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The Orpheum Theatre in downtown Hillsboro will celebrate its 100th anniversary on March 22. Pictured above are owners Jeff Eisenraut, at left, and his son, Cary Eisenraut. *Journal-News Photo*

## Orpheum Theatre To Celebrate 100 Years

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

In March 1920, a bootlegger from Panama spent \$75,000 to build the Orpheum Theatre in downtown Hillsboro. One hundred years later, the theater is still an iconic building in the downtown area where movie lovers of all ages meet to see the latest flicks.

According to current theater owner Jeff Eisenraut of Hillsboro, Jack "JD" Williams of Panama began construction on the building in the fall of 1919. Williams owned a speakeasy in Panama during the coal mine boom of that era. "Then Prohibition hit," Eisenraut said. "Mr. Williams was a prominent bootlegger making his own alcohol and needed a place to spend some of his money. \$75,000 went a long way back then."

At that time, the theater building was

two stories, but featured only one movie screen with a balcony.

Eisenraut said Williams owned the business for only six months before selling it to Ed Fellis, the owner of the Opera House, which was also downtown.

He operated it as a movie theater until 1945, when he sold it to Frisina Theaters. It was later sold to Norman Paul of Carlinville in 1975. Paul operated the theater, along with several others in the area, until the 1990s, when he sold it to Gene Dickey, who operated it for a short while.

The Eisenraut family moved to Hillsboro in 2003, when Jeff heard a theater was available in the downtown area. Growing up in the theater business, Eisenraut and his family had previously owned and operated theaters in the Iowa area.

"We had to find Hillsboro on the map,"

Eisenraut said with a smile. "We came down in November of 2003 and 30 days later we moved in."

For a time, Jeff and his wife, Julie, resided in the upstairs apartment of the theater with their four children, Cary, Maddie, Alex and Bailey. Now, not only has their family grown to include spouses and grandkids, they have also added several theaters to the mix throughout the Midwest.

Now, the family is marking a special milestone in the very theater that brought them to town.

To celebrate such a historic event, the Eisenraut family is going to take moviegoers back in time. They will have a special event on Sunday, March 22, which is the day the theater opened 100 years ago.

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## Coronavirus Closes Schools On Monday

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus, every school in the state will close through March 30, Gov. J.B. Pritzker told superintendents throughout the state in a conference call on Friday, March 13.

The governor had ordered schools closed beginning on Tuesday, March 17, but as the number of confirmed cases in the state began to escalate over the weekend—from 64 to 93 on Sunday—the four school districts in Montgomery County announced that schools will be closed beginning Monday, March 16. All extra-curricular activities, including practices, are also cancelled during the closure.

"During the closure, every

student should work on a Continuous Learning Plan," Hillsboro Superintendent David Powell said in a note issued Sunday. "Continuous Learning Plans will be finalized Monday and will be available for all students on Tuesday. If you are able to use the online e-learning plan, simply go to your school's webpage for instructions on Tuesday. If you need a paper version of your learning plan, please call your school on Monday to make arrangements."

During the closure, the Hillsboro School District will be delivering meals daily to any student in need. Families should call their child's school to sign up.

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## Spreading COVID-19 Causes More Closures

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced 29 new cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) across Illinois on Sunday, and Gov. JB Pritzker announced that all bars and restaurants in the state will be closed to the public at the close of business Monday, March 16, through Monday, March 30.

Five additional counties are reporting cases as of Sunday: Champaign, Clinton, Sangamon, Whiteside, and Winnebago counties. Other locations with cases include Chicago and Cook, Cumberland, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, St. Clair, and Woodford counties.

"There are no persons suspected of the virus in Montgomery County as of right now," Montgomery County Health Department admin-

istrator Hugh Satterlee said on Sunday. "That may change tomorrow, but that's the case as of today."

Over the past few days, the situation has changed dramatically in the state. On Thursday, Gov. JB Pritzker banned events with more than 1,000 attendees for the next 30 days. On Friday, he announced the closure of all schools in the state, and on Sunday he closed all bars and restaurants in the state.

The state is working with restaurant owners and food delivery services to ensure kitchens can safely remain open to continue food delivery and put in place drive-thru and curbside pickup options for restaurants to continue to serve the public.

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## Tuesday Is Primary Election Day

Voters in Montgomery County will get their say in selecting candidates from president of the United States to county office during the primary election on Tuesday, March 17.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. Those who wish to avoid using pens also used by other voters due to COVID-19 concerns may bring their own black ballpoint pen with them to use, according to Montgomery County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser. Pens will also be provided at the polls as normal, but this year they will be wiped down periodically by election judges. Sanitizing wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer will also be supplied at polling places so judges can perform routine cleaning of frequently touched pens and voting equipment.

Access to the Historic Courthouse on election night to view returns has been cancelled due to public safety concerns. Results will be posted as the come in on the county website, [montgomeryco.com](http://montgomeryco.com). Not only will partisan vot-

ers select their candidates, they will also elect the precinct committee representatives. Voters in Hillsboro city limits will get the chance to advise their city council on whether recreational cannabis sales should be allowed in the city. That advisory question will not only be on Republican and Democrat ballots, but also on non-partisan ballots in Hillsboro.

Although the fields seem to have narrowed, still 18 names appear on the Democratic ballot for president: Amy Klobuchar, Deval Patrick, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Michael Bloomberg, Elizabeth Warren, Pete Buttigieg, Tom Steyer, Andrew Yang, Michael Bennet, John Delaney, Tulsi Gabbard and Cory Booker. There are 22 names on the ballot for delegate to the national convention, and voters may select up to five.

Richard Durbin is unopposed for nomination for U.S. Senate, and Democrat voters may select between Betsy Dirksen Londrigan and Stefanie Smith for U.S.

Representative.

Chase Wilhelm is seeking Democratic nomination for state representative, Bryant Hitchings for state's attorney, Rick Broadus for county board district 1, Jim Moore for county board district 4, Richard Wendel for county board district 5, Paul Sellers for county board district 6, and Tim Fogle for county board district 7.

Judy Cates seeks the Democratic nomination for state supreme court, and Sarah Smith is a Democrat seeking nomination for appellate court.

Names on the ballot for Democrat precinct committee person are Stephen Voyles in East Fork 1, Steven Traylor in East Fork 3, James Evans in Fillmore Consolidated, Paul Sellers in Hillsboro 2, Jim Moore in Hillsboro 5, Trevor Loafman in Nokomis 3, Michael Glenn in Nokomis 4, Louis Lewey in North Litchfield 2, Tim Fogle in North Litchfield 3, Ted Elizondo in North Litchfield 5, Chuck Napier in North Litchfield 6.

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Nathan Grider, left, donated one of his kidneys 11 years ago to Kirn Wildhaber, his brother-in-law. When that kidney failed after eight years, Grider worked to find another donor.



McKinsy Leitz, who donated a kidney to Kirn Wildhaber, will receive Sertoma's highest honor April 16.

## Sertoma Will Honor Grider And Leitz

The highest honor granted by the Sertoma Club is the Service to Mankind award, which is presented to a volunteer for selfless service for the betterment of his or her community.

This year, the Hillsboro Sertoma Club has chosen to honor two individuals who made both a selfless and life-saving donation to Hillsboro resident Kirn Wildhaber.

Both Nathan Grider and McKinsy Leitz will be honored at this year's Service to Mankind banquet on Thursday evening, April 16, at the Hillsboro Lions Club.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Hill-

sboro Lions Club. Tickets are \$15 each and available from any Hillsboro Sertoma member and at *The Journal-News* office on Main Street.

In 2008, Wildhaber discovered that both of his kidneys were failing. He was put on dialysis, but the procedures were wearing and specialists at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis started looking for possible donors for a kidney to Wildhaber.

Grider, who is the brother-in-law to Wildhaber, wasn't sure he could be a match because he wasn't a relative, but he did have O+ blood.

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Weather Report			
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March 12	55	36	----
March 13	54	35	trace
March 14	41	34	----
March 15	47	32	----

See the current weather and forecast on [www.thejournal-news.net](http://www.thejournal-news.net)

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# Obituaries

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## Rev. Robert J. Mosser, 71 Corrections Officer

The Rev. Robert James "Bob" Mosser, 71, of Litchfield, died on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 2 p.m. at his residence.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, March 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 18, beginning at 11 a.m. at New Hope Baptist Church in Litchfield, 1303 North 18th Avenue, with the Rev. Roy Eller and the Rev. Dr. Donald Rhodus co-officiating. Military honors will be conducted and cremation rights will follow the service.

Rev. Mosser was born April 8, 1948, in Decatur, to George and Barbara (Smith) Mosser. He married Glenda Sue Jones on Sept. 28, 1974, in Decatur, and she survives.

He graduated from Stephen Decatur High School and went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

During his career, Rev. Mosser served as a corrections



officer for the Illinois Department of Corrections in Graham Correction Center in Hillsboro for 27 years.

He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Litchfield, where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and vocational pastor. He enjoyed reading, painting mini figurines, spending time with his granddaughters and watching western movies.

In addition to his wife, Rev. Mosser is survived by his son, Adam (Helena) Mosser of Mansfield, TX; sister, Angie (Wayne) Moody of Litchfield; and two granddaughters, Elsa and Audrey Mosser.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or New Hope Baptist Church.

For more information, to light a candle or sign the online guestbook, please visit [www.plummerfuneralservices.com](http://www.plummerfuneralservices.com).

## Catherine 'Mick' Sheedy, 88 Dedicated To Community

Catherine Marie "Mick" Sheedy, 88, of Morrisonville, died at 1:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at her residence.

Funeral mass was celebrated on Sunday, March 15, at St. Maurice Catholic Church, with The Very Rev. Albert Allen V.F. as celebrant. Interment followed at St. Maurice Catholic Cemetery in Morrisonville. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Morrisonville assisted the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Sheedy was born July 11, 1931, in Morrisonville, the daughter of Linus and Marie (Millburg) Grundy. She married Richard "Dick" Sheedy on Oct. 28, 1951, at St. Maurice Catholic Church in Morrisonville, he preceded her in death on March 25, 2000.

Mrs. Sheedy graduated from Morrisonville High School and spent the majority of her adult life as a homemaker. In her later years, she enjoyed feeding the students at Morrisonville High School and middle school as a cook in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Sheedy was dedicated to her community and her church, and would help with any function and fundraiser.

She was a lifelong member of St. Maurice Catholic Church, longtime member of the Altar and Rosary Society, National Association of Foresters, Morrisonville Community Club, the American Legion Post #721 Auxiliary, and was an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus Post #1151, where for many



years she cooked for their monthly meals. She was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Fighting Illini fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Patrick and David Sheedy; grandchildren, Gabriel Webb and Kayla Bethard; great-granddaughter, Alli Bethard; sisters, Barbara "Babe" Todd and Theresa Seelbach; and brothers, John Robert and Wayne L. Grundy.

Mrs. Sheedy is survived by her children, Michael (Linda) Sheedy of Morrisonville, Donnie (Mary) Sheedy of Morrisonville, Karen (Ronnie) Rundle of Witt, Diane (Brian) Rush of Morrisonville, Ronnie (Renee) Sheedy of Morrisonville and Lisa (Mike) Tester of Nokomis; daughter-in-law, Gloria (Dave) Sheedy Mahan; 17 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; sisters, Marge Held of Raymond, Helen "Shorty" Healy of Springfield, Mae Hilby of Springfield, Ruth "Tip" Matli of Harvel, Alice "Pudge" Downey of Morrisonville and Rose Gowin of Morrisonville; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Louis Catholic School in Nokomis or Shriners Hospitals for Children, at 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL, 33607. Donations of food may be brought to the Morrisonville Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday.

Condolences may be left online at [www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com).

## Louise Rudis, 86 Worked In Insurance

Louise Rudis, 86, of Hillsboro, died on Friday, March 13, 2020, at her residence.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 21, from 12 to 2 p.m. at Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro. A Celebration of Life will follow.

Mrs. Rudis was born June 18, 1933, in Collinsville, to Arthur and Stella (Frye) Smith. She married Roland Rudis on Oct. 20, 1951, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 2016.

She graduated from Collinsville High School and worked in the insurance field for many years at Tosetti and Associates and Bruce Webb Insurance.

Mrs. Rudis was of the Catholic faith. She loved spending time with her fam-



ily, listening to music, doing crafts, knitting and donating various items to help others.

She is survived by her children, Susan (Steve) Romeo, Roland Mark Rudis and Arthur Rudis, all of Hillsboro, Rebecca Rudis of Dupo and Kelly Robinson of Taylor Springs; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Rudis was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Denise Clark; and three brothers, Laverne, Arthur and William Smith.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.houghfuneralhome.com](http://www.houghfuneralhome.com).

## Martha Jean Funderburk, 80 Leaves Sister In Litchfield

Martha Jean Funderburk, 80, of Litchfield, died at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital Litchfield.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 17, from 10 a.m., until time of service, at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. Services will begin at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Roy Eller of New Hope Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Crabtree Cemetery in Litchfield. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Funderburk was born on Sept. 30, 1939, a daughter of Walter E. and Ella Marie

(Jonas) Mick. She married John Sylvester Funderburk on Feb. 28, 1956, he preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 1988. In her younger years she enjoyed swimming and singing.

Mrs. Funderburk is survived by a brother, Kenneth Mick of Mt. Olive; and two sisters, Wanda Boerckel of Litchfield and Mary Goacher of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; brother, Walter Leroy Mick; and sister, Ruth Young.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Condolences may be left online at [www.plummerfuneralservices.com](http://www.plummerfuneralservices.com).

## Lolita M. Varner, 101 Ordained Minister

Lolita M. Varner, 101, of Carlinville, formerly of Sorento, died at 10 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Carlinville Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

The family will receive guests from 10 a.m. until the time of service, at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, March 16, at the Assembly of God in Sorento, with Pastor Steve Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Varner was born on July 28, 1918, in Vinita, OK, to James M. and Annie M. (Williams) Thompson. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the Central Bible Institute in Springfield, MO, and was then ordained as a minister in the Assembly of God church.

Mrs. Varner traveled the entire United States and Canada as an evangelist, and it was at a revival in Sorento where she met her future husband, Ernest C. Varner. They were wed May 23, 1963, in Springfield, MO. Their



travels together led them to Salem, OR, where they retired. He preceded her in death on May 23, 1963.

Mrs. Varner was a long-time and devout member of the Assembly of God in Sorento. She was a talented musician, who played the accordion, piano, organ, cordovox and ukulele.

Mrs. Varner is survived by her son-in-law, Ralph Scheldt of Carlinville; granddaughter, Elizabeth (Luke) Wright of Bella Vista, AR; great granddaughters, Caroline and Katie Jo Wright; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; step-daughter, Carol Elaine (Varner) Scheldt; brother, Alan Thompson; sisters, Marie Young and Christine Foster; and in-laws, Andrew Varner, Ruth Whiteside, Edward Varner and Marjorie Bryant.

Memorial contributions may be made to Assembly of God, at 303 S. Hill Street, Sorento, IL 62086. Condolences may be left online at [www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com).

## Virginia M. Kuhn, 101 Homemaker, Enjoyed Gardening

Virginia M. Kuhn, 101, of Oconee, died on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Pana Community Hospital.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at McCracken-Dean Funeral Home in Pana. An additional visitation will be held Tuesday, March 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oconee. Funeral Mass will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Rodney A. Schwartz officiating. Burial will be held in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Oconee.

Mrs. Kuhn was born May 4, 1918, in rural Dollville, to John Henry and Nellie Louise (Beyers) Klein. She married Robert Charles Kuhn on Dec. 30, 1941, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pana, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 27, 2015.

Before her marriage, she worked at Penwell's and served as a receptionist for Dr. Eberspacher and then for CIPS. Throughout her 73 year marriage, she was a homemaker on the family dairy farm.

Mrs. Kuhn was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oconee. She and her husband were well known for their kettle corn stand at the Oconee Fall Festival. For over 20 years, the duo also made trips to Appalachia with



clothing and supplies for the less fortunate.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting and bird watching.

Mrs. Kuhn is survived by her children, Joyce (Eugene) Knodle of Fillmore, Robert L. Kuhn of Oconee, Regina (Rog-

er) Landon of Chandlerville, Kenneth (Rhonda) Kuhn of Olney, Karen (David) Koons of Tower Hill and Randy (Mary) Kuhn of West End, NC; daughter-in-law, Kellie Kuhn of Oconee; son-in-law, James Wetherell of Springfield; 29 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Donna Klein of Pana.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Joseph Kuhn and Kevin Kuhn; daughter, Carole Wetherell; daughter-in-law, Gloria Kuhn; and siblings, Irene Wolf, John Klein, Dorothy Mickey, Kenneth Klein and LaVeta Becker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Sacred Heart School, P.O. Box 440, Pana, IL 62557; Sacred Heart Church, P.O. Box 45, Oconee, IL 62553; and Pana Community Hospital Foundation for Quad County Hospice, 101 E. Ninth Street, Pana, IL 62557.

Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.mdff.com](http://www.mdff.com).

## Ryan C. Ogden, 44 Chef, Loved Hiking

Ryan Christopher Ogden, 44, of Berkeley Springs, WV, died on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, March 7, at Berkeley Baptist Church in Berkeley Springs, WV, with Pastor Joseph Giles, Jr. officiating. A private burial followed. A local Celebration of Life will be conducted Saturday, March 21, beginning at 3 p.m. at Staunton VFW Post 1241 with Dena Allen officiating. Helsley-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Berkeley Springs, WV, assisted the family.

Mr. Ogden was born Feb. 18, 1975, in Springfield, John and Diana (Rhodes) Ogden. He married Tammy Lynn Beavers, and she survives.

He graduated from an Illinois public school and served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his career, he served as a chef with Coolfont Resort and The Country Inn and worked as a cook with Morgan County Senior Life Services.



Mr. Ogden was an outdoors type of guy and enjoyed being out in nature hiking. He was a member of Berkeley Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife of ten years, he is survived by his children, Dresden Kristof Ogden, Pamela Lynn Ogden, Adalaide Valkyria Ogden, Wolfgang Ogden and Christopher Ogden, all of Berkeley Springs, WV; his mother, Diana (Rhodes) Ogden Augustine of Berkeley Springs, WV; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mr. Ogden was preceded in death by his father; grandparents, Howard and Phyllis Ogden and Allen and Bertie Rhodes; and cousin, Taryn Edwards.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses or to The Ryan Ogden Funeral Fund c/o Joseph Giles, Jr., 172 Winchester Grade Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com](http://www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com).

## Weekly Produce Markets Will Be Held In Litchfield

New this year, Litchfield's Tourism Department and HSHS St. Francis Hospital are partnering to hold Litchfield Farmers Market in conjunction with Live in Library Park, a free summer concert series.

The Litchfield Farmers Market is a producer-only market that will run every Thursday in June and July from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Litchfield at Kirkham Street, adjacent to the Historic Carnegie Library and Park. Dates are Thursday, June 4; Thursday, June 11; Thursday, June 18; Thursday, June 25; Thursday, July 2; Thursday, July 9; Thursday, July 16; Thursday, July 23; and Thursday, July 30.

Markets are open to vendors selling items such as produce, fresh and dried flowers, plants, meat, dairy, baked goods, prepared food and art. All items sold at the market must be directly and personally grown, raised, or produced by the person who registers for the market.

Additional information on vendor requirements and applications may be found online at <https://visitlitchfield.com/litchfield-farmers-market>. Announcements concerning the Litchfield Farmers Markets will be made online on the "Visit Litchfield Illinois" Facebook page. Inquiries may be directed to the Tourism Office at 866-733-5833 or via email at [tourism@cityoflitchfieldil.com](mailto:tourism@cityoflitchfieldil.com).

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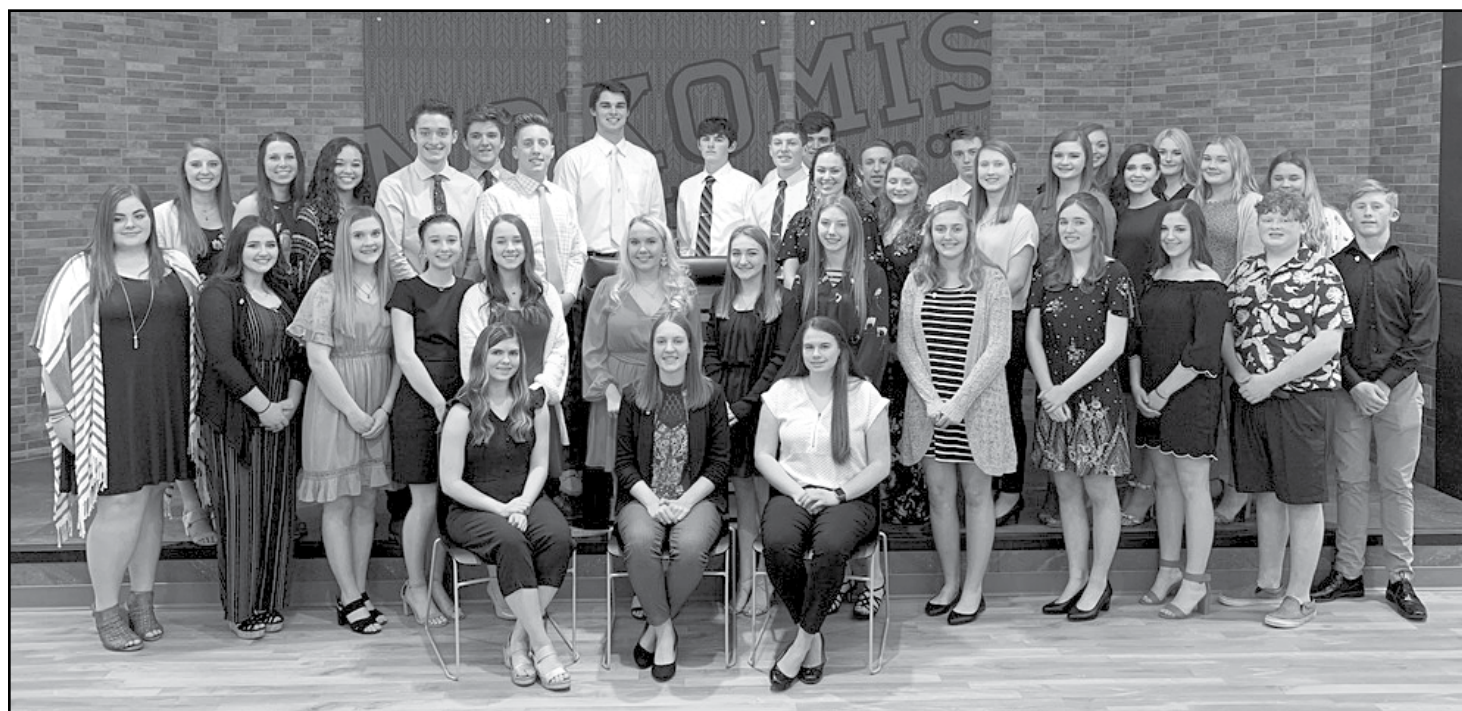


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## Redskin Students Join National Honor Society

Nokomis High School held its induction ceremony into the National Honor Society chapter on Tuesday evening, March 10, in the school cafeteria. National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students in the United States and outlying territories, which consists of many chapters in high schools. Selection is based on four criteria, including scholarship, leadership, service and character. In front, from the left are Sophia Keller, Katie Janssen and Alexa Cassidy. In the middle row are Kayla Dooley, Karlie Wanger, Mia Fesser, Alex Pavolka, Makynna Johnson, Emma Gonet, Jordan Smalley, Kaylee Barker, Emma Blaum, Isabella Daily, Kaelyn Carlock, Chase Pier and Landon Engelman. In back are Kristen Stauder, Delaney Keiser, Olivia Taylor, Alexander Tosetti, Kendall Knodle, Ryan Janssen, Carter Sabol, Seth Johnson, Ty Knodle, Braeston Brummit, Ethan Knodle, Macee Eisenbarth, Filip Kates, Kourtney Janssen, Jade Jett, Skylar Stewart, Presley Lamb, Aubrey Jaros, Emma Hill and Ciara Stalets.

## City Commission To Discuss Grant At Next Meeting

Hillsboro Planning Commission will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at Hillsboro City Hall.

Agenda items to be discussed include an update on the housing grant, vacant properties downtown and an update on the Eagle Zinc property.

## Fire Calls

### False Alarm

Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to an alarm activation at Hillsboro High School at 12:44 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

Twenty-two members responded and found it to be a false alarm. They returned back to service at 12:55 p.m.



## Keelie Hollo Graduates With High Honors

Keelie Hollo of Litchfield graduated with high honors from Tri County Beauty Academy in Litchfield. She is seeking employment in the local community.

Hollo is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hollo of Litchfield.



## Hiltopper Band Students Join Honor Band

On Thursday, March 5, selected students from the Hillsboro High School band traveled to Morrisonville High School to participate in the 2020 Area Honor Band. The Honor Band is comprised of over 100 students from nine area high schools. Under the direction of Dr. Philip Hash, associate professor of music education at Illinois State University, the students prepared music during the morning and afternoon for an evening concert. Pictured above, in front, from the left are Leighton Collison, Aubrey Meyers, Tasha Mizera, Madi Klump and Morgan Jarrell. In back are Saul Quiroz, Isaiah Gates, Hunter Downen, Noah Atkinson, Sarah Huber and Ally Jackson.

## Orpheum 100

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Tickets for this special event are \$.25, and are limited to four per person. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, as well as a Vaudeville-type show from the Imagine Hillsboro Theatre Group. Cary Eisentraut will serve as master of ceremonies, with remarks from Jeff Eisentraut and Hillsboro Mayor Brian Sullivan. Eisentraut's son-in-law, Chris Swed, will also perform card tricks.

Following the Vaudeville show, they will play *Pollyanna*, which is a silent film, and was one of the first to play at the Orpheum.

Eisentraut said for the first seven years of the theater's existence, movies were silent.

In addition to the special showing, they have joined the special #ShopHillsboro event that day with *The Journal-News*, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and Imagine Hillsboro. Patrons who shop and eat downtown that day will have a chance to register for a special prize from the Orpheum, which is one-year season pass for the winner and a guest to the theater.

Businesses will also be encouraged to decorate their shop with a favorite movie theme. The Eisentrauts will pick a winner, and that

business will be treated to a special, private screening of that movie.

And while the movies may have changed over the years, the Eisentrauts hope theatergoers still find the same thrill of going to the movies each and every time.

"The thing that has given this theater such longevity is that people tend to remember moments that have happened here," Eisentraut said. "Maybe they went to their first movie here when they were 15 or had their first date here. People may not remember the exact date, but the theater tends to be a marker in people's lives."

## Weather Forecast

Day	Weather	Temp	Wind
MON MAR 16	AM Showers	46°/40°	↗ 30%
TUE MAR 17	Mostly Cloudy	52°/43°	↗ 10%
WED MAR 18	Rain	58°/57°	↗ 100%
THU MAR 19	Thunderstorms	68°/54°	↗ 90%
FRI MAR 20	Mostly Cloudy/Wind	58°/26°	↗ 10%
SAT MAR 21	Partly Cloudy	38°/27°	↗ 0%
SUN MAR 22	Partly Cloudy	44°/33°	↗ 10%

## Memorial Extends Visitor Restrictions For Hospitals

Memorial Health System has extended restrictions on visitors to patients at its hospitals in Springfield, Decatur, Jacksonville and Lincoln, and prohibited visitors to inpatients at its hospital in Taylorville, in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Restrictions on visitors were initially put in place at the system's hospitals in December to prevent the spread of influenza. Rules limiting visitors to two per patient, at one time, will continue at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville and Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. All visitors to those four hospitals must be 18 or older and show no signs of illness.

All visiting of inpatients is prohibited for the time being at Taylorville Memorial Hospital because some

inpatients at the hospital face increased risks of medical complications if they become infected with the coronavirus, and those patients can't be segregated from the rest of the patient population. Visitors are still permitted in the outpatient areas and emergency department at Taylorville Memorial.

In addition, events at Memorial Health System facilities with more than 100 attendees will be postponed, canceled or moved to virtual events in compliance with social distancing guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There have been no positive COVID-19 cases in the Illinois regions served by the system, though the Illinois Department of Public Health reported Sunday that the statewide count of positive COVID-19 cases reached 93, and the number is expected to grow.

## Litchfield School Board To Host Two Meetings

Members of the Litchfield School Board have two meetings scheduled this week on Tuesday, March 17, and Thursday, March 19. Both meetings begin at 6 p.m. at Sihler School in Litchfield.

The Tuesday meeting is a special meeting ahead of the regular monthly meeting on Thursday.

On the agenda, the board will discuss approval of the dollar amount for this year's Fogleman scholarships, the amended calendar for the 2019-2020 school year, the proposed calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, board meeting schedule for the 2020-2021 school year, lease agreement with Synergy for

security cameras, renewal of Johnson Controls service agreement, replacement of a chiller project at the middle school/high school complex and replacement and repairs of HVAC at the middle school/high school complex.

They will also discuss a second reading of board policy updates from PressPlus, as well as personnel matters.

On Thursday, they will hear from Dr. David Lett on an update to the Career and Technical Education program, as well as from an architect about options for bringing the elementary school buildings up to code.

Both meetings will be open to the public.

## New Dungeons And Dragons Club Starts April 10 In Coffeen

Coffeen Library is starting a Dungeons and Dragons club—likely based on the fifth edition of the game—beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 10, at the library on Main Street.

Beginners to the role-playing game are welcome,

and those who have played before are encouraged to bring their notebooks, character sheets and dice.

If interested in the club, contact Merle Imler at 217-534-6349.

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Above, members of Imagine Hillsboro's Volunteer Committee Doug Johnson and Bob Fuehne install new blinds in a vacant apartment above The Shopping Cart, located along Main Street Hillsboro. *Journal-News Photo*

## Imagine Committee Takes On Beautification Projects

Members of Imagine Hillsboro's Volunteer Committee installed new blinds in a vacant apartment above The Shopping Cart, located in downtown Hillsboro.

The newly installed blinds are one of many small beautification projects that the Volunteer Committee inconspicuously takes on to improve the city. The committee also organizes several large scale clean up projects throughout the year including the annual Rake and Run with Hillsboro Area Hospital's Junior Board, Spring Clean Up, Lake Clean Up, High Way Cleanup and various city-wide cleanups prior to events and festivals.

The committee does more than just cleaning up though. They hold fundraisers such as pork patty cookouts for other

committees/organizations, paint, repair sidewalks and tackle residential projects for those in need within the community.

The Volunteer Committee is always looking for new members both skilled and unskilled. They are currently seeking volunteers to help with their upcoming Spring Clean up, where they will do yardwork, ramp and railing installation and repair, and other projects to help local citizens, primarily veterans and the elderly.

Those that are interested in volunteering or that know of someone in need of assistance (preference is given to the elderly, veterans and disabled) may contact Dr. Doug Johnson at 217-313-1125 by Wednesday, April 15.

## NewWave To Make Data Unlimited For Customers

In an effort to help ease the financial burden and provide continued connectivity for customers impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19) NewWave today announced that effective immediately, they will be making unlimited data available on all internet services and waiving late fees for customers for the next 60 days.

Additionally, NewWave is offering payment deferrals to customers who call to make arrangements. The company plans to reassess after 60 days based on the continued impact and evolving nature of the virus.

"We live and work in the communities we serve and these are our friends and neighbors impacted by effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19), so we want to do our part to help," said Julie Laulis, president and CEO. "We understand that our customers rely on their internet service to stay connected to family, work, school and other information and we are committed to ensuring they receive the assistance they need during this time."

Customers may call 844-546-3278 for more information.

## Births

Sean Patrick and Kelsey Elaine Brune of Litchfield announce the birth of their first child, a son, Samuel Lee Brune, born Friday, March 13, at 6:13 p.m. at Alton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measured 20.5 ins. long.



His father is an insurance agent with Allstate in Litchfield, while his mother is a nurse at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Tony and Denise Law of Litchfield. Paternal grandparents are Ronald Brune of New Orleans, LA, and Cynthia Brune of Litchfield.

Maternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Law of Litchfield. Paternal great-grandfather is Ronald K. Roach of Litchfield.

Jamie Ferrill and Alexa Hart of Taylorville announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Charlotte Rose Ferrill, born at 8:45 p.m. on Feb. 18, 2020, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.



She weighed 5 lbs., 3.6 ozs., and measured 19 ins. long.

Her father is a mechanic at Truck Centers and her mother works in the billing department at Memorial Medical Center.

Paternal grandparents are Mark and Lela Ferrill and Holly Ferrill, all of Morrisonville. Maternal grandparents are Gary and Tammy Hart of Kincaid.

Paternal great-grandparents are Pat Ferrill of Morrisonville and the late Charlie Ferrill and Greg and Luanne Stewart of Morrisonville. Maternal great-grandparents are Gary and Kay Hart of Kincaid.



## HHS Interact Club Spruces Up Campus

Members of the Hillsboro High School Interact Club were hard at work doing some spring cleaning around the campus on Saturday morning, March 7. The group met to pick up trash and spruce up their school. Pictured above, in front, from the left are Shelby Houchlei, Emily Reynolds, Alecia Miller, Julia McCarty, Brook Ozier and Josi Witt. In back are Emma Kenny, Vanessa Compton, Glory Wilson, Lucas Nowlan, Rylee Morford, Trevor Hartman, Maci Blankenship and Dylan McCammack.



Heather Hampton+Knodle visited students in the Montgomery County CEO program on Monday, March 9, to discuss communication.

## Hampton+Knodle Visits CEO Class

Heather Hampton+Knodle, who serves as chairman of the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) board of directors, visited this year's class on Monday, March 9, to discuss communications.

"If you're going to communicate effectively, you have to understand someone's motivation," she said.

Hampton+Knodle used examples of her experiences working with others when wanting to partner for both parties to gain in the venture. "But, it cannot be all about you," she stressed.

Hampton+Knodle explained that a partnership is mutually beneficial, and "once you know where another person's benefit aligns with yours," you're in business.

After identifying each party's motivation, communicating requires an awareness of shared values, an organized strategy for maintaining open communication and follow up, and persistence.

"Don't put it off if you need to follow up sooner than later," she said.

The team reflected on opportunities throughout the class business experience

where communication was crucial. Examples included giving volunteers ample information prior to arriving, following up with sponsors to ensure their business is promoted effectively and conveying event details to patrons leading up to and through the event.

"Prioritizing your communications so that it is timely for both you and the other person, means you are acknowledging those people with whom you are doing business. And everyone loves to be acknowledged," she concluded.

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The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church annual spaghetti dinner, scheduled for Sunday, March 22, in Nokomis, has been cancelled.

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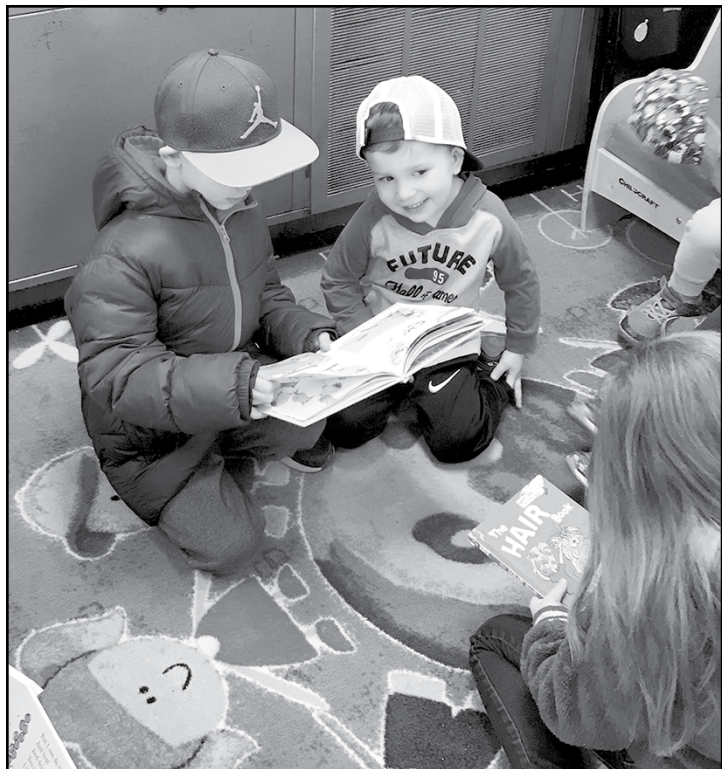


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## Farmersville First Grade, Pre-K Celebrate Dr. Seuss

On Friday, March 6, Farmersville first grade students visited the pre-K classroom to read Dr. Seuss books, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Pictured above, first grader Weston Elvidge reads to pre-K student Foster Millburg. Students celebrated Dr. Seuss all week long, including *Fox in Socks* on Tuesday, March 3, where students wore crazy or fun socks; *Wacky Wednesday* on Wednesday, March 4, where students wore wacky clothes; *Green Eggs and Ham* on Thursday, March 5, where students wore green; and *Cat in the Hat* on Friday, March 6, where students wore hats.

PANTHER PRESS • by Bethany Seely at Litchfield

## Litchfield Schools To Be Closed Two Weeks



Due to COVID-19 school is switching to online through e-learning effective today, Monday, March 16. Students will remain on an e-learning schedule through March 30.

Students are required to be in session on Monday to collect books and learn how to work the online system. Following Monday, students will remain online until March 29.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is challenging the LHS students and the Litchfield community with a weekly challenge. This week's

challenge is to challenge yourself with something you need this week.

The LHS musical *The Little Mermaid* has been postponed due to COVID-19. The cast will perform the show at some point. Once the production is back up and running, we will reach out and contact those who have already purchased tickets. Be on the lookout for updates.

The National Honor Society induction ceremony took place last Thursday. Congrats to all of the new members who were inducted last week.

The scholastic bowl team came close to Carlinville, but placed second at regionals.

## Diamond Coordinator Will Speak At Teachers Meeting

Montgomery County Retired Teachers will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at the Hillsboro Gardens Restaurant.

Joyce Fath, diamond club coordinator with Hillsboro Area Hospital will be the guest speaker at this meeting. Fath also works with the Medical Insurance Assistance Program as well as the Grand

Advantage exercise class. The meeting will begin with Fath's presentation and lunch from the menu will follow.

All retired teachers and their guests, currently living in Montgomery County, are welcome to attend. No reservations are needed and attendees are required to purchase their own meals.

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## Stamp Out Cancer Event Postponed Until August

In the wake of cancellations around the country with the spread of Covid-19, organizers of the sold-out Stamp Out Cancer event have announced the March 28 event has been postponed until Saturday, Aug. 22, at The Event Center in Montgomery County.

In addition, all team fundraisers and events have also been postponed.

"That is right, postponed, not cancelled," said committee member Zach Wygal. "After speaking with our health department and other officials, we will follow the direction of the CDC and postpone our event since we are expecting such a large crowd. The SOC team has been working on this all week, and feel that this is absolutely the best course of action. What is transpiring around us is much bigger than our event."

Wygal added that tickets for the tenth anniversary event will still be honored. Those unable to attend that day may try to sell their tickets to friends or family members or the SOC team will buy them back.

In addition to the four celebrity lip sync challenge teams, *Platinum Rock Legends* will still headline the

event. This year's celebrity lip sync teams include Random Clavin and Tessie Lessman of Raymond, Tara Baker and Madison Baker of Hillsboro, Aaron and Ally Wood of Nokomis and Diana Sisson of Litchfield and Jenny Pezold of Walshville.

Donors are also encouraged to hold onto their silent auction items, and team members will collect them closer to the new date. Wygal said they would have more information about T-shirt sales in the near future too.

"With that being said, we are only postponed," Wygal said. Over the years, Stamp Out Cancer has grown to a size where our money raised accounts for a significant amount of the Montgomery County Cancer Association's budget. COVID-19 does not care if you have cancer or if you need to make it to treatment. Our amazing teams this year still have some awesome events coming up and are looking to finish strong. Our help is still needed. Montgomery County is not only one of the finest counties in the nation, it's one of the strongest. We will get through this together. It's what we do."

## Area Schools Postpone Musical Productions

In the wake of school cancellations, three county schools have announced the postponement of their spring musical productions.

Nokomis High School was scheduled to perform *School House Rock Live* in March, but it has been postponed until April 4 at 1 p.m. Those unable to attend that day may be refunded for their tickets.

In Litchfield, students were preparing for this year's production of *The Little Mermaid* March 26-28, in the school gym.

"There are a lot of factors that will play into when we will be back again, so for now, all we can really say is: as soon as we have new show dates we will let you all know," said Paige Farnworth. "Once we are back up and running, we will be contacting those who

have already purchased tickets, and we will start working everything out."

Hillsboro students were getting ready for their spring production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, which has also now been postponed.

"Rescheduling of the performances is pending resolution of our current health situation, and presents many challenges," said Director Amy Lemons. "I can tell you that I will make every effort possible to give these hard-working kids a chance to perform this incredible show."

The Lincolnwood Drama Club is practicing to present *The Wizard of Oz* April 3 through April 5 in the school auditorium. That performance is still planning to go on as scheduled at this time.



## Litchfield FFA Members Attend Legislative Day

On March 3, Litchfield 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 delivered lunches and commodity baskets to legislators and discussed the benefits of ag education. The members also had time to personally meet with State Representative Avery Bourne, pictured above. From the left are Bourne, Elaan Bader, Rylie Hester, Kevin Pollard and Clayton Walch.

## REDSKIN REVIEW • by Macee Eisenbarth at Nokomis

### Nokomis Schools Will Be Closed In March



Time seems to be flying by at NHS as another week comes to a close for the students.

To participate at the Section 19 contest. As a team, they placed first. Individually, Ethan Knodle placed fifth overall and Ty Knodle placed first overall. Congrats!!

The annual FFA banquet called for another gathering at NHS cafeteria. Members were given awards and were able to enjoy a meal with family and friends. The NHS wouldn't be the same without our FFA members. Keep up the hard work!

On Tuesday night, the National Honor Society had their annual banquet. Current members and new inductees got the chance to be honored and enjoy some food with their families and friends. Being inducted into the National Honor Society is not only an accomplishment, but a privilege. Congrats to these new members! Keep up the hard work.

Throughout the whole week, Ms. Williams' classes competed in a cake decorating competition. The competition was fierce as each food lab competed against each other. At the end of the week, Sophia Keller, Christianah Morrison, Melody Bass and Macee Eisenbarth took the cake. All of the cakes looked great and tasted great too!

The FFA poultry judging team traveled to Shelbyville

Unfortunately for the fine arts members, *School House Rock Live* has been postponed until April 4 at 1 p.m. Don't worry! You will receive a refund if you have already purchased tickets and you are not able to attend on April 4. We still hope to see you there!

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the NHS students will be going online for the next two weeks. With that being said, I'm afraid there won't be much to say about NHS from my bedroom. So, don't forget to stock up on toilet paper, I will see you in a couple of weeks!

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**School Closures**

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Powell expected the closure to have no impact on the end of the school year beyond weather emergency days already on the calendar.

In Litchfield, learning packets for elementary students and Chromebooks for middle school students will be available for pickup from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the student's school. Learning packet updates will also be provided online as they are updated.

"Plans are to provide meals to our students at Litchfield High School, Colt Elementary, Russell Elementary, and Madison Park Elementary from 8-10 a.m. from Monday through Thursday during the shutdown," Litchfield Superintendent Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau said in a release. "We will start these meals on

Tuesday this week. These will be 'grab and go' meals to take home. There will be an extra Friday meal provided at pickup on Thursday."

In Nokomis, buildings will be open from 1-3 p.m. Monday, March 16, for students or parents to pick up Chromebooks, textbooks, or other materials, according to a letter issued by Superintendent Dr. Scott Doerr on Sunday. Fourth and fifth grade students will have Chromebooks made available to them for e-learning.

Teachers in grades 4-12 will provide e-learning activities for students beginning Tuesday, March 17. Teachers will be available each day via email or Google Classroom from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pre-K through third grade educational learning packets will be delivered on March 17, as well as "grab and go" meals

for students, at the Fillmore Fire Department, Ohlman park, Wenonah Village Hall, Coalton Village Hall, east old gym door at Nokomis High School, Nokomis First Baptist Church, and Shane Cole Park from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Superintendent Aaron Hopper said the Panhandle School District will use the Teacherease/Common Goal system to provide updates, and has created the email address [clearningsupport@panhandleschools.com](mailto:clearningsupport@panhandleschools.com) for questions about the closure or meal programing. Food distribution will occur through pick-up stations at the schools in Raymond and Farmersville for students who are normally dropped off at the school at the beginning of each school day, and through the use of bus routes for those who normally ride a bus to school.

**Bar And Restaurant Closures**

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"We are seeing the number of COVID-19 cases increase exponentially and in more locations across Illinois," IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said. "At this point, it is best to assume that the coronavirus is circulating in your community and you should take the same precautions when interacting with other people that you would when interacting with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This may seem like an extreme step, but this

is how we reduce the number of new cases and prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed."

As of Sunday, IDPH is reporting 93 cases in 13 counties in Illinois, up from 64 on Saturday. Cases have occurred in all age ranges and the number of cases that do not have a clear connection to travel or a known COVID-19 case is increasing.

Social distancing measures, such as working from home when possible, limiting the amount of time spent in the community, and trying to

avoid public transportation as much as possible, will help reduce the number of people who become sick at any given time and the possibility of exhausting our health care resources.

For information about how you, your workplace, and community can prepare, visit [montgomeryco.com/health](http://montgomeryco.com/health) or call the Montgomery County Health Department at 217-532-2001. For general questions about COVID-19, call the hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [dph.sick@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.sick@illinois.gov).

**Primary Election**

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Also, Lyn Lanter in South Litchfield 1, Perry Jackson in South Litchfield 2, Richard Wendel in South Litchfield 4, and Olin Clayton in Zanesville. Melanie Sherer is running as a write-in in Hillsboro 6.

On the Republican ballot, there are two names for president, Donald Trump and Roque De La Fuente. Three candidates are unopposed for convention delegate, Martin Davis, Susan Gant Reynolds and Maria Vasquez, and three are unopposed as alternates, Don Tracy, Kevin Breheny and Seth McMillan.

Six candidates seek the party nomination for U.S. Senator: Mark Curran, Tom Tarter, Casey Chlebek, Peggy Hubbard and Robert Mar-

shall. Rodney Davis is unopposed as Republican for U.S. Representative.

Two Republicans seek the nomination for state representative, Avery Bourne and Lawrence Oliver. Holly Lemons seeks nomination for circuit clerk, Andrew Affrunti for state's attorney, Randy Leetham for coroner, Connie Taylor Beck and Jeremy Jones for two seats in county board District 1, Gene Miles, Jim Havera and Chuck Graden for two seats in District 2, Doug Donaldson in District 3, Russell Beason in District 5, Bev McCoy in District 6, and Andy Ritchie in District 7.

Two Republicans seek the nomination for state supreme court, David Overstreet and John Barberis, and two seek the nomination for appellate

court, Mark Boie and Katherine Ruocco.

Two candidates are seeking the office of precinct committeeperson in Irving, Kirby Furness and James Jones. Republicans running unopposed for precinct office are Jim Allen in Bois D'Arc, Roberta Meyer in East Fork 2, Brad Ozee in East Fork 3, Terry Richmond in Hillsboro 1, Mark Hughes in Hillsboro 2, Dick James in Hillsboro 3, Bev McCoy in Hillsboro 4, Jim Vazzi in Hillsboro 5, Jim Havera in Nokomis 4, Connie Beck in North Litchfield 1, Curt Faas in North Litchfield 3, Jeremy Jones in Pitman, Tim Mizera in Raymond, Bill Bergen in South Litchfield 1, Marcia Sailsbury in South Litchfield 2, Kenneth Gaffney in South Litchfield 4, and Donna Yeske in Witt 1.

**Sertoma Awards**

*Continued from front page*

He was shocked that he was the match, and then worried about giving up his "perfectly good kidney." Though painful for a few days recovering from the surgery, Grider said he has never regretted it.

"I can honestly say I have saved a life," he said. "I was able to give my sister her husband back, and gained two nieces and a nephew."

Wildhaber and Grider were able to have some great times together in the outdoors and Grider stated "my kidneys were keeping both of us alive. It's an indescribable feeling."

However in 2017, eight years later, following a fishing trip he and Wildhaber took to Ontario, Wildhaber became ill again. After many tests, doctors discovered the donated kidney was failing due to a rare disease and Wildhaber went back on dialysis.

Grider became an advocate for helping his brother-in-law find a new kidney. The list for kidney transplants is very long with donated kidneys being in very short supply.

Wildhaber again endured many months of four-hour, three days a week dialysis at an outpatient center. The treatments left him exhausted and able to do only menial tasks. He could no longer work full time.

Grider's promotion of organ donations, including a letter to the editor published in *The Journal-News* in January 2019, explaining Kim's plight and asking for someone to help save a life.

In the meantime, Wildhaber's son K.J. had started preschool at the Hillsboro Community Childhood Development Center, and as fate would have it his teacher was McKinsy Leitz.

She would be the answer to the families' prayers.

"I had only known the Wildhabers through the day care that I work at. They were such kind and involved parents and I enjoyed spending time with their children. When I found out that Kim needed a transplant, I added him to the prayer requests at my church, little did I know I was the answer to that prayer all along," said Leitz.

"One morning while unpacking K.J.'s breakfast, Kim's wife, Stephanie was briefly explaining that Kim was an O positive blood type. Somehow a joke was made. I kind of laughed and lightheartedly said, 'Hey, that's my blood type. I could be a match, you never know.' I was just talking to make conversation, but God did not take it lightheartedly."

While the suggestion began as a jest, Leitz could not shake the feeling that she should be tested. The idea was constantly present in her mind and when she attended her church, Net Community Church in Stanton the following Sunday, she was taken aback to find her Pastor Derrick Taylor was delivering a sermon about saying yes to God's call.

After some reflection, Leitz spoke to the Wildhabers and filled out the paperwork to be tested. Unfortunately, Leitz did not make it any farther than filling out the paperwork as she was three months postpartum from delivering her youngest child Aven.

Regulations stipulate that individuals must be at least one year postpartum before testing may take place. Both parties felt that the story had stopped there.

However, what felt like a resounding "no" at the time

was little more than a "not yet."

In January 2019, after more than a year and a half on the transplant list with no donor in sight, Wildhaber began to make long-term plans for life on dialysis. He opted to begin peritoneal dialysis, which he could do himself at his own home.

Around the time that Wildhaber began planning for long-term dialysis, Grider started a campaign trying to raise awareness about the need for living organ donors.

At the same time, Leitz was at the end of the one year postpartum rule for donors and again felt the call to be tested. After a lot of prayer and reflection, Leitz once again made a phone call to Barnes-Jewish Hospital asking to be tested as a possible donor match.

Leitz's results came back and she was a direct match to Wildhaber. While excited by this news, she still had to complete months of testing to determine that she was the best possible match before the transplant surgery was officially scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

While many people, including the Wildhabers, were shocked by Leitz's selfless generosity, those closest to her are not. When asked, her husband, Kirby, who has known Leitz since they were children, laughingly said he always knew something like this would happen.

Her mother, Margaret De-Long, describes her as always being unbelievably kind and giving, stating that even as a little girl she had a remarkably strong faith and that no one who knows her well would be surprised that she would wholeheartedly do something so selfless.

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## Coffeen Celebrates Dr. Seuss Week

Students at Coffeen Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss Week March 2 through March 6, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Activities were planned by school librarian Natasha Cline, and included a variety of dress-up days. They also had daily raffles for Dr. Seuss prizes. Beckemeyer Principal Zach Frailey came to read books on Thursday, and on Friday, Coffeen Principal Marci Gutierrez dressed as the Cat in the Hat (pictured at left), to read books to students as part of a read-a-thon. At right, Jody Hartman of All Twisted Up, made brightly colored balloon creations to decorate throughout the school.



Pictured above, is a state 4-H representative, along with 4-H members, Kyle Reynolds, Bond Knodle, Kohen Stolte, Joelle Hughes, Nathan Brown and Amanda Niemann.

## County 4-H Members Attend Conference

Over 100 seventh and eighth grade youth learned ways to improve their leadership skills at the 2020 "Passport to Leadership" 4-H Junior Leadership Conference, held Saturday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham.

Those in attendance were Nathan Brown, Amanda Niemann, Kohen Stolte, Kyle Reynolds, Joelle Hughes and Bond Knodle.

"The delegates came away with practical ways to improve their personal lives, as well as improve their leadership skills they can take back to their 4-H clubs, communities and schools," said Katie Duitsman, University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth

development specialist.

Team mixing and team building activities helped youth forge new friendships and build their 4-H network. Delegates learned about unique 4-H opportunities where they could further refine the soft skills necessary for successful careers.

As a team, the group packaged more than 9,000 meals for families in need in cooperation with Illini Fighting Hunger.

The youth formed assembly lines, and each added an ingredient, including soy protein, rice, dried vegetables, and bouillon in the six-serving bags.

The conference was organized and taught by members of the Illinois 4-H Youth

Leadership Team, a team of uniquely-trained high school and college-aged 4-H members and young adult 4-H alumni.

Plenty of time was allowed for the teens to interact with other teenagers from across Illinois," Duitsman said. "Youth expand their understanding of the world when they're able to interact with youth from places different than where they live. That's all part of the leadership experience in 4-H.

A portion of the conference expenses was covered by the Illinois 4-H Foundation, which raises private funds to support the Illinois 4-H program.

Growmark sponsored a meal, the community service project and workshops.

## Firefighters Dinner Dance Pushed Back

The Litchfield Volunteer Firefighters Association has made the extremely tough decision to postpone the dinner dance originally planned on March 21.

In the interest of public safety and at the recommendation of the CDC, State of Illinois, and healthcare partners, the event will be moved to a date later this fall.

If you purchased a ticket and would like a refund instead of waiting for the later date, call President/Firefighter Joey Quinn at 217-710-1387. Firefighters will be calling all ticket-holders to ask if they wish to have their money refunded.

## Achievers Will Cancel Events Through April

The Senior Achievers organization has suspended all activities from now through the end of April, due to mounting concerns about the coronavirus and that senior citizens are especially vulnerable.

Cancellations include the Thursday, March 19, trip to the Old Capitol in Springfield, the Tuesday, April 7 breakfast and the Thursday, April 16, trip to St. Louis, MO. Officers will re-evaluate in mid-April to determine how to proceed.

## Museum And Center To Close Temporarily

The Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center is among the many establishments that will be temporarily closing through Tuesday, March 31.

"We value the health and happiness of our guests and our volunteers," said Secretary Anne Jackson. "The health of our Route 66 family makes the decision much easier. We plan to see you in April!"

## Library Trivia Night Cancelled

The annual spring trivia night, scheduled for Saturday, March 21, to benefit the Hillsboro Public Library, has been postponed because the Hillsboro Lions Club building has been closed to activities.

## Coffeen Church Cancels Soup Supper Event

The Coffeen Free Methodist Church's all-you-can-eat soup supper that was scheduled for Friday evening, March 20, has been postponed until further notice.



Pictured above are Montgomery County Toastmasters officers. In the front row are President Tahney Fletcher of Auburn, Sergeant of Arms Pam Hand from Fillmore and Treasurer Bernie Hand of Fillmore. In the back row are Vice President of Public Relations Dr. Todd Austin of Virden, District One Director and a member of the Montgomery County Club Kathy Brenan of Girard and Vice President of Education Leslie Apps from Girard.

## Five Toastmaster Officers Attend Training In February

Five officers of the Montgomery County Toastmasters Club attended the joint Division 1/Division 10 Officer Training in Springfield. Officers were President Tahney Fletcher, Vice President of Education Les Apps, Vice President of Public Relations Todd Austin, Treasurer Bernard Hand and Sergeant of Arms Pam Hand. The event was held on Saturday, Feb. 29, at the Lincoln Library in Springfield.

A total of 18 club officers throughout District 8 attended. Other officers in attendance were from Quincy, Effingham and St. Louis, MO.

Those not in attendance, but already trained for the six-month Toastmasters International training period were Brenda Masters-Stout from Litchfield, vice president of membership and Alan Saeger, secretary.

## Hillsboro Library Offers Free Monthly Programs

Hillsboro Area Public Library is offering a range of free programs throughout the month of March.

The Toddler and Pre-school program, for those ages two to five, will be held from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 26. Attendees are encouraged to bring a Teddy Bear to the bear-themed program.

Fifth through eighth graders can attend the library's DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Club, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. Attendees will make an Easter

bunnycraft. Pre-registration is required, due to limited space and materials.

On Thursday, April 2, students in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to attend the Kids program from 4 to 5 p.m. This month's theme is spring pastel chalk art.

The library's adult book club will meet on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 6 p.m. at the library. This month's reading selection is *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer.

## SOS Takes Precautions Against Coronavirus

The Illinois Secretary of State's office is taking a number of precautionary measures to limit the possibilities for the exposure of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) at the State Capitol.

Permits for all scheduled tours of the Illinois State

Capitol Building and all events scheduled to take place at the Capitol Building have been canceled. In addition, lobbyists who have lobby days or other events at the Capitol Building are being encouraged to alert them to these cancellations.

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## Boy Scout Troop 77 Collects Food Saturday

Scouts John Wolf (left) and Austin Page (right) were among those from Boy Scout Troop 77 who "scouted for food" on Saturday, March 14, to help supply the Salvation Army food pantry in Hillsboro. Not only did scouts scour the town for donated food, they were also available at the CNB Bank & Trust parking lot for those who wished to drop off donations, according to Scoutmaster Dave Wolf. *Journal-News Photo*

## HSHS St. Francis Cancels Events Until End Of April

Due to concerns about COVID-19, influenza and other illnesses, HSHS St. Francis Hospital has decided to postpone or cancel non-essential events and classes with the exception of prenatal classes through the end of April. All essential hospital functions will continue as usual and events/meetings directly related to patient care will not be cancelled. This decision was made to best ensure the health and wellbeing of the hospital's colleagues, patients and visitors. At this time, St. Francis Hospital has not had any confirmed cases of COVID-19, but is taking the necessary precautions based on recommendations by public health officials to prevent the spread of any contagious diseases. Public health officials recommend using social distancing early to help slow the spread of disease. Social distancing refers to maintain-

ing enough distance between yourself and another person to reduce the risk of breathing in droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

The hospital is recommending that people not visit hospital patients if they have a cold or any flu-like symptoms, are under 18 years of age or pregnant. A limit of only two people should visit a patient at any one time.

HSHS St. Francis is closely monitoring the situation locally. If residents are experiencing any symptoms that they suspect are related to COVID-19, they should call the local health department or primary care physician for advice on the next steps to take.

For a complete list of prevention recommendations visit the hospital's website online at [stfrancis-litchfield.org](http://stfrancis-litchfield.org).



Pictured above, are Tri County Beauty Academy's top sales winners. From left are first place Teresa Lentz of Benld, second place Sabrina Ward of Alton and third place Faith Bolyard of Hillsboro.

## Tri County Beauty Academy Announces Top Sales Winners

The top sales winners of Tri County Beauty Academy's hairspray fundraiser were first place Teresa Lentz of Benld, second place Sabrina Ward of Alton and third place Faith Bolyard of Hillsboro. Tri County students have been selling hairspray as a fundraiser, so they can attend the American Beauty Show in Chicago, which will be held on Monday, April 20. As an educational activ-

ity of retail sales, it is a great method to begin the relationship-building process in the training of stylists' new career.

"We are very proud of the announcement of the top sellers, and we say thank you to everyone who purchased hairspray to support the students of Tri County Beauty Academy," said owner Diane Riemann.

## Public Servant's Memory Honored With Foundation

The family of the late Roy L. Hertel of Hillsboro, has recently created the Roy L. Hertel Foundation for Better Communities, to honor Hertel and his countless years of public service in Montgomery County.

Although Mr. Hertel passed away in 2017, his 45 years of public service touched the lives of many residents and the communities of Montgomery County. The Roy L. Hertel Foundation for Better Communities has been created to continue Mr. Hertel's efforts of serving the residents and communities of Montgomery County.

His public service positions included educator and coach at Coffeen School, City of Hillsboro Council member, Hillsboro Area Hospital board member, Montgomery County Circuit Clerk, Hillsboro Sports Association youth coach, co-chairman of the building of the Hillsboro Sports Complex, President of the Hillsboro Lions Club, Montgomery County Direc-

tor of Human Services and Montgomery County board member and Chairman.

The foundation will provide monetary assistance to the residents and communities of Montgomery County by raising funds through fundraisers and public donations with a focus on graduate level college educational tuition reimbursement assistance, medical and medical-related travel expenses, and monetary assistance for the county's youth sports associations.

In an effort to begin reaching the foundation's goals, an annual golf outing has been scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore. The four-person teams will tee off at 8:30 a.m.

For more information on the foundation refer to the Facebook page, The Roy L. Hertel Foundation for Better Communities. Questions about the golf tournament may also be directed to the foundation's Facebook page.

## Lincoln Land Will Extend Break As Virus Precaution

Lincoln Land Community College will extend spring break for students by an additional week Monday, March 16 through Sunday, March 22, in response to the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Although classes are cancelled, the college will be open next week and all staff will report to work as usual.

In an email to all students, faculty and staff, LLCC President Charlotte Warren, Ph.D., said that faculty will work next week to develop alternative delivery methods to ensure that they will be able to resume classes remotely beginning Monday, March 23. "Although no classes will be held next week, the college will be open as we prepare for adaptive modes of teaching through the duration of this health crisis," said Dr. Warren. "Our facilities staff is taking extra measures to ensure a clean and sanitary environment."

While LLCC Community Education classes are cancelled until further notice the LLCC Child Development Center will remain open with regular business hours.

All activities involving community groups meeting on the LLCC campus or at any LLCC Outreach Center are also cancelled until further notice. Bistro Verde will be closed until further notice.

A polling place, for primary election voting, will be open in Montgomery Hall on Tuesday, March 17. Dr. Warren expressed thanks to the campus community for their patience and understanding as the school works together to continue to provide a safe learning environment for students.

Updates will be posted on line at [www.llcc.edu](http://www.llcc.edu).

## Honor Flight Network Suspends April 7 Trip

In the midst of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight Organization has announced that the April 7 trip has been postponed.

This action was taken in consideration of the Center for Disease Control's recently issued advisory that adults over the age of 60 should avoid all non-essential air travel. As a result, the national Honor Flight Network issued a mandatory suspension of all Honor Flight trips effective through April 30. All veterans who were scheduled on the April 7 flight have been notified and will be offered the opportunity to participate on the Aug. 18 trip. "This is an unprecedented and challenging time because of the uncertainties and risks associated with COVID-19," said LLHF President Joan Bortolon. "We value the health and safety of our veterans, their guardians and everyone who supports Land of Lincoln Honor Flight."

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## Coronavirus Tech Falls State Tournaments

by Kyle Herschelman

The good news for Vincent Moore and Hunter Hancock is that they both qualified for the IESA State Wrestling Tournament and made it through this past weekend undefeated. The bad news is that they also didn't get a chance to wrestle.

Due to health concerns over the coronavirus, the IESA State Wrestling Tournament was cancelled by the IESA and Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, the host of this year's event.

"While this is unfortunate for many reasons, we have to comply with the directive from Northern Illinois University. The health and safety of our participants and fans attending the finals is our top priority," the IESA said via their website. "Given the nature of the activity, it is an unreasonable expectation to ask athletes to maintain weight controls for an unknown or extended amount of time. We are very disappointed for our athletes and schools who have worked very hard to participate in this event."

While their seasons ended differently than they hoped they would, the cancellation doesn't take anything away from the accomplishments of Moore, Hancock and their teammates.

Moore, a 65-pound sixth grader, went 3-1 at East Peoria Middle School on March 6, to earn his spot at state. After beating Caleb Graham of El Paso-Gridley by fall in his opening match, Moore lost an 8-3 decision to Briley Carter of Clinton to move to the wrestlebacks. There he scored a close win over Logan Witherall of PORTA by a 4-2 score, which guaranteed him a spot at state, and defeated

E.J. Chaon of LeRoy in the third place match by a 5-0 final tally.

Hancock, a 167-pound eighth grader, also went 3-1 on the day. Like Moore, he won his first match, pinning Ryan Reid of Clinton, then lost his second, losing by fall to Dylan Camden of Lawrenceville. In the wrestlebacks, Hancock beat Ryan Taylor of Springfield St. Agnes in a 5-2 decision, then took third with an 8-3 victory over Mason Forsythe of Roxana. Both Taylor and Forsythe finished ahead of Hancock at the regional in Auburn, making the wins even sweeter.

Litchfield Coach Dan Newkirk said he was happy with how both competitors did at sectionals and throughout the season.

"Both Vinny and Hunter have had great seasons. Hunter is a first year wrestler who showed what you can do if you listen and work hard," Newkirk said. "As an eighth grader, I am looking forward to watching his further progression on the high school team."

While Hancock was in his first year on the mats, his younger teammate is a veteran, having made it to state last year in the 65-pound class as a fifth grader.

"Vincent is a career wrestler who lives the life," Coach Newkirk said of Moore, who was the champion at the Auburn Regional. "He is committed to the sport of wrestling, spending a lot of time during the season, as well as in the offseason, trying to become the very best wrestler he can be."

Five other LMS wrestlers would also make it to sectionals, after finishing in the top three at the Auburn Regional the week before.

Seventh Grader Clayton Hauter and eighth grader Kaleb Crabtree both went 1-1 at sectionals after finishing second at regionals. Hauter defeated Dawson Sheets of Monticello 9-0 before losing to Jordan Weter of Mt. Zion 13-3 to end his tournament. Crabtree would win 12-0 over Chase Moyer, then lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to Waylon Melick of El Paso-Gridley.

Seventh graders Jase Giannuzzi and Charlie Priddle, along with eighth grader Ryan Vollintine, would all finish third at the regional and went 0-1 at sectionals. Giannuzzi wrestled at 105 pounds, while Priddle competed at 112 and Vollintine at 275. Devin Hansel, a 155-pound seventh grader, also qualified for sectionals but was unable to compete due to illness.

While the cancellation of the tournament is a tough pill to swallow, it does nothing to detract from the wrestling program at LMS, which continually sends wrestlers to state year after year. In the last ten years alone, the Panthers have sent 25 wrestlers to state, plus an individual champion in 2008 with Seth Newkirk.

### Volleyball, Basketball State Cancelled

The Litchfield Middle School wrestlers weren't the only county junior high students to see their postseason plans cut short. The pandemic also forced the cancellation of the IESA volleyball state series for both seventh and eighth grade. The decision directly affected Lincolnwood Junior High School, who was scheduled to play Friday, March 13, in the Class 7-2A state tourney in Pawnee.

The Lady Knights' eighth grade squad was also still

alive in the postseason, but their regional championship game against Central A&M on Thursday was canceled, as was Hillsboro's eighth grade match-up against Vandalia in their regional championship tilt.

At the high school level, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) announced on March 12, that it has canceled its remaining winter state series postseason tournaments, which include boys basketball, scholastic bowl, drama and group interpretation, music, debate and journalism over concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We appreciate the patience and understanding that we have received from everyone involved in this process over the past 72 hours," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "We have stressed the fluidity of this situation and have been transparent about the possibility that a suspension or cancellation could occur. While we had support from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Peoria City/County Health Department to continue our events with limited spectators, it has become untenable to continue the events among our member schools. Multiple schools who are participating or hosting these sports and activities have been forced to withdraw from those roles, clarifying the need for the IHSA to take definitive action. The Board considered suspending the events, but after deliberate discussion, did not believe that was a realistic option within the timeline. We feel for everyone who has been impacted, but must put the health and safety of all involved ahead of these events."



Litchfield Middle School sixth grader Vincent Moore gets a lift from teammate, eighth grader Hunter Hancock, after the pair qualified for the IESA State Tournament by both finishing third at the sectional in East Peoria. Unfortunately, the state tournament was cancelled due to concerns over the coronavirus and the health of the wrestlers and spectators.

The IHSA has not made any decisions related to spring sport tournaments at this time.

"It is too early to make any decisions regarding IHSA spring state final tournaments," said Anderson. "We respect the NCAA's decision to cancel its spring championships, but also recognize that the exposure and travel by our high school teams is not as expansive as collegiate teams. At this juncture, we recommend that all IHSA spring sport teams consult their lo-

cal health departments, and follow their recommendations on if and how to proceed with practices and regular-season contests."

Anderson added, "I also want to commend the coaches and administrators from the Class 1A and Class 2A boys basketball state finalists who traveled to Peoria today. While obviously disappointed, they conducted themselves with the utmost class as we charted this unprecedented situation together."



Shawn Goebel, a Morrisonville senior who played for the Lincolnwood co-op team, was one of three unanimous first team all-conference picks in the MSM Conference, along with Jackson Smith of South County and Jace Tarr of Tri-City. Goebel led the Lancers in scoring with 11.9 points per game, assists with 86 and steals with 56. *Journal-News Photo*

## Lancers Land On All-Conference Team

Three members of the Lincolnwood High School basketball family were recognized by the coaches of the MSM Conference with all-conference honors for the 2019-2020 season.

Two of the three would come from the boys' side as seniors Shawn Goebel and Sam Herman each received an all-conference nod.

Goebel, a senior from the Lancers' co-op partner Morrisonville, was a unanimous first team pick after leading the team in scoring (11.9 points per game), assists (86) and steals (56). Goebel was also second in rebounds (141) and first in blocks (20).

Goebel was joined on the first team by fellow unanimous picks Jackson Smith of South County and Jace Tarr of Tri-City. Derrick Roberts of Calvary and Connor Hennemann of Pawnee rounded out the all-senior first team.

Herman, who didn't play as a junior, came out with second team honors after averaging 10.1 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. He was also second in blocks (19) and was among the leaders in two-point field goal percentage at 46.9 percent.

Also on the second team were seniors Brenton Duffie of South County, Jacob Wiegand of Springfield Lutheran and Dylan Cox of Tri-City, plus Calvary junior Brennan Crowder.

Earning honorable mention accolades were Edinburg senior Will LeFever, Mt. Olive sophomore Trent Markezich, Tri-City junior Matt Martin, Calvary senior Zachary Rose and South County junior Lucas Schumacher.

### Girls Basketball

On the girls' side, Lincolnwood junior Cassie Krager was an honorable mention pick for this year's MSM all-conference team. Krager led Lincolnwood in points scored, with just over 20 percent of her team's points, and rebounds, at 6.8 per game. She also tied for the team lead in steals and was second in assists.



Lincolnwood senior Sam Herman was a second team all-conference selection by the coaches of the MSM Conference this year after averaging 10.1 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. *Journal-News Photo*

Tri-City/Sangamon Valley and South County would both have two first team picks, with seniors Ashlyn Sturdy and Allison Campbell representing the Storm and senior Malena Bixby and Elyse Copelin representing the Vipers. Emily Stoeckel of Springfield Lutheran was also a first team selection and one of four unanimous picks, along with Sturdy,

Bixby and Campbell. On the second team were Springfield Lutheran freshman Makenna Cox, South County junior Callie Hughes, Tri-City/Sangamon Valley freshman Sarah Finley, South Fork senior Mackenzie Harmon and Springfield Lutheran junior Delaney Scheidenhelm.

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Lincolnwood junior Cassie Krager was an honorable mention selection for the MSM all-conference team. Krager was the leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Lancers, who played their first season in their home colors since 1985. *Journal-News Photo*

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## Hillsboro Wrestling Hands Out Awards After Season

The Hillsboro High School wrestling team held its season ending banquet on Tuesday, March 3, at the HHS cafeteria. Award winners this year, from the left, were Jonah Harkins (MVP), Keegan Murray (Most Improved) and Shelby Ozier (Hardest Worker).

## MSM All-Conference

Continued from 1B

In addition to Krager, Tri-City/Sangamon Valley sophomore Jordan Closs and Pawnee senior Haleigh Meier also earned an honorable mention to this year's MSM all-conference team.

### 2019-20 Boys Basketball MSM Conference All-Conference

- First Team**
- Shawn Goebel, Sr. - Lincolnwood
  - Jackson Smith, Sr. - South County
  - Jace Tarr, Sr. - Tri-City
  - Derrick Roberts, Sr. - Calvary
  - Connor Hennemann, Sr. - Pawnee
- Second Team**
- Brenton Duffie, Sr. - South County
  - Jacob Wiegand, Sr. - Lutheran
  - Sam Herman, Sr. - Lincolnwood
  - Brennan Crowder, Jr. - Calvary
  - Dylan Cox, Sr. - Tri-City

### Honorable Mention

- Will LeFever, Sr. - Edinburg
- Trent Markezich, So. - Mt. Olive
- Matt Martin, Jr. - Tri-City
- Zachary Rose, Sr. - Calvary
- Lucas Schumacher, Jr. - South County

### 2019-20 Girls Basketball MSM Conference All-Conference

- First Team**
- Ashlyn Sturdy, Sr. - TCSV
  - Emily Stoeckel, Sr. - Lutheran
  - Malena Bixby, Sr. - South County
  - Allison Campbell, Sr. - TCSV
  - Elyse Copelin, Sr. - South County
- Second Team**
- Makenna Cox, Fr. - Lutheran
  - Callie Hughes, Jr. - South County
  - Sarah Finley, Fr. - TCSV
  - Mackenzie Harmon, Sr. - South Fork
  - Delaney Scheidenhelm, Jr. - Lutheran

### Honorable Mention

- Jordan Closs, So. - TCSV
- Haleigh Meier, Sr. - Pawnee
- Cassie Krager, Jr. - Lincolnwood

## Bowling League

### Wednesday Night League March 11 at Hillsboro Bowl Week 25 of 28

	W	L
Rednecks	30	14
Team 6	27	17
Bass Patton Dean	23	21
Kamer's	20	24
Pin Pals	16	28
Bowl Dawgs	16	28

**Team Scratch Game:** Rednecks 620; Bass Patton Dean 591; Bowl Dawgs 583

**Team Scratch Series:** Rednecks 1757; Bass Patton Dean 1676; Bowl Dawgs 1659

**Team Handicap Game:** Pin Pals 842; Bass Patton Dean 822; Bowl Dawgs 805

**Team Handicap Series:** Bass Patton Dean 2369; Bowl Dawgs 2325; Pin Pals 2321

**Men's Scratch Game:** Smitty 210; David Baker 182; Jim 176

**Men's Scratch Series:** Smitty 502; David Baker 485; Jim 483

**Men's Handicap Game:** Smitty 241; David 239; Bill 225

**Men's Handicap Series:** Virgil 640; David 628; David Baker 608

**Women's Scratch Game:** Kellea 164; Joanna 154; Heather 128

**Women's Scratch Series:** Kellea 434; Joanna 371; Heather 354

**Women's Handicap Game:** Kellea 218; Joanna 213; Heather 198

**Women's Handicap Series:** Kellea 596; Heather 564; Joanna 548

### Men's Thursday League Feb. 20 at Nokomis Town Pump Bowl - Wk. 24 of 34

	W	L
Dirks Auto Care LLC	56	40
Pocket Pounders	54	42
Fast Auto	54	42
Taylor Trucking	54	42
Lebowski Bros	48	48
Town Pump Bowl	48	48
Kamer's Kove	43	53

**Team Scratch Game:** Dirks Auto Care 976; Fast Auto 960; Pocket Pounders 950

**Team Scratch Series:** Dirks Auto Care 2759; Fast Auto 2703; Pocket Pounders 2677

**Team Handicap Game:** Lebowski Bros 1122; Fast Auto 1115; Dirks Auto Care 1098

**Team Handicap Series:** Fast Auto 3168; Dirks Auto Care 3125; Lebowski Bros 3091

**Men's Scratch Game:** Todd Stewart 268; Chris Johnson 232; Shea Tuetken 232

**Men's Scratch Series:** Todd Stewart 673; Brandon Petty 605; Charlie O'Malley 598

**Men's Handicap Game:** Todd Stewart 276; Shea Tuetken 263; Dave Himes 257

**Men's Handicap Series:** Brandon Petty 716; Todd Stewart 697; Shea Tuetken 684

**Women's Scratch Game:** Becky Himes 161; Christy Clutter 134

**Women's Scratch Series:** Becky Himes 421; Christy Clutter 381

**Women's Handicap Game:** Becky Himes 224; Christy Clutter 190

**Women's Handicap Series:** Becky Himes 610; Christy Clutter 549

# White At The Helm Of Purple Panthers

For the third time in five years, the Purple Panthers will have a new skipper patrolling the diamond at Litchfield High School as Conor White enters his first year as head baseball coach at Litchfield High School.

The 14th head coach at LHS, since 1935, Coach White brings a lot of baseball with him. A 2014 Sacred Heart-Griffin graduate, Coach White played four years of high school baseball and four years of college baseball, two years at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and two years at the University of Indianapolis.

Even though Coach White is in his first year as a head coach, he does bring some coaching experience as he was an assistant coach at Lincoln Land Community College for a year, where he controlled the first base coaching box.

Baseball has been a family tradition for Coach White, as his father Loren White, a Hillsboro graduate, played baseball for Illinois State and was drafted in the 17th round of the 1985 Major League Baseball by the Montreal Expos. He also has a younger brother who played four years of baseball at Sacred Heart Griffin and four years at the college level, two year at Lincoln Land Community College and two years at the University of Southern Indiana.

Coach White enters his first year as a head coach with some unfamiliarity with Litchfield baseball and the South Central Conference but that has not affected his first couple of weeks as a baseball coach as he has received tremendous support from the school and the community. More importantly the players have accepted him, as Coach White explained the team has had great team chemistry so far this season.

"Our team has a lot of energy and I am thrilled about that," said Coach White. The positive atmosphere has been a great start, but

Coach White knows there will be some challenges in the upcoming season.

"We are looking to improve on last year's record and beating the teams we lost to last season," said Coach White on a challenge for the upcoming season.

He is also hoping that "everyone's arms stay healthy and that we get to play as many games as we can."

With the current situation throughout the state of Illinois and the nation, the amount of games being played could be a bigger challenge than within. The Purple Panthers, previous opening day was scheduled for March 20, but with no school attendance the Purple Panthers will hope the April 1 date at Ramsey will be their first contest.

One game Coach White hopes to get in is the newly scheduled contest with Sacred Heart-Griffin. Coach White is excited to bring his team to battle on his old stomping grounds against his former assistant coach, SHG Head Coach Nick Naumovich.

Coach White will enter his first year with 30 players on the roster, four seniors, ten juniors, eight sophomores and eight freshman. The lack of consistent weather has prevented the boys of spring from hitting the diamond and leaves Coach White with a few more uncertainties.

"There are some things I do not know just yet..... Things that a coach can only know when you are playing on a grass and dirt field," said White.

Coach White knows though, his boys are ready to hit the field and have a good season. A



Conor White, who played baseball for the University of Indianapolis in 2017 and 2018, is the head baseball coach for Litchfield High School this season, which will begin no earlier than April 1.

crutch this team can lean on this season is each other.

"Our practices have consisted of one player picking up the next and so on and so forth," said White.

Junior Caleb Jurgena has been an early impact on the team so far this year as he "brings a lot of energy and a positive attitude to the team and that will help us tremendously in the season," said

Coach White.

He also looks for Jacob Budd, Blaine Stewart, Jacob Frerichs and Clayton Walch to be impact players this season as well. Frerichs will look to continue to put the ball in play this season as he did last year, when he batted .346 and led the team with five doubles, one triple and one home run. Frerichs was also second in RBIs behind graduating senior Billy Beckham.

Coach White looks for freshman Jacob Budd to surprise some teams this season.

"He has good size for a freshman, strong, and I can already tell he is fundamentally sound and understands

the game of baseball well," said White.

Litchfield will look to improve on both sides of the field throughout the season as they ended the season with a team batting average of .203, averaging three runs a game and a team ERA of 5.96, giving up an average of eight runs a game.

Energy and chemistry has been the common thread throughout the early season practices and has been a positive. As a coach those two elements of a team aren't something that can be coached and starts with the players. Coach White has been fortunate to have a group of players that brings those two elements to the table and allows coach to coach the game.

The above gives the Purple Panthers an advantage in the season and will give the team a boost during their contests. Coach White knows how special those two elements are and he has seen that in his players. More importantly the players have noticed that and commented on how the team chemistry has improved, making practices enjoyable.

When the Purple Panthers hit the field, whenever that may be, the spectators will feed off their energy and chemistry. Litchfield will look to ride the energy and chemistry to a winning season, the first since the 2014 season, also their last South Central Conference title.

## Carlinville Rotary Club To Postpone Tournament

In light of the coronavirus, the Carlinville Rotary Club has decided to postpone the 18th Annual Carlinville Rotary Club All-Star Basketball Classic scheduled for Sunday, March 22, at Carlinville High School.

The Rotary Club plans to review the situation in mid-April and mid-May and determine if things have im-

proved with the coronavirus, and determine a date, in early June, to reschedule the tournament.

There were 60 players, 30 boys and 30 girls, from Macoupin, Montgomery, Bond, Fayette, Madison, Jersey, Greene, Morgan and Sangamon Counties who were selected to participate in the event.

## Lang Honored By 3 Rivers Softball Association

On Saturday, Feb. 29, Louis Lang of Coffeen attended a mandatory USA/ASA softball umpires clinic at the Wood River Recreation Center. This meeting was hosted by the 3 Rivers Softball Association and the Alton-Wood River ASA.

Every year ASA/USA umpires must be a part of this clinic as they are informed of rule changes, how to use the Safe Sport program and review and take the annual test. Discussion is also held on many facets of softball.

During the meeting, Lang was recognized by the 3 Rivers Softball Association with the group's "Blue Rock Award." The certificate given to the former Marion resident stated, "The Blue Rock Award in Recognition of Your Solid and Consistent Achievements in Umpiring."

"This was definitely an honor and a surprise to me as I had no clue whatsoever that I was going to receive this prestigious award," Lang stated.

A veteran umpire with 43 years of experience in the



Coffeen official Louis Lang was recognized with the Blue Rock Award by the 3 Rivers Softball Association of Illinois during a meeting hosted by the group on Saturday, Feb. 29. Pictured above are Paul Tomazzoli, USA Softball of Illinois Umpire in Chief; Lang; Glen Vetter, Illinois Deputy Umpire in Chief; and Charles Carlson, who was Illinois Deputy Umpire in Chief for 13 years.

ASA/USA softball network, Lang has 13 national championships under his belt and has also had the privilege of umpiring on the local and state levels. With the high school

season scheduled to begin next week, Lang has already been chosen to be involved in another state tournament in Decatur in July.

According to Lang, the

ASA/USA softball association would love to have some new umpires get involved and invites anyone who may be interested to contact him for more information.

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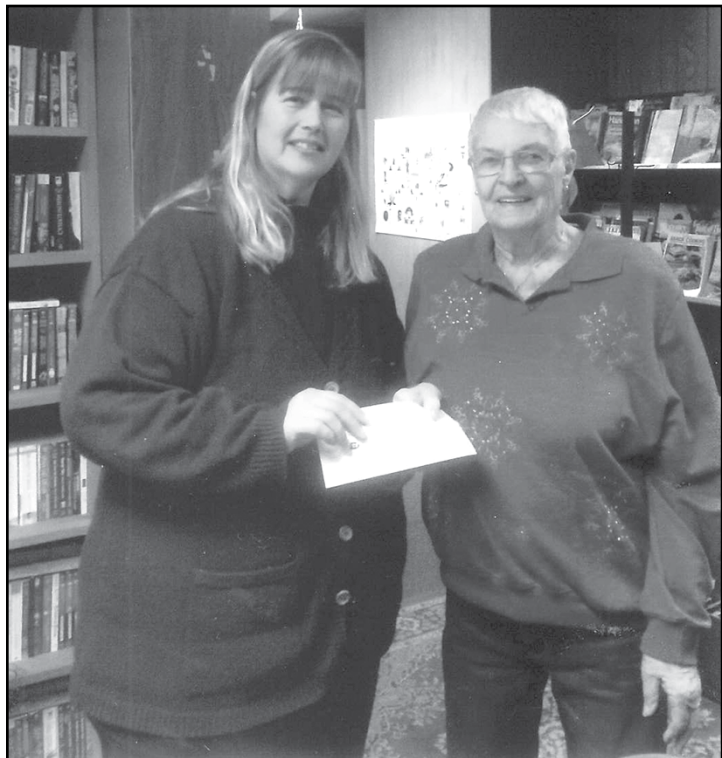
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### Coffeen Royal Neighbors Match Library's Funding

Coffeen Royal Neighbors completed the matching funds for the Coffeen Community Library. The organization held a benefit of biscuits and gravy to meet their goal. Above, Cindy Howard, president of the library directors (left) receives a check from Jean Brown, Royal Neighbors secretary.

### Hillsboro Senior Group Cancels March Meeting

The Hillsboro Community Senior Club has cancelled their meeting for March, due to concerns regarding the coronavirus.

A statewide mandate has been issued requesting all senior centers to temporarily close. The Hillsboro Senior Club plans to meet on Tuesday, April 28.

### Public Transit Cancels Trips As Precaution

Central Illinois Public Transit has announced they are canceling all special trips for the month of March, due to health risk with the coronavirus.

They plan to restart the trips once the threat has passed.

### Nokomis Craft Show Cancelled

The Nokomis Woman's Club Spring Craft Show, scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at Cornerstone Academy, has been cancelled.

The event that had been scheduled at a school was called off due to the state-wide school closure.



Pictured above are kindergartner Alleha Gilbert, first grader Adeline Dyas, second grader Sophia Freer, third grader Kylee Furness, fourth grader Zayden Vawter and fifth grader Owen Earnest.

### Six Students Are Caught With Character

Six students at Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro were Caught with Character in February. The students for the month of February are kindergartner Alleha Gilbert from Mrs. Roger's class, first grader Adeline Dyas from Mrs. Waters's class, second grader Sophia Freer from Mrs. Cady's class, third grader Kylee Furness from Mrs. C. Brown's class, fourth grader Zayden Vawter from Mrs. Jorn's class and fifth grader Owen Earnest from Mr. Atkins' class.

Honesty and integrity were the focus in February at Beckemeyer Elementary School as part of the "Caught with

Character" program.

The winning students received a character education shirt, designed by Brittney. These T-shirts will be worn by all staff in the building on the first school day of each month, which is "Caught with Character (Character Education) Day." Students awarded the T-shirts are encouraged to wear the shirts the same day as the building staff throughout the school year.

During the month of March, Beckemeyer students are learning about self-control. Classroom teachers will read books, provide character lessons, show videos and have general discussions about

self-control with their students.

Staff in the building are looking for opportunities throughout the month to "Catch Students with Character." They will acknowledge students' positive behavior with classroom celebrations, choosing a student of the month for each classroom (with a grade-level winner chosen monthly) and other forms of recognition.

Beckemeyer Elementary School thanks local businesses and individuals in the community who continue to support and fund the "Caught with Character" program.

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## Farmers May Now Apply To Conservation Program

State Conservationist Ivan Dozier announces that applications for the 2020 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP-WRE) will be accepted through Monday, April 13. Applications that meet program eligibility and ranking criteria will be considered for the 2020 program. "The first application cut-

off date has been established," Dozier explained. "Right now we're accepting applications for Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)."

In fiscal year 2020, the ACEP-WRE in Illinois was allocated \$5.4 million. NRCS may establish a second application funding cutoff opportunity later this year if

all funds are not used in the first application cutoff. Dozier reminds farmers and landowners they can apply for ACEP, and all conservation programs, at any time, as sign-up is continual and applications may be submitted any time.

NRCS offers two types of easements through ACEP: Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) and Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE). NRCS will establish an application cutoff for ALE at a later date. NRCS is still finalizing ranking criteria for fiscal year 2020. The Geographic Area Rate Caps (GARCs) have been established and are available on the NRCS website.

GARCs establish the rate per acre that NRCS pays to landowners for the ACEP-WRE easement.

The purpose of the Wetland

Reserve Easements (WRE) is to help landowners enhance and protect habitats for wetland wildlife on their lands, reduce impacts from flooding, recharge groundwater, provide outdoor recreation and increase habitat for migratory waterfowl.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners to restore, protect and enhance wetlands through the purchase of these easements. Eligible landowners may choose to enroll in a permanent or 30-year easement.

Those interested may apply for a wetlands easement through ACEP-WRE at their local USDA Service Center. More information about ACEP and other NRCS conservation programs in Illinois may be found online at [www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/programs](http://www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/programs).



## Three Nokomis FFA Students Advance To State Competition

On March 3, seven members of the Nokomis High School FFA chapter interviewed with their SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experiences) projects at the district level. Pictured above, in front, from the left are Ethan Knodle, Laurel Forrester and Emma Hand. In back are Ty Knodle, Kendall Knodle, Alexander Tosetti and Nicholas Mascher.

FFA members select areas of interest and keep detailed records of hours and type of work they have completed in each area. At the district contest, Laurel Forrester, Ty Knodle, Ethan Knodle and Kendall Knodle all advanced to the state competition.



## Steward, Walch Compete At District 3 Competition

On March 3, Vance Steward and Clayton Walch represented the Litchfield High School FFA at the District 3 Proficiency Award interviews. Walch, at right, was the Section 15 winner in turfgrass management, and Steward was the Section 15 winner in grain production. Making it to the district level takes a tremendous amount of work and dedication to their Supervised Agricultural Experience program, and while they didn't advance to state, they represented the Litchfield chapter very well.

## Fire Calls

### False Alarm

Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to an alarm activation at Hillsboro High School at 12:44 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

Twenty-two members re-

sponded and found it to be a false alarm. They returned back to service at 12:55 p.m.

## St. Francis Farm Family Event Now Postponed

In an effort to keep the community healthy, HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield has postponed events and meetings in March and April.

The Farm Family Event that was scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, at Lincoln Land Community College has been postponed.

Other cancellations will be posted on the hospital's website at [www.stfrancis-litchfield.org](http://www.stfrancis-litchfield.org).



## Nokomis Students Drive Their Tractors To School

At the end of National FFA Week, several members of the Nokomis High School FFA drove their tractors to school on Friday, Feb. 28. In addition, they visited North Elementary School and talked to students about FFA and agriculture. They also let the elementary students climb into the tractors. Pictured above NHS FFA member Kendall Knodle talks to a group of students.



## Nokomis FFA Members Serve Breakfast

In celebration of National FFA Week, members of the Nokomis High School FFA prepared a faculty appreciation breakfast on Thursday morning, Feb. 27. Pictured above, from the left are Emily Wilkerson, Kolin Reynolds, Quentin Jamieson, Zander Huston, Derick Bell, Kendall Knodle and Ty Knodle.

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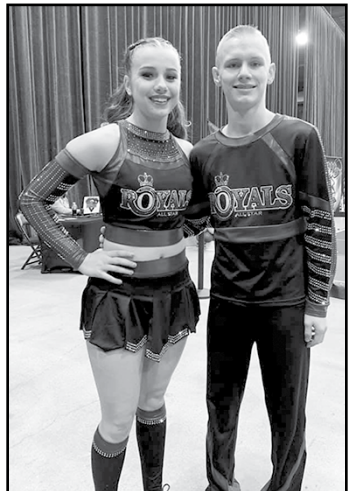
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Katie Case and Isaiah Farmer showcased their level four skills during a duo routine at the Battle of the Bows.



Juanita Melchert closed out the day with her brand new solo routine.

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**Midwest Royals Take On Battle Of The Bows**

Three of the Midwest Royals teams as well as a solo and duo traveled to Springfield to attend the Battle of the Bows at the BOS Center on Sunday, March 1.

The Royals senior elite team, the Regulators, started the day off with a zero deduction routine. The senior team was awarded first place in their division as well as being named overall level two champions.

Katie Case and Isaiah Farmer debuted their duo routine which showcased their level four skill. The dynamic duo was awarded a first place metal in the level four duo division.

The mini Cherry Bombs were next to take the mat. They performed a solid zero deduction routine that landed them a first place

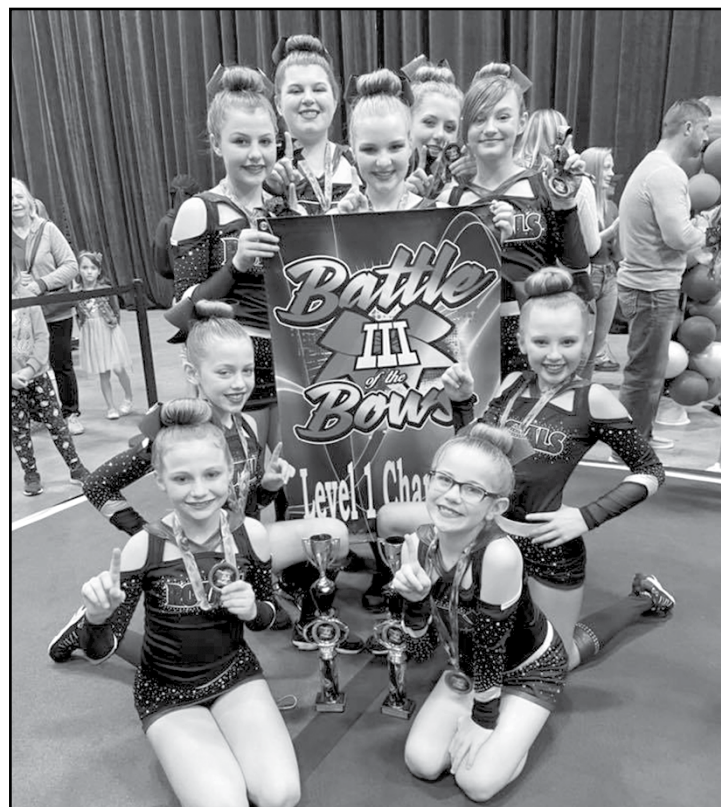
trophy. The team Notorious nailed their routine with zero deductions. They took first place in their division as well as overall prep champions and remain undefeated.

Juanita Melchert closed out the day for the Royals with her brand new solo routine. All eyes were on Melchert as she performed a first place worthy routine.

The Midwest Royals teams are comprised of athletes from Litchfield, Hillsboro, Staunton, Carlinville, Mt. Olive and Gillespie. The minis and solos will travel to Centralia to compete at the Studio 50 AAU competition, while the Regulators, Girl Fight and Notorious teams will head to Schaumburg to compete at the Tournament of Champions on Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22.



The Midwest Royals Regulators were awarded first place in their division at the Battle of the Bows. In front, from the left, are Alyssa Lohman, Jenna Shell and Amy Frerichs. In back, from the left, are Maysie Phillips, Rylie Mix, Sarah Boucher, Terra Dewitt, Isaiah Farmer and Katie Case.



The Notorious Midwest Royals Team remains undefeated after competing in the Battle of the Bows. First row, from the left, are Chloe Newman and Madison Hendricks. Second row, from the left, are Rilynn Younker and Mackenzie Perkins. Third row, from the left, are Savannah Morgan, Hayden Thompson and Zoe Fulhorst. In back, from the left, are Sammi Hanson and Carli Skinner.



The Cherry Bombs landed a first place trophy at the Springfield competition. In front is Mataya Melchert. Second row, from the left, are Isabelle White, Lana Davidson, Knox Wilson and Lynnox Kessler. Third row, from the left, are Avery Clelland and Makenzie Hendricks. In back is Paige Swank.

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**January 30**

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United States Department Housing & Urban Development, Secretary of Housing & Urban Development to Olga Jackson, Spl. WD, Lots 18-20, North Hillsboro.

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**January 31**

Laura R. Smith to David Mizera, Angie Mizera, WD, Lots 2-3, Blk. 2, Butler Original Town.

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Sign up for Property Fraud Alerts at [www.propertyfraudalert.com](http://www.propertyfraudalert.com).

**HELP WANTED**

Seasonal help with possible full-time. CDL beneficial, but not required.

Apply at M&M Service Company Irving Elevator, 533-4331

**Extra-Help, Horticulture – Montgomery County**

University of Illinois Extension is seeking an individual to assist during the summer growing season with the community garden located at HSHS St. Francis in Litchfield, and other duties as assigned. This position will work no more than 28 hours per week. Requirements: high school graduate, ability to work flexible hours, automobile and operator's license or access to transportation for performance of duties. For more information, or to receive an application, contact University of Illinois Extension, Montgomery County, #1 Industrial Park Dr., Hillsboro, IL 62049, 217-532-3941. Completed applications due by March 20, 2020. The U of I is an EEO Employer/Vet/Disabled - [www.inclusiveillinois.illinois.edu](http://www.inclusiveillinois.illinois.edu).

**--- VACANCY NOTICE ---**

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 • March 13  
**Position:** Full-time Courier  
**Qualifications:** High School diploma or equivalent, valid driver's license, ability to lift and carry at least 80 lbs., and good people skills.  
**Job Description:** Providing delivery service for supplies, mail, and food service between all school buildings within the District.  
**Submit Application/Resumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to:**  
Fred Butler, Director of Maintenance  
Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3  
1311 Vandalia Rd., Hillsboro, IL 62049  
Phone: 217-532-2942  
**Due By: March 20, 2020**  
We do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

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**-- HELP WANTED --**

**Small Christian Nonprofit seeking full-time administrator.**

Benefits include paid vacation, personal and sick time. Should have ministry/leadership/administration experience.

Pick up application in store or print from website:

[www.heartsunitedassociation.org](http://www.heartsunitedassociation.org)

Application deadline: 3/27/20



**HELP WANTED**

We are now accepting applications for Class B CDL Drivers  
Apply at M&M Service Company for application at 1600 Historic Old Rt. 66 North, Litchfield, IL

**HELP WANTED**

Automotive agency has immediate opening in the detail department. Attention to detail is required. Apply in person-no phone calls.

**Steve Schmitt-BRUBAKER**  
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## Fourth Judicial Circuit Will Remain Open To the Public

Chief Judge Kimberly G. Koester has announced that the Fourth Judicial Circuit, which includes Montgomery County, is open and will continue to monitor state and local responses to the coronavirus.

Out of an abundance of caution, Chief Judge Koester has directed steps be taken to help reduce the number of persons entering the courthouse during this period. In addition to these steps, all employees have been instructed in standard hand washing techniques and faculty and crews are conducting regular cleanings with an emphasis on first-touch areas such as door knobs, elevators and restrooms.

There is also a plan in place to reduce the number of jurors necessary for service. Anyone summoned to jury duty that is experiencing flu-like symptoms may contact the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk's office, during regular hours, to have their jury duty deferred to a later date.

Attorneys or litigants that are unable to be present in courtrooms to hear civil and family matters, with the exception of Orders of Protection, may be able to appear remotely through use of conference calls with the court. To schedule a conference call contact the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk's office at 217-532-9540.

Criminal cases with individuals that are in custody of the Montgomery County Sheriff may be handled

through video conferencing and may not be brought into the open courtroom. Said procedure will be conducted per administrative order.

Montgomery County Problem Solving Court will be cancelled for a period of 14 days except those individuals as directed by the Problem Solving Court team. Staffing of this court will be conducted by video conferencing where available.

Montgomery County will continue to perform marriages in the courthouse during this time. However, they will only allow the couple being married to attend.

The Montgomery County Probation Department will remain open. A plan has been implemented to limit in-person contacts and suspension of certain large group meetings. Certain treatment related group meetings may be cancelled without ramifications or may be relocated to larger areas to encourage social distancing.

Probationers who are feeling sick or have had contact with someone who has the coronavirus should contact their probation officer. Probation clients should also contact their probation officer if they have questions about their next appointment.

The States Attorney and Public Defender offices will remain open but face-to-face appointments will be subject to the determination of the State's Attorney and the Public Defender. Contact these offices to schedule appointments.

### Litchfield Police

• Jacob T. Bourke, 21, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of methamphetamine and for a Montgomery County warrant at 1:29 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at Monroe and Fisher.

• James D. Sathulak, 49, of Litchfield, was cited for theft at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the 300 block of West Union.

• Allan N. Civitate, 20, of Hillsboro, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 7:25 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Rt. 16 and Franklin.

• Terri H. Moreland, 34, of Hillsboro, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 1:51 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at Rt. 16 and Jefferson.

• Donald D. Marit, 55, of Litchfield, was jailed on a Macoupin County warrant at 6:16 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at the 1200 block of South Franklin.

• Reanna L. Karrick, 16, of Benld, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 7:02 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Rt.

16 and Chestnut.

• Joshua L. Ray, 49, of Irving, was cited for a traffic law violation at 7:31 p.m. Sunday, March 8, at Tyler and Chestnut.

• Joshua F. Hancock, 20, of Litchfield, was cited for driving while license suspended at 12:06 a.m. Monday, March 9, at four-lane Rt. 66 and Ferdon.

• Emily J. Cunningham, 41, of Edwardsville, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and no valid registration at 2:32 a.m. Monday, March 9, at Columbia and Clinton.

• Brent A. Green, 57, of Taylor Springs, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle at 9:55 p.m. Monday, March 9, at Jefferson and Union.

• Niccole M. Trusty, 33, of Witt, was cited for disobeying a traffic control device and operating an uninsured vehicle at 11:09 p.m. Monday, March 9, at four-lane Rt. 66 and Rt. 16.

## Police

• Steven M. Copeland, 26, of Marion, was jailed for disorderly conduct and resisting a peace officer at 2:47 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Thunderbird Circle.

• Kevin M. Helfrich, 42, of Litchfield, was jailed for disorderly conduct, resisting a peace officer and for a violation of an order of protection at 6:06 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Henrichs and Montgomery.

• Adrienne M. Edwards, 35, of Litchfield, was jailed for disorderly conduct at 6:06 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Henrichs and Montgomery.

**Taylor Springs Police**  
• Kenneth A. Youtz, 41, of Taylor Springs, was cited on Wednesday, March 4, for an inoperable vehicle on Bell Street in Taylor Springs.

• Glenda S. Perkins, 54, of Taylor Springs, was ticketed at 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, for junk and debris on Brown

Street in Taylor Springs.

• Joshua K. Knisley, 43, of Hillsboro, was ticketed for an inoperable vehicle in Taylor Springs at 11 a.m. Friday, March 6.

**Taylor Springs Police**  
• Ronald D. Slagel, 65, of Taylor Springs, was ticketed for an inoperable vehicle on his property at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 11.

• Kenneth E. Marsh, 72, of Taylor Springs, was cited for accumulation of junk and debris on his property at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.

• A ticket for an inoperable vehicle was issued to Tanja Goad, 61, of Taylor Springs, at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF LITCHFIELD CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Litchfield, Illinois hereby give Notice of a Public Hearing on the following:

1. An Ordinance allowing use of Adult Cannabis in the City of Litchfield, IL.
2. An Ordinance establishing a retail Cannabis Sales License.
3. An Ordinance allowing the sale of Adult-Use Cannabis.

The time of the Public Hearing shall be 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020 at Litchfield City Hall located at 120 East Ryder Street in Litchfield, IL.

**Litchfield City Council  
120 East Ryder  
Council Chambers  
March 19, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

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## Accidents

### Deer Collision

A deer ran into the roadway and collided with a vehicle driven by Hannah L. Moore, 17, of Coffeen, while the driver was southbound on Walshville Trail, approaching Dolly's Lane, in Walshville at 11:01 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

Her vehicle sustained front end damage.

### Deer Accident

Charles D. Durbin, 49, of Butler, was southbound on the North Road at Singletery Lane in Hillsboro at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, when the driver collided with a deer.

His vehicle sustained front end damage.

### Loses Control

A driver was transported by Hillsboro EMS to HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield following a one-vehicle accident at 6:29 p.m. Monday, March 2.

Austin R. Gwinn, 17, of Raymond, was southbound on Black Diamond Trail in Harvel Township when he lost control of his vehicle. Gwinn continued driving off the roadway on the right shoulder, before striking a utility pole.

His vehicle came to a rest on top of the pole and was towed from the scene by Dave's Towing of Raymond. Gwinn was cited.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Schram City is notifying the general public that there will be an opportunity to provide comments for the Village's project planning to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the replacement of existing cast iron water mains with new PVC water mains and the Agency's Intent to Issue Categorical Exclusion for the purpose of the cast iron replacement with PVC water mains. These projects are designated as IEPA project numbers L175732 & L175802. A copy of the IEPA

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2016-00254

**To: THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES 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**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Taylor Springs is notifying the general public that there will be an opportunity to provide comments for the Village's project planning to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the replacement of existing asbestos cement water mains with new PVC water mains and the Agency's Intent to Issue Categorical Exclusion for the purpose of the asbestos cement replacement with PVC water mains. These projects are designated as IEPA project numbers L175760 & L175788. A copy of the IEPA

Intent to Issue Categorical Exclusion is available for public access at the Taylor Springs Village Hall.

The public is invited to submit comments for the project for 10 days after this public notice to the Village Hall in care of Christine Daniels, 626 E. Main St., Taylor Springs, IL 62089 or to the IEPA in care of Chad Rice, Bureau of Water, Infrastructure Financial Assistance Section, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276.

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## 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**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 12, 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: THE LIQUOR BOX located at 100 S. MAIN in the city of FILL-MORE and state of IL.

Dated March 12, 2020  
Sandy Leitheiser,  
County Clerk  
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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**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES H. BROWN, DECEASED No. 2020P12 CLAIM DATE NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of James H. Brown, who died November 3, 2019, and who resided at 26164 Oconee Ave., Nokomis, Illinois, 62075. Letters of Administration were issued to Howard N. Brown, Independent Executor.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before September 1, 2020, in the Office of the Montgomery County Circuit Court 120 North Main Street, Room 125, Hillsboro IL 62049, or

with the Independent Executor at the address given below; and any claim not so filed is barred as to all of the estate. If claims are filed with the Clerk, copies must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to Howard N. Brown at 26140 Oconee Avenue, Nokomis, IL 62075, and to his attorney, Joel A. Slater of Law Group of Illinois Ltd, 307 N. Third Street, P.O. Box 1108, Effingham, Illinois 62401, within ten days after they have been filed.

**HOWARD N. BROWN,  
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR  
Joel A. Slater  
Law Group of Illinois Ltd.  
307 N. Third St.,  
P. O. Box 1108  
Effingham, IL 62401  
Telephone: (217) 347-0555  
Fax: (618) 283-3037  
File # 16505.01001**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION ROGER DEWERFF FARMS, INC., Plaintiff,

v.  
**INDIANA AND ILLINOIS COAL CORPORATION, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION  
Case No. 2020CH12**  
Defendant.

This publication is being made for the purpose of serving notice to Defendant Indiana and Illinois Coal Corporation of the above captioned matter. This matter involves Plaintiff's request to the Court to confirm adverse possession to the Clay rights of certain real property (the "Property") underlying the present day Tax Parcel No. 08-15-100-004, situated in Nokomis Township, Montgomery County, Illinois (the "Property"), and being more particularly described in the following:

The West Half of the North One Hundred Fifty (150) acres of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Fifteen (15) (excepting therefrom a tract of ground beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section Fifteen (15), then running South One Hundred Fifty (150) rods, then East Ten and Two-thirds (10 2/3) rods; then North One Hundred Fifty (150) rods to the North line of

said Section; and then West Ten and Two-thirds (10 2/3) rods to the place of beginning; and,

8.67 acres located in the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter in Section Sixteen (16).

All located in Township 10 North, Range 2 West, of the Third Principal Meridian in Montgomery County, Illinois.

IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CLAIMS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU MUST TAKE ACTION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THIS COMPLAINT AND NOTICE ARE SERVED BY ENTERING A WRITTEN APPEARANCE PERSONALLY, OR BY AN ATTORNEY, AND FILING IN WRITING WITH THE COURT YOUR DEFENSES OR OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS SET FORTH AGAINST YOU. YOU ARE WARNED THAT IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, THE CASE MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOU AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU BY THE COURT WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE FOR ANY MONEY CLAIMED IN THE COMPLAINT OR FOR ANY CLAIM OR RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE DEFENDANT. YOU MAY LOSE MONEY OR PROPERTY OR OTHER RIGHTS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

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