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Meet First Baby Contest Winner Darin Romano Jr.

Born at 4:23 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, Darin Eugene Romano Jr. won the historic *Journal-News* first baby contest.

The son of Regina and Darin Romano Sr. of Coffeen, the new arrival weight nine pounds and 6.8 ounces and measured 21 inches long. He has two big sisters, 10-year-old Athena and six-year-old Lilly.

Maternal grandparents are Ronald Little and Dusty Cox of Jerseyville, and paternal grandparents are Paul and Felicia Sebeschak, Sandy Arnet and Jerome Romano. Maternal great-grandparents are Bill F. Cox Jr.

of Jerseyville.

Baby Romano is the 85th winner of a first baby contest that dates back to 1936. He was delivered by Dr. Ben Cady, who delivered his second straight winner and has delivered first baby contest winners in four the past six years.

The following merchants and financial centers have donated prizes to the winning infant and parents:

From Hillsboro, a \$25 savings account from the Bank of Hillsboro, a gift from Edgemont House of Flowers, a \$10 gift certificate from Park-N-Eat, a gift from Hiller's Heating and Cooling, a

\$25 savings account from TCCU, a gift from the Salvation Army, an infant eye exam from the Family Eye Care Association, a \$5 gift certificate from John's Pharmacy, a \$25 gift card from McDonald's, a free tire rotation from FastFlo, a one dollar US eagle sterling silver coin from the First Community Bank of Hillsboro, a gift from Brown's Insurance Agency, a case of Gerber juice or strained baby food from Capri IGA, a gift from Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and a gift from Jorm Sign Company.

From Litchfield, a gift from Cory Evans-Country Financial, a gift from First National Bank,

a gift card from Coffee Xpresso, a large two topping pizza from Pizza Man, a gift from the Bank and Trust Company, a gift from Joetta's Personal Hair Care, one dozen cookies from Jubelt's Bakery and Restaurant, a \$20 gift certificate from Wendy's, a haircut from Tri-County Beauty Academy and a gift from Glik's.

From Nokomis, a gift certificate from Sav-Mor Pharmacy and Gift Shop.

From Raymond, a gift from First National Bank and a gift from Marten Insurance.

From Coffeen, Matrix Products from Hair Designs by Tina Leefer.

Litchfield Hopes For More Bids For HVAC Project

by Kyle Herschelmann

Work on replacing the HVAC system at city hall in Litchfield will take a little bit longer after the city council decided to reject the lone bid the city received for the project during their first meeting of 2020 on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Henson Robinson Company was one of four contractors in attendance for pre-proposal meetings in November, but were the only contractor to bid on the system the city requested. The bid was for \$335,855.

City Building Official Gary Baker said that Henson Robinson did an excellent job in bidding on the project, but he believed that there may be other options for the city that would give them the HVAC system they desired at a lesser price. Baker also said that it would be good for the city to have more than one bidder to ensure they are getting a good price.

In addition to rejecting the bid,

the council also authorized the solicitation of proposals from vendors for a design-build system. This will allow contractors to design a system that they feel is best for city hall and make a bid for that system.

Nine other motions were also passed by the council, including the acceptance of the Dec. 19 meeting minutes and the transferring of funds and payment of bills.

The council passed motions for pay requests to Loewke and Brill (\$85,256.97) for work on the external water main for the I-55 Industrial Park, to Kamadulski Excavating and Grading (\$271,183.05) for work on the force main sewer and lift stations at the I-55 Industrial Park, to Gelley Excavating and Construction (\$13,320) for utilities infrastructure work at the I-55 Industrial Park and to Brewster Construction (\$76,668.04) for work on the Eagle Ridge subdivision project.

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Two Face Charges For Multiple Thefts, Burglaries

Two men were arrested on Wednesday, Jan. 1, in connection with multiple burglaries, according to Montgomery County Sheriff Rick Robbins, and additional arrests are pending.

Grant A. Allen, 21, of Pana, was arrested in Fillmore, and Neil A. Blazich, 36, of Nokomis, was arrested at his residence, both by the sheriff's office on Jan. 1.

The investigation began on Dec. 10 when a farm implement allegedly stolen from Shelby County was located in Nokomis Township, leading the sheriff's office investigator to the discovery of additional crimes. A two-axle utility trailer that was allegedly stolen in late November from Fillmore Township was located on Dec. 28 on 27th Road in Audubon Township, and the sheriff's office investigator also learned of a vacant residence that had been burglarized on several

occasions with items taken.

Both Allen and Blazich were arrested on Wednesday during the execution of a search warrant, and both face charges of burglary and theft. The sheriff's office also found several items in Blazich's residence from multiple alleged burglaries and thefts, including off-road vehicle lights from a Nokomis theft.

The investigation of additional burglaries and thefts in the same area continues, and more arrests are pending. Anyone with information that would help solve these crimes or any other crime may leave an anonymous tip at www.macmontercrimestoppers.com, text a tip by entering 722TIP and the message to CRIMES (274637), or call Crimestoppers at 1-800-352-0136. Any information that leads to an arrest is eligible for up to a \$10,000 reward.

Fusion Kicks Off Weight Loss Challenge

Just in time for all those New Year's resolutions to eat better and get healthier, Fusion Fitness and Aquatics in Hillsboro is launching its 11th annual Lighten Up For Montgomery County weight-loss competition.

The three-month contest is designed to help local residents get healthier in the new year. It is coordinated by Fusion Fitness and Aquatics and sponsored by local businesses.

"The goal of Lighten Up 4 Montgomery County is and always has been to help our county become healthier," said Jessica Chappellear, executive director at Fusion. "We want to keep you motivated and determined to reach your weight-loss goals."

In the first ten years of the competition, about 2,500 people have participated and lost a total of 15,200 pounds.

Chappellear said this year's contest will be similar to previous years, with a registration fee of \$20, and all participants have a chance to earn that fee back by losing weight.

"The first eight years of the contest were free to join," Chappellear said. "But we have learned that when people put money toward it, they are more apt to stick with it!"

A participant's starting weight must be recorded at Fusion from Jan. 6 through Jan. 10. To sign up, stop by Fusion, weigh in and pay \$20 entry fee. All participants have a chance to earn back the \$20 entry fee.

The week of Jan. 30-Feb. 1 will be the midpoint

weigh-in, and participants must come to Fusion for this weigh-in. If by this point a challenger has lost 5 percent of his or her weight, he or she will get \$10 back. If not, they can keep trying, and still have a chance to get it back and win more. For those who do not lose the 5 percent, their money stays in the pot.

The week of Feb. 24-28 is the final weigh-in. This will also be done at Fusion. If by this point, a participant has lost 8 percent of the starting weight, he or she gets a cut of the pot. However, those participants will only receive half their earnings at that time. If they can maintain or lose additional weight by May 4-8, they will earn the remaining half of their winnings.

"We really want to encourage maintaining and not crash dieting," Chappellear said. All weigh-ins for the competition must be done at Fusion. This year's sponsors will be donating money for the pot as well to sweeten the end take away.

Last year, those who lost the goal percentage won \$140 each. All weight reports are kept confidential.

"We have used a model similar to this for the past three years," said Chappellear. "Before, we only had the top three winners, but in this case, all who lose will win! Therefore, everyone is competing with themselves, and if they accomplish their goals, they get some of the cash prizes."

For more information, visit www.fusion4life.com or <https://www.facebook.com/LU4MC>.



Table Tennis Continues Every Friday

Robert Clark of Taylorville is one of the Hillsboro Table Tennis regulars who plays every Friday from 7-10 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, where the local ping pong club has met for nearly 30 years. The club has just set the date for their yearly tournament, the 31st annual Hillsboro Table Tennis Open, for Saturday, Feb. 29, at the church. For more information about the club or the tournament, contact Mike Plunkett at 217-532-7920. Both are open to players of all skill levels.

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Obituaries

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Georgia A. Sellers, 70 Great Seamstress

Georgia Ann Sellers, 70, of Litchfield, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, at 12:58 p.m. at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

A memorial service and Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Interment will be held in Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Mrs. Sellers was born Nov. 26, 1949, the daughter of Norman Dale and Sydney Anna (Zuptich) Sawyer. She married James Kenneth Sellers on Sept. 29, 1968, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 2009.

A 1969 graduate of Litchfield Community High School, she received a master's degree from Phoenix University in accounting. She was a member of the Christian Church in Litchfield. She was a great seamstress and made a lot of children's clothes and wedding dresses for her daughter and daughters-in-law. She loved to



crochet and enjoyed cooking for her family.

Primarily a homemaker, she had worked at Roller Derby Skate Corporation, Barry Care Nursing Home and babysat for numerous children over the years.

She is survived by two sons, James "Kenney" (Shawanna) Sellers, Jr. (Shawanna) Sellers, Jr.

of Litchfield and Michael "Tom" Sellers of Litchfield; daughter, Melissa (Keith) Millsap of Litchfield; nine grandchildren, Nickole (Chris) Penfield, Daniele Bucci, James "Clinton" (fiancee Jamaica Burke) Sellers, Gage Sellers, Corey Millsap, Geoffrey (fiancee Kaitlyn Branham) Millsap, and Kimberly, Rebecca and Abigail Millsap; seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by brother, Burt Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to the Litchfield Food Pantry or Hearts United. Online condolences may be left at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

John R. Ishmael, 63

Retired Self-Employed Plumber

John R. Ishmael, 63, of Witt, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, at Pana Community Hospital, with loved ones by his side after battling cancer for seven years.

A retired self-employed plumber for Ishmael Plumbing for many years, he was also a past member of the Masonic Lodge, as well as the Pana Sportsman's Club. He loved fishing with his buddies, Rich and Gloria Ginger, and taking road trips with his buddy, Ivan Barr. He also loved spending time with family and will be missed here on earth for his handsome smile and contagious laugh.

Born on Aug. 24, 1956, at Hillsboro Hospital, to the late Russell Ishmael of Nokomis and Nancy West of Pana, he has lived around

the Rosamond, Pana and Nokomis areas most of his life.

Besides his mother, he is survived by five siblings, Debra (Kim) Evans of Moody, TX, Diane (Vern) Bunker of Alaska, Jerry (Becky) Ishmael, Nancy Kinsey and Rusty (Donna) Ishmael, all of Pana; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He also leaves behind Reeda Bundy of Witt, with whom he was in a relationship with for the past 15 years; his fur buddy, Bandit Jack Ishmael; and he was the only-known grandpa to Arianna, Christian, Aaron and Jersey.

In addition to his dad, he was preceded in death by his grandparents.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

Earl C. Sorrells, 91

Owned Elevator, WSMI Personality

Earl C. Sorrells, 91, of Raymond, died on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, Jan. 6, beginning at 11 a.m. at A Community of Faith Church in Raymond with Pastor Tom Mulch and the Rev. Jennifer Fielden co-officiating. Burial will follow in Asbury Cemetery in Raymond. Hough Funeral Home of Raymond is assisting the family.

Mr. Sorrells was born Feb. 4, 1928, in Hillsboro, to Merrill and Nora (Stillahn) Sorrells. He married Doris M. Pocock on June 20, 1948, at the First Methodist Church in Nokomis, and she preceded him in death on March 24, 2019.

He graduated from Raymond High School and went on to begin his career farming. In 1972, he became owner of Sorrells Elevator and Farm Supply.

Most know him from listening to his segments on WSMI as he read from his mother's diaries and gave the market report.

Mr. Sorrells and his wife enjoyed traveling all over the U.S. and many other countries and hosted many foreign exchange students from all over the world. A lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan, he was an avid supporter of the FFA.

He was a member of the Morrisonville Masonic Lodge, ANSAR Shriner, M&M Shrine, 4-H Hall of Fame, Raymond-Harvel Kiwanis, and served as a 4-H leader.



Mr. Sorrells was part of numerous boards including the Livestock Feeders, Soybean Checkoff Board, Midwest Truckers, National Cattleman's Association, Hillsboro Area Hospital Board and IL Corn Growers Association.

He is survived by four children, Mark (Nancy) Sorrells of New York, Jean (David) Fuchs, Kent (Sandy) Sorrells, both of Raymond, and Brenda (Blake) Cloyd of Springfield; ten grandchildren, Shawn (Meghan) Sorrells of Pennsylvania, Trevor (Gregory) Sorrells of New York, Gwen (Dustin) Ziegler of Washington, Rachael (Jon) Root and Ben (Katie) Cloyd, both of Colorado, Garrett (Sydney) Fuchs of Raymond, Bart (Melanie) Cloyd of Michigan, Brooke (Zach) Bell of Springfield, Tara (Zach) Gahr of Normal and Megan (Brad) Humbert of Glen Carbon; 14 great-grandchildren, Morgan and Mia Root, Layla and Emma Ziegler, Vale and Reid Fuchs, Beckett and Lincoln Cloyd, Cooper and Tucker Bell, Charlotte Cloyd, Riley and Reese Gahr and Hayden Humbert; and one sister, Dorothy Betzold of Nokomis.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Sorrells was preceded in death by his parents; and one grandchild, Tonya Fuchs.

Memorials may be directed to the Raymond Park District or to the donor's choice. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

Gary J. Frank, Sr., 72

Truck Driver For Schutt

Gary Joe Frank, Sr., 72, of Litchfield, died on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, Jan. 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Beacon Church in Litchfield, 622 North Franklin

Street. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is assisting the family.

Mr. Frank was born Sept. 27, 1947, in Hillsboro, to Lawrence and Mary (Woolard) Frank. He married Phyllis Stewart in 1966, and they later divorced.

During his career, he served as a truck driver for Schutt Manufacturing in Litchfield before retiring. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Frank is survived by two sons, Gary Joe Frank, Jr. and James Paul (Joy) Frank, both of Litchfield; two daughters, Angela (James Roberson) Frank of New Douglas and Sherry (Robert Sr.) McCoy of Lake KaHo; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Jackie (Gene) DeWitt of Raymond and Debrah (Jim) Hendrickson of Litchfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; grandchild; and a great-grandchild.

Memorials may be directed to Hough Funeral Home to help the family with funeral expenses. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

Debi Cantrall, 64

Homemaker, Avid Poker Player

Debi Cantrall, 64, of Coffeen, died at 7:52 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

Cremation rites were accorded by Lincoln Land Cremation Society. Lincoln Land Cremation Society is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Cantrall was born on March 19, 1955, in Los Angeles, CA, to Dorothy Ramey. She married Harold L. Cantrall, Jr., on Oct. 13, 1995, in Lewiston. She graduated from Lanphier High School. She was a loving homemaker and enjoyed reading, crossword



puzzles, computer games, and cooking. She was also an avid poker player.

Mrs. Cantrall is survived by her husband; mother; son, Rodney (Ashley) Pickrell of Springfield and daughter Jodi (Eric) Rabick of Harvel; four step-daughters; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and

aunt, Alice Ramey of Springfield. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Phil and Agnes Ramey.

Condolences may be left online at lincolnlandcs.com.

Richard B. Brubaker, 87

Formerly Of Litchfield

Richard B. "Dick" Brubaker, 87, of Kewanee, formerly of Litchfield, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at his home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Zion Lutheran Church in Kewanee with the Rev. Mara Ahles-Iverson officiating. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Brubaker was born July 19, 1932, in Litchfield, the son of Clyde and Helen (Costello) Brubaker. He married Ruth A. Meyers on Aug. 24, 1952, in Litchfield, and she preceded him in death on May 18, 2011.

He was a graduate of Litchfield High School and from the University of Arizona in 1954. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Champaign County for two years, obtaining the rank of First Lieutenant.

Mr. Brubaker was the owner and operator of Dick Brubaker Chevrolet from 1963 to 1984, when he merged with Grebner Motors and retired from there in 1993.

A member of Zion Lutheran Church, he had been on the board of directors at Union Federal Sav-



ings and Loan and the Kewanee Public Library. He was also a senior member of the Men's Coffee Club and chairman of the Widow and Widowers Club.

An avid fisherman and craftsman, he enjoyed fishing at Lake of the Ozarks and doing woodworking projects, especially making wooden toys.

He is survived by his son, Richard (husband Bobbie) of Houston, TX; daughter, Amy (Mike) Simpkins of Denton, TX; brother, Jake Brubaker of Rockford; three grandchildren, John (Nichole) Cernovich, Adam (Angie) Cernovich and Caitlin (John) Milmo; nine great-grandchildren, George, Jacob, Josie, Camden, Gavin, Chloe, Bryce, Evelyn and Mason; sister-in-law, Dorothy, who he considered to be his only sister; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by four brothers.

Memorials may be made to Beacon of Hope Hospice or to any hospice of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Dotty Redfern, 96

Redfern Farm Supply

Dotty Rogene Redfern, 96, of Dardenne Prairie, MO, died at 11:22 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019, at Caregivers Inn in Dardenne Prairie, MO.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 4, at Barkley Funeral Chapel in Toledo. Burial was at Toledo Cemetery.

Mrs. Redfern was born on Jan. 28, 1923, in Greenup, to George and Cora (Spessard) Hutton. She graduated from Greenup High School Class in 1940 and then obtained her beautician license. She married Ralph Redfern on June 15, 1946, he preceded her in



death in 1994.

Mrs. Redfern was a busy homemaker and successful beautician for many years. She assisted her husband in the operation of their business, Redfern Farm Supply of Litchfield, for nearly 40 years. When Mr. Redfern was elected Mayor of Litchfield, she worked as his secretary throughout his time in office.

Mrs. Redfern is survived by her children, Steve (Margaret) Redfern of Merrimack, NH, Stanley (Jacquie) Redfern of Glenwood Springs, CO and Susan (Dennis) Kamman of O'Fallon, MO; grandchildren, Daniel (Sharon) Redfern of Hudson, NH, Jessica Redfern of Springfield, Kathryn Canady of Wright City, MO and Kendall Kamman of O'Fallon, MO; great-grandchildren, Cassandra Redfern of Northwood, NH, Caitlin Redfern of Georgetown, MA, Aleya Canady of Wright City, MO, Julian Kenter of Springfield and Cole Lovelady of Wright City, MO; brother-in-law Richard (Nora) Redfern of Springfield, sister-in-law, Lilis Morgan of Toledo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Clyde Hutton and George Hutton.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Research. Condolences may be expressed online at www.barkleyfuneralchapels.com.

Tyler A. Stoneburner, 27

Arrangements Pending

Tyler Andrew Stoneburner, 27, of Litchfield, died on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at 12:40 p.m. at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Arrangements are pending at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. A full obituary will be published in the next edition.

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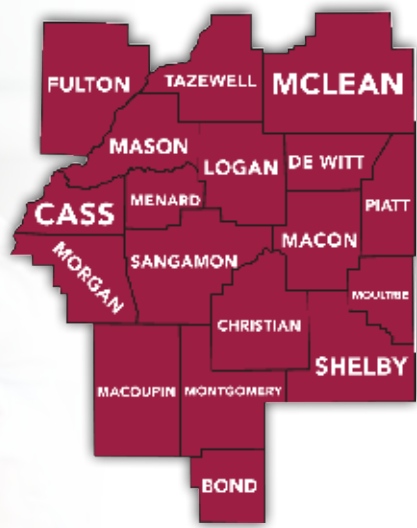
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Paul Londrigan, 84
A Marvel Of Information

On Dec. 20, 2019 the Londrigans lost a most precious member of the family—Paul, the adored husband of Karen, who preceded him in death November of 2018 and beloved father of three children who were so lucky to have the gift of loving and devoted parents not only to them but to each other.



A 58-year marriage of true love, respect, and partnership, together they championed all their children through their adventures while enjoying so many of their own.

Paul was born to James and Sophie (Albright) Londrigan on March 24, 1935 in Springfield. While he graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign in 1957 he never truly stopped his education. He always loved to read and look for new insights even in material he had read numerous times before. Teaching was a natural calling as he always wanted to share, instill, and inspire the pursuit of knowledge.

He began his career at Mac-Carthur High School in Decatur in 1957. In 1967 he accepted a teaching position at New Trier

West High School and moved his young family up north of Chicago. In 1991 he and his wife Karen retired to Hillsboro to enjoy lake living.

He loved to fish, play cards, prepare a garden, watch the birds, go for walks, and as he got deeper into his years of retirement his pursuit of knowledge escalated and he read all the more veraciously. A true scholar he read about math, science, world economics, and religion.

He was a marvel of information on any subject and was always happy to interact. He had a wry sense of humor, liked to claim to be a cynic, but he was a closet optimist and poet at heart which made his wife Karen so obviously beloved and such a great role model to his children; Gregory, Stephen, (Sabrina), and Amy (David) and Stephen and Sabrina's children Benjamin and Laura. Paul was a man of few words and as an English teacher not a fan of run-on sentences particularly when less and well-chosen words made the point.

His knowledge, love, and guidance will be missed every day.

Esther E. Washburn, 85
Housekeeper At Nursing Home

Esther E. (Brown) Washburn, 85, of Effingham, formerly of Ramsey, died on Friday, Jan. 3, 2020, at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Effingham.



Visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 8, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Ramsey. Graveside services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the cemetery with Pastor Harry Kirk officiating. Miller Funeral Home in Ramsey is assisting the family.

Mrs. Washburn was born Nov. 11, 1934, in Ramsey, to Asberry and Vina Belle (Rhodes) Brown. She married Gerald "Spud" Washburn, and he preceded her in death in 1993. She was formerly employed in housekeeping at a nursing home in Missouri, and was affiliated with Liberty Church in rural Bingham.

Mrs. Washburn is survived by

a daughter, Gail (Dave) Womack of Williamsburg, MO; grandchildren, Sheila Lidster of Nokomis, Sandy Meyers of Toledo, Kevin Eddy of Bingham, John Womack of Maine and Roger Womack of Missouri; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gerald "Jerry" Washburn, Jr.; daughter, Brenda Lawyer; brothers, Gerald, Victor, Asberry Jr., Eugene, Noah, Wilton and Esty Brown; sisters, Izola Green, Ruth Roos and Polly Washburn; and granddaughter, Kim (Brown) Eddy.

Memorials may be directed to Liberty Church in Bingham or Mt. Carmel Cemetery in rural Ramsey. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.millerfh.net.

Mary L. (Cavallo) Turcol, 78
Nurse At St. Francis Hospital ER

Mary Lou Turcol, 78, of Benld, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2019, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.



A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, Jan. 2, at SS Simon and Jude Church in Gillespie with Father Michael Haag officiating. Burial was held in Benld Cemetery. Kravanya Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Turcol was born Oct. 9, 1941, to John and Mary (Katich) Cavallo. She married Robert Lee Turcol on April 4, 1964, at St. Joseph's Church in Benld, and he survives.

She was a graduate of St. John's Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield. She received her master's degree in nursing and geriatrics from the University of Illinois in Springfield.

A registered nurse for the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, she was a home

health care director in Staunton. She enjoyed reading, stitchery club and spending time with her family.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by children, Christina Turcol of Benld, Dean Turcol (Suzanne Lobb) of Clearwater, FL, and Angela Sandretto (Robert) of Gillespie; grandchildren, Bailey Lovejoy (Keith) of Gillespie, Owen Turcol of Gillespie, Tyler Sandretto of Collinsville and Riley Sandretto of Gillespie; and sister, Patricia (Peter) Bolt of Springfield.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by daughter, Alison Page, and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Louis and Virginia Turcol.

Memorials may be made to Benld Public Library, Adopt-A-Pet and Gillespie High School band.

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

Edwin Eller, 79
Resident of Nokomis

Edwin Eller, 79, of Nokomis, died on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, at 3:05 p.m. at his home.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in rural Ramsey, with Pastor Randy West officiating. Sutton Funeral Home in Nokomis is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Eller was born on March 2, 1940, in Ramsey, to Carl and Evelyn (Collier) Eller. He married Dorothy Parker on Dec. 12, 1965, she preceded him in death on May 20, 1999.

Mr. Eller is survived by his

daughter, Sherry (John) Espland of San Diego, CA; grandchildren, Robert Bowers of Mattoon and Tina (John) Colangelo of California; great-grandchildren, Marco and Geinna; siblings, Raymond (Linda) Eller of Coalton, Dale (Rose Mary) Eller of Nebraska, Dorothy Rhodes of Nokomis and Janet (Charles) Harp of Indiana; one uncle; many aunts; cousins; and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and brother-in-law, Franklin Rhodes.

Condolences may be left online at suttonmemorialhome.com.

Craig D. Montgomery, 64
Car Salesman, Sports Fanatic

Craig D. Montgomery, 64, of Morrisonville, died at 11:01 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2020, at Taylorville Memorial Hospital.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home of Morrisonville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Montgomery was born on July 10, 1955, in Taylorville, to James and Marian (Soice) Stout Montgomery. He married Linda Mae Ingles on Friday, Aug. 16, 2002, at Lake Shelbyville. Mr. Montgomery graduated from Rochester High School. He retired from Freedom in Virden, where he was employed as a car salesman, after many years of service.

In his spare time Mr. Montgomery loved online gaming and playing on his computer. He was an armchair sports fanatic, enjoying NASCAR, the Chicago Cubs and



the Chicago Bears.

Mr. Montgomery is survived by his wife; children, Kristopher (Elizabeth) Montgomery of Omaha, NE, Emily (Josh) Murphy of St. Louis, MO; stepchildren, Kirby (Marry) Ingles of Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Rickey (Brittany) Shipman of Moline, Kristina (Dennis) Loskot of Hillsboro and Monica Shipman of Hillsboro; grandchildren, Shonna Muffick, Natalie and Abigail Montgomery, Ryan, Easton, Conner, and Brynn Murphy, Hunter, Samuel, Andrew, and Kaylynn Ingles, Tristin and Austin Loskot and Hannah Shipman; and great-granddaughter, Kinsley.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be left online at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.



Helen Saxby of Hair 51 in Litchfield, at left, gave a tour to Montgomery County CEO students on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

County CEO Students Tour Hair 51 Salon In Litchfield

Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students toured Hair 51 in Litchfield on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Owner Helen Saxby explained her start as a hairstylist paying commission on her sales and making enough to get by. Later in life, however, she was offered the opportunity to buy Hair 51 Salon and she hasn't looked back.

"I bought the building and the business," she explained. "I rent next door to the barber shop and the upstairs apartments to help pay the mortgage. I also rent space to a stylist in the salon and I employ a stylist who gives me commission on her sales."

The multiple streams of revenue diversify her profits to help offset the slow seasons.

Saxby also explained her investment in product inventory. "When you're starting out, you

can't afford much hair product for your clients so you work hard to make sales and pay the owner of the salon a commission to cover those expenses," she said. "When I bought the salon I became responsible for buying and supplying the product."

Saxby stood over a section of product that filled a four-foot shelf. "This, for example," as she motioned her hands over the shelf, "is about \$3,000 in product."

Team members asked questions related to customer care and managing diverse responsibilities including inventory and employees and upkeep on the building.

In the end, Saxby explained, "sometimes it's great and sometimes it's hard. Sometimes you have to reinvest in your business and you don't take much home."

But owning her own business, she explained, "is very satisfying."

Weather Forecast

MON JAN 6		Sunny	52°/29°	↗ 10%
TUE JAN 7		PM Rain/Snow Showers	42°/31°	↗ 70%
WED JAN 8		Mostly Sunny	44°/23°	↗ 0%
THU JAN 9		Mostly Sunny	41°/34°	↗ 0%
FRI JAN 10		PM Showers	59°/55°	↗ 40%
SAT JAN 11		Showers	69°/51°	↗ 50%
SUN JAN 12		AM Showers	59°/38°	↗ 40%

Chuck Napier Is Seeking Election As Biden Delegate

Montgomery County Democrat Central Committee Vice Chair Chuck Napier of Litchfield will be on the March 17 primary ballot as candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention committed to former Vice President Joseph R. Biden.

Napier, North Litchfield 6 Democrat precinct committee member is one of five delegate candidates from the Illinois 13th Congressional District on the ballot seeking to nominate Biden at the convention scheduled for July

13-16 at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, WI. Others on the Biden slate are Ellen Shanzle-Haskins of Springfield, Ada Owens of Decatur, Mark Maddock of Champaign, and State Representative Sue Scherer of Decatur.

The slate was filed Jan. 2 at the Illinois State Board of Elections in Springfield. Napier filed 556 petition signatures district-wide, with 155 collected locally. There are 14 counties in the 13 Congressional District.

Hillsboro Public Library To Hold Programs In January

Hillsboro Area Public Library District has several programs of interest planned to combat cabin fever in January. Toddlers and preschoolers, age two to five years old, are invited to join a winter-themed program from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9. The little learners will make a snowman paper craft at this program. New this year, the toddler and preschool story hour will be held on the second Thursday of each month.

The Hillsboro Public Library Book Club will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Moonlight Y in Taylor Springs. The group will discuss *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.

The DIY Club, for fifth through eighth grade students, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where they will create "Baby Snowy Owl Paintings."

Kids Story Hour, for kindergarten through fourth graders, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. Attendees will make "Icy Winter Paintings." The kids program will now begin at 4 p.m.

County Board Special Meeting

The Montgomery County Board has set a special meeting for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro for information regarding the consolidation of 911.

The agenda includes two guest speakers, the Illinois 911 administrator and the Christian-Shelby 911 coordinator, and a potential closed session if needed.

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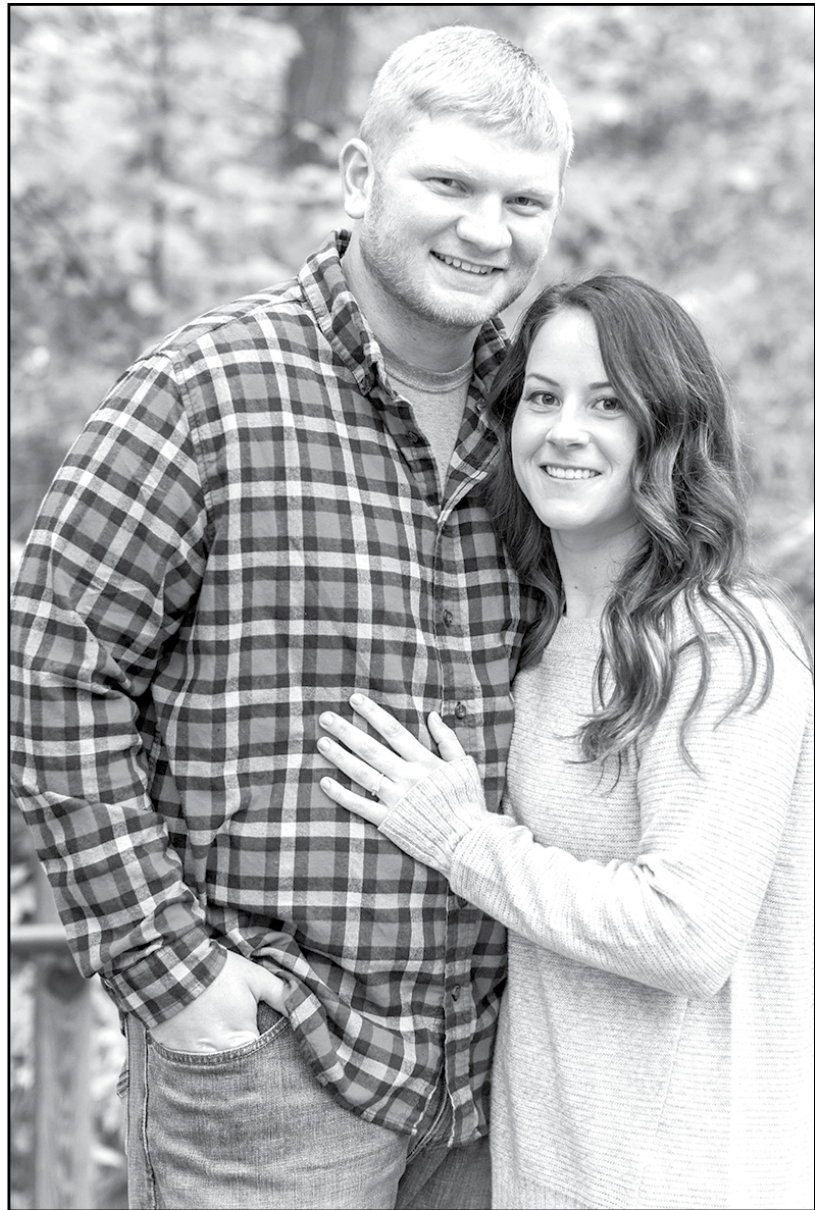
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Wiggins, Tomazzoli To Marry This June At Church In Butler

Hannah Sue Wiggins and Matthew Christopher Tomazzoli of Coffeen have announced their engagement and upcoming wedding plans.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of David and Robin Wiggins of Irving, and the granddaughter of Drex and Sue Fuller and Earl Wiggins. She is a 2012 graduate of Hillsboro High School and a 2018 graduate of Blackburn College. She is currently employed by Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 as a fifth grade teacher at Russell Elementary School in Litchfield.

The groom is the son of Kelley Olroyd of Carlyle and Sean and Michelle Tomazzoli of Germantown, and the grandson of Terence and Patricia Olroyd and Paul and Barbara Tomazzoli. He is a 2014 graduate of Hillsboro High School and a 2018 graduate of Blackburn College. He is employed by the State of Illinois as a correctional officer.

The couple plans to wed on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at Wares Grove Lutheran Church in Butler. A reception will follow at the Event Center of Montgomery County.

TASC Group Plans Support Group Meeting For Jan. 9

The Autism Support Connection (TASC) will host its regularly scheduled support group meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro.

The monthly meetings are open to all interested parents, grandparents and individuals affected by autism or other related disorders. The support group is a place to connect, share information and

experiences, gain education and find support.

Childcare is provided by trained volunteers, at each meeting. Those who wish for further information may contact tascillinois1@gmail.com or call Lynn Sellers at 217-556-9535 or Kim Draper at 217-710-3598.

The Free Methodist Church is located at 1400 Seymour Avenue in Hillsboro.

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Births

Stewart and Chelsea (Richmond) Young of Litchfield announce the birth of their third child and son, Tyler James Young, born Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. He was born at 8:40 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 6.5 ozs, and measured 20 ins. long.

He was welcomed home by his big brothers, Christian, age six and Noah, age one.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Tammy Richmond of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Stewart Young, Sr. of Litchfield. Paternal great-grandparents are Alex and Maxine Young of Gillespie.

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Christopher Stokes and Destiny Martin, of Nokomis, announce the birth of their daughter, Videll Dawn Stokes, born at 9:04 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 ozs, and was 20 ins. long.

Videll is welcomed to the world by her big brother, Victor Martin, three years old.

Maternal grandparents are Cody Bowers and John Martin, both of Witt. Paternal grandparents are Jennifer Stokes and Ceciel Stokes of Nokomis.

Maternal great-grandmother is Terri Romero of Coffeen.

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Amateur Radio Club Will Meet At Challacombe House

The Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Corp. (AREC) will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Challacombe House

Pizza will be served prior to the meeting. Testing will be available for anyone wanting to upgrade or get a new license.

Upcoming Events

The W9DYV Radio Symposium will take place during Winterfest 2020. The Symposium will be held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville on Friday, Jan. 24. The Symposium starts at 8 a.m. and features all day forums geared towards the history of Amateur Radio, vintage equipment, home brewing and experimentation. The scheduled forums may be found online

at <https://winterfest.slsr.org/wes-schum-w9dyvsymposium/>. The two day event will continue from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. More information may be found online at winterfest.slsr.org.

The Montgomery County AREC meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcome to attend. The AREC will meet again at 7 p.m. on February 12, at the Challacombe House. For more information, contact Judy Reynolds at 217-532-6297.

The Challacombe House is located at 509 School Street, two blocks east of the junction of Route 127 and Route 16 in Hillsboro.

Raymond, Hillsboro Host Community Blood Drives

Two community blood drives will be held in Montgomery County during the month of January.

The first blood drive will take place at the Hillsboro Moose Lodge on Wednesday, Jan. 15, from 1 to 6 p.m. at 411 S. Main Street. This drive will be sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church.

All presenting donors at this blood drive will receive a voucher to redeem for a green, St. Patrick's Day-themed T-shirt.

To donate, please contact Community Blood Center at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 60046 to locate the drive. Donors who last gave blood at this drive on or before Nov. 20, 2019 are eligible to give at this drive.

Then on Thursday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lincolnwood High School will hold a blood drive inside the auditorium stage at 507 North Prairie Street in Raymond.

Presenting donors will receive a voucher to redeem a limited-edition "Blood Donor on Repeat" T-shirt.

To donate, please contact Will Gun at 217-229-3496 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org and use code 60080 to locate the drive. Donors who last gave blood on or before Nov. 21, 2019 are eligible to give at this drive.

All potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 lbs. A photo I.D. is required to donate.

For questions about eligibility, please call the Central Illinois Community Blood Center at 800-747-5401. Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

Central Illinois Community Blood Center is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 100 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. In the area, CICBC is the exclusive provider to Hillsboro Area Hospital and HSHS St. Francis Hospital.



County Fair Royalty Deliver Christmas Cards And Cookies

This year's Montgomery County Fair royalty made the holidays brighter for many nursing home residents delivering nearly 150 Christmas cards and bags of cookies to Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hillsboro and Heritage Manor in Litchfield on Christmas Eve. Pictured above, from the left are Junior Miss Montgomery County Fair Morgan Hampton of Raymond, Miss Montgomery County Fair Brielle Marten of Litchfield and Little Miss Montgomery County Fair Tilly Ferguson of Litchfield.



Local Women Bring Paper Along On Gulf Shores Trip

A copy of *The Journal-News* accompanied Judy Jones (above) on a recent trip to Gulf Shores, AL. Jones took a quick girls-getaway with her daughter and granddaughter, Chris and Erin Moore, and made sure to take the local paper along. The local women enjoyed walking on the beach and being together.

PANTHER PRESS • by Bethany Seely at Litchfield High Little Mermaid Musical Will Premiere Late March



After the long and much needed break, students and staff return to their normal schedules on Monday.

The LHS Drama Club started off their musical season with a bootcamp on Sunday. The cast of *The Little Mermaid's* show will premiere at the end of March.

The LHS wrestling team travels to Princeton on Friday to compete in the Princeton invitational at 4:30 p.m. The team travels back to Princeton on Saturday to complete the invite, at 9 a.m. Good luck to all!

The girl's basketball team travels to Lincolnwood on Mon-

day at 6:15 p.m. The girls travel to Hillsboro on Thursday at 6 p.m. The girls are back on the road on Saturday to compete against Greenville at 3 p.m. Good luck ladies!

The boy's basketball team travels to Nokomis on Tuesday at 6 p.m. The boys compete on their own court Friday against Vandalia. Game starts at 6 p.m.

The Scholastic Bowl team competes in the Masonic tournament on Saturday. Good luck!

Caleb Jurgena, Bethany Seely and Blake Rentz travel to the district Voice of Democracy contest at Alton on Saturday. Raven Campbell will also travel to this event for the Patriotic Art district level contest. Good luck to all!

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The Autism Support Connection (TASC) enjoyed a stress-free day at Knisley's Hillsboro Bowl on Thursday, Jan. 2. This annual event allows children and their families to come together in a safe environment, where those with autism can have fun with their family and friends.

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TASC Hosts Bowling, Pizza Party In Hillsboro

The Autism Support Connection (TASC) held a bowling and pizza party for 40 participants on Thursday, Jan. 2, at Knisley's Hillsboro Bowl.

The event was open to families with loved ones who have been diagnosed with autism or other related disorders and special needs.

The children and their families enjoyed bowling, Casey's Pizza and soda.

"We received a \$500 donation from Community Autism Resource Education (CARE) to offset the cost for today's activities," said Lynn Sellers. "The activities like today are provided for families at no cost to them."

Sellers went on to say that this helps the children to learn how to be social.

"Before, families were divided with one parent going to school functions, and other events, and the other parent staying home with the child who has autism," Sellers said. "With TASC, the whole family is included."

Sellers also pointed out that around 2012, statistics on the internet showed that there were 85 percent of marriages that had children with autism.

"This creates distance and divorce," said Sellers. "That's why we have TASC so families can come together. This also helps us



Jaxen Lewey, pictured above, takes his turn bowling during the annual TASC bowling and pizza party at Knisley's Hillsboro Bowl.

Journal-News/Christy Mollet

to raise autism awareness among the public."

Kim Draper wanted to remind everyone that On Thursday, Jan. 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., TASC will hold a meeting. Child care will be provided.

Then on Saturday, Jan. 18, the

Orpheum Theatre in downtown Hillsboro will host the sensory-friendly movie, *Dolittle*.

For those who would like more information on TASC, contact Lynn Sellers at 217-556-9395, Kim Draper at 217-710-3598 or email tascillinois1@gmail.com.

Dancers Raise Funds For Memorial Park Pool

A danceathon was held at the Nokomis Park House on the evening of Friday, Dec. 27. The event was held in memory of Ayden O'Malley, who passed away on Jan. 22, 2018; she would have been 16 years old on Friday, Dec. 27.

O'Malley's family and friends decided to celebrate her heavenly birthday by raising money for Nokomis' pool project, in her memory. They danceathon raised \$1,586 for the project that the community is hoping to begin construction on this summer, dependent on securing a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

O'Malley grew up spending many hours at the Nokomis Memorial Park Pool throughout her lifetime, as her father is a Park Board member and siblings were both lifeguards and manager of the pool. She often tagged along with them, spending summer days enjoying the diving boards and socializing with friends. The summer before she passed, she babysat a neighborhood child and would often take him there for the same fun she experienced growing up. Nokomis Memorial Park Pool was a huge part of O'Malley's summers and an obvious choice to be the recipient of this fundraiser.

The idea came from one of O'Malley's friends and teammate's, Natalie Engelman's mother, Liz Engelman. She knew how much O'Malley loved dancing and thought a danceathon would be a great way to honor her memory. Once other friends and family heard of the plans, ideas and volunteers began coming in.

Bruce Cox and Brea Cox of U-n-Me DJ donated their services and even projected the game "Just Dance" on a screen for the dancers to move along with - which the dancers loved. Nokomis Dairy Queen donated hot dogs and buns, Amy Stolte of Golden Prairie Popcorn donated flavored popcorns, Nokomis Gift and Garden donated balloon centerpieces for the tables and Vicki Beasley donated decorated sugar cookies - all adding to the night.

A traditional birthday party meal of hot dogs, chips, cookies and soda was provided and in-



Above, from the left, are Rosalind O'Malley, People's Choice Best Dancer winner Carley King, Danceathon Champion Allie Sneddon and Denny O'Malley.

cluded in the entry fee. Participants were encouraged to obtain donations from sponsors of \$10 or more, to receive free entry. The top fundraiser was Emily Harston, the daughter of Kelly and Diantha Harston of Witt. She received a \$100 Walmart gift card for her fundraising efforts.

Another big hit at the event was a jail made by Ayden's uncle and aunt, Dan and Kim O'Malley. Attendees had fun sending dancers to jail for \$1, to get them off the dance floor for ten minutes. For another dollar, the prisoner could be bailed out for immediate release. Another of her uncles, Bryant Wright, is a Conservation Police Officer and added to the feature by placing the prisoner in handcuffs and escorting them to the jail. Wright was assisted by his deputy (O'Malley's nephew) Brody Wright. Her father, Den O'Malley, retired employee for the Department of Corrections, collected the bail and made sure the prisoners didn't escape.

A "selfie station" was set up

with props where fun pictures could be taken to commemorate the evening. Participants could also purchase "Shout Outs" for the D.J. to announce, for \$1. They were sold by O'Malley's sister, Amber Wright.

Door prizes and trophies were presented at the conclusion of the event. Allie Sneddon was the official winner, receiving the Danceathon Champion trophy for the most time on the dance floor. Carley King was awarded the People's Choice Best Dancer trophy.

"The O'Malley family would like to give a big thanks to the friends who volunteered at the event, along with all who attended and donated money and/or services to make this such a successful fundraiser," said Rosalind O'Malley, Ayden's mother. "Most importantly thank you for a joyful way to spend what would have been Ayden's 16th birthday as she would have wanted, with her family and friends."



Billy Williams of CTI visited with Hillsboro High School students on Dec. 18, as part of the CEO speaker series.

Hiltopper Students Enjoy Speaker Series With CTI

Billy Williams of CTI visited Hillsboro High School on Dec. 18 to talk to students as part of the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) speaker series.

The speaker series is an extension of CEO's experiential learning. The speakers are organized by alumnus Logan Altenberger, who values his experience and hopes to encourage more young people to participate.

Williams and his business partner Adam Voyles founded CTI in Taylorville, and opened an additional office in Hillsboro, providing high speed fiber optic internet service to this area.

Williams related his success to the students who attended.

"Adam and I were not much older than you when we started CTI," he said. "Shortly after high school, I worked at the electronics counter at Walmart, while

Adam worked for Computer Chips Technology Center, a company I desperately wanted to work for."

Williams got his wish. But while there he and Voyles decided they could start their own business rather than working for someone else.

"I had never been introduced to entrepreneurship," Williams explained, "For me, business was always for rich people."

But after a small family loan and a lot of door-to-door sales, CTI grew from a start-up company to a multi-million dollar fiber internet company.

Williams explained that the learning curve was steep but that the journey has been worth it. The best business is the business in demand.

"We've been lucky to be in a business that has always been in demand," Williams said.

Litchfield Tourism Office Releases 2020 Event Calendar

The Litchfield Tourism Office has worked with local organizations to create an up-to-date calendar of 2020 Litchfield Events.

The easily accessible calendar may be found online at www.VisitLitchfield.com/events. Tourism events are indicated by *** to differentiate them from events hosted by other organizations. Events will continue to be added to the calendar as well as the Visit Litchfield Illinois Facebook page, throughout the year.

Events may be submitted online at www.VisitLitchfield.com/events, select "Submit an Event" and follow the instructions on the online form.

Recurring Events

*****Litchfield Pickers Market:** An open air vintage and antique market, to be held on the second Sunday of May through October, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Downtown Litchfield, at 400 North State Street.

*****Litchfield Farmers Market and Live in Library Park Concert Series:** Free musical performances and produce market, to be held on Thursday nights in July and June, at Library Park, 400 North State Street. Markets will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. and concerts will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. These events are sponsored by HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Litchfield Park District

Concert Series: Free musical performances to be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Walton Park, 10207 Niemanville Trail, on Friday, June 12, Friday, July 10, Friday, Aug. 14, and Friday, Sept. 11. More information may be obtained by calling 217-324-0975, via email at parkdistdirector@litchfieldil.com or online at litchfieldpark-district.com.

Summer Lunch Program: A free lunch program for children, to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday in June and July, at the First Baptist Church in Litchfield, 608 North Van Buren Street. More information may be found by calling 217-324-4232, via email at lisah.fbcl@gmail.com, or online at firstbaptistlitchfield.org.

2020 Grand Illinois Bike Tour: a multi-day ride, starting and stopping in Litchfield. The ride will begin at Litchfield High School, 1705 North State Street, beginning Sunday, June 7 and ending Friday, June 12. More information may be obtained by contacting 630-978-0583 or online at info@rideillinois.org.

Fit For Life Quadruple Bypass and Fun Run: The hill race and fun run will be held on June 27, at 8 a.m. at Lake Lou Yaeger Beach House, 4932 Beach House Trail. More information may be found by calling 618-972-7240 or online at mmm@mmmmultisport.com.

com.

*****Fourth of July Events:**
5K Freedom Fun Run/Walk: All events will be held on Saturday, July, 4. A patriotic 5K run/walk to begin at 7:30 a.m. at Lake Lou Yaeger, Picnic Area 3, 3 Primitive Lane. Music by the Lake: Band will be determined at a later date. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Lake Lou Yaeger, Marina 1, 4932 Beach House Trail. Fireworks Display: Firework launch from Marina 1, at Lake Lou Yaeger, will begin at 9:30 p.m.

FIT-to-GO Family Fit Day: A free family session will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m., at Fit-to-Go, 502 East Edwards Street, on Saturday, July 11. For more information call 217-246-4980, email fittogofitness@yahoo.com or online at fittogofitness.com.

Big Dawg Dare: A 5K mud run with obstacles, to begin at 8 a.m. on July 18, at Wolff Farms, 3153 North 25th Avenue. For more information call 217-273-7704 or email bigdawgdare@hotmail.com.

Fit-to-Go Family Fit Day: A free family session will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m., at Fit-to-Go, 502 East Edwards Street,

on Saturday, Aug. 15. For more information call 217-246-4980, email fittogofitness@yahoo.com or online at fittogofitness.com.

Fit for Life Classic: A one mile, 5K or 10K race, to be held from 7 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, at Lake Lou Yaeger Picnic Area 3, 3 Primitive Drive. More information may be found by calling 618-972-7240 or online at mmm@mmmmultisport.com.

RC Jet Rally: A remote control jet rally, to be held at Litchfield Municipal Airport, 1201 US Route 66, South. More information may be found by calling 217-556-4299 or 217-324-4731, or online at airport.litchfieldil.com. Dates are Friday, Sept. 11 through Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

*****Litchfield Triathlon:** Lou Triathlon: Sprint Olympic and Half distances, to begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Further information on tourism events (***) may be found by contacting the tourism office at 866-733-5833 or tourism@cityoflitchfield.com. Information may also be found online at VisitLitchfield.com.



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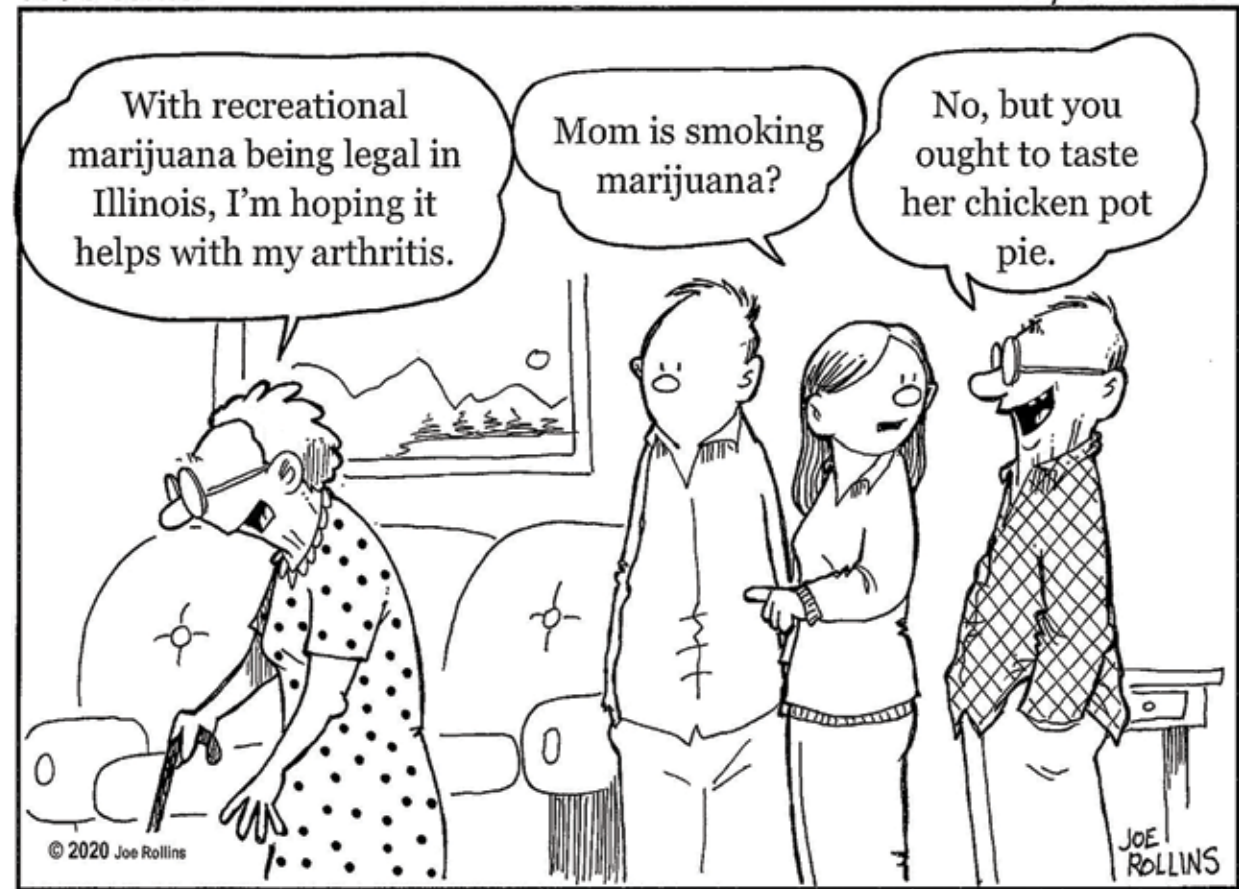
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**RAMBLINGS • by Ron Deabenderfer**

The only "party" I attended in college was comical, at least as I recall it now 55 years or so later. I went to smaller schools partly because I prefer small settings to larger institutions by nature. Perhaps I would have been better served academically at a Penn State or a similar university, but I wasn't considering going at all until Judy, long before we dated, said she thought I ought to go somewhere beyond high school. Then, when Pop Hampe, a traveling recruiter from a small Presbyterian sponsored junior college in North Carolina, spoke to our church's youth group, he talked about his school where one could pay room and board by working on campus, I saw college as a possibility, especially when Judy began talking about going there.

After the obligatory two years, I transferred to Berea, another work school in Kentucky designed to serve poor folk from Appalachia. The National Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church paid for most of my tuition at both places; Judy also applied but wasn't accepted because her father's income was above the poverty level. She went to Blackburn instead.

Warren Wilson, Berea, and Blackburn had at least two things in common: one had to work for partial payment of costs, and no fraternities or sororities existed on campus. I didn't know much about Greek organizations, but as a country-boy with country ways, I was generally opposed to them. To me, at least as they were characterized in movies of the day, they were dens for weird initiations, wild parties, and rich kids who felt entitled. An Ivy League school certainly wouldn't have been a good fit for me.

My one college social gathering didn't go well. Berea was a bigger school than WWC, perhaps because it was a senior college. Every fall five to ten WWC students would enroll either at Berea or Blackburn to work on their bachelor's degree, and in the fall of '64, those of us who attended Berea grouped together occasionally because of past shared experiences.

I lived in a dorm, and late in October the dorm sponsored a hayride. Dorm life suited me; in that era, the food the cafeteria fixed for us was plentiful and tasty, and laundry service was provided. I'd work half a day on the college farm (Berea grew tobacco at that time as a cash crop; I learned to hang tobacco in the drying barn) and go to class the other half. Soccer practice took a couple hours in the afternoons, and the dorms had intramural touch football games and intramural basketball—usually there was more contact on the basketball court than on the football field. For a late-adolescent male who was not yet indoctrinated into the mysteries of sex, it was a cool existence. (Before you snicker, realize that the mid-60s was a relatively naive time, at least in the social circles I preferred. The sexual revolution was only a rumor, or so I thought. I might have known who Hugh Hefner was when I was 19, but I'm sure neither of my parents nor any of their friends did.)

My Berea roommate, a freshman from Chattanooga, thought I should take a date on the hayride. A fellow WWC refugee, Jeannie, had asked if I'd play tennis with her on a couple warm Sunday afternoons; she'd had a steady (that's an old school term) boyfriend at WWC, but he wasn't at Berea; and I'd written to Judy a few times over the seven or eight weeks I'd been in Kentucky, but it was nice to be with someone occasionally who wore perfume even if I wasn't sure why. We went to see *Cleopatra*, the Liz Taylor film when it was shown in town; she seemed a safe date to me, as I assumed I did to her—nothing serious, ever, but a friend for the moment when circumstances dictated.

Little did I know a college hayride wasn't the same as a chaperoned youth group hayride back home—until maybe 10 minutes after it started and the other couples were rather involved with each other. I don't remember much about the experience, except Jeannie and I sat and talked quietly—I have no idea about what. I suspect she was almost as embarrassed as I by the sounds we heard around us, but the shy person I've always been couldn't launch myself in her direction, nor could I talk about it with her.

If she was disappointed (I know she was more wise in the ways of the world than I—so was everyone else), she was too ladylike to say so. Had she made the first move, I'd probably have jumped off the wagon. Now when I think about it, which isn't often, I'd like to know if she thought I was a gentleman (my interpretation) or a dork, but we didn't talk about it. Few opportunities to discuss the situation occurred as shortly afterwards I returned to Pennsylvania because Dad's lung cancer had spread to his brain. Not only was my presence needed at home, but I needed to be there.

Neither what didn't happen on the hayride nor the lack of party experiences as a youngster completely explains my aversion to social gatherings in these, my well-after 70 years, but both are part and parcel of me. I have had a few good party experiences, though.

that was my calling, Dave Ball asked if I'd be the statistics person for the football team. Since I'd just been hired to cover football for *The Journal*, I knew I'd need accurate stats; and I'd be at the games to take notes anyway, so it was an easy yes. (Since then, I've missed one football game when kidney stones meant a hospital stay on a Saturday when HHS played Mater Dei at home.) The first couple years Larry Hewitt helped; later Houston Satterlee became my spotter, followed by Ralph Ward. The last 20 years or so I've been on my own (I only keep offensive stats for both teams; the defensive stats are kept by an assistant coach on the field, which is why I trek across the field to collect that sheet after the games).

Among the perks are free admission to the games and a seat in the press box, though I haven't always used that. Too, for the first several seasons (those coached by Mr. Ball and Rich Stewart) the coaches' wives would gather at someone's house for food and, at least for the men, chatter about the contest. Judy and I enjoyed going to (and hosting once a season) those gatherings.

Judy liked to entertain, so on Old Settlers we'd host a dinner gathering for friends on parade Thursdays. Our front yard featured a view of the parade passing by—from the sheriff and local police cars in the beginning to the horses and pooper scoopers at the end, so people liked to congregate there. I enjoyed those gatherings. (Since Judy passed in 1991, the dinners ceased—no one, including myself, thought my grilling talents would match the fish sandwiches and corn dogs available uptown.)

The high school faculty gathered in the cafeteria occasionally for evening Christmas parties. Because I enjoyed the company of those fellow sufferers, I enjoyed the gatherings, even when Janet Carlyle, the office boss no matter what the principal thought, tried to embarrass 12 of the least vocally talented males by assigning us a part of "The Twelve Days of Christmas." If one hasn't heard Mr. Ball bellow "Five golden rings," ask him to perform it for you: I have yet to forget that. Once, in a later decade, I was encouraged to play Santa Claus at a faculty party at the Church Street Pub; that was fun because it was so out of character for me.

Generally, though it's not personal to the inviters, I turn down invitations to parties. I'm still basically a shy person; living alone with sporadic outings to a daughter or a grandchild's house is a comfortable normal for me. I can function in a group, but it isn't my favorite thing. I suspect not having a partner is a contributing factor, but I'm consistent. Even when I dated Judy and later a few post-Judy times when one or the other daughter would say, "Dad, you need someone," I've been more comfortable at home wearing slippers than out wearing dancing boots (I own none of those).

The girls have tricked me twice—once on my 50th birthday, when they had a close circle of friends come to my house for a surprise gathering, and last Nov. 17, the Sunday before my 76th birthday, when they planned and executed a surprise party at the Challacombe House. The word went out via facebook because the girls knew I couldn't access social media if my life depended on it.

I don't have room to thank everyone who came—I've rambled myself out of space again—but know I appreciated your attendance. One young man said he's now teaching and coaching because of the way I treated him when he was in high school; that means more to me than he'll ever know, though I suspect he'll be angry with me when parents call to question his methods—it happens to all of us.

Two players from one of my freshman teams showed up together to thank me; in terms of wins and losses, we didn't have a great season that year, but they worked hard and evidently had a good time. Later a source told me they had tried to bring the whole team to the party, but most are scattered across the country.

One young man and his wife came bearing a plaque saying I'd changed his life when I coached him. (He was part of a group self entitled "The Flamin' Caucasians" when I first met him). Not only had I coached him, I coached his son on and elementary team years afterward. I didn't open the present (presents weren't expected that afternoon) until after I was home; that's good because reading it made me misty-eyed.

Former *Preface* staffers showed up with copies of their old high school paper in hand; they sat together at a table and cackled so loudly I was tempted to ask them to tone it down. I'm glad I didn't—it was a lyrical sound, and most likely they wouldn't have listened to me anyway. They seldom did back in the day when at least theoretically I had a modicum of authority over them.

When the girls were becoming old enough to not want to share a bedroom, Judy and I added two rooms over the kitchen of our East Tremont home. Architecturally they are an eyesore from the outside, but that wasn't a concern 40 years ago. One of the features of the rooms that I liked were wall-height cork bulletin boards installed just inside the doors; since the girls moved out, those bulletin boards have been blank.

No more. I'll take time this winter to pin cards, the written messages of remembrance, and the emailed thoughts (once Dawn has time to print them off for me) onto the cork. Then, when the blues hit me, as they visit all thinking people, I can retreat upstairs to read all the affirmations that will be displayed there. They prove I was true to my calling.

I need to know that occasionally.

MONDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST	ABC	The Bachelor (TVPG) (N)					Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
	CBS	Neighbor.	Bob Hearts	All Rise (TVPG) (N)	Bull: "Look Back" (N)		Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)	Corden		
	NBC	America's Got Talent: The Champions (N)				(:01) Manifest (TV14) (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night	
	FOX	9-1-1: "Malfunction"				Local Programs			Local Programs		
	ION	Criminal Minds (TV14)		Criminal Minds (TV14)		Criminal Minds (TV14)		Criminal Minds (TV14)		Criminal Minds (TV14)	
CABLE	A&E	Live PD	Live PD	Live Rescue: "01.06.20" (TV14) (N)			Live Rescue (TV14)		Live PD	Live PD	
	AMC	Titanic ('97, PG-13) ★★½ Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet.								Prada ('06)	
	ANIMAL	Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge (N)				(:01) Alaskan Bush (N)		(:01) Alaskan Bush (N)		Alaska: Last (TV14)	
	BET	(5:30) Out of Time ('03)		Alex Cross ('12, PG-13) ★★ Rachel Nichols.				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	Below Deck (TV14) (N)		Below Deck (TV14) (N)		What Happens (N)		Below Deck (TV14)		Blind Date	Dare Me
	CARTOON	Dad	Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	Rick Morty	Robot	Tyson	Momma
	CMT	Man	Man	Speed ('94, R) ★★★ Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper.						Speed ('94, R) ★★★	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Anderson Cooper 360°	
	COMEDY	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)	Lights Out	S. Park	S. Park
	DISCOVERY	Diesel Brothers: "Wet Reveal & Dirty Races" (TV14) (N)						Twin Turbos (TV14) (N)		Diesel Brothers (TV14)	
	DISNEY	BUNK'D Sydney		Raven Just Roll		Coop	Sydney	Unsuitable Just Roll		Raven	
	E!	Botched (TV14)		Botched: "Face" (N)		Nightly Pop (TV14) (N)		Botched: "Face" (TV14)		Botched (TV14)	
	ESPN	(6:30) College Football: "		LendingTree: Louisiana vs Miami (Ohio) (Live)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	(6:00) Wm. Basketball		College Basketball (Live)				Basketball NFL Live			
	FOOD	Kids Baking (TV G)		Kids Baking (TV G) (N)		Food Challenge (N)		Chopped (TV G)		Kids Baking (TV G)	
	FREEFORM	The Notebook ('04)		Pretty in Pink ('86, PG-13)		★★★★ Molly Ringwald.		The 700 Club (TV G)		17 Again ('09) ★★½	
	FX	American Made ('17, R) ★★½ Tom Cruise, Jayma Mays.				American Made ('17, R) ★★½ Tom Cruise, Jayma Mays.					
HGTV	Love It or List It (TV G)		Love It or List It (N)		Love It or List It (TV G)		Love It or List It (TV G)		Love It or List It (TV G)		
HISTORY	American Pickers		Pick Bonus Buys (N)		(:05) American Pickers		(:05) American Pickers		(:03) American Pickers		
LIFETIME	Diary of a Mad Black Woman ('05, PG-13) ★★½				(:03) Hopelessly in Love: "Lisa "Left Eye" (TV14)				(:01) Diary ('05) ★★½		
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Musical Family (TV G)		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops (N)	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
SYFY	(6:00) Hancock ('08)		G.I. Joe: Retaliation ('13, PG-13) ★★½				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	
TBS	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	Fam Guy: (:46) Dad	(:13) Dad	(:40) Bang	Conan	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	Conan	
TGM	Scandal: The Trial of (:15) Red Dust ('32, NR) ★★½ Clark Gable.						The Mattese Falcon ('41, NR) Humphrey Bogart.				
TLC	90 Day Fiance: Watch Party (TV14)				90 Day Fiance (TV14)		90 Day Fiance (TV14)		90 Day Fiance (TV14)		
TNT	Ant-Man ('15, PG-13) ★★½ Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly.				Riddick ('13, R) ★★½ Vin Diesel, Jordi Molla.						
TRAVEL	Paranormal (TVPG)		Beyond the Unknown		Beyond the Unknown		Paranormal (TVPG)		Paranormal (TVPG)		
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray. (TVPG)		Queens		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE champion Brock Lesnar returns. (Live)				Family	Family	Family	Family	
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Love & Hip Hop (TV14)		Love & Hip Hop Miami		Love & Hip Hop (TV14)		
WGN	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Married	Married	
PREM	HBO	Isn't It Romantic ('19, PG-13)		(:45) True Lies ('94, R) ★★½ Arnold Schwarzenegger.				(:15) The Town ('10, R)			
	MAX	BlackKkLansman ('18, R) ★★½				(:15) The Operative ('19, NR) Diane Kruger.				(:15) Knock Knock ('15)	
	SHOW	Shameless (TVMA)		God	The Making	Generation 0: "Labels"		Ray Donovan (TVMA)	Shameless (TVMA)		

TUESDAY EVENING

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST	ABC	JEOPARDY! (N)	mixed-ish	black-ish	Emergency (N)		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline	
	CBS	NCIS : "In the Wind" (N)	FBI : "Fallout" (TV14) (N)		FBI: Most Wanted (N)		Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)		Corden	
	NBC	Game of Games (N)	Game of Games (N)		Zoey's Extra. (TV14) (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)		Late Night	
	FOX	The Resident (N)	Gordon Ramsay's (N)		Local Programs					Local Programs	
	ION	Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds : "JJ"		Criminal Minds (TV14)		Criminal Minds (TV14)	Criminal Minds (TV14)		Criminal Minds (TV14)	
CABLE	A&E	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)			
	AMC	The Hunger Games (12, PG-13) ★★★	Jennifer Lawrence, Stanley Tucci.				The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (13) ★★★½				
	ANIMAL	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out (TVPG) (N)		Barnwood Builders			Barnwood Builders	Treehouse (TVPG)			
	BET	(5:30) Alex Cross (12)	The Single Moms Club (14, PG-13) ★	Nia Long, Amy Smart.			Martin	Martin	Martin		
	BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules (TV14) (N)		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Blind Date	Vanderpump Rules			
	CARTOON	Dad	Dad	Burgers	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	Rick Morty	Robot	Tyson	Momma	
	CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Stepmom (98) ★★★½		
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°			
	COMEDY	The Office	The Office	Drunk Hist	Drunk Hist	Drunk Hist	Drunk Hist	Daily (N)	Lights Out	S. Park	S. Park
	DISCOVERY	Moonshiners (TV14) (N)	Moonshiners (TV14) (N)	Moonshiners (TV14) (N)	Guardians Glade (N)	Moonshiners (TV14)	Moonshiners (TV14)	Moonshiners (TV14)	Moonshiners (TV14)		
	DISNEY	BUNK'D Sydney	Raven	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney	Unsuitable	Just Roll	Raven	Raven	
	E!	(6:30) Step Up (06, PG-13)	★★★	Dirty Dancing (87, PG-13) ★★½	Jennifer Grey.	Nightly (N)	Kardashians (TV14)				
	ESPN	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball : "Teams TBD" (Live)				SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
	ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball : "Teams TBD" (Live)				College Basketball : "Teams TBD" (Live)				
	FOOD	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)		Chopped (TV G)		Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)			
	FREEFORM	The Blind Side (09, PG-13)	★★★½	Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw.			The 700 Club (TV G)		Kendallra Story: Shoe		
	FX	Avatar (09, PG-13) ★★★½	Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana.				Terminator	Terminator	Cinderella's (15, PG-13)		
	HGTV	Home Town (TV G)	Fixer to Fabulous (N)		Move and Improve (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Fixer to Fabulous			
	HISTORY	Oak Island (TVPG)	Oak Island (TVPG) (N)		(0:03) Kings of Pain (N)	(0:05) Oak Island (TVPG)		(0:03) Oak Island (TVPG)			
	LIFETIME	The Holiday (06, PG-13)	★★★	Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet.		Supernanny (TVPG)		(0:01) The Holiday (06)			
MTV	Siesta Key (TVPG) (N)	Teen Mom: Young (N)	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous		
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	Grown Ups (10, PG-13)	★★½	Adam Sandler.	Ink Master (TV14) (N)	Grown Ups (10, PG-13)	★★½	Adam Sandler.				
SYFY	(5:30) Retaliation (13)	Ghost in the Shell (17, PG-13) ★★★			Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Conan	New Girl	New Girl	Conan		
TLC	The Fountainhead (49, NR)	★★★	Gary Cooper.	Bright Leaf (50, NR) ★★½	Gary Cooper.		John Loves Mary (49)				
TGM	My Big Fat Fabulous Life : "A Tale of Two" (N)		Hot & Heavy (TV14) (N)	I Am Jazz (TVPG)		My Fat Fat Life (TV14)					
TNT	London Has Fallen (16, R)	★★½	Gerard Butler.	Geostorm (17, PG-13) ★★½	Gerard Butler.		NCIS: New Orleans				
TRAVEL	The Dead Files (TVPG)	The Dead Files (TVPG)	Famously Afraid (N)	Kindred Spirits (TVPG)	The Dead Files (TVPG)						
TV LAND	Loves Ray. Loves Ray.	Loves Ray. (TVPG)	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens		
USA	SVU : "Twenty-Five"	SVU (TV14)		SVU (TV14)	SVU (TV14)	SVU (TV14)	SVU (TV14)				
VH1	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	
WGN	(6:00) Jurassic Park (93, PG-13) ★★½	Sam Neill.	The Lost World: Jurassic Park (97, PG-13) ★★★	Jeff Goldblum.							
PREM	HBO	The Aftermath (19, R)		The Little Stranger (18, R) Donnell Gleeson.		(45) Alfie (04, R) ★★½		Jude Law.			
	MAX	Tag (18, R) Ed Helms.		(45) Without a Paddle (04, PG-13) Seth Green.		Dim Sum Funeral (09, R) Bai Ling.					
	SHOW	Ray Donovan (TVMA)		Inside the NFL (N)		Shameless (TVMA)		Inside the NFL (TVPG)		Ray Donovan (TVMA)	

WEDNESDAY EVENING

		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CABLE	BROADCAST	ABC	JEOPARDY! The	Family (N)	Single (N)	Stumptown (N)	Local	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
	CBS	Undercover Boss (N)	Criminal Minds (N)	Criminal Minds (N)	Criminal Minds (N)	Local	Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)	Corden		
	NBC	Chicago Med (TV14) (N)	Chicago Fire (TV14) (N)	Chicago P.D. (TV14) (N)	Local	Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night			
	FOX	Flirty Dancing (N)	Almost Family (N)	Local Programs				Local Programs			
	ION	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)	Blue Bloods (TV14)		Blue Bloods (TV14)			
	A&E	Live PD : "01.08.20" (N)	America's Top Dog (N)	Live PD : "01.08.20" (N)	Alaska PD (TV14)			Live PD : "01.08.20"			
	AMC	I Am Legend ('07, PG-13)	★★★ Will Smith.	Deep Impact ('98, PG-13)	★★★½ Tea Leoni, Morgan Freeman.			Mission			
	ANIMAL	(:01) I Was Prey: Under Attack (TVPG) (N)	I Was Prey (TVPG)	I Was Prey (TVPG)	I Was Prey ("Feeding")	I Was Prey (TVPG)		I Was Prey (TVPG)			
	BET	Single Moms ('14) ★	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's Sistat (N)	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's Sistat					
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)	Housewives (TV14) (N)	Watch What Housewives	Watch What Housewives						
CARTOON	Dad	Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	Rick Morty	Robot	Tyson	Momma	
	CMT	Stepmom ('98, PG-13)	★★★½ Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon.		Where the Heart Is ('00, PG-13)	★★★					
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°					
	COMEDY	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park	Crank	Daily (N)	Lights Out	Chappelle	Chappelle	
	DISCOVERY	Alaskan Bush People	Man vs Bear (N)	Naked and Afraid (N)	Alaskan Bush People	Man vs Bear	(TVPG)				
	DISNEY	BUNK'D	Sydney	Raven	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney	Unstoppable	Just Roll	Raven	
	E!	Chrissy	Chrissy	Chrissy	Chrissy	Chrissy	Chrissy	Nightly (N)	Sex & City	Sex & City	
	ESPN	(6:30) NBA Basketball: Denver vs Dallas	(Live)	NBA Basketball: Milwaukee	vs Golden State (Live)				(:35) SC		
	ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball : "Teams TBD" (Live)	SportsCenter							
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games				
FREEFORM	The Blind Side ('09)	Party of Five : "Pilot" ★	Party of Five (TV14) (N)	Party of Five (TV14) (N)	The 700 Club (TV G)	Party of Five : "Pilot"					
	FX	Hidden Figures ('17, PG)	★★★½ Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer.	Hidden Figures ('17, PG)	★★★½ Taraji P. Henson.						
	HGTV	Property (TV G)	Property Brothers (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Property (TV G)			
	HISTORY	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (N)	Vikings (TV14) (N)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)	Forged in Fire (TVPG)					
	LIFETIME	Married at First Sight : "Here Comes the" (N)	Supernanny (TVPG) (N)	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight						
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show	True Life	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
	PARMT	The Hangover ('09, R)	★★★½ Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms.	The Hangover ('09, R)	★★★½ Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms.						
	SYFY	Ghost in the Shell ('17)	Troy ('04, R)	★★★ Brad Pitt, Eric Bana.				(:01) Arrival ('16, PG-13)			
	TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Frontal	Conan	Frontal	New Girl	Conan	
TGM	Some Like It Hot ('59, NR)	★★★½ Marilyn Monroe.	(:15) The St. Valentine's Day Massacre ('67, NR)				(:15) Scarface ('32, PG)				
	TLC	My 600-lb Life : "Lindsay's Story" (TV14) (N)	1000-lb Sisters (N)	My Feet Are Killing Me			My 600-lb Life (TV2)				
	TNT	AEW: Dynamite	Wrestlers compete.	The Longest Yard ('05, PG-13)	★★★½ Adam Sandler.			Hellboy 2			
	TRAVEL	Paranormal (TVPG)	Paranormal (TVPG) (N)	Paranormal (TVPG) (N)	Paranormal (TVPG)						
	TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	
	USA	WWE NXT	Developmental WWE organization.	(:08) Bad Boys ('95, R)	★★★½ Martin Lawrence, Will Smith.			Dare Me			
	VH1	Black Ink Crew (N)	(:01) True Life	Crimo (N)	Black Ink Crew (TV14)	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Black Ink Crew (TV14)				
	WGN	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Married	Married		
	PREM	HBO	Mrs. Doubtfire ('93, PG-13)	★★★ Robin Williams.	(:10) The Sun Is Also a Star ('19)		(:50) Finding the Way Home ('19)				
		MAX	Spy Game ('01, R)	★★★ Robert Redford, Brad Pitt.	(:10) The Mustang ('19, R)	★★★½	(:50) Nocturnal Animals ('16, R)				
SHOW		Flashdance ('83, R)	Jennifer Beals.	(:35) Ghost	(:90, PG-13)	★★★½ Patrick Swayze.	(:45) Phenomenon ('96, PG)	★★★½			

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Sealed bids should be submitted no later than 12:00 noon, January 14th, 2020 to City of Witt, P.O. Box 374, Witt, IL 62094. Bid specifications may be picked up at Witt City Hall, 106A W. Broadway, Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANGELINA ELAINE BLOOME; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BRENDA EVANS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MICHAEL DIAZ, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BRENDA EVANS (DECEASED),

Defendants.
No. 19-CH-49
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Brenda Evans, that on December 12, 2019, an Order was entered by the Court naming Michael J. Diaz, 102 E. Main St., Greenville, IL 62246, Telephone No. (618) 664-1872, as the Special Representative of the above named decedent under 735 ILCS 5/13-209 (Death of a Party). The cause of action is for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage upon the premises commonly known as 1110 Walnut Street, Litchfield, IL 62056.

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Fire Calls

House Trailer Fire

Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house trailer on fire at 12:23 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Twenty-three personnel responded to the scene and were back in service at 3:29 p.m. No injuries were reported.

Structure Fire

The Nokomis Fire Department responded to a two-car

garage fire in Nokomis at approximately 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Two vehicles were inside of the structure at the time of the blaze, which was deemed a total loss.

Thirteen members of the Nokomis Fire Department responded with mutual aid from five firefighters from the Fillmore Fire Department. They were on scene for approximately an hour

and a half.

Vehicle Accident

Members of the Hillsboro Fire Department responded to a one-vehicle rollover accident on the North Road, just north of Butler Avenue, at 10:43 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4.

Twenty members responded and were back in service at 11:34 a.m.

Title Transfers

Irving Twp., Sec. 14, Pt. NW/NW, Irving Twp.

Pavel Slepicka to Patricia A. Myers, WD, Lot 2, Simmons Addn.

Dec. 6

Lisa H. Probst, Lisa H. McCann to Kyra R. Nash, WD, Sec. 15, Pt. W/2 NW/NW, Fillmore Twp.

Tyler Havera to Dawson A. Hill, Danielle Hill, WD, Lots 17-18, Latimers Addn.

Gail Berner, Terri Randles, Teresa S. Randles to Teresa S. Randles, WD, Sec. 26, Pt. NW/NW, Audubon Twp.

Roselynde Thompson to Connie D. Long, Dennis J. Zellek, QCD, Lot 243, Blk. 14, Panama Original Town.

Dec. 9

Steven J. Groom, Veronica J. Groom to Kelly L. Hosick, Robert D. Hosick, WD, Sec. 21, Pt. SW/SE, Butler Grove Twp.

Nora Cress, Joseph Oliveira POA to Virginia Pryor, WD, Sec. 35, Pt. NE/SE; Pt. SE, Butler Grove Twp.

Allen Ellsworth, Marsha Ellsworth to Roy M. Heck, Jr., WD, Lot 14, Blk. 83, Huggins PC Addn.

Victoria Howard, Harold Howard, J. Scott Dratwick Tr., G. Arlene Dratwick Trust to Barbara S. McKinney Tr., WD, Sec. 17, S/2 S/2 NW/SE, Pitman Twp.

Victoria Howard, Harold Howard, J. Scott Dratwick Tr., G. Arlene Dratwick Trust to Phillip Boehler, WD, Sec. 17, N/2 S/2 NW/SE, Pitman Twp.

Keri L. Shoemaker to Betty J. Peeler, Wendi S. Lee, WD, Lot 9, Blk. 37, Nokomis Original Town.

Court

- Nathan E. Wilson, 31, of Mt. Olive, pleaded guilty to a felony of theft on Monday, Dec. 23, and was sentenced to 30 months in prison with a credit of 87 days served, restitution, one year of mandatory supervised release, fined \$100, plus court costs.
- Robert L. Miller, 55, of Fillmore, pleaded guilty to domestic battery on Monday, Dec. 23, and was sentenced to 18 months of conditional discharge, four days in jail with a credit of two days served, fined \$150, plus court costs.
- Nathan E. Wilson, 31, of Mt. Olive, pleaded guilty to theft on Monday, Dec. 23, and was sentenced to restitution, fined \$100, plus court costs.

HELP WANTED

The Nokomis Public Library is now accepting résumés for a part-time position. Hours may include Saturdays, weekdays, and evenings. Please send résumés to the Library 22 S. Cedar St. #2, Nokomis, IL 62075 or email to nkmslib@gmail.com.

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NOTICE

The Raymond Shoal Creek Golf Course will be open in January, 2020 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays weather permitting and provided temperatures are 45 degrees or above and ground conditions meet approval of superintendent.

Please contact 217-825-6311 or 618-946-4146 for further information.

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3

Form available at <http://www.roe3.org/district-supts/jobs/jobboard.doc>

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How to Apply:

Submit Application (found at hillsboroschools.net, click on Human Resources)/Résumé/Transcripts/Letters to:

David Powell, Superintendent
1311 Vandalia Road
Hillsboro, IL 62049
email to: dpowell@hillsboroschools.net

Application Deadline: January 10, 2020

Contact person in your district: David Powell, Superintendent

Email address of contact person: dpowell@hillsboroschools.net



Emily Miller Is November CNB Student Of The Month

Emily Miller, at right, has been named the CNB Bank and Trust Student of the Month for November. The daughter of Carl and Tisha Miller of Hillsboro, she is ranked first in her class at Hillsboro High School. While at school, Miller is part of the Student Council, Student Ambassadors, National Honor Society and serves as treasurer for her class. She has also been named an Illinois State Scholar. Outside of school, she enjoys reading and working for the ASK (After School Kids) program at Beckemeyer Elementary School.

She was presented with a \$50 gift card by Melissa Caldwell of CNB Bank and Trust, at left, and will be eligible for a \$500 scholarship if named CNB student of the year.

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2020 NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

To All Owners And Occupiers Of Lands Lying Within The Boundaries Of The Montgomery County Soil And Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Annual Meeting and Election will be held on the 14th day of January, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at University of Illinois Extension, 1 Industrial Drive, Hillsboro, Illinois. Three (3) Directors will be elected to serve the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation Dis-

trict of the State of Illinois. All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise.

Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Jason Anderson, Chairman
Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District

DATE: 11th day of December, 2019.

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NOTICE

As waitlists are currently low, Montgomery County Housing Authority is currently accepting applications for all MCHA-owned properties, except The Hills (formerly Long Avenue) and Brown Shoe Loft Apartments.

Applications may be picked up at the office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon-1 p.m.). Applications may also be downloaded from our website montgomeryhousing.org.

Montgomery County Housing Authority
216 Shelbyville Road
Hillsboro, IL 62049
Phone: 217-532-3672

Farm Seminars Will Focus On Estate Planning

Seventy percent of U.S. farm-land will likely change hands during the next two decades. With estimates as high as half of American farmers operating without an estate plan, Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) and Country Financial are set to provide valuable Farm Legacy Seminars to aid farmers as plans are made for the next generation.

The two organizations will host three farm legacy meetings in February of 2020. The informational seminars will provide current and prospective IFB members and Country Financial clients with tools, protection and ongoing support essential to legacy planning-in order to allow farmers to keep their farms in the family amid today's financial challenges.

"Illinois farm families face a series of issues, including rising costs in agriculture and surviving financial stress year to year, that may pull their focus away from planning for the future of the farm," said IFB President Richard Guebert Jr. "This meeting series will realign that focus in sharing the resources and knowledge they need to have those conversations and preserve their farm legacy."

Each meeting will include a keynote presentation by Dr. Ron Hanson, Harlan agribusiness professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and professional speaker on farm legacy planning.

"It is never too early for farm family members to begin a legacy planning process for their farm," said Dr. Hanson. "Most often, farm families make the mistake of waiting until it is too late or after something unexpected happens. That is never the best time to make good objective decisions. It's important to develop and implement a business succession plan now to continue a family farming legacy for future generations."

Hanson has been a recipient of 31 university and national awards throughout his 46-year agribusiness teaching and advising career. Following Dr. Hanson's talk, farm legacy planning support will be explained and offered by Country Financial specialists and Planning Support Manager, Joe Buhrmann.

"Legal documents and adequate protection are a solid start to the conversation," stated Buhrmann. "Equally important, though is having the entire fam-

ily take part in the conversation. Having a plan will ensure that what you want to have happen will happen. At Country Financial, our team of planning professionals have been helping farming families keep the farm in the family for over 50 years. What you've built with your hands, your head, and your heart is too important to leave to chance. We're excited to partner with professionals like Dr. Hanson and the Illinois Farm Bureau to help farm families collectively begin this important conversation and process."

Meetings are set to take place in northern, central and southern Illinois. Each of the two-hour seminars will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner. Dates and locations are as follows: Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Hickory Grove Banquet and Conference Center in Rochelle; Wednesday, Feb. 26, at I-Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign; and Thursday, Feb. 27, at Kokopelli Golf Club in Marion.

Registration for the events is now open to current and prospective IFB members and Country Financial clients. Those interested may register online at www.ilfb.org/farmplanning.



Coffeen Students Demonstrate Respect

Coffeen Elementary School honored several students for being respectful during the month of December. Each month, the elementary school's staff members select students who have exhibited the character trait of respect. Above, from the left are, Grant Bryant from Mrs. Knodle's Class, fifth grader Tytin Wells, fourth grader Jaylynn Brown, third grader Jacob Lenczycki, second grader Lola Scheifer, first grader Sonney Clevenger and kindergartner McKenzie Spellious.



CEO Students Enjoy Tour At Coffee Xpresso

Sara Randle, owner of Coffee Xpresso in Litchfield, spoke to Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students on Dec. 6, about buying and running a coffee shop. "I wanted to start a bakery," she explained, "but I would have had to put thousands into the store to get it up to code to make it a bakery."

Randle decided to take a chance on owning and operating a business by being the third owner of Coffee Espresso. "I had never run my own business before so there was a lot to learn." In the end, though, she emphasized that no matter the challenges she faces or the learning curves, she enjoys owning her own business because she enjoys working closely with her staff and "serving happiness to others."

New Minimum Wage Comes With New Year

Illinoisans rang in the New Year with a new, higher minimum wage and the Department of Labor is encouraging employees to watch their paychecks to ensure that time worked in 2020 is paid at the new rate.

Governor JB Pritzker signed the new minimum wage law last February providing a path to a \$15 minimum wage by 2025. Minimum wage earned received an increase of \$1, to \$9.25 an hour on Wednesday, Jan. 1, which will be followed to an increase to \$10 an hour on Wednesday, July 1. The minimum wage will then increase an additional \$1 an hour each January 1, until it reaches \$15 an hour in 2025.

"While we expect compliance by all employers regarding the new minimum wage, it is important that workers earning minimum wage are aware that the \$1 in-

crease should be reflected in their pay checks for any time they work after the first of the year," said Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor.

The last time Illinois increased minimum wage was a decade ago, in 2010, when it was raised to \$8.25 an hour. Since that time, Cook County has put in place a \$12 per hour minimum wage and Chicago's minimum wage is now \$13 an hour.

According to the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, more than 1.4 million adult hourly workers in Illinois currently make less than \$15 per hour.

The new law maintains provisions for employers to count gratuities to offset wages for workers such as food servers who regularly earn tips. Tipped employees may be paid 60 percent of the hourly minimum wage. These workers

must still earn the minimum wage after receiving tips.

Workers who are under 18 years old and work fewer than 650 hours in a year, earn a minimum wage of \$8 per hour as of Wednesday, Jan. 1. This is up from the old youth minimum wage of \$7.75. The youth minimum wage will gradually rise to \$13 an hour by Jan. 1, 2025.

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Crop Progress

Statewide, the average temperature was 35.2 degrees, 5.4 degrees above normal for the month of December. Precipitation averaged 2.01 inches, 0.68 inches below normal.

For the week ending Dec. 29, 2019, topsoil moisture supply was rated at 3 percent short, 68 percent

adequate and 29 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 6 percent short, 78 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus.

Winter wheat condition was rated at 6 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 46 percent good and 2 percent excellent.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

SUN., JAN. 12 - 1 p.m. Hanna Absolute Auction at 165 S. Park St., Hoyelton. **Viewing Wednesday, Jan. 8 5-6 p.m.** Large 2-story home with 3 bdrm, 1 bath, 2-car attached garage on +/- 1-acre lot. Anthony Emig, Auctioneer. 618-224-9800. www.anthonysauction.com.

SUN., JAN. 19 - 1 p.m. 121 +/- Acres Land Auction, 1 Crooked Creek Rd., Staunton. Held at Staunton VFW, 120 Henry St., Staunton. Older 3,000 sq. ft. brick home w/bar and multiple outbuildings on 121 +/- acres, 70+ acres tillable, approx. 51 +/- acres in pasture/timber. Anthony Emig, Auctioneer. 618-224-9800. www.anthonysauction.com.

SAT., JAN. 25 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for Western Bond County farmstead online only auction. 20+/- ac. w/3BR, 1BA home w/2-car garage. 60x80 like new ProBilt pole barn & Cleary horse barn. Located at 18880 Baumann Rd., Pocahontas. Pace Arrow motor home, antique tractors, farm machinery, truck & trailers, furniture. **Property tours Thurs., Jan. 9 & Sun., Jan. 12, 2-4 p.m.** or by appt. Contact Ty Langham at 618-267-8400. Owner: Barry & Shirley Essenspreis Farm, Shirley Essenspreis Trust, Deborah Kesner, Trustee. Langham Auctioneers, Inc., langhamauctioneers.hibid.com, 618-267-8400.

SAT., JAN. 25 - Farmers Market. Farm & garden related, small caged animals, hay & straw. Check in 8-10 a.m. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

SUN., JAN. 26 - 1 p.m. Bronke Real Estate Auction at 22 Mount Vernon Dr., Fairview Heights. Spacious 2 bdrm., 1.75 bath home on large lot w/ additional lot. **Viewing Wednesday, Jan. 15 5-6 p.m.** Anthony Emig, Auctioneer. 618-224-9800. www.anthonysauction.com.

SAT., FEB. 22 - Farmers Market. Farm & garden related, small caged animals, hay & straw. Check in 8-10 a.m. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

SAT., MAR. 21 - Farmers Market. Farm & garden related, small caged animals, hay & straw. Check in 8-10 a.m. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

SAT., APR. 25 - Farmers Market w/Goats & Sheep. Farm & garden related, small caged animals, hay & straw. Check in 8-10 a.m. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

SAT., MAY 23 - Farmers Market w/Goats & Sheep. Farm & garden related, small caged animals, hay & straw. Check in 8-10 a.m. Tri County Auction Center, Medora.

FARM EQUIPMENT RETIREMENT AUCTION

Thursday, January 9, 2020 beginning at 10 a.m.
Located at 733 N 965 E Rd., Palmer, IL 62556

TRACTORS: 2010 John Deere 8295R front wheel assist, 2002 hours, S/N 1RW8295RJAP009709, Rear 480/80R50, Fronts 380/80R38, No DPF-DEF; 2005 John Deere 9420, 4328 hours, S/N RW9420P032158, 710/70R42, Bareback; 1992 John Deere 8560, 7792 hours, S/N RW8560H003135, 480/80R38, PTO with 3-pt hitch; 1991 John Deere 2555 with 146 loader, 7077 hours, S/N L02555A721345; 1977 CASE skid steer 1816B, updated motor, 1802 hours.

COMBINE: 2011 John Deere 9770 STS Combine - 2414 hours engine, 1772 machine hours, S/N 1H09770SB0741836, extended wear annual Sloan inspection; 2005 John Deere 893 corn head, 8 row; 2011 John Deere 630 grain platform; Unverferth 630 Road Runner grain head trailer, 30'.

TRUCKS: 2008 Prostar International, ISX Cummins, deleted Automatic Wet Kit, 588,031 miles; 2000 - C7500 Chevy Tandem with Kann 20 ft. bed, air tag on back, 112,500 miles with 10 speed Eaton Caterpillar motor; 1978 Chevy C65 grain truck with 16' bed; 1981 Shien 28' dump trailer, no liner.

EQUIPMENT: 2004 Kinze 3600- 16-31 split row planter, bean & corn units; 2010 30' Harrow for rear of disk; 2004 John Deere 980 - 32' C-shank field cultivator with 3 Bar Harrow and Basket, new shovels; John Deere 980 29' Danish tie field cultivator with Remlinger Harrow; 2010 John Deere 512 disk chisel, 7 shank; 2008 - J&M 1000 grain cart, with tarp; 2009 Westfield PTO 10-31 auger; 2009 Westfield low pro swing away auger 10-71; 2002 GSI low pro swing away auger 10-71; 2010 New Holland H6750, S/N YAN078390 disk mower; 2615 Bush Hog "Legend" bat wing mower; John Deere 30' rotary hoe end transport; M&W 400 bu. split compartment wagon; M&W 400 bu. split compartment with seed auger and roll tarp; 1994 CASE IH 1250 feed grinder with scales; Kewanee culti - packer, 20 ft. folding; Fair snow blower 8', 1000 rpm, small PTO; 1997 22' goose neck Boss livestock trailer; 2005 Mateer corn reel, 8 row; Homemade 6 row corn reel; 1000 gallon liquid manure spreader with injection knives; Win Power - PTO generator, 25 KVA, 540 rpm; 2004 EPX 2305 airless paint sprayer; Weber weeder with Honda motor; 2012 John Deere 2600 Green Star Monitor, Auto Track Activation, John Deere Starfire 3000; John Deere ATU 200 universal steering wheel; John Deere 85 - 8 row folding cultivator with shields; 6" auger on wheels; 2008 CASE disk 28', 7" spacing disk

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Arrowhead Open Raises Over \$23,000 For Redskins

The Nokomis Athletic Club gave Redskin fans more than 23,000 reasons to celebrate before the Nokomis girls' basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 4. The members of the Arrowhead Open Committee presented a check for \$23,812.14 from the proceeds of the fifth annual golf tournament to the administrators of Nokomis High School and Junior High, which will be used to benefit the athletic teams at the two schools. In those five short years, the Arrowhead Open has raised \$124,466.43 for Nokomis teams and athletes. From the left are Nokomis Superintendent Scott Doerr, Shelia Keller, Cassie Watson, Julie Knodle, Missy Keiser, Dawn Mascher, Bonnie Brownback, Cheri Herpstreith, Paul Watson, Brandon Engelman, Nokomis Principal Rachelle McDowell and Nokomis Athletic Director Kevin McDonald. **James Ryan/NokoPhoto**

Cameron, Illinois College To Host Grace Game Saturday

Hillsboro native Carly Cameron and her Illinois College teammates will have a special diagnosis in 2014," said Kyle Herschelmann, Grace's father. "We really appreciate Carly, Coach McCormick and the Illinois College basketball family in making this opportunity happen."

Cameron was involved in several "Grace games" during her high school career, with

the Hillsboro volleyball, basketball and softball teams.

"I mentioned having a Grace game and everyone on the team loved the idea," Cameron said. "It's been something I've wanted to do for some time."

"We appreciate the opportunity to share Grace's story with a new group of people," Grace's mom, Mary Herschelmann said. "The more people who know about her story, the better the chances are that we find a cure someday."

In November 2014, Grace was diagnosed with Infantile Neuroaxonal Dystrophy or INAD. The rare genetic disorder affects about 100 children worldwide. The symptoms of the disorder include loss of motor skills, muscle tone, the ability to sit or stand without as-

sistance and the loss of the ability to speak. While most children with INAD do not live much past 10-years-old, Grace's joy and passion for life is contagious.

Grace, her family and several other families whose children have INAD have helped fund a research study at Washington University looking for treatments for this terrible disease, as well as other research initiatives looking for a cure through the INAD Cure Foundation.

For more information on Grace's journey, go to agracefilledjourney.com or follow "A Grace Filled Journey" on Facebook. To make a donation online, go to inadecure.org.

Tickets will be available the day of the game. Fans in attendance are encouraged to use the hashtag #BeatINAD when posting pictures from the game to social media.

Toppers To Celebrate 1,500th Win Friday

by Ron Deabenderfer

Ken Crawford, an Illinois Basketball Coaches Association past president, will honor the Hillsboro boys basketball program between the junior varsity and varsity games in the Topper gym this Friday, Jan. 10, when the Toppers host Gillespie.

The Hillsboro program has compiled 1,500 plus wins in its 113 years of existence. Victory Number One came in their very first game over Raymond; the final score was 14-6, and the Toppers were 4-5 in that 1906-1907 inaugural season.

Number 1,500 came in the Topper gym against Ramsey last spring (2019) when Hillsboro prevailed 65-45. (Ramsey substituted for St. Thomas More, a school from Champaign who decided not to make the long drive after the schedule was set).

The Toppers won four more games after the January win over Ramsey last season and three (four if Father McGivney loses to the Toppers tomorrow night, Jan. 7, when Hillsboro begins the 2020 portion of this season) this season, so the win total will be 1507 or 1508 when the ceremony begins.

Of course the conference and neighboring teams whom the Toppers play most often have contributed the most wins. Litchfield has succumbed most often (140 times), followed by Greenville (108), Pana (89), Gillespie (87), Vandalia (83), Shelbyville (79), Raymond/Lincolnwood (71), Carlinville (68), and Staunton (67).

Conversely, Litchfield has also defeated the Toppers more often than anyone else (130 times). Vandalia (92), Pana (87), Shelbyville (87), Taylorville (62), Nokomis (43), Gillespie (43), Breese Mater Dei (36), Effingham (32), and Carlinville (29) complete the negative top 10.

Percentage-wise, Hillsboro's worst is the .000 that Collinsville has inflicted on the Toppers in ten games, the last of which was in the 1979-80 season. Hillsboro has 1,507 wins, 1,330 losses entering tomorrow's contest; that's a 53% winning percentage.

Coaches with the longest tenure were Joe Fearheiley, 1925-1947 (19 seasons - 365 wins; 193 losses); Dyke Buerkett, 1990-2007 (17 seasons - 226 wins, 242 losses); Stan Horst, 1960-1972 (13 seasons - 168 wins, 159 losses); Harland

Scheibal 1974-1985 (11 seasons - 138 wins, 147 losses), and current coach Joe Vanzo, who began in 2010 (nine seasons - 127 wins, 141 losses).

Best teams? By record, Horst's '68-'69 team featuring Mark Frailey went 20-6. Scheibal's '82-'83 team was 20-7 and his '77-'78 team was 20-6 (Dyke Buerkett, Roger Reincke, Glen Hobbie, and Joe Luckett were the undersized seniors on that team.)

Fearheiley's 1929-30 (29-2), '30-'32 (combined 53-9); '34-'35 and '36-'37 (combined 54-13) teams added greatly to the total, as did Fred Ewald's 25-6 1948-49 group. Hillsboro has had two thirty win seasons; in 1939-40, Fearheily led his bunch to a 30-4 record, and in 1998-99, Buerkett's team featuring Luke Kasten, Tim Tolle, Sean Hess, Ryan Phillips, and Aaron Golitko was 30-1, losing only to Carmi White County in Super-sectional play at EIU. As juniors that group was 25-5. From 2016 through 2019 Vanzo's teams won 52 games - an average of 17.3 per season.

Individually, Hillsboro career 1,000 point scorers have been Larry Mormino ('57 graduate -

1,550 points); Dylan Miller (2015 graduate - 1520 points); Dave George ('65 grad., 1,510 points); Kasten ('99 grad. - 1,500 pts.); Randy McCoy ('79 grad. - 1,478 pts.); Brian Pesko (1980 grad - 1,477 pts.); Jeremy Connor ('96 grad. - 1,307 pts.); Glen Hobbie ('78 grad. - 1,229 pts.); Dale Wills ('78 grad. - 1,224 pts.); Drew Peterson ('94 grad. - 1,220 pts.); Frailey (1969 grad. - 1,202 pts.); Steve Fenske (2017 grad. - 1,192 pts.); Matt DeLuka (2012 grad. - 1,191 pts.); Eric Hobbie (1987 grad. - 1,138 pts.); Tolle ('99 grad - 1,033 pts.); and Joe Chappellear ('96 grad - 1,014 pts.).

The current basketball program would welcome past players, coaches, and cheerleaders at the presentation Friday night; it is an award that reflects the efforts of hundreds of people over a century of play.

As always, the junior varsity game begins at 6 p.m.; the ceremony will follow, preceding the varsity game.

Source of statistics: *Hillsboro High School Boys Basketball* compiled by Mike Plunkett of *The Journal-News*

Lancers D-Up To Down Miners

Shutdown defense and a sharp-shooting start helped the Lincolnwood boys basketball team to their seventh win of the season on Saturday, Jan. 4, as the Lancers defeated Gillespie 49-35 at the Woodshed in Raymond.

Sophomore Will Jenkins was lights out in the first quarter from behind the arc as the Lancer shooting guard hit four threes to help his team to a 20-11 first quarter lead.

The scoring slowed down in the second quarter, with Lincolnwood managing just six points, but the Lancer defense also stepped up and only allowed two baskets from the Miners. With two quarters down, Lincolnwood led 26-15.

The "D" continued to run the show for the Lancers in the third quarter as the Miners were limited to a basket by Anthony Kravanya and a free throw by Alex Ottersburg.

Defense would turn into offense for the home team as Sam Herman netted six points and Evan Hopper added four to give Lincolnwood a 13-3 advantage in the quarter and a 39-18 lead going into the final frame.

Gillespie would find their range from three in the fourth quarter, getting two treys and eight points total from Brock Fredericks, just under half of Gillespie's 17 total

points in the period.

Lincolnwood held off the Miners though, hitting 6-of-10 free throws in the final frame to secure the 14-point victory.

Will Jenkins, who didn't score in the second or third quarter, made 3-of-4 free throws and had two other baskets in the fourth to finish with a game-high 19 points.

Sam Herman, who also went 3-of-4 from the charity stripe in the fourth, finished with 15 points, while Shawn Goebel added seven.

Evan Hopper (four), Braxton Schmedeke (two) and Cole Sidwell (two) also scored for the Lancers, who improved to 7-7 on the season with the win.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Lancers will be back at home as they take on Mt. Pulaski. After that, Lincolnwood makes the short trip to Nokomis to take on the Redskins on Friday, Jan. 10.

January 4 at Raymond

Gillespie	11	4	3	17	----	35
Lincolnwood	20	6	13	10	----	49

Gillespie (35) - Anthony Kravanya 12, Brock Fredericks 8, Bobby Robbins 7, Frankie Barrett 5, Blake Zenner 2, Alex Ottersburg 1. **Totals:** 13-6-16-35.

Lincolnwood (49) - Will Jenkins 19, Sam Herman 15, Shawn Goebel 7, Evan Hopper 4, Braxton Schmedeke 2, Cole Sidwell 2. **Totals:** 17-11-19-49.

Three-point field goals: Gillespie 3 (Fredericks 2, Kravanya 1); Lincolnwood 4 (Jenkins 4).

Records: Gillespie (5-9); Lincolnwood (7-7).

Harston, Lady Hiltoppers Double Trouble For Staunton

The Hillsboro girls basketball team dominated the middle two quarters of their match-up with Staunton on Saturday, Jan. 4, to score a 57-34 South Central Conference victory over the Lady Bulldogs.

While the Toppers shot almost 50 percent from the field (23-of-49) and were 5-of-10 from three-point land, but in the beginning, it was Staunton who had the hot hand. With two threes from Abby Davis and six more points from Katie Masinelli, the Bulldogs held a 12-8 lead after eight minutes of play on their home court.

The tide quickly turned though as the Bulldogs would be held to single digits in each of the next three quarters, with just six points scored in the second frame.

Hillsboro, however, found their stroke from a variety of spots on the floor. Double-double machine Nikya Harston picked up five points in the frame, while Layne Rupert and Claire Tester had four each. Guards Shelby Houchlei and Emily Reynolds also had five points combined, with Reynolds hitting the first three of the game for Hillsboro.

The triples would keep coming in the third quarter once the Toppers came out of the locker room with a 26-18 advantage. Haley Major knocked down two threes, while Rupert and Vanessa Compton also hit from behind the arc.

Coupled with nine points from Harston and four from Tester, the Toppers found themselves out in front by 24 points, 51-27, going into the fourth quarter.

With the game all but over, Coach Bret Tueken went to his bench in the fourth as Hillsboro sewed up the contest by 23 points.

Harston would score 14 of her game-high 16 points in the middle

two quarters as she picked up her 13th double-digit point total of the year. She also led the team in rebounds, with 12, the tenth double-digit rebounding game this season. All told, the junior forward has had eight double-doubles this year after zero last year as a sophomore. Last year, Sammi Matoush led the team in double-doubles with 11 in 36 games.

Claire Tester would have 12 points, with five rebounds, two assists and three steals, while Layne Rupert added nine points and four boards.

Haley Major chipped in six points, going 2-of-4 from three-point land and starting a staircase down for the Toppers as Emily Reynolds scored five, Alex Frailey added four, Vanessa Compton finished with three and Shelby Houchlei finished with two. Houchlei also had three assists and three steals, both team-highs.

Hillsboro will have two more conference games coming up this week as they take on Litchfield at home on Thursday, Jan. 9, followed by a trip to Gillespie on Saturday, Jan. 11. The Hillsboro Post Prom will be hosting their annual bake sale auction on Thursday, so remember to bring your check book to support that worthy cause.

January 4 at Staunton

Hillsboro	8	18	25	6	----	57
Staunton	12	6	9	7	----	34

Hillsboro (57) - Nikya Harston 16, Claire Tester 12, Layne Rupert 9, Haley Major 6, Emily Reynolds 5, Alex Frailey 4, Vanessa Compton 3, Shelby Houchlei 2. **Totals:** 23-49 6-10-57.

Staunton (34) - Abby Davis 11, Katie Masinelli 8, Haris Legendre 6, Caidy Tueken 4, Brigitte Long 2, Analise Best 2, Emily Hasquin 1. **Totals:** 12-7-10-34.

Three-point field goals: Hillsboro 5-10 (Major 2, Rupert 1, Compton 1, Reynolds 1); Staunton 3 (Davis 3).

Record: Hillsboro (9-9, 2-1).

THE COLLEGE REPORT • by Daniel Chamness

Matoush Shines At WashU



Even when she is playing against nationally ranked teams, **Sammi Matoush** shines.

The Washington University freshman, a Hillsboro graduate, was in double figures twice last week as the Lady Bears took on not only University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse (87-74) and Baldwin Wallace University (72-60). At the time of the games, Wisconsin-LaCrosse was ranked 11th among NCAA Division III teams, while Baldwin-Wallace was ranked 14th.

Matoush scored 11 points in the loss to Wisconsin-LaCrosse, hitting three field goals, two of which were from beyond the arc, and three free throws. The starting guard, who played 25 minutes, had four rebounds and three assists. In the loss to Baldwin-Wallace, she finished with 10 points and three rebounds. The starting guard, who once again played 25 minutes,

hit two field goals and all six free throw opportunities.

The Washington University Lady Bears are 6-4 overall.

Abby Brockmeyer (Lincolnwood) scored seven points against William Woods University, but it does not count either on Brockmeyer's total or on Southern Illinois University-Carbondale's record. Brockmeyer, who started and played 17 minutes, had seven points and two rebounds in the 90-44 exhibition win. Southern Illinois is 8-3.

Christian Hernandez (Hillsboro) recently finished his football season at Illinois College. He played in nine games and finished with five catches for 29 yards. He had one touchdown catch this year. Illinois College was 6-3 overall and 2-2 in the Midwest Conference-South Division.

Do you know of an athlete that is currently playing a college sport? Please email me (Dan62801@aol.com) with your student's information.

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Lady Redskins Lose Back To Back Games At Home

by Macee Eisenbarth

The Nokomis Lady Redskins had the home court advantage on both Friday and Saturday night, Jan. 3-4. Friday's match was between the Skins and the Lady Trojans of Auburn and on Saturday the Lady Redskins hosted the Pana Panthers.

With illness hitting the Skins roster, a number of fresh faces were introduced to the varsity starting lineup. During Friday's game, the Redskin guards stepped up and knocked down needed threes to keep them in the game.

Unfortunately, the Lady Trojans' aggressive guards took it to the hole every chance they got and knocked down their shots and free throws.

As a result, the Lady Redskins were defeated 57 to 47 by Auburn. Despite the loss, the Skins were pleased with how they battled against such a well-rounded and skilled team like Auburn.

The ball game seemed to be dominated by freshmen for the Skins as Audrey Sabol had 14 points and eight rebounds, Hailey Engelman added 12 points and Addison Dangbar assisted with eight points herself.

Saturday night's game against the Pana Panthers was a different



Pana's Shelby Lehman (#32) boxes out Nokomis Kalyn Davis during the Panthers' 52-18 win over the Lady Redskins on Saturday, Jan. 4. **James Ryan/NokoPhoto**

story. The Panthers outscored the Skins every quarter and even left

them scoreless in the third. It was a difficult game defen-



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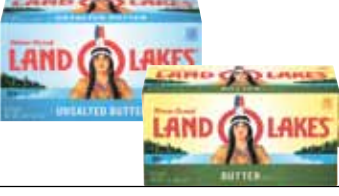
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First Day Of Legalized Pot Sales Tops \$3.1 Million

by Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

The first day of legal sales of recreational marijuana in Illinois went "extraordinarily well," according to one industry representative, with total sales on Jan. 1 of nearly \$3.2 million.

"I just I cannot express the gratitude from the dispensary operators to our customers about their courtesy and civility and patience. It was really a lovely, very successful rollout, I think, on the first day," Pamela Althoff, executive director of the Cannabis Business Association of Illinois, said in an interview Thursday.

On New Year's Day, Illinois became the 11th state to allow legal sales of recreational marijuana to adults. As the clock ticked down to midnight on New Year's Eve, many dispensaries were reporting long lines outside their stores, in some cases stretching around their block.

The much-anticipated event was made possible by passage of a new law during the 2019 legislative session, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, which

legalized the sale, possession and use of marijuana for people 21 and older.

Former state Sen. Toi Hutchinson, an architect of that law who now serves as Gov. J.B. Pritzker's senior advisor for cannabis control, reported during a news conference Thursday that dispensaries across the state conducted 77,128 transactions on Jan. 1, with sales totaling more than \$3.1 million.

That happened despite a few snags on the opening day of sales, Althoff said. First, she said there were glitches in the software that dispensaries use at the point of sale, which contributed to long wait times. Previously, dispensaries were allowed to sell only to qualified medical patients, but now they must keep close track of both medical and recreational sales, which are taxed differently.

Adjustments made by the software company to address that change, Althoff said, caused a few problems.

"There were a few glitches, not everywhere, but in a few of the dispensaries," she said. "But my understanding is that they were

rapidly corrected. But it did add to some of the wait times that people experienced."

In addition, she said, many dispensary operators had made design changes to their stores to accommodate a larger retail clientele, but state officials had not yet inspected all of those changes and some dispensaries were unable to open for recreational sales on Jan. 1.

And then there were issues of supply. Under the new law, Althoff said, medical dispensaries, which were the first to receive licenses for recreational sales, are required to keep a 30-day supply of marijuana products for their medical customers, leaving only a limited amount of inventory available for recreational customers.

She said supply shortages are expected to continue until April or May, when cultivation centers that have been licensed to grow recreational marijuana reap their first crop.

Meanwhile, state officials remain busy implementing other parts of the bill. On Tuesday, Dec. 31, Pritzker issued 11,017 pardons that will lead to the expungement

of records for people with low-level marijuana convictions. Eventually, Pritzker's office said, more than 700,000 criminal records will be expunged under the new law.

Thursday, Jan. 2, marked the deadline for people to submit applications for the next wave of dispensary licenses. As many as 75 new licenses will be issued May 1, with priority being given to "social equity" applicants — people with previous marijuana convictions, their families and people from areas of the state with high crime or child poverty rates.

A share of the revenue the state receives from recreational marijuana sales is earmarked for the new "Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program" to fund community projects in neighborhoods that, in Hutchinson's words, "have been hardest hit by the war on drugs."

Other revenue is earmarked for a Cannabis Business Development Fund that will provide grants and low-interest loans to social equity applicants to help pay part of the startup cost of launching a marijuana-related business.

Litchfield City Council

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Three of the four pay requests passed by a 6-0 margin, with aldermen Tim Wright and Ray Kellenberger absent, while the Brewster pay request vote went 3-3 (with Mark Brown, Dwayne Gerl and Marilyn Sisson voting no and Dave Hollo, Kassidy Paine and Woodrow Street voting yes), with Mayor Steve Dougherty passing the deciding yes vote.

In other business, the council approved the 2020 lease agreement and rules and regulations for both the lake front seasonal camping and the Bi-Centennial Campground season camping, approved the purchase of 16 stainless steel

Bradley dual jumbo roll toilet tissue holders for the Lake Lou Yaeger Recreational Area comfort stations from Sustainable Supply for \$123 each through a Kilton Fund Grant and approved the purchase of ten Honeywell fire helmets with ten Paul Conway 6-inch shields from Municipal Emergency Services at a cost not to exceed \$2,552, with part of the purchase funded by a grant from Walmart.

The council would enter into closed session to discuss litigation at 6:43 p.m. and would adjourn the meeting shortly after that with no further business.

The council's next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Corwin Hall.

Small Businesses Encouraged To Take Advantage Of Credit

The Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) reminds small businesses that they can utilize the Minimum Wage Credit starting Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The new tax credit is designed to help small businesses offset the state's minimum wage rate that will gradually increase to \$15 an hour over the next six years. Businesses may begin to claim the credit on their quarterly Illinois Withholding Tax Returns.

"Illinois Small Businesses should take advantage of this tax credit," said acting IDOR Director David Harris. "Raising the wage for hardworking Illinoisans was one of Governor Pritzker's top priorities and he worked to ensure that small businesses and nonprofits remain competitive during the transition period. Along with new capital bill and tax credits for apprenticeship programs and research investments, this measure will help fulfill this administration's goal of fostering an environment that will grow jobs and reward hardworking families."

Beginning this year, businesses and nonprofits with 50 full-time equivalent employees or less are eligible to offset a portion of the minimum wage increase cost from their withholding income taxes. The maximum credit amount allowed is 25 percent of the difference between the new minimum wage and what each employee was paid previously. The percentage allowed each preceding year will decrease before sunseting in 2026 for most small businesses. Eligible businesses can claim this credit by filing Form IL-941, Illinois Withholding Income Tax Return, and a new schedule.

Illinois minimum wage was last raised in 2010 to \$8.25 per hour. Raising the wage to \$15 per hour is estimated to impact 1.4 million Illinoisans, according to the Illinois Economic Policy Institute at the University of Illinois.

Visit IDOR's website, tax.illinois.gov, for information on how to calculate this credit as well as additional resources.

Coffeen Seniors Will Meet Jan. 8

The Coffeen Senior Citizens Group will meet Wednesday, Jan. 8, at noon at the Coffeen United Methodist Church annex, located directly behind the church at the corner of Rt. 185 and Church Street in Coffeen.

This month, the club will provide ham and beans with cornbread and fried potatoes. They ask all other members to bring a covered dish to share.

They are looking for new members to help the group to grow. The group said it is a wonderful way to make new friends, enjoy a delicious meal and win nice gifts by playing Bingo, which is provided by Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

Police

Taylor Springs Police

- Gena Jewsbury, 46, of Taylor Springs, was cited for garbage and debris at her residence at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9.
- Jordan T. Primo, 19, of Taylor Springs, was stopped and cited for disobeying a traffic control device on Division Street in Taylor Springs at Seybourn Avenue at 1:41 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2. He was additionally charged with driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle, and the vehicle was impounded and towed.

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LARRY PEZOLD
ASE Master Technician
14 Years

DANE FLETCHER
ASE Master Technician
11 Years

MARK HARTKE
Technician
23 Years

GARY CRANFORD
Technician
10 Years

BRETT EDGE
Technician
3 Years

Bobby Ellis
Parts
7 Years