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This computer drawing by architects from Farnsworth Group gives a glimpse of what the new Hillsboro Public Library District downtown building will look like when completed.

Library Gets \$643,000 Construction Grant

More than four years after purchasing the downtown building that used to house a bank, members of the Hillsboro Area Public Library District learned on Friday, Oct. 2, that a project to turn the space into a modern library is in the immediate future.

Library trustees learned on Friday that the Illinois Secretary of State—whose job description also makes him the state librarian—has awarded the district a \$643,000 public library construction grant.

"My office is fortunate to have the opportunity to assist your library with this important infrastructure improvement project," Secretary of State Jesse White said in

a letter to Hillsboro Library Director Shelley Kolb.

"We're very excited," Hillsboro Area Public Library District board President Dr. Barb Mulch said Friday. "Hillsboro is definitely on the right track, and we're happy to be a part of it."

Mulch said the main floor of the former bank building across from the newspaper office in downtown Hillsboro has already been cleaned out and is ready for construction. Similar work on the basement floor will begin within the next 10 days.

While that is occurring, Farnsworth Group, the architectural firm the library board has tasked with de-

signing their new space, will be working on the details for the rehabilitation. After that?

"Then we get started," Mulch said. "We're hoping the project will be complete in about a year, and then the library will be able to serve a lot more people with a very accessible building."

Hillsboro is receiving the grant thanks in part to a push from State Senator Andy Manar, who serves as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations II Committee, during last spring's budget negotiations.

"The value a quality public library brings to rural communities cannot be overstated. Growing up and living in a

small town, I know how important this is. This renovation project in the newly acquired facility will provide Hillsboro and the surrounding area with a modern library space for community members to take advantage of," Manar said. "I'm thankful for the continued efforts of the Hillsboro public library board and Secretary of State Jesse White for their commitment to the Hillsboro community."

Manar first met with local leaders in July 2019 to tour both the existing library facility, the new facility that requires renovation, and discuss how the state can assist in local efforts.

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Rake And Run Cleanup Set For Saturday, Nov. 7

Imagine Hillsboro and Hillsboro Area Hospital Junior Board will once again host their Rake and Run. The local groups will be out-and-about raking leaves, from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7.

In addition to volunteers, the Rake and Run organizers are currently looking for yards to rake. Preference is given to

veterans and seniors.

While named Rake and Run, no actual running is involved. Volunteers may walk or drive from yard to yard. The goal is to rake as many yards as possible in a short amount of time. Participants may assemble a team or come individually and join an existing team.

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Thirty-Five New Cases Here During Past Week

The number and rate of COVID-19 coronavirus cases in Montgomery County during the past week nearly duplicated the previous week. As of Sunday, Oct. 4, the Montgomery County Health Department reported 35 new cases for a positivity rate of 3.3 percent during the week. The week before, there were 36 new cases in the county and a positivity rate of 3.2 percent. Both weeks are higher than the county's overall positivity rate of 2.4 percent since the

first case was reported here on March 28.

The new cases bring the total in Montgomery County to 388 since the pandemic began. As of Sunday, four test results remain pending, according to the health department.

The Illinois Department of Corrections reports that as of Sunday, 51 of the 66 coronavirus cases among staff at Graham Correctional Center in Hillsboro are recovered; three of the 22 inmate cases are reported recovered.



DeVore, Compton Reign At Topper Homecoming

Although Homecoming week looked a little different at Hillsboro High School this year with no football game, students still enjoyed a week of fun dress-up days, as well as a coronation of the new king and queen on Friday, Oct. 2. Seniors were invited outside for the coronation, socially distanced in the bleachers, and family members of the court were also invited to watch. The coronation was also streamed live on the school's Facebook page for those that could not attend in person. Pictured above are this year's King Tommy DeVore and Queen Vanessa Compton. A full court photo appears on page 8A.

Photo courtesy of Ken Meade Photography

Weather Report			
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Oct. 2	62	41	----
Oct. 3	61	37	.09
Oct. 4	61	38	----

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



to come.

In other business, a motion to increase the salary of the city clerk position by \$1,000 and the city treasurer by \$100 passed and will go into effect after the April 2021 election. The motion originally called for a two percent increase, but was an amendment proposed by Cassidy Paine and approved by the council.

Alderman Tim Wright said before the vote that Carol Burke, the city clerk and treasurer, should receive a raise to bring her up to the level of the other department heads. Alderman Ray Kellenberger agreed with Wright that Burke had been doing a great job as clerk, but said that the proposed amount was a better idea for the increase.

City Administrator Tonya Flannery said that the city won't be doing a fall pick up as they have in year's past due to COVID-19 precautions. What the city will be doing instead is placing two dumpsters at the Litchfield Police Department parking lot off Edwards Street.

Flannery said that the city has received a lot of calls regarding the clean-up projects after the spring initiative was cancelled and that they know it is something that needs attention.

The dumpsters will be placed in the parking lot for an estimated four weeks, as long as people do not abuse the use of them. Signage will be placed at the site regarding the requirements and the site will be monitored by video.

Alderman Woody Street added that the council should let the citizens know that pick ups will return in the future and that this system isn't what will happen in years

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Phillip C. Galer
US Army
World War II
Italy and North Africa



Major John P. Galer
US Air Force
Space Operations Officer
Washington DC

Submit Veteran Photos For Newspaper Honor

The Journal-News would like to honor all veterans in appreciation of their service, and is asking for help from readers in submitting photos.

In honor of Veterans Day this year, the newspaper plans to run photos of veterans submitted by readers. The photos can be of those who served in the past—during a conflict or not—or those who are serving their country presently.

The photos should be submitted by noon on Friday, Nov. 6, and will run in the Monday, Nov. 9, edition of *The Journal-News* just before Veterans Day.

"The freedoms we enjoy—including freedom of the press—have been bought and paid for by the sacrifice of countless individuals who

have answered their country's call," publisher Mike Plunkett said. "We can never thank them enough, but we can certainly take every opportunity possible to honor them."

There is no cost to submit a photo; the Veterans Day pages will run thanks to the help of enthusiastic community sponsors.

To submit a photo, either email it to thejournal-news@consolidated.net or drop it off at the newspaper office. Include the name of the veteran, branch of service, and theater or assignment (see examples above). While the newspaper office is still closed, photos and info may be placed in the drop-box outside the front door, then telephone 217-532-3933 to let us know it's there.

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Journal-News publisher Mike Plunkett (right) presents check from the newspaper's "See Your Next Year" promotion to Old Settlers Association President Lisa Ervin. *Journal-News Photo*

Newspaper Promotion Plans For The Future

Hoping that better days are ahead, *The Journal-News* has donated \$2,414.50 since the beginning of the pandemic in their "See You Next Year" promotion.

When it became obvious that the pandemic would force the cancellation of the annual spring, summer and fall events that communities all throughout Montgomery County celebrate, the newspaper hosted a "See You Next Year" community support page for each, in which advertisers backed photos from past events and messages of optimism for the future.

The newspaper, then, pledged a quarter of the support funds to each celebration in an effort to make next year's even more spectacular.

"What made this promotion work was the incredible

enthusiasm from our advertisers in getting behind these community support pages," newspaper publisher Mike Plunkett said. "It was awesome, and we can't thank them enough. Even though there is disappointment about cancellations this year, all of our community supporters were super-eager to help make future celebrations even better."

With the help of those community supporters, checks were donated to Farmersville Irish Days, Montgomery County 4-H, Raymond Independence Day, the Montgomery County Fair, Hillsboro Independence Day, Litchfield Independence Day, Nokomis Homecoming, Morrisonville Picnic, the Old Tyme Tractor Show, Old Settlers, Witt Labor Day, and Party in the Park.

Jack Evans Adjourns From Practicing The Law

by Tori O'Dell

"For 47 years I have gotten up and gone to work in a law office. Five days a week, with the exception of my stints on a vacation, during annual training for the guard or holidays, I have gotten up and come into the office. Now, that is going to stop. I am not sure how I feel about it yet. I am excited, but I imagine it will be quite the adjustment," said local attorney John "Jack" Evans, regarding his recent retirement.

John E. Evans, P.C., formerly located at 106 East Wood Street in Hillsboro, officially closed its doors when Evans retired on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Attorney Trent West has purchased the practice and will maintain all files as required by the IL Supreme Court. West currently has offices in Nokomis and Litchfield and does not plan to open an office in Hillsboro at this time.

Evans has spent more than four decades practicing law in downtown Hillsboro. He began his career in 1973 working alongside his father, attorney Chester E. Evans, as Evans and Evans, in the Walker Building and then the Mobley Building where Spears Title Company is now located.

Evans practiced with his father for a number of years and then became a sole practitioner, following his father's retirement. In 1997, he closed his office and went into practice with several local lawyers as Bullington, White, McPhail, Jarman and Evans, P.C. After about a decade the firm began to go separate

ways, some retiring and some starting new practices, and Evans found himself a sole practitioner once again. He spent the last 14 years of his career on Wood Street at John E. Evans, P.C.

Evans has been a conflict public defender for most of his career, both by appointment and by contract. He was contracted with Montgomery County for the last five years. He was licensed to practice by the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois and in the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois Federal District Courts.

"I always intended to be a lawyer. I can't remember a time when I didn't expect I would practice law. I suppose my father had a lot to do with that," Evans explained.

In many ways Evans's career mirrored his father's. Both men studied at the University of Illinois, both were drafted into the United States Military and both returned to their homes, in Montgomery County, to practice law and serve their communities.

Evans was born in 1947, in Urbana, where his father was attending the University of Illinois on the GI Bill after World War II and his mother, Josephine, taught English. After graduating from law school in 1954, Chester Evans moved his young family to Witt, his hometown. The family eventually moved to Hillsboro in 1954, where Jack and his sister, Margaret, attended school while his father practiced law and his mother taught at Hillsboro High School.

Evans returned to Urbana and the University of Illinois after graduating from Hillsboro High School in 1965. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History 1969, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1972.

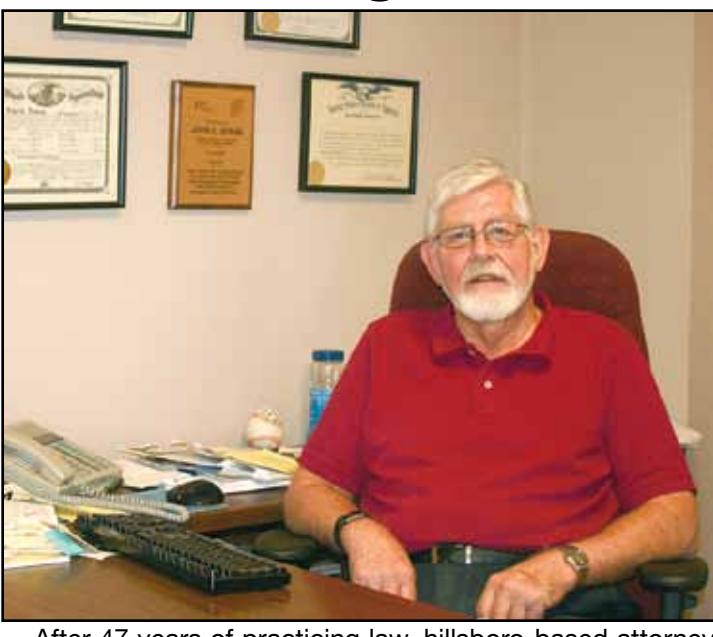
"The year I got accepted into law school was also the year of the first draft lottery. I drew number 56, so I assumed I was going to Vietnam," Evans stated. "I knew that I had to get a job and I had to find a way to get deferred until I finished."

Evans joined and graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) program and was commissioned a second lieutenant branched field artillery. Joining the University of Illinois' ROTC program allowed Evans the three years he needed to complete his law degree before he reported to Fort Sill, OK, in 1972, to complete the field artillery officer basic course.

"I took the bar exam in June and I had to report to Fort Sill in September," Evans said reminiscingly. "The results from my bar exam saying I had passed came right before I left for Fort Sill."

Evans completed his officer basic course in 1973 and returned to Montgomery County to practice law with his father.

"You might never have met me," Evans stated matter-of-factly. "My commitment at that time was two years active duty, two years active



After 47 years of practicing law, hillsboro-based attorney Jack Evans (above), most recently of John E. Evans, P.C., officially retired on Tuesday, Sept. 22. *Journal-News Photo*

reserve and two years inactive reserve. I thought that when I got out in January (1973) I would be on my way to Vietnam. But, at the very end of 1972, Richard Nixon did one of the finest things that Richard Nixon ever did - which was get us out of Vietnam. At that point, they started bringing back active duty people and they did not want a whole bunch of new active duty lieutenants. They changed our commitments. My commitment became eight years of active reserve and they sent me home."

Evans opted to join the IL Army National Guard in 1976, retiring in 1996 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

"I got called up to a National Guard Artillery Unit in Kentucky and did two weeks' annual training there. While there I realized that I hadn't thought about artillery for an entire year and how dangerous that was - not because I was going to get killed but because the things I was required to do meant that if I didn't do them right someone else might get killed," said Evans. "I realized that I didn't want to be an artilleryman once a year and that I had to do something because I had an eight year reserve commitment. I started asking around and John Paden and Bernard Rappe brought up the National Guard. I figured I would interview and they would hem-and-haw about whether or not they would take me. But when I interviewed with the brigade commander in April or May of 1976, he said, 'Okay, we are going to schedule your physical and have you ready to go in time for training in June.'"

In addition to his law career and service in the IL National Guard, Evans has been actively engaged in the community. He has been a member of the Hillsboro Rotary Club since 1974, is currently the president of the Hillsboro Sertoma Club, is a member of the Hillsboro Moose Lodge, the University of Illinois Alumni Association, the Hillsboro Area Hospital Systems NFT Board, Hillsboro Area Hospital Services Board, a lifelong member of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, on occasion he sings in the choir at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where his wife, Lori, is a member. He and Lori are also volunteers at The Abraham Lincoln Presi-

dential Library and Museum in Springfield.

Evans also served as a member of the Hillsboro Area Hospital Board from 1990 to 1999, and served for a number of years on the Hillsboro Hospital Foundation Board. He was also involved in The Area Community Concerts both as a board member and officer.

"I have finally reached the point in my career where I needed to quit," Evans explained. "It is a demanding field and at some point you need to stop. Most people retire at 65 or younger but I didn't, it's time. I am excited about the next chapter but I am also worried about how it is going to feel when it's not important for me to be somewhere."

He was quick to reflect that there were plenty of home-projects waiting for his attention. Evans and his wife (Lori) also plan to use their new found freedom to travel (when it is safe to do so) and they already have plenty of trips to make. The couple hopes to get back into their volunteer work soon, a mutual passion of the two. They also look forward to spending time with their daughters (Erin, Christina and Elizabeth) and grandchildren.

"I like to golf. I have two very fine bicycles I haven't ridden in some time that I want to get back on. We will continue to be involved in Hillsboro and there are several things that interest us. I would like to volunteer at Bremer Sanctuary and we have been interested in what Imagine Hillsboro has been doing for awhile. We like to travel, and we have family all over the country. Our youngest daughter, Elizabeth, lives in Germany with her significant other. She has been there for three years and we haven't been able to go visit her yet. Right now, she can't even come to visit us. My sister, Margaret (Ron) Trompeter, lives in Seattle. Lori has a sister and brother-in-law who live in Bismarck, ND, a brother and sister-in-law who live in Fort Myers, FL; a brother and sister-in-law who live in Medway, MA, and we have close friends who have been after us for years to get out and visit them in Virginia. So, we have plenty of places to go. It will be a big change, but I think we will adjust well," Evans concluded with a smile.



In honor of World Cerebral Palsy Day on Tuesday, Oct. 6, Pizza Man in Litchfield is lining up a special fundraiser in honor of their CP hero, Dalton Coatney of Litchfield. Pictured above, Dalton, center, and his sister, Josie, work with Abbi Schaake of Pizza Man to make an extra-cheese pizza, which is Dalton's favorite. *Journal-News/Mary Herschelman*

Pizza Man Celebrates World Cerebral Palsy Day

by Mary (Galer) Herschelman

"Who doesn't love Pizza Man?" said Kevin Coatney of Litchfield.

In celebration of World Cerebral Palsy Day on Tuesday, Oct. 6, Pizza Man is celebrating its own CP hero, Kevin's son, Dalton Coatney.

Owner Scott Chandler said six-year-old Dalton's favorite pizza is cheese, so on Tuesday, everyone who orders a large or an extra-large cheese pizza will help Dalton's family offset medical expenses. That day, \$2 from each of those orders will be given to the family.

The Coatney family, Kevin, Dalton and Lacey Dwyer,

along with their kids, Josie, age 11, and Dalton, who turns seven on Oct. 30, had the chance to try their hand making the famous pizza on Wednesday evening, Sept. 30, at the restaurant.

Dalton is currently a first grader at Madison Park Elementary School in Litchfield, where he is in Mrs. Perfetti's class.

Three years ago, Dalton had dorsal rhizotomy surgery at St. Louis Children's Hospital, which involves cutting some of the sensory nerve fibers that come from the muscles and enter the spinal cord.

"Every little bit helps," Chandler said.

Correction

The article covering the Hillsboro City Council meeting of Sept. 22 referred to the Street Department Supervisor as Jordan Chapplelear when in reality it is his brother, Justin, who directs that crew. The reporter apologizes for the error.

Rake And Run

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Volunteers are asked to meet at Central Park Pool in Hillsboro at 9 a.m. Imagine Hillsboro and the Junior Board will provide paper bags for collecting leaves but

volunteers are asked to bring their own rakes and gloves.

Residents in need of yard work, or that know of others in need of help are asked to contact Jessica Chapplelear at 217-532-3896 or Dr. Doug Johnson at 217-313-1125.

Obituaries

Monday, October 5, 2020 - 3A

Kenneth Dale Walch, 77

Avid Baseball Fan

Kenneth Dale Walch, 77, of Litchfield, died at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, at the funeral home. Rev. Dave Ziegenbein of Pleasant Hill Christian Church in Raymond will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Ridge Cemetery in Honey Bend. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Walch was born on Oct. 12, 1942, in Litchfield, to Purl and Elfreda (White) Walch. He married Penny Jo Newkirk on Dec. 4, 1998 in Irving, TX.

Mr. Walch graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1961. In his earlier years, Mr. Walch worked at Dean White Construction, International Paper, House of Sunshine - Heinrichs Publications, F.W. Means Clean Towel and Poggopohl Redi-Mix. He

later was a security officer at Graham Correctional Center in Hillsboro, where he worked for 20 years until his retirement in 2001.

Mr. Walch was a member of Pleasant Hill Christian Church in Raymond. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. In his spare time, he enjoyed doing yard work, cutting firewood, cleaning cars, spending time with his family and watching the grandchildren's sporting events. Mr. and Mrs. Walch enjoyed many meals at Jubel's, Maverick and Denny's, as well as other local area eateries.

Mr. Walch is survived by his wife; children, Craig (Billie Jo) Walch of Raymond, Curtis (Dawn) Walch of Raymond and Cheri (Robert) Whitman of Litchfield; grandchildren, Craig (Mikka Lipe) Walch, Jr., Kate (Trevor Viehweg) Walch, Kari (Tony) Dragoo, Addie Walch, Kylie Bates, Clayton Walch, Emma Walch and Elise Walch.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Loretta Lowe Walch; and a sister in infancy, Sherry. Condolences may be left online at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Jessie E. Miller, 84

Volunteer, Musician

Jessie E. Miller, 84, of Edwardsville, formerly of Sorento, died on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020, at 3:18 a.m. at her residence.

Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento.

Those attending will be asked to social distance and wear masks per CDC guidelines. The family will have a memory basket and asks those attending to bring a card with one memory of Mrs. Miller on it, as well as the name and address of the card giver.

Mrs. Miller was born Sept. 14, 1936, in Sorento, to Laurel E. and Vaughn (Himes) Neathery. She married Thomas H. Miller on March 14, 1954, at United Methodist Church in Sorento, and he preceded her in death on July 21, 2019. She loved her husband and the two lived a 65 year-long love story.

A wizard in all things related to crafts, she had a true passion for crocheting and quilting. She put her talents to charitable use by devoting countless hours to church and after school programs.

At Sorento Baptist Church and Leesburg Baptist Church, Mrs. Miller and her husband led an arts and crafts program for disadvantaged children for many years. For over 20 years, they were camp directors at the Rehoboth Church Camp. She never met a child she didn't like, and children enjoyed her the way she taught and told stories. She and her husband loved to teach Bible School to kids and have done



so for much of their adult lives.

A musician at heart, she played the piano not only in church, but also accompanied the local school's musical competitions.

Mrs. Miller loved and enjoyed life. She was a generous woman who relished in sharing the gifts she had been given. She loved to cook and she loved to travel. Jointly with her husband and her daughters, she visited all corners of the world. Always bringing back new experiences and joyful stories to her friends and the children in her youth programs.

She is survived by her three daughters, Marsha Ann Miller of Louisville, KY, Melinda Sue (husband Albert) Duffel of Sour Lake, TX, and Theresa Kay (husband Sev) Keil of Vienna, Austria; five grandchildren, James Miller, Sonya Leppo, Natasha Miller, Megan Butler and Sev Keil; two great-grandchildren, Mira Leppo and Monroe Butler; sister, Cleda Chesnut of Litchfield; and brother-in-law, Marvin (wife Henrietta) Miller of Panama.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Gail Cruthis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Kirkland Cemetery Association, 5107 Sorento Avenue, Sorento, IL 62086 or Sorento Baptist Church, 206 West Taylor Street, Sorento.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Judith Watson, 67

Homemaker

Judith (Cole) Watson, 67, of Hillsboro, died on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, at her residence.

Private family services will be held a later date with burial at Witt Cemetery. Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro is assisting the family.



maker.

She is survived by her son, Scott (Tammy) Richardson of Irving; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brother, Lyle Cole, Jr. of Hillsboro.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be directed to the Montgomery County Cancer Association. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

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Elsie D. Hall, 91

Parishioner Of St. Agnes

Elsie D. Hall, 91, of Hillsboro, died at 5:17 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2020, at Lewis Memorial Christian Village in Springfield.

Private services will be held with The Very Rev. James L. Neuman and Deacon Leland Johns officiating. Interment will be at St. Agnes Cemetery in Hillsboro. COVID-19 guidelines, including the use of masks and social distancing, will be followed. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Hall was born on March 23, 1929, in Taylor Springs, to Ernest and Dolores Menghini. She married Thomas Eugene Hall on April 7, 1956, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro, he preceded in death on April 16, 1990.

Mrs. Hall graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1947. She worked at Ball Brothers Glass Factory, Farm Credit



Services and National Bank in Hillsboro. Mrs. Hall lived in Taylor Springs and Hillsboro her entire life, living her last years at Tremont Ridge Assisted Living Facility. She was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro, where she was involved in C.C.W. and Young at Heart.

Mrs. Hall is survived by her children, Dan (wife, Debbie) Hall of Springfield and Karen (husband, Jack) Williamson of Gainesville, GA; grandchildren, Nicole (husband, Jonathan) Austin of Atlanta, GA, Scott (wife, Alexis) Williamson of Lenexa, KS, and Olivia Hall of Springfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Alfred Menghini; and sister, Lena Feraris.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to C.C.W. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro. Condolences may be left online at basspatton-deanfh.com.

Dean M. Jett, 65

Construction Worker

Dean Martin Jett, 65, of Litchfield, died on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at 3:40 a.m. at his home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family.

Mr. Jett was born Feb. 10, 1955, in Litchfield, to Leslie Lewis and Ginger Ann (Logsdon) Jett. He married Geri Lynn Hancock on April 8, 1981, in Litchfield, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 14, 2017.

During his career, he served as a construction worker with the Labor Hall Local Union #1084 for several years.

Mr. Jett was a member of the AMVETS and Bass Anglers, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, going to Rendezvous



and camping. He is survived by his parents; son, Dean Martin (Tonya) Jett, II of Moro; two daughters, Goldie (Jerald) Mantor and LaWanda (companion Trinidad Lucas) Jett, both of Litchfield; two brothers, Jerry L. Jett and Kevin W. Jett, both of Litchfield; sister, Opal Jett of Litchfield; and five grandchildren, Charlotte Jett, Logan Jett, Alivia Mantor, Noah Mantor and Lucinda Jett.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Jett was preceded in death by his two brothers, LeRoy N. Jett and George A. Jett.

Memorials may be directed to the family c/o Gold Mantor.

To light a candle or sign the online guestbook, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Anita L. Boatwright, 42

Arrangements Pending

Anita L. Boatwright, 42, of Raymond, died on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, at her residence.

Arrangements are pend-

ing at Hough Funeral Home in Raymond. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of The Journal-News.

4-H 'Cook And Connect' Will Help Families Bond

The University of Illinois Extension will host a 4-H Cook and Connect program that will help families bond. Families can sign up for a box which includes a family-friendly recipe and activity or game to play together.

Recipes will include instructions that allow the whole family to participate. Activities and games will be centered around stress management, better communication, physical activity or quality time.

There is a \$5 fee to register, and registration is required by Monday, Oct. 12. Register online at go.illinois.edu/cookconnect or by calling the Montgomery County Extension office at 217-532-3941.

Boxes will be ready for pick up on Friday, Oct. 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the local Extension office. Boxes can be shipped for an additional \$5 fee.



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Weather Forecast

Mon 05	63°/45°		Sunny	10%
Tue 06	74°/52°		Sunny	0%
Wed 07	81°/48°		Sunny	10%
Thu 08	73°/48°		Sunny	0%
Fri 09	77°/53°		Sunny	10%
Sat 10	79°/56°		Sunny	10%
Sun 11	78°/61°		Mostly Sunny	10%

County Clerk Hosts Election Judge Training

by Leitheiser

"We certainly appreciated the excellent response to this training from our dedicated county election judges," Leitheiser stated. "We have consistently had excellent representation from all county precincts, which shows our judges' interest in performing their duties to the best of their ability."

The clerk's office is still seeking alternate election judges in the event assigned judges can't serve. Leitheiser encourages those who are interested in working in that capacity to contact the clerk's office at 217-532-9530 or countryclerk@montgomeryco.com.

The general election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, with polls throughout the county open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Expiration Dates Now Extended To February 1

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional three months—from Nov. 1, 2020, until Feb. 1, 2021.

This new Feb. 1 extension also includes those who have October, November, December and January expiration dates. As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until Feb. 1, 2021, so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities during the pandemic.

License plates stickers remain extended until Nov. 1, 2020, as they can easily be renewed online.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. Customers who can conduct business online may go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of online services—such as renewing license plate stickers,



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Litchfield Businesses Host Downtown Fall Festival

Several Litchfield businesses joined forces to host an outdoors, socially-distanced Fall Festival around Litchfield on Saturday, Oct. 3. From food trucks and kids' activities to specials and live music, the businesses offered a little something for everyone. In the photo at left, grandma Beth Steiniger, center, helps her grandsons Jenson Cunningham, at left, and Dominic Cunningham paint pumpkins at a booth by Cory Evans of Country Financial. At right, Zoey Weidner and her dad, Scott, create a fall necklace at a booth sponsored by the Litchfield Public Library.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelman



County CEO Students Enjoy Colors Assessment

Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students enjoyed the Real Colors Personality Assessment, led by Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation Director Valerie Belusko on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Extension Office in Hillsboro. Belusko led the team through Real Colors to discover how each team member prefers to relate to other people. She explored several team building exercises to remind young professionals that, "working well with others is a key characteristic for success."

"It's important to know if someone is organized or emotive because it takes all kinds of people to create the most successful ideas in business," she said.

Envision Witt To Host Annual Trunk Or Treat

Envision Witt is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat event on Friday, Oct. 30, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Broadway Street.

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There will be tables spaced apart, set up with individually wrapped candy where participants with a parent

or guardian can parade past while still keeping six-feet of distance and wearing a face covering.

If your costume has a mask it will need to be replaced by a cloth one to comply with the guidelines.

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REDSKIN REVIEW • by Kristen Stauder at Nokomis

Redskin Students To Host Fun Dress-Up Days



As we officially start a new month, lots of events are slowly unfolding.

October holds many awareness campaigns that the Nokomis Schools take great pride in participating.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Nokomis Student Council is raising all kinds of awareness. Because the Student Council can't have their "pink football game" due to the postponed season, they are making the most of the situation. The council will still be doing the "Paint the Sky Pink" balloon launch in October. The balloon tags can be purchased for \$3 at the beginning of school, at Trenz, or by your favorite Student Council member! Also, make sure to wear your pink on Fridays with all of Nokomis CUSD #22 to show your support for those who are battling breast cancer!

October is also College Changes Everything month. Nokomis High School will specifically celebrate College Changes Everything month next week, Oct. 5 through Oct. 9. Our College Week celebrates higher education such as trade schools, community colleges, four year universities and colleges. There will be activities each day in all high school advocacy classes and dress up days to make the week a little more fun. The dress up days are as follows:

Monday: Hats Off to Higher Education - Students can wear a hat for \$1. Proceeds will go to the Montgomery County Cancer Association.

Tuesday: Trade Tuesday - Dress like your future career.

Wednesday: Be All You Can Be - Wear camo.

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Tommy DeVore, Vanessa Compton Crowned Homecoming King And Queen

Hillsboro High School seniors Tommy DeVore and Vanessa Compton were crowned this year's Hiltopper Homecoming King and Queen in an outdoor ceremony on Friday, Oct. 2. The coronation was live-streamed on the school's Facebook page for those who could not attend in person. Seated in front are this year's King Tommy DeVore and Queen Vanessa Compton. Standing in the front row, from the left are Brook Ozier, Layla May, Haley Major, Nikya Harston, Allyson DeVore, Torrence Clark, Jade Christian, junior class representative Ally Schnarre, sophomore class representative Jasmine Lane and freshman class representative Ava Pollard. In back are Tad Daniels, Chris Dugan, Hayden Grosenheider, Jackson Hamby, Shaw Riggs, Duke Brady Huber, Duchess Jordan Jacobs, Mitchell Earnest, Nathan Bellaver, junior class representative Timothy Downen, sophomore class representative Zane Duff and freshman class representative Luke Allen.

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LHS Girls Golf Team Wins Conference



will be remote learning that day.

In addition, there will be no school on Monday, Oct. 12 for Columbus Day. There is also a Teachers' Institute Day on Friday, Oct. 9. Typically, students would get the day off of school, so it is up to the teachers whether or not they give them an assignment to do at home that day.

The TCCU scholarship for seniors is due this Friday, Oct. 9. There is still time to sign up if they have not already!

Seniors should be paying attention to deadlines for applying to colleges as well as filing their FAFSA. The school counselor, Mrs. Cress, has sent out emails to the seniors with information regarding these important topics. They also guide students through filling out scholarships correctly.

The LHS boys golf team has regionals this Tuesday, Oct. 6, and the girls have a home match on Monday against Rochester and Auburn. Last week, the girls golf team won the South Central Conference for the second year in a row! Also, a special congratulations to sophomore Laura Boston for medaling and junior Carly Guinn for finishing as runner-up!

The cross country team will race in Carlinville this Tuesday facing the host as well as Southwestern, Pana, Greenville, Staunton and Hillsboro. Go watch them run at 4:45 p.m.

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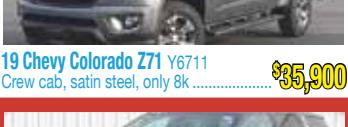
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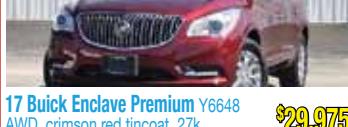
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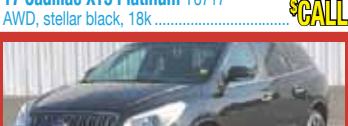
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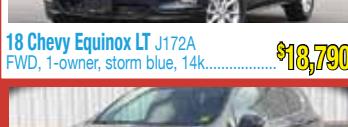
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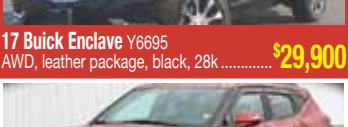
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Fishing Trip Leads To Large Catch For Sands

Randy Sands (above) pastor of the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church, shows off his catch during a recent fishing trip. "Congrats on the big catch," said one of his best fishing buddies, Michael Mossy. The two often enjoy a day outdoors, fishing for bass.

Rams Score Wins Going Into Regional Tournaments

Hadley Seaton and Brenna Hayes both earned top individual honors as the Ramsey-Nokomis golf teams knocked off Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Rams home course of Ramsey Lake.

Seaton would shoot a 3-over-par 38 to lead the Rams to a 169 on the day, 103 strokes better than the visitors from Windsor. One of five juniors on this year's roster, Seaton's round helped the Rams improve to 5-5 on the year.

He wasn't the only one to play well, though, as all seven Ramsey players shot within 15 strokes of par on Wednesday. Griffin Wright would be right behind Seaton with a 39, while Lane Austin added a 41.

Matt Hill would shoot an 8-over-par 43, while Dallas Sneddon finished with a 47. Wyatt Marley and Cole Wanger wrapped up Wednesday's lineup as they shot scores of 49 and 50 respectively.

Hayes was within ten strokes of par on the girls side as she led a trio of Lady Rams with a 44. Coree Keagy would add in a 57, while Clara Kleiboecker finished with a 61 for Ramsey, who is now 4-6 on the year.

The victory came on the heels of a match at Colonial Golf Course in Sandoval on Tuesday, Sept. 29. The girls would use the match as a practice round and did not keep scores, while the boys finished second to Christ Our Rock Lutheran of Centralia.

The Silver Stallions shot a 176 to take the top spot, with

Ramsey a scant four strokes behind them with a 180. Sandoval would be third on their home course with a 193.

Griffin Wright led a balanced Ramsey group, which had just eight strokes between the six players. Wright's 43 would be two strokes better than teammate Wyatt Marley and three better than Hadley Seaton and Dallas Sneddon, who rounded out the scorers for the Rams.

Cole Wanger and Lane Austin would also play, shooting a 48 and a 51 in the fifth and sixth slots.

The strong showing boosts the Rams going into the post-season, which begins on Oct. 6 for the boys and Oct. 7 for the girls. The boys will be at Timber Lakes Golf Course in Staunton for the Mt. Olive Regional, while the girls will play at Lakeshore Golf Course at the Taylorville Regional.

Sept. 29 at Sandoval Colonial Golf Course - Par 35

Boys Team Results: Christ Our Rock Lutheran 176, Ramsey-Nokomis 180, Sandoval 193.

Ramsey-Nokomis (180) - Griffin Wright 43, Wyatt Marley 45, Hadley Seaton 46, Dallas Sneddon 46, Cole Wanger 48, Lane Austin 51.

Sept. 30 at Ramsey Ramsey Lake Golf Course - Par 35

Boys Team Results: Ramsey-Nokomis 169, Windsor 272.

Ramsey-Nokomis (169) - Hadley Seaton 38, Griffin Wright 39, Lane Austin 41, Matt Hill 43, Dallas Sneddon 47, Wyatt Marley 49, Cole Wanger 50.

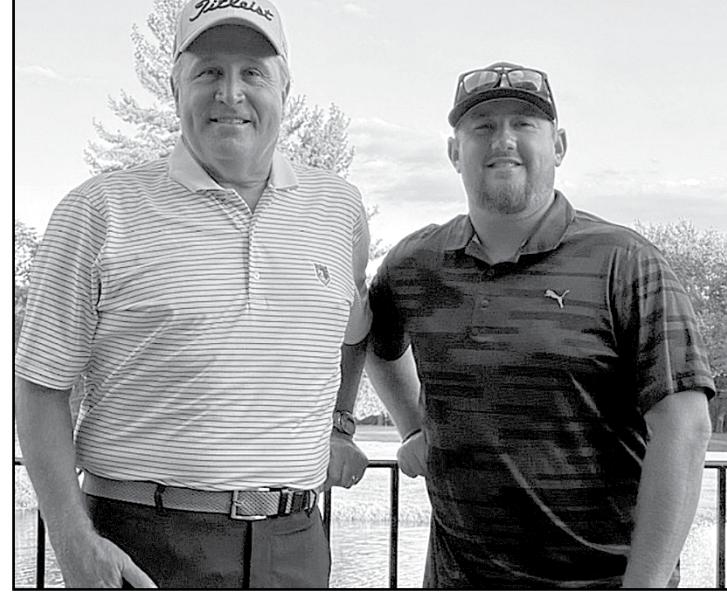
Record: Ramsey-Nokomis (5-5).

Girls Team Results: Ramsey def. Windsor.

Ramsey-Nokomis - Brenna Hayes 44, Coree Keagy 57, Clara Kleiboecker 61.

Record: Ramsey-Nokomis (4-6).

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Two former champions squared off in the final match of the Litchfield Country Club's Club Championship on Saturday, Sept. 24, with Wyatt Pence (right) defeating Brad Niehaus (left) 1-up in 27 holes.

Pence Edges Niehaus For Litchfield Country Club Title

Two former champions squared off in the final match of the Litchfield Country Club's Club Championship on Saturday, Sept. 24, with Wyatt Pence knocking off Brad Niehaus in a 27-hole match-play competition.

The win gave Pence his fourth championship in the past five years. This one, however, would go down to the wire.

"I was up two with two holes to go," said Pence. "Then Brad birdied the 26th hole to cut the lead to just one with one hole left."

Both golfers would write down a par on the final hole, giving Pence the one hole win and the 2020 title.

This year, the competition began in June with about 30 players vying for the top spot at the Litchfield Country Club. During the summer, Pence defeated Kyle Loucks, Bryan Maulding and David Roper on his way to meeting Niehaus, who has five club titles to his name.

Pence, age 37, lives in Litchfield with his wife, Niki, and their two daughters, Maebry and Kylee.

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Nokomis Braves Score Perfect Ten In 2020

The Nokomis Junior High baseball team scored a perfect ten on Saturday, Sept. 26, to earn a 10-0 victory over Pawnee in the regional championship in Nokomis. In front, from the left, are Garrett Engelman, Izaak Doyen, Blain Goodwin, Dylan Yeske, Levi German, Kadynn Petty and Bryce Gillock. In the back row are Student Manager Jaxson Batty, Nolan Herpstreith, Kyle Reynolds, Ian Keller, Conner Wilson, Drake Taylor, JJ Denby, Riley Reynolds and Coach Justin Goodwin. The win was Nokomis' tenth win in their 11 game season and was the Redskins' first regional title since 2015.

Photo courtesy of James Ryan/NokoPhoto



Lincolnwood Knights Pick Up Regional Baseball Title

The last time the Lincolnwood Junior High baseball team won a regional championship it was 2007 and the Knights defeated their future co-op partners, Morrisonville, 8-3. Most of this year's players were in diapers in 2007, if they were around at all, but now, after six regional championship losses in the last 12 years, the Knights are regional champions once again. The regional title win came on Saturday, Sept. 26, with a 5-1 win over Springfield Blessed Sacrament in what Coach Josh Stone called his team's best game of the year.

In front, from the left, are Jhude Walker, Kade Osterholt, Tommy Beard, Zane Whalen, Luke Pope, Bryce Cowdrey, Owen Brown, Izeck Matli, Luke Armentrout and Joey Shreve. In the middle row are Head Coach Josh Stone, Zach Sale, Kennedy Cook, Drew Gilpin, Brodey Van Hooser, Jonah Elvidge, Donny Daugherty, Tucker Armentrout, Brody Lush and Coach Kyle Wolfe. In the back are Coach Shawn Andrews, Carter Webb, Karson Hayes, Jared Klein and Brayden Morris.

Photo courtesy of Dana Morris

Hillsboro Boys Golf

Junior Dom Haggard was the highest placing Class 1A player at the tournament, shooting an 82 to tie Brady Walker for the ninth best score of the day.

Dillon Smail would break into the top 50 with a 92, while Tad Daniels narrowly missed that benchmark with a 96 to place 52nd. Drake Vogel would be just behind his teammate with a 98, good for 57th place, while Devin Speiser was in 62nd with a 101. Senior Shaw Riggs would close out the lineup for the Toppers, shooting a 117 to finish 71st.

At Carlinville

Hillsboro's final match before the Taylorville Invitational took place on Oct. 1, in Carlinville, with the Hiltoppers taking a win over Carrollton and the host Cavaliers.

Carlinville's Henry Kufa

would shoot a 2-over-par 38 to take medalist honors in the match, but Hillsboro's balance snuffed out that advantage and gave Hillsboro a 175-188 victory over the home team. Carrollton would be third on the night with a 219.

While Carlinville had the top player on the night, four of the next five best scores came from Hillsboro, with Mason Duckles sneaking in with a 46 as the Cavies' number two.

Tad Daniels led the Toppers with a 40, followed by Dillon Smail with a 42. Preston Lierla would tie Duckles for the fourth best score with a 46, while Tad Daniels finished out the scoring for Hillsboro with a 11-over 47.

Dom Haggard and Devin Spenser would have had scoring rounds for either of their opponents, shooting rounds of

50 and 53 on the day.

With the wins, Hillsboro upped their record to 15-3 on the season. They will start the postseason on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Mt. Olive Regional at Timber Lakes Golf Course in Staunton. The top two teams and top four individuals will move on to the Zeigler-Royalton Sectional, which will be at the Franklin County Club in West Frankfort on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

October 1 at Carlinville

Carlinville Country Club - Par 36

Boys Team Results: Hillsboro 157, Carlinville 188, Carrollton 219.

Medalist: Henry Kufa (C) 38.

Hillsboro (175) - Drake Vogel 40,

Dillon Smail 42, Preston Lierla 46, Tad Daniels 47, Dom Haggard 50, Devin Speiser 53.

Carlinville (188) - Henry Kufa 38,

Mason Duckles 46, Sam Quarton 50, Gabe Barbre 54, Matt Reiher 56, Aaron Wills 56.

Carrollton (219) - Max Arnett 53,

Travis Evans 53, Jackson Cotener 55, Brailyn Rhodes 59.

Records: Hillsboro (15-3).

October 3 at Taylorville

Taylorville Invitational Lakeshore Golf Course - Par 72

Team Results: 1. Sacred Heart-Griffin 318; 2. Quincy 333; 3. Mt. Zion 339; 4. Quincy Notre Dame 339; 5. Jacksonville 340; 6. Effingham 364; 7. Williamsville 365; 8. Glenwood 367; 9. Lincoln 367; 10. Hillsboro 368; 11. Rochester 389; 12. Taylorville 407; 13. Greenview 422.

Individual Top Ten: 1. Alex McCulla (Quincy Notre Dame) 71; 2. Brady Kaufmann (Jacksonville) 77; 3. Carter Etheridge (Sacred Heart-Griffin) 79; 4. Cal Johnson (Sacred Heart-Griffin) 79; 5. Miles Roland (Sacred Heart-Griffin) 79; 6. Brent Hansen (Mt. Zion) 79; 7. Cameron Bergman (Quincy) 80; 8. Tyler Furkin (Sacred Heart-Griffin) 81; 9. Brady Walker (Quincy) 82; 10. Dominic Haggard (Hillsboro) 82.

Hillsboro (368) - 10. Dom Haggard 82; 39. Dillon Smail 92; 52. Tad Daniels 96; 57. Drake Vogel 98; 62. Devin Speiser 101; 71. Shaw Riggs 117.

Lincolnwood Falls Short To Auburn At Two Meets

Auburn proved to be Lincolnwood's Achilles' heel in the final full week of the regular season as the Lancers took second to the Trojans in a pair of matches in Petersburg and Auburn on Sept. 28 and 29.

In Monday's match at Shambilee Golf Course in Petersburg, the Lancers shot a 187 to edge PORTA (190) and Beardstown (219), but fell 16 strokes short of Auburn (171).

Nate Brockmeyer would be low man for the Lancers, shooting an 8-over-par 44 on the day. Brockmeyer double bogeyed the first hole, but finished the final eight holes with two pars and six bogeys.

Will Jenkins would be two strokes behind Brockmeyer with a 46, posting three pars on the day, while Michael Jones added a 47. Braxton Schmedeke added the fourth scoring round with a 50.

Devin Brown would be just a stroke behind Schmedeke with a 51, while Michael Graham occupied the sixth slot with a 54.

At Edgewood

Tuesday's match would be an evenly matched one, despite being played on the Trojans' home course of Edgewood Golf

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The Lancers, Trojans and North Mac were separated by just one stroke each, with Auburn winning with a 168, Lincolnwood taking second with a 169 and North Mac coming in with a 170. West Central would also play at Edgewood and finished fourth with a 196.

Each of the three teams also had a representative in the hunt for the top spot individually as there was a three-way tie for medalist. Luke Boesdorfer of Auburn, who was medalist at Shambilee the day before, North Mac's Ryley Marko and Lincolnwood's Nate Brockmeyer all shot 39s on the day. Brockmeyer's 3-over-par round consisted of three bogeys and six pars, five of which came in a row on holes four through eight.

Devin Brown would shoot a 40, posting four pars to give the Lancers a solid 1-2 punch, while Michael Jones and Braxton Schmedeke rounded out the scoring with a pair of 45s.

All six Lincolnwood players would shoot within 14 strokes of par as Michael Graham finished with a 47 and Will Jenkins added in a 48.

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Fire Calls

Bean Fire

Members of the Raymond-Harvel Volunteer Fire Department responded to a mutual aid call from the Farmersville-Waggoner Fire Department at 3:24 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30.

A bean fire, located on East 5th Road in Waggoner, occupied the Panhandle departments for a short time. Upon Raymond-Harvel's arrival, the fire was put out. Ten members responded and were back in service at 3:53 p.m.

Combine Blaze

The Raymond-Harvel Fire Department responded to a mutual aid call from Morrisonville-Palmer Fire Department to a report of a combine fire at 3:38 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1.

Upon arrival, the fire was under control. Seven personnel responded and returned back to service at 4:34 p.m.

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USDA To Survey Row Crops County Acreage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 38 states, including Illinois, as part of its 2020 Row Crops County Agricultural Production Survey.

The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested and total yield and production of row crops down to the county level. Producers can complete their survey securely online at www.agcounts.usda.gov.

"The data provided by producers will help federal and state programs support the farmer," said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. "We hope every producer who receives this survey will take the time to respond. Producers benefit when there are data available to help determine accurate loan rates, disaster payments, crop insurance price

elections, and more. Without data, agencies such as USDA's Risk Management Agency or Farm Service Agency may not have enough information on which to base their programs."

Within the next few weeks, NASS representatives will contact selected Illinois growers to arrange telephone interviews to complete the survey. Survey response is protected by federal law (Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347), which keeps respondent identity and answers confidential.

Survey results will be published on the NASS Quick Stats database at www.quick-stats.nass.usda.gov.

For more information on NASS surveys, reports, and for the release dates by commodity, visit www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Calendar/reports_by_date.php, or contact the NASS Heartland Field Office at 800-551-1014.

Ag Prices

percent from last month and 3.7 percent from the previous year.

The Livestock Production Index, at 84.1, decreased .5 percent from July, and 10 percent from August 2019. At 92.5, the Crop Production Index was up 2.9

eggs, and soybeans but lower prices for milk, broilers, lettuce, and corn.

In addition to prices, the indexes are influenced by the volume change of commodities producers market. In August, there was increased monthly movement for cattle, grapes, tobacco, and sweet corn and decreased marketing of wheat, corn, soybeans, and strawberries.

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NOTICE

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R. Cullison, 220 South Main Street, P. O. Box 188, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

Claims may be filed within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Robert K. Pennock and Adrian C. Pennock, Personal Representatives of the Decedent's Estate

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CITY OF LITCHFIELD, a municipal corporation, Plaintiff,
vs- ROBERT J. NOE, AND MARK C. CUNNINGHAM, Defendants.

No. 2020MR139

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given to all Defendants who may have any interest in the real estate described herein, of the Complaint for Demolition filed in the above-entitled case on the 22nd day of September, 2020, and that each of them is named as a Defendant in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 5/2-206, 5/15-1218 and 5/15-1502, and that the above-entitled suit is now pending in said court, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is the 5th day of November, 2020, and that the following information applies to said demolition proceeding:

(i) The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
(ii) The Court in which said action was brought is

identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is ROBERT J. NOE and MARK C. CUNNINGHAM.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows

(v) That part of Lot Three (3) in Block Twenty Nine (29) in the Original Town, now City of Litchfield, described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence running East along the South line of said Lot 88 feet; thence West 88 feet; and thence South 28 feet to the place of beginning, situated in the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois.

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Police

Litchfield Police

• Lucas A. Diesselhorst, 39, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 10:07 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the 800 block of South Jackson.

• Joseph A. Hamm, 41, of

Decatur, was jailed for a Macon County warrant, possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver and for failure to signal when required at 12:31 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Scherer and State.

PUBLIC NOTICE**ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF RAYMOND, STATE OF ILLINOIS,****COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY,****OFFICE OF VILLAGE TREASURER, RAYMOND**

The following is a statement by Sally A. Broaddus, Village Treasurer, in the County and State aforesaid, of the amount of public funds received and disbursed by her during the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of April, 2020.

Sally A. Broaddus, Village Treasurer

Tracy Pennock

Subscribed and sworn to me, this 1st day of October, 2020.

REVENUE SUMMARY: Ameren/RE Franchise \$24,700; Property/Replacement Tax \$130,346; Bus. Dist. Tax \$7,714; Cannabis/Video Tax \$11,737; Sales Tax \$159,082; MFT \$36,366; Income Tax \$99,600; Use Tax \$34,713; Fines/Lic./Permits \$4,044; Interest/Investment Income \$7,553; Water Receipt/Deposit/Bulk Sales \$240,495; Adv. \$4,200; B&T Loans \$107,861; Passes/Cert. \$6,517; Greens \$34,045; Carts \$36,387; F&B \$21,739; Merchandise \$3,417; Range Balls \$799; Transfer from other funds \$95,000; Misc. \$39,376.

TOTAL REVENUES: \$1,105,691.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Under \$25,000 - Devin Bedinger, Greg Bernhardt, Devin Brown, Sally Broaddus, Shelly Crawford, Denise Downey, Judie Egelhoff, Drew Eilerman, Jody Grove, Bonnie Hefley, Dennis Held, William Held, Sam Herman, Dan Hough, Tom Irwin, Ben Jackson, Beau Kirkpatrick, Bill Krager, Joe Martin, Dennis Matli, Hunter Mitts, Nicole Mitts, Logan Pennock, Robert Pennock, Paricia Pinkston, Scott Pinkston, Bruce Poggenpohl, Ben Pope, Chris Roach, Valerie Sheldon, Carrie Skinner, Mary Ann Skinner, Wade Snider, Todd Steele, Kathy Summers, Matt Workman. \$25,000-\$49,999 - Rick Broaddus, Susan Greenwalt, Mike Masten, Rachel Skinner.

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TOTAL VENDORS: \$638,677.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT: \$1,204,569.

RECAPITULATION: Balance in Funds May 1, 2019 \$735,776. Income \$1,105,691. Expenses \$955,395.

Balance in Funds April 30, 2020 \$886,072.

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PUBLIC NOTICE**City of Litchfield****Litchfield, IL****South Side Ditch Drainage****Improvements - Phase 1****ADVERTISEMENT FOR****BIDS**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the South Side Ditch Drainage Improvements - Phase 1 will be received, by Tonya Flannery City Administrator, at the office of the City of Litchfield, 120 East Ryder Street, Litchfield, IL, 62056, until 2:00 P.M. local time on October 21, 2020, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of the installation of 2,250 feet of various size storm sewer pipe and related structures, regrading of drainage ditches, erosion control, utility adjustments, and other drainage improvements.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on October 14, 2020 at the 120 East Ryder Street, Litchfield, IL, 62056. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Heneghan and Associates, P.C. 1004 State Highway 16, Jerseyville, IL 62052, contact Adam Lott, 618-498-6418, jalott@heneghanassoc.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at Heneghan and Associates, P.C. 1004 State Highway 16, Jerseyville, IL 62052; Southern Illinois Builders Association, 1468 Green Mount Road, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269; Dodge/Agc Plan

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PUBLIC NOTICE**City of Hillsboro - Annual Treasurer's Report**

for period ending April, 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE CITY OF HILLSBORO - CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

I, Cory Davidson, City Clerk of the City of Hillsboro, Illinois, hereby certify that the City of Hillsboro's financial statement has been prepared for publication and is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Cory M. Davidson, City Clerk
Friday, September 25, 2020

REVENUE SUMMARY: CORPORATE TAXES \$716,970.85 - UTILITY TAX COLLECTED \$311,139.36 - LICENSES FEES (LIQUOR) \$9,625.00 - VIDEO PERMIT \$798.92 - VIDEO GAMING REVENUE \$53,306.44 - FOOD TRUCK LICENSE \$250.00 - CABLE FRANCHISE FEE \$41,518.91 - GAS FRANCHISE AMEREN (5/2032) \$10,250.00 - AMEREN ELECT 07/11/2033 \$614,525.00 - BUILDING PERMITS \$1,388.85 - STATE INCOME TAX \$610,675.75 - PERS PROP REPLACEMENT TAX \$21,924.83 - SALES TAX \$614,450.89 - USE TAX \$217,201.32 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX \$72,861.01 - CANNABIS USE TAX \$1,015.71 - WARRANTS/FOREIGN SHERIFF \$3,307.72 - CONCESSION RECEIPTS \$8,272.27 - SWIM POOL FEES \$155,246.10 - BOAT PERMITS \$46,990.25 - LAKE LOT FEES \$8,143.50 - DUCK BLIND DEPOSITS \$200.00 - HOME LOT LEASES \$18,085.00 - CAMPING FEES \$155,246.10 - BOAT PERMITS \$46,990.25 - LAKE INTEREST EARNED \$8,634.63 - INTEREST FROM CHALLACOMBE \$188.77 - INTEREST CITY HEALTH INS \$145.20 - INTEREST FROM ITIP \$3,330.58 - INTEREST FROM POOL SAVINGS \$4.50 - INTEREST LAKE RESTORATION (SAV) \$144.12 - INTEREST GENERAL RESERVE \$1,178.62 - CHALLACOMBE RENTALS \$11,200.00 - FIREMANS CLUB HOUSE RENTAL \$1,275.00 - DONATIONS POOL \$175.00 - ROAD & PROPERTY BOND \$1,000.00 - RT 127 & 16 MAINT \$23,016.64 - MISCELLANEOUS \$35,242.09 - REIMB & REFUNDS \$245,237.88 - SALE OF EQUIP-LABOR-PROPERTY \$3,351.00 - TRANS FROM LAND ACQ \$84.71 - TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS \$10,000.00 - TRANS FROM WATER O & M \$299,193.16 - TRANS FROM WATER TO REPAY CHALL \$48,588.00 - TRANSFER FROM SEWER \$120,000.00 - ROYALITIES \$118,281.72 - TRANSFER FROM GENERAL \$163,766.78 - 2% FIRE TAX \$7,721.33 - FIRE RUNS \$3,400.00 - SUB FEES COLLECTED \$35,960.00 - ALLOTMENTS, STATE \$274,837.23 - BUSINESS DIST TAX \$294,058.32 - LAKE LOTS DEPOSITS \$1,400.00 - TRANS FROM WATER RESERVE \$461,147.50CR - TRANS FROM WATER RESERVE BOND/I \$461,147.50 - DEPOSITS RECEIVED \$2,300.00 - SCHRAM CITY PAYMENT \$14,400.00 - TAYLOR SPRINGS PAYMENT \$550.00 - INTEREST WTP DEPRECIATION (NEW) \$358.25 - PENALTIES COLLECTED \$22,208.28 - SALE OF WATER \$1,885,469.01 - SALE OF BULK WATER \$2,360.79 - SALE RAW WATER COAL MINE \$167,355.75 - SEWER RECEIPTS \$805,120.29 - BOD SURCHARGES \$20,349.02 - DUMPING FEES /MISC SERVICES \$8,620.00 - TOTAL REVENUES: \$8,192,526.97.

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: UNDER \$25,000.00 SCHAAKE, ABIGAYLE F - PFEIFER, ELLA E - CHRISTIAN, JADE D - PFEIFER, HAYDEN R - JANSEN, KOURTNEY R - JEFFERS, TORIANA J - GUINN, BRIMMIE M - CLINARD, TRESSIE M - WRIGHT, GRIFFIN H - RIGGS, SHAW D - GREGG, JORDAN L - HARTMAN, TREVOR D - MORNANVILLE, MAIA E - MATTISON, JOSEPH D - BECK, CHLOE M - WILSON, PHOEBE - GREENWOOD, ALIESE J - EDDINGTON, MACEY G - SIVERLY, TIMOTHY C - MAY, MADELINE R - HARKINS, JONAH R - HUBER, BRADY L - ONDREY, NICHOLAS P - MOORE, CHRISTOPHER L - STRITZEL, GARRETT B - TAYLOR, DALTON EUGENE - WALDEN, ASHTON C - BEECHER, HUNTER K - MULLEN, TANNER J - REEVES, NATHAN D - DOWNS, DON E - DUNCAN, KATHLEEN M - MURPHY, MICHAEL P - ROBBINS, DANIEL T - LOJENSKI, JORDAN - ROACH, AMIE L - REYNOLDS, THOMAS L - KENNY, FRANK S - SANDERS, SHARON M - LYERLA, JOE L - GREEN, VONNA - SULLIVAN, BRIAN M - STEWART, RICHARD L - CERUTTI, MICHAEL - DAVIDSON, DAVID E - MURZYNSKI, CLAY M - Between \$25,000.00 and \$49,999.99 BREWER, KELLY L - WEYER, JONATHAN - JETT, JANETTE M - FATH, ADAM A - KALAHAN, BRETT A - POCKLINGTON, JOHN HENRY EDWARD - HARRELL, RANDY L - PARKS, JEFFREY D - HEFLEY, BONNIE J - KEISER, RANDY MICHEL - BLEDSOE, JOHN O - HOLMAN, CHRISTOPHER JASON - CARLOCK, DUSTIN B - ROBINSON, SHAWN E - Between \$50,000.00 and \$74,999.99 LONGWELL, JACOB M - PAGE, TIMOTHY R - GOAD, CHARLES W - CHAPPELEAR, JUSTIN J - MAY JR, JAMES D - STRETCH, JOHN D - MELLOR JR, GARY N - LEETHAM, RANDY A - SHELDON, TIMOTHY A - DAVIDSON, CORY M - SATTERLEE, GARY E - HOPPER, TIMOTHY A - TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$1,419,268.47.

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: A & D ELECTRIC, INC \$1,056.30 - BISHOP HARDWARE & SUPPLY \$9,416.83 - AEC \$4,358.87 - ILLINOIS POWER MARKETING \$70,714.98 - AMERICAN TEST CENTER \$1,025.00 - ANTHONY SUPPLY CO., INC. \$1,219.01 - RA OUTDOORS, LLC \$3,180.15 - AXON ENTERPRISE, INC \$3,347.00 - BARNES GARAGE AND WELDING \$7,666.20 - BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD \$545,844.21 - BODINE ELECTRIC \$9,691.61 - BONDURANT PLUMBING \$8,643.19 - CITY OF HILLSBORO WTP BOND \$492,000.00 - STRETCH, JOHN \$10,113.00 - BREWER, KELLY \$2,550.00 - BROWNLEE, MICHAEL R. \$1,190.00 - BRUCE WEBB SALES \$1,438.00 - CITY OF HILLSBORO CDBG HO \$10,000.00 - MICHAEL CERUTTI \$1,500.00 - CITY OF HILLSBORO SEWER F \$103,588.85 - CITY OF HILLSBORO WATER O \$14,540.00 - CITY OF HILLSBORO WATERS/C \$3,110.46 - CITY OF HILLSBORO MANAGEMENT REV \$7,747.08 - CITI TRUCKS \$1,191.28 - CITY OF HILLSBORO WATER R \$53,388.00 - CLARKE MOSQUITO CONTROL P \$5,737.85 - TECHNOLOGY

REPAIR \$2,286.04 - COMPUTER TECHNIQUES, INC. \$609.66 - CUNNINGHAM, BEN \$1,650.00 - DA-COM CORPORATION \$1,886.68 - W.S. DARLEY & CO. \$2,615.67 - DC WASTE & RECYCLING, INC \$16,057.42 - JOHN DEERE CREDIT \$4,172.02 - DELAURER CONSTRUCTION CO \$63,947.00 - DELTA DENTAL OF ILLINOIS \$27,938.52 - DIGITAL ALLY, INC. \$880.00 - DOLLAR GENERAL CORP. MSC \$1,364.78 - DPC ENTERPRISES, LP \$702.00 - DUTCH HOLLOW SUPPLIES \$725.72 - ECONO SIGNS LLC. \$3,129.00 - ELITE TURF CARE \$1,410.00 - NATIONAL BANK \$105,124.86 - FIRE APPARATUS & SUPPLY T \$4,907.45 - FIREPROGRAMS \$946.00 - FITZ'S DIVE SHOP LTD \$3,900.00 - DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE C \$2,322.80 - GALLS, AN ARAMARK COMPANY \$1,705.32 - GLENN SHOALS LAKE CLUB, I \$26,400.00 - GLOBAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$1,348.70 - GLOBAL TECHNICAL SYSTEMS, \$6,210.90 - GUNTHER SALT COMPANY \$9,439.62 - HAMBY, RYAN & LESLEY \$4,000.00 - HANSON INFORMATION SYSTEMS \$608.00 - HANTLA & HANTLA \$57,059.88 - HELTSLEY, JUDITH D. \$2,260.00 - HENDERSON SEWING MACHINE \$39,306.70 - HERO'S IN STYLE \$694.69 - HILLSBORO AUXILIARY POLICE \$4,788.00 - HILLSBORO CHAMBER OF COMM \$1,400.00 - HILLSBORO ELECTRIC COMPANY \$14,039.69 - HILLSBORO POST OFFICE \$7,251.86 - HILLSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY \$5,618.17 - HILLSBORO RENTAL \$14,249.21 - HILLSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE \$21,952.00 - HILLER'S SHEET METAL \$8,809.88 - HILLSBORO UNIT DISTRICT #2 \$21,257.86 - GREG HILT \$1,000.00 - HODGES LOIZZI EISENHAMMER \$1,487.18 - HOUSTON, DENNIS & KARELYN \$950.00 - HUBBART, CHRIS \$2,000.00 - HUMM, CHRIS \$1,703.50 - HURST-ROSCHE ENGINEERS \$49,043.48 - ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISE MA \$181,114.00 - IDVILLE \$3,152.28 - CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS \$23,055.82 - ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE \$13,977.66 - ILLINOIS DEPT. NATURAL RE \$1,117.00 - ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PR \$104,313.16 - ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PR \$18,500.00 - ILLINOIS OIL MARKETING EQ \$14,188.02 - AMERENIP \$255,754.26 - ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIRE \$70,697.00 - JCB FINANCE \$13,318.56 - JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL \$5,516.62 - JOHN'S SIGNS \$732.00 - JOHN SIGN COMPANY \$1,781.50 - JOURNAL PRINTING CO INC \$3,030.30 - JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS \$3,168.20 - JULIE INC \$2,319.55 - KENNY, FRANK \$3,000.00 - KIENSTRA PRECAST LLC \$1,610.00 - L&W BEST BRANDS PLUS \$996.16 - LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING \$630.00 - LARRY'S SERVICE CENTER \$1,929.00 - LEE, BRIAN \$30,000.00 - LEON UNIFORM COMPANY INC \$13,687.29 - LIPE CONSTRUCTION, INC \$3,877.20 - LITCHFIELD BITUMINOUS \$1,760.92 - LIVINGSTON LAW FIRM \$1,215.00 - LOCIS \$7,667.35 - LOCKWOOD TESTING SERVICE \$815.00 - LOGAN HOLLOW FISH FARM \$8,000.00 - LOUIS MARSH, INC \$24,697.94 - LYERLA ELECTRIC \$9,719.66 - MAC'S FIRE & SAFETY INC \$1,570.60 - MARCOLINI CONSTRUCTION \$2,000.00 - MASTERS METER, INC. \$1,500.00 - HANSON MATERIAL SERVICE \$11,857.26 - MCKAY AUTO PARTS INC. \$14,916.83 - MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERV \$146,173.89 - MEYER ICE MACHINE LEASEIN \$1,200.00 - MID-ILLINOIS CONCRETE, INC \$10,945.88 - MIDWEST METER INC. \$49,560.00 - MIDWEST MUNICIPAL SUPPLY \$19,831.15 - MIDWEST CONSTRUCTION PRODU \$1,409.00 - MOLANDA COMPANY \$3,396.23 - M & M SERVICE COMPANY \$70,645.32 - JOHN MONDIN \$675.39 - MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT \$4,798.72 - MOTO \$1,656.74 - BANK OF HILLSBORO \$107,346.54 - NEWWAVE COMMUNICATIONS \$4,611.78 - NOKOMIS QUARRY COMPANY \$5,422.13 - OUTDOOR POWER SALES \$1,147.51 - PAGE BROTHERS TREE SERVIC \$4,315.00 - PANCZENKO, DENNIS \$1,750.00 - PARIS FROZEN FOODS INC \$1,500.00 - PATTON & COMPANY, P.C. \$16,000.00 - REFRESHMENT SERVICES PEPS \$1,596.13 - POSITIVE PROMOTIONS, INC. \$760.52 - PROGRESSIVE CHEMICAL & LT \$2,320.91 - QUILL CORPORATION \$6,813.18 - RAY O'HERRON CO., INC. \$7,715.18 - RICHMOND PAINTING \$4,356.12 - RICOH USA, INC. \$2,180.16 - RICOH USA, INC. \$1,048.97 - RON'S PRODUCE CO, INC \$761.50 - R P LUMBER \$8,442.91 - RT 66 TRUCK REPAIR, INC. \$2,234.68 - S&R MARINE \$6,306.75 - SADIKU, GAUFUR \$3,304.22 - SAM'S CLUB \$4,041.95 - BENNETT SAMOWICH \$3,285.72 - SEALMASTER-ST. LOUIS \$16,618.58 - SENTINEL EMERGENCY SOLUTI \$10,879.00 - SERPENTINE WEB SOLUTIONS \$2,825.0

Opinion

6B - Monday, October 5, 2020

RAMBLINGS • by Ron Deabenderfer

Second Gen Of 'Westward Ho'



Now I know how my mom felt (and I suspect Judy's parents too) when Judy and I came west.

If Judy's parents were worried about us, neither said anything to me. Perhaps they asked Judy some questions, but if so she didn't tell me. If they didn't have doubts, they should have.

Perhaps for Dean and Eleanor our marriage and departure in late August of 1966 was a relief; I'd like to think so. They were "hobby" farmers; they bought a ten-acre hill with a big farm house, a wooden-pegged barn (complete with a barn bridge), and a concrete block milk house just off Route 286—six miles from Indiana, PA, and three miles from Clymer—from my great uncle Orie and great aunt Claire McCunn, my mom's family. The family of Deabenderfers to which I belong lived about half a mile away. I walked that distance often in the evening after chores were finished.

The first attraction was her only brother Danny; he was two or three years younger than I (I suspect I was a late developer, as I started first grade before I turned six and always felt more comfortable socially with those a bit younger—that's true today, now that I think about it). We played barn basketball together (their barn—I had a hoop in mine, the sole Christmas present my seventh grade year, but ours was a working barn. Theirs was not); we played a variety of fast-pitch softball as members of the Rayne Raiders, named after Rayne Township where we lived. He was one of my better summer friends. We didn't see life in the same way always, but we both paid as little attention as possible in the young men's Sunday School class which his dad taught in the Rayne Presbyterian Church. Eventually that old-timey church was the site of Judy and my wedding, and Danny was the best man.

Judy had three sisters: Joan, a year older than she; Susie, three years younger than Danny, and the youngest of all, Colleen. Dean was chief staff engineer at an asphalt company with a branch in Indiana. Natives of Tipton, PA, he and Eleanor shared a backwoods upbringing, but she and the girls were pretty and gracious. Dean was a Marine vet from WWII; Dad had been exempt as a farmer, but they were friends as much as Dad would be friends with anyone who wasn't a farmer.

Joan and Danny were married before Judy and me. Joan married one of our classmates, a basketball star in both high school and at Indiana University of Pennsylvania who headed for a career as a college basketball coach, for a time serving as an assistant to George Raveling at the University of Iowa. Danny married his high school sweetheart and graduated from Penn State with an engineering degree. Sadly, he passed from a brain tumor before the turn of the century, after Judy died. He and Karen lived in Massachusetts. A close family, the Cherries all suffered from the loss of the two. When they moved to the farm, though, they brought a touch of class to our community. I was in awe of Dean, who wore a suit to work in town.

As I've written before, Judy was the prime reason I attended college. Dean drove us to North Carolina for our freshman year. After our arrival, her parents asked that I watch over her there. That was a challenge as well as a pleasure; she was so homesick the first month or so that I couldn't be until WWC became home. We were good friends—that started in her senior year in high school, which for me was a gap year as I worked to save some money and consider what I wanted from life—but unlike young people seem to be in our current culture, we were friends without benefits. She was intent on "saving herself" for marriage, and I had the same intentions.

She did date; she had two steady boyfriends, which is another term I haven't heard recently. Both were classmates of mine. The first found himself attracted to another, so I was someone to talk to as she rebounded. The other was a person I shared much with until I said I wasn't headed for college; he was bound for Penn State. She was still his girlfriend when we headed for North Carolina that fall, but she dropped him when his mom wouldn't allow him to drive down to see her. That too brought about venting during long walks.

I didn't date in high school at all. I was very shy to the point of almost having a social disorder. When Judy and I became friends, she worried about me and had her best friend, Kathy, ask me to their senior prom. We double-dated with Charlie and her, or I wouldn't have gone. I had to have quick dance lessons from my sister (thanks, Janet), and my last dance was with daughter Jenni at her wedding reception.

In the fall of 1964, I enrolled as a junior at Berea College in Kentucky. She was back home; her dad's income was above the level for students to be accepted at Berea. Her dad was mad. With Joan at IUP and Dan at Penn State, he felt he was overwhelmed with tuition payments. My family's income was well below the permissible level. Judy and I wrote often—I to her more than she to me—and she expressed depression because she was at home while all of her friends were elsewhere, doing something. Then she was accepted at Blackburn for the spring, 1964, semester.

Meanwhile, I was called home for the second time. I had spent three weeks putting in the crops in the spring of '64 as dad had a lung removed (cancer); WWC graciously let me miss the three weeks without academic penalty because of the emergency. In November or December of '64, Dad fell while in the barn; the lung removal had been too late, and the cancer had spread to his brain. I was able to return to Berea to take my finals, but then I had a year at home, working in a factory and doing farm work on the side. While I was back in Pennsylvania, Judy was in Illinois; by June of 1966, she had one semester left.

The year we were apart made us closer. I remember the letter she sent saying I was her one and only after all. I suppose I owe a debt of thanks to Wayne, a Navy vet/Blackburn student who asked her to a movie and then took her to a bar afterwards. Neither of us drank and neither had been in a bar; she was horrified. We were both anxious for the summer to come.

Dad died in December of 1965 (December has been a bad month for me). Judy came home for the summer in May or June of 1966, and I asked her to marry me a couple days later as we walked on a red dog road near the cemetery above the church. Wild flowers lined the road; she didn't seem surprised and said yes. It was just time for us to be together.

If she wasn't surprised, my mom was. She'd envisioned my living at home longer, hoping I would commute to IUP (I did attend a few classes there in the summers while dad was ill). Typical of women of her generation in her economic circumstances, she hadn't traveled much, so the thought of her son and daughter-in-law moving to far-away Illinois was daunting. My sister had work in Washington, D.C.; now her eldest was flying away from the coop too—an eldest who couldn't cook, clean, or do laundry because she had done that for him most of his 22 years. She also knew Judy and I didn't have money (I had a dependable car, a 1956 Buick Century with perhaps 40,000 miles on it, and \$600 cash; Judy had a \$500 student loan at an Indiana bank), and mom had none to give us.

I applied to Blackburn immediately, with a letter explaining that we'd live in an apartment and commute so the only space I would need would be in classrooms. My high school, WWC, and Berea transcripts plus the SAT I'd taken in early 1962 indicated I had the academic potential to succeed, so I was admitted on short notice. God watched over us.

Of course, with a generous helping of self-confidence based on what I now realize was silly, I had no idea of the problems we might encounter. We headed west to an apartment Judy's once room-mate at BC leased for us.

I'm sure Judy's parents had doubts when we bought the farmette (78 acres) off what is now Wonder Trail in what was then South Fillmore Township. The house was tiny, Judy was pregnant with Dawn, it was far from my job in Hillsboro and not really close to her job in Coffeen, and Judy couldn't drive. Still, when they visited us the summer after we moved to the farm, all Dean complained about was the size and abundance of critters in the night air—the biggest bugs he'd ever seen. The Cherries didn't have an empty nest; Colleen came with them and slept on a folding cot in the kitchen with nary a complaint that I heard.

Mom's nest wasn't empty either. Her mom, well into her 70s, moved in, and Dale was 11 or 12 when I married. Janet came up from D.C. when she could, and Judy and I drove the Buick back and forth at Christmas and once every summer. I suspect both Judy's family and my mother thought we'd return to western Pennsylvania once I graduated, but our buying property and having children dashed those hopes for them.

All those thoughts flashed through my mind when youngest daughter Jenni called to say they'd purchased 309 acres of arid ground in Montana. Jenni had a highly successful career as a partner in an accounting firm in Indianapolis. She and her first husband had built a better house than mine in Brownsburg, IN—that was only a four-hour trip from here, and Joan and Hank had settled after retirement in Westfield, another Indie suburb, so family was in the area. Then marriage number one fell apart. She remarried, a Wounded Warrior with two children. She's a hard worker by all accounts taking on tasks others should have but wouldn't do—until a doctor said she needed a lifestyle change for her health's sake. The work day of an accountant can be too long in tax season, so she left the firm.

Phil, her second husband, was hired this spring as an undersheriff in Treasure County, MT, so I expected the move—almost. What I didn't know was how off the grid Treasure County and its 300 people are. The county borders Indian reservations, and I'm sure the white man didn't give the red man land of great value.

Jenni, though, is as self-assured as her father is career-wise. She has plans for an animal rescue not-for-profit. She and hubby are living in their RV with four dogs in a campground until housing arrangements can be made on their land. On her last trip out, in early August, Dawn and my youngest granddaughter Kamryn rode out with her in her Jeep. Also in the Jeep was her first rescue dog (in its own seat belt); tied to a rack on the back was a generator to be used in Montana.

The rig reminded me of ours on our first trip west on I-70, which was only partially complete. Dean built a tall box to strap to the top of the Buick for our wedding gifts and clothing and painted it white. Two of Judy's cousins, the Nolder brothers, tried to paint Just Married in big red letters on the front of the box as we were preparing to leave. However, either because they couldn't spell or out of maliciousness, they painted "Just Married." We didn't notice the spelling error until our first stop in Ohio; it stayed that way until we unloaded in Carlinville. Fortunately it wasn't a prediction.

Dawn and Kamryn didn't see the land purchase, but they saw Mt. Rushmore and Old Faithful in Yellowstone before Jenni dropped them off at the airport in Billings. They are back home in the 'Boro. Jenni called to say she'll be doing accounting work remotely for a company in Texas.

Will I ever travel to Montana? I suspect I will if health allows; I'd like to see a county with more cows than people. I no longer have a desire to live in such a place, though, so it won't be the answer to the daughters' question, "What are we going to do with dad?"

I don't do remote.

Joes Corner



LETTERS to the editor

Year Has Been An Education In Grace

2020 has been an education in grace—grace to keep moving through the daily flex of last-minute notices and upheaval of assignments.

At the school bus yard we had new routes delivering school meals to students and their families, as well as daily adjustments to flexible student routes. Our general manager faithfully adhered to the COVID-19 protocol: we were temperature checked, gloved, masked and six feet apart before clocking in or out and certainly before getting on any school bus.

Our general manager personally monitored us to ensure our safety and the observance of health precautions. She has stood by us through company transitions, contracts, last-minute route and schedule changes, complaints, internal or external

disputes. We have watched her monitor traffic with our past superintendent, check buses and host special events for us. All this she has done with impartial judgement and with a strong example of leadership in the responsibility of management. Her door and her mind are always open to us, but so is the understanding that she is our general manager and we are expected to adhere to the policies she conveys to us.

Many of the walkers at Christian County Mental Health also received continuing education in grace this year: as substitute workers for our clients who were sheltered in place, everyone from the janitor to the case managers, snack shack and developmental training employees labored in the workshops performing all of the

tasks that result in a finished product of reels which come in all sizes. We gained a new understanding and respect for the daily work performed by our clients and the sacrifice of diligence to complete the filling of orders. Though our bodies ached from new physical demands and our dreams were sometimes interrupted by the floor supervisor yelling "Rod!" to deliver us more pallets, we were employed and Christian County Mental Health has remained opened during this challenging time.

Some may say "grace" is a frivolous expression, but it is grace that saves the soul, strengthens the body, moves the spirit and gives feet courage to walk through the unknown.

Linda Hagood
Taylorville

Congratulations To Our Very Own Newspaper

I would like to congratulate our very own local newspaper of record for Montgomery County on receiving several awards, again.

Indeed, with or without awards, we are blessed by the kind of professional and personal coverage *The Journal-News* provides its readers, and the service its publishers, editors and staff provide to all the members of our community area.

Many of us probably do not really appreciate what it

takes to gather and share the news and to do such a great job to keep us informed and connected. And may I say, you do it in an easily readable and well designed way.

Another important purpose news organizations like yours will always serve, is to help the people fulfill their responsibility to be informed and engaged citizens, which helps a democratic nation remain free and work toward fairness for everyone. Not too long ago, I noticed a poster

about evaluating information on the internet inside a grade school. In my day, there was no internet yet, and we all do well to know how to distinguish real news from fabricated misinformation.

Each edition of *The Journal-News* contains interesting and trustworthy items. I recommend a very affordable annual subscription to everyone.

Stefan Munker
Litchfield

I Encourage You To Join 4-H

I've been in 4-H ever since I was five, and it has given many opportunities to me.

I have learned about being a good leader by being an officer and serving on committees in my club. By doing projects, I've learned lots about the many topics for the projects I have tried. By enrolling for

Youth Leadership Team, I've learned about leadership, planning for meetings, etc.

4-H is a good place to make friends from many different counties, and even countries.

All in all, 4-H is a good way to learn about responsibility and the many opportunities that go with it. And by being

on committees, you can plan to help your community, plan meetings, and plan fun outings for your club.

If you would like these opportunities, then I encourage you to join 4-H.

John Schmidt
Litchfield
Clovers 4-H Club

Bryant Hitchings Will Have My Vote

I want to extend my support to Bryant Hitchings, Montgomery County State's Attorney.

Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to work with Bryant Hitchings, our

current Montgomery County State's Attorney. My experience found him to be very knowledgeable, consistent, honest and dedicated to his job. I think we are fortunate to have this fine man representing us.

sent the Montgomery County State's Attorney office.

Bryant Hitchings will have my vote in November.

Sue Wetzel
Hillsboro

Newspaper Policy For Letters To The Editor

The Journal-News welcomes letters to the editor. The guidelines follow:

• Letters from residents of the local area and letters from *Journal-News* subscribers are given top priority. Letters from outside our readership area will be considered only if the topic pertains to a local issue.

• Writers may submit their letters either typed or clearly handwritten. They can be mailed to *The Journal-News* at P.O. Box 100, Hillsboro, IL 62049; faxed to 217-532-3632; dropped by our offices in Hillsboro or Litchfield; or emailed to thejournal-news@consolidated.net.

• All letters, including those sent by email, must contain the writer's name, address and phone number. *The Journal-News* will print only the writer's name, city and state. The phone number is used only to verify the letter's

authenticity.

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• Writers should try to limit their letters to 300 words. While we sometimes have the room to print longer letters, those of 300 words or less will take precedence over longer letters.

• Letters should be originals, not copies of letters to others. Letters that echo or restate positions presented in previously published letters

will not be printed.

• Anonymous letters will not be printed.

• Letters that contain potentially libelous comments and those that attack a private individual or business will not be printed. This includes allegations of illegal actions by an individual or group.

• Letters that present statements of fact that cannot be independently verified may not be published.

• Prior to publication, all letters to the editor are reviewed by *The Journal-News* editorial staff, which reserves the right to edit, condense or reject any letter.

Any Letters to the Editor regarding candidates or issues on the Nov. 3 ballot must be submitted to the newspaper by

12 NOON, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

The final issue such letters will run is on Monday, Oct. 26.



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Red Cross Blood Drive Will Be Held On Oct. 6

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Litchfield on Tuesday, October 6 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 221 N. Madison.

A release from the Red Cross states "Currently, the Red Cross is testing for COVID-19 antibodies with each completed donation. The test results will be available within 7-10 days in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RedCross. The test has been authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Thank you for your donation and hope to see you at the blood drive."

Walk ins will be accepted, however, donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood by visiting RedCrossBlood.org enter Litchfield Moose, using the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RedCross. Donors will be asked for their Red Cross donor card or a positive identification, a photo ID. Donors will be asked to wear a mask that covers nose and mouth.

The Red Cross has implemented new measures to ensure blood drives are even safer for donors and staff, including checking temperatures of staff and donors before entering, providing hand sanitizer, spacing beds to allow for social distancing and increasing enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment. Only donors will be permitted at the blood drive and are required to wear a mask.

At each blood drive employees already follow thorough safety protocols to help prevent the spread of any type of infection, including wearing gloves and changing them with each donor, routinely wiping down donor-touched areas, using sterile collection sets for each donation and preparing the arm with an

aseptic scrub.

Donors may make an appointment and on Tuesday sign in to RapidPass, a tool that allows blood donors to help save lives in less time. This must be done on the day of the drive using a desktop or laptop computer. RapidPass does not take the place of scheduling an appointment. It is only used to complete the pre-reading and pre-donation questionnaire in advance of an appointment.

Donors should be sure to eat at regular mealtimes and drink plenty of water prior to donating. Eat foods rich in iron, since only blood with good iron levels will be accepted for donation. Iron is part of hemoglobin, the protein that carries oxygen and gives blood its red color.

Combining iron rich foods with foods rich in Vitamin C will enhance the absorption of iron. Tannin in tea decreases the amount of iron the body absorbs by about 50 percent.

Donors must be at least 17 or 16 years old with a signed parental consent. There is no upper age limit for donors. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. In most cases, it is the condition for which a person is taking medication, not the medicine that causes them to be unable to donate. Usually, if the condition is under control the day of donation, the person is eligible to donate. This includes medicine for high blood pressure and diabetes.

According to FDA regulations, donors may donate whole blood every 56 days, platelets up to 24 times a year and double red cells every 112 days.

Janet Saathoff is coordinator of the Litchfield Community Red Cross Blood Drives. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Litchfield Moose or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Work continues on the future site of Stress Less Pets and Vets in Hysham, MT. The non-profit company will provide housing for homeless veterans and animals, and will be run by Hillsboro native Jenni (Deabenderfer) McNaughton and her husband, Phillip Wallace.

A passion for animals and veterans led the husband and wife team of Jenni (Deabenderfer) McNaughton and Phillip Wallace to start Stress Less Pets and Vets in their new home in Hysham, MT.

On A Mission To Save Homeless Pets And Vets

by Mary (Galer) Herschelman

Rescuing animals and homeless veterans has become a special mission for one Hillsboro native, who recently relocated to a 300-acre home in Montana.

"I really have a passion for animals," said Jenni (Deabenderfer) McNaughton, a 1990 graduate of Hillsboro High School and the daughter of Ron Deabenderfer of Hillsboro. "And I've always wanted to run an animal shelter. My husband is a veteran, and we hear too often about veteran suicide and we wanted to help."

So, a non-profit was born, Stress Less Pets and Vets, to provide a home for both homeless animals and veterans on their new ground in Hysham, MT.

"It's grown from a passion for animals to a passion for people, and a chance to give back," McNaughton said. "It's just so important to have people that care about it. I have always wanted to save everything I could, and now I can bring home whatever I want."

The idea for the non-profit

started about five years ago, when McNaughton and her husband, Phillip Wallace, were living in Indiana. Although they looked for ground in Indiana, it was expensive. As they expanded their search, they discovered their new home in Montana.

"I've always loved the mountains, and even though Montana doesn't have mountains, I can go and see them from there."

An accountant, McNaughton plans to work remotely for a Houston-based CPA firm, while they get the non-profit up and running. Her husband is the undersheriff.

Earlier this year, she invited people to join the board of directors and has begun to apply for grants. Stress Less Pets and Vets got its non-profit status on June 1, although they are still awaiting their official 501(c)3 status from the IRS. Initially, she planned for the project to be an animal rescue and boarding facility for pets. However, their new home is located "in the middle of nowhere," and would be tough to operate a boarding

business.

Located 17 miles from town, McNaughton said the couple have sectioned off 40 acres of the 309 acres they own for personal use. The couple are currently living in their RV, and are working to build a pole barn so they have a place to put the RV before winter.

Having the pole barn ready will also allow them to be able to start accepting animals. McNaughton said they will focus on domestic animals, like dogs and cats, but will also take cows, horses, even pigs.

She hopes to be fully operational by this time next year and ready to take in homeless veterans. Currently, they are looking at tiny homes to provide living area for the veterans, as well as a central building with a kitchen, recreational area and bathroom facilities. She hopes to be able to accommodate between 30 to 50 homeless veterans.

While the veterans are living on the ranch, they will be tasked with helping to run the animal shelter.

"We want to give everyone a purpose and a reason to stay

around," McNaughton said. "We want these veterans to be around people who understand what they've been through and what they've seen in combat. They need that."

Veterans will be allowed to live on the property for as long as they choose. McNaughton said they have no plans to kick anyone out after a certain time, but with a background in small business start-ups, she can also help to provide them resources if they do choose that path after they get up on their feet.

"This is going to be a place where we can save things and make a difference," McNaughton said. "That's very important to me."

To learn more about her project or to make a donation, visit www.stress-less-pets.com.

"My mom died when I was 19, and I didn't understand why God took her and not me," McNaughton said. "But I know that God has a plan for my life and I'm here until I fulfill it. I think this is part of that plan."



The sunset view from the new home of Stress Less Pets and Vets in Montana is simply spectacular. The 309-acre ranch will provide housing for homeless veterans and animals when finished.

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