

## Old Settlers Resumes This Week

The 136th anniversary of the Old Settlers Days celebration will continue on Wednesday, Aug. 4 and Thursday, Aug. 5.

Wednesday's events will begin at 4 p.m. when the Old Settlers Art Show opens to the public. This year's gallery will be open to the public from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, located on the Courthouse Square in Hillsboro. The Old Settlers Art Show features work by local artists and craftsmen. Registration for the art show will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Fliers with rules and registration forms may be picked up at *The Journal-News* office.

The exhibit will feature entries from adults and students from preschool to 12th grade. First, second and third place will be awarded in each category. Best in Show will be awarded for art and photography in both the adult and student divisions. An impartial judge will conduct a general critique at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4, after prizes have been awarded. All entries must be picked up between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6.

Concessions will open for lunch at noon and rides will run from 5 p.m. until close.

Head downtown on Wednesday evening for the 2021 Parade of Queen candidates at 7 p.m. The reigning Old Settlers Queen Caitlyn Howard will retire her crown at this year's coronation, which will be emceed by Randy Prange starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Stage.

This year's contestants are Jade Christian, Joplin Hartman, Chloe Kenny, Sierra Rowe and Maressa Tarver.

The raffle drawing will take place at 8 p.m., following the 2021 Old Settlers Queen coronation. The grand prize is \$750, the first prize is \$500 and the second prize is \$250.

Wednesday's festivities will culminate with a live performance from *Chicago Farmer and the Fieldnotes* at 8:15 p.m. Lead musician Cody Diekhoff is a folk musician. His latest album, "Flyover Country," made it into the Top 10 of the Americana charts. Grab a lawn chair and head to the Courthouse Stage for the free concert.

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## Car Show Shines To Start Old Settlers

The 138th Old Settlers celebration got off to a shiny start July 31 and Aug. 1 in downtown Hillsboro. Kicking off this year's event was the annual fun run/fun walk on Saturday morning and the pageants on Saturday evening. On Sunday, more than 150 cars lined Main Street from McKay Auto Parts around the Courthouse Square with hundreds in attendance for the festivities. Sunday's activities also included a community worship service, country fair, pedal tractor pull, pigtail/ponytail contest and more. Pictured above is the view down Main Street from the second floor of Opera House Brewing Company. This year's Old Settlers celebration continues this week with the queen coronation on Wednesday night and the parades on Thursday. See page 1B for more from this year's festivities.

*Journal-News/Mary Herschelma*

## Father, Son Killed In Rollover

A pickup truck rollover on Route 16 between Witt and Nokomis on Saturday night, July 31, killed a father and son from Witt and injured a third person.

John E. Thompson, 51, of Witt, was pronounced dead at the scene by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, and a passenger in the vehicle, James E. Thompson, 21, of Witt, was pronounced dead at Hillsboro Area Hospital. A second passenger, Dakota L. Cook, 24, of Clinton, was taken to an area hospital with injuries.

According to Illinois State Police, John Thompson was driving a 1997 Ford F-150 southbound on Route 16 near North 19th Avenue when the vehicle went off the roadway to the right for an unknown reason. The vehicle came back onto the roadway, went off again to the right and into the ditch, overturned and ejected both the driver and James E. Thompson, a front seat passenger. Cook, a passenger in the back seat, was not ejected.

The highway was closed for four hours, and the accident remains under investigation. The Witt Fire Department responded with three trucks and 16 personnel, and were on the scene for three hours.

## Three More Vax Clinics This Week

Montgomery County Health Department drive-through vaccination clinics this week will be in Coffeen, Walshville, and Nokomis.

Clinics are scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Coffeen School; 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Walshville Village Park; and 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, on Spruce Street next to Fred B. Johnson Park in Nokomis. All three vaccines will be available: Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson and Johnson. Pre-registration is not required; bring an insurance card if you have one.

The health department reported 33 new cases in Montgomery County during the week of July 24-30.

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## Worshippers Encouraged To Follow In Confidence

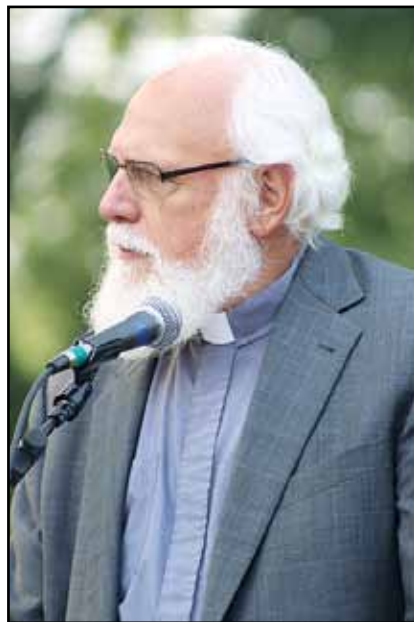
The part of Old Settlers that returns to the site of the first celebration in 1884—the annual community worship service—was held under the shady trees on the Beckemeyer School campus on Sunday morning, Aug. 1.

Pastor John Jaffry of Ware's Grove Lutheran Church north of Hillsboro used verses from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to encourage worshippers to have confidence in following God's will.

Using Gideon as an example, the pastor pointed out that scripture is full of people of faith who still wanted proof.

"We question God due to our own lack of confidence in Him," the Rev. Jaffry said. "Believing means more than just expecting it's true. Believing means we trust and have the utmost confidence in what we hear."

The community worship service continued two annual Old Settlers traditions: the memorial prayer honoring those who have passed in the past year, compiled by Ron Deabenderfer and read by Mary



**The Rev. John Jaffry**

Herschelman, both of *The Journal-News*, and honoring this year's parade grand marshal and Old Settlers Honor Society inductees. Mary Dagon highlighted each while

reigning Old Settlers Queen Caitlyn Howard presented each with a medal. They were grand marshal Bob Fuehne and honor society inductees William Baran of the Hillsboro Fire Department, Jack Evans of the Hillsboro Sertoma Club, Billie Greene of St. James Baptist Church, Nila Hall of Hillsboro United Methodist Church, Mike Ryan of Hillsboro Rotary Club, David Wrachford of Wolf Pack Car Club, Frank Jorn of Hillsboro Knights of Columbus and Margaret Jorn of St. Agnes Catholic Church, and John and Debbie Lewey of Calvary Baptist Church.

The service included selections by the community choir directed by Mary Dagon and accompanied by Irene Graden. Tami Moler led congregational hymns, Pastor Jeff Hemken of Calvary Baptist led the call to worship, Pastor Matt Ferguson of Hillsboro Presbyterian led the congregational prayer of worship, John Galer of Hillsboro United Methodist read the Gospel lesson before Pastor Jaffry's message.

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## Litchfield Chamber Celebrates Its Members

*by Mary (Galer) Herschelma*

"Tonight, we get the opportunity to celebrate you, business owners, employees, volunteers, community members and friends of the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce," said Executive Director Beth Cherry. "Tonight, we get to celebrate passion, hard work and the process of uniting to build successful businesses in our great city. You see our passions help us all unite and the energy we create is what allows us to encourage successful growth within our local economy."

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce hosted its 73rd annual Awards and Casino Night on Thursday evening, July 29, at the Litchfield Community Center. Opening with a social hour, Cherry took a few minutes to welcome those in attendance before the casino games began. Elite Events provided a variety of gaming tables, staffed by local, celebrity dealers.

Each participant got 1,000 chips with

a ticket to the event, with a chance to purchase more throughout the evening. Prizes were awarded at the end of the night.

Litchfield Chamber of Commerce President Mandy Jewell served as master of ceremonies for the awards program. She started by recognizing last year's winners because they didn't get to have an awards night last year due to the global pandemic.

Last year's winners included Litchfield Police Chief Kenny Ryker as Citizen of the Year, Mike Strubhart as Rising Star, Beth Cherry as Special Recognition and Earl Flack as Businessperson of the Year. Matt McKay stood in for Flack, who was unable to attend.

In opening the awards, Ryker introduced this year's Citizen of the Year, Jason Plumer, who is the pastor at First Baptist Church in Litchfield. Ryker highlighted Plumer's work with the free community lunch program for youth and other activi-

ties, like working with substance abuse. Plumer thanked his wife, Stacy, and their family for their help over the years.

"Typically, I'm more behind the scenes," Plumer said. "But good things are happening in our community because we are all working together."

He concluded that he appreciated the award and hoped to pass it on.

Strubhart presented the Rising Star award to Dr. Colleen Helgen of Animal Medical Center.

"I always knew I wanted to be a vet, but I never knew I wanted to be a business owner until the opportunity presented itself," said Dr. Helgen. "We love seeing our clients out and about the community and are looking forward to the new dog park."

Cherry presented this year's Special Recognition award to Dave Crocks, superintendent of the Litchfield Street Department.

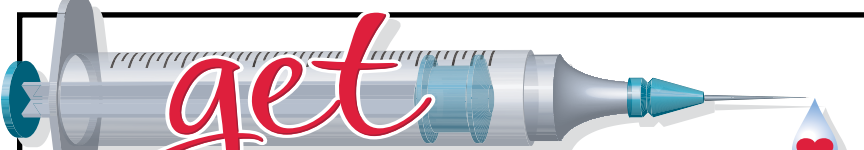
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Celebrity dealers for the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Casino Night, in front, from the left are Litchfield City Council member Cassidy Payne, Steve Bryant of the Litchfield Park District, Litchfield Police Chief Kenny Ryker and Chris Short. In back are Joe Holomy, Jim Timpe of HSHS St. Francis Hospital and Bill Timmermann. Not present for the photo was Litchfield Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau.

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# No Action On Hillsboro Back-To-School Plan

by Mike Plunkett

At a special meeting on Wednesday, July 28, set for adopting a back-to-school plan based on the "mask optional" vote two weeks prior, members of the Hillsboro School Board chose to take no action on the plan that was presented.

The board's next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 10, less than a week before school starts.

The proposed plan is based on a normal pre-pandemic full educational day, with no option for remote learning, except in cases when medically required by a student or student's family member. "We have in the plan that we are strongly recommending masks be worn by those who are unvaccinated, but they are not required," Superintendent David Powell said. "We will continue to monitor the health and wellbeing of our students and staff and adjust as needed. Students and staff should be prepared to wear masks if our local metrics warrant that measure."

Masks would be required for students and staff on buses. The plan also asks parents to keep children who are sick or exhibiting symptoms at home.

In the event of positive cases in schools, the same close contacts will be supplied to the health department based on seating charts, etc., just as last year. According to this year's proposed plan, however, vaccinated students and staff in close contact and without symptoms would not need to quarantine; after discussion about natural immunity, those who have recovered from the disease in the past 90 days are also among that group. As an alternative to quarantining, other students may participate in "mask and test" program, which would not require quarantine for

students who chose to "mask and test" on days one, three, five, and seven after close contact with the COVID positive. Tests would be administered on campus.

Dr. Ben Cady—present at the meeting to answer medical questions—pointed out that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) "mask and test" protocol is only for populations who are masked.

"Your plan deviates from that," he said. "The part that concerns me is you could have a student who is positive for a day and a half before testing positive. That can mean a lot in terms of spread."

"I'll be honest with you," board member John Lentz said, "I have serious concerns about treating students who are not vaccinated different from students who are."

"If you required masks, there wouldn't be that separating of students," board member Barbara Adams said later in the meeting. "I'm just throwing that out as a real logical solution."

Student meals will be free for the school year and served in school cafeterias as normal. Sports, activities and extra-curricular will be scheduled as normal.

Both Adams and Lentz spoke in favor of waiting to adopt a back-to-school plan based on the potential for changes between now and the time school starts. No board members made any motions regarding the plan in its entirety, or regarding changes to any part of the plan.

Just before the end of the meeting, the board hired Scheffel Boyle as district auditor for the year, approved a resolution to sell surplus property at auction, and hired Scott Voyles as high school social studies teacher.

Board member Bryce Rupert was not present for the meeting.

# Imagine Hillsboro Seeks Volunteers To Plan 200th

Hillsboro's Bicentennial is only a few years away and Imagine Hillsboro is looking for people interested in helping plan the 2023 Bicentennial Celebration.

The first meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, at the Challacombe

House in Hillsboro. The Bicentennial Committee plans to meet on the second Monday of each month, from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m., at the Challacombe House—times may be adjusted following the first meeting to fit everyone's schedules.



In being named the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year, Jean Jubelt brought nearly the entire staff of Jubelt's to this year's awards and casino night. In front, from the left are Alissa Crabtree, Madison Apps, Lori Wilhelm, Terri Cerentano, Jean Jubelt, Abi Bradburn, Lauren DeLong, Tina Allen and Annabelle Hulett. In back are John Carter, Roger Molohon, Jason Willows, Trinidad Lucas, Justin Amyx, Charlotte Keeton and Bradley Fricke. Not present for the photo were Sue Fritzsche, Brad Pratt, Jan Sloan, Dylan Lee, Maci Smith, Lily Allen, Jason Williams, Liz Adams and Gabby Hutson.

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## Chamber

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"Time and time again, they showed up for the chamber and the city as well," Cherry said. "They fix, repair and beautify our community. If there's a problem, we know this crew will fix it."

Crocks said his team of 14 street department workers shared many years of experience and were grateful for the honor.

"It's really nice to know people appreciate the work we do on a daily basis," he said.

McKay presented the final award of the evening to Jean Jubelt of Jubelt's Restaurant and Bakery, as the Businessperson of the Year. He noted the family's perseverance in surviving many world crises, including the Great Depression, World War II and a global pandemic.

"It just goes to show you that the American dream is not dead," McKay said.

In accepting the award, Jubelt recognized all of her employees, many of whom were present for the ceremony.

"This award is a result of their hard work and perseverance," Jubelt said.

Jubelt's will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2022, and Jubelt talked about the history of the business and the ways it has changed over the year. She also talked about the global pandemic of 2020 and



Winners of this year's 73rd annual Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Awards and Casino Night, in front, from the left are Rising Star Dr. Colleen Helgen of Animal Medical Center, Businessperson of the Year Jean Jubelt, Special Recognition Dave Crocks, representing the Litchfield Street Department and Citizen of the Year Pastor Jason Plumer of First Baptist Church in Litchfield. Standing behind are last year's award winners and presenters, Mike Strubhart, Matt McKay (standing in for Earl Flack), Beth Cherry and Litchfield Police Chief Kenny Ryker.

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the services they offered to help customers, including grocery shopping and prepared meals.

Following the presentation, Jewell announced the winners of this year's casino games. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three chip collectors, including Sarah Waggoner in first place, Scott Timpe in second place and Rita Bryant in third place. Tim Fogle was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. Jewell also announced

several raffle winners, with prizes donated by local businesses.

Jewell also thanked everyone for coming, as well as Steve Bryant and the Litchfield Park District, the businesses who donated prizes, Milanos Catering for providing the food, Elite Events for casino night, the guest dealers and the volunteers who made the event a success.

"The chamber is more

than networking, coordinating events, recognizing accomplishments and distributing business messages," Cherry said. "To me, it's advocacy for business, cultivating future leaders and introducing supportive and positive change. I look forward to all this chamber will be. Together, we can make Litchfield more competitive, more prosperous and most importantly, more inviting."

## Worship

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Pastor Randy Sands of Hillsboro Free Methodist Church asked a blessing over offerings, Pastor Stefan Munker of St. Paul's Lutheran Church lead the Lord's Prayer, Pastor Ken Vallelonga of World Harvest Church prayed the benediction.

Hillsboro School District custodial staff set up for the service, and Steven Sturm operated the sound system.



2019 Old Settlers Queen Caitlyn Howard hangs medals around the necks of this year's Old Settlers Honor Society and Grand Marshal during the community worship service on Sunday morning. From the left are William Baran, Nila Hall, David Wrachford, Frank and Margaret Jorn, Jack Evans, Billie Green, John and Debbie Lewey, Bob Fuehne, and Queen Caitlyn Howard. Mike Ryan was not present.

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## RULES & ENTRY FORM

### 2021 Bed Race Rules

- Each team must have 5 persons. Each team member must be age 18 or older.
- Beds will be provided by tournament organizers. Each team will race with bed assigned to it.
- During a race, one person DRESSED IN PAJAMAS must remain sitting or laying flat on the bed during the entire race and may not aid in propulsion. Four runners, one on each bed corner, must push the bed and remain in contact with the bed throughout the race.
- Runners are responsible for maintaining the overall safe operation of propelling the bed and stopping the bed, and must be in control of the bed at all times during the entire race. Operations deemed unsafe by organizers may be cause for disqualification.
- All 5 team members must pass the finish line with the bed in order to win.
- Races will be in a blind-draw tournament format. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. Organizers may alter format based on number of participants.
- Entry fee is \$25 per team. All 5 team members must sign entry form and return it to The Journal-News office (431 S. Main St., PO Box 100, Hillsboro IL, 62049) by 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19.
- All participants must conduct themselves according to the highest standards of sportsmanship.

### 2021 Bed Race Registration Form

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept full responsibility for my participation and relieve Shop Hillsboro participating businesses, The Journal-News, Imagine Hillsboro, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce, and event organizers of any action, claims, or demand for any loss, damage, or injury sustained, or any liabilities due to death or damaged property during this event. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules and regulations for this event, and agree to abide by them and any decision of event organizers.

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Obituaries

## Amanda T. Adams, 29

### CNA, Homemaker



Amanda Twila Adams, 29, of Hillsboro, died on Friday, July 30, 2021, at 5:28 a.m. at her residence.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is assisting the family.

Ms. Adams was born June 23, 1992, in Litchfield, to Teddy Lee and Kathy (Hand) Adams.

A 2010 graduate of Hillsboro High School, she worked as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) until her children were born, then she became a stay at home mom.

Ms. Adams loved her children and animals, especially llamas. She was a lifelong Hillsboro resident.

She is survived by her parents of Hillsboro; children, Aubree Lynn McKinley and Ezekiel Lee Jones; sister, Megan Emma Adams of Hillsboro; grandparents, Marcy Rimini and Mickey Hand, both of Springfield; aunts and uncles, Tammy Lively of Hillsboro, Karen (husband Roger) Day of Springfield, Dawn (husband Steve) White and Chris Pierce, both of Coffeen, and Allan Hand of DeSoto, MO; and cousin, Matt Eyer of Kincaid.

Ms. Adams was preceded in death by her grandparents, Cherly "Cheri" Adams, George Rimini and Albert Hand; and uncle, Shawn Eaton.

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

## John E. Thompson, 51

### Arrangements Pending

John E. Thompson, 51, of Witt, died on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

Arrangements are pending at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

Mr. Thompson was born May 18, 1970, in Hillsboro, to John Earl and Barb (Bourke) Thompson. He married Billie Stanley, and she survives.

During his career, he worked in a factory. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Nokomis.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Thompson is survived by his mother of Witt; children, Michelle Thompson of Litchfield and Jonathon Thompson of Witt; grandchildren, Paisley Leanne Varga, Jase Thompson and Jaden Thompson; and sister, Lucella (husband Greg) Brown of Witt.

He was preceded in death by his father; and son, James E. Thompson.

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

## James E. Thompson, 21

### Arrangements Pending

James E. Thompson, 21, of Witt, died on Saturday, July 31, 2021.

Arrangements are pending at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

Mr. Thompson was born Nov. 14, 1999, in Greenville, to John Earl and Billie I. (Stanley) Thompson.

During his career, he worked in a factory. He was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Nokomis.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his mother of Witt; and siblings, Michelle Thompson of Litchfield and Jonathon Thompson of Witt.

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

## Shirley A. Allen, 85

### Worked In Banking



Shirley A. (Jennings) Allen, 85, of Kalamazoo, MI, died peacefully on Sunday, July 25, 2021.

Per her wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services held. Tezak Funeral Home in Joliet assisted the family.

Mrs. Allen was born Jan. 2, 1936, in Palmyra, the eldest daughter of Floyd E. and Frances (Vance) Jennings. After her high school graduation in 1954, she married Richard M. "Rip" Allen, and he preceded

her in death in 2012.

She attended grade school and intermediate school in Hettick and Greenfield. She graduated from Auburn High School with the class of 1953.

During her career, Mrs. Allen served as secretary for the Springfield Circuit Clerk's Office and as a bookkeeper for First National Bank in Springfield.

Following her marriage, she and her husband moved to Joliet, where she worked for First National Bank, later known as First Midwest Bank, for 23 years. In 1987, they moved to Kalamazoo, MI, where she worked for Upjohn Co. for five years, retiring in 1993.

Mrs. Allen was an active member of Larkin Baptist Church in Joliet for 25 years and Berean Baptist Church in Portage, MI, for 23 years.

She is survived by her two daughters, Diane L. (Jerry) Helis of Elwood and Kimber Allen of Lovell, WY; brother, Warren (Barb) Jennings of Girard; two sisters, Janice Smith of Hillsboro and Sandra Dora of Crawford, MS; seven grandchildren, Shawn (Angie) Krupianik, Lori Ann (Bill) Rakowski, Ryan (Jenna) Krupianik, Katie Krupianik, Garrett (Jody) Cornatzer, Vianna Cornatzer Nelson and Bryce Cornatzer; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband of 58 years, Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Wanda and Marilyn; and brother, Harold.

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

## John Paden, 86

### Arrangements Pending

John Paden, 86, of Hillsboro, died on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021, at 9:37 a.m. at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

## Red Cross Urges Public To Donate Components

The American Red Cross has an emergency need for lifesaving blood amid the ongoing severe blood shortage. Blood and platelet donations continue to be critical to meet hospital demand and the public is urged to make an appointment to give now.

In the local area, members of the Litchfield Moose Lodge are hosting a community blood drive on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 12 to 6 p.m. at the lodge, located at 221 North Madison.

To thank donors who help ensure a strong blood and platelet supply this month, all who come to give Aug. 1-15 will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive, VIP trip for two to the sold-out 2021 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival.

Those who come to donate throughout August will also receive a free four-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). More details are available at [www.RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat).

The Red Cross has been

distributing about 12 percent more blood products to hospitals across the U.S. compared to this time last year. The Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet the current hospital demand and end the severe blood shortage. Donors of all blood types are needed, especially type O, which stands at just a one-day supply right now.

Donors who give now will help stock the shelves as we wind down the summer season. Schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

## Old Settlers Continues

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Thursday's event packed schedule begins at 10 a.m. with Hillsboro Rotary Club's annual Kiddie Parade. Lineup begins at 9 a.m., and judging at 9:30 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church parking lot. This year's theme is "America the Beautiful." Categories include floats, mini-floats, pets, bikes and trikes, and walkers. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each category.

Concessions and rides will open immediately following the Kiddie Parade. Rides will run all day with a brief closure during the big parade. Rides are discounted one ticket until 4 p.m. The World Harvest Church is sponsoring a cooling center from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Event attendees may utilize the church to cool down and use their bathrooms. The cooling center will also feature free water and snacks. The World Harvest Church is located at 102 North Main Street on the Courthouse Square.

The Quilt Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The Old Settlers Art Gallery will reopen from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the Historic Harkey House will open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This year's Distinguished Alumni will be recognized by the Hillsboro Education Foundation Honors from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Abbey on Broad. This

year's honorees are Dr. Joseph Connor, class of 1970 and Kelly Moroney, class of 1980.

Spectators may want to pull out their lawn chairs and blankets early to reserve seating for the Old Settlers Parade, which will step off at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is "A World of Pure Imagination." Parade lineup will begin at 5 p.m. in the lower parking lot at Hillsboro High School. The parade will line up on East Tremont and turn north on Main to the Courthouse. It then turns east on Brailley Street to Broad Street, south on Broad Street to East Wood Street, east one block to Rountree Street, proceed south to Rountree disbanding on East Tremont Street.

Bob Fuehne will be the Grand Marshal of this year's parade. The public is invited to attend a reception for Fuehne at 5:30 p.m. at the Blackman Evans House.

Following the parade, rides and concessions will continue into the evening. Thursday night's entertainment lineup includes *Big Love: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac* at 8 p.m. on the Old Settlers Stage on the Courthouse Square. From the early blues incarnation of Peter Green's *Fleetwood Mac*, through the famous "Rumours" and "Tusk" albums and into the latest decades, *Big Love: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac* covers many of the band's greatest hits as well as some of their album cuts.

## Coronavirus

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The local health department continues to offer all three vaccinations at their main office on Route 185 in Taylor Springs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Monday and Thursday. All three vaccines

are available (Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson). Clinics are walk-in, but if curbside service is needed, it is available. Simply call the health department (217-532-2001) upon arrival and tell them you need a shot in your vehicle.

## Weather Forecast

Mon 02	76°/56°		Mostly Sunny	↗ 7%
Tue 03	77°/57°		Mostly Sunny	↗ 7%
Wed 04	78°/57°		Mostly Sunny	↗ 7%
Thu 05	81°/63°		Partly Cloudy	↗ 7%
Fri 06	83°/65°		Partly Cloudy	↗ 24%
Sat 07	87°/70°		Partly Cloudy	↗ 18%
Sun 08	87°/72°		Isolated Thunderstorms	↗ 30%

## Hillsboro Passes Budget At Special Meeting Friday

by Ron Deabenderfer

Hillsboro has a budget; it was approved at a special meeting, attended by Mayor Don Downs and all the council members, Friday morning, July 30. The budget covers the fiscal years 2021-2022 which began May 1, so the budget is retroactive.

Finance Commissioner Katie Duncan presented the document; anticipated revenue is \$3,701,416, with anticipated expenses totalling \$3,672,587. Duncan said she feels it's a good budget which includes needed equipment purchases and other capital improvements. The anticipated surplus is \$28,829.

The appropriation ordinance (the ordinance that directs the spending of money from the budget) passed next; its' total is \$13,790,593.75.

That's a higher total because the budget passed covered the General Fund; appropriations cover all funds the city controls.

In other action, the council approved a change of status from part-time to full-time patrolman for Frank Kenny. Kenny had worked full-time for the city for over twenty years before leaving for another job opportunity. He still served Hillsboro as he was needed, and the council welcomed him back as a replacement for John Stretch, who is retiring.

The last item on the agenda called for approval of a 5k run/walk sponsored by the HJHS cheerleaders. It is to be held on Saturday, Aug. 14.

The council next meets on Tuesday, August 10, at 7 p.m. in city hall.

## Mask Policy Reinstated At Illinois Government Offices

Due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, Secretary of State Jesse White has announced that Driver Services facilities, Secretary of State offices and the Illinois State Capitol Building will require all employees and customers to wear a mask beginning Monday, Aug. 2.

White stressed that it is imperative for his facilities to remain open to serve the public to reduce the heavy customer volume caused by the COVID-19 pandemic over the last year. White said reinstating the mask policy for employees and customers will help achieve this goal.

White is reminding customers that his office extended expiration dates for driver's licenses and I.D. cards until Jan. 1, 2022. As a result, expired documents will remain

valid until Jan. 1, 2022, so customers do not need to rush into a facility.

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. White has greatly expanded online services and encourages the public to visit his office's website at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Many transactions may be conducted online, including the purchase of license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or I.D. card, and renewing driver's licenses and I.D. cards, including REAL I.D.'s for those who are eligible.

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL I.D. deadline to May 3, 2023.

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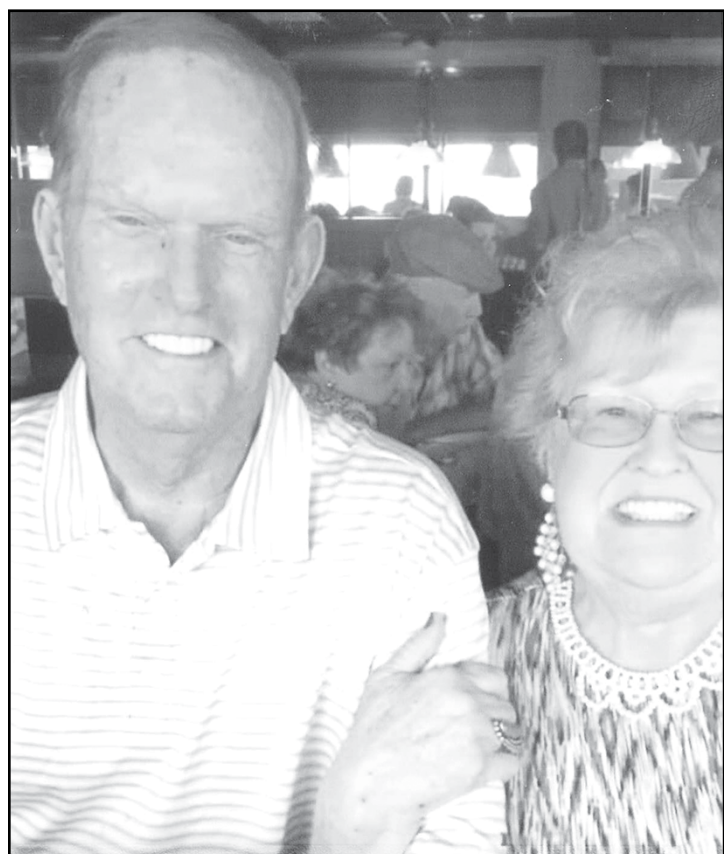
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## Mr. And Mrs. Chesnut Celebrate Six Decades

Mr. and Mrs. George Chesnut celebrated their 60th anniversary during an early anniversary party hosted by their five children on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Maverick Steak House in Litchfield, which included cake and punch. Mrs. Chesnut is the former Clea Neathery, daughter of the late Vaughn and Laurel Neathery of Sorento. Mr. Chesnut is the son of the late George Robert and Fern Chesnut of Sorento.

The Chesnuts were married on July 30, 1961, at the Methodist Church in Sorento, by Rev. Sam Grigg. Attendants were the late Jessica Miller, Karen McDonough, and the late Mabel (Ganzer) Robins. The best men were the late Gary Miller, Drew Duncan and the groom's brother, Bob Chesnut.

The couple is blessed with five children, Rodney, Sondra, Pamela, Steven and Jessica.

Those in attendance to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary included Donna and Buster File, Judi and Brew Duncan, Doris and Henry Steiner, Peggy Hughes, Lucy Hughes, Karen McDonough, Crissi and Rodney Chesnut, Pamela and



The newly married Mr. and Mrs. Chesnut in 1961.

Bill Summers, Sandra and children, Zachary and Holly DeVries; Jennifer and Steven, with their daughter, Cierra, and grandson, Apollo Chesnut; Jessica Bridges and Billy Brewer, Chelsey and Jared Dreste, and four children, Braedyn, Harlow, Sawyer and Hudson; Austin and Chris Parker and two children, Lucy and Shae; Marissa and Jared Summers; and Tessa and her daughter, Adalynn Summers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesnut are planning a road trip to see family and friends in Oklahoma and Kansas. They are grateful to all that came and those that called and sent gifts to celebrate their anniversary.

## Births

John D. and Stacy (Bergen) Martin, of Austin, TX, announce the birth of their daughter, Blake Lennox, born at 8:34 a.m., on Monday, July 19, 2021, at St. David's Medical Center in Austin, TX. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measured 20.5 ins., long.



Maternal grandparents are Bill and Joyce Bergen of Litchfield. Paternal grandparents are Debbie and Paul Feldtmose of Petersburg, and John Martin of Springfield.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Harry and Mary Ann Bergen, and the late Elmer and Irma Keiser. Paternal great-grandparents are Rosemary LeMasters of Springfield and the late Harold LeMasters, and the late John and Eileen Martin.

Trevor and Julie Braye of Nokomis announce the birth of their son, Heston Oliver Braye, born at 1:38 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 2021, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 8 lbs., 14 ozs., and measured 21 ins. long.

Heston was welcomed home by big brothers Gavin Braye, age eight, Valor Braye, age five, and big sister Lydia Jensen, age seven.

Maternal grandparents are Ron and Karen Lawrence of Litchfield. Paternal grandparents are Curt and Tammy Braye of Nokomis

Maternal great-grandparent is Francis Pray of Coffeen. Paternal great-grandparents are Margret Ann Peifer of Nokomis and Bonnie and Larry Billingsley of Rushville.

Taylor Large of Litchfield announces the birth of her son, Braxton Charles Dean Large, born at 9:15 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2021, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 6 lbs., 10 ozs., and measured 20 ins. long.

Maternal grandparents are Ashley Goth of Schram City and Becky and Charles Large of Litchfield. Maternal great-grandparents are Tammy Odle of Litchfield, Linda Large of Gillespie and Bruce Bourke of Witt.

Michael and Kelli (Mackey) Duncan of St. Louis, MO, announce the birth of their daughter, Winnie Mae Duncan, born at 5:41 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 2021, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis, MO. She weighed 9 lbs., 10 ozs., and measured 22 ins. long.



Winnie was welcomed home by big brothers James, age seven, George, age five, and sister Rosie, age one.

Maternal grandparents are Kelly and Pam Mackey of Hillsboro. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Kathy Duncan of Wheaton.

Maternal great-grandparents are Marvin and Alice Elam of Taylor Springs. Paternal great-grandparents are Marion King of Carol Stream and Peggy Duncan of Glen Ellyn.

Cody and Kaitlynn Morrison of Fillmore announce the birth of their daughter, Kimber Lou Morrison, born at 8:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 ozs., and measured 19 ins. long.

Kimber was welcomed home by big brother Hunter Morrison, age ten.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Christine Davidson of Butler. Paternal grandparents are Scott and Karla Morrison of Greenville.

## Marriage Licenses

Alexander Zarco-Gutierrez, Urbana; Robin Grace Randle, Urbana

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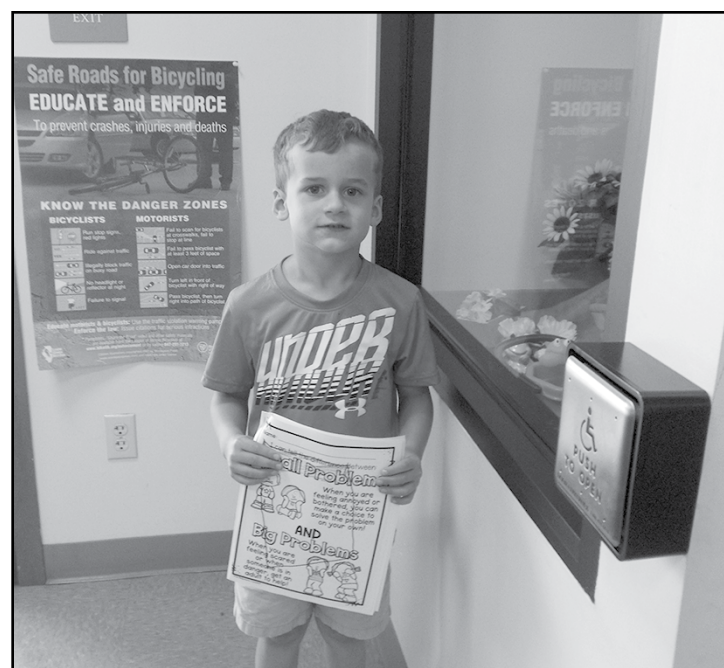


## Antique Quilts Featured During Old Settlers Fun

Quilt lovers - be sure and stop by St. Paul's Lutheran Church Thursday afternoon for this year's Old Settlers Quilt Show. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature quilts from all over Montgomery County. This year's show will have a special twist with each of the quilts being over 50 years old and each with their own unique story.

Pictured above are quilt show organizers Becky Gonzalez, at left, and Maribeth Rahe, holding Lula Clark's quilt. Mrs. Clark said her mother started a few of the blocks, and after her death, she finished the blocks. It was hand-quilted with red thread by the "Quilt Lady" in Nokomis. So, be sure to stop by for a "look see" and a little bit of history too!

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Thomas Marley (above) shows off the activity he completed during a program hosted by the Montgomery County Health Department at Nokomis Public Library.

## Nokomis Public Library Works With Health Dept.

On Thursday, July 29, Peggy Hancock, a prevention specialist with the Montgomery County Health Department, hosted a program at Nokomis Public Library on bullying. The program was part of a series of programs on coping mechanisms and other important skills children need as they age.

The programs are aimed at children aged five to ten years old, but siblings, parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. There are two programs left for the summer, at

10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5, and Thursday, Aug. 12. Next week's topic will be about the ways children can be involved in their community. Hancock will read *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes, a story about a happy little mouse that has a heartfelt message about loving yourself for what makes you special and unique.

The programs are free to the public and include a lesson, craft or activity and a snack. For more information contact Nokomis Public Library at 217-563-2734.

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Pictured above are winners in this year's Old Settlers pigtail, ponytail and braid contest. Entries were measured on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1, in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Hillsboro. *Journal-News Photo*

## Lots Of Winners Named In Pigtail, Ponytail Contest

Participants pulled their hair up in pigtails and ponytails, and some even chose braids, to join the fun in this year's Old Settlers pigtail and ponytail contest, held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in downtown Hillsboro.

Ribbons were awarded for first, second, and third places in each category.

### Pigtails

Zero to Two: Joan Aumiller in first place with nine-inch pigtails; Josephine Wartman in second place with seven-inch pigtails and Kennedy

Jenkins in third place with four and a half-inch pigtails.

Three to Four: Parker Ripley in first place with 13-inch pigtails; Charlotte Herschel in second place with 11-inch pigtails; and Halle Wright in third place with nine and a half-inch pigtails.

Five to Six: Alivia Leetham in first place with 24-inch pigtails; Katava Dearing in second place with 19-inch pigtails; and Briella Osborn in third place with 17 and a half-inch pigtails.

Seven to Eight: Ella Reynolds in first place with 27-inch

pigtails; and Lauren Cullison in second place with 23 and a half-inch pigtails.

Thirteen and Up: Samantha Bravo in first place with 16-inch pigtails.

### Ponytails

Zero to Two: Eleanor King in first place with an eight and a half-inch ponytail; and Ella Milanos in second place with a six-inch ponytail.

Three to Four: Presley Stafford with a 16 and a half-inch ponytail.

Five to Six: Katara Dearing and Thea Lang in a tie for first with an 18-inch pony-

tail; Briella Osborn in second place with a 17 and a half-inch ponytail and Carsynn Woods with a 16-inch ponytail.

Seven to Eight: Lauren Cullison in first place with a 25-inch ponytail; Ella Reynolds in second place with a 24-inch ponytail; and Addie Dyas in third place with an 18 and a half-inch ponytail.

Nine to Ten: Kate Cunningham in first place with a 21 and a half-inch ponytail; Mila Harrell in second place with a 20-inch ponytail and Marisa Shipman in third place with a 13 and a half-inch ponytail.

Eleven to Twelve: Mila Ruppert with a 19-inch ponytail; and Jenna Durbin in second place with a 14-inch ponytail.

Thirteen and Up: Christina Longwell in first place with a 22-inch ponytail.

### Braids

Five to Six: Katara Dearing in first place with a 16-inch braid; and Thea Lang in second place with a 14 and a half-inch braid.

Seven to Eight: Ella Reynolds in first place with a 21-inch braid.

## St. Francis Offers Safety Tips On Food Handling

Preventing a food-borne illness can be a bit more challenging during the summer months when temperatures rise, and more people enjoy outdoor picnics, barbecues and camping.

HSHS St. Francis Hospital's Infection Preventionist Aryn Hunter, MPA, BSN, RN, notes bacteria grow faster in warmer months because hot and humid conditions cause it to multiply. Bacteria can potentially double in as little as 20 minutes.

"The keys to a healthy and happy summer gathering are keeping food temperature, time and hand hygiene in mind," Hunter said. "Make sure food is not left out for long periods of time in the heat. It is also important to follow proper food handling and preparation safety guidelines and always washing hands before and after food prep, and before consuming."

HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield recommends the following food safety practices:

- Do not use the same utensils, cutting board and dishes for raw food and cooked food.
- Thaw and marinate food in the refrigerator – not on the counter.
- Discard marinades and sauces that have touched raw meat.
- Wash fruits and vegetables before peeling or cutting to prevent germs on the food's peeling from spreading

to the inside.

- Use a meat thermometer to ensure foods are cooked thoroughly.

- 145° F for fish, steaks and roasts; 160° F for ground beef, pork and lamb; and 165° F for chicken and turkey

- Discard food left unrefrigerated for more than two hours. When it's above 90° F, reduce this time to one hour.

- Wash hands often when preparing, handling and storing food.

- Keep hot food hot and cold food cold. If using a cooler, put raw foods on the bottom with ice packed on top.

- Allow food to cool to room temperature before storing it in the refrigerator.

- Store leftovers in smaller containers rather than one large container so it cools faster.

Food-borne illnesses affect 48 million people each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Symptoms of a food-borne illness can include upset stomach, vomiting, diarrhea, fever and nausea.

HSHS St. Francis Hospital emergency room is open 24/7 to provide expert care when you need it most.

More information about food-borne illnesses and safe food handling practices can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website and at [www.FoodSafety.gov](http://www.FoodSafety.gov).



The Litchfield Sears Hometown Store staff, from the left, are John Berkbigger in deliveries, owners Mike Rains and Mike Orf, manager Jeff Orf, sales associate Janet Woodman, and Reggie Ponce in deliveries. *Journal-News Photo*

## New Sears Owners Cut Store Ribbon

"Sears has a long-standing tradition in this community, and we thank you for continuing that," Litchfield Chamber of Commerce President Mandy Jewell said during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Sears Hometown Store's re-grand opening on Friday, July 30.

The re-grand opening is in honor of new owners Mike Rains and Mike Orf of Mike and Mike LLC, who bought

the location in Litchfield Plaza on Oct. 31 last year. The team has been affiliated with Sears since 2012 and Hometown Store owners since 2018. Litchfield is their fifth location in Illinois and Missouri.

"It's a good community and a good spot," Rains said of the newest location in Litchfield.

Along with the new owners are some familiar faces, including sales associate Janet Woodman and Reggie

Ponce and John Berkbigger who handle deliveries. Jeff Orf is the store manager.

During the re-grand opening, visitors enjoyed hot dogs and burgers made on a grill from the store right out front, along with chips and drinks. There was also an additional 10 percent off every item in the store, and a drawing to win a four-burner gas grill.

## Hiltopper Class Of 1958 Will Meet On Thursday

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# 2021 Old Settlers Memorial Prayer-Part 1



*The prayer presented here is meant to help us remember those who have passed from us during the last 12 months. It is merely the first half. The second half will be published in the next edition.*

Our Father,

Our community rallies in this mid-summer period of 2021 for several reasons, but one of the major motives is to celebrate the lives of those who have passed across the River Jordan in the last 12 months. We acknowledge that they may well be in a better place, that in the very least they are without the physical and mental pain that haunt so many, perhaps all, of us during our lifetimes, but we present them to thee as "Saints Who From Their Labors Rest."

First we offer the names of those who served this community, voluntarily giving of themselves so those around them could have better lives. Serving almost in anonymity was Alma Snider of Donnellson, a '56 graduate of HHS who wrote for both local newspapers before becoming a victims' advocate for the local courts. She is survived by five daughters, 14 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren. Mary Lou Knisley of Hillsboro lived to be 100, greeting customers at Knisley's Bowl on North Main from 1948 until COVID-19 brought havoc to small businesses in 2020. Local survivors include daughter Carolyn Sue Ginos, son Charles (Gene) Knisley, nine grandchildren, 19 great-grands, and 16 great-great-grands.

Harold Jurgena of Irving, a 1946 HHS grad, was a lifelong farmer who also worked at Hillsboro Glass for 40 plus years. Still, he made time to be on the school board; the leadership unit of the Hillsboro Education Foundation; and the county's health board. In addition, he was a Shriner, a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and the mayor of Irving for 42 years. Louise Russell, a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, was familiar to those of us who remember parking meters as Hillsboro's meter maid. Her charm would disarm most of us who forgot to feed the meter. Daughters Lynn Washburn, Debbie Lewey, and Sherri Finn survive in the Hillsboro area as do two sisters, Delores Neathery and Norma Shipman.

Evelyn Weber, who lived in Litchfield and who worked 14 years for Milnot, was the wife and help-mate of Pastor Dwight Weber, who served Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro from 1966 to 1973.

Houston and Loretta Satterlee were both quiet supporters of Coffeeen. Houston was a '51 graduate of Coffeeen High; Loretta graduated a year later, and they were married for nearly 66 years. She worked as a bank teller, then as Coffeeen City Clerk; he was a draftsman for Hurst-Rosche and then employed by Fuller Brothers store on the corner in Schram City. The parents of four and grandparents of six, they acted as grandparents to countless other kids who would shoot baskets on the court poured by their driveway and for those whom he coached in summertime baseball. Houston was a volunteer fireman for Coffeeen and a Mason. Jessie Miller, once of Sorento, leaves family in Panama. For 20 years she served as camp director of the Rehoboth Church Camp and was the pianist for the Sorento United Methodist Church.

Laura Sidwell Christian and husband Garold served a segment of the community by operating Garold's Country Music and Dancing establishment between Hillsboro and Irving. Ms. Christian was very active as the pianist in the Reno Southern Baptist Church. She was also a secretary for a time at Sorento School and a "no-nonsense" bus driver for that school.

Dennis Jagodzinski worked for Ameren's Gas Department, often at the storage area near Witt, for over 30 years; a 1973 HHS grad who belonged to St. Agnes Church and Labor Local 1084, he was also a man of community service. A trustee on the T.S. board, he became mayor and fire department chief for his home town. Then he served on the county board, including a term as vice chairman. Vietnam vet Steve York taught at Graham Correctional Center as an educator for the Dept. of Corrections.

1980 graduate Therasa (Hamby) Kirby had provided childcare in her home before going to work for the Regional Office of Education. She is survived by her husband Ed, three children, and four granddaughters. George Cerutti of rural Irving, a Gillespie native who served in the

Army, moved here to be a coal miner in Coffeeen. He became a federal mine inspector, co-owned Woody's Tavern, and owned Cerutti's Baseball Card Shop. He was also a Hillsboro Jaycee, a member of both the Witt and Hillsboro Lions Clubs, the local Moose Lodge, and Ducks Unlimited. He also served on and as president of the local school board.

Caroline Clinard of Hillsboro, a 1957 graduate of HHS, became the first female to be elected to the Hillsboro School Board. In her business career, she owned/operated Henry's Greenhouse for a time. She also worked for the National Bank of Hillsboro as well as the Department of Corrections and Pegasus Travels. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church; husband Harrel and their three children survive in the Hillsboro area.

George Lee Blankenship was an HHS graduate who farmed first with his father and then with his children east of Hillsboro. He also taught ag at HHS for seven years before farming full-time. He served 16 years on the school board, terms on the county board, was a past president of the local Farm Bureau, and was on the rural water system board when that system came into existence. Brian Smith of Maryville was an FBI agent for 25 years who once received the Award of Excellence from the U.S. Attorney's office; he was the brother of Jan (Kelly) Long of rural Hillsboro. Barbara Johnson of Hillsboro, originally from Nokomis, was a member of Calvary Baptist who retired from the Graham Correctional Center and was well-known for her quilting skills.

Rita Miller of Witt served as tax assessor for Witt and Fillmore Townships for over 18 years. She was also a member of the American Farm Museum in Greenville. A son, Joe Eddington of Witt, six grandchildren, and 13 great-grands survive in the area. Anne Maria Isaacs, a 1947 HHS graduate, worked for a couple years as a local telephone operator before establishing a home with husband Billy. She served an important role as an Election Judge for 40 years. Two other daughters live in Hillsboro; the third is in the state of Washington.

James McCaslin of Springfield had a long-time association with Hillsboro. A 1955 graduate, he overcame cerebral palsy to become an accountant. He ran his own business locally until 1999 when he was hired as an accountant for the Illinois Dept. of Aging and moved to Springfield. Among his roles locally were school district treasurer for 10 years, clerk of Donnellson for 12 years, and an active member of both the Hillsboro and Springfield Lions. He also found time to teach Hunter Safety Classes. Velda Merriman of Vandalia spent her married life in Fillmore and worked for the postal service. She became Fillmore Postmistress in 1985 and retired in 1988. She was a member of the Fillmore Baptist Church.

Jim Bolton was a 1966 grad of HHS who served in both the Illinois and Missouri National Guards, with an honorable discharge in 1975. A member of the United Mine Workers, he worked in the Coffeeen Mine and in Farmersville Mines and as a salesman at Putnam-Wright Ford. He also helped when possible with the Hillsboro Sports Association, especially in its beginning. He is survived by wife Linda and son Cordy and family. Glen Redding, an Army vet from Sorento, worked as a research and development engineer for McDonnell Aircraft, specializing in the space program.

Ernest Flowers of Fillmore was a farmer who became a Baptist minister. He served the Van Burensburg church for 10 years, then moved east on Rt. 185 to Bethel Baptist for the next 20 years before becoming Director of Missions for the Rehoboth Association until his retirement 12 years later in 1997. A Boy Scout leader, he also served on the Nokomis School Board. Catherine "Kitty" Tatham was the wife of a pastor and is survived by son Steve, granddaughter Jessica Keepper, and a great-grandchild, all of Hillsboro.

Always, Our Father, we ask Thy blessings for those among us who are taken before their potential is realized. They too can be Saints, whether nine hours, nine days, nine months, or 29 years old; our grief, O God, is not so much for them because they are in comfort with Thee, but because they are no longer with us as we plod along life's pathways. Forgive us for our selfishness.

Grace Herschelmann lived the life of an angel for nine years in Hillsboro. She educated Central Illinois about a genetic disease, INAD, and left an impression with her and her family's bravery in the face of the inevitable. Hillsboro's Cody Ray joined the National Guard and became an expert in drone warfare during an 18 month tour of duty in Afghanistan. We thank him for his service. His mom, Mandy Smith, and a brother Austin Grabow, among others, survive. Infant Oaklynn Wagner's mom misses her in Schram City.

Alex Dixon, a 2014 graduate of HHS, was a grill cook and crew leader before a pedestrian accident within the county ended a life too soon. Jaben Compton, Sr., a 2000 HHS graduate, became a union commercial painter before suffering debilitating injuries in a car crash. His mother and four children survive in the area. Anley Compton of Hillsboro died just two months after her brother, Jaben. Drew Sanders was only four months old when he passed, leaving behind his parents and a sister in Hillsboro.

Heath Sickles, a 19 year old resident of Witt, died as the result of a tree-trimming accident; his grandmother, Bonnie Carlson, grieves for him there. Also from Witt was Amy Wyatt, taken by cancer at 28; she was a parent educator for the ROE office in Taylorville. Born in Texas, Hillsboro 2015 graduate Dylan Turner-Jones was still exploring life's options when he passed; so was Dalton Finley, 25 and a 2013 HHS grad who leaves his mom, Crystal Snoddy, siblings Kenna Snoddy and Jordyn Finley here on earth. Brandy "BB" Garcia waitressed locally. Born in Alton, she had 17 siblings. We lift up their survivors to Thee.

Father, we accept without much thought that you keep track of us, of Your people, though we have trouble doing that as a government (people move into and away from addresses and jobs at an amazing rate) and personally. Still, there is comfort in knowing that every hair on every head is counted and treasured by Thy Divine Presence. Too often we are unsettled when someone does business with us today and won't be in the store or shop tomorrow.

We pray for the comfort only Thou can give when we consider those who once greeted us with a smile but now are gone. 1984 HHS graduate Karen Vunetich became a pharmacy tech who helped us at John's Pharmacy in downtown Hillsboro; one of her daughters, Halle, lives in Hillsboro, and a sister, Pam Maroney, lives in Panama. Rosemary (Cress) Osborn, a 1950 grad of HHS, lived here until 1985. She worked as a bookkeeper for Hillsboro Lumber, at the courthouse, in the Farm Bureau office, and for her husband Lane's flying service. Then they moved to the state of Washington. Doris Reeves raised her family in Panama where she belonged to the United Methodist Church, but she worked in Hillsboro as a loan department secretary and then sold real estate. Daughter Debbie (Vanzo), two grandchildren, and three great-grands survive.

Bob Mullins was a Farm Services' employee for 42 years, serving as manager for the last seven of those. A '55 HHS grad, he was an Army vet, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and, while he was able, a volunteer at Bremer Sanctuary. Connie Whitehead had lived in northern Illinois and Texas before moving to the 'Boro ten years ago; she had worked in marketing and then as a bartender. Frieda Kieslar of Hillsboro had managed the Fashion Lane store in Hillsboro. Survivors locally include daughter Vanessa Light and two grandchildren.

Rex White, a Purple Heart recipient and WWII vet who earned two Bronze Stars, operated Rex's Shell on South Main. A member of St. Paul's Lutheran, he is survived by four children (Gene and Daryl locally), nine grandchildren, and three siblings. Don Carter, who grew up in the Mulberry Grove area, operated the same Shell station before Mr. White took over. Betty Schremp, a graduate of Witt High School, served as a bank teller at the former Boatman's Bank, then worked for Casey's. She is survived by her daughter, granddaughter, and great-granddaughter, all of Hillsboro.

Martha (Mizera) Fudoli died in Marshall, MO, but lived in Hillsboro until her health declined. She and husband Mike ran Fudoli's Bargain Store and Fudoli's Car Wash on Rt. 127 South (just before the bridge to Taylor Springs). A member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church, she is survived by daughters Joy Kirchoff, Cassie Gunn, and Becky Bost and their children. Kenneth Cook of Witt worked in car dealerships; his last job was at Jachino's Auto in Nokomis. Dale Renken, a '51 HHS grad and a Navy veteran, ran Renken Construction for over 50 years, building over 120 houses in the Hillsboro area. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Irving; his three daughters survive locally.

Linda Dunlevy of Butler was a Springfield native who came here with her husband as co-owners of Rainmaker Campground where they had their home. Roger Bonney, most recently of Olivet, Michigan, once managed the Sears store in Hillsboro. In Michigan he was very active in his church. Dorothy Grabow once operated the Home Cafe in Hillsboro, where one of her seven sons, Bruce Englin, still lives.

Our Father, each year we in Hillsboro pause three times to give thanks and pray for our veterans - on Memorial Day, on Veterans

Day, and on this Sunday in August when we remember those who left our shore to do battle in a war zone before returning to life, civilian jobs, and often an interrupted family life. In the past year we have lost those who served us during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East conflicts. We offer our thanks to them and to Thee for their safe return; we also pray for safe passage as they go to eternal life.

Among those veterans who passed during the last 12 months was John McCaffrey, an Army vet and a Korean War sharpshooter who returned to work for Ironworkers Local 46. He also worked for the Illinois Bureau of Investigation and owned buildings and businesses in Hillsboro, where he is survived by daughter Heather (Plunkett) and grandson August. Ray Schmollinger of Coffeeen was an Army vet with a tour of duty in Vietnam. A welder as a civilian, his wife Monica and sons Jason and Clint and four grandchildren survive locally.

Charlie Sale of Hillsboro was born in Raymond but graduated from HHS in 1953. He worked as a laborer after his return from serving as an MP during his Army tour. Bill Barto of Coffeeen became a truck driver after serving in Vietnam; his wife, Tammy, and five children survive; son Larry lives in Coffeeen. HHS grad David Clark enlisted in the Air Force after graduation; after his service, he went to work for Hurst-Rosche engineers, eventually opening their branch in Kentucky in 1963.

Nokomis' Ron Thornton was an Army vet who in civilian life was a carpenter and whose son Earl survives in Witt. Dennis Brown grew up in the Irving/Witt area before a tour of duty in Okinawa. He then became a talented CEFS weatherization expert. Two children and five grandchildren survive in the county. James Biggs of Chatham worked as a nurse anesthetist for Hillsboro Area Hospital when he and his family lived here. He was a Vietnam vet before coming to Hillsboro.

Kim Woods of Hillsboro, a veteran of the Women's Army Corps, came back to be a surgical dental assistant. A daughter, Cindy Garman, lives in Hillsboro, and grandchildren grew up here. Larry Wallace of Sorento was in the Marines during the Cuban Missile Crisis and then Vietnam; he returned to work as a welder at CIPS and belonged to Boilmakers #366 for over 30 years. He also was a part-time Sorento police officer, had served on the village board, and was a volunteer fireman for the Shoal Creek Fire Department. Michael Nangle graduated from HHS in 1961 to become a Marine who served in Vietnam. After service he drove trucks long distances. A surviving daughter, Lora Easley, lives in Hillsboro.

Glenn Cole of Wilsonville was born in Hillsboro and served as a Marine Corps machine gunner in Vietnam where he was wounded. Two sisters, Darlene Cole and Janet Halleman, live in Hillsboro; Cole was active in veterans' activities. Joseph L. Cerny of Witt was born in Chicago and spent 20 years in the Army. Then he became a correctional officer at Graham. Active in the Veterans Assistance Commission, he was a Color Guard fixture at local parades.

Louis O. Scroggins was an Army veteran who retired from the IL Department of Corrections. An AFSCME member, he is survived by sons Louie and Craig and their families in the 'Boro and will be remembered for his work with the Junior Football League in the area. Sheila (Altevogt) Smith, a 1970 Witt graduate, grew up in rural Irving and became an Air Force veteran. She worked for the Social Security Administration in Arizona, then relocated to Taylorville to be near family, which includes sister Roberta of Witt. Donald Clausen of Hillsboro, an Army Korean War veteran, was known locally for the visits he made to local nursing homes to cheer the residents. He earlier worked in Michigan.

Doug McCario, a native of Panama and an HHS graduate, served in the Navy before working for 20 years as an aviation mechanic. His son Justin lives in Coffeeen. Russell Young of Litchfield, once of Tower Hill, served with the Navy in WWII and with the Army in the Korean War, and has eight siblings who survive in the local area. Dan Oller of Witt was a Marine veteran who was a mechanic; in civilian life he became a truck driver who is survived by a brother in Witt and a sister in Fillmore. George S. Chaudoin, a Hillsboro native, served a combined 18 years in the Navy and Naval Reserve, including time in the Korean War as a naval aviator. He reached the rank of Commander, then became a civilian airline pilot. His sister, Patty Paden, survives in rural Hillsboro.

William Voyles, a 1947 HHS graduate, served as a medical assistant in the Army during the Korean War. He came home to manage the A&P grocery store that was then

in Butler. He is survived by a son, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Yvonne Dickerson was an Air Force veteran who became an administrative assistant as a civilian and a department commander in the American Legion. She is survived by three sons, all HHS graduates, including Jeffrey of Sorento. Panama's Roger Willman, a '73 graduate of HHS, enlisted in the Air Force; later, as a civilian, he worked for 30 years out of Laborers' Local 338, Wood River. His wife, three children, and four siblings survive. Robert E. "Veteran Bob" Matteson of Springfield, the father of Gayle Matteson of Hillsboro, and served as a Marine in the South Pacific during WWII. He had been a supervisor for Illinois Bell until his 1982 retirement.

Patricia Ellen Frain graduated from HHS and became a colonel in the Air Force. A St. Louis School of Nursing graduate, she served our country from 1970 until 1990 and won numerous medals, even the Legion of Merit Medal after her retirement. She later was elected mayor of Sunrise, TX. Local survivors include a sister, Jane Chesser, and three nieces. "Rob" Robbins of Litchfield, the father of Hillsboro residents Daniel Robbins, Chris Holman, and Mandy Johnson, served in the Air Force for 22 years. He had worked for Sears-Roebuck while it was in Hillsboro.

Gilbert Merkel of Hillsboro, formerly a mayor of Harvel, was an Air Force veteran and a member of the Witt Christian Church. He often served by singing at local churches. Many stepchildren survive locally. Dick Rouse of Benton, the father of Donna Yeske of Witt, was an Army veteran who worked as a mining engineer. Mike Dobrinic of Taylor Springs went to the Marines after his 1958 graduation from HHS. He came home to marry Barbara and to mine coal at first in Coffeeen and then Farmersville. Then he became a computer technician for Pana-Hillsboro Insurance. Brother David and son Bryan live in Hillsboro. Edward Marek of Panama and an HHS graduate was a WWII Army veteran who became an equipment operator for Shell Oil. Survivors include a son, Ken, daughters Carol Cruthis and Janet Akeman, and four grandchildren.

Marine veteran David Duvall of Hillsboro became a truck driver; Jonathan (JD) Morgan, a 2004 graduate of HHS, became a Gunnery Sergeant in the Marine Corps who was deployed twice to Afghanistan. "Don" Titsworth, a Navy veteran who lived in Litchfield, survived five and a half years in the Korean War. His daughter, Jeannie Schmidt, lives in Butler. Lonnie Caulk, an Irving native who moved to Springfield, was an HHS grad who was a volunteer fireman in Irving. A Navy veteran, he worked for Fiat-Allis in Springfield for 22 years; then he drove trucks over the road. His daughter Stacey, three grandchildren, four brothers, and a sister survive.

Floyd Taylor of Irving was a Staff Sergeant in Vietnam; after his service he became a heavy equipment operator at the quarries in Nokomis. His son, Tim Taylor, and family live in Witt. John Cass was born in Springfield. An Army veteran who experienced Vietnam, he married a local girl, Barb Holloway, who survives. Vecie Holt, a native of Tennessee and an Army vet, became a homemaker after her service career ended. A son, Alexander Jones, lives in Coffeeen.

Bill Hagood, born in Irving, attended Illinois College and became a Marine Corporal. Leroy Tiemann of Coffeeen, formerly of the Alton area, was a Navy veteran who had worked as a rigger for Laclede Steel. A daughter, Debby Kious, survives in Coffeeen. Jimmie Warren, an Army veteran, became a boilermaker (Local 363) and then a carpenter/garage door installer after retirement; local survivors include Michelle (husband Jason) Miller of Hillsboro and Holly (husband Ritchie) Welzbacher of Sorento and son Josh (wife Nicole) Warren of Hillsboro.

Fred Roth of Carlinville, a retired farmer, served for 18 months in the Korean War where he led an amphibious team. A son, Rich, survives in Fillmore. Myron Stevenson of Alabama once lived in Hillsboro where he married Rodna Dexheimer and worked for Illinois Power until 1995; he was a Navy vet.

Our Father, as we live in a part of the country with some of the most productive soils of the world, we ought to be in a state of thankfulness expressed in prayer each day of our lives. These saints whose names we next present more likely did that more than the rest of us. We take our good luck as a blessing we deserve; farmers and their wives live closer to the soil and often enjoy the labor from which they now can rest. Farms grow larger, so the member of farmers grow smaller each year. Help us who remain to accept that as Thy will.

Ivan Miller, an Army Sergeant

during the Korean War, came home to Montgomery County to raise hogs, beginning a purebred Duroc business in 1960. He and his wife moved from their Nokomis farm to a home in Hillsboro after retirement; his Durocs were known nationally. Olin Settle and wife Betty worked together on the farm; an Army vet, he also worked at Shell Oil in Wood River. Their son Russell survives in the Irving area with the couple's grandchildren. Rick Payne, a 1973 HHS graduate who graduated from Greenville College in 1977, farmed in the Schram City/Kortkamp area. He also served Hillsboro schools as Transportation Director, a role his father Eustace held before and his wife Cheryl held afterwards. A member of the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church, he also served two terms as a school board member.

Jimmy Belt, a native of Kentucky, was a NASCAR fan, a fertilizer applicator, and a farmhand who lived in the Hillsboro area. Farmhands deserve a special spot in the afterlife. Bob Hoxsey of Donnellson and Sorento worked at Olive Cafe for 32 years but came back to his ground to farm and raise hogs. He was known as a hard worker who liked to be busy, and busy he was. His brother Melvin survives in Hillsboro while two sons survive in Donnellson.

Dean Fuller, a Coffee High grad, and his brother farmed land east and west of Coffeen, but he always took time for civic responsibilities as well. For a time, he was very active in the National Farmers Organization (NFO). A supporter of the Coffeen Library when some of his neighbors were not, he served as a trustee and supervisor of East Fork Township, was a stalwart supporter of the East Fork Baptist Church on Rt. 185 midway between Coffeen and the 'Boro, a founder of Rocky Ford Park just east of Coffeen, and served very quietly on the Hillsboro School Board. Six children and 12 grandchildren survive. John Lee Vandenberg of Nokomis farmed while working for the First National Bank of Nokomis; survivors include two sons, Vincent and Tom of Witt, and sister Marie Sarsany, also of Witt.

William "Bill" Hill of Coffeen, a son of Sollie and Opal Hill of rural Fillmore was a retired farmer and mechanic. His mom survives in Hillsboro; daughter Heather Greenwood (Coffeen) and Heidi Mills (Fillmore) also live in this area. Wes Donaldson of Fillmore was a veteran of the Army National Guard and a member of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. He also found time to farm. Sons Joe and Bryce both graduated from HHS. Richard Harms had been a resident of rural Hillsboro since 1952. While in the Army, he was a tank commander in the Korean War. A lifelong grain/livestock farmer, he also worked a regular shift at Eagle Picher. After that plant closed, he drove a school bus. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Helen Niehaus, who was married to the late Ralph Niehaus, was a farm wife in rural Butler. Besides keeping track of Ralph and helping on the farm, she worked at a Hillsboro bank. Members of Ware's Grove Lutheran Church, they are survived by a son, Brian. Another long-time farm wife, Thelma Brohammer helped husband Lawrence farm northwest of Coffeen and also worked at the courthouse for a while. Son Ben owned the vet clinic south of Hillsboro until he retired a couple years ago; a daughter Linda Schroedter, a nurse, lives in Hillsboro. Bill Lee, who attended Witt High, went to the Navy, then returned to farm and sell real estate until moving to Florida.

Allen VanHuyning of the Butler area was an HHS grad who became a Korean War veteran. After his discharge, he worked in the aircraft industry in Australia and then for Boeing Aircraft in the United States. When he returned, it was back to his home area, to his farm in Butler. Gary Mondthink farmed north of Butler; three daughters, Correna Mondthink, Trisha Wallace, and Kim Schulte, still live in this area.

Always among the saints for whom we pray on this special day are our professionals, these people who persevered with their education beyond high school and then became sharers of their skill sets with the human race. More often than not they deflect thanks we give to them individually, but now we can thank them collectively.

Robert Coleman of Panama was certainly a man of the people. An HHS grad, he fought in Korea before graduating from the U of I, then he finished a long teaching career at Beckemeyer School. He also farmed with his father, brother, and children in the Panama area. He and his wife had ten children who have careers; they were blessed with 17 grandchildren. Pat Andrews, a 1973 HHS grad became a costume designer at Colonial Williamsburg in VA, where millions saw his work, before returning to Central Illinois to be near his family as death approached. Mother Jean and sister Mary live in Mt. Olive; brother Tom survives in Hillsboro.

Mary Jane Wisdom, who was mar-

ried to Dave Wisdom, a county official, taught home economics for 40 years at HHS, dispensing guidance to her students and to incoming faculty members if they would ask, until her retirement in 1991. A member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, she is survived by two daughters who live out of the state. Georgia Sommers, a '64 Witt High graduate, became a registered nurse who worked at Decatur Memorial Hospital and for a clinic in Chillicothe. Dana Anderson of Greenville was "Mrs. A" to her students at Hillsboro Junior High while she taught there.

Vince Calufetti, a 1978 graduate of HHS, earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Arizona State University. Professionally, he worked for the Bank of America and for Wells Fargo in Arizona. He also worked for Senator John McCain before returning to Hillsboro. A Panama native, local survivors include his mother, Shirley, and sisters, Robin (David) Loucks and Maria Calufetti.

Alabama native Anne Wagner came to Hillsboro with husband Bob and three children when he took a supervising job in a local industry. Trained as a nurse, she worked locally as an aide at Beckemeyer. The family attended the local Presbyterian Church. Shirley (Furness) Young of Irving worked for Caterpillar in Decatur as an engineering supervisor, retiring after 33 years, and she passed in Florida. Betty Bell of Carlville was a faithful participant at the Carlville Memorial Christian Church, and among her survivors is Deehan Rives. Dorothy Ruth Plake, the daughter of Rev. David Plake, was born in Hillsboro in 1943. She earned her Masters in Education from ISU. A 1964 graduate of HHS, Tony La Russa became an accountant for Hillsboro Glass and other businesses in the area.

Fran Justison of Springfield earned a Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State and her Master's from the U of I before working as a home economist and 4-H specialist in both Montgomery and Sangamon counties. Then she worked at the Health Department and for Illinois Valley as a prevention specialist with at-risk youth. Starting in 1980, she was employed by Building Blocks Day Care in Springfield. Local connections include Thomas and Tommy Justison. John Skinner from Nokomis was a Coffeen Power Plant Supervisor for a time; he retired from that job. Army vet Hicks Cornett died in South Carolina. Holding a Master's Degree from the U of I, he taught business classes and coached golf at HHS (he also served as yearbook advisor) until resigning in the summer of 1969.

Irene (Green) Washburn, a faithful member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, worked for many superintendents in the unit office of the Hillsboro School District until her retirement in 1982. A 1946 HHS graduate, she was active in 4-H activities as a youth, winning many local and state awards for her projects. Daughter Patsy Bourdounis and granddaughter Cathy Gabeau raised their children in Hillsboro and in their mother's church. Walt Duzan, a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (and of the discussion group on Hardee's parking lot every morning) filled many roles in the area. A Korean War Army vet, he began his career locally as a lab technician at Hillsboro Area Hospital, then worked there as an X-ray tech and ambulance driver before becoming administrator of HAH. His wife survives locally. Jean Stahlschmidt, born near Coffeen to Vernon and Catherine Boas, lived in New Douglas and served as an accountant for SIUE for 25 years; six siblings survive.

Frank Ceney was an institution all to himself while he taught physics and calculus at HHS from 1955 until his retirement in 1991. Before his teaching career he saw active duty in the Army Air Corp and was part of the Corps' change into an Air Force. His wife Mary and children Tom, Pam, and Jim spent summers as part of the Park Service in the West and Northwest. Rodger Best was a special education teacher who plied his trade for a time at Beckemeyer. Hillsboro native Mike White was a local attorney and owned the Sears' franchise in Litchfield for a time. A '62 Hillsboro graduate, he is survived locally by son Jimmy (wife Lisa) White, and their children, Isabella and Tony; five other grandchildren; a brother and four sisters. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he passed the Illinois Bar exam in 1973.

Patricia Morgan was an X-ray technician at HAH and at the McFarlin Medical Center. Husband Don survives in Hillsboro, as does daughter Jennifer (husband Drew) Peterson and their children. Son D.J. lives in Litchfield with their children; the Morgans (Don and Patricia) have five total grandchildren. Greg Moore was married to Linda when she taught math at HHS; he was one of the taller members of the Teachers and Creatures basketball team. He worked at the Kincaid Power Plant at the time, but later became supervisor of power generation for CWLP in Springfield.

Jack Fox, who passed during a stay at a nursing home in Litchfield, lived and worked most of his life in Hillsboro. An Air Force vet and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, he worked at the Coffeen Power Station for over 40 years, retiring as an electrical engineer. He was a member of IBEW and of the Operating Engineers; he is survived by his wife and four children.

Dr. Barbara Scott, born as an Atteberry and a twin in HAH, grew up on a farm near Hillsboro. After she graduated from HHS, she enrolled at U of I at age 16 -- neither was a given back in the day. For a time she worked as a Home Advisor for U of I Extension. Eventually she earned her PhD. from Iowa State University. Her degree was the first Doctor of Philosophy of child development, marriage, and family relationships granted to anyone. A Champaign resident with her husband, she worked as a child psychologist in several Illinois counties, but she always retained an interest in the family's Montgomery County farms. Jerry Hayes of Irving worked in information systems for the Capital Development Board for the state. A 1964 HHS graduate, he served in the Army for two years during the Vietnam era. A member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, he is survived by his wife, Sharol, daughter Shelly (Bergman), three grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and three sisters.

Our Father, we pause to recall memories of one who brought fame to Hillsboro with her career as a showperson in the early days of television. Then Mary Hartline graced us with her presence by moving back to Hillsboro for her later years. Mrs. Donahue lived a quiet life among us despite her fame. A 1945 HHS grad, she was one of the first to put Hillsboro on the national stage. Dot Hoffman of Sorento worked as a nurse at Fair Oaks Nursing Home in Greenville, bringing comfort to many.

Good God in Heaven, the Deity who knows and controls all, we next ask Thy blessings on those who either moved from our community or perhaps never lived here but have children or grandchildren here. These people also labored through life, as we all do; but they have come to eternal rest, as we all will.

We remember with fondness Brenda Kay Bower, who passed unexpectedly in Carlyle after growing up in Hillsboro, a child of Delores and Cleveland Plunkett. She leaves her parents, husband, children, grandchildren, and locally sibling Mike Plunkett (and family), and sister Debbie Patton. The Rev. John Mattson of Morris was an Army vet whose first career was a computer technician; his second was as a Presbyterian minister. One of his surviving sons is Dave Mattson, currently a junior high teacher and high school coach. Four grandchildren (Anne, Joe, Sally, and Mark) also are based locally. Jason Newell moved from Hillsboro to Witt shortly before his untimely death.

Kenneth Darnell lived in Panama as he worked as a guard at the Taylorville Correctional Center. A Vietnam Navy vet, he is survived in Witt by son Jesse, grandson Caleb, and his brother Roger. Phyllis Burge of Chatham, whose granddaughter Marie lives in Hillsboro, had been a co-owner of Burge Glazing Contractors. Ted Zelinski lived in Springfield where he worked for the state's Dept. of Public Health; daughter Julie lives in Hillsboro. Gary Holman of Litchfield worked as a boat builder; his son lives in Hillsboro, and his brother Alan once was an active member of this community.

Dorothy Eickhoff of Belleville, a Hillsboro native and the daughter of Louis and Delores Betoche, became a secretary for the Federal Probation Office in East St. Louis. A sister, Peggy Westbrook, survives here. Linda M. Fellers of Indianapolis was born in Benton and married Fred Fellers in Hillsboro in 1983. Her husband and his sister, Mickie Fellers of Hillsboro are among the survivors. Betty Barry, whose son (and family) live in Coffeen, was a waitress in Vandalia before becoming a crossing guard there for more than 20 years. William Blaeuer, a brother of Mary Kay Sinclair of Coffeen, was a Carlville native who settled in Litchfield; he had been a Second Lieutenant in the Missouri Air Force National Guard.

Michael DalPozzo of Reading, MA, was a senior Financial Analyst in his career. He and brother Mark, former band director of HHS, grew up in Staunton; he eventually lived in Seattle and La Crosse, WI. Sherri Long, a CNA from Litchfield, leaves two sisters, one of whom, Tammy Barto, lives in Coffeen. Sherry (Brown) Niemeyer, moved out of state after raising son Michael in Hillsboro. Her sister Jennifer (Bob) Campbell survives in Hillsboro; Sherry was a past member of Calvary Baptist Church. Carol (Ivy) Pokora was born in Fillmore. She worked for and retired from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; her brother Larry Ivy lives in the Fillmore area.

David Rottinghaus was the son of Hillsboro couple Glenn and Betty Rottinghaus who lived his adult life in Lewiston. David Graden of

Coalton had farmed in the Nokomis area. Among other jobs he taught fifth grade for a time. Brother Dennis (wife Irene) lives in rural Hillsboro. Beverly A. Balmer of Millersburg but a native of Aledo was the mother of HHS faculty member Tim Morford. He and her grandchildren Rylee and Reese Morford survive in rural Hillsboro. Doris J. Schaeffer worked in the mailroom and the copy center of Greenville College before her retirement. She has five surviving children, including Kathleen Lewey of the Hillsboro area. Kord and Creed Lewey are her grandchildren. Marine Corps vet Dennis Pearse of Nokomis worked at Firestone in Decatur; three sisters survive in Witt. Jon Aaron Phillips, 67, of Shobonier, a 1972 Vandalia High and a '76 U of I graduate, is survived more locally by son Eric (Laura) Phillips of Hillsboro.

James Bergman of Dowell had lived in Hillsboro. He mined coal for 32 years, and he was a Little League coach. Daughter Lora (Watson) and sister Diane live in Hillsboro. Donald Janssen of Carlville left a sister, Donna Hemken, in the Hillsboro area. Angie DeRight lived in Pekin after being the eldest of seven children born in Panama. She outlived the other six. She was a bookkeeper until she retired in 1971. 1956 HHS graduate Harold Woodruff became a forester for the Federal government, often leading fire-fighting forestry crews against major fires across the U.S. He was a member of the Marine Corps Reserve; local survivors include cousin Barb (Conway) Majors.

Kevin Young of Litchfield was a construction worker who passed in January of this year. His mother, Tjode Lee (Barnes) Young, graduated from HHS in 1956. She was a member of the Butler Union Church and had retired from the Illinois Secretary of State's office. Sharon Peterson of Greenville leaves her sister Naomi Redding in Sorento. Martha Wrachford-Metternich was born in Hillsboro in the early '50s. Married here, she later moved to Springfield. Holder of an AA degree from Lincoln Land, she worked as an RN for Memorial Medical Center for 15 years. Her daughter Mary attended local schools. Carol Dever of Fillmore was born in Cowden and lived most of her life in Ramsey, managing her mom's cafe there. A member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ramsey, she is survived locally by her daughter, Mrs. Tammy Trost, and her granddaughter, Kayla Trost.

Helen (Davis) Stephens graduated from HHS in 1957. She and her husband Jerry Stephens contributed charitably to many organizations throughout their lifetimes. Locally she is survived by a brother, Donald L. Davis of Coffeen. Todd Savant of Bend was a contractor whose father, Bud Savant, lives in Coffeen. Allen Schulte of Highland was a lineman and a supervisor there until his retirement in 1992; grandson Tom survives in Hillsboro. Annelda Gordon, once of Litchfield, where she candled eggs for the Anderson Egg Plant and was a homemaker, is survived by daughter Diane White, granddaughter Leslie Murray, and two great-grandchildren in Irving. Kathy Ann Davis of Petersburg is survived by two sons locally, Jeremy White of Hillsboro and Shane White of Fillmore.

Gaye Bosecker of Colfax, LA, was a sister of Hillsboro's Kathy Tapley. Mona Blazich of Nokomis was a homemaker there who is survived by a daughter in Witt. Mrs. Blazich set an example by her activities in her community and for her church. Jeana Whitley of Sherman was the wife of HHS grad and airline pilot Dennis Whitley; she was a retired flight attendant. Sorento native Wilma (Voyles) Simburger spent her last years in Bethalto after working for Roller Derby in Litchfield for 24 years before becoming a caregiver. Joe Holtschulte's sister Cindy Elser resided in Tipp City, OH, but died in North Carolina. She was an educator for 35 years. Christine Kay Rall of Harpster, OH, was the sister of Michelle (Joe) Holtschulte. The Rev. Rick McGee of Oklahoma and Randy McGee of Ohio have a family connection in Hillsboro and Sorento. Claudette Jett lived in Litchfield; a brother Charles and wife Sandy Jeffers live in Hillsboro.

Melissa Ridens of Greenville was raised in the Coffeen area and moved to Louisburg, MO, where she worked as a home health care provider. Surviving are brothers Sam and John Chumley, Pete and Gerry Ridens, and six sisters, many of whom attended Hillsboro area schools. Barbara Beeson of Casey earlier lived in Hillsboro and then Fillmore, and she worked for Hillsboro Glass for 14 years. Surviving in this area are her daughter Debbie Wygal and son John (and family) Beeson of Witt. Doris Corbin was born in Hillsboro, attended HHS, and worked at Hillsboro Glass and at a local bank before moving to Glen Carbon. Betty Lagant of Greenville was her husband's helpmate on their dairy farm; she is survived locally by Mrs. Judy (Gary) Laurent, her daughter, of the Butler area.

Nancy Huddleston was born in Hillsboro but lived in Nokomis and

graduated from NHS in 1973 before beginning work as a CNA. Three sisters (Marilyn Carver, Tricia Currie and Sandy Gregg) live in Witt. Velma Durbin of Morrisonville retired from St. Vincent's Hospital in Taylorville. Among her survivors are Mrs. Peggy Jo (Jerry) Anderson of Butler. Richard Weller of Nokomis was a mechanic who owned a business in Long Creek (Macon County). He is survived by a brother in Hillsboro and a sister in Witt. Ethel (White) Stewart of Mulberry Grove was born and married in Coffeen, then spent the rest of her years in the Grove.

Inez R. Sidwell began her working career at the Crane Packing Company in Vandalia and ended it as a department manager at Walmart there. A lifelong Baptist, one of her children, Mrs. Kay (Everett) Miller of Coffeen, is local. Hazel Blaskovich of Staunton taught in one-room schoolhouses before moving on to other jobs. A son survives in the Butler area. Jackie (Harry) Hickey of Bend was an Army Korean War veteran who came back to civilian life to be an officer for United Community Banks. His daughter, Bonny Smith, and grandsons, Jake and Cody Smith, live in Hillsboro.

Elizabeth Miller of Venice, FL, was born and educated in Hillsboro. Upon the death of her father, Rice Miller, she became the manager of the farmland and real estate, including the historic house on the hill overlooking the Rt. 16/127 intersection south of Hillsboro. She reportedly enjoyed returning to Hillsboro for Old Settlers days. Anna M. Holmes of Bethalto was a Witt native who worked at the glass factory and a local dress factory before moving to the Metro-East. Grace Titsworth of Litchfield worked for Echlin Manufacturing in the neighboring city. Daughter Jeanie Schmidt of Butler and son David Titsworth of Hillsboro are area survivors. Jerome (Jerry) Mollet, who lived in Wisconsin, is survived locally by a sister, Wilma Holcman and brother Mike, both of Sorento.

1964 HHS graduate Gary Cartwright lived in Litchfield when he became a meat cutter for the A&P and Kroger grocery stores and at the Corner Store in Ramsey. He was a member of Meat Cutters UFCW Local 655. His son Doug lives in Hillsboro. Homer Delahunt of Nokomis was a WWII Army Air Corp vet; then he served in the Air Force for 20 years as the Army Air Corps transitioned into the Air Force. After his military career he became an agent for Farmers' Insurance. Among his survivors are daughter Marilyn Kunz of Hillsboro and Colleen Knisley of Witt. Marian Waddell of Kenosha, WI, but formerly of Fayette County, is survived by her daughter, Sherry Nelson of Irving.

Michael McClean, Sr., of Troy, remodeled many homes in Southwestern Illinois; daughter Laura Lee Huber is a survivor in rural Coffeen. Linda Brust of Springfield was an Army veteran who became a state worker and a Springfield Park District employee after her honorable discharge from the service. She is survived locally by Melissa Caldwell and her family. Army vet Danny Taylor passed in Harrisburg; he had worked at True Weld in Litchfield before it closed. Four brothers survive locally. Couple Maynard and Linda Jett of Holiday Shores died within hours of each other. Local survivors include brothers Darrell in Donnellson and Dallas in Hillsboro and sisters Faye Compton and Deanna Brewer, both in Panama.

Carol Rinehart moved with her family to Hillsboro in 1988, when husband Larry became an electrical inspector for the Mine Safety and Health Administration based in Hillsboro at the time. The family was here until 2009. Carol was the mother of three who attended Hillsboro schools and the United Methodist Church. Roberta (Ratterman) Brust-Meyer of Springfield was an HHS graduate who held several jobs in the state capital, including work at Memorial Medical Center. "Terri" Mitchell of Jerseyville, but formerly of Litchfield, leaves daughter Janice Zook who once lived in Hillsboro and teaches music for Hillsboro schools. Gay Heard, a Mulberry Grove area realtor, is survived by a daughter, Emily Bone, in Irving.

Randy Hellman of Carlyle served as a staff member of AFCSME; his son Michael lives in Hillsboro. 1961 HHS graduate Mary (Marten) Brown lived in Farmersville and worked for the state for more than 20 years. Mildred Busby of Pawnee was Mildred Hoehn when she graduated from Witt High. Sheryl Ann Beechler of Carlville, once of Litchfield, worked at Burger Chef and Hardees in Litchfield and for the Litchfield News Herald. Local survivors include her brother Bill and sisters Judy Schultz and Ruth Wilkolaski, both of Irving. David Fleming of Litchfield is survived by brother Jack of Hillsboro. Jerry Madden was an Army veteran from Gillespie who mined in Coffeen. His daughter Melissa Gould lives in Taylor Springs.

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Myrah Noyes was crowned 2021 Old Settlers Little Miss on Saturday evening, July 31, in downtown Hillsboro. She is pictured above, in front, with her court. In back are Karsyn Jones, 2019 Old Settlers Little Miss Addy Holly, Hadley Kennedy, 2019 Old Settlers Queen Caitlyn Howard, 2019 Old Settlers Junior Miss Lucy Moxey, Marlee Wrachford, first runner-up and Miss Photogenic Briella Osborn and 2021 Old Settlers Little Mister Tripp Blevins.

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Jenna Durbin was crowned 2021 Old Settlers Little Miss on Saturday evening, July 31, in downtown Hillsboro. Pictured above, in front, from the left are 2021 Old Settlers Little Mister Tripp Blevins, 2021 Old Settlers Junior Miss Jenna Durbin and 2021 Old Settlers Little Miss Myrah Noyes. In the second row are Miss Photogenic Gracelynn Crayne, Bailey Davis, second runner-up Kaelyn Benning, 2019 Old Settlers Queen Caitlyn Howard, Madelyn Robinson, 2019 Old Settlers Junior Miss Lucy Moxey, Emersyn Trader, first runner-up Emily Irvine, Piper Walk, Angel Spensberger and 2019 Old Settlers Little Miss Addy Hollo.

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## Old Settlers Pageants Kick Off 2021 Celebration

Adding a little sparkle and shine to this year's 138th Old Settlers celebration was the crowning of new royalty, held on Saturday evening, July 31, on the Old Settlers stage in downtown Hillsboro.

New royalty includes 2021 Old Settlers Little Mister Tripp Blevins, 2021 Old Settlers Little Miss Myrah Noyes and 2021 Old Settlers Junior Miss Jenna Durbin.

Old Settlers President Mary Brown welcomed everyone to the pageants.

"Old Settlers has been part of Hillsboro since 1884, and we're counting on many, many more because of you," Brown said to the audience. "You're what makes it great."

Brown also said the Old Settlers Association is in need of volunteers to make the celebration a success each year.

She would go on to introduce Sheridan Lyerla, this year's pageant director and emcee. Lyerla thanked the pageant sponsors, including Dairy Queen, McDonald's,

CNB Bank and Trust, TCCU and Dean Funeral Homes.

Up first, candidates for junior miss performed a dance routine and introduced themselves to the judges. Following their performance, little miss and little mister candidates wore a costume featuring what they wanted to be when they grew up and were interviewed by 2019 Old Settlers Queen Caitlyn Howard. She was assisted by 2019 Old Settlers Junior Miss Lucy Moxey and 2019 Old Settlers Little Miss Addy Hollo. Visiting royalty and former Old Settlers queens and little misses also had a chance to introduce themselves.

The junior miss contestants had a chance to show a bit of their personality with a "hometown honey" themed outfit, followed by the little miss and little mister contestants in their formal wear.

The pageant concluded with a formal wear competition for the junior miss contestants and pop question.

To end the evening, three charming young people were selected to represent the Hillsboro community in the coming year.

In the little mister division, Tripp Blevins, five-year-old son of Mindy Blevins, was crowned the winner, as well as Mr. Photogenic. Other contestants were Huntley Durbin, five-year-old son of Jordan Butler and Jon Durbin of Hillsboro and Izenn Gore, six-year-old son of Ashtyn Hartman of Donnellson.

In the little miss division, Myrah Noyes, six-year-old daughter of Robert and Stephanie Noyes of Hillsboro, won this year's crown, followed by Briella Osborn, six-year-old daughter of TJ Osborn and Erica Fleming of Hillsboro, who was named first runner-up and Miss Photogenic.

Other little miss contestants were Karsyn Jones, six-year-old daughter of Matthew and Shay Jones of Hillsboro, Hadley Kennedy, six-year-old daughter of Dora and Steven

Kennedy of Hillsboro and Marlee Wrachford, six-year-old daughter of Nita Wrachford and Brayden Hydron.

In the junior miss division, Jenna Durbin, 12-year-old daughter of Travis and Kendra Durbin of Hillsboro, took home the crown. First runner-up went to Emily Irvine, 11-year-old daughter of Jason and Melanie Irvine of Hillsboro. Second runner-up was Kaelyn Benning, ten-year-old daughter of Aaron and Lindsey Benning of Hillsboro. Miss Photogenic was awarded to Gracelynn Crane, ten-year-old daughter of Brandon and Kylie Kirby of Hillsboro and Paul and Ashley Crane of Taylor Springs. Fellow junior miss contestants voted Piper Walk, ten-year-old daughter of Jeremy and Tara Walk of Hillsboro as Miss Congeniality.

Other junior miss contestants included Bailey Davis, 12-year-old daughter of Brandi Christian and Jason Davis of Hillsboro; Madelyn Robinson, ten-year-old daughter of Sarah Robinson of Hillsboro; Angel Spensberger, ten-year-old daughter of Jake and Heather Spensberger of Irving; and Emersyn Trader, 11-year-old daughter of Brandon and Angelica Trader of Hillsboro.

In each division, Miss and Mister Photogenic was



Tripp Blevins was crowned 2021 Old Settlers Little Mister on Saturday evening, July 31, in downtown Hillsboro. He is pictured above, in front, with his court. In back are Izenn Gore, 2019 Old Settlers Queen Caitlyn Howard, 2019 Old Settlers Little Miss Addy Hollo, 2019 Old Settlers Junior Miss Lucy Moxey and Huntley Durbin.

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awarded to the contestant with the most monetary votes. Canisters were set up during the month of July at CNB Bank and Trust in Hillsboro for voting.

## Litchfield Hosts Blood Drive On Tuesday

The St. Louis Cardinals baseball team is joining with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive in Litchfield on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Litchfield Moose Lodge, located at 221 North Madison Street. Presenting donors will receive a Cardinal baseball T-Shirt.

The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage. The donations given at this drive will help stock the shelves for the rest of the summer season. All blood types are needed.

Potential donors are encouraged to make an appointment online and sign in to the

Rapid Pass tool on Tuesday. Rapid Pass 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.

A photo ID card will be required to make a donation. Donors must be at least 17, or 16 years old with a signed parental consent, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Those planning to donate are instructed to eat at regular mealtimes and drink plenty of water prior to donating; foods rich in iron, since only blood with good iron levels will be accepted for

donation. According to FDA regulations, donors may give 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. Visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Litchfield Moose or call 1-800-733-2767 to learn more and schedule an appointment.

While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins will be accepted. Organizers said that there are usually more open times in the afternoon. Facial coverings are required for those not fully vaccinated.



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"Every nut and bolt," Michael Hellmann of Hillsboro said of the labor of love restoring his 1969 Chevy Chevelle, which won best of show in the Old Settlers Car Show on Sunday. From the left are Hellmann with a \$100 check from Red Rooster, Tony Marcolini with the incredible "best of show" trophy he crafted, and car show organizers Amy and Rod Stewart.

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## Beauty & BRAWN Open Old Settlers



Adding to the sparkle and shine of opening weekend at this year's Old Settlers celebration was the crowning of new royalty in pageants held Saturday evening, July 31, in downtown Hillsboro. Pictured above, from the left are 2021 Old Settlers Little Mister Tripp Blevins, 2021 Old Settlers Junior Miss Jenna Durbin and 2021 Old Settlers Little Miss Myrah Noyes.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



This year's Old Settlers Car Show drew 156 entries, including this green 1932 Ford Roadster, admired by Carols Luevana and David Meyers.

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Voices from multiple churches come together to form the choir at the Old Settlers Worship Service Sunday morning at Beckemeyer School. Front row, from the left, are Tami Moler, Laura Sturm, Sandy Leitheiser, Liz Allen, Bev Burton, Mary Herschelmann and Charlotte Herschelmann, and accompanist Irene Graden. Deeper voices in the back row come from John Galer, August Plunkett and Kyle Furness.

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The Old Settlers Association president wears lots of different hats throughout the celebration. On Sunday afternoon, President Mary Brown could be found measuring pigtails and ponytails during this year's contest at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Pictured above, Lauren Cullison won first place in her age division with a 25-inch ponytail.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann



One of the favorite activities on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1, was the free kids' face painting in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. Roberta Bellwood of Berta Creations in Vandalia creates a cat face on three-year-old Halle Wright. Halle is the daughter of Adam and Amanda Wright of Hillsboro.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann

**Thursday, August 5th**  
10 a.m. - Kiddie Parade  
6:30 p.m. - Old Settlers Parade



It's not all work and no play for this year's Old Settlers royalty. 2021 Old Settlers Little Mister Tripp Blevins got a turn at the pedal pull on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1. This year's event was put together by the Hillsboro High School FFA chapter with more than 40 entries in four age groups.

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann

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We welcome Dr. Rachel Helgen to Vision Care Associates! Dr. Helgen, a Litchfield, IL native, obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences and graduated summa cum laude from Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville in 2017. Dr. Helgen earned her Doctorate Degree and graduated with highest honors from Indiana University School of Optometry in 2021. Dr. Helgen provides complete family eye care including fitting contact lenses and treatment of eye diseases. Dr. Helgen also has an emphasis in myopia management and dry eye treatment.



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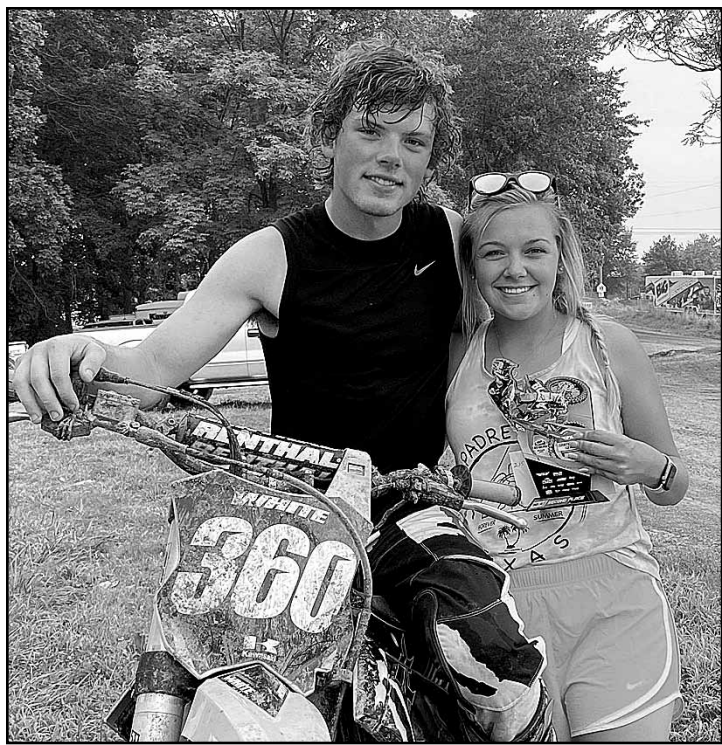
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It may not have been the fastest race at this year's Old Settlers celebration, but it was sure one of the most fun. The Hillsboro Sertoma Club hosted the annual turtle races on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 1, on the lawn of the Historic Courthouse with 18 entries in this year's competition. Pictured above, from the left are first runner-up Archer Durbin, son of Jon Durbin and Jordan Butler of Hillsboro, grand champion Silas Randall, son of Dustin Randall of Hillsboro and Hillsboro Sertoma Club President Jack Evans, who presented the awards.

Journal-News/John M. Galer



Ty White and Macey Blevins celebrate White's win in the Open Beginner class at the Fly Racing Showdown Series at Lincoln Trail Motorsports in Casey on Sunday, July 25.

## White Picks Up Win In Fly Racing Series

Ty White beat out 17 other riders to take first place in the Open Beginner class at the Fly Racing Showdown Series event at Lincoln Trail Motorsports in Casey on Sunday, July 25.

Consistency was key for White, who finished second and third in the two motos to beat Austin Metz of Saint Jacob, who finished first and fourth to take the runner-up spot.

White was one of 29 entries from the *Journal-News* Motorsports area to compete in Casey. While he was the only winner, several other racers also had good days at Lincoln Trail.

On the adult side, Anthony Krivi of Nokomis took second in both the 25+ A and 30+ A classes, with Adam Wright of Hillsboro finishing fourth in the latter. Litchfield's Chris Short (eighth) and Derek Birkenkamp (12th) also raced in the 30+ A division.

In the C class, Kevin Young (Litchfield) finished 13th in 250cc C, while Ryan Petroski (Irving) was 11th in the Open C race. Edgar Lewis of Girard (2nd in 250cc B and 13th in Schoolboy 2) and Gerald Harrison, Jr. of Morrisonville (4th in 40+ B/C) rounded out the adult ranks with a pair of top fives.

In the youth races, Corbin Durbin of Morrisonville had one of the top finishes, taking third in the 85cc Open (9-15) class, while also finishing seventh in the 85cc Junior (9-11) class. Trenton Kimbro of Taylor Springs finished 29th in 85cc Open, one of three classes he raced in as he also finished 11th in 85cc senior (12-15) and 17th in Super Mini (12-16).

Several other young racers also competed in multiple classes. Hillsboro's Holden Wright took a top 10 in 50cc Pee Wee (4-8) with a sixth place finish and also placed 17th in 50cc Junior (4-6). Huntley Durbin, also of Hillsboro, was 14th in the 50cc junior and seventh in Mini-E (4-8).

Litchfield's Grayson Short was 10th in the Mini-E class and 15th in the 50cc Pee Wee, while Hudson Wright was 11th in 65cc Junior (7-9) and 27th in the 65cc Open (7-11) class.

The Bone brothers, Camron and Hank, competed in three classes, with Hank taking 12th in 50cc Shaft/Shifter Beginner (4-8) and Camron placing 10th in 65cc Junior and 24th in 65cc Open.

Morrisonville's Lana Harrison and Callen Harrison rounded out the field with a third place finish in the 65cc Girls (7-11) class and a 42nd place finish in the 65cc Junior (7-9) class respectively.

The next Fly Racing Showdown Series event is Sunday, Aug. 29, the Ironman National, at Ironman Raceway in Crawfordsville, IN.

- July 25 at Casey Fly Racing Showdown Series at Lincoln Trail**
- 65cc Girls (7-11):** 3. Lana Harrison (Morrisonville)
- 50cc Shaft/Shifter Beginner (4-8):** 12. Hank Bone (Litchfield)
- 50cc Pee Wee (4-8):** 6. Holden Wright (Hillsboro); 15. Grayson Short (Litchfield)
- 50cc Junior (4-6):** 14. Huntley Durbin (Hillsboro); 17. Holden Wright (Hillsboro)
- Mini-E (4-8):** 7. Huntley Durbin (Hillsboro); 10. Grayson Short (Litchfield)
- 65cc Junior (7-9):** 10. Camron Bone (Litchfield); 11. Hudson Wright (Hillsboro); 42. Callen Harrison (Morrisonville)
- 65cc Open (7-11):** 24. Camron Bone (Litchfield); 27. Hudson Wright (Hillsboro)
- 85cc Junior (9-11):** 7. Corbin Durbin (Morrisonville)
- 85cc Senior (12-15):** 11. Trenton Kimbro (Taylor Springs)
- 85cc Open (9-15):** 3. Corbin Durbin (Morrisonville); 29. Trenton Kimbro (Taylor Springs)
- Super Mini (12-16):** 17. Trenton Kimbro (Taylor Springs)
- Schoolboy 2 (12-17):** 13. Edgar Lewis (Girard)
- 25+ A:** 2. Anthony Krivi (Nokomis)
- 30+ A:** 2. Anthony Krivi (Nokomis); 4. Adam Wright (Hillsboro); 8. Chris Short (Litchfield); 12. Derek Birkenkamp (Litchfield)
- 40+ B/C:** 4. Gerald Harrison, Jr. (Morrisonville)
- 250cc B:** 2. Edgar Lewis (Girard)
- 250cc C:** 13. Kevin Young (Litchfield)
- Open C:** 11. Ryan Petroski (Irving)
- Open Beginner:** 1. Ty White (Taylor Springs)



With relics of the area's baseball history surrounding one of the televisions set up at the Bottomley-Ruffing-Schalk Baseball Museum in Nokomis for Reid Detmers' Major League debut on Sunday, Aug. 1, fans watched the Nokomis-born left-hander battle the Oakland Athletics.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto

## Detmers Makes Major League Debut

by Kyle Herschelmann

Four hundred seventeen days after Reid Detmers heard his name called as the number 10 pick in the Major League Baseball draft, the Nokomis native heard his name called once again, this time echoing out over the crowd at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, CA.

On Sunday, Aug. 1, Detmers made his Major League debut with the Los Angeles Angels, earning the start against Oakland on his new home field. Just eight days earlier, the 22-year-old lefty had made his Triple A debut, a six-inning, nine strikeout gem in Salt Lake City's win over Las Vegas on July 24.

The start of Sunday's game went as well as it could have for Detmers as he gave up one hit and one walk in the first two innings, with a pair of strikeouts featuring his curve ball, which Angels' broadcasters dubbed "Hell's Rainbow."

In the third, he would run

into some trouble as two of the first three batters reached on a pair of singles to Elvis Andrus and Starling Marte. Oakland all-star Matt Olson, who was Detmers' first strikeout victim, got even with the rookie hurler as he put the first pitch he saw in his second at-bat over the center field fence.

After a ground out and a walk, Yan Gomes belted homer number two of the inning, which gave Oakland a 5-3 lead in the third before Detmers collected the third out.

The fourth inning was more like the first two as Detmers got two ground outs and a fly out on just seven pitches. Unfortunately his day would come to an end in the top of the fifth as he got Marte to ground out, but hit Olson and allowed a single to Jed Lowrie.

Lowrie would eventually come around to score on a single by Gomes, with the Athletics' sixth run charged to Detmers. His final line would be: 4.1 innings pitched, six



Straight out of *Take Me Out To The Ball Game*, the televisions at the Bottomley-Ruffing-Schalk Baseball Museum showed Reid Detmers' Major League debut on Aug. 1.

James Ryan/NokoPhoto

on the season.

The loss should do nothing to take the shine off Detmers' accomplishment, which was witnessed by his family, including mom Erica and dad Kris, who were interviewed by Bally Sports West during their broadcast.

Detmers is just the second pitcher from the 2020 draft to make the majors, behind Garrett Crochet of the Chicago White Sox. He's also thought to be the first player from Montgomery County to be the starting pitcher for a Major League game since Witt's Glen Hobbie made nine starts for the Cubs and Cardinals in 1964.

Just the fact that Detmers made it to the "Show" is an accomplishment few can claim and his presence in Anaheim shows that with a lot of hard work and dedication, the road to the majors can run through anywhere, even Montgomery County.

earned runs, two strikeouts, two walks, one hit batsman and 55 strikes on 82 pitches.

The other Angel pitchers didn't fare much better, giving up two more runs to give Oakland an 8-3 win, which dropped Los Angeles to 52-53

## Cruthis Continues To Gain Ground With Win

Panama's Case Cruthis picked up his third win in five events as the Crossroads Racing Series was at High Fly in Scottsburg, IN on July 24-25.

Cruthis was the only rider in the 4-Stroke Intermediate division to make it seven laps, running a time of 48:32. His cousin, Gideon Cruthis, also competed in the 4-Stroke class and finished eighth with a time of 50:22 for four laps.

Despite missing the first race of the series, Case Cruthis is currently fifth overall in Intermediate points and third in the 4-Stroke class, just five points behind Addie Tuttle

and 11 behind Auburn Boyer. In his five races, he hasn't finished lower than fourth. Gideon Cruthis is 15th in Intermediate points and 8th in the 4-Stroke class.

Round seven of the Crossroads Series will be on Aug. 14-15, at Ridge Run in Bloomfield, IN.

**July 24 at Scottsburg, IN Crossroads Round 6 Intermediate 4-Stroke:** 1. Case Cruthis (Panama) - 7 laps, 48:32; 8. Gideon Cruthis (Panama) - 4 laps, 50:22

Panama's Case Cruthis (at right) picked up his third win in the Crossroads Racing Series on July 24.



Thirty-one runners and walkers took to the streets and hills of Hillsboro on Saturday, July 31, for this year's Old Settlers four-mile fun run and two-mile walk. From the left are Elijah Atkins, Isaiah Atkins, Andrew Thomack and Nathan Potts, who won the inaugural team award, with Potts also taking the title of first finisher and fastest male. On the far right, Laura Lessman was the fastest female in the race, which staggered start times for the runners.

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## Fun Run Reigns In The Rain To Start Old Settlers

It seems to always rain at least one day during Old Settlers, but a steady downpour didn't stop the annual Old Settlers Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, July 31, in Hillsboro.

Twenty-three hardy souls were signed up prior to Saturday's event, but even more came despite the visit from Mother Nature, with 31 eventually traversing the hilly course that started on Wood Street.

Nathan Potts, Eli Atkins, Isaiah Atkins and Andrew

Thomack competed in the newly formed team division and were also the first four finishers, despite being among the final runners to take off in the staggered start.

All four are connected to Greenville University, with Potts (O'Fallon, MO) and the Atkins brothers (Hillsboro) all in their sophomore year at Greenville. Thomack, a Litchfield grad, is an assistant professor of mathematics at the university.

Kristi Sabo would be the

first woman to cross the finish line, with a chip time of 31:55.75. Debbie Atkins and Laura Lessman would be the second and third overall in the women's division, with Lessman running the fastest chip time on the female side at 30:28.42.

In addition to the top finishers, some of the race's stalwarts were there, like Derek Malloy (who hasn't missed an Old Settlers race since 1993), Litchfield's Rick Weatherford and Paul Spinner, who at 77

years old is still pounding the pavement with the best of them.

For the walkers, Lisa Traylor was first, followed by Ross Owens, Mary Brown, Edward Applegate and Tricia Aber.

The race benefits the Montgomery County Cancer Association, who handed out drinks and snacks to the competitors after the race, which was organized by the M&M Multisport Club. For more photos check out this article at [www.thejournal-news.net](http://www.thejournal-news.net)

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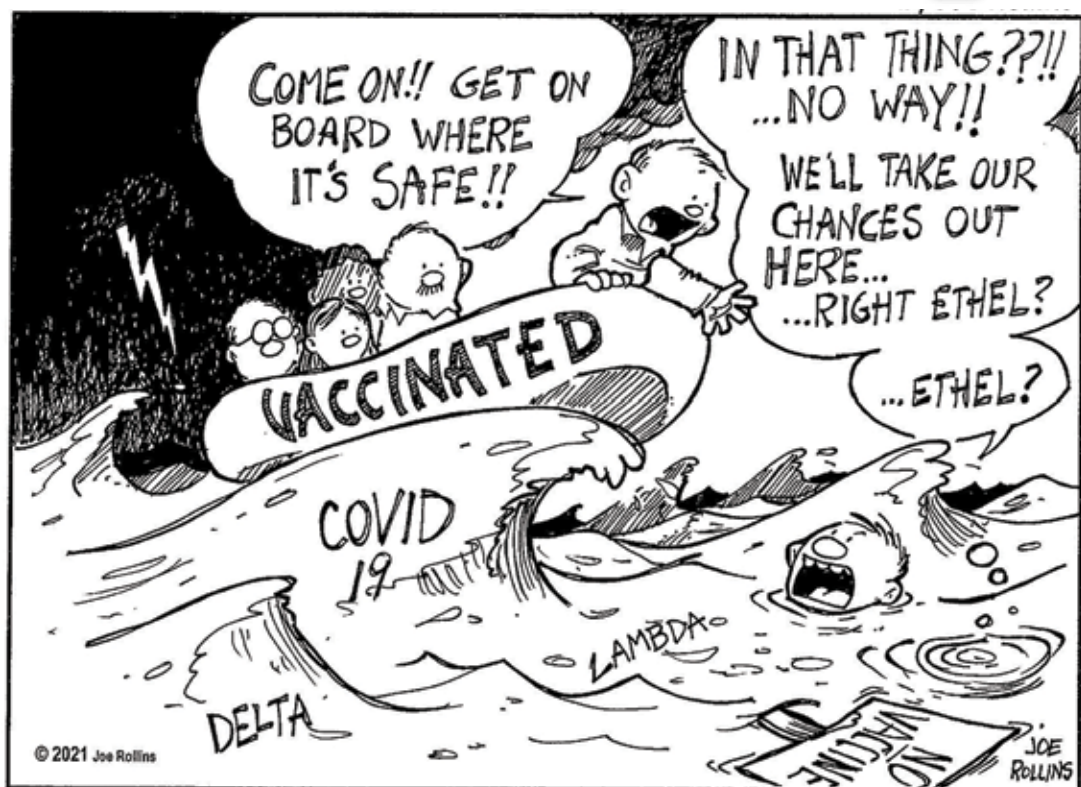
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# Opinion



RAMBLINGS • by Ron Deabenderfer

## The Best Friends I Have



I caught her again. When daughter Dawn was an upper classperson at Hillsboro High, she and I had different standards for her conduct. Her mom had always been a goody-two-shoes (so much so that one of our acquaintances at the junior college we attended would direct a bit of ridicule in our direction if we were out together. Peggy would bow her head, clasp her hands under her chin as if she were praying, and snicker at us).

Partially because WWJ was a church-related, conservative school, I don't think there was much drinking among the students. The legal age to drink beer then was 21; since it was a junior college, not many of the attendees were even 20. There were no keggers; the majority of the soccer players were from overseas and a few of them were probably over 21, but I personally only knew of two incidents when a kid had alcohol in his room. One of my friends, a local, claimed to have a mason jar of shine in his room, but I never saw it.

The soccer team seldom took overnight trips. When I was a freshman, we went to UNC and Duke to play their freshmen, and as a sophomore we rode in coach-driven station wagons to Buffalo, N.Y., for a national tournament (we finished third), but we hung together in whatever accommodations we were offered, and no one drank.

Smoking was a different matter; students could, and many did, smoke in Gladfelter, the student lounge. I didn't. I wanted so desperately to be athletic that I didn't want anything in my body that would slow me down. Judy didn't. Her dad lit up a pipe when thinking pensively and her brother smoked cigarettes, but not until I wasn't around him much. I suspect he picked that and other habits up when he attended Penn State. Judy's mom was a sweet lady who probably never did anything wrong, and Judy and her three sisters seemed cut from the same cloth.

My dad smoked, and it killed him. Judy's dad, Dean, and her brother quit after seeing what it did to him. My mom was like Judy's mom—a good example of how one should live a conservative life-style for her kids. My sister, whose soprano voice was pure enough to earn her recognition beyond high school, did smoke after she left home; she no longer smokes, nor does she sing.

I suppose couples paired off for sexual experiences at WWJ, but I wasn't conscious of it. I have been called naive before; not only do I admit that, but I consider it a compliment. Judy shared that naive; the college had a *No Display of Affections* rule that seemed to me to be open to interpretation—hand-holding was acceptable, but that was as far as Judy and her friends, at least most of them, would go; and I was okay with that.

She and I revisited WWJ once when Dawn was looking for a college home; by then it was a four year school. Several observations jarred me on that visit, but the beer bottles sitting on the curb outside my old dorm was perhaps the most upsetting. There were more dorms, more students—and the one who gave Dawn the campus tour was a hippie from Chicago. When I went there, it was primarily mountain kids whose life-style mirrored mine. I also wasn't happy with the way half the members of the baseball team (eating a pre-game meal in the dining hall) turned to leer at Dawn when we walked in. I also began to think of the geographic mountains between us if she called and needed us if/after she decided to attend there.

The choice was hers, as it should have been. She attended a math class (we were there over Easter vacation during her junior year) and came back unimpressed; the math class she had here (Mr. Roger Reeves was the teacher) was far beyond what that college class was.

WWJ is still a relatively small private college nestled in the Smokies just outside Asheville, NC, but it no longer has a church affiliation and no longer attracts the same type of student it did in the early 1960s. It's academic reputation has risen steadily, but I'm thankful I was there in simpler times.

I've been back two other times. When elder granddaughter Kaylyn had her driver's permit, she and I took the Thunderbird on a road trip to WWJ. I thought she needed interstate highway driving experience, and I wanted to visit Pat and Ernst Laurson. Ernst had been the farm manager (and thus my work boss) for the two years I attended. For some reason, yet to be understood in my mind, I was so into a farm life-style that I needed a way to transition into the world of academia, where I have since convinced myself that I belonged. He was also the school's basketball coach, and I became the scorekeeper who traveled with the team to keep the book. He served too as the gymnastics coach; we didn't compete against other schools but did put on tumbling exhibitions for organizations in Asheville and its environs. Because I could run

and jump, I was all right on floor exercises (mat stuff) and a box called the vault, but I was useless on the apparatus we had. Parallel bars, on which he could perform well even at an advanced age (if I were 19/20, he was 32/33—funny how that doesn't seem like an advanced age now) struck fear into me that led to a life-lesson on my part which he was too gracious to mention. In short, he was one of those people I needed to meet when I did to go onto live the life I've lived, and I'll always be grateful.

The other visit came in 2004. I traveled there by Amtrak because I hadn't traveled by train since a government-paid round trip from Carlinville to St. Louis for my draft physical some 50 years before, and I was curious. So I went to homecoming at WWJ because it was the 40th reunion of the team that went to Buffalo. Not many teammates made it back, and I missed the banquet because I had to catch the train back to Illinois, but I did see some classmates I still remember. One of them, who also married a girl from our class at WWJ, said he was convinced the cafeteria food was laced with salt-peter while we were there.

I doubt that was true; if it were, it was a waste of a chemical on us. She was a "nice" girl, or I wouldn't have been interested; I was a "nice" boy, but even so she wasn't terribly interested. She once asked, "Why would I travel 600 miles to meet my Prince Charming if he only lived a half-mile away?"

I suspect the real reason she wasn't tempted (besides ignorance of potential bliss—no one taught sex ed in high school, and the fear of pregnancy lurked—remember the pill wasn't readily available until the mid-1960s) was the shame sex for recreation rather than procreation would bring to her family. The size of her ex-Marine father's biceps was enough deterrent for me.

The age of innocence in which Judy and I fell in love was long gone by the time Jenni and Dawn were in high school, but Daddy didn't realize it. I harped to them often about the evils of drinking and smoking; Judy, who was a church-going fundamentalist believer by nature even as I was drifting off to a more humanist stance, and I went to church and encouraged them to go too. I suspect, though, that she never had the "Sex is bad before marriage" talk with them. I know I didn't because I would have been embarrassed to broach the topic. If we had had a son, that talk would have been my job, but—Judy and I enjoyed each other's company so much, I suspect so obviously, that our kids knew it wasn't a bad thing—it's a human thing. I still doubt my parents had sex; they found me, sis, and Dale under a bush somewhere.

I do know both girls drank before they were 21; I'd stay up checking papers on weekend nights to witness their behaviors when they would come home. Too often, though, I'd be asleep at my desk when they went upstairs. As much as I would rant about the bars in T.S. who were infamous for serving underage teens, I wouldn't have known what to do—except blame their friends—if I had caught them.

Judy's cancer was terminal; we all knew that, and she probably reacted better than the rest of us to the situation. The girls and I had no idea what the future would hold, and we reacted inwardly, in our own ways, away from each other. It was a bad time.

Still, I could sense when one or the other did something of which I might not approve. Dawn especially didn't have facial expressions that would win a pot in a poker game.

A couple months ago I saw that "uh-oh" look on her face again. I drove to their house with a question for Kamryn or Dawn or both; it was the Monday Hillsboro's baseball team was to play Pana there for the regional title. I thought Kamryn might want to ride along because she and a Topper outfielder are close, and Dawn has become a baseball fan of sorts since we watched Kyle's senior season together. I say "of sorts" because she's a Cubs' fan, which in my mind disqualifies her from full fan status.

Though it was relatively early in the morning, the pair were in the van, looking guilty. After some mental contortions, evidenced by facial grimaces, she confessed; the two were on their way to Belleville to pick up a puppy. Admittedly, the dog in their back yard is older than I am and probably not much longer for this world, but a pup?

Having a pup in the house is like having a child in terms of responsibilities; she knew I'd be opposed.

I met him later that afternoon; his name is Moose, and not only is it bigger than his is, it's bigger than he'll ever be. I feel guilty about being upset; I suspect he and great-granddaughter Emma will become good friends.

To parents who struggle now with teens who do things you wouldn't have done at that age, I need to say, "Relax; in 30 years or so the kids will be all right." All my life I've been blessed with good friends, but my daughters have become the best friends I have.

I also admit I'd have punched anyone who told me that would happen 30 years ago.

LETTERS to the editor

## It's Time For The Church To Wake Up

The real "wokeness" is, it's time for the church to "wake up!" Romans 13: 11-14 speaks to us as Christians that it is high time to awake out of sleep, "for now our salvation is nearer than we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife, and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh to fulfil the lusts thereof."

We now live in an era where our government is attempting

to exert more and more control over us. They want to shape our thought processes, control our speech, our actions as individuals, and they want to redefine who America was, is, and will be in the future.

We need to wake up and reflect upon what Ronald Reagan once said, and I quote: "Government is not the solution to the problem; Government is the problem," when the government begins to tell us what we can preach from the Bible, who we must hire, even though they violate our moral beliefs and principals, what is and what isn't marriage, as though marriage is government initiated,

rather than God ordained, and we must use our tax dollars to kill babies and experiment with their body parts, when we can worship, and so much more when it comes to our personal faith, they have trespassed into spiritual matters, and there are so many other issues our nation is facing.

It's time to wake up, America. There is a multitude of other issues that need to be addressed, but the most important one for right now is that we need to wake up as a so-called Christian nation.

Don Hudelson  
Hillsboro

## MONDAY EVENING

AUGUST 2, 2021

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<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC The Bachelorette (TVPG) (N)	CBS Neighbor... (Bob Hearts Young	NBC Tokyo Olympics : "Beach Volleyball, Gymnastics - Women's Floor Final" (Live)	FOX Hall's Kitchen (TV14)	ION HouseBrok... (Duncanwil...)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local	Local	Local	Local																									
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E Hoarders: Coming Clean : "Card" (TV14) (N)	AMC (6:30) Gran Torino (03, R) ★★☆☆ Clint Eastwood.	ANIMAL Homestead Rescue (N)	BET What Men Want (19)	BRAVO Below Deck (TV14) (N)	CARTOON Gumball	CMT Mom	CNN Anderson Cooper 360*	COMEDY The Office	DISCOVERY Street Outlaws (N)	DISNEY UglyDolls (19, PG) Kelly Clarkson.	ESPN (6:00) MLB Baseball : "Teams TBA" (Live)	ESPN2 ESPN Original Document In-depth stories.	FOOD Diners & Dives (TV G)	FREEMFORM Mrs. Doubtfire (93, PG-13) ★★☆☆ Robin Williams, Sally Field.	FX The Secret Life of Pets 2 (19, PG)	HGTV Celebrity IOU (N)	HISTORY American Pickers	LIFETIME Rizzoli & Isles (TV14)	MTV Ridiculous	NEWSNAT On Balance with	NICK SpongeBob	PARMT (6:00) Movie	SYFY Apollo 13 (96, PG) ★★☆☆ Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton.	TBS Family Guy	TCM Anne of the Thousand Days (69, PG) ★★☆☆ Richard Burton.	TLC Darcy & Stacey (N)	TNT (6:30) Justice League (17, PG-13) Ben Affleck.	TRAVEL Survivor: Bigfoot (TVPG)	TV LAND Loves Ray.	USA WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)	VH1 Black Ink Crew (TV14)	HBO (6:11) Freaky (20, R)	MAX Doubt (08, PG-13) Meryl Streep.	SHOW The Chi (TVMA)

## TUESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 3, 2021

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<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Goldbergs Home	CBS NCIS : "The First Day"	NBC Tokyo Olympics : "Diving - Men's Springboard Final, Trampoline & Field" (Live)	FOX Lego Masters (TVPG)	ION Chicago Fire (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local	Local	Local	Local																								
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E America's Top Dog (N)	AMC Forrest Gump (94, PG-13) ★★☆☆ Tom Hanks, Sally Field.	ANIMAL North Woods Law	BET (5:00) Ride Along (14)	BRAVO Real Housewives (N)	CARTOON Gumball	CMT Mom	CNN Anderson Cooper 360*	COMEDY The Office	DISCOVERY Deadliest Catch : "Run Silent Run" (TV14) (N)	DISNEY Big City	ESPN College F-Ball (1st) (TVPG)	ESPN2 NBA Summer League Basketball : "Teams TBA"	FOOD Chopped (TV G)	FREEMFORM (6:30) The Incredibles (04, PG) Craig T. Nelson.	HGTV Good Bones (TV G) (N)	HISTORY History's Greatest Mysteries : "Roswell: Winter"	LIFETIME Rizzoli & Isles (TV14)	MTV Teen Mom 2 (TVPG)	NEWSNAT On Balance with	NICK SpongeBob	PARMT Movie	SYFY WWE NXT Developmental WWE organization.	TBS Bang	TCM Belle, Book and Candle (58, NR) James Stewart.	TLC Little People (TVPG)	TNT (6:00) Crazy Rich Asians (18) ★★☆☆ A Star Is Born (18, R) ★★☆☆ Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga.	TRAVEL Woods Haunted (TV14)	TV LAND Loves Ray.	USA Tokyo Olympics : "Track & Field - Finals and Semifinals, Volleyball - Women's Quarterfinal" (Live)	VH1 Wild N Out	HBO (5:30) War Horse (11)	MAX Wendy (20, PG-13) ★★☆☆ Devin France.	SHOW (5:5) Shooter (07, R) ★★☆☆ Mark Wahlberg.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 4, 2021

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<b>BROADCAST</b>	ABC Press Your Luck	CBS Big Brother (TV14) (N)	NBC Tokyo Olympics : "Beach Volleyball - Women's Semifinal, Trampoline & Field" (Live)	FOX MasterChef (TV14)	ION Blue Bloods (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local	Local	Local	Local																									
<b>CABLE</b>	A&E Court Cam	AMC Tombstone (93, R) ★★☆☆ Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.	ANIMAL Lone Star Law: Uncuffed : "Episode 2" (TV14) (N)	BET (5:00) Life (99, R) ★★☆☆ Tyler Perry's Sistars (N)	BRAVO Real Housewives (N)	CARTOON Gumball	CMT Mom	CNN Anderson Cooper 360*	COMEDY S. Park	DISCOVERY Expedition Unknown	DISNEY Big City	ESPN MLB Baseball : "Teams TBA" (Live)	ESPN2 ESPN Original Document In-depth stories.	FOOD Guy's Grocery Games	FREEMFORM (6:30) Pretty Woman (90, R) ★★☆☆ Richard Gere.	FX Transformers: Age of Extinction (14, PG-13) ★★☆☆ Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci.	HGTV Property Brothers (N)	HISTORY Forged in Fire (TVPG)	LIFETIME Married at First Sight : "Their First" (TV14) (N)	MTV Siesta Key (TVPG) (N)	NEWSNAT On Balance with	NICK SpongeBob	PARMT Movie	SYFY The Fifth Element (97, PG-13) ★★☆☆ Bruce Willis.	TBS Bang	TCM American Masters : "Satchmo"	TLC Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	TNT All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	TRAVEL Mysteries of the Unknown (TVPG)	TV LAND Loves Ray.	USA Tokyo Olympics : "Track & Field - Finals, Men's 110 Hurdles Final, Men's Shot, Men's Triple Jump" (Live)	VH1 Wild N Out	HBO (6:15) Let Him Go (20)	MAX The Four Feathers (02, PG-13) Heath Ledger.	SHOW Hustlers (19, R) ★★☆☆ Constance Wu.

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**Man Arrested For Living Too Close To Day Care**

A Taylor Springs man was arrested Friday morning for living too close to a day care center.

Steven R. Lawson, 50, of Taylor Springs, was arrested at 11:50 a.m. on Friday, July 30, on a warrant for unlawful presence within a school zone by a sex offender. He was taken to Montgomery County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

According to the Taylor Springs Police Department, Lawson had been contacted more than a week earlier, on July 22, and warned that he was living too close to a day care center. Illinois law requires that sex offenders may not live within 500 feet of a school, and police measured Lawson's residence at 336.3 feet from the day care center.

**Traffic Court**

- Christina C. Barwick, 32, of Litchfield, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Amy N. Blakeburn, 37, of Fillmore, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, electronic communication device.
- Jacob R. Boehler, 35, of Farmersville, driving on a suspended license, failure to wear seat belt.
- Doris M. Chamness, 54, of Witt, stopping, standing or parking outside of a business or residence district.
- Jeffrey J. Crow, 45, of Nokomis, expired registration, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Donna F. Francis, 41, of Litchfield, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Matthew D. Frayer, 30, of Coffeen, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Crystal M. Hancock, 33, of Litchfield, failure to wear seat belt.
- Nikya N. Harston, 18, of Witt, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Russell E. Hockett, 45, of Witt, overweight on axle, unregistered or expired registration.
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- of Nokomis, electronic communication device.
- Jaynen M. Kates, 39, of Nokomis, failure to notify of damage to unattended vehicle, transportation of alcohol, improper traffic lane usage, expired registration, leaving the scene of an accident, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to give notice of accident.
- Zachary R. Mellenthin, 22, of Litchfield, driving 11 to 14 mph above the speed limit, improper traffic lane usage.
- Chloe A. Pyszkowski, 18, of Hillsboro, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Kevin H. Schmitz, 56, of Nokomis, electronic communication device.
- Christina J. Schwartz, 52, of Nokomis, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Roberta L. Scroggins, 70, of Hillsboro, improper traffic lane usage.
- Carrol R. Smith, 17, of Panama, failure to wear seat belt.
- Mark P. Weatherford, 58, of Litchfield, electronic communication device.
- Autumn R. Wolf, 26, of Nokomis, electronic communication device.

**Fire Calls**

**Fuel Spill**  
Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fuel spill at Casey's General Store on School Street at 9:14 a.m. Thursday, July 29. Fourteen personnel responded and were back in service at 9:45 a.m.

**Gas Leak**  
The Hillsboro Fire Department was paged to a gas leak at 307 Cyprus Avenue at 4:41 a.m. Friday, July 30.

Upon arrival, the leak was unfounded. Eighteen members responded and were back in service at 5:40 a.m.

**Alarm Activation**  
Members of the Witt-Irving Fire Department responded to a CO alarm activation at 432 South Pine Street in Irving at 4:10 p.m. Friday, July 30. Upon arrival, responders found the activation to be accidental. Seven personnel responded and were back in service at 4:35 p.m.

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The Journal-News has an opening for a full-time reporter/photographer. The ideal candidate will be community-minded with writing skills and the ability to learn. We are a historic publication that is respected in the communities we serve. Please send a resume to:  
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PO Box 100  
Hillsboro, IL 62049

**Finance Clerk Position**  
The Montgomery County Housing Authority is currently seeking a full-time Finance Clerk. Résumés will be accepted beginning on Monday, August 2, 2021, until the position is filled. The Finance Clerk is required to do extremely responsible administrative work in the financial department of the Housing Authority. Duties include, but are not limited to, processing accounts payable and receivable, handling employee benefits and leave records, payroll, financial reporting, rent statements, insurance programs, budgeting, and HUD regulatory reporting. A complete job description is available at the MCHA Administrative Office, 216 Shelbyville Road, Hillsboro, IL 62049. Minimum Qualifications: Two Year Degree in accounting or High School Diploma and two years' previous experience in accounting, accounts payable and receivable, payroll, budgeting, or related field, or a combination of education, training, and experience. Montgomery County Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer and will not discriminate against any applicant because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. To apply please submit your résumé, three professional references and how your qualifications meet the requirements of the position to Kelly Moroney, CEO, Montgomery County Housing Authority, PO Box 591, Hillsboro, IL 62049, or email to kelly@montgomeryhousing.org.

**Student Support Paraprofessional**  
Blackburn College, a unique four-year liberal arts college with a student-managed work program located in Carlinville, IL, seeks applications for the position of Student Support Para-Professional (SSP) for the new Blackburn and Beyond Comprehensive Transition Program starting in Fall 2021. The successful candidate will be a dynamic and experienced organizer with a strong understanding of the needs of students with unique learning challenges. The SSP is responsible for working with faculty and students to facilitate a smooth transition to college. The SSP coordinates with faculty, Student Life personnel, student worker supervisors, and staff to define and implement student success plans. The successful candidate will have documented experience working with students or adults with disabilities, as well as substantive knowledge and skills in planning, building relationships across campus, and assisting students in navigating the college experience. A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field is preferred. Demonstrated experience in disability services and in building and administering student success is strongly preferred. To find more detailed information and requirements for the position visit our website: www.blackburn.edu/employment. Please no phone calls or walk-ins. EOE.

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**JOB OPENING**  
Montgomery County has a full-time position for a Maintenance/Custodian worker that will report to the Building and Grounds Committee. Work hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on call for emergencies. Position requires a valid Illinois driver's license. For a complete job description and application, come to the County Board Administration Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Applications must be returned to the Administration Office by 3:00 p.m. on Aug. 18, 2021. Qualified individuals will be called for an interview. Candidate cannot have a criminal history. Person selected for the position must agree to a background check and pass a physical and drug test.

Court

- Megan R. Lynn, 41, of Taylorville, was charged with retail theft on Sunday, July 27.
- Christian J. Chandler, 28, of Litchfield, was cited for driving under the influence on Monday, July 5.
- Katherine D. Murphy, 38, of Granite City, was charged with retail theft on Saturday, July 10.
- Grant G. Kampwerth, 19, of Staunton, was charged with purchasing or possessing alcohol by a minor on Monday, July 12.
- Travis W. Brunson, 31, of Minonk, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia on Tuesday, July 13.
- Daniel A. Carey, 44, of St. Louis, MO, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia on Wednesday, July 14.
- David J. Hanson, 36, of Mackinaw, faces felony charges of possession of a firearm while FOID revoked and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon on Friday, July 16.
- Dreuille S. Snow, 20, of Springfield, was charged with violation of an order of protection on Saturday, July 17.
- Jennifer E. Lewis, 41, of Gillespie, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Saturday, July 17.
- Zachary R. Mellenthin, 22, of Litchfield, was ticketed for driving under the influence on Saturday, July 17.
- Anton H. Byrd, 38, of Springfield, faces felony charges of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon and possession of a firearm with a defaced serial number on Saturday, July 17.
- Clarence L. Longwell, 38,

- of Litchfield, was charged with battery on Sunday, July 18.
- David P. Cook, 29, of Nokomis, pleaded guilty to a felony of aggravated battery of a peace officer on Monday, July 19, and was sentenced to three years in prison with a credit of 23 days served, two years of mandatory supervised release, fined \$75, plus court costs. A misdemeanor charge of retail theft and felony charges of aggravated battery of a peace officer and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon was dismissed.
- Melvin D. Hoxsey, Jr., 46, of Hillsboro, was ticketed for driving under the influence on Monday, July 19.
- Seth J. Oller, 25, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of battery on Monday, July 19, and was sentenced to six days in jail with a credit of six days served, one year of probation, fined \$180, plus court costs. A misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed.
- Bruce W. Leonard, 45, of Butler, faces felony charges of possession of meth and possession of a firearm with expired FOID and three felony charges of possession of a firearm with revoked FOID on Tuesday, July 20.
- Candace T. White, 34, of St. Louis, MO, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Wednesday, July 21, and was sentenced to six days in jail with a credit of three days served, 30 hours of public service, 24 months of probation, fined \$90, plus court costs.
- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Wednesday, July 21, in a felony charge of possession of meth and misdemeanor charges of obstructing identification and possession of drug paraphernalia filed in June 2019 against Carl R. Brooks, 51, of Hillsboro.
- Alicia M. Miller, 35, of Gillespie, pleaded guilty to retail theft on Thursday, July 22, and was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, restitution, fined \$75, plus court costs.
- Brittney M. Schneck, 31, of Sorento, was charged with retail theft on Tuesday, July 22.
- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Thursday, July 22, in a misdemeanor charge of theft filed in August 2020 against Kameron R. Townsend, 37, of Nokomis.
- Roger L. Perkins, Jr., 25, of Litchfield, faces felony charges of possession of meth and aggravated assault on Thursday, July 22.
- Charges from June 2020 of criminal damage to property against Jordan A. Black, 21, were dismissed on Thursday, July 22.
- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Friday, July 23, in a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery filed in June against Desmond

- W. Thomas, 30, of Peoria.
- Felony charges from February of driving on a revoked or suspended license against Everett L. Bourland, 57, of Staunton, were dismissed on Friday, July 23.
- Adam L. Bray, 40, of Gillespie, pleaded guilty to retail

- theft on Friday, July 23, and was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, fined \$150, plus court costs.
- Craig A. Farmer, 34, of Litchfield, faces felony charges of burglary and criminal damage to government property on Tuesday, July 27.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the members of the Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees, District No. 526, in the Counties of Bond, Cass, Christian, Dewitt, Fayette, Greene, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Sangamon, Scott, and State of Illinois, that the tentative budget for said community college district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 is on file and conveniently available for public inspection in the administrative office, Menard Hall, Room M1257, at 5250 Shepherd Road, Springfield, Illinois in this community college district from and after 8:00 A.M. on July 29, 2021

until September 22, 2021. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 5:15 P.M., C.S.T. on the 22nd day of September 2021 at Lincoln Land Community College, 5250 Shepherd Road, Robert H. Stephens Room, Springfield, Illinois, in the community college district. Lincoln Land Community College Board of Trustees, District No. 526 in the Counties of Bond, Cass, Christian, Dewitt, Fayette, Greene, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Sangamon, Scott, and State of Illinois.  
 Craig Findley  
 Secretary  
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**ONLINE ONLY AUCTION**  
**Ending Monday, August 16**  
**Estate of Harold Kolkhorst, Morrisonville & others**  
**Preview Saturday, August 7 · 9-11 a.m.**  
**Items located at**  
**48 N. 200 East Rd., Harvel, IL 62538**  
**For all info: micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com**  
**Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services**  
**217-820-9324 or 217-710-5642**

PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-2**  
 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR HILLSBORO AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Hillsboro Area Public Library District of the County of Montgomery and State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purposes, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in a news-

paper of general circulation in the Hillsboro Area Public Library District and it is effective immediately upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Hillsboro, Illinois this 20th day of July, 2021.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 612.
2. The petition must be filed on or before September 1st, 2021.
3. The referendum would be held June 28, 2021.

Carolyn Meier  
 Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
 Hillsboro Area Public Library District  
 c/o Hillsboro Area Public Library District  
 214 School Street  
 Hillsboro, IL 62049  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**ADA Fishing Dock & Boat Slip Project**  
**Lake Lou Yaeger**  
**Bid Spec Sheet**

**Site Location:** Marina 1 at 4943 Beach House Trail, Litchfield, IL  
**Contact:** Lake Superintendent Eric Lamb  
 4313 Beach House Trail, Litchfield, IL 62056  
 Office # (217) 324-5991  
 Cell # (217) 313-1189  
 Email: elamb@cityoflitchfieldil.com

**Project:** The Litchfield Lake Department has been awarded a generous grant from the W. Darrell Kilton Foundation to add a new ADA Fishing Dock & Boat Slip to "The Point" located at Lake Lou Yaeger near Marina 1. The Lake Department has a limited budget to complete the entire project. The Litchfield Lake Department is currently seeking bids from professional marine dock companies for adding a new floating ADA Fishing Dock & Boat Slip. This project would need to be completed by October 30, 2021. Pricing must be all inclusive. Include all needed materials, design costs, labor, equipment needed for installation, mobilization, delivery, any subcontracting to other companies, etc. **Please note that labor is to be bid at Prevailing Wage Rates.** Check the Illinois Department of Labor for the current rates.

The design shall use the rough draft sketches provided by the City of Litchfield Lake Department as a guide for what the final outlay of the ADA Fishing Dock & Boat Slip will look like. The dock and slip will be required to meet all ADA Requirements cited in any current building codes that would apply to Litchfield, IL. The contracted company shall use the following specifications and materials described or their equivalent.

**Dimensions in relation to the Rough Draft Sketch:**  
**Dock Description:**  
 • **Overall dimensions:** 42 ft. wide by 32 ft. long  
 • **Description:** (1) 10 ft. wide by 26 ft. long bank style covered slip with a 5 ft. wide by 50 ft. long bridge assembly as shown on drawing  
 • **Scope:** Contracted Company will be responsible for delivery and installation dock sections.  
 Header Section: 6 ft. wide by 10 ft. long Head Pier  
 Platforms: (2) 16 ft. wide by 32 ft. long  
 • **Decking:** 1 1/2 in. thick, 4000 psi reinforced pre-cast concrete panels with "stamped rock" finish  
 • **Flotation:** Rotationally molded, polyethylene encased flotation - 10 psf flotation roof live load  
 • **Bridge:** (1) 5 ft. wide by 50 ft. long (ADA compliant secondary handrail and kick plate) bridge with concrete Rollers and tread-plate shoreside and hinge connection dockside  
 Lakeside bridge floater  
 • **Roof:** Overall Dimensions: 18 ft. by 30 ft. with 18 in. overhang -- 10 ft. clearance  
 2 1/2 in. by 11 ga. galvanized roof columns bolted to the side of the frame  
 16 ga. galvanized Zee purlins -- 26 ft. slips  
 26 ga. "PBR" roof panels and trim - standard sig.  
 200 enamel, Color TBD  
 Standard peak design  
 • **Anchoring:**  
 (2) Anchor sleeves constructed of galvanized 5 in. diameter sch. 40 pipe, 1 1/2 ft. long  
 (2) Anchor pipes consisting of galvanized 4 in. diameter sch. 40 pipe, 20 ft. long  
 • **Accessories:** Roto Molded Mainframe bumper fastened around the full perimeter of the dock  
 Horizontal vinyl bumper around the perimeter of the dock. - BLACK  
 Cleats added to interior of slip  
 • **Handrail:** ADA handrail with fishing slots installed around the entire perimeter of the dock. (excluding slip)  
 \*Includes swing gate to allow access to Kayak launch  
 • **Kayak Launch:** (1) Standard floating kayak launch (See Example Image)  
 \*This must be installed on the exterior of the structure to allow kayakers easy access to the dock from the lake and to the lake from the dock.  
 • **Warranty:** Your Company must warranty the dock frames, connections, and all steel structures to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of two years after installation.  
**Bid Due Date:**  
 To be considered as a possible vender, please submit your bid via mail, in-person delivery, or email it to elamb@cityoflitchfieldil.com. All bids must be received no later than **1:00 pm August 18, 2021**. The winning bid will be presented to the City Council for approval at the City Council Meeting held at City Hall in downtown Litchfield located at 120 East Ryder Street on August 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm.  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

**MON, AUG. 2 - 7 p.m.** Bid live or online for 167.09 acres in Montgomery & Fayette counties. Bid live 1 mile E. of Fillmore on Ramsey Blacktop, then left on Hoppy Trail, 1 mile. Property on right. Bid online at Fillmore Museum, S. Main, Fillmore. For Dale E. & Judy D. Williams Trust, seller. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**SAT, AUG. 7 - 9 a.m.** at 612 E. Sparks St., Raymond for Angle Welding Shop, Wayne & Margaret Angle, sellers. RE of 40'x60' block bldg. w/bath, office room, 2 lg. overhead doors, tandem axle utility trailer, welding shop equip., vintage tools, lg. asst. of new steel pipe, plate steel, solid round rod, strap steel, channel iron, angle iron, I-beam, 2'-20" lengths of iron, lg. amt. of scrap iron, more. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507, mikecrabtreeauctions.com.

**THURS, AUG. 12 - 7 p.m.** Bidding ends for online only auction for the Opal Manwaring estate. Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Preview Thurs., Aug. 5, 4-7 p.m. & pickup Fri., Aug. 13, 4-8 p.m. at 937 US Rt. 40 Frontage Rd., Greenville. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**SAT, AUG. 14 - 9 a.m.** at 2103 Brian St., Vandalia for the estate of Betty Philpot. Antiques, collectibles, paintings, craft work, coins & paper money, furniture, household, appliances, electronics, outdoors, tools, misc. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**SAT, AUG. 14 - 10 a.m.** at 135 N. Broad, Hillsboro. Paul Hartline Coderko estate auction of antiques, vintage, mid-century modern, tools, furniture, misc. Eric White, auctioneer, 217-556-2135. Go to www.auctionzip.com ID#13756 for 175+ photos.

**MON, AUG. 16 - Bidding ends for online only auction for the estate of Harold Kolkhorst & others. Preview Sat, Aug. 7, 9-11 a.m.** For all info: micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com. Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services, 217-820-9324 or 217-710-5642.

**MON, AUG. 23 - 6 p.m.** Bidding ends for online only fall machinery auction at Micenheimer Auction, 4 1/2 mi. S. of Taylorville. Items must be delivered by Sun, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. and delivery can start Mon, Jul. 6 (call for time). Micenheimer & Meyer Auction Services, James Micenheimer & Cory Meyer, auctioneers, 217-820-9324, 217-710-5642, micenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com, micenheimerauctionservices.com.

**SAT, AUG. 28 - 9 a.m.** Machinery consignment auction at Sievers Equip. Co., 1/2 mi. N. of Carlinville on Rt. 4. Now accepting consignments of farm machinery, farm related items & farm closeouts until noon on Fri., Aug. 27. Rick Stewart, auctioneer, www.rickstewartauctioneer.com. 217-854-3191 or 217-473-2985.

**SAT, SEPT. 25 - 10 a.m.** at 813 Elm, Butler for the estate of William & Nordella Beeler. Mowers, tools, antiques, primitives, appliances, furniture, household, misc. Go to www.auctionzip.com ID#13756 for complete list & over 175 photos. Eric White, auctioneer, 217-556-2135.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY -IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HELEN E. SUHLING, Deceased.**  
**No. 2021-P-56**  
**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION -WILL AND CLAIMS, NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WILL ADMITTED**  
 Notice is given of the death of Helen E. Suhling of Irving, IL 62051. Letters of office were issued on July 22, 2021 to Dawn M. Scroggins and Michelle Carroll whose attorney is Alan Pretnar, 510 Hillsboro St., P.O. Box 310, Taylor Springs, IL 62089.  
 Notice is given to unknown heirs, legatees and devisees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on July 21, 2021 admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original

order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 6/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission to the will to probate.  
 Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the first date of publication and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it had been filed.  
 /s/ Alan Pretnar  
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 Taylor Springs, IL 62089  
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**Request for Proposal**  
**Fabricate and Install**  
**Monumental Monarch Butterfly**  
**On Route 66 Prairie at Litchfield**  
 The Montgomery County Natural Area Guardians (NAGs), in partnership with the Illinois Department of Transportation are responsible for developing and maintaining the ten acre Route 66 Prairie at Litchfield as a natural area demonstrating the history of prairie in Illinois and highlighting the role of Route 66 in the Prairie's establishment. The Route 66 Prairie at Litchfield is adjacent to the weigh station two miles north of Litchfield. The Prairie is accessible from Frontage I-55 paralleling I-55 on the east.  
 The Montgomery County Natural Area Guardians (NAGs) are seeking artists to submit a proposal to construct and erect a Monarch butterfly(s) on the Route 66 Prairie. The bid must contain the artist's contact information, a detailed list of materials and their cost, a drawing or drawings of the installation, and an estimate of cost and description of details of fixing the project to the ground. Payment will be 50% on acceptance of proposal and the remainder on installation and approval by the NAGs. This work of art must be vandal resistant, resistant to fire, and uninviting to climbers or riders.  
 The Prairie has been nurtured, protected and restored since 2008 by Henry Eilers, Site Steward, and local conservationists (Montgomery County Natural Area Guardians) who have raised money and given their time and effort by making the Prairie one of the best restored prairies in Illinois.  
 The winning installation will represent the Monarch butterfly(s) in relationship to the Route 66 Prairie. A final contract will be negotiated with the artist after a selection of that Artist's work has been made and details of scope have been defined by both parties.  
**The requirements are:**  
**Visibility from I-55**  
**(must be at least six feet above grade)**  
**Eye catching**  
**Durable**  
**Quality of bid submission**  
 Vendors should submit proposals to Melissa, NAGs secretary, on line at <melissa.cauble@il.nacdn.net> Proposals should be submitted no later than 9-17-2021.



## Art Guild Exhibits Work At Library

The Montgomery County Art Guild currently has their work on display at Hillsboro Area Public Library for the community to view and enjoy. The art show will run for two weeks, the week of Old Settlers and the week after, from Monday, Aug. 2 to Thursday, Aug. 12. The show will be available for viewing during regular library hours. Hillsboro Public Library will be closed on Thursday, Aug. 5, in celebration of Old Settlers. Art guild members that contributed pieces to this event include, Diane Singler, Terry Page, Julie Kiefer, Heather Hampton-Knodle, Bond Knodle, Falon Knodle and Erin Kistner. Pictured above, are Terry Page and Diane Singler.

Journal-News Photo

## Collins Continues To Grow Group

Professional actress Susan Collins held a signing at Black Rabbit Coffee in downtown Hillsboro on Sunday, July 25. Local photographers Kaitlyn Jachino and Sarah Marley were on site to capture Collins officially endorsing limited edition collectors cards for her role as "Tarranna," a character that appeared in the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" episode titled "Homeward," which was released in 1994.

While Collins is still receiving acclaim for work she did on a large level, she is best known locally as the director and founder of the Imagine Hillsboro Theater Group. Prior to relocating to Hillsboro, where her husband, Michael's, family is from, Collins lived and worked in New York City (Manhattan), NY, and Los Angeles; acting for television, film and theater, as well as coaching and public speaking. After finding herself in Hillsboro, Collins decided to use her well-honed skill set to start a community theater group.



Actress Susan Collins (above) held a signing at Black Rabbit Coffee in downtown Hillsboro on Sunday afternoon, July 25. Kaitlyn Jachino Photo

Before the pandemic, the fledgling theater group showcased their skills during a dinner theater performance "Intrigue at The Abbey," written by retired Hillsboro High School teacher Pat Brink. They also hosted a Wednesday Night Blender, an informal night of monologues and improvisational skits at the Opera House Brewing Company in Hillsboro. While the ongoing pandemic has put a damper on the group's live performances it hasn't tamped out their spirit.

Collins continued to coach members of the theater group using the Zoom platform over the last year and engaged their skills on several remote projects including commercials, short video skits and most recently, the group's socially distanced Valentine's Grams. As vaccinations became widely available the theater group has cautiously resumed in person meetings

on Thursday evenings, at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. Local thespians are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings to check the group out.

Collins and Sam Hampton, the co-director of the theater group, have also been hard at work behind the scenes building a foundation for the group to stand on their own feet and leave their temporary home with Imagine Hillsboro. They plan to make an official announcement during Old Settlers Days celebration, including revealing the group's new name.

The theater group also continues to raise funding for their future brick-and-mortar home, The Grand Orpheum Theater, owned by Jeff and Julie Eisentraut. More information about the theater group and how to make a donation to the theater project may be found online at [www.blendedartists.org](http://www.blendedartists.org).

## Lucaas Secrist Named A MacMurray Scholar

MacMurray Foundation and Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Lucaas Secrist has been named a MacMurray Scholar for the 2021 to 2022 school year.

As part of the recognition, Secrist will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from MacMurray Foundation and Alumni Association for the upcoming school year.

Secrist currently attends the University of Kentucky Law School. He was in the graduating class at MacMurray College when it announced its closure in 2020.

MacMurray Scholars must meet high academic requirements set by MacMurray Foundation to be eligible.

MacMurray Foundation and Alumni Association was

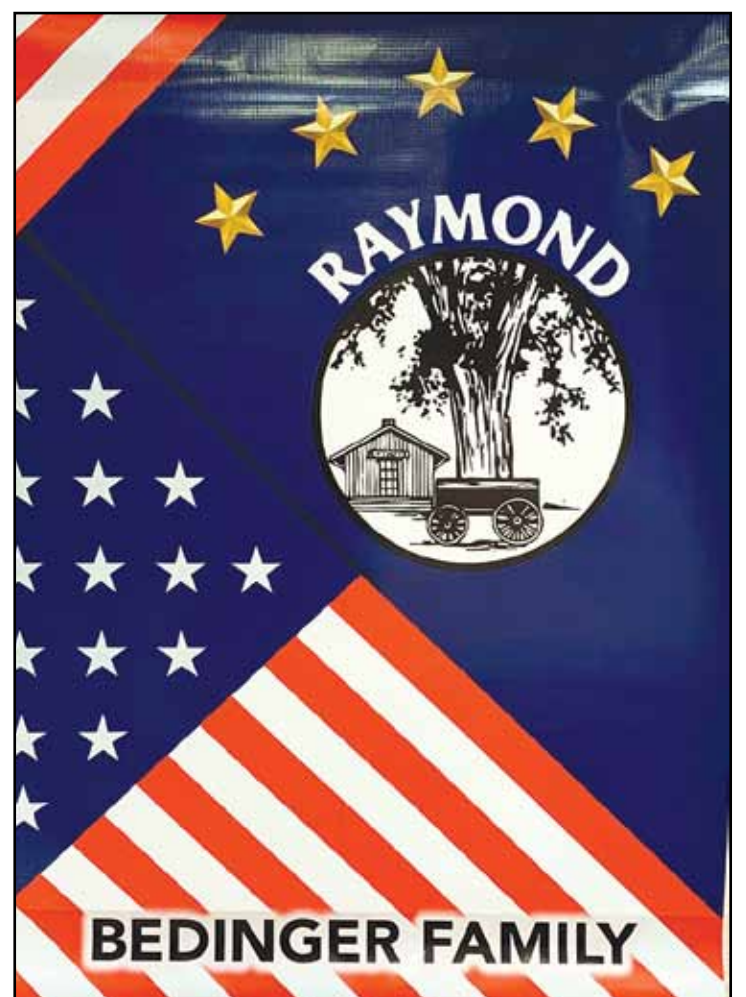
formed by a small group of volunteers following the announced closure of MacMurray College as a separate organization to continue the legacy of MacMurray College.

The mission of MacMurray Foundation is to provide scholarships to individuals with an association to the college (former student or relative of alumni, staff, faculty, or board member) and wanting to pursue a career in an area the college was noted for; to hold and display MacMurray College Archives, memorabilia and artifacts; and to keep alumni engaged with each other.

For more information about the foundation, visit [www.MacAlumFoundation.org](http://www.MacAlumFoundation.org).

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 <p><b>15 Chevy Camaro ZSS Pace Car</b> Y6833 Convertible, white, only 1280 miles..... <b>\$44,900</b></p>	 <p><b>17 Chevy Camaro 1LT</b> Y6838 Coupe, hyper blue, only 12k..... <b>\$31,900</b></p>	 <p><b>14 Chevy Silverado K1500 2LT</b> Y6860A Crew cab, deep ruby metallic, 29k..... <b>*CALL</b></p>
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## Nylon Banners Benefit Raymond Association

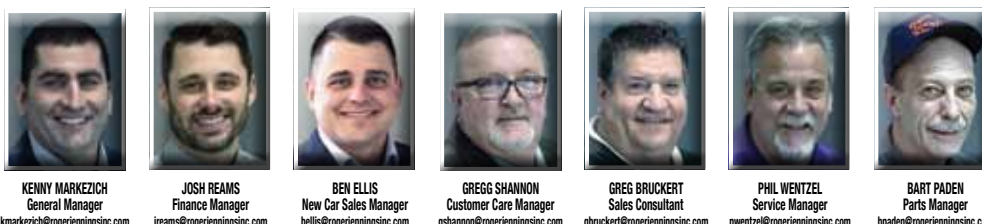
Members of the Raymond Independence Day Association are selling two-sided nylon banners to be displayed before, during and after this year's Sesquicentennial Celebration which will be held Sept. 2-4. The banners will be 30x40 and the cost is \$65 for the initial purchase. Those who are interested in displaying their banner in town each year may pay an extra \$25 to do so, and those who are not may take theirs home.

The nylon banners will be limited to family names only at this time. To order, mail a check and information to P.O. Box 714, pay an association member or drop it off at the village hall. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, Aug. 15. For more information, contact Devin Bedinger at 217-381-7449.

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