Hemken - 12 | 14. Josh and Alisha Laurent - 16 |
| 5. LNB Girls - 20 | 15. Dan Wanger - 13 |
| 8. Daryl Hodges - 19 | 16. Rick Laurent - 12 |

Purple Panthers Second At Conference Tourney Tune-Up

Greenville's boys golf team would slip past Litchfield by five strokes on Monday, Sept. 16, in a South Central Conference tournament tune-up at Indian Springs Golf Course near Coffeen.

With the conference tourney looming on Sept. 30, the Panthers joined the Comets, Pana and Southwestern for a preview of the par-35 front nine of the course.

Litchfield would shoot a 189 on the day to come in second to the Comets' 184, beating third place Pana by ten. Southwestern would finish out the team ranks with a 214.

Anthony Boston would finish second overall individually and would lead the Panthers with a 42. Medalist John Watts of Southwestern would be just two strokes ahead of Boston with a 40.

Kelvin Dooley would turn in a

solid 46 for the Purple Panthers, while the other four Litchfield players were separated by just two strokes. Allen Schneider and Blake Rentz would join Boston and Dooley in the top four with a 50 and a 51, while Zach Boston and Keagan Marten added in a pair of 52s.

September 23 at Coffeen at Indian Springs Golf Course - Par 35
Boys Team Results: 1. Greenville 184, 2. Litchfield 189, 3. Pana 199, 4. Southwestern 214.

Medalist: John Watts (Southwestern) 40.
Greenville (184) - Bauer 42, Heath 47, Jack 47, Caldieraro 48, Balkenbush 52, Loyd 53.

Litchfield (189) - Anthony Boston 42, Kelvin Dooley 46, Allen Schneider 50, Blake Rentz 51, Zach Boston 52, Keagan Marten 52.

Pana (199) - Karbach 45, Beyers 49, Spracklen 51, Temmen 54, Rhoades 54, Puckett 71.

Southwestern (214) - Watts 40, Hines 51, Bergesch 53, Nottingham 70, Marshal 76.



Eight senior members of the Hillsboro High School boys golf team were recognized along with their parents prior to the final home match of the season, held Monday afternoon, Sept. 23, at the Hillsboro Country Club. Coach Jeff Eickhoff introduced each senior, and each player presented a flower to his mom. Pictured above, from the left are Nate Reeves with his parents, Brett and Michelle Reeves; Hayden Fuller with his parents, Denny and Marcy Jorj; Gunnar Micnehmer with his parents, Matt and Shannon Micnehmer; Owen Malloy with his parents, Blake and Julia Malloy; Wilson Hamby with his parents, Ryan and Leslie Hamby; Dane Huber with his parents, Todd and Lori Huber; Alex White with his parents, Jimmy and Sara White; and Alex Eickhoff and his parents, Jeff and Angie Eickhoff.

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Hiltopper Golf Seniors Honored At Final Home Match

It was senior night for the Hillsboro boys golf team and the Toppers went out in style with victory over Vandalia and Marquette at the Hillsboro Country Club on Monday, Sept. 23.

Six of the eight seniors would play varsity on Monday as the Toppers shot a 12-over 156 as a team. Marquette would be second with a 175, while Vandalia was third with a 192.

Alex Eickhoff led the way with a 35, earning medalist honors for the match by two strokes over Aidan O'Keefe of Marquette. O'Keefe would be the only non-Topper to break into the top five

at the match.

Alex White and Dane Huber would chip in a pair of 40s, while Wilson Hamby had the fourth scoring round with a 41. Owen Malloy and Gunnar Micnehmer would have been in the top two for Marquette and Vandalia, but settled for the fifth and sixth spot with a 42 and a 43.

Hayden Fuller and Nate Reeves would join their senior compatriots on the course as part of the Topper JV team, which nearly outshot the Vandals with a 194. Fuller would shoot a 54 on the day, while Reeves finished with a 56. Dominic Haggard would put up

a 43, while Dillon Smail added a 47 for the Hillsboro junior varsity, while Drake Vogel was also in the top four with a 50. Preston Lyerla finished out the roster for the second string, entering the clubhouse with a 58.

While their home schedule is complete, Hillsboro has bigger fish to fry in the coming weeks, starting with the Edwardsville Tournament on Sept. 27-28. After that is the South Central Conference Tournament on Sept. 30, at Hillsboro's home away from home, Indian Springs Golf Course near Coffeen.

September 23 at Hillsboro Hillsboro Country Club - Par 36

Boys Team Results: 1. Hillsboro 156, 2. Alton Marquette 175, 3. Vandalia 192.
Medalist: Alex Eickhoff (Hillsboro) 35.
Hillsboro (156) - Alex Eickhoff 35, Alex White 40, Dane Huber 40, Wilson Hamby 41, Owen Malloy 42, Gunnar Micnehmer 43.

Alton Marquette (175) - Aidan O'Keefe 37, William Roderfeld 43, William Schwartz 46, Nolan Rea 49, Nick Wooden 50, Grant Heinz 61.

Vandalia (192) - Chase Laack 44, Connor Satterthwaite 44, Riley Ruckman 52, Jacob Schaal 52, Nick Rosborough 62.

Hillsboro JV (194) - Dominic Haggard 43, Dillon Smail 47, Drake Vogel 50, Hayden Fuller 54, Nate Reeves 56, Preston Lyerla 58.

Hillsboro, Litchfield Play At Litchfield Country Club

The Litchfield Panthers hosted Hillsboro and Carlinville on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the par-35 Litchfield Country Club course.

Giving their JV some experience against varsity competition, Hillsboro would shoot a 178 to win the triangular, with Litchfield second with a 182 and Carlinville third with a 190.

All six Hillsboro players would shoot 15-over or better, with Tad Daniels leading the Toppers with a 43. The scores would descend from there one stroke at a time as Drake Vogel shot a 44, Dominic Haggard finished with a 45 and Dillon Smail rounded out the scoring with a 46. Nate Reeves and Hayden Fuller also played for the Toppers, both shooting 50s on the day.

Litchfield was led by Anthony Boston, who was just two strokes behind medalist Ethen Siglock of Carlinville. Boston would shoot a 42 on his home course, while Siglock took the top spot with a

5-over 40.

Keagan Marten added in a solid 44, while Zach Boston finished with a 46. Allen Schneider also had a scoring round with a 50 on the day. Blake Rentz and Kelvin Dooley would finish out the LHS roster with a 51 and a 56 as the Panthers moved to 17-11 on the season.

Litchfield's JV would also see some time on the links on Tuesday, shooting 255 overall. Ryan Baugher led the team with a 59, while Hayden Brown was second with a 64. Ryan Poole and Ethan Witt both entered the clubhouse with 66s, while Tyler Thompson shot a 67.

Litchfield will be at the Belk Park Golf Club on Thursday, Sept. 26, to face Roxana, East Alton-Wood River and Jerseyville, while Hillsboro will play in the Edwardsville tournament on Sept. 27-28.

September 24 at Litchfield at Litchfield Country Club - Par 35
Boys Team Results: 1. Hillsboro 178, 2. Litchfield 182, 3. Carlinville 190.
Medalist: Ethen Siglock Carlinville 40
Hillsboro (178) - Tad Daniels 43, Drake Vogel 44, Dominic Haggard 45, Dillon Smail 46, Nate Reeves 50, Hayden Fuller 50.

Litchfield (182) - Anthony Boston 42, Keagan Marten 44, Zach Boston 46, Allen Schneider 50, Blake Rentz 51, Kelvin Dooley 56.

Carlinville (190) - Ethen Siglock 40, Henry Kufa 47, Reagan Kulenkamp 51, Mitch Proctor 54, Sam Quarton 56, Gabe Barbre 63.

Litchfield JV (255) - Ryan Baugher 59, Hayden Brown 64, Ryan Poole 66, Ethan Witt 66, Tyler Thompson 67.
Records: Litchfield (17-11).

Bostons Lead Litchfield At Windsor Invitational

The Litchfield boys and girls golf teams were at Fox Prairie Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 21, for this year's Windsor Invitational.

The LHS girls would place third out of six teams, while the Litchfield boys were seventh out of 12 teams.

Laura Boston would card a 94 to lead Litchfield and finish eighth overall at the invite. Carly Guinn would come in with a 104, while Alyssa Loyd and Jordan Ramey were tied for the third and fourth Litchfield scoring rounds with a 115. Hailey Rentz and Lily Braasch would also play for the Panthers, shooting a 117 and a 147 on the par-71 course.

Litchfield's team score of 428 would be 62 better than fourth place Sullivan. Effingham St. Anthony (325) and Effingham (358) would take the top two spots in the girls team standings.

The boys were also led by a Boston, senior Anthony Boston, who shot a 115-over 86 to pace the Panthers.

Allen Schneider and Keagan Marten would also come in un-

der 100, with rounds of 98 and 99, while Blake Rentz added the fourth scoring round with a 103. Zach Boston (106) and Kelvin Dooley (110) also played for the Panthers.

Litchfield and Okaw Valley would both shoot 386 on the day, two strokes ahead of ninth place Shelbyville. St. Anthony would also win the boys' tournament, shooting a 316 to edge Sullivan by three strokes.

September 21 at Windsor Windsor Invitational

at Fox Prairie Golf Course - Par 71
Girls Team Results: 1. St. Anthony 325, 2. Effingham 358, 3. Litchfield 428, 4. Sullivan 490.

***Shelbyville and Altamont no team score**
Litchfield Girls Results: 8. Laura Boston 94, Carly Guinn 104, Alyssa Loyd 115, Jordan Ramey 115, Hailey Rentz 117, Lily Braasch 147.

Boys Team Results: 1. St. Anthony 316, 2. Sullivan 319, 3. Arcola 350, 4. Effingham 352, 5. Casey-Westfield 367, 6. Altamont 371, 7. Litchfield 386, 8. Okaw Valley 386, 9. Shelbyville 388, 10. Teutopolis 396, 11. Heyworth 448.

***Windsor no team score**
Litchfield Boys Results: Anthony Boston 86, Allen Schneider 98, Keagan Marten 99, Blake Rentz 103, Zach Boston 106, Kelvin Dooley 110.

Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers

- Thursday, September 26**
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Greenville, Vandalia, Lincolnwood at Vandalia C.C.
4 p.m. - Girls Tennis hosts Jerseyville
6 p.m. - Freshman Football at Gillespie
Friday, September 27
1 p.m. - Boys Golf at Edwardsville Tournament
7 p.m. - Varsity Football hosts Gillespie
Saturday, September 28
8:30 a.m. - Boys Golf at Edwardsville Tournament
9 a.m. - JV Boys Soccer at Greenville
9 a.m. - Girls Tennis at Centralia Annies Invitational
10 a.m. - Boys Soccer hosts Riverton

Nokomis Redskins

- Thursday, September 26**
6 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Madison
Friday, September 27
7 p.m. - Varsity Football hosts Madison

Litchfield Purple Panthers

- Thursday, September 26**
3:30 p.m. - Boys Golf vs. East Alton-Wood River, Roxana
6 p.m. - Volleyball hosts Southwestern
Friday, September 27
7 p.m. - Varsity Football hosts Vandalia
Saturday, September 28
9:45 a.m. - Cross Country at Springfield Invite

Lincolnwood Lancers

- Thursday, September 26**
4 p.m. - Girls Golf vs. Greenville, Hillsboro, Vandalia at Vandalia Country Club
6 p.m. - Volleyball at Springfield Lutheran
Friday, September 27
5:30 p.m. - Soccer hosts Riverton

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Lady Panthers Split Pair Of Three Set Thrillers

Having notched road wins at Ramsey and Metro East Lutheran on Monday, Sept. 23, both Vandalia and Litchfield were geared to start a long winning streak Tuesday night, Sept. 24, at Vandalia.

The Lady Panthers staked their claim to a two-point 25-23 first set win, but the 14-6 Vandals roared back in the non-conference bout and took the second set 25-13 and it was game on.

Although the Vandals were victorious in the deciding set, the purple and white did not go down without a fight before the host school closed out the match 25-17.

The Vandals got a big offensive push from senior Megan Kern, who finished the night with ten of Vandalia's 29 kills.

Devan Morgan would lead Litchfield in service points with 11 and she was supported by Emily Senjan and Jordan Morgan, both whom added eight points apiece while Becky Painter and Carson Jackson had seven each.

In attacks, sophomore Cara Pence had five kills and was supported by Jordan Morgan with three and Emily Senjan and Mallory Beechler, each with two. Defensively the Panthers had 66 digs among eight players with Kate Komor leading the pack with 17. Playing in the libero position, Komor is the team's dig leader with 113.

Litchfield will get another crack at gaining a conference win this week as they host the Piasa Birds this evening, Sept. 26. The Birds are 6-8 overall and 1-2 in conference play, having posted a three-set win over Greenville on Sept. 19 at Southwestern.

Metro-East Lutheran
Litchfield traveled to Metro-East Lutheran Monday evening for a non-conference match against the Knights and it was just nine total points that would separate the two teams in a closely contested three set match that went to the Lady Panthers.

Litchfield narrowly lost the first set 25-23, but came back in the second and snagged a 26-24 win before closing out the Knights 25-20 in the final set. The loss dropped the Panthers to 3-15 overall, while the Knights moved to 4-10.

From the service line, Devan Morgan led the purple and white with 15 points. She entered Mon-

day night's game as the team's scoring leader with 69 points in 21 sets. Morgan also leads the team in serving aces with nine and is the assist leader with 41.

Jordan Morgan was close behind her sister in service points with 11 and also contributed five kills to the Panther attack and had 11 digs on defense. Kate Komor finished the night with 13 digs to add to her season total of 83 at the time.

Sept. 23 at Edwardsville

Litchfield 23 26 25
Metro-East Luth. 25 24 20

Litchfield Statistics

Service Points: Devan Morgan 15, Jordan Morgan 11, Emily Senjan 9, Becky Painter 7, Cara Pence, Aly Fenton 4, Carson Jackson 4, Mallory Beechler 2. **Aces:** Becky Painter 2, Carson Jackson 1, Cara Pence 1. **Kills:** Jordan Morgan 5, Mallory Beechler 4, Cara Pence 3. **Blocks:** Becky Painter 3, Emily Senjan 2, Mallory Beechler 1. **Digs:** Kate Komor 13, Jordan Morgan 11, Aly Fenton 10, Devan Morgan 8, Cara Pence 6, Becky Painter 5, Carson Jackson 4, Mallory Beechler 3.

Metro-East Lutheran Statistics

Service Points: Anne Kienle 11, Sophia Bold 6, Morgan Ashauer 5, Peyton Ashauer 5, Chloe Langendorf 5, Phoebe Russell 4, Caitlin Reynolds 3. **Aces:** Morgan Ashauer 2, Anne Kienle 2, Chloe Langendorf, Phoebe Russell. **Kills:** Phoebe Russell 10, Anne Kienle 4, Caitlin Reynolds 4, Jennifer Leitner 3, Sidney Polacek 3, Peyton Ashauer 2, Sophia Bold 1. **Blocks:** Jennifer Leitner 2, Caitlin Reynolds 2, Anne Kienle 1, Peyton Ashauer 1. **Digs:** Chloe Langendorf 26, Phoebe Russell 10, Anne Kienle 7, Morgan Ashauer 6, Sophia Bold 4, Reagan Guerra 4, Caitlin Reynolds 4, Peyton Ashauer 1, Jennifer Leitner 1, Sidney Polacek 1. **Assists:** Morgan Ashauer 15, Sophia Bold 10, Chloe Langendorf 1, Sidney Polacek 1.

September 24 at Vandalia

Litchfield 25 13 17
Vandalia 23 25 25

Litchfield Statistics

Service Points: Devan Morgan 11, Becky Painter 8, Cara Pence 8, Emily Senjan 7, Mallory Beechler 6, Jordan Morgan 5. **Aces:** Becky Painter 2, Emily Senjan 1, Jordan Morgan 1, Cara Pence 1. **Kills:** Cara Pence 5, Jordan Morgan 3, Emily Senjan 2, Mallory Beechler 2, Kate Komor. **Digs:** Devan Morgan 11, Emily Senjan 8, Jordan Morgan 8, Becky Painter 7, Carson Jackson 7, Mallory Beechler 5, Cara Pence 3.

Vandalia Statistics

Aces: Sydney Miller 3, Morgan Lily 1, Lane McNary 1, Miley Worker 1. **Kills:** Megan Kern 10, Lexi Wehrle 8, Morgan Lily 5, Lauren Hagy 3, Samantha Miller 2, Lane McNary 1. **Digs:** Sydney Miller 7, Lane McNary 5, Lauren Hagy 3, Morgan Lily 3. **Assists:** Lane McNary 20, Lauren Hagy 1, Megan Kern 1, Morgan Lily 1. **Records:** Litchfield (4-11), Vandalia (14-6).



Jake Holcomb



Erin Kistner

Holcomb, Kistner Named HHS Athletes Of The Week

Seniors Jake Holcomb and Erin Kistner have been named the Hillsboro High School athletes of the week for the third week of the 2019-2020 school year.

Holcomb is a starting defender for the Hillsboro boys soccer team, who haven't lost in their last 13 games. The Toppers, who are 11-1-2 on the season, have won their last six games, with Holcomb and his backline mates allowing just two goals in the span.

Kistner has been one of the Hillsboro girls golf team's most consis-

tent players this season, despite a busy off the course schedule. The Topper senior has had Hillsboro's best score or second best score in each of their matches this year, including a medalist performance earlier this season.

Each week, two athletes will be selected from nominees from all sports at Hillsboro High School. Nominees are athletes that perform well not only on the field or court, but also in things that make being involved in athletics special.

Nokomis Volleyball

Continued from 1B

Morrisonville

On Monday night, Sept. 23, the Mohawks came calling to Redskin Country. The Skins played good volleyball and had the lead in both sets against a good Morrisonville squad, but weren't able to pick up the victory. Hitting on all aspects of the game, Nokomis looked ready to grab their second victory of the year, but things turned in a hurry.

The Mohawks called a timeout and turned things around late in the first set. Trailing 16-13, Morrisonville rallied for six straight points and never looked back, winning 25-17.

The second set was a repeat of the first. Nokomis once again took a late lead, but were not able to finish it off and lost 25-16 and dropped a hard fought match to their rivals.

With the win, the girls hope to

keep the momentum into a Thursday night home match against Madison. If the improved play continues, the team hopes to grab their third victory of the season. Next Monday, Sept. 30, the Lady Redskins will play Hillsboro at home, where they will present their donation to Grace Herschelmann from the Montgomery County Invitational. Hope to see you there!

September 23 at Nokomis

Morrisonville 25 25
Nokomis 18 23

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Mia Fesser 6, Presley Lamb 5, Macee Eisenbarth 4. **Kills:** Jade Jett 4, Audrey sabol 4, Macee Eisenbarth 3. **Assists:** Presley Lamb 8, Mia Fesser 6. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 2. **Digs:** Macee Eisenbarth 21, Delaney Keiser 24, Presley Lamb 10.

Sept. 24 at Mulberry Grove

Nokomis 25 25
Mulberry Grove 20 17

Nokomis Statistics

Service Points: Sophia Keller 8, Ellee Waterman 6, Presley Lamb 4, Alex Pavolka 4, Delaney Keiser 4, Macee Eisenbarth 3. **Kills:** Macee Eisenbarth 4, Jade Jett 4, Ellee Waterman 2. **Assists:** Presley Lamb 9. **Blocks:** Audrey Sabol 3, Ellee Waterman 3, Jade Jett 2, Olivia Taylor 2. **Digs:** Presley Lamb 17, Delaney Keiser 12, Macee Eisenbarth 8, Sophia Keller 8. **Record:** Nokomis (2-19).

Lancers Roll At Shoal Creek, Country Hills To Stay Hot

The Lincolnwood boys golf team continued their stellar season this week with a pair of victories that upped their record to 25-2 on the year.

The Lancers, whose two losses have come against the talented Hillsboro Hiltoppers and Vandalia Vandals, defeated Rochester and Taylorville at Shoal Creek in Raymond on Sept. 23, then knocked off Mt. Pulaski, Northwestern and Greenview on Sept. 24, at Country Hills Golf Course in Greenville.

Sam Herman would be medalist for both matches as the senior paced the Lancers with a 38 on Monday at his home course. Herman would shoot a 2-over-par 38 to edge teammates Braxton Schmedeke and Devin Brown, who were tied for second with a pair of 39s. Nate Brockmeyer wouldn't be far behind with the fourth scoring round, shooting a 4-over 40 on the day.

Michael Jones and Will Jenkins would also play for Coach Verne Pinkston's squad, shooting a 43 and a 47 at the par-36 Shoal Creek.

In Tuesday's match, Herman would share medalist honors with Brockmeyer as both players went low with a pair of 5-over-par 41s.

Lincolnwood would actually have the top six individual scores of the day as just five strokes separated the six Lancers.

Jenkins and Jones would earn spots in the top four this time with a pair of 44s, while Brown and Schmedeke stair-stepped after them with a 45 and a 46.

Joey Davis of Mt. Pulaski and Gordie Euson of Greenview led their respective squads with a 47 and a 48 respectively.

As the season winds down, the Lancers find themselves approaching 30 wins for the 12th time in the

last 14 years. On Monday, Sept. 30, the team will be at Shamblee Golf Course in Petersburg to take on PORTA, Auburn and Beardstown, followed by a trip to Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn to face the Trojans, North Mac and West Central.

Lincolnwood's postseason destination is also north of Montgomery County's panhandle as they will play in the Williamsville Regional at The Rail Golf Course in Springfield on Monday, Oct. 7.

September 23 at Raymond

Shoal Creek Golf Course - Par 36

Boys Team Results: 1. Lincolnwood 156, 2. Rochester 183, 3. Taylorville 184.

Medalist: Sam Herman (Lincolnwood) 38.

Lincolnwood (156) - Sam Herman 38, Braxton Schmedeke 39, Devin Brown 39, Nate Brockmeyer 40, Michael Jones 43, Will Jenkins 47.

Rochester (183) - Ben Drendel 40, Ryan Peir 45, Zach Hagg 48, Mike Pemberton 50, Greg Kurtenbach 58, Jace Crowder 67.

Taylorville (184) - Ryan Johnson 44, Gavin Craggs 45, Briar Dempsey 47, Jonah Nagle 48, James Boettger 52, Grant Buschon 68.

Lincolnwood JV (200) - Colton Tischkau 43, Michael Graham 45, Drake Germann 54, Jacob Mizera 58.

Record: Lincolnwood (22-2).

September 24 at Greenville

Country Hills Golf Course - Par 36

Boys Team Results: 1. Lincolnwood 170, 2. Mt. Pulaski 197, 3. Greenview 211, 4. Northwestern 241.

Medalist: Sam Herman (Lincolnwood) 41; Nate Brockmeyer (Lincolnwood) 41.

Lincolnwood (170) - Sam Herman 41, Nate Brockmeyer 41, Will Jenkins 44, Michael Jones 44, Devin Brown 45, Braxton Schmedeke 46.

Mt. Pulaski (197) - Joey Davis 47, Andrew Bailey 48, Todd Kelly 49, Luke Farris 53, Gavin Smith 56, Oran Kuhlman 69.

Greenview (211) - Gordie Euson 48, David Arkebauer 51, Chris Powell 55, Adam Schluemann 57, Lucas Schultz 58, Nathan Kleiss 72.

Northwestern (241) - Matthew Pitchford 55, Kaden Mansfield 58, Logan Armstrong 62, K.J. Sonneborn 66, Devon Cochran 71, Bradon Dennison 71. **Record:** Lincolnwood (25-2).

Girls Golf

Continued from 1B

Kistner would shoot a solid 51 to tie Guinn for the runner-up spot, while teammate Meagan Jorn was just a stroke behind with a 52.

Senior Felicity Luevano and Anna Colwell would chip in a pair of 59s for the Toppers, while Alex Frailey and Aurelie Granito finished with rounds of 61 and 71 respectively.

Hillsboro will have another chance to improve on Thursday, Sept. 26, when they take on Greenville, Vandalia and Lincolnwood at the Vandalia Country Club.

Litchfield won't play again until Monday, Sept. 30, when they vie for a South Central Conference title at Indian Springs Golf Course

near Coffeen. The Lady Panthers haven't won a conference tournament since before 1997, if ever, with their best finish since then a fifth in 2005. Now 20-4 on the season, Litchfield has yet to lose to a conference opponent in a match this year.

September 25 at Pana

Oak Terrace Golf Course - Par 36

Girls Team Results: 1. Litchfield 204, 2. Hillsboro 221, 3. Pana 232.

Medalist: Laura Boston (Litchfield) 45.

Litchfield (204) - Laura Boston 45, Carly Guinn 51, Jordan Ramey 53, Alyssa Loyd 55, Hailey Rentz 59.

Hillsboro (221) - Erin Kistner 51, Meagan Jorn 52, Felicity Luevano 59, Anna Colwell 59, Alex Frailey 61, Aurelie Granito 71.

Pana (232) - Anna Beyers 53, Kacey Swisher 59, Chloe Hendricks 60, Kassie Weideman 60, Maddie Clark 64, Kylie Hendricks 68.

Bowling League Standings

Wednesday Night League Sept. 4 at Hillsboro Bowl Week 1 of 28			Wednesday Night League Sept. 11 at Hillsboro Bowl Week 2 of 28			Wednesday Night League Sept. 18 at Hillsboro Bowl Week 3 of 28		
	W	L		W	L		W	L
Bowl Dawgs	3	1	Bass Patton Dean	4	4	Rednecks	8	4
Team 6	3	1	Kamer's	5	3	Bass Patton Dean	7	5
Bass Patton Dean	3	1	Rednecks	4	4	Kamer's	7	5
Pin Pals	1	3	Bowl Dawgs	3	5	Team 6	6	6
Rednecks	1	3	Team 6	3	5	Pin Pals	4	8
Kamer's	1	3	Pin Pals	2	6	Bowl Dawgs	4	8
Team Scratch Game: Bowl Dawgs 557, Rednecks 541, Pin Pals 518			Team Scratch Game: Bass Patton Dean 646, Kamer's 618, Rednecks 579			Team Scratch Game: Kamer's 623, Rednecks 600, Bass Patton Dean 557		
Team Scratch Series: Bowl Dawgs 1553, Bass Patton Dean 1460, Team 6 1440			Team Scratch Series: Bass Patton Dean 1878, Kamer's 1758, Rednecks 1679			Team Scratch Series: Rednecks 1768, Bass Patton Dean 1654, Kamer's 1632		
Team Handicap Game: Rednecks 829, Pin Pals 811, Bowl Dawgs 810			Team Handicap Game: Bass Patton Dean 927, Kamer's 903, Rednecks 834			Team Handicap Game: Kamer's 862, Rednecks 836, Bass Patton Dean 795		
Team Handicap Series: Bowl Dawgs 2312, Team 6 2304, Bass Patton Dean 2303			Team Handicap Series: Bass Patton Dean 2721, Kamer's 2613, Rednecks 2444			Team Handicap Series: Rednecks 2476, Bass Patton Dean 2368, Kamer's 2349		
Men's Scratch Game: Scott 180, Smitty 175, David 159			Men's Scratch Game: Bill 211, Smitty 211, Will 203			Men's Scratch Game: Junior 204, Jim 180, Jaime 174		
Men's Scratch Series: Smitty 470, Scott 443, Steve 399			Men's Scratch Series: Bill 502, Brandon 499, Will 495			Men's Scratch Series: Jim 488, Bill 471, Jaime 458		
Women's Scratch Game: Kellea 152, Marj 134, Joanna 134			Women's Scratch Game: Kellea 170, Joanna 154, Heather 131			Women's Scratch Game: Kellea 151, Heather 132, Joanna 119		
Women's Scratch Series: Kellea 429, Joanna 358, Marj 337			Women's Scratch Series: Kellea 437, Joanna 418, Heather 335			Women's Scratch Series: Kellea 429, Heather 382, Joanna 349		

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Residents can bring items ONLY during the times listed above.
Items NOT Accepted are:
Appliances, Batteries, Electronics, Household Garbage, Lawn Waste, Paint & Tires

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ASSOCIATE SANITARIAN/INSPECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE
The Montgomery County Health Department has a current opening available for a Part-time or Full-time Associate Sanitarian.
Under the direct supervision of the Environmental Health Director, the Associate Sanitarian candidate will perform technical field inspections within Environmental Health Programs to ensure compliance with Montgomery County/State of Illinois rules and regulations. Field inspections and investigations may include food establishment inspections, on-site private sewage and water well inspections, nuisance investigations, and/or vector investigations.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum requirements include an Associate's degree including nine credit hours in the biological or related sciences.
- Bachelor's degree with a minimum of 30 semester hours in the physical and/or biological sciences is preferred.
- Ability to perform technical inspections and make corrective recommendations following such inspections.
- Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely, both written and oral.
- Basic computer skills including Microsoft Word, Access and Excel.
- Current valid driver's license, insurance and reliable motor vehicle.
- Ability to work outside in extreme conditions.
- Flexibility to work necessary hours to meet the position requirements, including evenings and/or weekends as assigned.

Full-time position offers a 35-hour work week with 12 paid holidays, 10 day paid vacation, accrued sick leave, personal days and partial health insurance coverage.
Qualified applicants may submit a résumé no later than November 1, 2019 to: Montgomery County Health Department, Attn: Environmental Health Director, 11191 Illinois Rt. 185 Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

Police

Litchfield Police

- Ashley M. Freeman, 36, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Tyler and State.
- A 16-year-old Litchfield male was cited for theft at 12:31 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, at the 500 block of East Union.
- Christina N. Pinkerton, 36, of Litchfield, was jailed for criminal trespass and retail theft at 12:01 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Walmart.
- Martha L. Altevogt, 50, of Litchfield, was cited for excessive noise (dogs barking) at 2:06 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the 1000 block of East Union.
- Nathan E. Wilson, 31, was jailed for theft under \$500 at 4:52 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at Lucky Clover.
- Kristina Burdzilauskas, 46, of Litchfield, was cited for allowing a dog to run at large at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the 600 block of North Locust.
- Spring Cook, 42, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 10:03 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Harrison and Henrichs.
- Angela F. Burson, 47, of Livingston, was cited for no valid registration at 2:55 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Corvette and Rt. 16.
- Alexis M. Snyder, 23, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 10:33 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Corvette and Thunderbird.
- Jeremy R. Jarman, 41, of Litchfield was jailed for a Macoupin County warrant at 8:37 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at State and Ryder.
- Corey M. Peat, 28, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of

methamphetamine at 1:38 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Van Buren and Columbia.

- Tyler N. Tarran, 20, of Donnellson, was cited for operation of an uninsured vehicle at 12:25 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at Union and State.
- Barry M. Fredrickson, 33, of Litchfield, was jailed for domestic battery at 2:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 23, at the 1300 block of North Madison.
- Matthew L. Friesland, 49, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 9:36 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the 800 block of South Franklin.

Accidents

Sideswiped

Two vehicles were involved in an accident at 7:50 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at North Arrowhead Trail near Arrowhead Lane in Litchfield.

Jerry L. Klekamp, of Litchfield, in a 2008 Mack garbage truck owned by DC Waste and Recycling, was westbound on Arrowhead Trail at the same time Brian T.

Lourie, of Chadwick, MI, was eastbound on Arrowhead Trail in a 2015 Nissan Quest.

The two vehicles made contact with the front side tire of Klekamp's vehicle and the rear driver's side fender of Lourie's vehicle. Litchfield Police were unable to determine who was at fault and no citations were issued.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECT	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	FIDUCIARY	DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNITS
Revenues	31,572	135,504	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures	32,637	83,632	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)	(1065)	51,872	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	15,813	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	(15,813)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bond Proceeds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1065)	51,872	0	0	0	0	0	0
Previous Year	65,020	353,090	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current Year Ending Fund Balance	63,980	408,051	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL DEBT	OUTSTANDING BEGINNING OF YEAR	ISSUED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	RETIRED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR	OUTSTANDING END OF YEAR
	35,519	0	35,519	0
	(*Line 405)	(*Line 411)	(*Line 417)	(*Line 423)

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of September 2019

Phyllis Volkmar
Phyllis Volkmar - Supervisor

I, Donna Luck, Clerk of Grisham Township Montgomery, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.

Donna M. Luck
Donna Luck - Clerk

*NOTE: Refers to the line numbers in the Comptrollers Annual Financial Report (AFR).
Expenditure Notes: John Deere Credit: \$35,519; Compensation under \$25,000: Phyllis Volkmar, Tom Chappellear, Donna Luck, Jim Carroll, Mike Laughlin, Trent Laughlin, John Chappellear and Robert Veres.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 9, 2019, 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: MISS PATTY'S FLEA MARKET AND ANTIQUES located at 221 N. STATE ST. in the city of LITCHFIELD and state of IL.

Dated September 9, 2019
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
34-31T*

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, gives notice that it is selling the following surplus property by public auction sealed bids. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at the regular Hillsboro City Council Meeting, at City Hall, 447 S. Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois.

The property which is being advertised for bids is described as follows:

2004 Dodge Durango, VIN: 1D4HB38N74F208543

Cummins 855 Series Generator

The property listed has an unpublished minimum bid es-

established by the Council. If that minimum bid is not received, the bid will be rejected.

All bids should be submitted to the City Clerk of the City of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois before Friday, October 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Any bids submitted after that time will not be accepted. All submitted bids must be sealed.

The corporate authorities of the City of Hillsboro may accept any high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best interest of the City or may reject any and all bids submitted.

Dated this 16 day of September, 2019.
CORY DAVIDSON, City Clerk
36-31T

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois, gives notice that it is selling the following property by public auction sealed bids. Bids will be opened on November 7, 2019 at the regular Litchfield City Council Meeting, at City Hall, 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL 62056.

The property which is being advertised for bids is described as follows:

Lot Twenty-nine (29) in Block Four (4) of Hood & Tully's Addition to Litchfield, situated in the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois.

Parcel ID#: 10-33-426-004
Property Address: 1003 N. Illinois Litchfield, Illinois 62056

The property has the condition that a contract for purchase be signed committing to the building of a single-family residence on the property. A condition of the sale will be a residence must be completed on the property within 24 months of closing.

The property is being sold subject to covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements of record, including easements for utilities and public right of way.

The City of Litchfield will not

provide any title insurance policies or title work for said property, the bidders on the property should ascertain on their own accord the merchantability of said property.

All real estate sold herein is subject to all ordinances of the City of Litchfield, including, but not limited to, zoning regulations.

The property listed has an unpublished minimum bid established by the Council. If that minimum bid is not received, the bid will be rejected.

All bids should be submitted to the City Clerk of the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois before October 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Any bids submitted after that time will not be accepted. All submitted bids must be sealed and labeled "BID 1003 N. ILLINOIS." All bids should include a description of the type of residence to be built on the property.

The corporate authorities of the City of Litchfield may accept any high bid or any other bid determined to be in the best interest of the City or may reject any and all bids submitted.

Dated this 18th day of September, 2019.
CAROL BURKE,
LITCHFIELD CITY CLERK
38-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FILLMORE CONSOLIDATED TOWNSHIP FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

TOWNSHIP - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Taxes - \$45,363; Replacement Tax - \$5,614; Interest - \$157; Rental - \$75; Dakota Pipe Line - \$35,000; Miscellaneous - \$1,004;
TOTAL REVENUES: \$87,213.

TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Scot Usher; Jeanna Lorton; Braunda Hopwood; Eugene Smith; Carol Christ-Moral; Debbie Davidson; Wade Moore;
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$9,689.

TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
TOIRMA - \$1,050; Ameren Illinois - \$1,798; Jim Patton - \$1,080;
All other disbursements less than (\$1,000) - \$1,487;
TOTAL VENDORS: \$5,415.

Subscribed and sworn to this 22nd day of September, 2019.
Scot Usher - Treasurer
I, Jeanna Lorton, Clerk of Fillmore Township, Montgomery County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.
Jeanna Lorton - Clerk
38-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois, gives notice that it is selling the following property by public auction sealed bids. Bids will be opened on November 7, 2019 at the regular Litchfield City Council Meeting, at City Hall, 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL 62056.

The property which is being advertised for bids is described as follows:

Lots 1 and 4 in Block 81 in P.C. Huggins' Addition to the City of Litchfield, situated in the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois.

Parcel ID#: 10-33-477-018
Property Address: 1018 E. Union Street Litchfield, Illinois 62056

The property has the condition that a contract for purchase be signed committing to the building of a single-family residence on the property. A condition of the sale will be a residence must be completed on the property within 24 months of closing.

The property is being sold subject to covenants, conditions, restrictions and easements of record, including easements for utilities and public right of way.

The City of Litchfield will not provide any title insurance poli-

Wash Down

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a call to wash down the road after a car accident on Rt. 16 in Big Four Bottoms in Hillsboro.

Fire Calls

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FILLMORE CONSOLIDATED/WITT MTA DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

MTA - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Tax - \$10,980.
TOTAL REVENUES: \$10,980

MTA - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range: Under \$10,000: Carol Durbin; Scot Usher; Jeanna Lorton; Rita Miller.
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$8,893

MTA - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$880.
TOTAL VENDORS: \$880

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

	General
Revenues	\$10,980
Expenditures	\$ 9,773
Revenue over (Under)	\$ 1,207
Expenditures	\$ 1,207
Previous Year Fund Balance	\$27,306
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$ 1,207
Ending Fund Balance	\$28,513

Subscribed and sworn to this 22nd day of September, 2019
Scot Usher, Treasurer MTA
I, Carol Durbin, Clerk of Fillmore Consolidated/Witt MTA, Montgomery County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.
Carol Durbin, Clerk
38-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FILLMORE CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

FCRD - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Tax - \$90,015; Replacement Tax - \$6,167; Montgomery County Highway Department - \$16,359; Miscellaneous - \$3,329.
TOTAL REVENUES: \$115,870

FCRD - COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range \$15,000-\$30,000: Brent Harrison; Jim May.
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$44,083

FCRD - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
IRS - \$7,042; IMRF - \$5,510; TOIRMA - \$7,852; M&M Service - \$6,239; Ameren IL \$3,751; Springfield Plastics - \$3,000; Metal Culverts, Inc. - \$8,559.
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$14,071
TOTAL VENDORS: \$56,024

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

	General	Special Revenue
Revenues	\$ 53,052	\$ 62,818
Expenditures	\$ 72,186	\$ 27,921
Revenue over (Under)	\$ (19,134)	\$ 34,897
Expenditures	\$ 31,308	\$ 66,890
Previous Year Fund Balance	\$ (19,134)	\$ 34,897
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	\$ 12,174	\$101,787
Ending Fund Balance		

Subscribed and sworn to this 22nd day of September, 2019.
Scot Usher, Treasurer
I, Jeanna Lorton, Clerk of Fillmore Consolidated Road District, Montgomery County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.
Jeanna Lorton, Clerk
38-11

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT CITY OF WITT Fiscal Year Ending April 15, 2019

REVENUE SUMMARY:
Cable TV Fees \$5,055.13; Cemetery Income \$200.00; Fines \$1,673.73; Fire Department Grants \$10,800.00; Fire Department Income \$4,100.00; 2% Fire Insurance \$1,084.35; Fire Department Subscription Fees \$6,000.00; IL Replacement Tax (PPR) \$1,054.78; Interest Income \$491.30; Liquor and Amusement Licenses \$935.00; Material Sold \$2,632.50; Misc. Receipts \$7,769.92; MFT Allotment \$22,990.75; Property Tax \$52,656.67; Railroad Improvement \$239,838.66; State Income Tax \$22,844.06; State Use Tax \$26,526.03 Sales Tax \$26,566.62; Utility Tax Received \$44,967.53; Video Gaming Tax \$7,157.58; Water & Sewer Revenue \$267,136.75.
TOTAL REVENUES: \$802,617.09

COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Under \$25,000.00 - Greta Akers, John Bauerle, Shawn Cady, Sonia Hodson, Nancy Hughes, Dillon Joyce, Angela Lynch, Jay Martin, Rebecca Martin, Robert Mehlberg, Cheryl Miller, Tom Rogers, Timothy Taylor, Dorothy Ulrici, Kenny Vallelonga, Jr., James Van Ostran, Dale Walcher, Brandon White, Jeffrey Woods, Donna Yeske.
\$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99 - Stephen Bowers, Heath Cunningham.
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$144,813.16

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
AmerenIP \$36,438.41; BB Community Leasing Services \$6,539.25; Benton & Assoc. Inc. \$16,000.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield IL \$4,721.55; Brotcke Well & Pump \$24,802.50; Bulldog Enterprises \$3,856.99; C&K Communications \$8,606.00; CERTOP, Inc. \$19,280.00; Consolidated Communications \$4,750.77; Eric Lentz \$7,840.00; Farmers Oil Co. \$9,791.82; Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, PC \$6,431.34; Gunther Salt Co. \$3,448.06; IL Counties Risk Management Trust \$9,780.50; IL EPA \$2,500.00; IMCO Utility Supply Co. \$4,436.56; John Deere Financial \$4,283.75; KEB \$3,500.00; Kinney Contractors, Inc. \$226,104.03; Lehigh Hanson \$4,117.99 Litchfield Bituminous Corp. \$14,526.10; Louis Marsch, Inc. \$4,690.92; Marten Insurance \$22,854.00; Martin Equipment of IL, Inc. \$3,060.49; McDonough-Whitlow, PC \$2,263.55; Montgomery County \$10,000.00; Nails Power Equipment \$9,858.67; Nelson Oil Co. \$12,944.00; Patton & Co. PC \$6,600.00; PDC Laboratories, Inc. \$5,161.25; Pearse Construction \$3,510.00; Prairie Engineers \$21,252.97; Progressive Chemicals & Lighting, Inc. \$3,159.49; United Healthcare Insurance \$12,956.54; USA Bluebook \$4,161.62; Weitekamp Electric Co. \$7,370.46; Witmer Public Safety Group \$3,373.25; All other disbursements in amounts less than (\$2,500) \$45,880.82.
TOTAL VENDORS: \$590,853.65

Subscribed and sworn to this 27th day of August, 2019.
Sonia L. Hodson, Treasurer, City of Witt
I, Nancy Hughes, City Clerk of the City of Witt, Montgomery County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year ending in 2019.
Nancy Hughes, Witt City Clerk
38-11



Montgomery County Farm Bureau Director Katie Wilson speaks to the Montgomery County CEO students on Friday, Sept. 20, at the farm bureau office in Hillsboro.

County Farm Bureau Hosts CEO Students In September

Students in the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program visited the Montgomery County Farm Bureau to learn more about ag-related businesses in Montgomery County on Friday, Sept. 20.

Director Katie Wilson spoke to the team about the family of companies that make up the farm bureau. With seven billion people on the planet to feed and an estimated nine billion by 2050, the farm bureau works to improve public awareness and assist farmers and agricultural businesses in growing a sustainable food economy.

Greg Holcomb with Country Financial in Hillsboro spoke to the team about how those growing businesses are insured.

"Illinois is the leading pro-

ducer of soybeans, pumpkins and horseradish," Holcomb explained, "which all require planting and harvest equipment, storage and distribution."

Holcomb also talked about the unique liabilities related to ag businesses and the products Country Financial offers to mitigate those risks for his clients. He concluded by reminding the team that protecting assets and managing money well today will pay dividends for years to come.

The final speaker for the morning was Kirsten Treece with M&M Service Company. Treece explained the company's mission and vision and core values. She discussed their products and services and how they work to improve farmers' production and efficiencies.

Crop Progress

There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending Sept. 22, 2019. Statewide, the average temperature was 74.4 degrees, 10.2 degrees above normal. Precipitation averaged 0.80 inches, 0.04 inches below normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 11 percent very short, 22 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 8 percent very short, 23 percent short, 62 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus.

Corn dough was at 97 percent. Corn dented was at 77 percent. Corn mature was at 26 percent. Corn harvested for grain was at

2 percent, compared to 26 percent last year, and 16 percent for the five-year average. Corn condition was 4 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 39 percent good and 6 percent excellent.

Soybeans setting pods was at 96 percent. Soybean coloring was at 53 percent, compared to 92 percent last year and 83 percent for the five-year average. Soybean dropping leaves was at 14 percent. Soybean condition was 4 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 36 percent good and 7 percent excellent.

Winter wheat was planted at 1 percent.

Maintaining Soybean Prices Depends On Several Prospects

Last week's price rally in the soybean market relied on the prospects of easing trade tensions with China. The potential for soybean prices to maintain recent momentum depends on developments in trade negotiations and production prospects for both the U.S. and South America, according to University of Illinois agricultural economist Todd Hubbs.

USDA's September soybean production forecast came in at 3.633 billion bushels, down 47 million bushels from the August forecast. Yield per harvested acre fell by 0.6 bushels to 47.9 from the August forecast of 48.5. Compared to the August forecast, yield prospects for the top 10 states in soybean acreage increased in Missouri and Kansas, declined in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, and saw no expected change in South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, and Ohio.

"The crop production report showed the lowest pod count for the 11 states included in the objective yield survey since 2012," Hubbs said. "At 1,561 pods per 18 square feet, this year's pod count led to an implied pod weight near 0.35 grams per pod. A pod weight at this level is the highest in a decade and led to speculation about potential lower pod weights in this late-planted crop."

Over the last five years, pod counts increased from the September forecast to the final yield estimate. Pod weights over the same period fell in four out of the

five years.

In conjunction with the lower production forecast, total supply for the 2019-20 marketing year dropped an additional 65 million bushels, to 4.658 billion bushels, on lower beginning stocks. Soybean crush and export estimates for the 2018-19 marketing year increased by 20 and 45 million bushels, respectively. The USDA left the 2019-20 soybean export forecast at 1.775 billion bushels and the crush forecast at 2.115 billion bushels. Ending stocks for the 2019-20 marketing year fell to 640 million bushels, down 115 million bushels from the August projection.

"While expectations of strong crush levels remain in place for the next marketing year, the prospects of maintaining higher soybean prices fall on exports or production issues. The recent thaw in trade negotiations between China and the U.S. came as a rare positive development this year and prompted the rally in prices last week," Hubbs said.

Soybean exports for 2018-19 were down approximately 390 million bushels from the previous marketing year. Exports to China, using export sales data on accumulated exports, fell 544 million bushels from the previous marketing year and 835 million bushels from the 2016-17 marketing year.

"At around 490 million bushels, U.S. soybean exports to China have not been this low since the 2006-07 marketing year," Hubbs

says. "The recent announcement of lower tariffs on soybeans and pork look to support soybean prices, but clarity on the level of tariff reductions and a guarantee of following through by Chinese buyers remain lacking."

For the current marketing year through September 5, outstanding sales and accumulated exports total 39.3 million bushels.

"Recent reports place Chinese purchases in the range of 29.5 million bushels (804,000 metric tons). Additional purchases may total between 37 and 110 million bushels. This amount of buying remains a long way from the levels of export needed to support prices in the long-term but provides a positive development on the trade front," Hubbs said.

"New agreements with Argentina and Russia on meal imports combined with an expanded emphasis to rebuilding the hog herd decimated by African swine fever point towards China preparing for an extended fight in the trade war. Additionally, Chinese soybean production sits at a forecast level of 628 million bushels, up 8% from last year," Hubbs said. "The lull in the trade fight may allow China to backfill soybeans and pork to alleviate domestic pressures and settle in for a protracted battle."

While Chinese buying of South American soybeans may cool in the near term, Hubbs said the potential for U.S. soybean exports to remain at reduced levels from pre-trade war totals in the 2019-

20 marketing year continues as a high probability. "Soybean production prospects in South America will continue to be crucial over the next few months, particularly if the trade war rekindles," he adds.

The forecast of South American production for the 2019-20 marketing year came in at 7.03 billion bushels, up 2.4% from last year's estimate. The projected size of the Brazilian soybean crop increased by 220 million bushels to production level of 4.52 billion bushels. The soybean production forecast for Argentina decreased 84 million bushels from last year's estimate to 2.032 billion bushels.

"Some early-season dryness in southern Brazil and Argentina merits monitoring. A continuation of the current dryness may delay planting in some areas. However, it remains too early to forecast any definitive change in soybean production in those regions," Hubbs said.

"If production issues do not materialize, the status of the trade war will be paramount. Current U.S. crop prospects point to maintaining some of the recent price gains. A failure of trade negotiations in October may push prices back to ranges seen in early September. Marketing soybeans on price rallies associated with trade negotiations and weather may be prudent. The uncertainty related to production levels and trade remains exceptionally high," he concludes.

Litchfield FFA Students Attend Forestry Event

Five members of Litchfield's chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) made a trip to Beaver Dam State Park on Thursday, Sept. 19. The Litchfield chapter competed in the IAVAT Section 15 Forest Evaluation CDE. The Forestry Career Development event allows students to demonstrate their knowledge in diagnosing forest disorders, managing forests and forest inventory, and applying approved silviculture practices. FFA teams from ten chapters participated in their year's Career Development event. The Litchfield team placed third overall. Clayton Walch was the high performer of the team, placing seventh overall. At right from the left are Clayton Walch, Kenneth Meyer, Elaan Bader, Alaina Painter and Kevin Pollard.



ISP Partners With Agencies To Reduce Rail Crossing Fatalities

For the sixth year, Illinois State Police Commander Mark Gillock announces District 18 is partnering with local, state and federal agencies to promote vehicle and pedestrian safety around railroad tracks and trains during Rail Safety Week, which begins Sunday, Sept. 22 and runs through Saturday, Sept. 28.

To promote rail safety awareness and education, and prevent injuries and fatalities, ISP District 18 Commander Gillock has planned enforcement details throughout the week at various

railroad grade crossings. Drivers and pedestrians who disobey the laws associated with railroad grade crossings and property will be cited. In addition to enforcement efforts, the ISP is also committed to changing behavior through education. Officers will be distributing literature to the public that contains rail safety information.

Commander Gillock said, "It is unacceptable to have 109 railroad crossing collisions in Illinois involving motor vehicles. When approaching any railroad cross-

ing, please use caution. Look both ways, never try to drive around a lowering gate or outrun a train. If your car stalls in a crossing, get out of your vehicle, away from the crossing and call 911."

When crossing railroad tracks, motorists must obey the law and be aware of their surroundings. Please remember, it is against the law to stop vehicles on the railroad tracks and anywhere within the highway-rail grade crossing. Highway-rail grade crossings are typically marked by white stop lines, located on the pavement in advance of the crossing, and if not marked by white stop lines,

the highway-rail grade crossing extends from protective gate arm to protective gate arm.

Please also remember it is against the law for pedestrians to go around a protective gate or disobey warning lights or bells.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

SAT, SEPT. 28 - 9 a.m. Multiple estates auction at Bond Co. fairgrounds, 608 Ridge Ave., metal bldg., Greenville, IL 62246. Antiques, collectibles, quilts, furniture, household, tools, lawn & garden, more. Wayne A. Mollett & Adam Mollett, auctioneers & realtors, 618-920-6694, 618-664-4259, auctionzip.com #23925, www.mollettauctions.com.

SAT, SEPT. 28 - 10 a.m. at 888 N. Market St., Brighton for Don Loudermilk. Tractor, mowers, vehicles, trailers, tools, guns. Hanold Auctioneering, 618-781-9810, www.hanoldauctioneering.com.

SAT, SEPT. 28 - 10 a.m. Coin auction at Indian Springs Golf Course, 6 mi. E. of Coffeen on Rt. 185. Gold, silver, key dates, 2 .357 pistols, ball cards from 1950s to 1970s, misc. For complete list go to www.auctionzip.com ID#13756. Eric White, auctioneer, 217-556-2135.

SAT, OCT. 5 - 9 a.m. at 13908 Bluffs Rd., Carlinville (S. Locust St. to Orange St. then right 4 mi. or 1 mi. S. of Carlinville on Shipman Blacktop to Stagecoach Rd. then 1 mi. to Bluffs Rd. then 1.5 mi. E. & N. Skid steer, tractors, truck, trailers, boats, motors, implements, 20 yd. dumpster, metal bldg. parts, shop tools, etc. Lowell & Arrilda Fullington, prop. of the former Maco Construction, sellers. Mike Crabtree, auctioneers, 217-473-2507, mikecrabtreeauctions.com.

SAT, OCT. 5 - 10 a.m. at 418 W. Main, Carlinville. Lots of furniture, Fiestaaware, Haviland, usual household items, much more. Dolores Mack living estate. Rick Stewart, auctioneer, 217-473-2985, www.rickstewartauctioneer.com.

SAT, OCT. 5 - 10 a.m. at 400 N. Rd., Coffeen. Household, collectibles, furniture, old toys, primitives, tools, misc. Margaret Clanton, owner. For complete list go to www.auctionzip.com ID#13756. Eric White, auctioneer, 217-556-2135.

SUN, OCT. 6 - 10 a.m. at 121 Gum St., Panama, 1 block E. of Nu-Way Deli. Tractors, tools, household items, collectible glassware, lawn & garden, hunting & fishing, more. Emily Miller, seller. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, mikecrabtreeauctions.com.

SUN, OCT. 6 - 9 a.m. RE & public auction for Ronald D. DeNoon & Andrea Doetzel at 131 Mettleville Ln., New Douglas. From Greenville take 140 to Mettleville Rd., turn right, go 2.5 mi. turn right on Mettleville Ln., go 5 mi. 3BR/2BA mobile home on 5 acres, 50'x90' post frame bldg., 10'x12' greenhouse, lots of trees. Personal property of trucks, trencher, tractor, guns, lawn & garden, tools, more. Wayne A. Mollett & Adam Mollett, auctioneers & realtors, 618-920-6694, 618-664-4259, auctionzip.com #23925, www.mollettauctions.com.

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Professor Funk: A Colorful Part Of Montgomery's History

by *Tori O'Dell*

"The life of Professor Otto Funk, the events of the years in which he spent in this section, were unique, like those of no other resident of Montgomery County, it is certain," a passage from Mr. Funk's obituary found in the Thursday, Feb. 8, 1934, edition of *The Montgomery County News*.

Known best as the man who fiddled across America, to say that Professor Funk lived a unique life is an understatement born on Oct. 6, 1868, in St. Louis, MO, Professor Funk was the third child of Benjamin and Caroline (Krause) Funk. His parents, natives of East Prussia, Germany, emigrated to St. Louis, MO, and eventually settled in Montgomery County. In 1881, Benjamin Funk purchased a 400 acre parcel of land near Irving, known at the time as Jackson Farm. It was on Jackson Farm (which would eventually become known as Funk Farm) that the couple raised their seven children. Professor Otto Funk would take over management of the farm in 1892, when his parents retired to Hillsboro.

In his youth, Professor Funk was educated in schools in Missouri and Illinois, where he received special training in piano and violin. He studied for four years in St. Louis, MO, before his father (Benjamin) sent him to Konigsburg, Germany, where he studied for an additional four years under the best musical instructors, including Max Brodi, Robert Goldbeck and Max Oesten. As a student Funk was diligent, studying for up to ten hours each day and in later life could play more than 300 selections from memory. He was proficient in multiple instruments, including the piano, violin, violoncello, guitar, mandolin, banjo and harp.

Following his time abroad, Professor Funk returned to St. Louis, MO, where he worked as a music teacher and concert violinist. He returned to Montgomery County in 1870, and dedicated much of his life to fostering an appreciation of (classical) music within the residents of Montgomery County.

Professor Funk spent several years teaching music in towns and rural communities throughout Montgomery County, at times giving as many as 200 lessons per



Above, Professor Otto Funk plays his violin during his record-winning trek across the country. This photo was printed in an edition of *The Montgomery County News*.

ful life, was the cross country walking trip he made from New York City, NY, to San Francisco, CA, in 1928. Funk was 60 at the time and was accompanied on his trip by the violin that had been his companion for 50 years. He started the 4,165 mile trip in 1928, with a send off from Democratic presidential candidate Al Smith at the steps of City Hall in New York City, NY, and finished the long trip on June, 16, 1929, in San Francisco, CA, where he was received by the Mayor and future Governor of California James Rolph.

A promotional endeavour, Funk fiddled as he walked, playing his violin each step of his journey. During the trip, Funk played at 142 theatres, performed hundreds of street concerts and 18 live radio shows. It is reported that he wore out several dozen bows and twenty pairs of shoes, which were provided by one of his sponsors, Brown Shoe Company. His son-in-law Lester Grundy drove behind Funk in a Ford motor car that served as a dressing room, storage facility and sleeping quarters. The trip took Professor Funk through America's Indian reservations, cities, small towns, forests and deserts.

The idea for the walking trip was sparked by a cover story, complete with a rare color photograph, that the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat's* rotogravure magazine ran on April 29, 1928, featuring Professor Funk. Following the completion of his cross country walk, he hoped to obtain engagements on the vaudeville stage. He also ambitiously hoped that his fame would exceed that of his musical rival, Austrian-American violinist Fritz Kreisler. The astonishing accomplishment was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.

"I have seen God's country, every foot of it that I walked over. You can't see it right from a car or a train," Professor Funk is reported to have said when describing his trip. "Sole leather express is the only way."

Indeed, Professor Funk lived a unique life and more than 85 years after his death continues to be known as one of the more colorful characters in the tapestry of residents that make up Montgomery County.

month. He became an esteemed member of the faculty at Greenville College's music department, where he taught many of his former music students. In addition to performing and teaching, Professor Funk composed the music and lyrics for several published songs including, "The Della Waltz (dedicated to his wife)," "He's Got A Wheel" and "The Saviour and The Rose."

Funk's efforts to encourage music appreciation in the county were not limited to teaching. He often hosted musicians, bringing performers such as the famous Quintette Club to Hillsboro, at his own expense. The Quintette Club's concerts were red letter events in the nation's musical circles, and the sacrifices Professor Funk made to bring their music to the area were ones he made gladly.

Luckily, Funk married a talented pianist, Della (Edwards), who understood and encouraged his dedication to music. The couple married on May, 20, 1894 and spent 50 years together. The Funks were blessed with six children, Viola (Lester) Grundy, Myrtle (Ellsworth) McGraw, Rosa (George) Hall, Ben Funk, Clara Dell and Otto Funk, Jr.

Professor Funk was not only a dedicated musician and teacher, but a farmer as well. He took over operation of his parent's farm in 1892 and continued to manage

the farm until his father's death, when the land was divided up among the three Funk sons. Professor Funk inherited the land on which the family homestead stood. A successful farmer, he was ambitious to develop his farm. This ambition often led him to follow angles not taken by fellow farmers.

There were several springs located on Funk Farm, and in the early 1900's he decided to use a mule and plow to build an artificial lake that covered six acres of his farm and was eight feet deep. The lake, which was spring-fed and well stocked with fish, quickly became a popular music and recreational retreat. Picnics, fishing parties, summer visitors and summer entertainments were the order of the day at Funk Lake. In the winter, Professor Funk would pack ice from the lake and boasted the second largest ice plant in the county.

Unfortunately the improvements Professor Funk made on his farm were costly, and as farming conditions grew bad he was unable to repay a loan and lost possession of his portion of his family's farm. This loss was one of the great griefs of his life and he never gave up hope that he would be able to buy his farm back before he died, a hope that was unfulfilled.

Possibly the most unique event in Professor Funk's color-



Favorite Book Characters On Parade At Beckemeyer School

A cast of characters filled the halls of Beckemeyer Elementary School on Friday morning, Sept. 20. The first grade classes at the Hillsboro grade school held a costumed parade for their parents and their younger schoolmates in the kindergarten classes. The first grade students dressed as their favorite book character and walked the hall with copies of the books in hand. In front, Princess Isabel McLaughlin carries *Princess Stories*, a compilation of princess tales. The delighted children came dressed as a variety of characters including Emily Elizabeth from the Clifford The Big Red Dog series, Fancy Nancy, Dog Man and Pete the Cat.

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Greenville Ushers In The Fall With Help From Outer Realm

Greenville will herald in the Autumn season with a fall-filled weekend on Friday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5.

The weekend's festivities will start off on Friday, Oct. 4, with an Art Walk from 6 to 10 p.m., along Greenville's town square. The Art Walk will feature pieces from area artists and will host wineries and breweries on-site.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the Hearses of Hades Hearse Show will take over Greenville's town square. The Outer Realms is hosting the fright-filled event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hearse owners from around the country will be in attendance, competing for prizes and showing off their hearses and custom caskets. Cash prizes will be awarded as well. Judging will take place at 1:45 p.m.

Special effects artists will be on-site painting faces and oddity vendors will be out selling wares. A variety of themed baskets that will

be raffled off. Tickets are available for \$1 apiece or six tickets for \$5. The baskets include a Tim Burton basket, Haunted Hillside basket, Mistresses of the Dark basket, Family Fright Night basket and Creepy Carnival basket. Each basket is filled with movies and books related to the theme, along with gourmet snacks.

The Black Widows will be in attendance on Saturday. The St. Louis based pin-up and steampunk models will interact with attendees, pose with the hearses and take photos with guests. Both the Art Walk and Hearses of Hades will take place along Greenville's town square. The hearses will be located on the block of 2nd Street, between the County Annex and Lisa's Resale shop.

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Lancer Rally Falls Just Short

A furious late game rally came up just short for the Lincolnwood soccer team as the Lancers fell to conference rival Springfield Lutheran 4-3 at Terry Todt Field in Raymond.

The Crusaders would jump out to an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Landon Williams. Neither team would find the back of the net for the next 20 minutes, but Lutheran would get a pair of goals from Duncan Schiedenhelm in the final ten minutes to take a 3-0 halftime lead.

Lincolnwood would finally get on the board with just under 24 minutes to play when Benny Clavin converted a penalty kick, but Schiedenhelm would complete his hat trick just five minutes later to up the Crusaders' lead back to three.

The Lancers weren't done yet though. They would cut the lead to two shortly after Schiedenhelm's third goal, then found the back of the net with a minute to play to pull within one. Luke Webb would net the second goal for Lincolnwood, while Levi Weir picked up the third for the Lancers.

Despite the late flurry, the Crusaders would hold on for the victory, their ninth of the season, while Lincolnwood fell to 5-6-2 on the year.

Lincolnwood vs. Pana

After a tough loss to Hillsboro on the road on Sept. 23, the Lancers returned home to face Pana on Sept. 24. The Panthers would get two goals in the first half and one in the second to hand Lincolnwood their second straight 3-0 loss and their third straight loss overall.

Jace Christer, Lucas Holthaus and Nikko Pierce would all have goals for Pana, with Christer and Holthaus also earning assists in Pana's fifth win of the season.

With the loss, the Lancers fall to 5-8-2 on the year, with a tough test ahead of them on Friday, Sept. 27. Lincolnwood will play host to the Hawkadoes of the Riverton/Tri-City co-op program.

September 20 at Raymond

Lutheran 3 1 - 4

Lincolnwood 0 3 - 3

Goals: Lincolnwood - Benny Clavin 1, Luke Webb 1, Levi Weir 1; Lutheran - Landon Williams (Reese Butcher), Duncan Schiedenhelm (Reese Butcher), Duncan Schiedenhelm (corner).

Records: Lincolnwood (5-6-2), Lutheran (9-3-1).

September 24 at Raymond

Pana 2 1 - 3

Lincolnwood 0 0 - 0

Goals: Pana - Jace Christer 1, Lucas Holthaus 1, Nikko Pierce 1.

Records: Lincolnwood (5-8-2), Pana (5-8).

Lancers First, Toppers Third At Timber Lakes Match

The Lincolnwood girls golf team crept closer to win number 20 on the season with a sweep at Timber Lakes Golf Course on Monday, Sept. 23, to improve to 19-7.

The Lady Lancers took the top spot on the par-36 Staunton course with a 204, nine strokes better than second place Carlinville. The host Bulldogs would be third with a 228, while Hillsboro was fourth with a 236 and Gillespie was fifth with a 252.

The top individual spot eluded the Lancers as Carlinville's Elsa Mefford took medalist honors with a sparkling 38, which included an eagle on the par-5 second hole, but Lincolnwood would have three of the next five top scores.

Sydney Herman would shoot a solid 43 to join Mefford as one of two players to break 50 on the day. Herman had one triple bogey, but every other hole was a bogey or a par for the Lancer senior.

Stephanie Perun and Jordyn Gerlach would add a 52 and a 53 for the Lancers, while Dorie Krager was just four strokes outside of the top five with a 56. Micah Gehlbach and Shelby Hattenbach would also play for Lincolnwood, shooting a 60

and a 70 respectively.

Hillsboro would put two players in the top ten individually, with Meagan Jorm leading the way with a 54. Erin Kistner would be two strokes back with a 56, while Anna Colwell and Felisity Leuvano would chip in a 62 and a 64. Alex Frailey and Aurelie Granito would also play for Coach Adam Haston, shooting rounds of 64 and 68.

Lincolnwood and Hillsboro will be on the same course again on Thursday, Sept. 26, in Vandalia.

September 23 at Staunton

Timber Lakes Golf Course - Par 36

Girls Team Results: 1. Lincolnwood 204, 2. Carlinville 215, 3. Staunton 228, 4. Hillsboro 236, 5. Gillespie 252.

Medalist: Elsa Mefford (Carlinville) 38. **Lincolnwood (204)** - Sydney Herman 43, Stephanie Perun 52, Jordyn Gerlach 53, Dorie Krager 56, Micah Gehlbach 60, Shelby Hattenbach 70.

Carlinville (215) - Elsa Mefford 38, Megan Dunn 56, Bridget Dunn 59, Payton Drew 62, Claire Boehm 68, Tori Hartson 69.

Staunton (228) - Best 51, Tuetken 52, Mathis 62, Meyer 63, Taylor 65, Jaden 66.

Hillsboro - Meagan Jorm 54, Erin Kistner 56, Anna Colwell 62, Felisity Leuvano 64, Alex Frailey 64, Aurelie Granito 68.

Gillespie (252) - Segarra 57, Bertolino 58, Berger 66, Labby 71. **Record:** Lincolnwood (19-7).

Hiltoppers Survive OT To Stay Perfect In SCC

There are lots of ways to accomplish a goal one sets for themselves: hard work, dedication, stay the course, etc. Sometimes it only takes one of these ways, sometimes two, and sometimes it takes all three, plus some other ways not mentioned.

That was definitely the case for the Hillsboro High School boys soccer team Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 24, as their goal of keeping a winning streak alive, their goal of staying undefeated both in conference and on their home pitch, and their goal of continuing to improve on possessing the ball very nearly took a big hit as the Carlinville Cavaliers came to town looking for redemption for a 2-1 defeat at the hands of the orange and black back in the Carlinville Kickoff Classic.

The Cavies would strike first, the Toppers would answer back and it would take all 80 minutes of regulation plus 20 minutes of overtime to decide, but when the dust settled it would be all goals accomplished for the home team as a Josh Bauman goal 3:30 into the second OT period propelled Hillsboro to a 2-1 victory.

Things would begin and end in a flurry for both teams, starting with the opening kickoff that the visitors took down the middle of the field and tested the Hillsboro backline and junior keeper Shaw Riggs almost immediately.

After the wake-up call, the Toppers would settle in and get offense of their own going, very nearly scoring just eight minutes into the tilt as a Hillsboro corner kick deep in the Carlinville zone nearly found the back of the net.

Senior Ian Roach would follow up the near miss with a shot just over the crossbar on the ensuing Topper possession and Hillsboro would round out the attack as Bauman would put a hard shot on frame that Cavie keeper Brock Goodman was able to corral and send back up the other way.

It would be like that for most of the first half as both teams would ebb and flow, stringing good possessions together with neither having anything to show for their efforts.

Then, with nine minutes left in the half, the Toppers would have their best chance to get on the board as Carlinville was whistled for a foul just past midfield, awarding Hillsboro the free kick. Bauman would be called upon for the shot and his shot was well placed but, once again, Goodman was there for the save, ending the drive.

With 7:30 left in the first, senior Joe Mattson, after gaining possession at midfield and working his way through the Carlinville backline, would find himself all alone in front only to have Goodman stymie the attack again.

Then, as the minutes began to wind down, the Cavies would turn the hard work of their goalkeeper into some good fortune of their own in the form of a goal by sophomore Levi Yudinsky with 5:30 left in the half, putting Carlinville up 1-0.

Senior Dalton Greenwood would nearly make things even

on the very next possession, but his shot would sail just over the crossbar and out of play as neither side would muster anymore offense before the break.

When play resumed in the second, the Toppers came out firing and none more than Mattson, who took matters into his own hands after receiving a perfect lead ball from Bauman. Mattson would turn on the afterburners and rocket up the right side, beating every Cavie in his path then touching a perfect ball past the outstretched hands of Goodman to knot things up at 1-1 just 1:20 into the half.

The Toppers would nearly add another just seconds later as a Hillsboro corner kick squirted all the way through the box after Goodman failed to get a handle, but the miscue would surprise the Topper offense and they couldn't get a touch on the ball before it ended up rolling away.

Hillsboro would keep up the attack however as they were a different team after Mattson's tally. The Cavies seemed to only be along for the ride as the Toppers worked the ball around and through the Carlinville midfield to manufacture look after look on the Cavalier net. As before though, Goodman was up to the challenge every time, single handily keeping Hillsboro honest.

With one minute left and darkness approaching, the Toppers would nearly end it in regulation as Greenwood, who had been a force down the stretch, ripped an absolute rocket on net. Goodman would be there on the doorstep though to preserve the tie and the teams would go into OT.

Conference rules call for two ten minute overtime periods to be played all the way through before any game can be decided, and the first extra frame was all Hillsboro offensively, including a hit goal post by sophomore stand-out Gavin Matoush, but all Cavies defensively, and the score would remain 1-1 going into the second OT period.

When play resumed in the second extra time session, the Toppers would finally break through as, with 6:30 left in the second OT, Bauman would put the squad on his shoulders and find the back of the net for the go ahead goal. The Cavies would mount an attack but would never be able to do anymore than that and Hillsboro would buckle down in their defensive zone to preserve their lead, as they improved to a perfect 6-0 in conference play and stretched their unbeaten streak to 13 games.

The Toppers will look to continue their good fortune as they host powerhouse Riverton Saturday morning, Sept. 28, with varsity action starting at 10 a.m.

September 24 at Hillsboro

Carlinville 1 0 0 0 ----- 1

Hillsboro 0 1 0 1 ----- 2

Scoring: Hillsboro - Joe Mattson 1, Josh Bauman 1; Carlinville - Levi Yudinsky 1.

Goalkeepers: Hillsboro - Shaw Riggs; Carlinville - Brock Goodman.

Records: Hillsboro (11-1-2, 6-0); Carlinville (2-11-1, 1-4).

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Lusk Assists In Beavers' Win



Lexi Lusk, a Hillsboro graduate, is only a freshman, but she is already making herself well known to Blackburn College women's soccer fans.

Lusk assisted the first goal of the Beavers' game against Rockford on Sept. 15, which was scored by Libby Adams at the 2:55 mark of the contest. It would end up being the game winning goal in the Beavers' 2-0 win.

Tess Saathoff (Hillsboro) and **Aliese Greenwood** (Hillsboro) both played in the game. Saathoff had one shot on goal and Greenwood started on defense. Blackburn is 2-5.

Austin Grabow (Hillsboro), Illinois College's starting center, helped IC post 306 yards of offense as the Blue Boys lost a 25-20 decision to Nebraska Wesleyan University. They passed for 229 yards and rushed for 77. IC finished with 14 first downs and three passing touchdowns. The Blue Boys are 1-1.

Jade Taylor (Litchfield) start-

ed both of Greenville University women's soccer games recently. In the 2-1 loss to Millikin University, she played 60 minutes. She played 41 minutes in the 4-1 loss to Monmouth College. Greenville is 2-5-1 overall.

Kenny Lauderdale (Litchfield) has played in six soccer games and made one start for Rockford University this year. The junior defensive player does not have any stats. Rockford is 3-5-1.

Mattison Morgan (Litchfield) has played in the first two St. Louis College of Pharmacy women's soccer games. In the 1-0 overtime loss to Park University, she started on defense. In the 7-0 loss to Fontbonne University, she subbed into the game. STLCOP is 0-2.

Do you know of an athlete that is currently playing a college sport? Please email me (Dan62801@aol.com) with your student's information. When sending an email, please put "The Journal-News" in the subject line of the email.

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