



Above, from the left, theater group members Penny Lynn, Lexi Stephens, CJ Holman and Sarah Marley create a skit during an improvisational game of Party Quarks.

Theater Group's Blender Draws Crowd

Imagine Hillsboro Theater Group performed for a full house during their Wednesday Night Blender, an informal night of monologues and improvisational skits that took place on Wednesday, March 4, at The Opera House Brewing Company in Hillsboro.

Patrons were happily surprised to find that their \$5 entry fees had been covered by Bank of Hillsboro, who made the generous donation in support of the newly formed community theater. Several other local businesses also donated to the event.

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Hillsboro Council Approves Summer Events

by Ron Deabenderfer

Hillsboro's City Council, with all members present for the Tuesday evening, March 10, meeting, gave permission to various groups to use city streets as the setting for a busy schedule of festivals and concerts planned for the summer of 2020.

Zach Wygal represented Imagine Hillsboro as he requested permission to use the older city lake east of the beach for the group's sixth annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. He also spoke of plans to

move two of the concerts planned for the Summer Concert Series to downtown on June 13 and July 24; both are to be held on East Wood Street between Sullivan Drugs and the Opera House. Last, Tony Marcolini requested city help with plans to shuttle visitors to the Fourth of July activities at the lake.

Rod Stewart of the Old Settlers Association asked if the city would close Main Street for the group's annual car show and block party on Sunday, Aug. 2. The group expects 150-175 entries this year. Displays will begin near city

hall, go north on Main Street and circle Courthouse Square, and overflow onto East Seward. A band will perform on the Old Settler's stage when the car show is over.

Stewart also asked permission to plan for a smaller show for Saturday, May 16, from noon until 5 p.m. Co-sponsors of that event will be the Opera House Brewing Company; only the portion of Main Street between city hall and Wood Street will be closed that day. No dissenting votes were cast concerning those plans.

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County Prepares For Coronavirus

by Mary (Galer) Herschelman

"When it comes to worry and panic, this is not the flu, but people should take the same precautions," said Montgomery County Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee in giving an update about the Coronavirus epidemic. "Be sure to wash your hands, don't rub your eyes or scratch your nose. Basically, it's all the same things you do to prevent the flu."

Satterlee and ChristMont

EMA Director Greg Nimmo addressed members of the Montgomery County Board at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, March 10, at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro. Board members Kirby Furness, Dave Loucks and Donna Yeske were absent.

Satterlee told the board there were 19 confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Illinois, and all were in the Chicago area. He added that one case in St. Louis, MO had been confirmed from a passenger

on a train from Chicago to St. Louis. He was working on trying to determine if the train made a stop in Carlinville.

Board member Jeremy Jones asked if the temperature outside affected the spread of the virus and if it would decrease when the weather warms up. Satterlee said there is no proof of that at this time. Jones also asked if those who contract the virus would be immune from it in the future, and Satterlee said he did not think so.

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Issues Arise In Schram City Project

by Bethany Martin

After meeting in closed session for nearly 20 minutes, members of the Schram City Village Board made a motion to approve summer workforce during their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, March 9, at the village hall. Christian Hernandez and Griffin King, who have helped during the past two summer seasons, will be returning in May.

During last month's meet-

ing, board members learned that the village was not selected to the Community Development Block Grant to fund the water main replacement project. However, Village President Albert Oberle said they will re-submit the grant. At this month's meeting, he told the board there may be an additional grants to be applied for as part of the Rebuild Illinois program. If the IEPA loan is awarded, construction for the first phase is slated to begin Au-

gust 2021. The IEPA project manager that is reviewing the case encouraged the village to establish an emergency plan for water storage. Oberle has been working with the city of Hillsboro and wondered if joining rural water on each side of the village could be an option.

A USDA grant in the amount of \$25,000 was awarded to the village to purchase a new truck.

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Hillsboro Board Prepares For Coffeen Transition

by Mike Plunkett

Continuing a discussion about transitioning Coffeen School to a pre-K center and sending all grade school students to Beckemeyer beginning next school year, the Hillsboro School Board talked about staff changes at the Hillsboro elementary school to handle the new students at their meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

The plan is to add one first grade and one fourth grade classroom at Beckemeyer to keep larger class sizes manageable, move from 20 aides at Beckemeyer to 25, and turn the two computer labs at Beckemeyer to special ed classrooms.

"We would also have a full-time nurse since we will have all of our elementary kids in one building," Superintendent David Powell said, noting that currently the elementary nurse splits time between Beckemeyer and Coffeen. The same would be true of a music teacher, art teacher, and PE teacher, Beckemeyer Principal Zach Frailey added.

After a closed session at the end of the meeting, the board dismissed two teachers effective at the end of the school year, Rachel Garde and Brittany Clavin, and one teachers' aide, Tabatha Hamilton, due to reduction in force.

They also accepted letters of intent to retire from aides Maribeth Rahe and Patty Holshouser, and from cook Marcella Kimbro. They accepted a letter of resignation from teacher Adam Haston, approved volunteer fishing team coach Dennis Loskot, and tabled the re-employment of fall sports coaches.

The board accepted the low asbestos abatement bid of \$75,800 from Triple A of Pana, the lowest of six bids and below the estimated \$80,000 cost to replace floor tile at both Beckemeyer and Coffeen School.

At the recommendation of district maintenance supervisor Fred Butler, the board approved a price not to exceed \$37,443 for new motorized bleachers to replace those on the stage at the high school. Funds will come from the school facilities sales tax.

"The metal ones there now are getting pretty rickety," board President Greg Bellaver said, "and there are no aisles—you have to walk up the bleachers."

The board also took Butler's recommendation-based on research done by administrators Zach Frailey and Michelle Reeves—to purchase new playground equipment at Beckemeyer to replace current worn-out equipment. Some of that equipment can no longer be used, Butler said, because replacement parts are unavailable.

The projected lifespan for the new equipment, in answer to a question by board member Bryce Rupert, is 25 years. The cost is \$80,080 including \$25,000 for installation; the second number was especially difficult for board members to swallow. Those funds, too, will come from the school facilities sales tax.

"The last playground equipment," board member and former Beckemeyer Principal Earl Meier pointed out, "was paid for by the parent-teacher organization."

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Tim and Sarah McConnell of Shelbyville are hard at work renovating the restaurant at the Hillsboro Country Club, and will soon open the Tobias Public House.

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Tobias Public House Will Open Soon

by Mary (Galer) Herschelman

"With our name comes a story," said Tim McConnell of Shelbyville, who will soon be opening a new restaurant at the Hillsboro Country Club. "We want you to get to know

our story and get to know us."

McConnell and his wife, Sarah, will soon be opening the Tobias Public House as a restaurant at the Hillsboro Country Club.

"We want to establish a culture of family, food and fun," Sarah said. "Because that's


what our family is all about."

They live in Shelbyville with their two children, Kayne, age 15, and Kinley, age 12. But Sarah has longtime roots in the Hillsboro community in the Hammon and Tobias families.

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



Primary Election
Meet the candidates in this Tuesday's primary election. See pages 8A-9A.

State Bound!
The seventh grade Lady Knights volleyball team is headed to state! See Sports.



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Obituaries

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Martha L. DeSantis, 59

Raised Peacocks, Kittens

Martha Louise DeSantis, 59, of Nokomis, died Monday, March 9, 2020, at 5:54 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Shafer-Perfetti and Assalley Funeral Home in Taylorville.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 16, at 12 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Dayle Badman officiating. Interment will follow the ceremony at Kettlekamp Cemetery in Nokomis.

Mrs. DeSantis was born Oct. 13, 1960, in Deland, FL, the daughter of Ralph E. and Mary L. (Hickox) Rosser.

A graduate of Umatilla High School in Florida, she went on to graduate first in her class from Daytona Beach College. She was brilliant, and always wanted to continue learning.

She worked for many years as a nurse in Florida, as well as for Meadow Manor and Taylorville Memorial Hospital. Her life was her music and her beloved animals. She enjoyed listening to music and playing



guitar. Most of all, she loved raising her peacocks and kittens.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her loving companion of 30 years, Richard Rose of Nokomis; daughters, Amanda (husband Steven) Nelson of Oswego and Jaclyn (husband Sam) Bajrami of Kincaid; son, Robert Rose of Nokomis; grandchildren, Alivia, Ethan and Elijah Nelson of Oswego, and Max Bajrami of Kincaid; sister, Susan Rosser of Pine Lakes, FL; niece and nephew, Brianna Rosser and Jacob Hokuszewski; mother-in-law, Betty Rose of Taylorville; sisters-in-law, Debbie (husband William) Breckenridge of Lewistown and Diana Scarpaci of Taylorville; and brother-in-law, Dan Rose of Taylorville.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Robert Rose.

Memorials may be made to the family in c/o Shafer-Perfetti and Assalley Funeral Home in Taylorville. Online condolences may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Carolyn J. Smith, 86

Family Caregiver

Carolyn Jean (Brooks) Smith, 86, of Litchfield, died Sunday, March 8, 2020, at her residence.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hough Funeral Home in Raymond. A graveside memorial service will follow in Edgewood Cemetery in Litchfield with Pastor Dave Ziegenbein officiating.

Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 14, 1933, in San Antonio, TX, to H.C. and Clarice (Gallatin) Brooks.

A family caregiver, she enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Christian



Church.

She is survived by three sons, William "Bill" (Karla) Smith of Litchfield, Douglas (Michelle Powers) Smith of Waggoner and Dennis (Melissa) Smith of Waggoner; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Larry and Jimmy Brooks.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, John Henry Brooks, Sr.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Pleasant Hill Christian Church. Online condolences may be left at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

Carl W. Gates, 86

Coffeen High School Graduate

Carl W. Gates, 86, of Sterling, died Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at CGH Medical Center in Sterling.

Visitation was Wednesday, March 4, at the McDonald Funeral Home in Sterling. At his request, his remains will be donated to medical science.

Mr. Gates was born Aug. 16, 1933, in Meridosia, the son of Warren R. and Anna V. (Carlock) Gates. He married Nancy Kunde on April 29, 1955, in Oak Park.

He was a graduate of Coffeen High School. He earned his B.A. at the University of Illinois, his M.A. at the University of Missouri and his doctorate from Northern Illinois University. He served his country as a pilot in the United States Air Force.



Employed as a professor of economics and business at Sauk Valley Community College for 26 years, retiring. He was also employed with the University of Illinois and RB and W in Rock Falls as the director of personnel.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Craig (Christine) Gates of Spokane, WA, Gordon (Kristine) Gates of Springfield and Douglas (Helena) Gates of San Jose, CA; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Anna Marie Gates; and one brother, Earl Raymond Gates.

Memorials may be made to the Sterling Public Library. Online condolences may be left at www.mcdonaldfuneralhomes.com.

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Margaret I. Clanton, 84

Loved To Sew

Margaret I. (Loew) Clanton, 84, of Hillsboro, formerly of Coffeen, died on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 1:10 a.m. at Tremont Ridge Assisted Living in Hillsboro.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Daniel R. White officiating. Burial will be held in Donnellson Cemetery.

Mrs. Clanton was born Feb. 5, 1936, in Walshville, to William and Clara (Keeling) Loew. She married Bob L. Clanton on June 30, 1956, in Donnellson, and he preceded her in death on May 26, 2019.

During her career, she worked at DeMoulin's Sewing Factory in Greenville, the Roller Derby in Litchfield and various garment factories in Hillsboro, Litchfield, Nokomis and Vandalia.



Mrs. Clanton loved to sew and when she moved to Tremont Ridge Assisted Living in Hillsboro in August 2019, she continued her passion to sew for staff and residents. She also enjoyed refurbishing antique trunks, working jigsaw puzzles and watching hummingbirds. She lived in Donnellson, Coffeen and Hillsboro throughout her life.

Mrs. Clanton is survived by her children, Brenda (husband Larry) Ackerman of Hillsboro and Rebecca (friend Ken Johnson) Clanton of Coffeen; and two sisters, Beulah Marsh and Norma Lawrence, both of Litchfield.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; and four brothers.

Memorials may be directed to the Donnellson Cemetery. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.basspattondeanfh.com.

Susan E. Nowell, 65

Homemaker, Florist

Susan E. Nowell, 65, of Litchfield, died on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 11:10 p.m. at her residence.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Litchfield Family Funeral Service in Litchfield is assisting the family.

Mrs. Nowell was born Dec. 31, 1954, to Robert and Edna E. (Bracken) Meyer. She married Louis E. Nowell on Nov. 22, 1972, in Carlinville, and he survives.

In her early years, she worked at several different factories, later becoming a homemaker and raising three sons.

Mrs. Nowell enjoyed doing crafts with her grandchildren and making beautiful, decorative wreaths for holidays and special occasions. She was also



a florist and baked and decorated several wedding cakes.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, Louis "Louie" (Julie) Nowell, Levi (Katie) Nowell, both of Litchfield, and Andy (Stephanie) Nowell of Columbia; eight

grandchildren, Kayla, Brandon, Levi Jr., Abigail, Kasey, Drew, Zander and Tristen; brothers, Robert (Brenda) Meyer of Ridgeland, SC, and Charles (Sheila) Wall and Adam Wall, both of Mt. Olive; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Nowell was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Terry Meyer; and sister, Amy Wall. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.litchfieldffs.com.

Beulah S. Urban, 91

Homemaker, Seamstress

Beulah S. Urban, 91, of Livingston, died on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Heritage Health: Therapy and Senior Care in Staunton.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 11, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livingston with Pastor Darwin Schrader and Pastor Randy Davis co-officiating. Burial followed in Spangle Cemetery near Livingston. Lesicko Funeral Home in Livingston assisted the family.

Mrs. Urban was born April 9, 1928, in Shoal Creek Township, Bond County, to Henry and Clara (Hamann) Schweppe. She married Robert J. Urban on April 10, 1946, in New Douglas, and he preceded her in death on July 6, 1989.

She was a homemaker and worked as a seamstress for the Marine Dress Factory in Marine. In her spare time, she sold Stanley Home Products.

Mrs. Urban was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livingston, where she was a part of the Ladies Aid Society and the Holy Cross Singers Church Choir. She also taught Sunday School there for many years.

She was also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and was chaplain for the 22nd District.

She served as the director of the local Salvation Army Unit.

Mrs. Urban is survived by her daughter, Sharon Ridens of Livingston; granddaughter, Milinda (husband Giles) Clowers of Bethalto; grandson, Jason (wife Deanne) Urban of Staunton; great-grandson, Zachary (wife Brittanie) Clowers; two great-granddaughters, Abby Clowers and Skylar Urban; sister, Ruth Huber of Sorento; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sons and their wives, Robert J. and Sharron (Watson) Urban and LaMar and Mary (Garner) Urban; son-in-law, Ron Ridens; sisters, Fern Lesicko, Laura Warzala, Norma Turner, Irene Valentine and Esther Schuster; and brother, Lester "Bud" Schweppe.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.lesickofuneralhome.com.

Mandate Requests Meals On Wheels Close Centers

By request of the Illinois Department of Aging, C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation Meals on Wheels program will temporarily close their congregate nutrition centers starting Friday, March 13.

The reasoning behind this mandate is that older adults are among the highest risk population group for becoming seriously ill from the COVID-19 (coronavirus). This is a statewide mandate request.

C.E.F.S. Meals on Wheels

program will continue to provide home delivered meals. Seniors that attend a congregate site will be given the opportunity to pick up a meal or request to have a meal delivered.

C.E.F.S. provides the Meals on Wheels program in Montgomery, Clay, Effingham, Fayette and Christian counties. For more information contact 217-342-2193, ext. 119, or the nearest C.E.F.S. Meals on Wheels center.

Avoid Election Day Contact By Voting Early

Those who wish to avoid polling places but still want to cast a ballot in the March 17 primary election have four more days in which they may vote early, according to Montgomery County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser.

Early voting continues at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, March 12-13, from 8 a.m. until 12

noon on Saturday, March 14, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

Out of an abundance of caution, sanitizing supplies will be provided to each polling place on election day Tuesday, March 17. There will be hand sanitizer, as well as supplies to wipe down booths and pens.

Those with questions may contact the county clerk's office at 217-532-9530.

Stamp Out Cancer Looking For Silent Auction Items

The Stamp Out Cancer committee is looking for items to add to their silent auction for their big event on Saturday, March 28. This event, which is sold out, will be held at the Event Center of Montgomery County. The team's silent auction is one of the biggest in the county.

Items may be dropped off at Montgomery County Realty in Hillsboro, or individuals may schedule a pick up time with any of the SOC team members. To contact the Stamp Out Cancer team,

email stampoutcancer@aol.com, on Facebook at [facebook.com/stampoutcancer](https://www.facebook.com/stampoutcancer) or call Renee Laughlin at 217-313-0700 or Zach Wyal at 217-556-4246.

Stamp Out Cancer is in its tenth year, and has raised over \$525,000 to date for the Montgomery County Cancer Association.

This year's sold out event features a Celebrity Lip Sync Battle and live music by the *Platinum Rock Legends*. For more information, visit soc.mccaweb.com.

Soil And Water Ready For Sale

The Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently accepting orders for the 2020 spring fish sale, which will be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7.

Many species of live fish will be available for pond

stocking, as well as Fathead Minnows and Grass Carp for pond maintenance.

Pre-orders are due on Wednesday, April 1. Forms may be obtained by calling 217-532-3361, ext. 3, or online at www.montswcd.com.

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Blood Drive Will Be Held At Sorento School



School News

A book fair will be held at Sorento School from

M o n d a y ,
M a r c h 30
through Thursday, April 2.

Thursday, April 2, will be family reading night.

School Menus March 16-20

Breakfast
Monday: Pancake on a stick or cereal, toast.

Tuesday: Scrambled eggs or cereal, toast.

Wednesday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast.

Thursday: Sausage sandwich or cereal, toast.

Friday: Mini bagels or cereal, toast.

Lunch

Monday: Grilled chicken/bun or deli sandwich, sweet potato fries, peaches.

Tuesday: Chicken soft tacos or deli sandwich, white beans, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets and breadstick or deli sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, applesauce.

Thursday: Hot ham and cheese or deli sandwich, coleslaw, orange.

Friday: Cheese quesadilla pizza or deli sandwich, tossed

salad, mixed fruit.

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

Blood Drive

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Monday, March 30, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Sorento School, 510 S. Main Street. For those who would like to make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or search online for sponsor code SorentoES.

Fish Fry

The Shoal Creek Protection District started their annual fish fry on Friday, March 6. The dinners will be held every other Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Sorento Firehouse. The cost of the meal is \$6, and will include a fish sandwich, french fries and coleslaw. The next dinner will be Friday, March 20 and Friday, April 3.

Do You Know

Election Day is Tuesday, March 17. Please vote. It is your right.

The Shoal Creek Fire Protection District will meet Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m. at the Sorento Firehouse.

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

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Journalisms

News About People and Events
of Interest Throughout The County



Spring is in the air! And Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro is getting into the act.

They have 50 nest boxes cleaned and rehabbed for the season now set up at the sanctuary. Eastern Bluebirds will be migrating back to the area in a few weeks. Volunteers worked to scrape the inside of the boxes and checked the predator guards to make sure they are in the right place to keep out raccoons and snakes. Boxes are monitored once a week from April 1 through mid-August.

Stay healthy this year with free skin cancer screenings at Hillsboro Area Hospital this Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Provided by the Simmons Cancer Institute and SIU Medicine, they will offer free skin cancer screenings, home test kits for colorectal cancer, sunscreen samples and cancer prevention brochures. For more information or to register, call 217-532-6266.

Think you're smarter than a fifth grader? Put those skills to the test at the Hillsboro Public Library's annual trivia night on Saturday, March 21, at the Hillsboro Lions Club. Doors open at 6 p.m., and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tables of eight players may register for \$80 per table. First prize is \$125, and second prize is \$75. Raffle prizes will also be available, and participants may bring their own snacks and drinks. For more information or to register, call the Hillsboro Public Library at 217-532-3055.

The HSHS St. Francis Foundation will once again be hosting its Farm Family Event on Wednesday, March 18, at Lincoln Land Community College in Litchfield. The free event is open to all farmers and their families in Montgomery and Macoupin counties. They will offer free health screenings from 7 to 9 a.m., a breakfast and two speakers. They will also present the St. Isidore Friend of Agriculture Award that morning. For more information or to register for screenings, call 217-324-8206.

Save the cooking for someone else! The Farmersville-Wagoner Volunteer Fire Department is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, March 15, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Farmersville KC Hall. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids ages five to 12. Kids under five eat free.

And don't miss the ham and bean supper at the Irving United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On the menu will be ham 'n beans, cornbread and dessert. Donations will be accepted for the meal, and crafts will be available to purchase.

With Stamp Out Cancer just a few weeks away, Team Female Fight Club is hosting a few final events. On Saturday, March 14, tips collected at Opera House Brewing Company will go to the MCCA. That same evening, they will have a live auction at the Cannon Inn at 9 p.m. for a wide variety of items. They will also host a four-man golf scramble on Saturday, March 21, at Indian Springs Golf Club. Registration is \$200 per team, and the event tees off at 10 a.m. For more information about any of the events, call Tara Baker at 217-556-2928.

Stop by for Coffee with Chase and meet Chase Wilhelm this Saturday, March 14, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Ugly Mugs Coffeehouse in Nokomis. Wilhelm is running for the office of state representative in the 95th District. Food and drinks will be provided at the meet and greet event.

The deadline is fast approaching to get your temporary A Grace-Filled Journey license plates! For the fifth year in a row, Litchfield High School Student Council is hosting the fundraiser in honor of eight-year-old Grace Herschelmann of Hillsboro. Proceeds will benefit INAD research.

The temporary plates are valid for 60 days in April and May, and may be used on any passenger vehicle or B-truck. The cost is \$30, and participants need to include a copy of their driver's license and vehicle registration as well.

Forms are available at Litchfield High School, Hillsboro High School and The Journal-News office in Hillsboro. The deadline to return them is Friday, March 13. For more information, contact Jo Brummet at (217) 324-3955 or jbrummet@litchfieldpanthers.org.

The Coffeen Royal Neighbors will hold an open house to celebrate 125 years on Saturday, March 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at East Fork Community Center in Coffeen. The event is to show their appreciation for community support in the projects that have been completed over the years. Refreshments will be served.

Clover 4-H Clubs Will Meet Sunday

The Montgomery County Clovers 4-H Club and Cloverbuds will both meet this Sunday, March 15, at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, #1 Industrial Park Drive in Hillsboro.

The meeting will include a "green party" and members

are encouraged to wear green for the day.

Frankie Huber will bring the health tip and Jon Schmidt will be in charge of refreshments. Members are asked to bring donations for the Weekend Backpack Food Program.

Foresight Energy Files For Bankruptcy Tuesday

Foresight Energy, the parent company of Deer Run Mine in Hillsboro, filed for bankruptcy on Tuesday, March 10, saying the global economic slowdown triggered by the coronavirus epidemic had pushed it over the edge.

The company said it plans to hand ownership to its creditors as part of a restructuring plan. That plan, which al-

lows the company to stay in business, would cut debt by about \$1 billion by swapping \$1.4 billion of debt for equity, according to the Chapter 11 documents filed in US Bankruptcy Court in St. Louis.

The filing came just a few weeks after the company signaled that it plans to shut down Shay mine in Macoupin County.

Old Settlers Association To Discuss Theme For Parade

The next meeting of the Old Settlers Association will be held on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the Challacombe House in Hillsboro.

Officers for the coming year will be installed and committee reports will be heard.

Also on the agenda will be choosing a theme for the big Thursday, night parade. The public is invited to submit their own ideas to the facebook page at oldsettlersdaysofhillsboroil or may send an email to committee@hillsboroldsettlers.com. The

winning selection will receive a \$50 prize.

The committee would also like suggestions for this year's grand marshal; someone who has been a supporter or advocate for Old Settlers. Send your suggestions to their Facebook page or the email address listed above.

Volunteers are always welcomed and needed. Especially needed this year are parade coordinators. If you are interested in joining this year's event contact President Lisa Ervin at 217-254-0752.

Loved Ones Honored At Nokomis Public Library

Nokomis Public Library sends their sympathies and extends their gratitude for those who donated to the library in memory of loved ones who have died in the previous six months.

The library received memorials in October for Dennis Matthews, in November for Betty Davidson, in December

for Jean Storm, in December and January for Janice Foster, and in February for Yolanda Bernardini Tosetti.

Many of these memorial gifts will be used to purchase books and other materials for the library. Memorials may be sent to the Nokomis Public Library at 22 S. Cedar Street, #2, Nokomis, IL 62075.

Raymond Dollar General To Be Closed Next Week

Produce! Get your produce! Dollar General is making shopping a little more convenient for residents of Raymond as they introduce new produce items to their shelves. Shoppers will be able to choose from a great selection of delicious fruits and vegetables.

The store will close next week as they prepare for their new items on Sunday, March 15, and remain closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Employees expect they will reopen on Thursday morning, March 19, at 8 a.m.

For more information, call the store at 309-265-0062.

Hillsboro City Hall Will Offer Census Assistance

The City of Hillsboro will offer help completing the 2020 Census to residents beginning Monday, March 23, at City Hall.

Residents are invited to drop by Hillsboro City Hall, during regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. While Community and Economic Planner Jonathan Weyer is the point person on the census assistance project, any city hall staff member will be available to help.

"The City is dedicated to increasing the amount of residents that complete the 2020 Census. The goal is that all living within the city will complete the forms, and offering

assistance is a way to meet this goal," said Weyer. "We estimate that the last census was under-reported by 6 to 7,000 people. That really hurts all of us in Montgomery County."

The results of the 2020 Census will help to determine how hundreds of billions in federal funding are allocated to communities every year for the next decade. This money shapes many different aspects, such as infrastructure projects, public transit systems, educational grants that support teachers, Head Start programs and special education, and housing assistance for the elderly.

Library Will Meet March 31

Due to a number of conflicts, the Hillsboro Area Public Library Board will not meet on Tuesday, March 17. The

meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 31, at 6:15 p.m. at the 214 School Street building.

Weather Forecast

THU MAR 12		PM Showers	60°/36°	↗ 60%
FRI MAR 13		Mostly Cloudy	49°/35°	↗ 0%
SAT MAR 14		Rain/Snow	37°/29°	↗ 90%
SUN MAR 15		Mostly Sunny	46°/31°	↗ 10%
MON MAR 16		Mostly Cloudy	51°/43°	↗ 20%
TUE MAR 17		AM Showers	56°/44°	↗ 40%
WED MAR 18		Showers	62°/54°	↗ 40%

IDHS Announces First Day To Complete Online Census

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) announced the first day to complete the 2020 Census online will be today, Thursday, March 12 on my2020census.gov.

The online questionnaire is the quickest and easiest way to get counted in Illinois and can be accessed from a smart phone, tablet, laptop, computer and terminals at local libraries. The census is nine questions long and will take less than ten minutes to complete.

"It is extremely important that everyone knows the implications of the census and gets counted in Illinois," said IDHS Secretary Grace B. Hou. "Completing the census online will ensure that Illinoisans get both the representation and federal funding for the critical services that they deserve."

An accurate count of the Illinois' population is essential to ensure the state receives the funding needed to properly care for its residents and provide critical services and programs.

In 2015, Illinois received \$19,738,866,367, or approximately \$1,535 per capita, in federal assistance for 16 programs. Failure to count every Illinois resident will have devastating effects on Illinois' ability to meet the needs of its residents. Even a 1 percent undercount would result in the loss of \$19,557,435 per year, for a decade, resulting in a total loss of \$195,574,350 for the state of Illinois.

The number of seats Illinois has in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next ten years will be determined

Panhandle To Hold Meeting This Monday

Panhandle School Board will meet Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in the library at Lincolnwood High School.

Agenda items include building update and the consideration of a junior softball cooperative with Morrisonville and the approval of the 2020-2021 school calendar.

by the census count this year. Illinoisans deserve proportionate representation in the U.S. Congress, and a fair and accurate census count is how we ensure that happens.

In June, Governor Pritzker signed an executive order that established the Census office with IDHS and an advisory panel to guide public outreach. The \$29 million approved for the 2020 Census efforts in Illinois is the largest per capita investment of any state in the nation this year, and is funded through the bipartisan FY20 budget. IDHS has already awarded \$20 million dollars in grants to over 350 local and community organizations to reach every corner of Illinois.

To fill out the 2020 Census questionnaire, visit my2020census.gov. For more information about the 2020 Census in Illinois and a listing of the community organizations that IDHS funded, visit census.illinois.gov.

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Local Couple Celebrates Six Decades Of Marriage

Edmund and Genevieve Hill of Nokomis celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020.

The couple married on Feb. 6, 1960, at New Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Lawler officiating. The Hills married five years after their first date on Feb. 6, 1955, shortly after Mr. Hill returned home from serving in the Korean War with the United States Army. Melvin Huber, brother-in-law of the groom; David Hill, brother of the groom; Ellen Snyder, sister of the bride; and Linda Barringer, best friend of the bride, were witnesses at the ceremony.

Mr. Hill is the son of Orville and Goldie Hill. He worked as

a farmer throughout his life. Mrs. Hill is the daughter of Lester and Mercy Compton. She was a homemaker.

The Hills are blessed with three children, Charlene Kay (Richard) Swanner, Ronald (Tina) Hill and Donald (Nancy) Hill; grandchildren, Rachel (Chad) Williams, Nathan (Abby) Finley, Caitlin (Ott) Sands, Natalie (Ronnie) Eaton, Anabelle (Drake) Sneyd, Dawson (Danielle) Hill, Phillip (Rachel) Swanner, Sydney Hill, Ellouise Hill and Cordilia Hill; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill celebrated their diamond anniversary with an intimate family dinner at Ponderosa Steak House in Vandalia.

New Fusion Program Will Benefit Women

To help keep local women working toward healthier lifestyles, Fusion Fitness and Aquatics in Hillsboro is launching a new accountability program this month.

G.A.L. or Get Accountable, Ladies is an eight week program that runs from March 17 through May 7. Anyone interested should sign up at Fusion by March 16, and the cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

“Our Fitness Coordinator Joanna Marley came up with this idea and is coordinating it and leading it,” said Jessica Chappellear, executive director at Fusion. “We wanted to find an accountability group that appealed to all ages, from the young adult who is busy with a job and the busy mom, as well as those nearing retirement and seniors.”

The program includes a closed Facebook group that

women may join. As part of the group, they will receive daily motivations, tips, workouts of the day twice a week, themed 5K events and more. For those who are not Facebook users, they will offer two optional meetings at Fusion where members may come and discuss fitness and health topics.

Each participant will have the goal to earn 800 points during the eight-week program. Points can be accumulated by posting about workouts of the day, attending meetings at Fusion, taking a Group X class, tracking daily workouts, food diaries and more.

“We have learned with women that they enjoy exercising, sharing recipe ideas and learning from others’ experiences,” Chappellear said. “And accountability is a great motivator!”

For more information, call Fusion at 217-532-3896.



Jackelynn Pearl Govaia, pictured above with her parents, Corbin and Kaitlyn Govaia of Witt, was baptized at the Witt United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 8.

Witt Church Celebrates Infant Baptism In March

On Sunday, March 8 the Witt United Methodist Church was blessed to celebrate the holy baptism of Jackelynn Pearl Govaia. The Rev. Michael D. Lawton, directing pastor of the Good Shepherd Parish performed the ceremony.

Govaia is the daughter of Corbin and Kaitlyn Govaia of Witt. Maternal grandparents are Tim and Angie Taylor of Witt, and paternal grandparents are Monte and Robin Govaia of Litchfield. Maternal great-grandparents are Tuffy and Marilyn Taylor of Irving, Denny and Patty Martin of Mesa, AZ, and Ron Weller of Ocala, FL. Paternal great-grandparents are Gene and Linda Govaia of Hillsboro

and the late Jim and Darlene Kirby of Litchfield. Maternal great-great-grandparent is Rosemary Weller of Raymond.

The baby was dressed for the special occasion in an eloquent white christening dress with a matching headband.

The church was overflowing with family and friends on this memorable day to witness her baptism, visual testimony and commitment to Christ.

Following her baptism, everyone was invited to stay for fellowship with the family while enjoying refreshments of a white and chocolate cake beautifully decorated with a cross in the middle. There were also homemade cookies, coffee, tea and punch served.

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Scouting For Food Will Be Held This Saturday

Troop 77 will be Scouting for Food this Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donate non-perishable food by dropping it off at the pork patty/butterfly fundraiser event in front of CNB, 549 S. Main in Hillsboro, or scouts will pick up food at residences with appointment.

Scouting for Food is a program where scouts collect

non-perishable food and provide it to the local food pantry or Salvation Army.

All food donated to the event will be provided to the Hillsboro Food Pantry at the conclusion of the collection on Saturday.

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Senior Achievers Meet K9 Officer, View Banners

by Judy Dalhaus

Thirty-three Montgomery/Macoupin County Senior Achievers met Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Free Methodist Church in Hillsboro for breakfast and to hear from Litchfield Police Department K9 Officer, Sgt. Jack Spaur, and to meet his K-9, Wookiee.

Sgt. Spaur is a 13-year law enforcement veteran and a third-generation police officer. Wookiee is a three-year-old Dutch Shepherd who was bred in Illinois and graduated from K-9 academy at the tender age of ten months. He also has a family history of law enforcement, as his father is a K-9 serving on the Decatur police force and a sister and two brothers also serve as K-9 officers. Wookiee, like most K-9s are bred from European stock, where there is a culture of working sport dogs like we have culture of race cars,

Sgt. Spaur advised that K-9s are trained to alert on only five drugs – marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and crack. They are also trained to track human odor.

They track items the person fleeing may have discarded that are evidence Wookiee is a passive alert dog on drugs and he also targets people who are fleeing. The K-9 is trained to apprehend a suspect by biting and holding until given the order, by the handler, to release. Sgt. Spaur shared that the use of a K-9 allows law enforcement to apprehend suspects with much less force and injury than other methods of apprehension.

A K-9 serves as a law enforcement animal for a defined period of time, each jurisdiction having different requirements. For example, K-9s serving in the Decatur Police Department are retired at the age of seven. The last Litchfield K-9 retired at the age of ten. When the dog retires, he usually goes to live with his handler. Legal requirements of the department where the dog served are followed and the dog is either given to or sold to the handler for \$1.

There are three law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County where K9s are serving- Litchfield Police Department, Hillsboro Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department.

Hillsboro Police Chief

Randy Leetham assisted Sgt. Spaur in putting Wookiee through his paces. After Chief Leetham donned a "bite sleeve" (protective training gear), Sgt. Spaur gave Wookiee the command to attack. Wookiee latched onto the bite sleeve on Chief Leetham's arm. Even with Sgt. Spaur picking the 70-pound dog up by his tail and pulling backward on him and with Chief Leetham using his free hand to twist Wookiee's ear, the dog did not release his hold until Sgt. Spaur gave him the command to do so.

Nineteen Montgomery/Macoupin County Senior Achievers gathered at Chintown in Litchfield on Thursday, Jan. 20, for lunch, after which they adjourned to St. Timothy's Methodist Church to view Seasons of the Church Banners, a series of ten liturgical banners created by Achiever Nita Markos, local educator, artist and author.

She shared that several years ago, Tom Hott, a member of St. Timothy's, where Mrs. Markos also worships, asked her to create banners for the church sanctuary. Nita accepted the challenge and began by submitting designs to the church board for approval, which was given.

The designs of the banners are somewhat abstract so that they do not clash with the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary.

The Sunday the banners were dedicated at St. Timothy's, they were rolled to the top. As Mrs. Markos read the story of each banner, Mr. Hott slowly unrolled it until it was revealed in all its beauty.

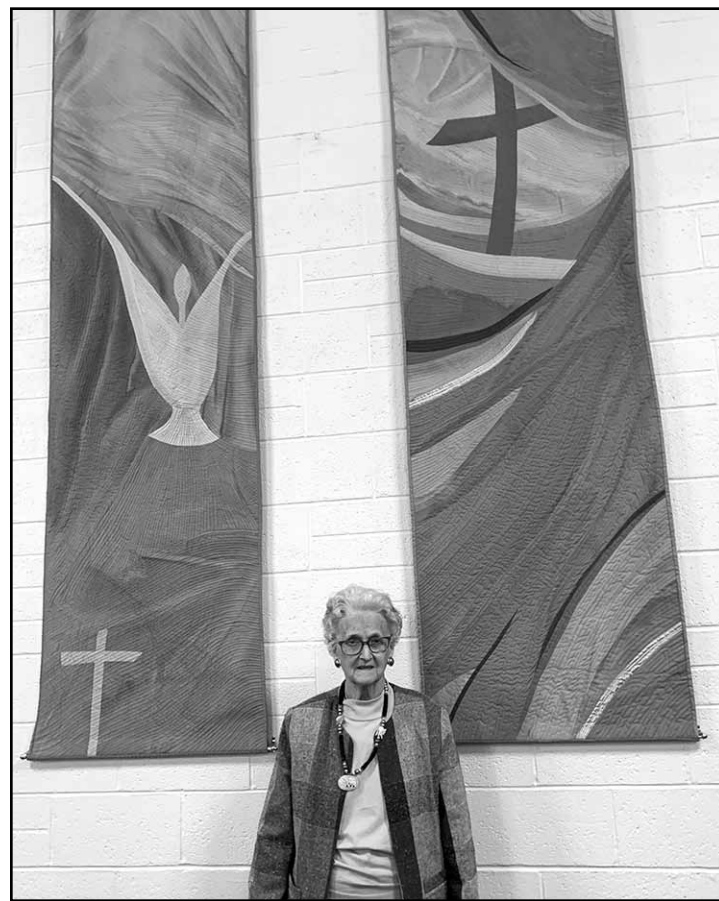
The basis of the banners are old sheets, which are soft and take paint well. Using the primary colors of crimson, blue and yellow (from which any color may be made), she painted the sheets. Once painted, she began cutting out the individual pieces of the banners.

Using the collage technique, she mounted the pieces of each hanging on the backing cloth with spray-on basting glue. By using the basting glue, she could rearrange the pieces of the banner until they were exactly as she wished them to be.

The next step of the creation was to cover the design with fine tulle (think bridal veil fabric). After this was attached, Nita machine quilted each banner with parallel stitching one-quarter inch



K-9 Wookiee is pictured above with his handler, Sgt. Zack Spaur of the Litchfield Police Department.



Above, Nita Markos stands in front of two of the liturgical banners she created for St. Timothy's Methodist Church in Litchfield. These banners, from left to right, are Easter and Lent.

apart, in a fluid design that echoes the direction of the individual parts of each banner

There are ten banners, each 9 ft. long by 30 ins. wide. Each banner has a title and was inspired by a verse from the Bible. In order, they are:

Void represents Genesis 1:1-2: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void." Made of strips of varying widths of fabric cut in curved pieces of bright shades of white and blues and purples, the banner suggests the void that existed before the world was formed. A bright yellow circle in the upper third of the banner depicts the world in its infancy. The banner's composition reminds the viewer of a bright burning orb that was flung into a dark background.

Creation represents Psalm 148:5: "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created." The banner contains freeform, swirling shapes that suggest a flowing design of water currents and wind and is made of strips of varying widths of fabric cut in curved pieces of bright shades of blue and purple.

The Annunciation represents Luke 11:26-27: "God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth... to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David." It is made of strips of varying widths of fabric cut in

curved pieces of subtle shades of blue, purple and white, the color we imagine angels' wings to be. The curves and horizontal placement of the angels' wings suggest a fluttering movement.

Christmas represents Luke 2:7: "She gave birth to her firstborn, a son... and placed him in a manger." An undulating, curved section placed at the top right corner radiates down into the lower third of the banner. A stylized and elongated star is set into a dark sky. A curved space covering two thirds of the banner is lighter, and a yellow color is set at the bottom of the banner.

Epiphany represents Matthew 2:1-2: "Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews?'" This banner is made of strips of varying widths of fabric cut in curved pieces of subtle shades of yellow accented with white. The white sphere in the upper third of the banner has another circle radiating from it indicating Jesus' effect on the world

Enlightenment represents Ephesians 5:8: "Now you are the light in the Lord. Live as children of the light." Strips of varying widths of fabric cut in curved pieces of bright shades of yellow and warm colors contrast with purple and green. This banner depicts a plant growing, its leaves layered in the bottom

half of the banner, suggesting a human being's mind that grows with knowledge and reaches for knowledge, as a plant reaches for sunlight. A creamy yellow open book is in the upper third of the banner, suggesting that knowledge of Christ is available to all, open to all. Above the book, sections of bright, light colors represent a mind springing with information.

Lent represents Galatians 6:14: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is made of strips of varying widths cut in curved pieces meandering toward the top and sides of the banner toward a cross made of light purple fabric. The strips are arranged into triangular forms suggesting a curtain that has been drawn back to expose the cross of Jesus.

Easter represents Matthew 28:6: "He is not here, He has risen, just as He said." In the center of this banner is an applied dove made of white fabric strips with wings outspread, head pointed toward the top of the banner. In the bottom left quadrant, a cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus. The lower part of the banner features blue with the top section featuring light colors representing the resurrection of Jesus.

Pentecost represents Acts 2:1,4: "On the day of Pentecost all the believers were... filled with the Holy Spirit." This banner depicts the flames on

the day the Holy Spirit descended on Christ's disciples and is symbolized by the bright shades of yellow and the warm colors meandering toward the top of the banner.

God Reigns represents Revelation 5:13: "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" A partial sphere made of medium blue fabric suggests the harmony of God's universe. The strips of varying widths of fabric cut in curved pieces in green, blue and yellow meander toward the top of the banner with the yellow streaks and portions suggesting sunlight, while the blue suggests the darkness of night.

Nita shared that the church had the banners professionally appraised for insurance purposes and they were appraised at \$2,000 each.

Mrs. Marks, now 90 years young, received her art education degree at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and taught art in grades K-12 in the Panhandle School District, where she won several teaching awards. She added quilting to her art media in 2001 and has used her artistic talent to design award-winning original quilts.

The next outing will be on Thursday, March 19, when we will carpool to the Old Capitol in Springfield and enjoy lunch at Maldaner's Restaurant.

Local DAR Chapter To Honor Susan B. Anthony On 100th Anniversary

The Christiana Tillson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will take a moment to honor Susan B. Anthony on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020, which will mark the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote.

Saturday, Feb. 15, marked the 200th birthday of Anthony, who played an important role in the women's suffrage movement. Born into a Quaker family, she was committed to social equality in all ways. She began her lifelong fight for social justice, collecting anti-slavery petitions as a

teen. She and friend, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, dedicated their lives to their belief that all were equal under God.

Anthony fought slavery her entire life, as well as for the right to vote for non-whites and females. Together, she and Stanton created many organizations to fight for these

rights, including the New York State Women's Temperance Society, the Women's Loyal National League, the American Equal Rights Association, the National Woman Suffrage Association, the National American Woman Suffrage Association and the International Council of Women.

In 1872, Anthony was arrested and brought to trial for voting in her hometown of Rochester, NY.

She was convicted, but refused to pay the fines. She drafted and arranged for the presentation to Congress of the Amendment, giving women the right to vote. It was

initially presented in 1878, however it was not finally passed and ratified until 14 years after her death.

Anthony was also the first woman in U.S. history to be commemorated on coinage, the Susan B. Anthony silver dollar, which was first released in 1979.

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Ozier Is January CNB Student Of The Month

Shelby Ozier, at left, has been named the CNB Bank and Trust Student of the Month for January. The daughter of Trevor and Katie Ozier of Coffeen, this is the senior's first year at Hillsboro High School. At HHS, she participated in cheer and wrestling and will play softball this spring. She is also part of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, she enjoys hanging out with friends and eating Chinese food. Following high school graduation, Ozier will begin her career in the U.S. Air Force as she goes for basic training at the Lackland, TX, Air Force Base, and later tech school. After tech school, she will attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale to earn a degree in forestry.

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

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

Schram City

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Oberle has been working with the city of Hillsboro and wondered if joining rural water on each side of the village could be an option.

A USDA grant in the amount of \$25,000 was awarded to the village to purchase a new truck. Oberle said he will be seeking bids to review during next month's meeting. Trustees Pat Rhodes and Sam Whitlow inquired about purchasing a gasoline truck as opposed to a diesel and Oberle said he will gather bids on both.

The weather has been less than cooperative and many problems have risen as village employees replace the lift stations. The Saathoff and Boyd lift stations are completed and the lift station near the DMV will be completed soon. The village must replace the expired meter bases and Ameren required the control panel structures to be replaced and run underground power lines. According to the village president, the unforeseen circumstances resulted in a cost increase of \$38,535, bringing the total cost to \$550,802.

A motion to approve a \$165,870 payment for the work on the Saathoff and Boyd lift stations was made by Trustee Jerry Woods and seconded by Rhodes. A payment of \$111,730.50 was also approved to continue the work. Oberle said the village has opened special bank account to allocate project funds.

As part of their municipal aggregation bid review, members of the board approved a one-year contract with Homefield Energy at 4.054 kW, but with a grant the village uses, the rate is 4.04. Trustees also approved a three-year contract with Dynegey for street lighting and a one-year contract with

Constellation to power pumping stations and the village hall at .041. Oberle said he's hopeful the new pumps will use less energy, thus saving more money.

Village Attorney Alicia Granito reported that Officer Gary Satterlee has issued citations that were scheduled for court Wednesday, March 11.

Rhodes asked if they've received a quote from John Masten of Masten Mosquito Control, who introduced himself and his business to the board in January. Oberle said they have not, but he will follow up with both Masten and the city of Hillsboro.

The village president said residents should expect their Census 2020 around March 12 to March 20 and encourages everyone to fill it out.

Trustee Sam Whitlow addressed some concerns over traffic speeding and running stop signs and Trustee Kevin Tuetken suggested installing more "Children At Play" signs. Oberle will order more to place throughout the village.

In streets and alleyway news, Tuetken said there is a pot hole on 18th and Klar that needs attention, as well as the roadway that runs beside Dollar General, which needs asphalt. In building and zoning, Oberle said he has received a few applications for a new apartment complex and storage units. Additionally, Jansen Cable Construction, Inc. will be running fiber optic cables for New Wave.

Upon checking the mine site, Trustee Earl Eller said there was an abundance of trash that was dumped on the property and suggested getting signs to let the community know what is allowed.

Next month's meeting will be held Monday, April 13, at 6 p.m. A fall festival meeting will follow.

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In asking how long patients are carriers of the virus, Satterlee told Jones and the board that he's heard there is a 14-day window, noting that it could be longer. Jones also asked how long it could live outside the body, and Satterlee said that is unknown, but it could be as long as 70 hours.

"It's something we're just learning more about every day," Satterlee said.

Board member Dennis McCammack asked if there were charges to be tested, and Satterlee said there were not through the state lab, but that testing had to be requested by a medical doctor, and they would likely run other tests first. Satterlee said the state has three labs where testing can be done, but he has heard rumors that some private labs were also looking into testing for the virus.

Nimmo said from an emergency management perspective, his office plays the role of coordinator.

"We do have an emergency plan in place for medical related issues, and we are following it," he said.

Nimmo told the board the governor has declared a state of emergency in reference to the Coronavirus, but encouraged residents not to panic.

"It just opens up available resources at the federal and state level," Nimmo said.

He continues to work with county schools, hospitals and long-term care facilities on making preparations. Nimmo also encouraged residents to get their information about the Coronavirus from reputable sources, like the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control.

"Facebook is not a reputable source," he told the board.

Other Business

During the middle of the meeting, the board would spend an hour and 42 minutes in closed session on two matters. They discussed a request from Foresight Energy asking for a reduction in coal royalty payments to the county, as well as a request to sell or lease the county's recycling equipment to DC Waste and Recycling in Hillsboro.

After closed session, the board tabled all further action in regards to the request from Foresight Energy as the board seeks additional information.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Bill Schroeder told the board Foresight Energy had declared bankruptcy that day, and asked if the board could consider adding a clause in the contract encouraging the company to pay local vendors first. County Board Chairman Evan Young said the state's attorney said they could not do that.

The board also unanimously passed a motion to present a counter-offer to DC Waste and Recycling to lease the county's equipment.

Consent Agenda

Board member Bill Bergen led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the unanimous approval of minutes from the last meeting and mileage and per diem requests.

During the consent agenda, Montgomery County Clerk Holly Lemons gave an update to the board on the Criminal Traffic Assessment Act, which provided credit for time served and fee waivers for low income offenders. She said the first reports were due in February, adding that from July through December, the county lost \$179,841.40 to the program. She said information for all counties was available on the Illinois Supreme Court website.

Adding to that discussion,

Sheriff Rick Robbins encouraged board members to keep an eye on legislation pending in the Illinois House and the Senate to go to a no cash bond program.

"It's primarily driven up north," Robbins said. "But it's a complete failure of the state of Illinois. There is not one conversation about the victims. It's all about poor defendants. The justice system can't pay for itself now, and it's only going to get worse."

Lemons said the state legislature is also looking at a similar waiver for traffic tickets, which is one of the places remaining that the county does see revenue. Board member Chuck Graden asked how someone would qualify for a traffic ticket waiver, and Lemons said they have to fall within a certain amount of the poverty guidelines.

Montgomery County State's Attorney Butch Hitchings added to the discussion that Montgomery County doesn't have the big civil docket like other counties do, which help pay for their court systems.

Lemons said it's driven by the platform of the state's lieutenant governor to reform the criminal justice system. She said she will soon be attending meetings in Springfield to look at how to continue to fund the courts system.

"It's just a completely different way of looking at our criminal justice system," Hitchings said.

Liaison Reports

In CEFS news, board member Tim Fogle said they are looking at new ways to promote their programs, like Meals on Wheels, LiHeap and PIP, to encourage further usage.

In Senior Citizens news, board member Ron Deabenderfer said they have bids out for a new floor at the senior center in Taylor Springs.

In West Central Development Council news, board member Richard Wendel reported that Jeremy Jones had been elected secretary of the organization. He added that the group is helping 80 workers displaced from the Coffeen Power Plant with training and job placement. Jones said the group is also working on promoting its youth work programs.

Coordinating

In addition to the report on the Coronavirus, board members heard from Nathan Nichols of Central Illinois Public Transit. Nichols is the mobility manager for the program, which covers seven counties. He said that last year, they had 566 unduplicated riders in Montgomery County with 20,352 trips.

Nichols added the program offers all types of transportation, serving in-county needs first and filling out-of-county needs (such as doctor's appointments in Springfield) as they are available. They also offer some trips for seniors.

"We appreciate your constant support of this program," Nichols told the board. "Without you, we would not be able to operate like we do."

Following his presentation, the board unanimously approved both the intergovernmental agreement and resolution to continue supporting the program in the county.

In information systems updates, Young said the department had 95 work tickets in January, and that they got the email set up for the 708 Board members.

Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser gave an update on the census. She said that today (March 12) is the first day residents can fill out the information online and that they should be receiving an invitation in the mail that same day.

"Things have been very busy as the census is really close at hand," Leitheiser told the board. "Apathy is our enemy, and we want to overcome apathy. Let's give it all we've got."

She said the online process is very simple to fill out, offering that her office would be able to assist local residents. The Montgomery County Farm Bureau is also offering assistance for its members.

In a few final updates, Young reminded the board the next mayors' meeting was

held on March 11, where they discussed the animal control ordinance, and that the Montgomery County Water Company sold to EJ Water Company in Dieterich.

Road and Bridge

Board members unanimously approved the low bid for MFT oil letting for the county, which was Louis Marsch for \$155,082. They also unanimously approved the low bids for the township MFT oil letting bids.

The board would also unanimously approve pipe culvert letting bids from Metal Culverts in the amount of \$1,653.12 for galvanized culverts, \$1,755.28 for aluminum culverts and \$2,001.06 for poly coated culverts.

With two no votes, the board approved a petition from the city of Hillsboro for a bridge replacement on Seward Street. Engineer Cody Greenwood said this was just the first step in the project, offering that the county would split the project with the city. Voting no were Chuck Graden and Glenn Savage.

In an update to the proposed Walshville Road bypass, Road and Bridge Committee Chairman Gene Miles said the Walshville trustees are not in favor of the county's proposal because they cannot secure right of way from farmers in the area. They want the county to consider two other options, and Miles said they continue to discuss the project.

He added that the committee is also still discussing repayment to the county for the purchase of the Wright Automotive property by the highway department.

Finance

In addition to the discussion of the Foresight Energy contact, board members were presented with the annual audit for the circuit clerk's office. They will review it for 30 days and approve it at the next meeting.

Finance Committee Chairman Megan Beeler said that Supervisor of Assessors Ray Durston was working on setting up a meeting with Vistra on the power plant property. Initially, they were awaiting some legislation, but feel they need to move forward.

Beeler said the capital improvement fund showed a few small deposits, noting that Treasurer Nikki Lohman is doing a good job marking what the deposits are for. She added that they will start seeing additional coal royalty funding soon.

Beeler said there were no new IMRF updates, but said the county would be keeping a close eye on the pensions.

She said that she and Fogle were working on budget control policies, looking at what other counties have in place.

"A lot of it is in place already, and we are going to build on that," she said.

The committee discussed an engagement letter from KEB, who completes the county's audit, and said they are looking at auditing from previous years.

Beeler said they would also be bidding out professional services, like auditing and insurance this year, per their policy to do so every five years.

The board unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement between the 911 Board and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to keep 911 services in Montgomery County.

They would also unanimously vote to convey a deed in East Fork Township to Patricia A. Ryan Russo.

In a final note, Beeler said they are working with Joe Meyer and Associates on an issue with a deed conveyance in Taylor Springs. She said the county is taking care of its portion and Taylor Springs is taking care of its part.

HWE

In addition to the discussion about the sale or lease of recycling equipment, HWE Chairman Chuck Graden thanked board member Mark Hughes for bringing it to the committee's attention to reimburse County Coordinator Chris Daniels for her time filling in for the recycling program when Mike Hand resigned.

In elections news, Leitheiser reported that the county has received 213 votes by mail and 473 early voters.

She said the primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 17, and encouraged everyone to vote.

In EPA news, Graden said they hosted a retirement party for Phil Gonet, who retired at the end of February.

Buildings and Grounds

Building and Grounds Chairman Bob Sneed reported they would be fixing the north steps on the Historic Courthouse when the weather warms up, closing that entrance for about a week.

He also reported the boiler had been inspected and passed, and that they were planting some trees in front of the new courthouse and replacing some dead ones.

Sneed said they filed two insurance claims on the roof of the Annex building, but felt they were not going to get enough to pay for the repair work.

He said they are still working with the city of Hillsboro on getting an estimate to fix the sidewalks around the Historic Courthouse. They are also seeking more information about a proposal from Imagine Hillsboro for a mural on the north wall of the Annex building.

In a few final notes, Sneed said they signed a contract with Hillsboro Electric to replace lighting on the outside of the new courthouse building. They are also seeking bids for maintenance on three of the county's generators.

Economic Development

Economic Development Vice Chairman Ron Deabenderfer reminded the board that tourism requests for funding from the hotel/motel tax are due by March 27. Applications are available on the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation's website. They will be reviewed on April 6.

Deabenderfer said the county is still working with the University of Illinois Extension on a CEDS document, which will help the county apply for infrastructure grants.

He said the Planning Commission met Wednesday, March 11. They were discussing revising the wind ordinance to comply with state regulations. When finished, it would be presented to the full board. He also encouraged residents to be vigilant when signing a lease with a wind farm developer and make sure to seek proper legal advice.

Deabenderfer also reported that the Bicentennial committee held its first meeting on March 5, and is planning events for the coming year to kick off on Feb. 12, 2021.

EMA

EMA Chairman Bill Bergen reported they boxed up reports for the Litchfield Ambulance, and he expects they will be picked up soon.

Bergen added that they have received all the ambulance contracts, except Raymond, and they hope to have it in house soon.

In a 911 update, Bergen said the board is looking over the sheriff's office to update the equipment. They have been in contact with Motorola, and they are on the list to be upgraded when available.

Personnel

Personnel Committee Vice Chairman Sandy Johnson said they had a visit from Tony Johnston and Amanda Mast about employee health insurance. They reported that MetLife does not issue identification cards for vision and dental insurance.

To date, the county has used \$11,406 of its HRA this year, which is comparable to last year.

Johnson said they also continue to work on the revised drug policy, addressing cannabis use. The committee is awaiting possible changes from the state in the veto session.

Board members unanimously approved updated sexual harassment policy and training recommended by IT Manager Curt Watkins. Leitheiser said that all employees and elected officials are required to go through the training every year.

After paying the bills, board members voted to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. They will meet again on Tuesday, April 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro.



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Hillsboro School Board

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The board also approved transportation director Adam Gregg's recommendation to purchase two new gasoline Bluebird 77-passenger busses for \$97,206 each, and two new gasoline Bluebird 83-passenger busses for \$99,505 each from Central State Bus Sales of Fenton, MO. The cost includes six trade-ins, reducing the Hillsboro School District fleet from 34 to 32 busses.

The purchase cost will come from the Transportation Fund.

"We've had really good luck with our gasoline Bluebird busses," Gregg said of his recommendation of gasoline units in favor of diesels. He estimates saving \$18,000 over the life of a gasoline bus compared to a diesel considering the cost of fuel, electricity and maintenance.

During the meeting, the board conducted a public hearing to sell \$2.5 million in working cash bonds. As in recent years, the board has used working cash funds to shore up deficits in other funds, primarily the Education Fund. There were no comments during the brief hearing.

At the recommendation of curriculum director Hope McBrain, the board added a "do-it-yourself 2" dual credit course at Hillsboro High School, following up on the new course offered this year and taught by Tony Marcolini. If Lincoln Land Community College does not approve the course for college credit, it

will still be offered at the high school.

The board also approved McBrain's recommendation of a "music in America" dual credit high school course for students not necessarily in choir or band. Choir teacher Amy Lemons has already been approved to teach the class for Lincoln Land college credit, and the only cost would be an LLCC-required text book.

McBrain, Coffeen Principal Marci Gutierrez, school psychologist Amanda Cunningham and her intern Lucas Altenberger spent several minutes pitching the idea of "social emotional learning" in the school district to impact academic success, social behavior, and emotional distress.

"We'll be asking for your approval next month," Powell told board members.

Cunningham said data for the need for the program comes from an SIU School of Medicine research project in partnership with Hillsboro Area Hospital, and a screening survey for students grades three through 12. Those surveys showed that more than a fourth of the students in each school need social emotional support.

Some programs have already been begun in each school, including two speakers this school year.

Their solution? A new "choose love" curriculum developed in response to the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Connecticut in 2012. McBrain said it's

used in all 50 states, "and the best part is that it's free."

Gutierrez said the curriculum is for students of all levels—pre-K through grade 12.

The curriculum focuses on courage, gratitude, forgiveness and compassion, and includes lessons on character education, positive psychology, mindfulness, neuroscience and emotional intelligence. To learn more, parents may visit jesselewischooselove.org.

To help accommodate the new consortium with Litchfield, Nokomis, and Panhandle, the board agreed to a common school calendar with those districts that starts school on Aug. 17 for students next fall. For teachers, work begins on Thursday, Aug. 13. Christmas vacation begins on Dec. 18, and classes resume for students on Jan. 5. If all five pre-planned weather days are used, the last day of school next year will be May 28.

To begin the meeting, two members of the Hillsboro Junior High School Student Council presented board members with note pads and pens "to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of school board members."

Gutierrez told board members that a grant will fund a field trip for pre-K students, and that the process of transitioning Coffeen School to a pre-K center next school year is "off to a good start."

The board renewed its annual membership in the Illinois High School Association for 2020-21; as usual, membership dues are waived.



Above, from the left, are community theater members, Chris Funk and Lexie Stephens during an improvisational game titled Scenes from a Bag.

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Imagine Hillsboro Theater

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The Opera House donated their venue and the night's tips to the troupe while The Event Center of Montgomery County provided the group with rehearsal space and extra rehearsal time leading up to the event. The Event Center also loaned out chairs for the Wednesday Night Blender.

Sweet Addictions and Street Eats delivered to the Opera House and donated 20 percent of the evening's proceeds to the Imagine Hillsboro Theater Group. Local designer and illustrator Danielle Seago created a custom graphic for the event.

Additional event sponsors included Subway, Sage on Sage, the Garden Family Restaurant, N'Zuri Boutique, Black Rabbit Coffee, Greg

Holcomb-Country Financial, Sullivan's Drugs and AJ Banners, all of Hillsboro.

Orpheum Theater owners, Jeff and Julie Eisentraut, were in attendance to support the community theater group, who plan to make their home in the Eisentraut's (future) Grand Theater.

The informal theatrical event was produced by Blended Artists Productions, LLC, a newly formed productions company founded by Imagine Hillsboro Theater Group's Co-Directors Susan Collins and Sam Hampton. In addition to producing the show, the co-directors spent countless hours organizing the event, coaching performers, marketing and even delivering food when one of Street Eats' employees got sick.

The Blender featured a

mixture of monologues and improvisational games, performed by local actors Chris Sherer, Zach Wygal, Katrice Dugan, Taylor Meyers, Alex Miller, Terri Miller, Paula Keepper, Paula Bartz, Amber Kalaher, Rebekka Lindsay, Penny Lynn, Chris Funk, CJ Holman, Aubrey Reuther, Lexi Stephens, Denise DeLaCruz, Liz Huber, Sarah Marley, Kevin Brink, John Gibb, Brenda Gibb and Amy James. Towards the end of the evening, the community theater group even pulled audience members onto the makeshift stage to join in on the improvisational fun.

Imagine Hillsboro Theater Group plans to use the proceeds from this event to purchase much needed equipment.

Hillsboro City Council

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The bills Finance Commissioner Katie Duncan presented for payment totaled \$317,049.50. She characterized the amount as "...better than prior months, but still too high." That opinion was an echo of earlier comments she'd made about a potential purchase.

The other action item on Tuesday's agenda dealt with a proposal from Hurst-Rosche Engineers who asked for \$12,100 to do the preliminary engineering work needed before planned water main replacement work. Phase I is a property and topographic survey; Phase II is for design; and Phase III is for overseeing the bidding process. The proposal totalled \$12,100; it was accepted by the council.

During the departmental reports, Utility Commissioner Don Downs mentioned rental of a pothole machine (an industrial-size power washer designed to blast dirt from above buried mains so the mains can be repaired without digging, which might damage the mains even more) for recent use. The rental made locating water mains quicker when planning for potential Summer and Rountree intersection work. Downs hinted that it would be nice if the city owned a modern machine like that; Duncan pointedly asked if he hadn't been listening to her comments about holding the line on expenses.

Downs, Mayor Brian Sullivan, and Woodard & Curran representative Tim Ferguson explained the letter sent to Hillsboro water customers didn't mean an emergency exists. Current water tests show that no problem exists at the moment, but the average presence of the offending element was still above the norm. Ferguson said that based on past experiences, he expected the average would be fine after another cycle of testing.

Public Safety Commissioner Michael Murphy reported a shed on Mechanic Street had been taken down after complaints of youth congregating in the shed had been lodged. Two dilapidated sheds on Virginia Street were hauled away as well, and evidence exists of a clean-up of an old garage/shed on East Hillsboro is apparent.

What had been a troublesome property on Chase Street by the junior high has been rehabbed and is now a credit to the community, according to Murphy, but he mentioned other eyesores in town, especially any structure with a tarp roof. He said some residents will receive friendly reminders concerning ordinance violations in the mail soon.

Ignoring the two-hour limit to parking downtown is also an irritant; Murphy says that won't be tolerated, even by apartment dwellers. Mayor Sullivan pointed out that parking lots off Main Street can be used by those who need a spot for more than two hours.

Public Properties Commissioner Daniel Robbins said the dock for non-motorized watercraft (kayaks and canoes) is finished, and the spot for its installation is almost ready. Repairs are in progress at the campgrounds, where water will be turned on this week. Rock has been spread in low spots of the dog park parking area, and the city was represented by Jim May and Kendra Wright at a playgrounds conference.

The Street Department picked up brush and a dead deer near the police's shooting range (the location was a coincidence) and worked in filling potholes around town.

They also repaired water mains on Fairground, Kinkead, and North Welch.

The mayor said legal trouble might be in the future. A citizen complained on Monday that a vicious dog not on a leash attacked the citizen's dog in his/her yard. When the animal control center was called, no one responded. A dispute had arisen recently between the city and the county after a contract for services between the two expired and the city chose not to sign a contract offer with higher costs to the city.

The county's position

seems to be no contract, no service. The city's position is that animal control is the county's responsibility. Both feel the state statute supports its own position, and Mayor Sullivan thinks the matter may go to court for resolution.

Community Planner Jonathan Weyer attended a two-day grant writing seminar. He also said Aly Grady, who works for the state's economic development office, will be here next Wednesday, March 18, to tour and discuss the Eagle Zinc property. Also the Coop will have a major announcement to make on the 18th at the Opera House at 7 p.m.

City office personnel are ready to help residents file their census report online beginning Monday, March 23, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City Engineer Scott Hunt said the Central Park bridges application is ready to be forwarded to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the paperwork for Motor Fuel Tax revenue work is in the hands of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) wants an easement to the Coal Tar Oil Site; the city hopes to package that request with others. The state has verbally approved a five year plan for spillway improvement at the old lake, and Hurst-Rosche has begun field work on the Helston Place sewer project.

The Rountree/Summer Street intersection project is out for bids, and exploratory work there by the Street Department found some water lines there are only two feet deep. Hunt said that may create an extra cost for the contractors and the engineers to mitigate.

The council next meets on Tuesday, March 24, in city hall. Visitors are welcome at the 7 p.m. meeting.

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"I grew up in Teutopolis, but spent a lot of time in Hillsboro visiting my family," Sarah said. "Honestly, I grew up thinking that Hillsboro was the best place ever."

And although they reside in Shelbyville now, where Tim was born and raised, the family still visits Hillsboro on a regular basis, and the restaurant at the Hillsboro Country Club has always been a favorite stop.

In December, the family made the trip to Hillsboro for a screening of the new Star Wars movie at the Orpheum Theatre, and was disappointed to learn that Mulligan's had closed at the Hillsboro Country Club. Sarah's cousin, Lainey Fenton, made the comment that she wished they could just take it over. By the end of the night, the couple was on the phone with Marvin Traylor, president of the Hillsboro Country Club, working on a proposal.

"Lainey has been trying to get me to move to Hillsboro

for years," Sarah said.

And while they aren't moving to Hillsboro just yet, the McConnells are extremely excited to be part of the growing community.

The name Tobias Public House comes from Sarah's family roots in Hillsboro. Tim added that "public house" is the long version of "pub," and that the restaurant will serve American pub food and will be open to the public.

Both Tim and Sarah have long histories in the food service industry and are looking forward to sharing some of their ideas with local patrons. The menu will feature good sandwiches, burgers, fries and specials, based on customer requests. They also hope to get a pizza oven and have plans to bring back the salad bar.

"We will have a small, standard menu," Sarah said. "But we love to cook. And we love to be experimental."

In addition to the menu, the McConnells are sprucing up the restaurant space as well, and Tim stresses they will open the restaurant in

phases. They hope to open the bar space first, and will serve food as long as they have the staff to serve customers.

"We know there's a demand for us to be open," he said. "And we will open soon, but it might be just the bar for now."

Sarah, who works full-time as an office manager for Shelby Energy, added they are going to take it slow and work on it as they can, to make sure no one is disappointed.

"The community support has just been overwhelming, and we want to make sure we do it right," she said.

After all, it's all about their family.

"The Tobias family is very small and very close knit," said Sarah. "We just really want to embrace the family and share everything we love with the community, and bring everyone into the family."

For more information or employment opportunities, email the McConnells at Tobiaspublichouse@gmail.com. Patrons will also find them on Facebook and Instagram at Tobias Public House.

Short Agenda For Nokomis City Council

by Randy Rieke

With all members in attendance and an extremely limited agenda to work with, Mayor Russ Foster called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Nokomis City Council to order on Monday, March 9.

The council immediately heard from the only scheduled speaker, Jan O'Malley of the Nokomis Homecoming Association, who was there to request the council make a donation to the association in the form of the traditional advertisement taken out by the city in the homecoming sponsor ad book.

The council obliged and on a motion by Commissioner Jocko Nash, seconded by Derek Durbin, unanimously approved the purchase of a 2 x 4 advertisement for a cost

of \$50.

In other business, clerk Rachel Hill addressed the council on the merits of using a bill-pay feature offered by the First National Bank of Nokomis. In her presentation Hill pointed out that using the system would be more time efficient and cost effective in paying the city bills while still incorporating the security of requiring two signatures to disburse payments. The council could find no reasons to not try the system.

The council unanimously approved a motion by Commissioner Ann Brookshire for the city to start using the bill-pay system. The motion was seconded by Durbin.

Mayor Foster asked Commissioner Mike Holiday to contact Andy Hanfland, an engineer with the Farnsworth

Group, and request he attend the next council meeting to discuss a water line project. Foster also asked Hill to place the item on the next agenda so the council could address the issue properly.

Brookshire briefly suggested the city seek additional estimates from other firms, such as Hurst Roche or Woodard & Curran. Foster offered that bringing in a second engineering firm might be time and cost prohibitive for the city, but deferred further discussion on the topic to the next meeting when it was an agenda item.

With no need for an executive session, Nash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Durbin and approved unanimously by the council.

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Holly Lemons (R), Circuit Clerk

Holly Lemons is a Republican and the incumbent circuit clerk seeking re-election to the position.

She earned her bachelors degree from Blackburn College in 2005 and her masters degree from the University of Cincinnati in December 2009. She has served as circuit clerk since June 9, 2009. Prior to that, she worked as a probation officer.

As circuit clerk, she leads an office that keeps the official court record, managing the court's dockets and collecting the fines and fees. She has been on the leading edge of many of the supreme court's e-initiative projects including e-citation, e-filing, and e-record.

Lemons currently serves as president of the Illinois Association of Court Clerks. She is the chair of the Illinois Judicial College's Circuit

Court Clerks Education Committee, and she serves as a member of the Article V Committee. Locally, she is a mentor for the Montgomery County CEO program, a two-time president of the Hillsboro Rotary Club, and a member of the Farm Bureau. She is one of the first circuit clerks to be asked to teach at the Judicial Education Conference in 2020, and she has also been appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Forensic Science.

She and her husband and their four children live in Hillsboro and are members of the Net Community Church in Staunton.



Bryant Hitchings (D), State's Attorney

A Panhandle native and Hillsboro resident, Bryant "Butch" Hitchings is a Democrat running for Montgomery County State's Attorney.

Hitchings has been serving as state's attorney since Aug. 1, 2017, when he was sworn in to fill the vacancy created when Chris Matoush became a judge. Since taking office, he has obtained trial convictions in cases such as theft, aggravated battery to a correctional officer, and unlawful transportation of cannabis.

"I am running for Montgomery County State's Attorney because I grew up in Montgomery County, I am raising a family in Montgomery County, and I love protecting the community that my family has been a part of for over 150 years," Hitchings said.

He earned his bachelor's degree in legal studies from the University of Illinois in Springfield in 2006, and his JD from Western Michigan Cooley Law School in 2009.

Hitchings said he prides himself on being an honest, fair and approachable state's attorney who is willing to discuss issues with

county residents.

"I maintain an open-door communication policy for every crime victim, law enforcement officer and concerned citizen," Hitchings said. "I aggressively hold criminal offenders accountable for their actions and continue to combat the ongoing drug problems plaguing rural America. Also, I plan to actively work with the Montgomery County Board and other local government agencies on issues that affect our county."

He attends Hillsboro United Methodist Church and is a member of Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge in Hillsboro, the Hillsboro Lions Club, the Moose Lodge, and is president of the Montgomery County Bar Association.

He and his wife, Samantha, have one son, Walter.



Andrew Affrunti, (R), State's Attorney

Andrew Affrunti is a prosecutor in the Sangamon County State's Attorney's office running as a Republican for Montgomery County State's Attorney.

He earned an associate's degree from Lincoln Land Community College, a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, and his law degree from SIU School of Law, passing the Illinois Bar in 2008.

He began work in the juvenile division in the Sangamon County State's Attorney's office before taking a job in 2010 with the Logan County State's Attorney's office.

After working in private practice, he returned to the Sangamon County State's Attorney's office in 2013 and was transferred to the felony division in 2015 where he has pros-

ecuted hundreds of felonies including homicide, aggravated methamphetamine manufacturing, cannabis trafficking, aggravated robbery, residential burglary, armed violence, armed habitual criminal and Class X violations of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and Cannabis Control Act.

"I look forward to bringing Montgomery County the determination and drive that have led to overcoming the challenges in my life, as well as my proven experience in prosecuting serious violent crime," Affrunti said.



Randy Leetham (R), Coroner

Randy Leetham of Hillsboro is a Republican seeking reelection to the office of Montgomery County Coroner.

Leetham is a 16-plus-year Hillsboro police officer who has been serving in the capacity as Chief of Police since September 2016. He was elected as Montgomery County Coroner in 2016.

In October 2013 Leetham was appointed as deputy coroner by previous Coroner Rick Broaddus. He has continued to attend training conferences sponsored by the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiner's Association as well as training courses sponsored by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

"Though the coroner is responsible for signing death certificates, there is a great deal more that the office is responsible for," Leetham said. "The coroner is to be notified of each death that has occurred in Montgomery County. The coroner often works along with law enforcement agencies or requests assistance from police in the investigation process. With any at-home or unattended deaths that seem natural, the coroner's office is responsible for gathering medical information and coordinating with medical doctors to determine the decedent's cause and manner of death.

"I feel that my experience as coroner and previously being a deputy coroner has given me the knowledge that is a great asset to continue serving as Montgomery County Coroner," he added.

Leetham pointed out that during the investigation process there has to be an understanding of procedural issues. There are certain situations that may arise where search warrants may need to be obtained to protect citizen's right

to privacy. While obtaining certain statements some people need to be warned of their Miranda rights, an area where Leetham feels his training and work experience can be a great service to the office as coroner.

He is a 2000 graduate of Hillsboro High School and served as Hillsboro FFA chapter president in 1999-2000. After high school he attended Lincoln Land Community College, pursuing a degree in social and criminal justice, and was hired by HPD before completing his degree. He had joined the Hillsboro Auxiliary Police in 2000 and when appointed as a patrolman by former Mayor William "Bill" Baran in 2003, Leetham held the position of assistant chief of the Auxiliary Police. Leetham has served as a celebrity waiter for the Hillsboro Area Health Foundation at their annual Valentine Gala, usually seating three full tables of guests. He and his wife are both members of the Hillsboro Lions Club where he had served as club president in the past.

He is married to Holly (Gorsage), a teller at First Community Bank of Hillsboro, and is the son of Carl "Sonny" and the late Carol Leetham of Hillsboro. He and his wife enjoy boating on Glenn Shoals Lake, spending time with friends and family. Also in their free time you may catch them at a fundraiser helping with the Friends of Glenn Shoals Lake or behind the grill cooking for a Lions Club event. In the fall he enjoys hunting deer and gearing up for the spring turkey season.



Connie Taylor Beck (R), Board Dist. 1

Connie Taylor Beck of Litchfield is a Republican incumbent candidate for Montgomery County Board District 1. A lifetime county resident, she was reared on a farm northwest of Waggoner.

She graduated in 1966 from Lincolnwood High School in Raymond then earned a bachelor of arts degree at Blackburn College in Carl-ville before spending 35 years as a second grade teacher in the Litchfield School District. She retired in 2005.

She enjoys gardening, antiques, and helping son Shane and his wife Sarah and grandson Camden, who have a house in South Litchfield.

A member of Zion Lutheran Church, she also belongs to several educational associations and the Montgomery County Farm Bureau.

Since election to the county board in 2006, she has visited village meetings in Butler, Farmersville, Harvel, Raymond and Waggoner. In July 2008, she completed 24 hours of continuing education to become a certified County

Official (Level 1).

County residents, she said, have "a deep set of core values," but they measure value differently. For some, the highest value is the lowest tax rate or price. For others, it's the quality of service.

"Personally," she said, "I want top-notch quality and reliability at the lowest possible price. I hate to waste anything – including money."

Her priorities are to keep taxes low and the service level high, to "establish and maintain a connection with the Montgomery County electorate and to represent the interests of the voters with all the fervor they expect and deserve," and to seek common ground with fellow board members "upon which we can build toward a safe and prosperous future for every Montgomery County resident."



Jeremy Jones (R), Board Dist. 1

Jeremy L. Jones of Farmersville is a Republican running for reelection to the Montgomery County Board in District 1.

"My goal is to continue to work to maintain jobs in the community, such as the coal mine that many in my district and county depend on," Jones said. "I am constantly looking for new opportunities for our county when it comes to bringing in career-driven jobs. The population in our state is dwindling down due to horrible state policies, and I feel in order to maintain and grow our county population we need to focus on making our schools a priority. If our schools have a predominate focus, they could be the envy of other areas, similar to outlying communities that focus more on their schools, which in turn brings in people and businesses, similar to the practices under our current president that is working for America's economy."

As a member of the county board, Jones serves on the Workforce Development Board where he accepted the nomination for secretary. He is also on the EMA/Ambulance Committee and fought to keep 911 dispatch services in Montgomery County.

A graduate of Lincolnwood High School in



Raymond, Jones served in the United States Marine Corps; his last duty station was with top-secret security clearance in Washington DC at HMX-1, the presidential helicopter squadron. After his military career, he earned an airframe and power plant license to work on aircraft, then returned to Farmersville to work at Crown 3 mine for ten years until it closed. He is currently a highway maintainer with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

He is a deacon and board member at his church, junior vice-commander with the Marine Corps League where he is active in Toys for Tots, is a member of the American Legion in Waggoner and the VFW in Litchfield, is a concealed carry instructor, a former member of the UMW and current member of the Teamsters.

He and his wife Julie have three children, Tucker, who is currently in college, and Callie and Case, who are both in high school.

Rickey L. Broaddus (D), Board Dist. 1

A man who served as Montgomery County Coroner from 1988-2016 Rick Broaddus of Raymond is a Democrat running for Montgomery County Board in District 1.

As a county board member, Broaddus said he will work "to secure the future of Montgomery County" and "look for ways to make the budget less."

A 1972 graduate of Lincolnwood High School in Raymond, he works as the water and sewer superintendent for the village of



Raymond. He is an EMT for Raymond-Harvel Ambulance, a member of Community of Faith Church, the Raymond-Harvel Fire Department, the Litchfield Moose, Morrisonville Masonic Lodge, Springfield Ansar Shrine, and Asbury Cemetery Board.

He and his wife, Dana, have one son, Nathan.

Gene Miles (R), Board Dist. 2

Gene Miles, a Republican from Nokomis, is seeking reelection to the Montgomery County Board in District 2.

If reelected Miles said he will "try to keep an open mind and act responsibly in county matters, with special attention given to the committees on which I serve: on Building and Grounds and as Chairmain of Road and Bridge."

A retired used car dealer, he is a member of St. Louis Catholic Church, Nokomis Knights of Columbus, the Nokomis Masonic Lodge,



Christian County Shrine, Ansar Shrine and a past member of the Nokomis JCs. He previously served eight years on the Nokomis City Council.

He and his wife, Jane, have a daughter, Jessie, and two sons, Doug and Jeff, and five grandchildren.

Jim Havera (R), Board Dist. 2

A retired employee from the state of Illinois Health Care and Family Services for 31 years, Jim Havera of Nokomis is a Republican running for Montgomery County Board in District 2.

Havera said he is running to "help out in the county as much as I can," and "try to make Montgomery County thrive."

He has an associates degree from Lincoln Land Community College. He and his wife,



Tricia, have a daughter, Fallon (husband Mark) Sparks, son Tyler (wife Maggie) Havera, step children Kendall Clavin, Delaney Clavin and Benny Clavin, and three grandchildren, Piper and Wren Sparks and Autumn Havera.

Charles Graden (R), Board Dist. 2

Chuck Graden is a Republican candidate from Nokomis seeking election to District 2 of the Montgomery County Board.

He is a farmer and retired as a master sergeant after 30 years in the Illinois State Police. As public information officer, he taught school and adult safety programs such as child protection, self-defense for women, defensive driving, and was media liaison. He was also a field training officer and supervisor, defensive



tactics instructor, weapons retention instructor and member of the tactical response team.

"I have served on the Montgomery County Board for ten years," Graden said. "I enjoy being on the board, and I am running again to represent District #2."

Doug Donaldson (R), Board Dist. 3

A former school board and city council member, Doug Donaldson is a Republican from Irving running for Montgomery County Board in District 3.

"I will work diligently to make sure that the citizens of Montgomery County are represented well in every matter," Donaldson said. "Dwindling tax revenue will continue to present difficulties when dealing with issues such as roads and bridges, public safety, and numerous other issues. We must find creative methods to counteract shortfalls as well as increasing mandates resulting from new regulations. We must also find ways to make Montgomery County more attractive to new businesses which will increase employment opportunities for the citizens."

Donaldson served on the Hillsboro School Board from 2005-2009 and on the Witt City



Council from 2010-2015.

He earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Indiana State, and works as an instructor at the Illinois Department of Corrections Training Academy. He is a veteran of the United States Army, a member of the Witt Lions Club, and an executive board member of the Illinois Crisis Negotiator's Association.

He is engaged to Shelley (Knisley) Pearman, and has two daughters, Christina and Emily; a son, Anthony; step son, Heath (wife Xhian) Theriac; step daughter, Brittany (husband Jacob) Carlisle; and two grandsons and a granddaughter.

Jim Moore (D), Board Dist. 4

Jim Moore, a Democrat from Hillsboro, is running for reelection to the Montgomery County Board in District 4.

Moore, who served as Montgomery County Sheriff from 1982-1986, was raised in rural Coffeen and has lived in Hillsboro all of his adult life. He is a graduate of MacMurray College and is retired from the State of Illinois.

He currently serves on the county board's Personnel Committee and Finance Committee, and said he consistently works to hold department budgets down and has repeatedly encouraged the board not to spend the coal royalty funds for daily operations.

"The biggest issue the county faces is how to bring the county's expenditures in line with revenue now that the county no longer receives the coal royalties," Moore said, emphasizing that the county board

should do so in a fair and responsible manner and not raise taxes. "We had a budget and provided necessary services before we started receiving the royalty money, so we can find a way to do so now."

Moore said he will work to find ways to cut expenditures to produce a balanced budget and is committed to the responsible use of taxpayer's money.

He also serves as a Hillsboro Township Trustee. He is married to attorney Barbara Adams and has two children, Tom Moore of Scottsdale, AZ, and Audra Hughes of Hillsboro.



Richard Wendel (D), Board Dist. 5

Incumbent District 5 County Board member Richard W. Wendel, Democrat, seeks another term. He serves on the HWE and the Buildings & Grounds committees.

Owner of R&L Lawn Care, he retired after 37 years working out of Labor Local 1084 at Hillsboro. He had 12 years of schooling.

Wendel is a former trustee and member of Litchfield Moose Lodge 1634, member of Zion Lutheran Church, president (for 12 years) of the Crabtree Cemetery Association, and a

caretaker at Hart, Crabtree and Holy Cross cemeteries.

He and his wife, Linda, have three daughters and nine grandchildren.

The candidate said his goals for a new term are to create more jobs and save taxpayers money, keeping both taxes and costs down.



Russell Beason (R), Board Dist. 5

A retired teacher, Russell Beason of Litchfield is a Republican running for Montgomery County Board in District 5.

“Since moving to Litchfield from western Pennsylvania, I have tried to remain informed of the issues in Litchfield, have attended many monthly meetings, and ran for an alderman seat from my precinct,” Beason said. “I have also kept informed of county board business and the importance of county issues. Recently, the loss of the power plant and the short life of the coal mine piqued my interest, and I believe I am capable of participating in the analysis and decision-making connected with the role of county board member.”

Beason said he believes local decisions made today have an impact on the lives of not only present, but future generations.

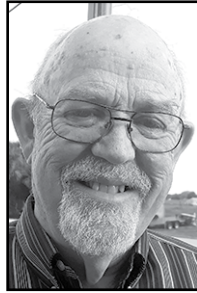
“All levels of the county culture are at risk if caring, informed citizens fail to provide wisdom and oversight to all levels of local and county government,” Beason said.

A graduate of Titusville High School in

Pennsylvania, he earned his bachelors degree from California University of Pennsylvania, his masters from Penn State, and has earned more than 60 graduate credits from not only Penn State, but also the University of Northern Colorado, Westminster College, and Slippery Rock University.

He is a member of Destiny Church in Springfield, on the executive board at Hearts United in Litchfield, and was a member of Kiwanis International while in Pennsylvania, serving as president in 1974-75.

He and his wife, Helen, have three children, Amanda Williams of Roanoke, IN, Rachel Huffman of Auburn, and Benjamin Beason of Carnegie, PA, and seven grandchildren, Hannah, Bethany Rose, Samuel, Isaac, Benjamin, Abigail and Noah.



Paul Sellers (D), Board Dist. 6

Paul Sellers, a Democrat from Hillsboro is running for Montgomery County Board in District 6.

“I would like to see some fiscal restraint brought to the board’s spending,” Sellers said. “Losing the power plant and its workers from the county tax base blows a rather large hole in future budgets. Granted, the coal mine has shown signs of starting up again, but hopefully the board has learned its lesson on spending that money and will put it away for the future, because we all know the coal industry is unstable and has shown us it can be here

today and gone tomorrow.”

Sellers believes a good place to look at “belt tightening” is to reduce the size of the county board from 21 members to 11.

A retired lieutenant with the Illinois Department of Corrections, Sellers is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro. He and his wife, Melissa, have two daughters, Fallon and Sophia.



Beverly McCoy (R), Board Dist. 6

A retired city treasurer, Bev McCoy of Hillsboro is a Republican seeking election to the Montgomery County Board in District 6.

“Having worked for 23 years as Hillsboro city treasurer, I have worked with numerous elected officials to make sure we have a balanced budget,” McCoy said. “I know first-hand how local governments must be responsible with your tax dollars. I also know that policies coming from Springfield and Washington can hurt local governments like Montgomery County. I will work with out state and federal

officials to make sure that does not happen.”

McCoy retired from city hall after ten years as water collector and 23 years as treasurer. She is a Republican precinct committeeman.

She has two sons, Aaron (wife Erin) McCoy and Cody (wife Kelly) McCoy, and a granddaughter, Addison.



Timothy Fogle (D), Board Dist. 7

To serve “in the public interest of county residents, and pursue financial responsibility and transparency of county government” are the goals of Tim Fogle, a Democrat running for the Montgomery County Board seat in District 7 to which he was appointed to fill a vacancy.

A programmer analyst/EDI specialist at Dometic, formerly Sierra in Litchfield, Fogle has an associate equivalent degree in electronics. He is a member of Moose Lodge 1634 and

Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro, is a Democrat precinct committeeman in North Litchfield 3, and serves on the CEFS Board of Directors.

He is married to former Carrie Baran, and has two children, son John and daughter Hannah.



Andy Ritchie (R), Board Dist. 7

A retired civil engineer, U.S. Navy officer, and Litchfield city administrator, Andy Ritchie of Litchfield is a Republican running for Montgomery County Board in District 7.

“My goals are two-fold,” Ritchie said. “First, I will represent the people in District 7 while simultaneously serving the interests of everyone in Montgomery County. Second, I will assist developing and implementing programs to promote businesses, business projects, and the general business climate for economic development in Montgomery County.”

Ritchie earned his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Florida, his master’s from Purdue, and completed the senior executive program at Smeal College of Business Administration at Penn State.

A retired Navy officer with over 30 years active duty, Ritchie was city administra-

tor and city engineer for Litchfield from 2007 until 2013, during which time he regularly attended county board meetings. Since then, he has been appointed to the Montgomery County Planning Commission, is vice president of the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center, and is president and founder of In Christ Alone Prison Ministry. He is a member of Living Stones Church in Litchfield.

The son of Patricia Ritchie, he and his wife, Pam, have two sons, Byron and John (wife Katie), a daughter, Sara (husband Aaron) Tull, a grandson, Ethan Ritchie, and granddaughter, Luna Tull.



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Journal-News Goes To Spring Training

“We saw them win three games, and of course, we took *The Journal-News* with us,” Linda Liebscher of Hillsboro said of a trip to watch the St. Louis Cardinals at Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium, their spring training home in Jupiter, FL. From the left are Linda’s brother, Norman Hayward of Belleville, Linda Liebscher of Hillsboro, and her brother-in-law and sister, Ed and Shirley Quinn of Belleville.



Pictured above are Lincoln Land Community College students who participated in the Midwest Model United Nations in St. Louis, MO. In the front row, from left to right are Jordan Bruder of Nokomis, Noah Faingold of Springfield, Maria Moore of Springfield, Jacob Brubaker-Lee of Springfield, Julia Kienzler of Williamsville and Dylan Willas of Petersburg. In the back row are Hayden Behl of Chatham, Olivia Dennison of Pawnee, Will Truman of Springfield, Olivia Knight of Springfield, Alec Poehls of Williamsville and Cheyenne Kesselring of Ashland.

Bruder Participates In Midwest Model UN

Jordan Bruder of Nokomis was one of 12 Lincoln Land Community College students to participate in the 60th annual Midwest Model United Nations in St. Louis, MO, from Wednesday, Feb. 19 through Saturday, Feb. 22. The students were led by Chris McDonald, Ph.D., professor of political science.

LLCC represented the Republics of Madagascar and Togo. The Togo delegation won Outstanding Position Paper and Honorable Mention awards.

Midwest Model United Nations is a collegiate organization dedicated to offering delegates a unique and challenging experience through a simulation of the United Nations. The conference allows students to gain a practical understanding of pressing international issues from a perspective outside of the classroom and broaden their awareness of international politics.

Model UN at LLCC has a long and distinguished history of engaging students in active learning and applied problem solving. This conference was the 17th one that Dr. McDonald has led.

“In preparation for the conference, the students conducted in-depth research into the countries they were representing in addition to detailed analysis of the topics they were assigned,” said McDonald. “These topics are drawn from the actual UN agenda and are issues with which the global community is currently dealing.”

McDonald went on to say that the experience is intense, and students are fully immersed in their role for the duration of the conference. Many former students report Model UN was an important and formative part of their college education and served them in good stead for future real world situations during their subsequent careers.



Lincolnwood Attends Ag Legislative Day

On Tuesday, March 3, 12 Lincolnwood FFA members traveled to the Capitol Building in Springfield for Ag Legislative Day. They made gift baskets and lunches, and later delivered them to senators and representatives. Members also listened to speeches about the importance of agriculture and the benefits of being a part of FFA. Lincolnwood also had a picture taken with State Representative Avery Bourne and a talk with Senator Andy Manar about FFA and agriculture. In the photo above are Lincolnwood FFA members with Senator Andy Manar. In the front row, from left to right are Jordyn Gerlach, Lexie Millburg, Cassie Krager, Maddie Krager, Rylee Welsh and Sydney Herman. In the back row are Senator Andy Manar, Katelyn Payne, Cole Steffan, Evan Hopper, Grant Jones and Sam Terneus.



Nokomis FFA Members Attend Ag Day

On March 3, Nokomis High School FFA members joined more than 500 Illinois FFA members at the 50th annual Ag Legislative Day at the State Capitol in Springfield. Members met with State Representative Avery Bourne and State Senator Andy Manar to discuss the importance of agriculture. Pictured above, in front, from the left are Laurel Forrester, Derick Bell, Ty Knodle and Alden Knodle. In back are Timothy Marley, Kendall Knodle, Nicholas Mascher, Donivan Boliard and Quentin Jamieson.

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For the second straight year and ninth time since 1992, the Lincolnwood seventh grade volleyball team is headed to the IESA State Tournament. In front, from the left, are Ellie Nudo, Kirsten Pope, Ashlyn Millburg, Morgan Hampton, Taryn Love and Kinley Morris. In the back row are Kennady Clayton, Morgan Cowdrey, Jazmin Seaton-Hobson, Ava Reif, Kierstyn Denney, Carly Armentrout, Audrey Germann and Braylin Crawford. The Lady Knights (27-0), who defeated Springfield Christian 25-11, 25-9 in the sectional in Nokomis on March 9, will play Kewanee Wethersfield (24-3) at 8:15 p.m. in Pawnee on Friday, March 13, in their opening game at state.

2019-20 A Rebirth For Lincolnwood Girls Basketball

by Kyle Herschelmann

They say that you have to crawl before you can walk, and learn to walk before you can run. This season, the Lincolnwood girls basketball team learned just how hard crawling can be.

After 34 years without a basketball program to call their own, the Lady Lancers experienced a rebirth with their first varsity team since the 1984-85 season. Like all new beginnings, this one had it's share of growing pains, but ultimately, if Lincolnwood can build on this year's lessons, future Lady Lancers will be the better for it in the end.

Lincolnwood started the season with 13 players and were long on athleticism, with most of the roster fresh off a successful 28-8-1 volleyball campaign, but short on basketball experience. None of the 13 had played basketball at the high school

level through Lincolnwood's co-op with Pawnee, although some had played recreational basketball when they were younger.

The absence of experience resulted in some tough times for the Lancers, who were outscored 312 to 1,100 this season in 21 games, all of which ended with Lincolnwood on the short end of the scoreboard. Their closest games were against Bunker Hill on Jan. 30, a 40-25 loss, and a 39-21 affair on Nov. 25, against Brussels in the Lady Lancers' first game in orange and black since March 11, 1985.

Not long after that game, a 54-48 loss to Hillsboro in the first round of the regional tournament in Raymond, the decision was made to cut the program, which went 2-13 that season according to a story in the *Montgomery County News*. Research trying to find why the program was cut has proved inconclusive,

but the decision was disappointing to many.

Cindy (Stewart) Roecker, was a key part of that 1985 team and was one of the ones heartbroken by the decision.

"Parents and players went to the school board meetings to try to save the program, but we weren't able to," remembers Roecker, who was a sophomore during the 1984-85 season. "There were a few people that were trying to encourage me to try out for the boys' team, but even that would have created challenges. There was no co-op or playing with other teams like with what we have seen evolve over the years at Lincolnwood. The options were just very limited, so I didn't play basketball after that, except in intramurals and pick-up games throughout college."

While she wasn't able to play her final two years of high school, the game has continued to be a part of her

life. Roecker, who scored a program record 38 points in Lincolnwood's final loss to Hillsboro, has coached her daughter Finley's basketball team at All Saints Catholic School near Tulsa for the last eight years.

"I started coaching her team back when she was in first grade and I've stuck with them," said Roecker. "The school only goes up to eighth grade so this will be my last year coaching, unless I drop down and coach my third grade daughter's team."

While her daughter's team has had it's fair share of success, including a state title in the Diocesan Middle School Athletic Association last year as seventh graders, Roecker can't help but think about what might have been if she would have been able to play all four years at Lincolnwood.

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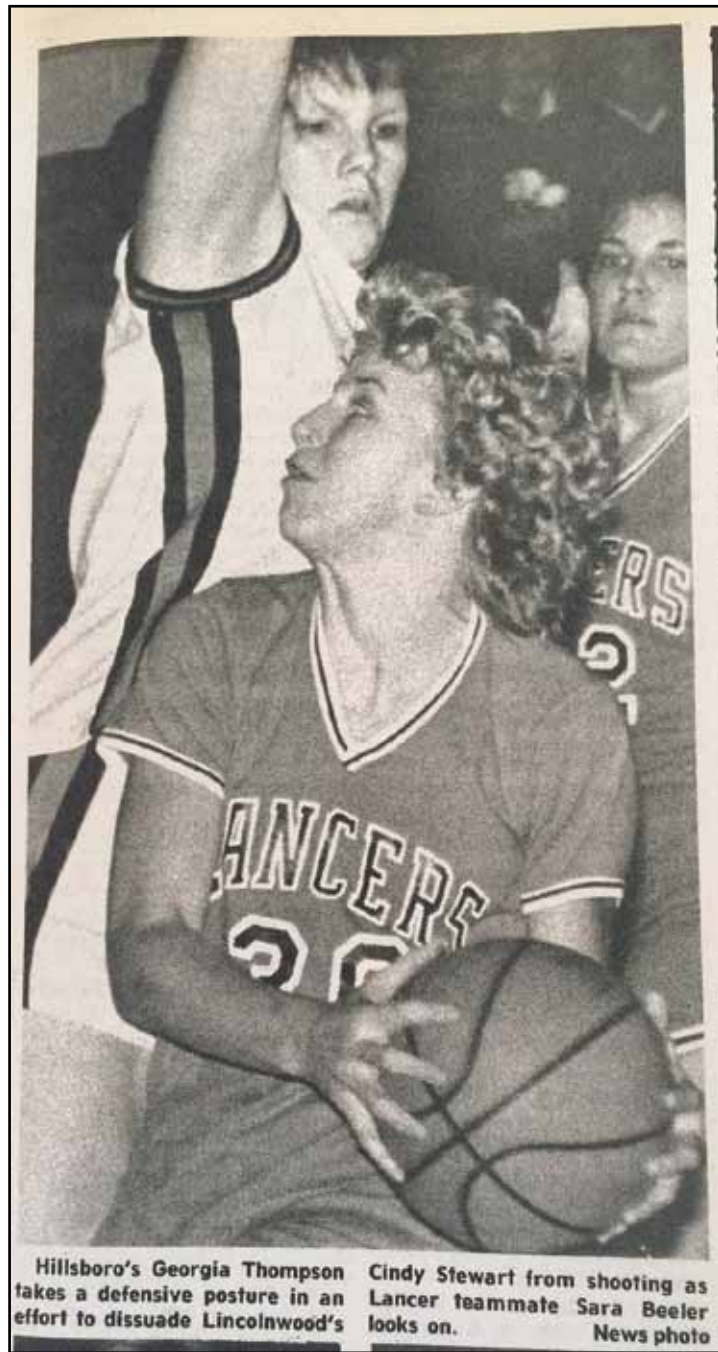
Lady Knights Are Headed To State

For the ninth time since 1992, the Lincolnwood Junior High seventh grade volleyball team is headed to the IESA State Finals.

The team, who finished fourth in Class 7-2A last year, earned their spot at this year's

tournament with a 25-11, 25-9 victory over Springfield Christian at the Nokomis Sectional on Monday, March 9. The victory was the 27th straight for the Lady Knights, who have not lost a set this season.

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Lincolnwood sophomore Cindy Stewart scored 38 points to set a school record for points in a game in the Lancers' 54-48 loss to Hillsboro at the Lincolnwood Regional on March 11, 1985. At the time, Stewart and her teammates didn't know that the game would be the last for the Lincolnwood girls basketball program, until it was resurrected this year.

Lancers Turn Off Court Losses Into Wins

by Kyle Herschelmann

After experiencing a 23 loss season in 2018-19, the Lincolnwood-Morrisonville boys basketball team had to deal with a different type of loss this past season, one that weighed much heavier than just coming up on the short end of the scoreboard.

The Lancer family experienced the loss of a teammate, Austin Krager, a senior on last year's team; a friend and broadcaster, WSMI legend Terry Todt; and a parent, Kim Hopper, the mother of Lincoln-

wood senior Evan Hopper and wife to Superintendent Aaron Hopper. Somehow, through all of that loss, the Lancers were able to become stronger, both on the court and off it as they experienced one of their most successful seasons in several years.

Led by a tight knit group of seniors, Lincolnwood would rally back from a 1-4 start to rack up a 21-win season, their first over 20 wins since 2016. They would also make it to their first regional championship game since 2016, eventually falling to an extremely

talented Calhoun squad on the Lancers' home floor.

The turning point for the team came in the new year, where Lincolnwood rattled off seven straight wins. The Lancers were 6-7 at the time, but never fell below .500 after that and were 15-5 in their final 20 games. The seven win stretch included a victory over Nokomis on the Redskins' home floor, just their third in the Coach Kimbro era. Nokomis would avenge that loss in the championship game of the Morrisonville Mohawk Classic, but by just one point

in one of the Lancers' most exciting games of the season.

While one of their best wins of the season came on the road, the Lancers were at their best at the Woodshed in Raymond. In their 14 games on their home court, Lincolnwood won 13, with their only loss coming to Calhoun in the title game. Away from home, Lincolnwood averaged 44 points per game and gave up 43.6 per contest. At home? They averaged 48.1 points per game and held opponents to a paltry 38.4 points per contest.

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2019-2020 Lincolnwood High School Boys Basketball Statistics

Name	G	2-point FG			3-point FG			Free-Throws			TP	PPG	REB	AST	ST	BLK	PF	TO
		Made	Att.	Pct	Made	Att.	Pct	Made	Att.	Pct								
Braden Whalen	23	13	30	.433	0	1	.000	10	24	.417	36	1.6	22	9	8	0	23	13
Braxton Schmedeke	33	11	25	.440	15	44	.341	11	16	.688	78	2.4	27	10	14	0	28	27
Tucker Lemon	14	0	0	.000	0	0	#DIV/0!	1	2	.500	1	0.1	5	3	2	0	4	4
Jhadyn Walker	27	39	74	.527	0	1	.000	18	31	.581	96	3.6	79	24	20	2	64	25
Will Jenkins	31	18	54	.333	50	142	.352	18	27	.667	204	6.6	45	26	34	5	39	55
Sam Herman	32	119	254	.469	6	36	.167	66	127	.520	322	10.1	164	9	38	19	70	75
Shawn Goebel	33	111	231	.481	25	73	.342	97	150	.647	394	11.9	141	86	56	20	69	70
Evan Hopper	33	44	131	.336	8	34	.235	38	56	.679	150	4.5	67	25	44	5	99	60
Devin Brown	31	20	34	.588	1	6	.167	5	14	.357	48	1.5	35	15	10	6	36	21
Cole Sidwell	33	12	38	.316	32	114	.281	39	51	.765	159	4.8	100	18	37	8	84	43
Levi Weir	7	0	1	.000	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	3	0	0	0	1	3
Dalton Thomas	17	6	9	.667	0	0	#DIV/0!	1	4	.250	13	0.8	6	4	1	0	4	0
Colton Tischkau	7	2	3	.667	1	2	.500	1	1	1.000	8	1.1	7	0	1	0	11	2
Totals	33	395	884	.447	138	456	.303	305	503	.606	1509	45.7	701	229	265	65	532	398
Points Scored: 1509 points = 45.7 ppg											Points Against: 1,366 points = 41.4 ppg							
Season Record: 21 wins, 12 losses											Conference Record: 4 wins, 3 losses							

Lincolnwood Boys Basketball

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Overall, this year was one of the Lancers' most successful on the defensive end under Coach Matt Millburg. The 41.4 points per game they gave up was the fewest in Millburg's eight years at the helm and the least since *The Journal-News* began tracking that stat after the 2007-2008 season. While their offensive numbers were down slightly from the 2017-18 and 2016-17 seasons, this year's average of 45.7 points per game was a three point increase over last year's squad.

The improvement overall of the team was a case that the whole was greater than the sum of the parts as Lancers formed a cohesive unit, particularly in the second half of the season.

Shawn Goebel, one of five seniors on this year's roster, started off slow, but came on strong in the end, finishing the season with 394 points, an average of 11.9 points per game. Goebel also led the team in assists (86), steals (56), blocks (20) and was second in

rebounds with 4.3 per contest. A unanimous all-conference pick by the coaches of the MSM Conference, Goebel was solid from everywhere on the floor, shooting 48.1 percent inside the arc, 34.2 percent outside of it and 64.7 from the free-throw line.

He would be joined on the all-conference squad by fellow senior Sam Herman, who was a second team selection after averaging 10.1 points and a team-best 5.1 rebounds per game. While he didn't play basketball last season, Herman didn't miss a beat, shooting 47 percent from inside the arc and contributing 38 steals and 19 blocks on the defensive end.

Evan Hopper, the third of three senior starters, was saddled with some of the toughest defensive assignments throughout the year, including 6'8" Carter Sabol in the Nokomis game. While the 5'11" Hopper had his hands full against some of these giants, his aggressiveness and hustle made up for any height difference. Offensively, he finished the year with 150 points

and was one of Lincolnwood's top free throw shooters at 68 percent from the line.

Dalton Thomas and Tucker Lemon would come off the bench in their senior season, both scoring their final points as Lancers. Thomas was a motivational force for the Lancers through his attitude and energy, while Lemon was also there for his teammates every step of the way, despite an injury that kept him from playing late in the season.

Replacing the seniors will be up to the rest of this year's squad, comprised of four juniors, three sophomores and a freshman. Junior Cole Sidwell averaged 4.8 points and 3.0 rebounds per game and was a weapon from outside the arc with 32 threes. Jhadyn Walker added in 3.6 points per game and contributed in the post, despite being undersized for the position.

Devin Brown showed flashes of brilliance in his junior season, averaging 1.5 points per game, but making 20 of the 34 shots he took inside the arc, a 58.8 percent shooting clip. The same goes for

Braxton Schmedeke, who averaged 2.4 points and shot 34 percent from behind the three-point line.

Sophomore Will Jenkins was the team's best three-point shooter statistically, hitting 50-of-142 threes for a shooting percentage of 35.2. His 6.6 points per game were third best on the team and could increase substantially next season. Fellow sophomore's Levi Weir and Colton Tischkau saw action in seven games each, a number that should increase next year. Braden Whalen saw limited minutes as a freshman but has the ability to turn any possession into points. If he can continue to develop, he could be a difference maker in 2020-21.

Time on the court will be just one factor of the Lancers' growth next year though. The team has seen some of the worst that life can throw at them and has come out stronger on the other side. That trait won't just pay dividends during the season though. It'll be a big asset in the real world as well.

THE COLLEGE REPORT • by Daniel Chamness

Matoush Wraps Up First Season



S a m m i M a t o u s h, a Hillsboro graduate, and the rest of the Washington University women's basketball team

will probably look back at the 2019-2020 season as the season they started to turn it around.

While most coaches would take an overall record of 14-11 mark as a successful season. Washington University is not the normal school. Not athletically or academically. In women's basketball, they have posted 20 or more wins in eight of the last 10 seasons. During two of those years, they were fortunate enough to play in the NCAA Division III National Final. They won the national title in 2010.

While they will lose all-conference player Kristina Schmelter, who led them in scoring, to graduation, the other three women, including Matoush, who averaged in double figures are slated to return.

Matoush scored 306 points and pulled down 114 rebounds this year. In addition to her respective averages of 12.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game, she also had 55 assists, 17 steals and two blocked shots.

The 5-foot-11 freshman scored her points by hitting 96-of-125 field goals, which included a 49-of-146 performance from beyond the arc, and 65-of-78 from the charity stripe. She started every game and averaged 28.8 minutes per game.

She led the Bears in minutes played and minutes per game. She was second on the team in points scored, points per game, free throws made and three pointers made. Washington University was 7-7 in the University Athletic Association.

Reid Detmers (Glenwood) improved to 3-0 as he was University of Louisville's pitcher of record in their 4-1 triumph over Wake Forest University. The Nokomis native, who worked six innings, allowed only four hits. He fanned 15 batters and walked two. The Louisville Cardinals, now ranked third in the country among NCAA Division I teams, is 12-4 overall and 2-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Abby Brockmeyer (Lincolnwood) poured in 19 points for Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, but it was not enough to power the Lady Salukis beyond Valparaiso University, who won a 69-58 decision. Brockmeyer, who hit 6-of-8 from the floor and 6-of-11 from the free throw line, completed the double-double with 11 rebounds and three assists. She started and played 30 minutes.

In SIUC's 58-41 win over Loyola University, Brockmeyer had eight points, a

team-leading 15 rebounds and four steals.. She started against the Ramblers and played 34 minutes. SIUC is 16-13 overall and 8-10 in the Missouri Valley Conference. They advance to the MVC Tournament in Moline and will play University of Evansville tonight at seven p.m.

Kyra Huber (Hillsboro) took seventh in the 60-meter dash at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships. The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh freshman dashed to the finish line in 7.93 seconds. She was also 14th in the 200-meter dash, finishing in :26.44. Wisconsin-Oshkosh took third with 92 points. University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse took first with 230 points.

Lexi Law (Litchfield) was 2-for-4 as her college team, Lindenwood University-Belleville, defeated Fisher College 2-1. Law, who walked, drove home one and scored once. In LU-Belleville's 8-1 loss to Indiana University-Southeast. LU-Belleville is 2-8.

Kendra Jacob (Hillsboro) had hits in two of Hannibal-LaGrange University's games in Kissimmee, Florida. The PFXA Spring Games were played at the Fortune RD Athletic Complex. Hannibal-LaGrange is 1-6.

Unfortunately for HLG, neither of Jacob's performances led to a victory. In the 8-6 loss to University of St. Francis, Jacob was 1-for-4 with a double and a walk. She was also 1-for-4 in the 6-5 loss to Spring Arbor University. The former Hiltopper drove home a pair of runs.

Kaili Hanner (Hillsboro), a St Louis University pitcher, worked the first two innings of SLU's 7-2 victory over Niagara University. Hanner, who did not get the win, allowed two earned runs on three hits. She walked three and fanned one. Thus far, Hanner has appeared in four games and made one start. In 4 2/3 innings on the hill, she has allowed six earned runs on six hits. The freshman has walked eight and fanned two. St. Louis is 6-13 overall.

Jade Scroggins (Hillsboro) scored 57 points for Hannibal-LaGrange women's basketball team this year. The freshman also had 26 rebounds. In addition to her respective averages of 2.4 and 1.1 per game, she also had 19 assists, 10 steals and three blocked shots. She scored her points by draining 16 field goals (five treys) and 20 free throws. HLG finished 5-24 overall and 3-21 in the American Midwest Conference.

Lizzy Luttrell (Litchfield) has a .333 batting average for Lewis and Clark Community College's softball team, who has posted a 6-1 record thus far. In nine trips to the plate, she has three hits. She also has three runs scored and one walk.

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Volleyball

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Their opponent at the state tournament, which will be held in nearby Pawnee, will be a familiar one to the seventh graders who played on last year's team. Kewanee Wethersfield, who enters the game with a 24-3 record, beat Lincolnwood 25-20, 25-23 in last year's third place game, handing the Lady Knights just their sixth loss of the season.

If Lincolnwood can get past

Kewanee Wethersfield this year, they will be guaranteed another state trophy and will take on either Champaign St. Matthew or Albion in the semifinals on Saturday, March 14, at 12:15 p.m. On the other side of the bracket, Augusta Southeastern plays Carrollton at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, followed by Lockport Taft versus Bloomington Corpus Christi at 5:45 p.m. The winners of those games play at 11 a.m. on Monday.

The championship match is set for 3:15 p.m. on March 14, with the third place match starting at 2 p.m.

Two other local teams were also trying to punch their tickets to state on Monday, but came up just short. Hillsboro fell to Staunton at the Pana Sectional 25-13, 25-6 to end their season with a record of 15-7. Morrisonville would win their opening game against Millstadt St. James 23-25, but lost the next two 25-16, 25-10 to end their season at 13-6.

2019-2020 Lincolnwood High School Girls Basketball Statistics

Name	G	2-point FG			3-point FG			Free-Throws			TP	PPG	REB	AST	ST	BLK	PF	TO
		Made	Att.	Pct	Made	Att.	Pct	Made	Att.	Pct								
Jasmine Vickery	21	0	5	.000	0	2	.000	0	1	.000	0	0.0	5	3	0	0	3	18
Lexie Millburg	2	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	2	0	2	0	0	8
Avery Pope	21	10	54	.185	3	30	.100	6	9	.667	35	1.7	67	32	27	2	29	154
Amanda Seelbach	20	1	4	.250	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	2	0.1	8	2	1	0	1	8
Shelby Hattenbach	9	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	3	.333	1	0.1	4	0	2	0	0	3
Mary Anderson	15	1	10	.100	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	2	0.1	6	0	2	0	6	3
Sydney Herman	21	5	22	.227	10	86	.116	5	8	.625	45	2.1	34	8	9	3	12	82
Maggie McClelland	20	17	70	.243	0	13	.000	4	11	.364	38	1.9	58	15	17	1	21	115
Cassie Krager	21	27	99	.273	1	16	.063	13	39	.333	70	3.3	143	24	27	0	33	106
Haelee Damm	21	6	34	.176	11	42	.262	5	11	.455	50	2.4	38	5	6	2	15	48
Cora Stevens	20	5	18	.278	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	10	0.5	32	2	5	3	22	8
Sophie Rainwater	21	4	25	.160	0	2	.000	2	13	.154	10	0.5	39	5	5	0	29	41
Katelyn Payne	18	19	75	.253	0	0	.000	11	27	.407	49	2.7	74	1	2	1	32	38
Totals	21	95	418	.227	25	193	.130	47	123	.382	312	14.9	510	97	105	12	203	632
Points Scored: 312 points = 14.9 ppg											Points Against: 1,100 points = 52.4 ppg							
Season Record: 0 wins, 21 losses											Conference Record: 0 wins, 5 losses							

Lincolnwood Girls Basketball

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"I think about it every single day I'm in the gym coaching my girls. I realize, just from a coaching perspective, I could be a better coach to them if I had four full years of basketball. I feel like I missed out," Roecker said. "I was so young and it doesn't really stick with you. Thinking back, all of the things I'm teaching them, I don't recall being taught that. I probably was, but I feel like I could have been a lot better if I would have been able to play four years."

With one school record to her credit and two more years to go, the sky might have been the limit back then for Roecker.

"Early on I was thinking I could maybe play in college. Who knows if that would have worked out. You can't dwell on that part," Roecker said. "I do think it would have been fun to see how things would have worked out if we would have

had basketball my four years there."

While Roecker wasn't able to play in college, others from Lincolnwood have made that step and are role models for this year's team. Sarah Hitchings, a 1997 grad who was one of the first Lancers to take advantage of Lincolnwood's co-op with Nokomis for girls basketball that began in 1993, went on to play for Bellarmine University after scoring 1,132 points for the Lady Redskins, currently seventh most all-time.

Va'Nicia Waterman, a 2001 graduate, was a key member of Nokomis' state title teams in 1998 and 1999, still holds the career scoring record for the Lady Redskins with 2,384 points. Waterman, who went on to play for Bradley, had the most points in the history of Montgomery County girls basketball for 18 years, until Hillsboro's Sammi Matoush surpassed her mark last

season.

While Hitchings and Waterman were done with their high school careers before any of this year's team was born, 2017 graduate Abby Brockmeyer provides an easier example on the possibilities that basketball can provide. Many of them can probably remember Brockmeyer dropping in shot after shot as a member of the Litchfield co-op squad, where she would go on to set a program scoring record with 2,362 points before heading to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Several players from the high school team and the junior high program, also in its first year, were in attendance for Brockmeyer's opening game of her junior season in November 2019 in Edwardsville. The 6'1" forward scored 16 points and had seven rebounds in the game, but more importantly, she took time to talk to the next generation of Lady Lancers

after the game.

That type of connection is what Roecker remembers from her time as a Lady Lancer, not the points, not the records and not the wins and losses.

"I think what I really valued in the program, I was only a sophomore at the time, was how supportive the older girls were to me," Roecker remembers. "There were a lot of good girls in the program. A lot of the time they were the same girls that were in volleyball and track with you. That's really what I remember the most."

The current Lady Lancers are on that same path. They've practiced together. They've lost together. And if they can stick it out through the hard times, someday, they'll win together.

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guests were in attendance. remainder of the meeting reminiscing.

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The celebrations concluded with a Sunday morning breakfast at Demi's Diner. Reunion organizers were Connie Wernsing, Renay Beasley, Norma Niemi and Janice Schneider.

MARCH 13, 2020

		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
CABLE BROADCAST	ABC	Shark Tank (TVPG) (N)	(D1) 20/20					Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline	
	CBS	MacGyver (TV14) (N)	Hawaii Five-0 (N)			Blue Bloods (TV14) (N)		Local	(35) Late Show (TV14)	Corden	
	NBC	Lincoln Rhyme: (N)	Lincoln Rhyme: (N)			Dateline NBC (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)	Late Night	
	FOX	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)				Dateline Programs (TV14)					
	ION	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles					
	A&E	Live PD: Rewind (N)	Live PD: "Live PD - 03.13.20" (TV14) (N)								
	AMC	Top Gun ('86, PG-13) ★★ Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.				(35) First Blood ('82, R) ★★ Sylvester Stallone.					
	ANIMAL	Tanked: Sea-lobrity Edition: "Fishin'" (TVPG) (N)			Pit Bulls & Parolees	Pit Bulls & Parolees	Sea-lobrity: "Fishin'"				
	BET	Boo! A Madea Halloween ('16, PG-13) ★★ Tyler Perry, Bella Thorne.				Tyler Perry's Sistars	Twenties	Boomerang			
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CARTOON	Movies	Burgers	Burgers	Rick/Morty	Dad	Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Batmanz	Tyson	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Overboard ('87, PG) Goldie Hawn.			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Cuomo Prime Time (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	CNN Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°				
COMEDY	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	People Pleaser (TVMA)	Cellar (N)	South Park	South Park	South Park		
DISCOVERY	Gold Rush: "Hunt for New Ground" (TVPG) (N)					Outback Opal Hunters	Gold Rush (TVPG)				
DISNEY	BUNK'D	Owl House	Raven	Disney Fam	Coop & Cami (TV G)	Unsitatable	Owl House	Jessie	Jessie		
E!	Next Friday ('00, R) ★★ Ice Cube, Mike Epps.			Friday After Next ('02, R) ★★ Ice Cube, Mike Epps.				The Funny: "Who Let"			
ESPN	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball: "ACC Tournament: Semifinal" (Live)			Sports	SportsCenter					
ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball: "Big 12 Tournament: Semifinal 2" (Live)			Max on	Nolan	UFC Live				
FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FREEMORE	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club (TV G)	Dr. Dolittle 2 ('01) ★★			
FX	(6:30) Men in Black III ('12, PG-13) Will Smith.			The Weekly	The Weekly	Ride Along 2 ('16, PG-13) ★★ Ice Cube.					
HGTV	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery	My Lottery		
HISTORY	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)	Ancient Aliens (TV14)	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)	Ancient Aliens (TVPG)			
LIFETIME	Supernanny (TVPG) (N)	(33) Married at First Sight: "Couples Couch" (N)			Bride Prejudice (TV14)	Supernanny (TVPG)					
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous		
NICK	All That	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	Sweet Home Alabama ('02, PG-13) ★★ Reese Witherspoon.				Sweet Home Alabama ('02, PG-13) ★★ Reese Witherspoon.						
SYFY	Friday the 13th ('80, R) ★★ Betsy Palmer.			Friday the 13th, Part II ('81, R) Betsy Palmer.				The Magicians (TV14)			
TBS	(6:30) Identity Thief ('13, R) ★★ Jason Bateman.			Ted ('12, R) ★★ Mark Wahlberg, Mila Kunis.			(15) Anne Frank Remembered ('96, PG) ★★	ELAQUE (TV14) (N)			
TCM	The Diary of Anne Frank ('59, NR) Jesse L. Martin, Joseph Schildkraut.										
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (TV14) (N)			90 Day (N)	90 Day Fiancé (TV14)	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé (TV14)				
TNT	Tour: Ragnarok ('17, PG-13) ★★ Chris Hemsley.			(45) The Wolverine ('13, PG-13) ★★ Hugh Jackman.							
TRAVEL	Kindred Spirits (N)	Portals to Hell: "Pausing Jail" (TV14) (N)			The Heartland (N)	Kindred Spirits (TVPG)					
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Men	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens		
USA	(6:30) SVU	Doctor Strange ('16, PG-13) ★★ Benedict Cumberbatch.			Family	Family	Family	Family	Family		
VH1	RuPaul's Drag Race (TV14) (N)			The Notebook ('04, PG-13) ★★ Ryan Gosling, James Garner.							
WGN	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Married	Married	
PREMIUM	HBO	Unbreakable ('00, PG-13) ★★ Bruce Willis.			Real Time Maher (N)	High Maint	Real Time (TVMA)	High Maint			
	SHOW	(6:35) First Man (18, PG-13) ★★ Ryan Gosling.			Strike (N)	Strike Back (TVMA)		(42) Jurassic World: Fallen ('16) ★★			
	MAX	(5:50) Real Steel ('11)	The Trade (TVMA) (N)		ShoBox: The New Generation (Live)						

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC	American Idol: "305 Auditions" (TVPG) (N)			The Rookie (TV14) (N)		Local Programs (TV14)			(.35) Local (N)
	CBS	God Frieded Me (N)	NCIS: New Orleans (N)		NCIS: New Orleans (N)		Local Programs (TV14)			Local Programs (TV14)
	NBC	Little Big Shots (TV G)	Zoey's Extra. (TV14) (N)		Good Girls (TV14) (N)		Local Programs (TV14)			
	FOX	Simpsons [Duncanvil. (N)]	Burgers [Family Guy (N)]		Local Programs (TV14)					Local
	ION	NCIS: Los Angeles	Chicago P.D. (TV14)		Chicago P.D. (TVPG)		Chicago P.D. (TV14)		Chicago P.D. (TV14)	
CABLE	A&E	S.W.A.T.: (103, PG-13) ★★ Samuel L. Jackson, Colin Farrell.			(.32) White House Down (13, PG-13) ★★ Channing Tatum.					
	AMC	(.55) The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead (N)		Talking Dead (TV14) (N)		(.04) The Walking Dead		Uited w/ Norman (N)	
	ANIMAL	The Aquarium (N)	Unfiltered (N)		Lone Star Law (TV14)		Lone Star Law (TV14)		Rifftride	
	BET	Get Married Too (10) ★	Diary of a Mad Black Woman (05, PG-13) ★★ Kimberly Elise.						Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)	(13) Family Karma (N)		Watch What		The Real Housewives of Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset	
	CARTOON	Burgers [Dad	Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick/Morty	Balmainstrz	Shivering
	CMT	Varsity Blues (99, R) ★★ James Van Der Beek.			The Replacements (00, PG-13) ★★ Keanu Reeves.				Sandlot	
	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
	COMEDY	Blended (14, PG-13) ★★ Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore.			(.45) Grown Ups (13, PG-13) Adam Sandler, Kevin James.					
	DISCOVERY	Naked and Afraid (TV14) (N)			Rog Ribbe: Global (N)		(.01) Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
	DISNEY	Raven (N)	Just Roll	BUNK'D	Unsitatable	Disney Fam [Sydney	Disney Fam	Just Roll	Jessie	Jessie
	E!	(6:00) The Hangover (09, R) ★★	Couples Retreat (09, PG-13) ★★ Vince Vaughn.						Botched: "Bigger Isn't"	
	ESPN	(6:00) Bracketology	NBA Basketball: Denver vs Los Angeles (Live)					SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt		
	ESPN2	(6:00) NFL Football: Los Angeles vs Seattle (Live)			Bracketology (Taped)			Cornhole (Taped)		
	FOOD	Buddy vs. Duff (N)	Buddy vs. Duff (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Buddy vs. Duff (TV G)	
	FREEMORE	Dawn 1 ★★ The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 2 (12, PG-13) Kristen Stewart.			Fast & Furious 6 (13, PG-13) ★★ Vin Diesel, Paul Walker.			Twister (96, PG-13) ★★ Helen Hunt.		
	FX	The Fate of the Furious (17, PG-13) Vin Diesel.								
	HGTV	Makeover (TV G)	Makeover: Home (N)		100 Day Dream Home		Home Town (TV G)		Makeover: "Tornado"	
	HISTORY	Navy SEALs: America's Secret Warriors: "Extended Edition" (TV14)			(.03) My Husband's Secret Life (18) Kara Killmer.				Navy SEALs (TV14)	
	LIFETIME	Into the Arms of Danger (20) Cathy Moriarty.							(.01) Into the Arms (20)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NICK	Dylan	Substitute	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	Bar Rescue (TVPG)	Bar Rescue (TVPG)		Bar Rescue (TVPG) (N)		Bar Rescue (TVPG)		Bar Rescue (TVPG)		
SYFY	(6:00) Star Trek Beyond (16, PG-13)	The Hitman's Bodyguard (17, R) ★★ Ryan Reynolds.						Futurama	Futurama	
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Tang Young De	Tacomia FD	Tacomia FD	Tacomia FD	Tacomia FD
TCM	The Major and the Minor (42, NR) ★★ Ginger Rogers.					Too Young to Kiss (52, NR) ★★ June Allyson.		The Blob		
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (TV14) (N)			Sister Wives (TV14) (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (TV14)		
TNT	Black Panther (18, PG-13) ★★ Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan.					Immortals (11, R) ★★ Henry Cavill.				
TRAVEL	Paranormal (TVPG)			Paranormal (TVPG)		Paranormal (TVPG)		Paranormal (TVPG)		
TV LAND	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	Men
USA	SVU: "Sunk Cost"	SVU: "The Book of I"		SVU: "Revenge"		Family	Family	Family	Family	Family
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	Man	Man	Man	Man	Man	Married	Married	Married	Married	Married
PREMIUM	HBO	Hobbs & Shaw (19) ★★	Westworld (TVMA) (N)		Avenue 5	Curb Your	Oliver (N)	(.50) Westworld (TVMA)		
	SHOW	Bad Times at the El Royale (18, R) ★★ Jeff Bridges.				(.25) Ocean's 8 (18, PG-13) ★★		Cowboys & Aliens (11)		
	MAX	The Circus	Cartoon	Homeland (TVMA) (N)	Black Moon.	Homeland.	Homeland (TVMA)		Black Moon.	Black Moon.

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Out & About

4B - Thursday, March 12, 2020

Project Third Day Plans Bags Tournament

Members of the Project Third Day-Panhandle Organization are hosting their annual Bags 4 Bags Tournament on Saturday, April 4, at Magnuson Grand Hotel in Raymond.

Registration is from 12 to 1 p.m. and the tournament will begin at 2 p.m. The cost is \$30 per team. Cash prizes for first place and second place winners will be awarded. The event will also feature Plinko, a 50/50, mega raffle, custom bags sets, live auction and a silent auction.

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward filling bags with nonperishable, easy to prepare food items. The bags will ensure children in the Panhandle School District have plenty of food to eat over three-day weekends during the school year.

Pre-register your team by Saturday, March 28, by messaging Project Third Day-Panhandle on Facebook or by calling 618-570-8089.

The Magnuson Grand Hotel is located at 19067 West Frontage Road in Raymond.

Coffeen Church Soup Supper Will Be March 20

Coffeen Free Methodist Church will hold an all-you-can-eat soup supper on Friday, March 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 207 S. Church Street in Coffeen.

The cost of the meal is a donation, and will consist of chili, vegetable soup, green chilies soup, grilled cheese, dessert and drinks. Dine-in, carryout and delivery will be available.

All proceeds from the supper will benefit the youth group and missions.



From the left, cast members of the LAFN NAFNL production are Gina Burke, Terri Miller, Jason Burke and Heather Hampton+Knodle, shown in an on-line promotion featuring musical acts that did not make the cut for this year's performance.

St. Louis School Serving Up Laughs

What is LAFN NAFNL? The cure for *Cabin Fever* patterned after popular skits from classic television characters. It's Live After Friday Night or the Night After Friday Night Live on Saturday, April 4 at the Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs.

St. Louis School of Nokomis is hosting this fun night out, rated teen and up, to enjoy at least 16 skits and performances that will make you laugh or at least chuckle.

This live, original entertainment will be performed by locals including Jason and Gina Burke, Heather Hampton+Knodle, Brea Cox and Brooke Gross, Dustin Jones, Terri and Alex Miller, and up and coming stars Dawsen Loafman, Erin Kistner, Aaron Robinson and Jeremy Brown. Look for cameo appearances by Rick Robbins, Nikki Lohman, Scott Stauder Joe Gasparich and more. Live music for the show will be performed by the *Big Shake Daddies* ten-piece band.

Guests will receive a bento box of sweet and salty snacks plus the evening's signature drink, "Holy Water" or their choice of drink from the bar.

General Admission tickets



Steph Kilzer of Witt and Joe Gasparich of Nokomis are part of the crew for LAFN NAFNL.

receive one drink ticket while reserved seat ticket holders receive two drinks, a swag bag and a numbered seat just for them.

Another seating option, reserved tables of eight, are selling quickly. Book tickets now by contacting Lucy Messmore at 217-827-6633 or Danielle DeWerff at 217-820-0459.

The evening will also debut some original and quirky commercials featuring LAFN NAFNL commercial sponsors, including CTI, Country Financial Nathan Clementz, Security National Bank, Tosetti and Associates, Wareham's Security, Nokomis Autobody,

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All ticket holders have the option to receive a complimentary soft drink with their purchase of an adult meal on April 4 at one of the participating restaurant partners printed on the back of each ticket, Mi Azteca, Nokomis Dairy Queen and Town Pump Bowl.

Businesses interested in sponsorship or including items in the swag bag for reserved ticket holders can call Heather Hampton+Knodle 217-538-2171.

Reno Baptist Will Host Soup, Chili Supper

The Reno Southern Baptist Women of Faith will host a

soup and chili supper on Saturday, March 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sorento Firehouse, 101 N. Main Street in Sorento. The menu will include a bowl of chili or vegetable soup, a hotdog or peanut butter sandwich, a dessert and a drink.

Price of the meal is \$8 for

adults, \$5 for kids ages six to 12, and \$3 for children ages five and under. A chili dog meal will also be available for \$6.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, March 12

6 p.m. - Litchfield VFW Auxiliary, VFW Hall
7 p.m. - Photo Imaging Club, LLC, Litchfield
7 p.m. - Moncravie Legion Post #425 and Auxiliary, Irving Century House
7:30 p.m. - Royal Arch Masons #197, Hillsboro Masonic Hall
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield VFW Post 3912, Post Home
8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, First Baptist Church, Litchfield

Friday, March 13

4 to 8 p.m. - Fish and Chicken Dinner, Hillsboro Moose Lodge
4 to 8 p.m. - Shoal Creek Fire Protection District Fish Fry, Sorento Fire House
4:30 to 7 p.m. - Lenten Fish Fry, Nokomis St. Louis Parish Center
5 to 7 p.m. - Lenten Fish Fry, The Event Center of Montgomery County, Hillsboro
5 to 7 p.m. - Lenten Fish Fry, Raymond KC Hall

Saturday, March 14

8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Illinois Extension Master Gardeners All Gardeners Day, Holy Family Catholic Church Parish Center
9 a.m. to Noon - Free Skin Cancer Screenings, Hillsboro Area Hospital
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Irving United Methodist Church Ham and Bean Supper

Sunday, March 15

7:30 a.m. to Noon - Farmersville-Waggoner Volunteer Fire Department Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, Farmersville KC Hall
1 p.m. - Crabtree Ringers Horseshoe Club, Old Crabtree School, Litchfield
2 p.m. - Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Litchfield Museum and Rt. 66 Welcome Center
3 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis

Monday, March 16

10 a.m. - Raymond-Harvel Home Arts Club, Tosi's
3:30 to 5 p.m. - Hillsboro Public Library Lego Club
5:30 p.m. - Breaking Bread, First Baptist Church, Litchfield
6:30 p.m. - Nokomis St. Louis School Open House
7 p.m. - Coffeen City Council
7 p.m. - Panhandle Board of Education, Lincolnwood Library
7 p.m. - Raymond Village Board
7 p.m. - Nar-Anon Family Group, Mt. Olive Care Center, 120 East Main Street
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield American Legion
7:30 p.m. - A Day At A Time Group Meeting, 1st Baptist Church, 608 North Van Buren, Litchfield

Tuesday, March 17

7 a.m. - Hillsboro Sertoma Club, Hillsboro Moose Lodge
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Blood Drive, Lincolnwood High School
6 p.m. - Nar-Anon Meeting, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis
6:15 p.m. - Hillsboro Public Library Board
6:30 p.m. - Community Bingo, Heritage Manor, Litchfield
6:35 p.m. - IL TOPS #1708, Southside Church, weigh-in 6 p.m.
7 p.m. - Taylor Springs Village Board
7 p.m. - Nokomis School Board
7 p.m. - Panama Village Board
7 p.m. - ACTS Substance Abuse Program, Cornerstone Apostolic Fellowship of Litchfield (324-2030)
7 p.m. - Al-Anon Meeting, St. Francis Hospital, Litchfield
7 p.m. - Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, County Board Room, Hillsboro Historic Courthouse
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield Moose Lodge #1634
7:30 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous, 325 N. Madison, Litchfield
7:30 p.m. - Litchfield Masons #236
7:30 p.m. - Zonta Club, Evergreen Place, Litchfield
8 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, St. Agnes Catholic Church, Hillsboro

Wednesday, March 18

7 a.m. - HSHS St. Francis Farm Family Event, Lincoln Land Community College, Litchfield
7 a.m. - Litchfield Rotary Club, Maverick Steaks & Spirits
8:15 a.m. - TOPS Chapter #IL 2468 weigh-in, Litchfield Comm. Center
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Litchfield Museum and Rt. 66 Welcome Center
Noon - Hillsboro Rotary Club, Canton Inn
6 p.m. - Nar-Anon Meeting, Standing Against Addiction and Drugs Office, 119 West State Street, Nokomis
7 p.m. - Alzheimer Support Group, Hillsboro Rehab & Health Care
7 p.m. - Bingo, Litchfield Moose Lodge

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Fire Calls

Grass Fire

Members of the Witt Fire Department responded to a grass fire at 627 South Main Street at 2:12 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

Twelve personnel responded and were on scene for one hour. No damage was sustained.

Field Fire

On Sunday afternoon, March 8, five firefighters from the Nokomis Fire Department responded to a field fire on 17th Avenue in Nokomis.

Firefighters were on scene for a half an hour. While on scene, the fire department received a mutual aid call to Pana, which was cancelled. Personnel also received a call for mutual aid to Witt, to which they responded.

Mutual Aid

On Sunday, March 8, eight firefighters from the Shoal Creek Fire Protection District were called out as mutual aid to a fire outside of New Douglas. Upon arrival, the fire had been put out.



Pictured above are members of the Lincolnwood FFA Chapter who competed in the District 3 Proficiency Awards event on Wednesday, March 4. In front, from the left, are Sara Slightom, Sam Terneus, Bree Boehler, Jordyn Gerlach, Kylie Neisler, JoBeth Matli and Cole Riemann. In the back row are Will Jenkins, Evan Hopper, Jim Stieren, Cora Stevens, John Speeks, Kaylee Gerlach and Matthew Weitekamp. Not in attendance was John Bradley Welsh.

Lincolnwood FFA Chapter Competes In Proficiency

Fifteen members of the Lincolnwood FFA Chapter competed in the District 3 Proficiency Awards event on Wednesday, March 4, at Jacksonville High School.

Students were first selected as section winners in their respected areas on Wednesday, Feb. 12. That would earn them advancement to the district level.

FFA members who participated, as well as their areas, include Evan Hopper,

nursery operations; Bree Boehler, poultry production; Sara Slightom, sheep production; John Bradley Welsh, specialty animal production; Jordyn Gerlach, specialty crop production; JoBeth Matli, swine production placement; Cole Riemann, discovery star ag placement; Kylie Neisler, discovery star ag science; Kaylee Gerlach, discovery star agri business; John Speeks, ag mechanics-design and fabrication; Jim

Stieren, ag mechanics-repair and maintenance (entrepreneur); Matthew Weitekamp, ag mechanics-repair and maintenance (placement); Sam Terneus, agricultural processing; Cora Stevens, veterinary science; and Will Jenkins, wildlife production and management.

Lincolnwood High School was honored to have four students advance to the state level of competition that will be held Saturday, March 21,

at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana. Students advancing to state are Sam Terneus, Jordyn Gerlach, Kaylee Gerlach and Kylie Neisler.

"The Lincolnwood FFA Chapter would like to congratulate all of our section and district winners and thank all of the parents that volunteered to be judges," said Lincolnwood FFA Advisor Monty Elvidge.



Hillsboro FFA Members Vie At District Contest

Hillsboro FFA member Erin Kistner of Witt, at right, was selected as the District FFA proficiency winner in ag communications on Wednesday, March 4 in Sullivan. Fellow member Garrett Schaaque of Fillmore also competed in District judging in fire safety, finishing in the top five.

Illinois FFA recognizes students in 50 different areas based on their work-based learning, known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAE. FFA members select areas of interest and keep detailed records of hours and type of work they have completed in each area. Both of the members were the Section 19 winners in their areas in February, moving on to District competition in Sullivan, where they were interviewed by a panel of judges.

Kistner will now move on to the State FFA awards selection interview at the University of Illinois on Saturday, March 21.

Submitted by Hillsboro FFA Reporter Erin Kistner

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Auctioneer's Note: Tony and Shirley were well known in the Nokomis community. Abbreviated sale bill due to advertising deadlines. 8-10 wagon loads sale day. Hope to see you on the 14th.

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SAT, MAR. 14 - 10 a.m. Estate auction held at Micenheimer Auction Building approx. 4-1/2 miles South of Taylorville on C.C. #1. Furniture, Antiques, Doll Collection, Chicken Collection & more for Clarence "Tony" and Shirley Vandenberg. Cory M. Meyer, & James A. Micenheimer, auctioneers. 217-710-5642.

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SAT, MAR. 21 - 10 a.m. Spring consignment auction at Tri-County Tractor, Sunderland Rd., Jerseyville. Farm machinery, tractors, trucks, tools, const. equip., hay equip., trailers, vehicles, livestock equip., campers, boats, cars, misc. items. Consignments wanted, call today. Hanold Auctioneering, 618-781-9810, www.hanoldauctioneering.com.

SAT, MAR. 21 - 10 a.m. Coin auction held at Indian Springs Golf Course, 6 mi. E of Coffeen, Fillmore. 384 lots incl. gold, silver, key dates, more. Go to www.auctionzip.com ID#13756 for complete list. Eric White, auctioneers, 217-556-2135.

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

SUN., MAR. 22 - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only auction of JD tractor, field cult., JD planter, 2014 Chevy Tahoe. See items at Micenheimer Auction lot south of Taylorville. Bidding: <https://micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com>. Lloyd Washburn & others, owners. Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services, 217-820-9324 or 217-710-5642.

SUN., MAR. 22 - 9 a.m. at Bond Co. fairgrounds, 608 Ridge Ave., Greenville. Now accepting consignments of tractors, const. equip., vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, RTVs, livestock/farm equip., lawn & garden, tools, etc. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne & Adam Mollett, auctioneers, 618-920-6694, 618-267-3086.

THURS., MAR. 26 - 6 p.m. Bidding closes for online consignment auction at Langham Outdoors, 822 Powder Rd., Donnellson. Bid at Langhamauctioneers.hibid.com. Consignments accepted Mar. 10-14, Noon-5 p.m. Inspection Mar. 19-20, Noon-5 p.m. Tractors, combines, headers, tillage equip., planters, trucks. Langham Auctioneers, 618-267-8400, 618-410-6286, 618-292-9412.

SUN., MAR. 29 - 9:30 a.m. at 8337 Dustman Rd., Worden. Farm & construction consignment auction. Call now to consign. Wieseman Auction Service, Joe Wieseman 618-779-2741, Gene Wieseman 618-540-5165.

SUN., MAR. 29 - 9 a.m. Consignment auction at Britz Auction Service, I-55 & Rt. 104, exit 82. Now accepting consignments. Robert Britz, auctioneer, 217-725-3333, adcock-britzauktion.com.

SAT, APR. 4 - Ramsey's 59th Community Sale. Put your consignments on the Sale Poster by turning them into the Ramsey News-Journal or leave message at 618-267-6012. Sponsored by Ramsey Lions Club.

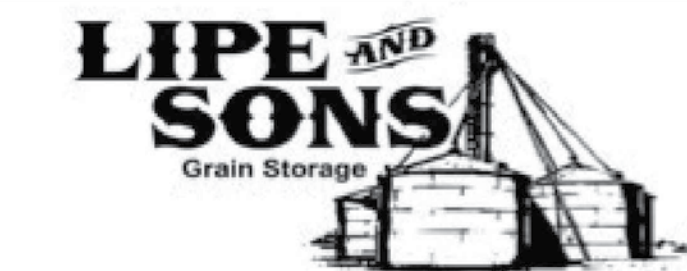
SAT, APR. 4 - 10 a.m. at 817 S. State St., Litchfield for the estate of Paul & Mary K. Meyer, "Paul's Watch Repair". Antiques, collectibles, furniture, more. Cory M. Meyer, auctioneer.

SAT, APR. 18 - 9 a.m. Annual Spring Consignment Auction. Located at Ohlman, N. of Rt. 16 on N. Walnut. Vehicles, tractors, laawn mowers, farm-related items, lawn & garden, plus misc. items. Dennis Aumann, www.dennisaumann.com 217-825-6384 or 217-563-2143.

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.

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Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 • Feb. 26, 2020

Position: Junior High Physical Education Teacher with possible coaching assignments. **Certificate:** Illinois Professional Educator's License with K-12 Physical Education Endorsement or K-9 Physical Education Endorsement. **Job Description:** Instructing Junior High students in Physical Education. **Starting Date:** Beginning 2020-2021 School Year. **Salary:** Teacher's Salary Schedule/Labor Contract.

Submit Application/Resumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to:

Donald VanGiesen, Principal, Hillsboro Junior High School, 909 Rountree Street, Hillsboro, IL 62049

e-mail to: dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net

Due By: March 13, 2020

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--- VACANCY NOTICE ---

HHS is seeking to fill the following coaching positions for the 2020-21 school year.

Position: High School Girls' Head Golf Coach, High School Boys' Track Coach, High School Academic Team Coach **Qualifications:** ISBE certification or IHSA approved coaching certification

Job Description: Organize and manage practices and competitions; establish and present schedules, rosters, and records in a timely fashion; conduct and supervise fund-raising activities and training camps; promote athleticism and sportsmanship; promote and grow the program; adhere to all IHSA and District rules and guidelines.

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Submit Letter of Application to:

Patricia Heyen, Principal, Hillsboro High School

522 E. Tremont St., Hillsboro, IL 62049

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Due By: March 27, 2020

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Panther FFA Competes In Poultry Judging

Litchfield High School FFA members Clayton Walch, at left, and Elaan Bader traveled to Northwestern High School on Feb. 27, to participate in the Section 15 poultry evaluation CDE. At this event, Walch and Bader judged hens for past egg production, identified retail poultry parts, graded interior egg quality and graded poultry carcasses. Bader led the team with a ninth place overall performance.

Traffic Court

- Janice M. Abbott, 55, of Sorento, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Elijah D. Atkins, 18, of Hillsboro, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Daniel A. Brewer, 33, of Litchfield, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit, child restraint violation, failure to wear seat belt.
- Kailea E. Dobrinich, 18, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- David L. Engle, 39, of Nokomis, driving on a suspended license.
- Ashley K. Ferguson, 27, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Jackie M. Fleming, 63, of Nokomis, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Russell G. Foster, 50, of Nokomis, driving 15 to 20 mph

above the speed limit.

- Austin M. Frayer, 21, of Nokomis, disregarding a traffic control light, disregarding a stop sign, driving on a revoked license.
- Austin R. Gwinn, 17, of Raymond, improper traffic lane usage, failure to reduce speed.
- Roy M. Heck, Jr., 72, of Litchfield, disregarding a stop sign.
- Michael W. Heisman, 28, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving with no license, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Kevin R. Hemken, 49, of Litchfield, no lamp on bicycle at nighttime.
- Kevin J. Huber, 50, of Coffeen, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Bobby Knox, 73, of Hillsboro, failure to reduce speed.
- Mark S. Land, 61, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.
- Leann M. McDonald,

20, of Litchfield, expired registration, improper use of registration.

- Blake L. Meisner, 34, of Raymond, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Brendan J. Milanos, 18, of Hillsboro, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Melissa C. Millsap, 44, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- James E. Smith, 68, of Litchfield, disregarding a traffic control light.
- William D. Trigg, II, 21, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Alesia M. Wattjes, 25, of Waggoner, driving 21 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Nathaniel W. Weaver, 22, of Nokomis, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- David A. Hough, 50, of Hillsboro, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit, driving under the influence.
- Austin T. Woods, 19, of Sorento, no valid registration.

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Qualifications: 1) Bachelor's degree in related field, 2) 1 year experience with individuals with developmental disabilities, 3) be at least 21 yrs. old, 4) a valid driver's license & good driving record & reliable transportation, 5) Be able to lift

***RN/Nurse Trainer:** Based out of our Vandalia site. Be part of a nursing team to meet medication administration needs & to monitor health issues for adults with disabilities. Selected individual will: Pass medications, complete annual nursing assessments & train agency staff regarding medication administration & health & safety issues. 40+ hrs. per wk. Typically M-F with shared on-call duties. Excellent benefit package.

Qualifications: 1) have & maintain a current unencumbered IL RN license with necessary malpractice insurance (we will reimburse), 2) possess 1 yr. of clinical RN experience within the last 5 yrs., preferably in developmental disabilities, 3) be at least 21 years of age, 4) have a valid driver's license, 5) have a demonstrated ability to relate to individuals with developmental disabilities.

***LPN/RN:** Be part of a nursing team to meet medication administration needs and monitor health issues for adults with disabilities. Someone needed to do noon med pass, Monday – Friday only (3-4 hrs. daily) at workshops in Vandalia & Hillsboro on a PRN basis.

Qualifications: 1) have & maintain a current unencumbered IL LPN or RN license with necessary malpractice insurance (we will reimburse), 2) be at least 21 years of age, 3) have a valid driver's license, & good driving record & reliable transportation 4) have a demonstrated ability to relate to individuals with developmental disabilities

Other Positions

Qualifications: 1) be at least 21 yrs. old, 2) have a High School diploma or GED, 3) have a valid driver's license, a good driving record & reliable transportation, 4) be able to lift

***Residential Direct Care:** Positions available in small group homes in Vandalia & Greenville. Committed & caring people to support individuals in their homes. Assist with daily living skills, learning new skills & promoting independence. Evening, weekend, midnight & holiday shifts. Competitive wages - \$250 Training Completion Bonus may apply. Overtime available. Health Insurance offered

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An application may be completed at 1313 Sunset Drive in Vandalia or 2112 Schram Ave. in Hillsboro.

Résumés may be sent to FAYCO Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 277, Vandalia, IL 62471. Attn: HR

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Applications must be turned in to Village Hall by
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VILLAGE CLERK/COLLECTOR

The Village of Raymond is seeking a Village Clerk / Village Collector

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Court

• David L. Engle, 39, of Nokomis, obstructing identification on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

• Jade D. Winchester, 31, of Mt. Olive, was charged with retail theft on Monday, Feb. 10.

• Billy F. Guyot, 30, of Nokomis, faces a felony charge of possession or use of a weapon by a felon on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

• Devin W. Jenkins, 25, of Raymond, was cited for taking, possession of or selling a wild bird on Friday, Feb. 14.

• Eric D. Edwards, 27, of Gillespie, was charged with retail theft on Monday, Feb. 17.

• Deonte M. Davis, 19, of St. Louis, MO, was charged with a child restraint violation on Saturday, Feb. 22.

• Truman M. Seago, 56, of Hillsboro, faces a felony charge of possession of meth and a misdemeanor charge

of domestic battery on Saturday, Feb. 29.

• Tarresha C. Kholian, 28, of Springfield, was charged with a child restraint violation on Saturday, Feb. 29.

• Jason W. Westcott, 42, of Taylorville, faces a felony charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license on Sunday, March 1.

• Charges filed on Saturday, Feb. 8, of a child restraint violation against Trevor M. Callahan, 40, of Taylor Springs, were dismissed on Tuesday, March 3.

• Andrew J. Stewart, 19, of Coffeen, pleaded guilty to consumption of liquor by a minor on Tuesday, March 3, and was sentenced to six months of supervision, fined \$75, plus court costs.

• Michael D. Ishmael, 31, of Nokomis, was charged with resisting a peace officer on Wednesday, March 4.

• Tamara A. Groth, 61, of Springfield, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Wednesday, March 4.

• Andrew M. Marshall, 34, of Taylor Springs, faces a felony charge of false report of offense on Wednesday, March 4.

• Jonathan L. Well, 34, of Brighton, faces a felony charge of driving on a revoked or suspended license on Wednesday, March 4.

• Onufrey J. Dixon, 53, of Monroe, LA, pleaded guilty to a felony of violation of the Illinois motor carrier law on Thursday, March 5, and was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, four days in jail with a credit of two days served, fined \$500, plus court costs.

• Nicole L. Degler, 34, of Irving, faces a felony charge of manufacturing or distributing a look-alike substance

on Thursday, March 5.

• Austin M. Frayer, 21, of Coffeen, faces felony charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, theft and aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer (2) on Thursday, March 5.

• Laura E. Kampmann, 21, of Coffeen, faces a felony charge of manufacturing or distributing a look-alike substance on Thursday, March 5.

• Kameron R. Townsend, 36, of Nokomis, pleaded guilty to a felony of theft on Thursday, March 5, and was sentenced to two years of probation, 30 days in jail with a credit of 15 days served, \$650 restitution, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• Kimberly S. Gutierrez, 36, of Litchfield, faces felony charges of possession of meth and possession of a controlled substance on Friday, March 6.

Police

Litchfield Police

• Nicholas B. Gerl, 37, of Litchfield, was cited for a Montgomery County warrant at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Litchfield Police Department.

• Scott M. Blankenship, 24, of Hillsboro, was cited for a Macoupin County warrant at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Litchfield Police Department.

• Ronald C. Ziegler, 43, of Carlinville, was cited for open burning at 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the 400 block of East St. John.

• Corey E. Barker, 47, of Litchfield, was cited for a Montgomery County warrant at 10:43 a.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Litchfield Police Department.

• Gerald Thompson, Jr., 42, of Litchfield, was cited for retail theft at 2:28 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Walmart.

• Melissa C. Millsap, 44, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Jackson and Clark.

• Nathan A. Tucker, 22, of Gillespie, was cited for improper lane usage at 11:04 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at Corvette and Union.

• Austin M. Frayer, 21, of Nokomis, was jailed for theft over \$10,000 at 11:10 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the 1000 block of South Van Buren.

• Kimberly Gutierrez, 36, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance at 12:28 a.m. Friday, March 6, at State and Sargent.

• Beca L. Knarr, 22, of Marine, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and for operating a motor vehicle with an expired registration sticker at 12:04 a.m. Saturday, March 7.

Court

Struck Tree

A Pana man was involved in a single vehicle accident at 6:39 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at North Arrowhead Trail in Litchfield.

Jerry L. Klekamp, of Pana, was southbound on Arrowhead Trail in a 2018 Jeep Wrangler when a deer ran in front of his vehicle. Klekamp swerved to avoid the deer and struck a tree along the roadway.

The collision caused damage to the front end of

Klekamp's vehicle, which was towed from the scene by Brian's Auto and Towing.

Ran Red Light

Two vehicles were involved in an accident at 11:09 p.m. Monday, March 9, at the intersection of Rt. 16 and Rt. 66 in Litchfield.

Nicole M. Trusty, of Witt, was eastbound on Rt. 16 in a 2011 Kia Soul when she disregarded a red light and entered the intersection, striking a 2003 Ford F-150, driven southbound on Rt. 66

by Brianna E. Cox, of Litchfield. Cox had a green light at the intersection at the time of the accident.

The collision caused extensive damage to the front end of Trusty's vehicle and

the passenger side door and rear quarter panel of Cox's vehicle. Trusty was cited for disobeying a traffic control device and for operating an uninsured vehicle.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2016-00011
To: LORI COLE AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; EARNEST COLE AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; MONTGOMERY COUNTY TREASURER; ILLINOIS CORPORATION SERVICE C AGENT FOR PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC; DAVID HARRIS, IL DEPT. OF REVENUE; KWAME RAOUL, IL ATTORNEY GENERAL; OFFICER FOR THE FIFTH THIRD BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; SANDY LEITHEISER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK
And all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed

in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Illinois, as Case Number 2017-TX-1-6. On July 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Montgomery County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT SE SW LYG W SD CAESER CRK LN-HOME ON PRIV TAXS17 T9 R1

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 14-17-304-001

And was sold on 10/30/2017 for general taxes for the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on 6/26/2020.

RAVEN SECURITIES INC., PETITIONER 85-3t

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given by The City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois, that the following surplus property shall be accepting bids pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1 for the following described properties:

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

Property Address: 1013 S. Walnut Litchfield, IL 62056
Parcel ID#: 15-04-429-010

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

Property Address: 1501 N. Harrison Litchfield, IL 62056
Parcel ID#: 10-33-137-017

Property Address: 1518 N. State Litchfield, IL 62056
Parcel ID#: 10-33-134-006

Property Address: 710 W. Kirkham Litchfield, IL 62056
Parcel ID#: 10-32-480-010

Property Address: 806 N. Brown Litchfield, IL 62056
Parcel ID#: 10-32-435-003

Property Address: 907 N. Montgomery Litchfield, IL 62056
Parcel ID#: 10-33-408-008

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

All bids should be submitted to the City Clerk of the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois by April 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Any bids submitted after that time will not be accepted.

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

86-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2016-00254
To: THE HEIRS AND DEVICES OF LAVONNE G. LEHNEN, DECEASED AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; LANCE L. LEHNEN AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; OFFICER FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF NOKOMIS; WILLIAM BARR, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; JAMES A. LEWIS, U.S. ATTORNEY, CENTRAL DISTRICT, SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY; KWAME RAOUL, IL ATTORNEY GENERAL; DAVID HARRIS, IL DEPT. OF REVENUE; SANDY LEITHEISER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK,
And all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties

interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Illinois, as Case Number 2017-TX-1-7. On July 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Montgomery County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 7 & 8 BLK 49 LOTS IN NOKOMIS 10-2-1007 INC 1008 S T00 R

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 08-23-305-011

And was sold on 10/30/2017 for general taxes for the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on 6/26/2020.

RAVEN SECURITIES INC., PETITIONER 85-3t

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE
Public Notice is hereby given that on March 11, 2020, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: B & M SERVICES located at 15333 W. 9TH AVE. in the city of HILLSBORO and state of IL.
Dated March 11, 2020
Sandy Leitheiser, County Clerk 86-3t*

This is to notify you that the City of Hillsboro is changing its mailing address for all invoices, payments, correspondences, etc.
The new address is shown below:

City of Hillsboro
447 S. Main St.
Hillsboro, IL 62049

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK'S EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code, Early Voting for the March 17th, 2020 General Primary Election for all Montgomery County Precincts will be conducted at the Basement Early Voting Center of the Montgomery County Clerk's office located in the basement of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois beginning Thursday, February 6th, 2020 and continuing through Monday, March 16th, 2020 on weekdays from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., excluding President's Day, Monday, February 17th, 2020.

Saturday Early Voting hours will be conducted from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and will include Saturday, February 29th, Saturday, March 7th, and Saturday, March 14th, 2020.

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

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

Sandy Leitheiser
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Montgomery County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
LITCHFIELD NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES W. GIETLER, ALICE F. GIETLER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants.
2019 - CH - 57
NOTICE OF SALE DATE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property herein-after described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. For information regarding the real estate, contact: Michael Fleming, Litchfield National Bank, Litchfield, IL 62056, 217-324-6161

B. The information on the real estate:

Lots One (1) and Three (3) in Block Six (6) in Paisley and Paden's Addition to the City of Witt, Montgomery County, Illinois. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other mineral rights underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any.

PIN: 13-06-330-017
Commonly known as: 110 6th Street, Witt, IL 62095

1. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: residential building.

C. The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale date.

D. The time and place of the sale will be on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, IL 62049

E. The real estate will be sold to the highest bidder. The terms of the sale will be 10% down on the day

of the sale and the balance will be due within 24 hours.

F. Title will be conveyed subject to all delinquent taxes and all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of records, and any liens not foreclosed herein.

G. Upon and at the sale of real estate under Section 15-1507, the purchaser shall pay to the person conducting the sale pursuant to Section 15-1507 a fee for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, a special fund created in the State Treasury. The fee shall be calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, as reflected in the receipt of sale issued to the purchaser, provided that in no event shall the fee exceed \$300.

No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale of any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lien or acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. Upon confirmation of the sale under Section 15-1508, the person conducting the sale shall remit the fee to the Clerk of the Court in which the foreclosure case is pending. The Clerk shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer as provided in this Section, to be expended for the purposes set forth in Section 7.31 of the Illinois House Development Act.

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MNRC Resident And Employees Honored

Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has honored Katherine Creasy and Jayma Dodds as resident and employee of the month for December, and Kelli Hilmes as employee of the month for January.

Jayma Dodds

Dodds has been employed as a CNA since September 2018. She is the mother of seven children, Levi, Alec, Chase, Makaela, Kaedence, Olivia and Zeplenn. She says she enjoys spending time with her children, watching movies and just relaxing.

Dodds treats all of her residents as if they are her family, and she helps out her peers by covering their shifts when they are unable to come to work.

Katherine Creasy

A resident at MNRC for about two years, Creasy and her late husband, Arlee, are the parents of Anthony, Elmer, Theresa, Gwen, Patricia and Darly, who has passed away. She has a sister, Loretta, who lives in Ohio.

Mrs. Creasy worked at a shoe factory and different restaurants. She enjoyed rais-



Katherine Creasy



Jayma Dodds



Kelli Hilmes

ing her children and being a housewife. She loved gardening, both flowers and vegetables. She remembers the one year she canned 110 quarts of green beans.

She likes to play Bingo, and keeping her appearance nice, which includes having her fingernails manicured regularly. Her favorite thing to do is attend church services, and she says she will not miss a church service.

Kelli Hilmes
Hilmes works in the outstanding physical therapy department. She and her husband, Aaron, live on a dairy farm between Breese and Carlyle. They have four children, Briggs age five, Lux age four, Demi age two and Evyn four months. She is the daughter of Mike and Paula Shelton, and the granddaughter of Norma Schluckebier.

She enjoys spending her

time with her children and being outdoors. Exercising and being active is an important part of her life. She and her husband love going to football games and are big Washington Redskins fans.

"I love working at MNRC and being part of such a great team. Working in my hometown and helping patients who I have known for years is very rewarding and I am honored to serve this community," said Hilmes.

TOPPER TALK • by Sarah Huber at Hillsboro High HHS Will Dismiss Early Friday, March 13



Tomorrow, Friday, March 13, is a school improvement planning day. There will be an 11:35 a.m. dismissal at the high school.

Congratulations to the Topper Pride winners, senior Jack Draper, junior Sarah Huber, sophomore Tesley Harkins and freshman Alexander Sticha. Thank you for showing your school pride!

Thank you to the Interact Club members and their sponsor, Mrs. Boston, who picked up trash on the high school campus on Saturday, March 7!

The spring blood drive will be held on Thursday, March 26. Anyone 16 years old or older who would like to donate, should sign up during lunch modules this week. Everyone who signs up will receive a Lifesaver.

Tickets for this year's musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" are available for purchase in the high school office or at hillsborohighschool.ludus.com. You can also purchase tickets at the door for the performances on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4. Reserved floor seats are \$12, adult general admission is

\$8, and student/child general admission is \$5.

This week's seniors spotlight highlights Wesley Stockstill and Riley Hemken. Outside of school, Wesley enjoys hanging out with friends and being outdoors. If he could change one thing about himself, he would change his calculus grade. Wesley's favorite food is mac and cheese. Riley enjoys arrowhead hunting and working with animals. If she could change one thing, she would want to have incorporated four years of FFA into her schedule. Riley's favorite food is toasted ravioli.

The baseball team has their first home game on Thursday, March 19. They will play Morrisonville at 4:30 p.m.

The softball team's first home game will be against Vandalia on Tuesday, March 17, with a 4:30 p.m. start time.

The boys and girls track teams will participate in the Jerseyville Winter Thaw at Principia College on Saturday, March 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

Good luck to all of the teams on their upcoming games. Have a great week!

"The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all." -Mulan

DRAGON BEAT • by Annabelle Wright at HJHS Solo, Ensemble Competition Is This Saturday



Hello, Hillsboro! It's the end of an era, or maybe just the quarter. The official end of the third quarter

is Friday, March 13. The day also happens to be an 11:45 a.m. dismissal, so it's double the fun!

Volleyball season is ending, but a lot of things have gone on in the past week. First, the seventh graders won their regional last weekend! Sadly, they lost the sectional game on Monday to Staunton. Even if their season is over, the memories they made will stay with them forever.

The eighth graders are a little bit behind the seventh graders in regional play. They started regional play on Saturday, and won their first match against Auburn. That put them into Tuesday night's game against North Mac, and they walked off the court victorious after two games 25-20, 25-10. The girls will play in the championship game tonight at home. First serve is set for 6:30 p.m. Go support them and lead them to being the regional champs! Make sure to congratulate any of the girls who played volleyball this year.

Even if it's an exciting week for volleyball players, there are still other things going on. The Scholar Bowl team had a match last Tuesday against Nokomis. The eighth graders had a very successful night and won both rounds. The seventh graders' night was a little different, though. Nokomis didn't have a junior varsity team, so the seventh grade team challenged the parents, grandparents and a brother who were there to watch the match. Just for the record, the seventh graders lost! Both teams will be playing at home again tonight, so wish the players luck!

The Solo and Ensemble competition is this Saturday for the junior high students. It is a competition where musicians can perform solos, duets and ensembles for judges. While they aren't technically competing against other people, they are still graded on their performance. A lot of students from Hillsboro will be going, so if you see someone who is, wish them luck.

Track practice has officially started. Good luck to all of the students who are participating this season!

Remember to be kind, be truthful, and always keep your word. Have a great week, and until next time, bye!

Genealogical Society Will Meet Sunday, March 15

The Montgomery County Genealogical Society will meet on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the Research Center, located inside the Litchfield Museum and Welcome Center, 334 Historic Route 66 North.

After the business meeting, attendees are welcome to explore the Montgomery County Genealogical Society resources for their personal research. The public is always welcome to attend.

Archibald Wins Crazy Cash

Jillian Archibald is this week's winner of \$200 in the Crazy Cash drawing at St. Louis School in Nokomis.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. They are available at the school office or by calling 827-3295.

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