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Girard Man Killed In Early I-55 Crash

A Girard man is dead after an accident involving a semi on Interstate 55 two miles north of the Raymond exit at 5:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4. John B. Barnes, 56, of Girard, was pronounced dead at the scene by Montgomery County Coroner Randy Leetham.

According to Illinois State Police, Barnes was driving a 2015 Chevy box truck that had been stopped on the shoulder of the southbound lanes. As

the driver attempted to pull back onto the interstate, his vehicle was rear-ended by a semi driven by Michael C. Hegger, 36, of Florissant, MO, who refused medical attention.

The Raymond-Harvel Fire Department responded with 12 volunteers, and was on the scene for more than an hour and a half. The Illinois State Police traffic crash reconstruction unit is continuing the investigation.

28 New COVID Cases So Far This Week

The Montgomery County Health Department reports 28 new COVID-19 coronavirus cases this week for a positivity rate of 3.1 percent since Sunday, Nov. 1.

In total, 667 cases have been confirmed in Montgomery County since the pandemic began; 17 of those have died from the disease, one fewer than last reported.

One of the two deaths announced over the weekend has been reclassified to another county, according to the health department.

According to the Illinois Department of Corrections, 67 of the 70 cases among staff at Graham Correctional Center in Hillsboro have now recovered from the virus, as have 26 of the 29 inmates.



Vicky Murphy, at left, and Judy Reindl of the Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder's office collect ballots from the ballot drop box outside the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. The ballot drop box was installed new this fall in preparation for increased mail-in votes due to the ongoing pandemic. It was checked daily throughout the early voting process, with a representative both the Democratic and Republican parties present each time it was checked. Two keys were needed to open the ballot box, one for each party, and the clerk's office kept a log of each time it was checked and how many ballots were inside.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelman



Hillsboro Community Plans Drive-Thru Meal

Churches in the Hillsboro community are once again hosting the 29th annual community-wide Thanksgiving dinner, although it will look a little different this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

Sponsored by the Greater Hillsboro Ministerial Fellowship, traditional Thanksgiving meals will be given away on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, at The Event Center of Montgomery County, located on Illinois Route 185 in Taylor Springs.

Food will be provided by Hillsboro area churches, and as always, the meals will be provided free of charge. However, this year, there will be no

indoor dining.

Drive-through and delivery service will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All volunteers will be screened for temperature checks, wear masks and gloves and will be following social distancing guidelines. Participants do not need to get out of their vehicles to get the meals.

Anyone in need of delivery service may call the Hillsboro United Methodist Church at 217-532-3734 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to Thanksgiving Day. On Thanksgiving Day, call The Event Center of Montgomery County at 217-532-5194.

Litchfield Churches Plan Drive-Thru Thanksgiving

The Litchfield Ministerial Alliance is planning its annual Community Thanksgiving on Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, with drive-thru service at the Litchfield Community Center.

Volunteers will pass out meals to those in a drive-thru line, beginning at 5 p.m. They will serve 250 meals on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hosted by the Litchfield Ministerial Alliance, the meal is provided by churches in the Litchfield community.

"This year is going to look different," said Pastor Jon Magnuson of Beacon Church in Litchfield. "But the love we want to share in our community remains the same."

Big Turnout, Big Night For Local Republicans

Montgomery County voters elected a new state's attorney while favoring Republicans in every single race, and voters in Litchfield let city hall know they are in favor of the sale of recreational cannabis in the city during Tuesday's general election.

In total, 83.71 percent of Montgomery County's registered voters cast ballots—whether early, by mail, or at the polls—up more than 10 percent from the presidential election in 2016. That, however, is a by-product of both sides of the equation: 669 more people voted in 2020 than in 2016, but there are more than 1,400 fewer registered voters now

than then.

Montgomery County voters elected Republican Andrew Affrunti as new state's attorney in favor of incumbent Democrat Bryant Hitchings, and sent six new members to the Montgomery County Board: Jim Havera of Nokomis, Doug Donaldson of Witt, Patty Whitworth of Hillsboro, Russell Beason of Litchfield, Bev McCoy of Hillsboro, and Andy Ritchie of Hillsboro. All six are Republicans. Re-elected to the county board were Republicans Connie Taylor Beck of Litchfield, Jeremy Jones of Farmersville, Gene Miles of Nokomis, and Democrats Richard Wendel of Litchfield and Tim

Fogle of Litchfield.

Republican Holly Lemons was re-elected circuit clerk without opposition, and Republican Randy Leetham was re-elected coroner without opposition.

Montgomery County voters also said an emphatic "no" amending the state constitution to allow more than one income tax rate, favored Republican Donald Trump for president, favored Mark Curran for U.S. Senate over winner Democrat incumbent Dick Durbin, and favored winning Republican incumbents Rodney Davis for congress and Avery Bourne for state representative.

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Hillsboro Chamber Hypes Small Business Month



In an effort to support small business this holiday season while maintaining safe shopping amid the pandemic, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce is changing Small Business Saturday into Small Business Month in November, complete with potential prizes for both shoppers and businesses.

Small Business Saturday, which annually falls on the Saturday after Thanksgiving—the day after what has become known as Black Friday—encourages holiday shoppers to support their local mom-and-pop stores on that particular

day on the calendar.

"While the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce certainly encourages shoppers to visit their local businesses, asking them to do it all in one day doesn't work during a pandemic," chamber executive director Kaitlyn Fath said, "so we're excited about promoting local holiday shopping during the entire season. Doing your shopping right here in Hillsboro during Small Business Month will make for a much merrier December."

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Health Officials Offer Guidance On Protocols

by Mary (Galer) Herschelman

With new mitigations in this area and a continued rise of positive cases of the COVID-19 virus, health officials remind local residents of some of the protocols put in place to keep the community safe.

"I do not see us being back to a 'normal' state anytime soon," said Montgomery County Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee. "We all want to get out and do more things, but we need to do it safely. I'm not

saying you should only stay in your house, but when you go out wear a mask and try to stay away from people outside your household."

With more than 20 positive cases just this week, Satterlee reminds residents the importance of quarantine after a positive test or being contact-traced by someone with a positive test to help slow the spread.

"If you get a positive test, you will more likely find out from a testing facility or a lab before you hear from the health department," Satterlee

said.

Doctors and health department officials agree that those who test positive should isolate themselves in their homes for ten days from either the first sign of symptoms or from the positive test date, whichever comes first.

"It's important to stay home," Satterlee said. "And to stay away from others. Do everything you can to stay away from your family. We are seeing more of a trend that entire families are testing positive than we were before."

He added that someone

from the health department also checks in on everyone with a positive test each day they are in isolation to see how they are feeling with a phone call, a text or an email. Satterlee said many employers require a letter releasing someone with a positive test to return to work, and they will provide that after ten days of isolation.

Some employers encourage re-testing before returning to work, but Satterlee said they are seeing cases where people test positive after the ten days.

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Nov. 3	70	34	----
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HUMC Preschool Learns About Fire Safety

Dustin Carlock of the Hillsboro Fire Department visited with both the morning and afternoon classes at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church Preschool program on Thursday, Oct. 26, to talk about fire safety. He talked to the students about not playing with matches or lighters and not to hide if there is a fire in their house. Carlock added that students should sit under the window in their room so they can be found easily in case of a fire, and that they shouldn't be scared of firefighters. He even put on his gear to show them it's not scary, and told students they should yell for help so someone can find them. Before he left, students had a chance to walk around and look at the fire truck. In years past, students have had the chance to sit in the fire trucks, but were unable to do that with the ongoing pandemic this year. Pictured above, students in the afternoon class listen as Carlock talks about fire safety.

DCFS Promotes Adoption Awareness

November is Adoption Awareness Month in Illinois, a time to acknowledge the thousands of families across the state that have opened their hearts and homes to children in need, promote adoption awareness and celebrate the connection every Illinoisan has to adoption.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

and Illinois Adoption Advisory Council's "What's your connection?" statewide campaign encourages the public to share their connection to adoption by printing coloring sheets with their children, placing them in windows or on doors and sharing photos on social media.

Last fiscal year 1,523 Illinois children were ad-

opted into permanent, loving families. Today there are over 18,000 youth in care waiting for a family and place to call home.

To learn more about some of them, visit the Heart Gallery of Illinois at www.greenlightfamilyservices.org/heartgalleryofil.

For more information about becoming an adoptive parent, visit www2.illinois.gov/dcf and click on "Loving Homes" then on "Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent."

Sherer, Piehl Wed In October Ceremony

Hannah Christine Sherer of Arnold, MO, formerly of Hillsboro, and Ryan Christopher Piehl of Arnold, MO, were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs.

The new Mrs. Piehl is the daughter of Chris and Melanie Sherer of Hillsboro. Her husband is the son of Dave and Peggy Piehl of St. Louis, MO.

Bob Lindsay was the officiant for *The Princess Bride*-themed outdoor ceremony. Instrumentalist for the wedding was Hillsboro High School choral director Amy Lemons, who accompanied the bride as she sang the Bob Dylan classic "Make You Feel My Love" while she walked down the aisle, escorted by her father.

The bride selected her dress for the ceremony at *Elegant Brides* in Edwardsville. She carried a bouquet that was made by her mother, constructed of brooches that belonged to the bride's great-grandmother, the late Kay Johnson.

To help her celebrate her special day, the bride chose Jenna Wehner of Sainte Genevieve, MO, as her maid of honor and Joan Flieg of Sainte Genevieve, MO, as her matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Devan Smith of Sacramento, CA, formerly of Hillsboro, and her sisters, Chloe Sherer of Cape Girardeau, MO, formerly of Hillsboro, and Mia Sherer of Hillsboro.

The groom chose Jordan Vantrease of St. Louis, MO to be his best man and Dawn Piehl of St. Louis, MO, to be his best woman. Other grooms-



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Piehl

men for the ceremony were Matt Roggentine, Joe Krabbe and Joshua Martin, all of St. Louis, MO.

Ushers for the ceremony were John Krabbe and Will Summers, both of St. Louis, MO. Aiden Vantrease of St. Louis, MO, served as ring bearer for the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Piehl is a 2013 graduate of Hillsboro High School and a 2017 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in music education. She is currently a music teacher in the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

Her husband is a 2002 graduate of Westminster Christian Academy and a 2008 graduate of St. Louis

Christian College, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in student ministry and Bible. He is currently employed as a team manager at Panera Bread.

Prior to the ceremony, a casual rehearsal dinner was held at Opera House Brewing Company in downtown Hillsboro, catered by Gianni's of Hillsboro.

Following the outdoor ceremony, a reception for 100 guests was held at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. Off the Wall Catering in Benld provided the food.

Following a staycation honeymoon in midtown St. Louis, MO, the couple is making its first home in Arnold, MO.

Local DAR Chapter Cancels November Meeting Tonight

In light of the surge in COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County and Region 3 of Illinois, the Christiana Tillson chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has

cancelled its November meeting, scheduled for tonight, Thursday, Nov. 5.

Their next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, Dec. 3.

Thanks to everyone who called or sent cards on my birthday. The notes brought back many special memories.

Love to all,
 Peg Kessinger

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Happy 80th Birthday Keiko Jones



Keiko Jones of Litchfield, IL, turned 80 on 11/4/20. Originally from Okinawa, Japan, Keiko has lived most of her life in Litchfield. She has been married for 48 years to Calvin Jones and they have one daughter, Sonya Jones. Keiko still loves seeing friends and family and is still very social. If you would like to send Keiko a birthday card, please feel free to do so at:

Keiko Jones
 c/o Losin' It with Sonya Jones
 904 W. Union Ave.
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To the Citizens of Montgomery County,

Thank you for the confidence you have shown by re-electing me to another 4-year-term on the County Board.

I am honored by your support and will work hard to keep the trust you have placed in me. Thanks to those citizens that have asked questions and shared their concerns. I invite you to continue to participate in your local government by attending Board meetings and contacting Board members with questions or concerns.

I want to hear from you and will respond to each contact. I look forward to working together with you to move our community forward.

THANK YOU for your support!
Connie Taylor Beck
 County Board District #1



Fogle And Winans Marry In Steampunk Ceremony

Dakota Michael Winans of Witt and Brittany Fogle of Litchfield were married in a Steampunk-themed wedding on Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Warren and Evelyn Fogle of Butler, near Lake Lou Yaeger. Officiant for the ceremony was the bride's mother, Amie Greenwood of Litchfield.

The new Mrs. Winans is the daughter of Brad and Danell Fogle and Amie and Eugene Greenwood, all of Litchfield. Her husband is the son of Crystal Michelle Winans and Lee Coke of Witt.

For the ceremony, the couple selected the Ed Sheeran song, "Perfect," as their wedding song. Dresses for the ceremony were purchased at My Formals in Litchfield, and Helen Saxby of Hair 51 in Litchfield provided styling for the day. Lorinda Shaw added intricate detail to all the dresses and helped to plan the wedding.

Mindy Pastrovich of Weddings by Minndora's provided photography for the special occasion.

The bride chose her friend, Blake Eckhoff to be her man of honor, and the groom chose his new brother-in-law Brett Fogle to be his best man. The couple also honored the groom's best friend and cousin, the late Devin Winans by sharing his photo during the ceremony.

Flowergirl for the ceremony was Kenzie Fogle, niece of the bride.

The couple first met while working together at Wright

Automotive in Hillsboro. Two weeks ago, they visited the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro to vote and spontaneously decided to get a marriage license and start planning their special day.

Prior to the ceremony, the couple hosted joint bachelor and bachelorette parties in St. Louis, MO, visiting haunted houses and an escape room.

Following the outdoor wedding ceremony, the couple hosted a reception at the home of the father of the bride, next door to where the ceremony was held.

The new Mrs. Winans is a 2008 graduate of Litchfield High School. She graduated from Fortis College with her associate's degree in business management and accounting, and currently works for The Briar Rose, owned by her stepmother, in downtown Litchfield.

Her husband is a 2015 graduate of Hillsboro High School and graduated from the corrections academy in November 2019. He currently works for the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Following the wedding, the couple is making their first home in Litchfield.

DRAGON BEAT • by Addison McLaughlin at HJHS Forms For Eighth Grade Trip Are Available



Hey Dragons! Today, Thursday, Nov. 5, is the 45th day of fall and there are 56 days left of

2020.

What would you get if you crossed a turkey with a ghost? (See answer below.)

Last week was Red Ribbon Week at HJHS, a week of making Really Excellent Decisions! Mrs. Anderson challenged the student body to remember the theme day, and write them down for a chance to win a small prize on Friday. A big thank you to those who paid attention and entered. Congratulations to the following winners: DJ Brown, Hope Speiser, Alivia Willman, John Raffety, Cayden Stanberry, Skylar Durbin, Delia Aguilar, Kamdyn Putnam, Kash Malloy, Makenna Zanni, Kaleb White, Delaney Adams, Anne Buske, Kaiser Clevenger and Harmony Werner-Long.

This month's big holiday is Thanksgiving. Traditionally speaking, that day we focus on the things that we are thankful for having in our lives. This month at HJHS, we are challenging our students with a month of gratitude. Everyday, during the morning announcements, a gratitude statement will be read, which encourages our students to be mindful and think about what they are grateful for on a daily basis. Yesterday, Wednesday, Nov. 4, was "What food are you most grateful for?" and today's is "What sounds are you grateful for?"

Another important holiday this month is Veterans Day, which is Wednesday, Nov. 11. This holiday honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace, and we thank the veterans for their sacrifices. It marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. In honor of all of our veterans and those who currently serve in the armed forces, we will have Wednesday, Nov. 11 off.

For your information, I am writing this article on Tuesday, Nov. 3, Election Day! And, while I have no idea who the winners will be, by the time you read this on Thursday, Nov. 5, you should know who will be our president for the next four years. Either way, "Congratulations, Mr. President."

Signups for the Washington, D.C. trip are available. The trip is only for eighth graders. The date for the trip is May 28 to May 31, 2021. You can go to the Hillsboro Junior High School webpage for details about the trip.

Well that is all for this week Dragons! Always remember, "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." -Eleanor Roosevelt.

Answer: A poultrygeist!

Fletcher Manhart Accepted At Culver-Stockton College

Fletcher Manhart of Sorento has been accepted for the 2021 fall semester at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO.

Manhart, a senior at Bond County Community Unit #2

High School in Greenville, also received the Hilltop Scholarship, a \$10,500 per year scholarship.

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Beckemeyer Students Vote In Mock Election

Students at Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro participated in a mock election on Monday, Nov. 2, at the school. Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leithner and her office provided a voting booth for students as well as "I Voted" stickers. When the mock ballots were counted, President Trump was named the winner of the school election with 72.5 percent of the vote. At Beckemeyer, 385 students cast their mock ballots for President Trump, while 147 students cast their ballots for Joe Biden.

TOPPER TALK • by Sarah Huber at Hillsboro High

No Classes On Nov. 11, For Veterans Day



There will be no school on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

There have been some new high school coronavirus cases this past week. Two teachers and a student have tested positive for COVID-19. A total of 13 students were contact-traced and moved to remote learning. This brings the total amount of school district cases to 20: 15 students and five staff.

Since the weather has cooled down, temperature checks will take place indoors

to get a more accurate reading. Attention seniors! Make sure you are routinely checking Mr. Morford's page for scholarship information and possible college Zooms.

Congratulations to Torrence Clark for being named this year's girls tennis MVP! Thank you to all of those who donated their blood at the blood drive last Friday!

Yearbooks are available for sale for \$50. There is a link on the high school page to order.

Have a great week! "Our lives are defined by opportunities, even the ones we miss." -The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

AFSCME Group Meets Virtually This November

There is still time to register and participate in the AFSCME Retiree Sub-Chapter #87 Zoom meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, beginning at 1 p.m.

The meeting will be hosted by President David Spinner.

Zoom meetings during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be most effective in keeping retired union people or any retired senior informed and updated on current state and federal issues.

For more information or to register for the meeting, contact Spinner at Bspinner@consolidated.net or call 217-324-2018.

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I will be a diligent member of the County Board, and I look forward to representing the individuals and communities of District 4.

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BUSINESS OWNERS - UPDATE US WITH YOUR HOLIDAY HOURS!
We are encouraging all local business to extend their hours during the month of November! Any business, member or non-member, who extends or modifies their businesses hours will be entered into a drawing for a 1-year FREE MEMBERSHIP with the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. Businesses must email the Chamber of Commerce at contact@hillsborochamber.net to be entered into the drawing by **DECEMBER 1ST**.

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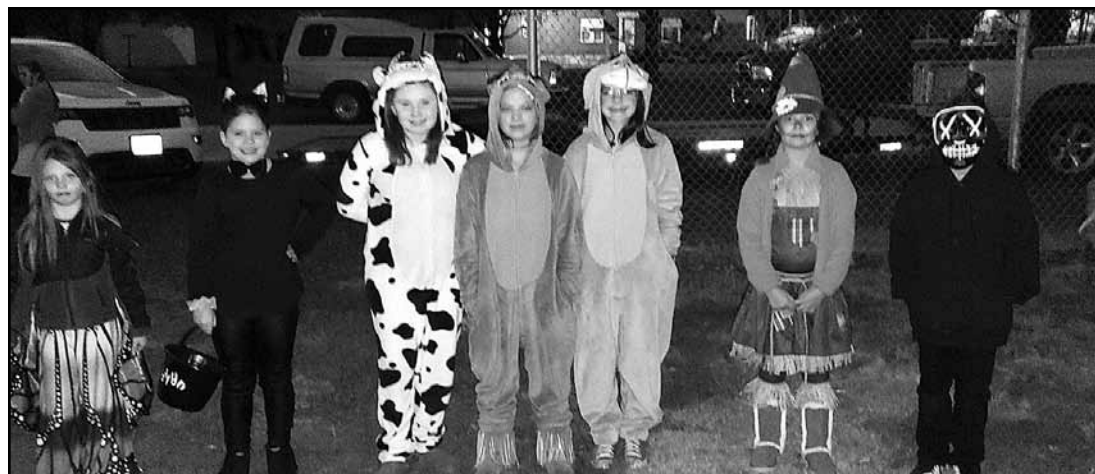
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Irving Hosts Annual Halloween Party

The Village of Irving, along with local community churches, joined forces to host the annual Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Irving Park. About 60 attended this year's festivities and enjoyed hot dogs, gourmet s'mores and drinks. They also gave away prizes for the best costumes and kids enjoyed a "toy walk," similar to a cake walk where they could select a wrapped toy as a prize. All spots in the toy walk were marked six feet apart so participants could social distance throughout the event.



Litchfield Middle School students of the month, from the left, are Clayton Logsdon, Elise Walch, Haylee Farmer, Alexis Middleton, Clayton Ortega and Vinnie Moore.

Litchfield Middle Recognizes Students

Alexis Middleton, Clayton Ortega, Haylee Farmer, Vinnie Moore, Elsie Walch and Clayton Logsdon have been selected as Litchfield Middle School's (LMS) students of the month for October. Trustworthiness is the pillar word at LMS this month and students are learning about being honest, being reliable, fostering the courage to do the right thing, building good reputations and being loyal.

Alexis Middleton
Alexis Middleton was chosen as one of Litchfield Middle School's sixth grade students of the month. Teachers state that Middleton is always on task and responsible for her work. She can be depended on to work to her fullest potential and sets a wonderful example for her peers to follow.

Clayton Ortega
Clayton Ortega was selected as the other LMS sixth grade student of the

month. Staff stated Ortega is always willing to participate in class discussions and is a hard worker. He has a kind and caring personality and consistently does what he is asked to do.

Haylee Farmer
Haylee Farmer was chosen as one of Litchfield Middle School's seventh grade students of the month. Teachers said that Farmer is an excellent student and embodies trustworthiness in all she does. She is honest, responsible and respectful. Farmer treats others the way she wants to be treated and her teachers and peers know they can trust her with any task.

Vinnie Moore
Vinnie Moore was selected as the other LMS seventh grade student of the month. Staff stated that Moore is

respectful and responsible and that they know they can always count on him to give his very best, in everything he does. His peers can look to him as an example and he is always ready to help out.

Elise Walch
Elise Walch was chosen as one of Litchfield Middle School's eighth grade students of the month. Teachers stated Walch represents trustworthiness by setting a good example for others and always doing the right thing. She is a role model to others and leads by example. She always gives her best effort.

Clayton Logsdon
Clayton Logsdon was selected as the other LMS eighth grade student of the month. Staff stated Logsdon is very honest and trustworthy. He can be counted on to do the right thing daily. He is a student who exhibits dedication to his work and classmates.

Committee Moves Forward With Plans

The Montgomery County Bicentennial Committee met at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Butler Fairgrounds. Those in attendance were, Patty Whitworth, Albert Oberle, Tim Fogle, Randy Singler, Janette and Paul Huber, Janet Carlyle, Carol Calvert, Jeanette Huber, Jeff Dunn, Jody Dunn, David Beal, Patsy Bourdumis, Marti Benning and Donna Yeske.

The committee opted to change the date of the kickoff bicentennial event from Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, to Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021. This change was made to accommodate potential attendees work week schedules. The ceremony will still be held at noon in front of the Historic Courthouse, with a reception to follow at the lobby of the (new) Montgomery County Courthouse. A rain date for the Saturday, June 5, 2021, event was set for Sunday, June 6, 2021, and a COVID (if cases were too high to hold the summertime celebration) date was set for Oct. 2, 2021.

Whitworth read a draft invitation for the Saturday, Feb. 13, event that she will sign and send out following the election.

The committee then began discussing spoons. Singler stated there weren't many and that he hasn't been able to get in contact with CTI. Oberle is going to contact Ameren to see if they have any spoons available. The Singlers agreed to go back to the drawing board to come up with alternatives to the spoons, that can be used to make the ornamental birthday cakes. They will also contact each town to confirm they have a group that is willing to take on making the decorative cakes. The goal is that the bicentennial birthday cakes will be on display in each town by March, 2021.

Yeske reported that she had spoken with Earl Flack and that McKay/Napa has agreed to sponsor the display tags for the car show. Calvert will meet with Flack and AJ Banners Print Shop regarding the tags.

Dunn will contact each town about businesses that are interested in setting up booths at the bicentennial celebration in June. Fogle will assist, and has already been in contact with several Litchfield-based businesses. Food sales will be

the only thing limited, all other sales are welcome.

Bourdumis and Beal are working on the farmers (farm) history. They are planning to set up a booth inside the Arts and Crafts building, along with displays from each community that Dunn is working on.

Oberle is looking for bands that are interested in providing live entertainment during the June celebration. Those interested are asked to contact him at 217-532-3595. He plans to use the building next to the arena, at Butler Fairgrounds.

Benning suggested areas for games, petting zoo, wood carving, horse shoe throwing and Ken Gafney's historical reenactment booth. She has been in contact with the FFA chapters in the county about getting involved in several areas.

A time capsule is in the works. Possibly a 50 year or 100 year time capsule. Those interested in helping organize the time capsule are asked to contact Whitworth or Dunn.

The next meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Bank of Hillsboro.

Baptist Church To Celebrate Vets On Nov. 8

The Mt. Olive First Baptist Church will hold special Veterans Recognition Services on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and again at 5 p.m. Videos about 9/11

will be featured in the 9:30 a.m. hour.

On Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, the church will host an additional service at 6 p.m. The public is encouraged

to share their experiences in the military. Military, as well as first responder uniforms are welcome. For more information, call 217-299-0508.

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Sorento School Holds Halloween Parade

On Friday, Oct. 30, Sorento Elementary School held their annual Halloween parade on Main Street for students in pre-K through fourth grade. The students walked down one side of Main Street, turned and walked back to school, while waving to parents/guardians, business owners and neighbors. As students returned to school, they were handed one bag of candy to take home with them. Sorento families and businesses donated candy to the school.

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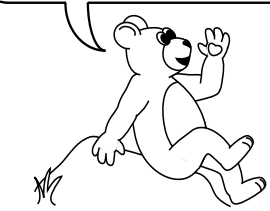
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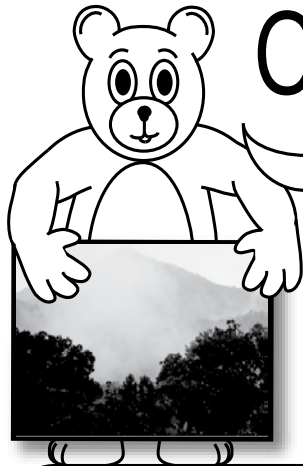
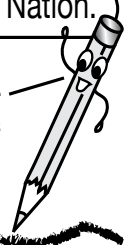
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Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)

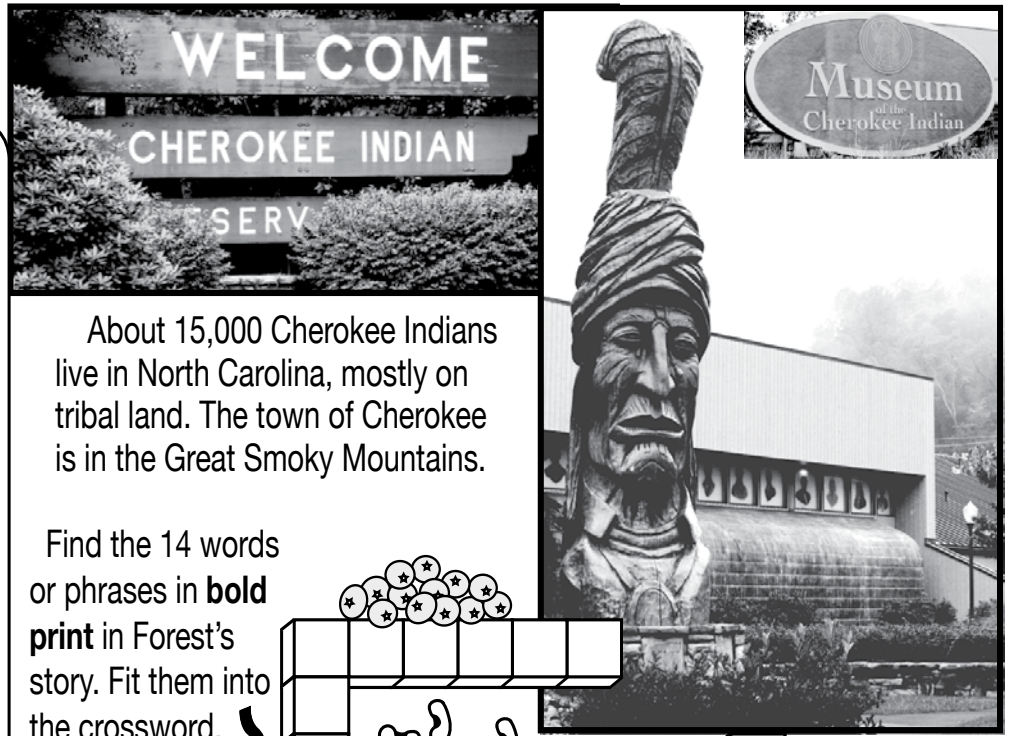
Did you know that archaeologists think the first people to live in North America were the Paleo-Indians? At the end of the last Ice Age (around 12,000 years ago) these people moved from Asia into North America on a land bridge that existed then. It is believed that they lived in small family groups and moved constantly to **hunt** animals like the mastodon (an elephant-like animal that is now extinct) and to **gather** foods like berries and nuts. Arrowheads for spears and other tools mark places where they lived.

In the Archaic period (8,000 to 1,000 BCE), families had homes with wooden poles covered with hides, which could be **moved**. In the spring they would move to the river valleys to **fish** and **collect** shellfish. In the fall they would move to the forest to hunt deer or turkey and gather nuts and berries. Archaeologists have studied **tools**, soapstone bowls, burial grounds and pottery to understand these people's ways.

In a more recent period, Woodland Indians, people are thought to have had villages as well as seasonal camps. **Corn**, a key part of the Indian diet, was introduced. The first evidence for the bow and arrow were found. It is believed that people were **trading**: salt, beads, shells, fish, pottery and animal skins.

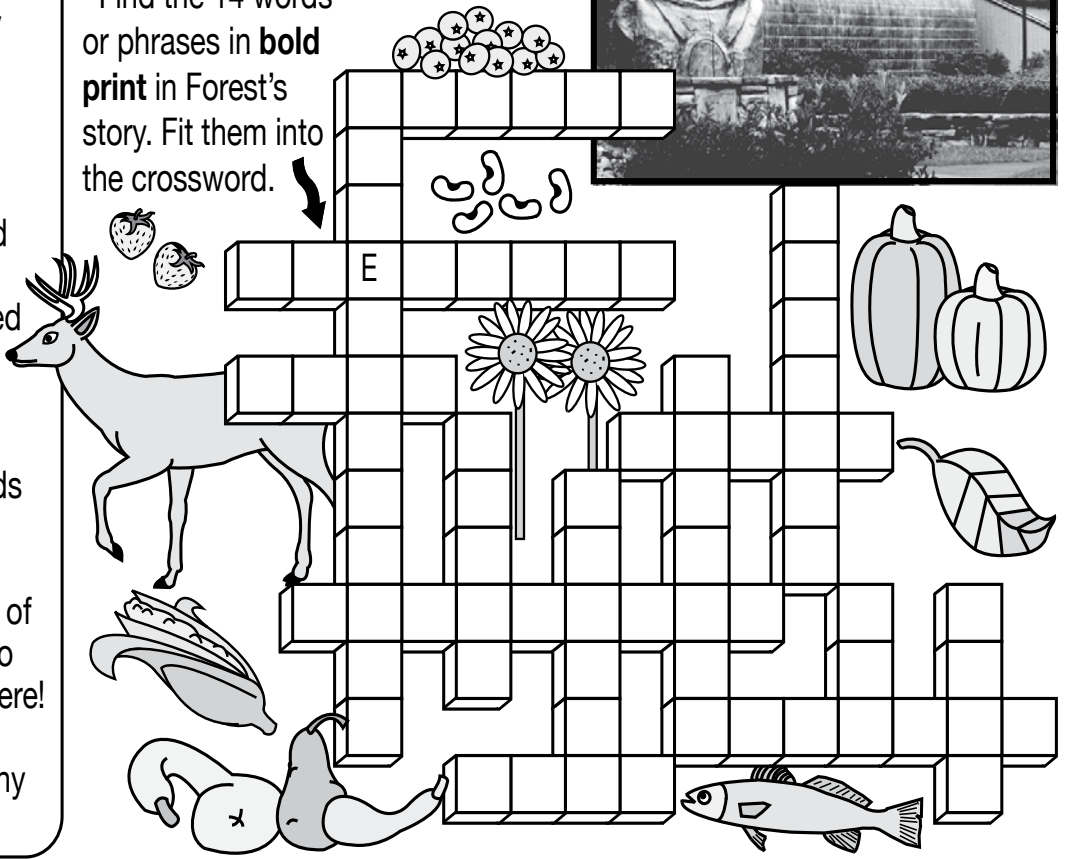
During the next period, Mississippian Indians, settlements became more permanent. Squash, corn and beans, known as the **Three Sisters**, were important and foods from hunting and gathering were now added to the foods harvested from gardens. Beautiful **jewelry** and pottery were created too.

After 1650, when Europeans arrived, there were years of both peace and fighting. In 1836, the U.S. Senate accepted a **treaty** signed by a small group of **Cherokee** to sell their land and the Cherokee were forced to leave the east to be **resettled** in Oklahoma. They were expected to walk 1,000 miles to get there! On this hard walk, now called the "Trail of Tears," an estimated 4,000-8,000 people died. Some Cherokee refused to move and **hid** in the mountains. Many of their descendants now live on Qualla Boundary, a preserve.



About 15,000 Cherokee Indians live in North Carolina, mostly on tribal land. The town of Cherokee is in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Find the 14 words or phrases in **bold print** in Forest's story. Fit them into the crossword.



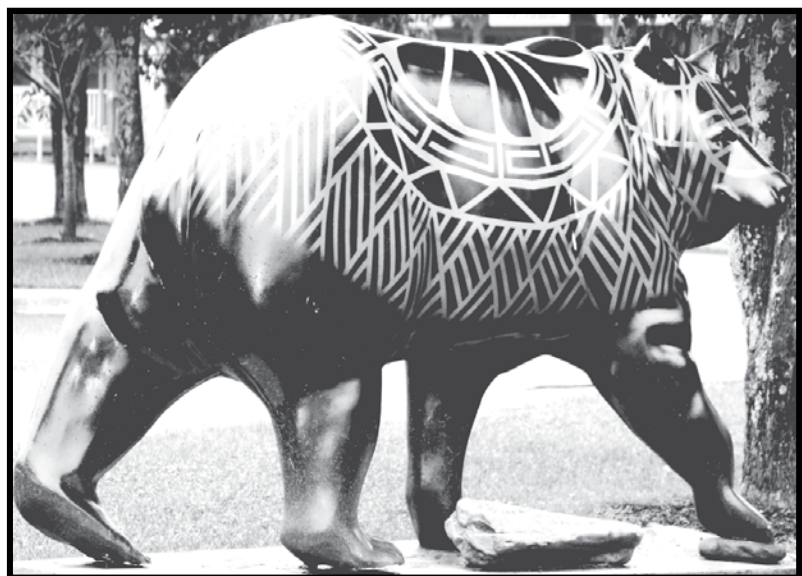
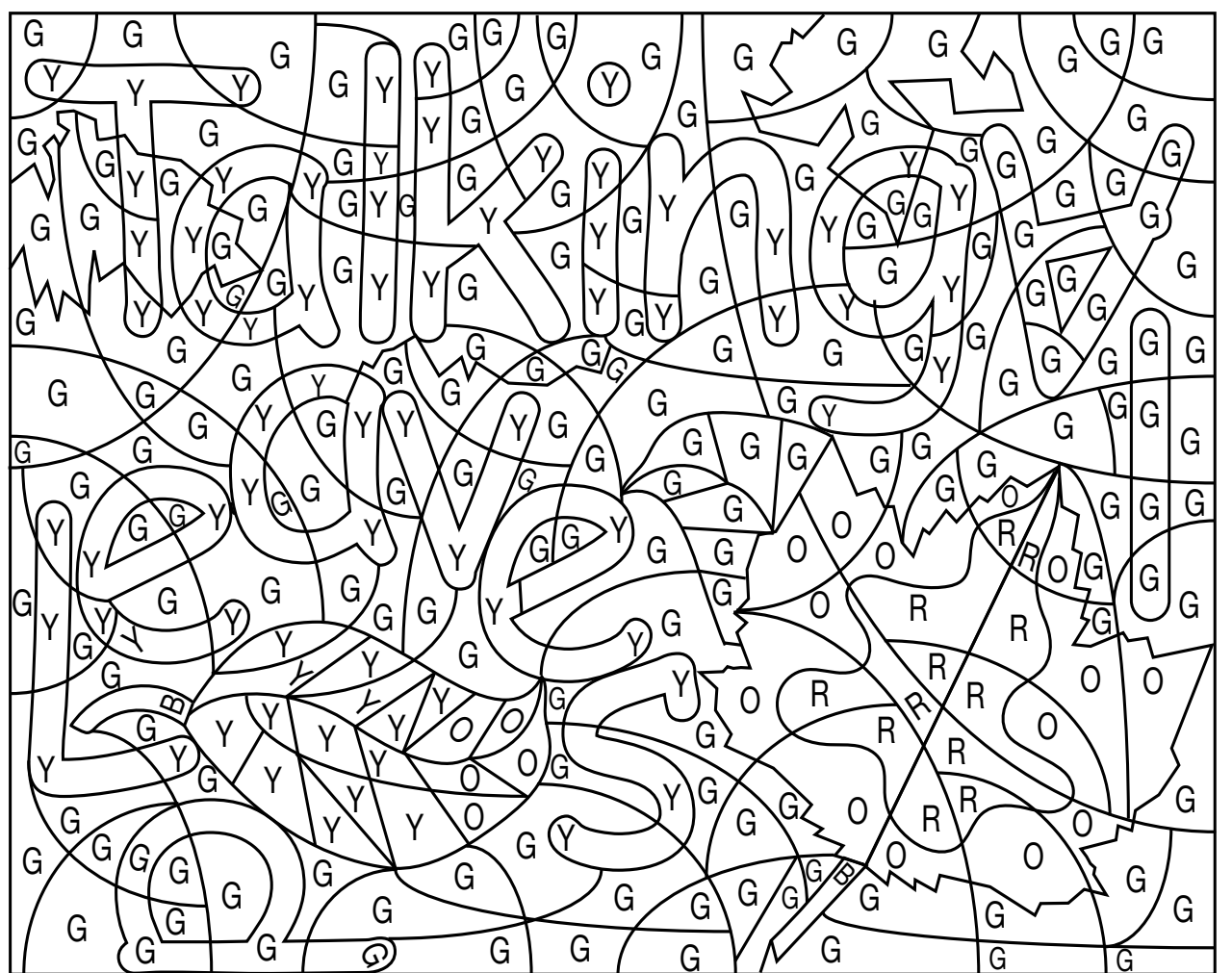
Sequoyah Invents a Cherokee Alphabet

Sequoyah was a young Cherokee who learned how to work with silver. He wanted to sign his work like the European silversmiths did, so he visited Chief Charles Hicks, who could write in English. After Sequoyah learned to write his name using the alphabet, he began to think about creating a writing system for the Cherokee language. With it, they would be able to read and write letters, write down stories and record their history. He created a system where each sound was represented by a symbol, so each letter was a syllable of a word. His system was easy to use and many Cherokee learned to read and write using it.

Sequoyah liked papers and books since they could be used to exchange ideas.

Follow the color key to see what he called them:

- B = Brown
- G = Green
- O = Orange
- R = Red
- Y = Yellow



Arts and Crafts

The Cherokee people create many beautiful arts and crafts that have been taught from generation to generation. **Match the art or craft to what may be used to create it:**

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. pottery | A. woven from river cane, white oak or honeysuckle |
| 2. beadwork | B. carved from maple, cherry, butternut |
| 3. doll | C. formed from clay, fired in pits of wood fires |
| 4. baskets | D. made of glass, used on clothing and for jewelry |
| 5. wooden items | E. traditionally made from tree bark, gourd or animal fur |
| 6. belt made by finger weaving | F. may be made of buffalo fur, mulberry bark, some beads |
| 7. masks | G. carved from soapstone, pipestone
(a clay stone used for making pipes) |
| 8. stone artwork | H. may be made with stone, silver, beads |
| 9. jewelry | I. made from cornshucks, cloth |

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Election Results

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By an almost 2-to-1 margin, voters in Litchfield gave their approval to an advisory question to allow the sale of recreational cannabis in city limits.

Montgomery County vote totals follow.

Income Tax Amendment	
Yes.....	2,870
No.....	9,852
President/Vice President	
Trump/Pence (R).....	9,504
Biden/Harris (D).....	3,889
Hawkins/Walker (G).....	53
LaRiva/Pelteur (P).....	6
Carroll/Patel (A).....	14
Jorgensen/Cohen (L).....	201
US Senate	
Mark Curran (R).....	8,702
Richard Durbin (D).....	4,273
Willie Wilson (W).....	112
David Black (G).....	105
Danny Malouf (L).....	189
US Representative	
Rodney Davis (R).....	9,630
Betsy Longdrigan (D).....	3,749
State Representative	
Avery Bourne (R).....	9,174
Chase Wilhelm (D).....	4,304
Circuit Clerk	
Holly Lemons (R).....	12,200
State's Attorney	
Andrew Affrunti (R).....	7,603
Bryant Hitchings (D).....	5,741
Coroner	
Randy Leatham (R).....	11,983
County Board Dist. 1 (2)	

Connie Beck (R).....	1,190
Jeremy Jones (R).....	982
Rick Broaddus (D).....	784
County Board Dist. 2 (2)	
Gene Miles (R).....	1,318
Jim Havera (R).....	1,362
Jake Leonard (L).....	162
County Board Dist. 3 (1)	
Doug Donaldson (R).....	1,142
Randy Singler (D).....	864
County Board Dist. 4 (1)	
Patty Whitworth (R).....	1,319
Jim Moore (D).....	669
County Board Dist. 5 (2)	
Russell Beason (R).....	1,025
Richard Wendel (D).....	768
County Board Dist. 6 (1)	
Bev McCoy (R).....	1,279
Paul Sellers (D).....	585
County Board Dist. 7 (2)	
Andy Ritchie (R).....	1,410
Tim Fogle (D).....	757
State Supreme Court	
David Overstreet (R).....	8,869
Judy Cates (D).....	4,268
Appellate Court	
Mark Boie (R).....	8,405
Sarah Smith (D).....	4,486
Judge Thomas Welch	
Yes.....	8,901
No.....	2,584
Judge Stan Brandmeyer	
Yes.....	8,733
No.....	2,694
Judge Jim Roberts	
Yes.....	9,960
No.....	2,212
Judge Martin Siemer	
Yes.....	8,696
No.....	2,693
Litchfield Cannabis	
Yes.....	2,041
No.....	1,083

Hillsboro Chamber

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Shoppers can pick up a "Shop Small Business November" punch card at any local Hillsboro bank, and when they shop at ten different local businesses throughout November, they can enter a drawing for \$100 in Chamber Bucks. Filled punch cards must be dropped back off at local banks by Dec. 1, and the drawing will be on Dec. 4.

Also, any local business that extends hours during November is eligible for a drawing for a free one-year membership in the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. To enter, email the chamber at contact@hillsborochamber.net by Dec. 1.

Fath also reminded that nearly every Hillsboro business has an easy-to-navigate website for those who wish

to do their holiday shopping from home. Even easier yet, visit hillsborochamber.net to purchase "Chamber Bucks," gift certificates that are good at any Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce member.

To further help Hillsboro businesses during Small Business Month amid a pandemic, the chamber board of directors has pledged volunteers to help Hillsboro businesses keep track of store traffic required to meet coronavirus prevention guidelines on weekends during November.

"We realize that adding more staff to stand at the front door during the busy season may be a problem for some of our small businesses," Fath said.

Hillsboro business who would like to request such help may call the chamber office at 217-532-3711.

Planning Commission Discusses Wind Ordinance

The Montgomery County Planning Commission and the county's Economic Development Committee met Monday evening, Nov. 2, for a final discussion about the revisions suggested by the planning commission members to the currently in force wind power siting ordinance.

The county board will vote whether to adopt those changes during the board meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 10.

The planning commission is chaired by Toni McDonough; voting members are C.J. Liddell, Bill "Red" Schroeder, Joe Goeke, and

Brian Niemann. Ex-official members are county board representative Ron Deabender, county clerk and secretary Sandy Leitheiser, county engineer Cody Greenwood, and county economic development corporation coordinator Valerie Belusko.

Also present for Monday's discussion were Rachel Tester, Andy Ritchie, and county board chair Evan Young, with Parkland College instructor Joe Tillman present to provide expert wind farm/energy or wind farm/power opinions. Joining the group by phone was wind farm developer Stan Komperda, who represents

Highland Renewables, which has an office in Springfield.

The board's current economic development committee is chaired by Donna Yeske, with Mark Hughes, Dennis McCammack, Tim Fogle, Glenn Savage, and Deabender as its members. Their major task Monday was to decide if the newest wind ordinance (the original was adopted in June of 2009) would advance for the upcoming full board's approval.

The new ordinance totals 32 pages and at least that many hours of debate by the commission.

As a developer Komperda

feels the proposed ordinance might discourage wind farms in the county because of setback and tower height restrictions; Tillman said the proposed ordinance does a good job of "...threading the needle..." in that it protects property owners while allowing for a margin of profit for developers. The Economic Development Committee agreed with Tillman, voting unanimously to advance the ordinance to the board for a vote this coming Monday. (Board members were given a draft to review at their October meeting, so more questions may arise.)

Coronavirus Protocols

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"After ten days, you're still good to go, even if you have another positive test," Satterlee said. "You aren't contagious anymore."

Even if someone who has tested positive begins to feel ill again within 30 days from their positive test, they are not considered a new case or contagious. However, if they start to feel ill more than 90 days after their positive test, the health department could possibly consider them for quarantine again.

In addition to asking someone who tests positive to isolate for ten days, officials will also ask who has been in close contact with them over the last 48 hours. They define "close contact" as closer than six feet for more than 15 minutes in an eight hour period.

Those "close contacts" will be asked to quarantine for 14 days at home and should stay away from others.

"You should treat yourself as if you are a positive case and limit contact with others," he said.

Although he didn't necessarily recommend those considered "close contacts" be tested for the virus unless

they felt sick themselves. He said typically if an exposed person were to contract the virus it happens in four to seven days after exposure. The 14-day quarantine allows the person to shed the virus if he or she contracts it from another. A negative COVID-19 test during that 14-day period does not exempt a person from quarantine.

Even after residents spend time in quarantine or isolation, Satterlee recommends that everyone wear masks in public.

"There's always that chance," he said. "The odds are against someone who isn't contagious passing it to someone else, but we just don't know. Masks aren't perfect, but we do know they cut down on moisture droplets an individual puts out when speaking."

Satterlee added he has never seen any scientific proof that wearing a mask increases carbon dioxide levels or decreases oxygen levels. He said the only people exempt from wearing masks should be those with breathing issues or those with true claustrophobia issues, and those people should avoid contact with people outside

their home.

He also encouraged residents not to let other health issues slide because of the ongoing pandemic. Things like mammograms, immunizations and mental health should still be at the top of someone's priority list.

"Don't neglect your blood pressure, just because you're scared of COVID," he said.

As state mitigations increased in this area on Nov. 1, Satterlee had high praise for local school districts working hard to keep students and staff safe. He said the districts continue to work with the health department on all positive cases.

He added that bars and restaurants have additional mitigations because people can't wear masks while eating or drinking, even if they wear a mask into an establishment.

"Eating out is typically a very social event," Satterlee said. "Many times in a restaurant or bar, you are talking to people from outside your home. And you never know if someone you are sitting next to is a positive case and just doesn't know it. That's why we recommend the six feet of distance."

Satterlee said that if local

residents continue to wear masks and social distance, he thinks this round of mitigations with no indoor dining could be over in as little as two to four weeks.

And as the holidays approach, Satterlee reminds local residents to be mindful of gathering with those outside the home and try to social distance.

"Everyone likes to be around family," Satterlee said. "It's not about the food or the gifts. It's about the family and the memories. But maybe this year, instead of giving grandma a hug, you can stand back and talk to her. I hate to tell people to be careful, but we do have people that are positive cases that are asymptomatic and that could be devastating to grandma."

For family gatherings with those outside the immediate household, he suggested wearing masks when not eating or drinking.

"I know people don't like it, but you can wear a mask in your own home," he said. "I'm protecting you by wearing my mask. Wear yours and protect others."

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TS Firefighters Greet Trick Or Treaters

Members of the Taylor Springs Fire Department held their annual trick or treat nights on Oct. 30 and Oct. 31 at the fire station. A beautiful night brought out more than 70 youngsters in their costumes, along with their parents. Firefighters handed out treat bags of candy to each one. Pictured above, from the left are Bailey Johnson, Linda Klotz, Ron Gazda, Brian Redman and Nick Hopley.



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Govaias Make Spooky Display In Neighborhood

Kerby Govaia, pictured at right, and his dad, Erik, made their neighborhood on East Buchanan Street in Litchfield a little spookier this year, with a Halloween-themed display in their front yard. The pair spent months preparing the animatronics to make sure they worked properly and hours setting up the display for trick-or-treaters each year. Once Halloween was over, the pair made sure to clean up their yard the very next day, with help from his dad, and grandparents, Monte and Robin Govaia.

"This kid has a passion for Halloween and he puts so much work into it every year, but this year was the best yet" said neighbor Kayla Hoover.





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These aren't the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, but they were pretty close on Nov. 1. No, the only thing this quartet is leaving in their wake is the competition as, from the left, Travis Lentz, Zach Duff, Chase Saathoff and Cooper Duff rode in the Canton Grand Prix, sponsored by the Canton Motorcycle Club last Sunday.

Quartet Put On Grand Show

A new month meant a new opportunity to race for four Hillsboro area riders on Sunday, Nov. 1, including one who was slightly out of his element.

Hillsboro 15-year-old Chase Saathoff is a rising star in the AMA flat track racing circles, but opted to take his talents to the trails outside Canton on Sunday for the Canton Motorcycle Club Grand Prix, where he joined the Duff and Lentz families in a day of bumps, jumps, hills and hollers.

The day would be a big success for the quartet, including Saathoff, who took first place in one of the C classes, showing that his skill set transferred over to anything on two wheels.

Zach Duff, of Donnellson, also ran in one of the C classes, the 12 to 29-year-old division, where he was the only 85cc rider in the class. Duff, who turned 15 on Nov. 3, would run 14th in the first moto

and 12th in the second moto, as he finished 12th overall out of 22 riders.

The older of Ryan and Rachel Duff's two boys who raced on Saturday also ran in the Supermini class and finished sixth in both motos, taking sixth overall out of 12 riders.

Younger brother, Cooper Duff and riding buddy Travis Lentz, son of Jay and Alison Lentz of Walshville, would run in the 65cc class and more than made their mark. Fresh off a win in the Trailrider class in Indiana the day before, Lentz took first in the 65cc group, while Duff was close behind in second.

The race was the last one to gain points in the AMA District 17 standings. Cooper Duff was in first going into the race, while Travis Lentz was second. Zach Duff was sixth in Supermini going into the race as well.



Beacon Treats Bryant Well On Halloween

Litchfield racer Dustin Bryant had a few tricks up his sleeve at the Beacon Dragway Boo Bash on Saturday, Oct. 31, in Paducah, KY. Bryant competed in three races at the track, making 17 passes and made it down to eight cars or better in all three. His best performance came in the No Box division, where he made it to the finals before finishing second. In the shootout, Bryant would finish in the top four, while in the Super Pro division, he made it to the quarterfinals in his dad, Phil's Chevrolet Vega. Two weeks before, Bryant was behind the wheel of his Chevy Monza, while his father piloted the Vega at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison. Brother-in-law Randy Weller and fellow Litchfield racer Corey Wood also competed in the big money race near St. Louis.

Lynch Races In Donnellson, But Not *That* Donnellson

Donnellson, IL isn't much of a drive for the Lynch Motorsports team, but Donnellson, IA? That was a little more of a haul for Nathan Lynch and the 14N on Saturday, Oct. 31 as the crew headed to Lee County Speedway for Shiverfest.

The 422-mile round trip would be worthwhile despite some tough luck in the heat race, which landed the 14N in the eighth starting spot in the B-Main. From there, Lynch rode the outside wall to a second place finish and a spot in the A-Main.

In the finale, Lynch started 23rd and moved up three spots for a top 20 finish in the team's second to last racing weekend



Nathan Lynch and the 14N made the trip to Lee County Speedway in Donnellson, IA on Saturday, Oct. 31, for Shiverfest.

of the season.

The last of the year will be closer to home as Tri-City Speedway in Granite City hosts its B-Mod Bash on Fri-

day, Nov. 6. If all goes well, Fayette County Speedway is also closing out the year on Saturday, Nov. 7, in Brownstown.



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Cousins Gideon Cruthis (left) and Case Cruthis (right) wrapped up their run in the Crossroads Racing Series on Saturday, Oct. 31, with a trip to Bloomfield, IN. Both boys would do well, with Case winning the Four Stroke class and Gideon finishing second in the Auto Inject class.

Nobody Missing At The Crossroads On October 31

It was time to wrap things up at the Crossroads Racing Series and the Lentz, Duff and Cruthis racing teams were there in full force on Oct. 31, for round eight of the series at Rapers Farm in Bloomfield, IN.

Case Cruthis had himself a day in the Intermediate division as he won the Four Stroke class as the only rider to complete five laps. Cruthis also finished 13th overall in Intermediate bikes.

Travis Lentz also had some success in the Intermediate division as he opted for a different bike and took first in the Trailrider class. Lentz and riding buddy Cooper Duff of Donnellson also ran the 65cc class in Youth bikes and finished third and fifth

respectively. Overall, Lentz would finish 11th in Youth bikes, while Duff was 19th.

Travis' older brother, Tyler Lentz, ran in the Supermini class at Bloomfield and finished sixth in his class and 18th overall.

In the Pee Wee division, Gideon Cruthis was the picture of perseverance as he pushed his bike across the finish line after it seized up and wouldn't start near the end of the race. Cruthis would finish second in the Auto Inject class and 20th overall in the Pee Wee division.

The 2020 championship banquet for the Crossroads Series is set for Jan. 16, 2021, at the Putnam County 4-H Fairgrounds in Greencastle, IN.

Williamson, 3X Scared Slideways

Jason Williamson and the 3X Hillsboro Hustler RC cars were at Slideways Raceway in Brownstown on Saturday, Oct. 31, for the track's Scared Slideways 75 Halloween special.

Williamson would have a solid night in the street stock class as he nearly made the A-Main. In qualifying, the 3X suffered a stripped right front suspension and did not finish the first round, but fixed the problem by round two and finished third to move on to the B-Main.

In the B-Main, Williamson fell behind early, but was in position to qualify on the final lap when he hit the way. He would finish third, one spot

out of the final transfer spot in one of the best races of the night.

In the B-Mod division, the 3X started third and finished fourth in the first round of qualifying. Williamson would make some adjustments and try to do better in round two, but fell back and was forced to work his way up from the C-Main.

In the C-Main, the 3X led for a few laps and eventually finished second, which was good enough to transfer to the B-Main. Starting last, Williamson tried to move up to the A-Main, but it wasn't in the cards and he took a DNF to end his night.

Tennis Toppers Keep At It During Long, Strange 2020

by Kyle Herschelman

Tennis is often a strange trip for the athletes who play it as Hillsboro is one of the few "small" schools who have the sport. But in addition to competing against the Chatham, Sacred Heart-Griffins and Jerseyville's of the world, along with their South Central Conference foes, the Lady Hiltoppers also had to deal with COVID-19 restrictions this season, which made the season even stranger.

"As a new head coach, COVID made coaching very difficult. So many rules from IHSA, (six pages) had to be followed. Sometimes coaching became second due to all the steps that had to followed for all team members to remain safe," said first-year head coach Jodi Speiser, who had served as Jen Anderson's assistant previously. "Also our COVID region for playing matches was small so we did not have near the amount of matches to play as a regular season. Regardless of the late start and the lack of matches, I thought we did quite well."

Despite just eight matches and three tournaments on the schedule, the Lady Toppers persevered and came away with a few highlights from the 2020 campaign that featured eight seniors, Torrence Clark, Tressie Clinard, Meghan Garmon, Brook Ozier, Madi Devore, Ally Devore, Haley Major and Ella Pfeifer.

Hillsboro went 2-3 against South Central Conference competition, beating Vandalia 5-4 on the Vandals' home court and 8-1 on Hillsboro's senior night. In the road win, Paige Lucykow, Sally Mattson and Brook Ozier picked up singles victories, with Lucykow and Mattson and Meghan Garmon and Ozier earning doubles victories.

The senior night victory was Hillsboro's strongest of the year, even though it

came under some questionable weather conditions. Torrence Clark, Paige Lucykow, Ella Pfeifer, Sally Mattson, Meghan Garmon and Brook Ozier gave the Toppers a sweep of singles and allowed Coach Speiser to give seniors Tressie Clinard and Haley Major a shot at a doubles win.

Clinard and Major would deliver, as did Pfeifer and Clark, to finish off the 8-1 victory, Hillsboro's biggest of the season.

The other conference matches would not go as well, with Greenville winning both their bouts and Roxana winning 8-1, with Sally Mattson getting the lone singles win. Mattson also picked up a singles win in a 7-2 loss to the Comets and teamed with Lucykow to claim the other point in the number two doubles match.

With Greenville unable to host their usual doubles tournament due to restrictions at Greenville University, Hillsboro would welcome the Comets and Vandalia to the Hillsboro Sports Complex on Sept. 12, for a round-robin with the three schools each providing six doubles teams.

Hillsboro would pick up six wins, with Paige Lucykow and Sally Mattson winning the number two bracket. Torrence Clark and Ella Pfeifer (number one), Meghan Garmon and Brook Ozier (number three), Tressie Clinard and Haley Major (number four) and Macy Shipman and Ruthie Mathews (number six) also picked up wins.

Clark would provide one of the biggest highlights of the year at the conference tournament on Oct. 10, when she finished third in singles. After beating Samantha Rittis 6-0, 6-2, Clark fell to Roxana's Stephanie Kamp, who went on to win the championship. The Topper senior then beat Gracie Philpot 8-6 in the third place match to go out on a



Hillsboro High School senior Torrence Clark was awarded the MVP award for the girls tennis team this season by the Lady Hiltopper tennis coach Jodi Speiser.

high note.

She wasn't the only one to make it to the final four at conference. Paige Lucykow and Sally Mattson would finish fourth in the doubles portion of the event.

Unfortunately, the reason for all the precautions would catch up with Hillsboro not long after the conference tournament.

"We almost made the entire season until COVID raised its ugly head. The last two days of the season, sectionals, four of my varsity players were quarantined due to contact tracing," Coach Speiser explained. "I was scrambling to replace my sectional team with JV players that weren't quarantined. We played sectionals with players that did not have much playing experience. They played hard and gave it their all. I am very

proud of the girls giving 110 percent effort through this difficult time."

The experience didn't break the Toppers in 2020 and should strengthen them in 2021, where they will return several key players from their starting six (Lucykow and Mattson), but will rely on some younger players to step up.

Regardless of their results, they have shown that they have the attitude to be good people on and off the court, which is more important in the long run.

"We may not have won every match but we constantly received compliments from players and coaches on how nice our team was," Coach Speiser said. "That's a victory that not many coaches can claim."



Members of the Hillsboro girls golf team, from the left, are Anna Colwell, Peyton Colwell, Gracie Brink, Aurelie Granito, Kennedy Dyer, Sam Frailey, Meagan Jorn and Alex Frailey.

Growth Was The Goal For The Lady Toppers

The key to the 2020 season was growth for the Hillsboro girls golf team. It was a tough task considering the additional requirements and restrictions put on the season by the COVID-19 pandemic, but in the end, it was a goal that the Lady Hiltoppers fully realized.

The team went 4-15 on the season, but made great strides from their first match in Staunton to their final time on the links in October at the Taylorville Regional.

Despite missing three matches, junior Megan Jorn showed she can hang with the conference's best as she was fifth at the SCC tournament this year. After finishing with a 53.8 scoring average, Jorn was named MVP by Coach Bob Allen and should lead a very solid group next year that

returns all but one player.

That one loss is the team's only senior, Anna Colwell, who had a tendency to come up big in big tournaments. Colwell was just three strokes away from giving Hillsboro another member on the all-conference team and helped the Toppers to a fourth place finish at Indian Springs. She also was solid at regionals, tying for 33rd and had the third best scoring average on the team with a 58.6.

Along with Jorn and Colwell, sophomore Alex Frailey was the other piece of the puzzle for Hillsboro that Coach Allen could usually count on. Frailey was second on the team in scoring average at 56.5 and tied with Colwell for 33rd at regionals. She greatly improved from her freshman year and has the athleticism

to continue to do so next year as a junior.

Sophomore Aurelie Granito would put up similar numbers to last year, posting an average of 69.7 in 2020, but played better as the season went on and improved on her regional score by nine strokes.

While Jorn, Colwell, Frailey and Granito were somewhat known quantities for Allen, who coached the team from 2012 through 2016 before leaving to coach baseball at HHS, Gracie Brink, Sam Frailey, Peyton Colwell and Kennedy Dyer were all a little more of a mystery.

Brink, a sophomore, turned into a solid number four for the Toppers, averaging 61.5 strokes on the season with several rounds in the 50s later in the year.

As her sister did last year, Sam Frailey got a taste of varsity play this year, averaging a 65.5, but should improve on that number next year as a sophomore.

Both Colwell and Dyer played in one round each, shooting a 70 and a 73, and will have gotten some more practice time in by the time 2021 rolls around. They'll be ready to contribute more next season.

With so much coming back, it's easy to be optimistic about Hillsboro girls golf for next year, but the key is those returning players have to work to get better, because it doesn't just magically happen.

"We made great strides throughout the season," Coach Allen said. "I'm looking forward to next year."



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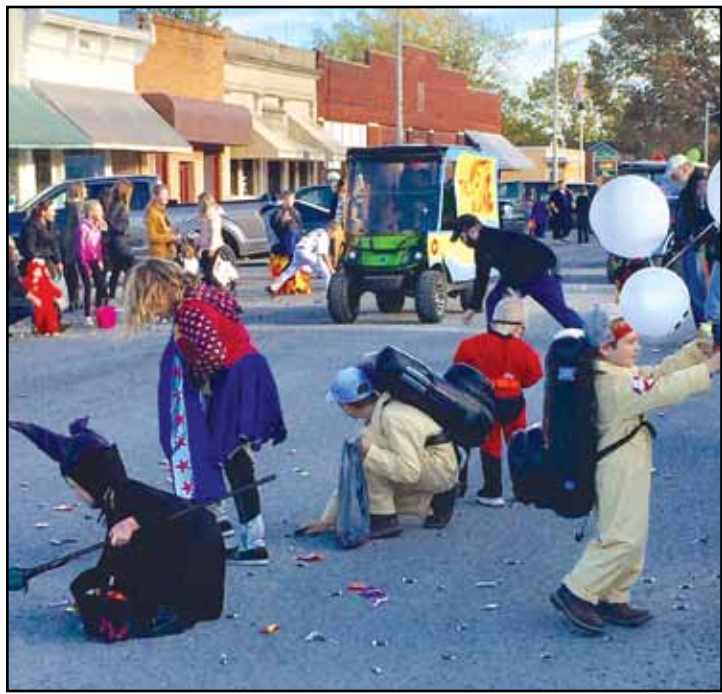
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At right, the Krager family, who depicted four famous Mario Kart characters, turned their golf cart into a go-kart to race through the Raymond Halloween Parade.

Weather Forecast

Thu 05	72°/45°	AM Clouds/PM Sun	10%
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Sat 07	72°/55°	Mostly Sunny	10%
Sun 08	73°/58°	Partly Cloudy	10%



Route 66 Quilt Raffle Will Help Litchfield Museum

The Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center is raffling off a unique Route 66 quilt, handmade by Carol Sneed, pictured above. Sneed, who serves as president of the museum, donated the quilt to be raffled off. The quilt is currently on display at the museum, and tickets are available for \$1 each or six for \$5. A lucky winner will be drawn on Dec. 1.

Nokomis To Mark Eleven Years For Angel Program

The Santa Dennis Spirit of Christmas Giving, bolstered by contributions from the community, will once again sponsor the Tree of Angels program for families within the Nokomis School District, who are in need of a little extra help during the holidays. This will be the 11th year for the program. Last year Nokomis' Tree of Angels program gifted 36 families, with a total of 94 children.

Applications will be sent home with students. They may also be obtained at Nokomis Public Library or from Gloria Wendling at 315 Lincoln Street. Completed applications should be returned to North Elementary School in Nokomis or mailed to 302 West Front Street, Nokomis, IL 62075 by Saturday, Nov. 21. All applications must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. Toys and clothing are given to children from birth to 12 years old. The angel tags will be hung on a Christmas tree located at Nokomis City Hall, just inside the library door, beginning Sunday, Nov. 22. Those purchasing items are asked to return them to city hall, unwrapped, no later than Wednesday, Dec. 9. The gifts may be placed around the tree, with the tag (angel) from the Christmas tree attached to the outside of the bag. Tentative dates for families to pick up gifts have been set for Friday, Dec. 18 (between 1 to 4 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 19 (between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) at Santa's House, located at 302 West Front Street in Nokomis. Local businesses and organizations interested in helping with the project are welcomed. Monetary donations will be accepted. For more information contact Gloria Wendling at 217-825-6076.

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