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Sorento School Will Close At End Of Year

Members of the Bond County School Board voted Wednesday, Jan. 19, to close Sorento School at the end of the school year.

The vote came after the last of four public hearings about the proposed school closure.

Beginning in the fall, Sorento School elementary students will either go to Greenville or Pocahontas, the two remaining elementary schools in the district. There are currently just over 100 students at Sorento School.

Due to unequal class sizes between the elementary

schools, the school board first floated the idea of either changing boundaries or closing either Sorento or Pocahontas more than two years ago, but the discussion was dropped when schools went to remote learning due to the pandemic.

Superintendent Wes Olson said he expected five certified staff positions to be cut with the closure, by natural attrition or reduction in force.

In 2011, Sorento School won a National Blue Ribbon award, the U.S. Department of Education's highest honor.

Coffeen Library Plans Giveaway Before Closing

With deep regret, the board members of the Community Library of Coffeen have decided to close its doors. This action is the result of progressively declining usage of the library facility over the past several years.

The library will have a book giveaway event Friday, Feb. 4 through 6. There will be no charge for books; however, donations will be accepted.

Doors will open from 2 p.m.

to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, and from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6.

The Community Library Board plans to establish a college scholarship, available for area students, to promote literacy and education. The scholarship will be in memory of all the volunteers who have spent countless hours to establish and maintain the library over the past years.

Public Meeting For Proposed Grain Belt Power Lines

Invenergy Transmission, LLC, will hold a public meeting regarding "phase one" of the company's "Grain Belt Express" project from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at The Event Center of Montgomery County, located at 11198 IL-185 in Hillsboro.

Grain Belt Express is a proposed long-distance transmission line that will carry power to consumers in Illinois and other states, connecting more Americans to domestic, clean electricity sources. In 2018, Invenergy Transmission, LLC, signed an agreement to buy the Grain Belt Express project from Clean Line Energy Partners. In early 2020, Invenergy Transmission became the full and sole owner of the Grain Belt Express project.

The Illinois-based company has secured project siting approvals in the three other states where the project is located (Kansas, Missouri and Indiana) and is now beginning the process of pursuing state regulatory approval before the Illinois Commerce Commission. As part of this process Grain Belt Express is seeking input through public meetings on the primary and alternate routes that will run approximately 200 miles through Central Illinois, from Pike County on the Mississippi River to Clark County on the Indiana state line.

The primary and alternate routes being considered are substantially similar to those presented to the Illinois Commerce Commission in 2015 when Clean Line Energy

Partners previously applied for a siting permit in Illinois. Landowners with easements located along the routes being considered have received notification by mail.

The upcoming "phase one" meeting will be an open house format and attendees can come and go as they please. No formal presentation will be given during the meeting, which will be conducted in a manner consistent with current applicable COVID-19 guidance. Those that do not feel comfortable attending in person are encouraged to participate virtually. A self-paced, virtual meeting will be available Monday, Feb. 7, through Monday, Feb. 21, online at www.GrainBeltExpress.com.

Following the upcoming "Phase One" meeting sched-

uled for Wednesday, Feb. 9, Invenergy Transmission anticipates holding a "phase two" meeting in March and a "phase three" meeting in April in Montgomery County.

In Illinois, the Grain Belt Express project is estimated to create around 2,200 jobs, bring at least \$1.2 billion in new economic activity for Illinois and provide \$33 million in new tax revenue to local communities over the next 20 years. Once completed, the line will deliver cost savings and improve reliability for consumers across the region.

More information about the project can be found online at www.GrainBeltExpress.com, by calling their hotline at 866-452-4082, or emailing connect@grainbeltexpress.com.

Litchfield Board Hears About Tech

by Mary (Galer) Herschelman

The Litchfield School Board learned more about plans to update the district's technology during their regular board meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, at Litchfield High School.

Technology Director Chris Kintzman and Christy Bryan made a 45-minute presentation to the board during the information items portion of the meeting.

Kintzman said they are working on an exit strategy with QNS, who has provided network services to the district for the past several years.

"They did a good job, but there are some things we can do better," Kintzman said.

Over the next six months, Kintzman and Bryan plan to redesign the district's wireless plan, with hopes to make it more secure. In January through March, Kintzman said they will be working on building servers for the district and testing them. He hopes to get some additional help during the summer months to get things up and running.

Board member Mike Fleming asked about a contract audit with QNS from an outside source.

"It goes to show we can't be making rash decisions when we're mad," Fleming said.

Kintzman said he felt QNS did a great job on some things, but fell short on the day-to-day correspondence.

Board member Gregg Hires asked who

owned all the equipment, like servers. Superintendent Dr. Gregory Fuerstenau said QNS owned the equipment. He added that one positive thing to come from the switch would be upgrading the servers.

Dr. Fuerstenau said they are working on a three to five year budget projection, looking at grants and working cash, as well as ESSR funding.

Kintzman said they also planned to look at increasing cybersecurity, including two-factor authentication.

In a few final notes, Board President Julie Abel asked about eRate, and Bryan said they have a consultant who helps with that. Bryan added she hopes the district will keep the consultant, at least until they get the new building projects online.

Kintzman said they plan to recycle old computers this summer to a company in Minnesota for about \$50,000. They also maintain and operate about 2,000 Chromebooks in the district.

Bryan thanked the Kilton Foundation for its continued support through grants of the district's technology program. Over the next two years, they hope to develop more STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs, like robotics and coding.

Bryan has also accepted a position, representing the state of Illinois, on a steering committee for Skyward.

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Litchfield To Host Online Meeting On Lake Lou

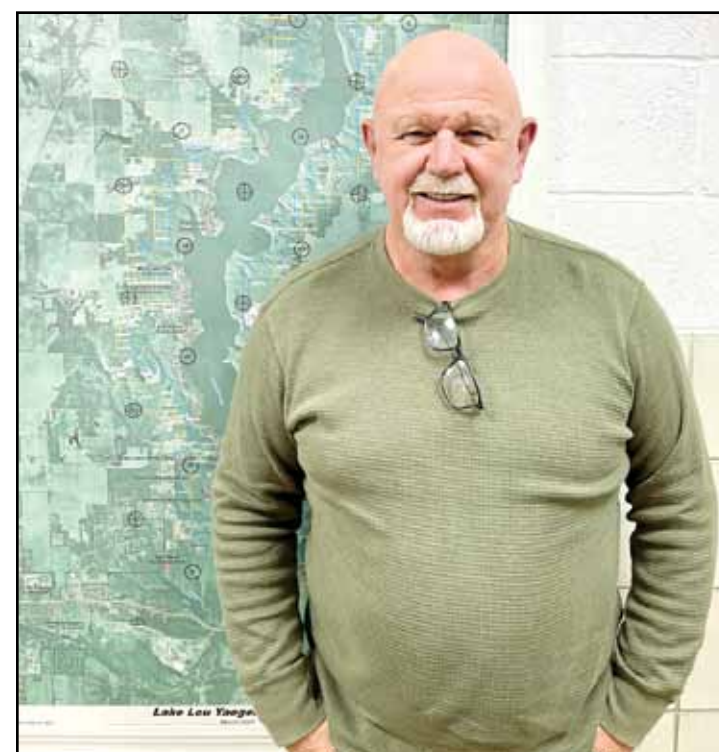
The city of Litchfield is encouraging the community to participate in an online public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. regarding the Lake Lou Yaeger Dam.

In coordination with the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, the city has developed rehabilitation alternatives as part

of the Shoal Creek Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Lake Lou Yaeger Dam.

Residents will learn more about preferred alternatives based on technical, economic, social and environmental findings in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related documentation requirements.

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As an active member of the Litchfield Bass Club, Terry Hancock already knows his way around Lake Lou Yaeger. Now, the veteran employee and site leader of the Litchfield Water Treatment Plant will have an even better knowledge of the waterway, as he was named the new lake superintendent for the City of Litchfield.

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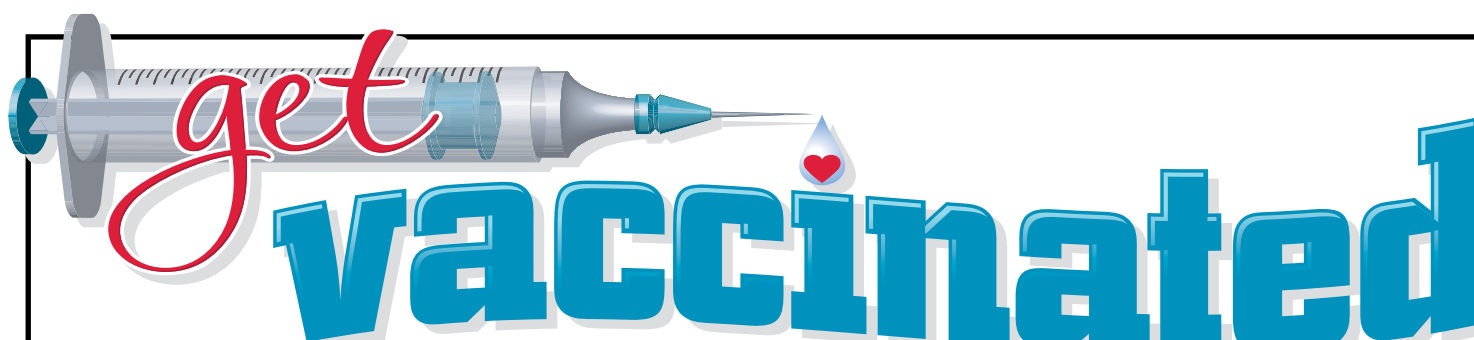
Wastewater To Freshwater For New Lake Super

by Kyle Herschelman

A familiar face was selected as lake superintendent by the Litchfield City Council on Thursday, Jan. 20, filling the vacancy left when former Lake Superintendent Eric Lamb returned to the Litchfield Police Department.

Terry Hancock, a veteran employee of the city's wastewater treatment plant and the current site lead at the plant, will trade wastewater for freshwater as he was approved 7-0 as the new lake superintendent, with Alderman Dwayne Gerl absent. Hancock is also active in the Litchfield Bass Club, helping organize tournaments and the group's dinner and dance fundraiser.

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Litchfield School Board

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Other Business

In approving the consent agenda unanimously, Dr. Fuerstenau told the board the state continues to pay the district regularly and the budget is tracking where it needs to for this time of year.

In January, the district paid \$347,829.12 in bills, including \$131,355.15 from the education fund, \$41,811.81 from operations and maintenance, \$37,421.27 from transportation, \$135,664.04 from capital projects and \$1,576.85 from tort.

In his treasurer's report, Dr. Fuerstenau noted the balance in all funds at the end of December was just over \$30 million, including \$8.5 million in operating funds, \$12 million in capital projects and \$7.7 million in health-life-safety.

Under old business, the board approved a second reading of policy updates from Press Plus. The first reading was presented during the December meeting. Fleming asked about an update, noting that time out was considered a harsh punishment. Dr. Fuerstenau explained the state board now considers isolating students in a time out room as a harsh punishment. He said they have very specific guidelines for discipline and that the Litchfield staff is well trained. The motion passed 6-1 with Hires voting no.

The board unanimously approved the addition of an Archery Club at Litchfield High School. Dr. Fuerstenau said they already have the equipment, and teacher Eric Gray has volunteered to oversee the program.

Public Comment

During the public comment portion of the meeting, parent Dr. Denise Bader addressed the board about her concerns with the county-wide CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program. She questioned the program's professionalism and transparency as she said a student was unable to discuss a problem with a grade with the facilitator. Dr. Bader suggested the district look into the state's junior achievement program as a possibility instead or in addition to the CEO program.

Information Items

Dr. Fuerstenau noted the monthly enrollment report was in board packets, with the district serving a total of 1,311 students pre-K through 12th grade.

Peter Ratermann of Poetter Construction presented the board with an update on the new elementary school building project on State Street. They recently learned the company responsible for the pre-cast concrete is seven weeks behind schedule due to a shortage of materials and labor. It will now be April before those items are delivered

to the project, which will delay the start of the construction. Ratermann said originally the finish date would be Dec. 13, but they are looking at Jan. 17, 2023, if they don't run into any other supply issues.

Fleming asked if there was a penalty in the contract for the delay, and Ratermann said no. He added they are still on schedule for the delivery of the steel.

Dr. Fuerstenau said the Ameren site work (over the parking lot) is not quite completed yet either. Ratermann said it looks like they won't be done until the end of February now, which won't affect the building project directly, but the company was hoping to use part of that area for staging.

Abel asked when they would be able to start, and Ratermann said they would move equipment to the site the middle of February.

Fleming asked if there would be any other supply chain issues, and Ratermann said he didn't think so, adding the pre-cast concrete one came out of the blue.

"We were assured there would be no problems, and now we see a problem," Fleming said. "Little problems become big problems."

In administrator reports, all four district administrators thanked staff in their buildings for continuing to work to keep students healthy and in

schools.

At the high school, Principal Juletta Ellis gave a shout-out to all involved with the annual Rick McGraw boys high school basketball tournament this year. She added they are getting ready to launch the Student Voice Committee and will soon begin freshman registration meetings. Vice Principal Hillary Wagenblast said she met with counselor Karen Cress at the end of the first semester to evaluate, noting about a dozen freshman would not be receiving all their credits. They will start working on some credit recovery options.

At the middle school, Principal Dr. Russ Tepen reported MAP testing has begun. He also recognized eighth grade students selected as the McDonald's scholar athletes selected in basketball and cheerleading. Principal Jeremy Heigert reported things were going well at Colt and Russell elementary schools, with plans to host the 100th day of school celebration soon. They also will be hosting a data team meeting to further discuss the science of reading.

At Sihler and Madison Park, Principal Adam Favre said they are also planning to celebrate the 100th day of school as well as Valentine's Day. He added that preliminary plans have begun for the second summer of Camp Panther.

Personnel

Following the regular meeting, the board met in closed session for 17 minutes. They unanimously approved the need to keep closed session minutes from July 2021 to December 2021 closed due to confidentiality reasons.

The board unanimously approved the purchase of property at 907 N. Montgomery Street in Litchfield for \$10,000 from the city of Litchfield and the property at 909 N. Montgomery Street for \$3,000 from Ed and Debbie Roundcount. At this time, the district is looking into utilizing those properties to expand Madison Park as a pre-K through first grade school building.

Board members also unanimously hired Kimberly Weller and Trinity Martin as substitutes for the Make-It program.

The meeting adjourned just after 7:47 p.m. The board will meet again on Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Radius Room at Litchfield High School.

Lake Lou Meeting

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Residents may learn more about the alternatives at the live, online public meeting.

To join the Zoom meeting, visit tinyurl.com/LakeLouYaegerMeeting. The meeting ID is 828 8105 7378 and the passcode is 555722. Those interested may also access the meeting by dialing 1-301-715-8592, 1-312-626-6799, 1-646-558-8656, 1-253-215-8782, 1-346-248-7799 or 1-669-900-9128 or by visiting www.BetterLakeLouYaeger.com.

A recording and online commenting will be available through Saturday, Feb. 26. Written feedback can also be mailed to Tonya Flannery, City Administrator, City of Litchfield, 120 E. Ryder Street, Litchfield, IL 62056.

Nokomis Board Hears CDC Guideline Update

by Randy Rieke

The Nokomis School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 18, called to order by Vice-President Steve Janssen. President Chad Ruppert was absent.

In his report to the board, Superintendent Dr. Scott Doerr started by informing them the state only owes the district \$87,703 in second quarter mandated categorical payments. The state has not paid any driver's education due this year, however Medicaid reimbursement and the CPPRT are up to date so far.

He explained the results of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning the mask mandate at the federal level for employers with over 100 employees and, while that did affect the district, they fall under the state mandate as well. He said there was no updated news on all of the lawsuits filed around the state on the mask mandate.

In a related matter, Doerr said the district had finally received guidance from ISBE and IDPH based on the new Dec. 30 CDC report, while following guidelines provided by the health department in the interim. Summarizing the guidance, he said they updated the definition of close contact, reduced the number of quarantine days to five if symptom free, and changed the Test to Stay program so that close contacts at school (not athletics) can stay at school and be tested with no symptoms on day one and day five.

Later, Dr. Doerr provided the board with some academic data on their local assessments. The data was for kindergarten through 11th grade in both math and reading. He analyzed the data by breaking it into three categories: the percentage of students who tested at grade-level during the winter (December) assessment; the percentage of students who tested at grade-level, but not necessarily at the halfway point; and the percentage of students who made gains or showed growth from the fall to the winter assessments. Acknowledging all three numbers are important to review, he said he preferred to focus on the growth numbers, which he felt were good. He said the students would test again in the Spring, providing additional data to review.

He said the principals were sharing the data with their staff and working on the school improvement plans this semester to determine the next steps needed. Doerr added they were still working to find a new ELA (language, reading, spelling and writing curriculum).

Doerr said that he had mentioned to the teachers they would start working on planning for summer school soon. He said he had been informed of a potential pre-K to kindergarten summer school program grant that would be explored further. He added that they provided transportation at summer school last year and should be doing that again as well.

The board approved the first reading of the updated board policies, exhibits, and administrative procedures, except all of 6:60. Dr. Doerr explained that the policy updates surrounding 6:60 deal with the new sex education laws passed by the Illinois General Assembly last year. The law states that ISBE is to provide guidance on the national sex education standards. Dr. Doerr indicated that he does not believe they should follow these standards and opt-out until they can review the final guidance documents from ISBE, at which time a decision can be made moving forward. He recommended that they table these policies until a future date, as advised by legal counsel.

With respect to the rest of policies, he summarized that there were changes or updates regarding Erin's Law which deals with the sexual abuse of minors, FMLA guidelines, an increased focus on sexual abuse prevention and suicide prevention, a tightening up of bullying laws, and provisions to make it easier to test employees for substance abuse.

Later in the new business section of the meeting, the board approved changes to the high school curriculum guide for the 2022-2023 school year

which included the following:

- The ag department has provided some prerequisites to some of their classes, changed a few course descriptions, added the Ag Construction class, and added disclaimers of ag classes that qualify towards graduation as a science credit per state law.

- The math department has updated their course descriptions to best fit with the content being taught and update those to match that of the LLCC dual credit classes.

- The education classes have been moved from UIS to LLCC and added two more classes for this career pathway; the LLCC course descriptions having been provided for board approval.

- With the requirement to teach computer literacy at the high school level, Nokomis has redefined and renamed their computer concepts class to fit the requirements for this class.

- The biology/chemistry class has had its name changed back to Biology II.

Doerr told the board that the baseball and softball coaches had presented an idea to put a new batting cage in the new gym. The new cage would hang in the rafters and be lowered for use. He provided pictures of what the cage would look like in the raised and lowered position. Gasparich commented that the old one was not good. Doerr reported the cost of the motorized batting cage was \$8,818, plus an additional \$8,000 for installation. The board directed Doerr to look at other options as opposed to using the new gym.

Doerr then presented a proposal furnished by Michelle Fox of WindSolar USA and Coach Black on replacing the lights on the football field. The proposal included removing the current ten poles and replacing them with four poles, each with 15 new LED light fixtures. He said the LED lights are supposed to provide better light coverage and less energy usage, but his thoughts were that the limited usage of the lights would not realize the cost savings of LED. He did say that future energy costs are an unknown variable. He also added that they were looking into some Ameren incentive refunds to help defray the cost. At this time, he said the cost of the project would be \$462,915 and added that roughly \$200,000 of the cost was in the demolition and disposal of the current lights. The type of light fixture selected and other potential rebates could lower the cost. The board directed Dr. Doerr to contact Fox for a presentation and told him to tell her to "sharpen her pencil" to calculate a new proposal.

Doerr reported that he and Fesser had received letters from the Morrisonville School Board president regarding their interest in finding a shared superintendent to fill the position of their retiring superintendent at the end of the semester. He said the letter had went out to all school districts in a 25-mile radius and, while he thought the theory was sound, he felt it would detract too much from the time needed for duties in the primary district. The board advised Dr. Doerr to notify Morrisonville that they were not interested at this time.

In open discussion, Gasparich confirmed that part of the summer projects would be the sanding of the gym floors and proposed it might be a good time to consider naming the gym floor after Coach Kimbro and Coach Hough. During the discussion, it was mentioned that this would then raise the issue of what criteria would be used to determine future naming honors.

Gasparich acknowledged the potential problem, but added, "I'll guarantee you we'll never have anyone else coach 45 years here. This would be a good time to consider it, if we want to do something like that."

The board indicated that they would hold over until next month for further discussion on the matter.

Kettelkamp made a motion to approve the creation of high school bass fishing as an extra-curricular activity effective for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion was seconded by Fesser.

After a closed session, the board accepted resignations effective June 30, 2022, of Jennifer Doyen and Shannon Ambroth as co-junior class sponsors and Lisa DeWerff as student council sponsor.



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Obituaries

Fairy J. Elam, 89 Homemaker, Owned Store



Fairy Jewell (White) Elam, 89, of Irving, died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at her residence.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Elam was born Oct. 8, 1932, in Coffeen, to Charles and Lillie (McCaslin) White. She married Alfred F. Elam, Sr., and

he preceded her in death in 2019.

She was a homemaker, and she and her husband opened a general store that later turned into J&A Country Kitchen in Braidwood.

Mrs. Elam is survived by one son, Merle (Ann) Elam of Coal City; two daughters, Bonnie Sue (Floyd) Scheifer of Irving and Rhonda Scheifer of Witt; eight grandchildren, Joanna (Shawn) Dames, Brian (Taushia) Elam, Stephanie (Ken) Smith, Rebecca (Brad) Wood, Jewell Ann (Keith Raymond) Scheifer, Kimberly (Colton Smith) Scheifer, Courtney (Andy) Bounds and Tristen (Caitlyn) Scheifer; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Lucy Ross of Taylor Springs.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son in infancy, Alfred Elam, Jr.; one great-great-granddaughter, Ellie Lynnell Marie Scheifer; and nine siblings.

Memorials may be directed to the Montgomery County Cancer Association or Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

Mary Louise Bland, 89 Homemaker



Mary Louise (Osborn) Bland, 89, of Hillsboro, died on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at Hillsboro Area Hospital.

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*.

Mrs. Bland was born July 16, 1932, in Irving, to Patrick and Stella (Durbin) Osborn. She married Jesse Earl Matthews, and they later divorced. She then married George Bland, and he preceded her in death.

She completed ten years of school and became a homemaker. Mrs. Bland was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, and lived in Irving and Hillsboro during her lifetime.

She is survived by her children, Perry Matthews of Schram City, Marilyn (husband Wallace) Collins of Rochester and Martha Jane Kunze of Hillsboro; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and sister, Gladys Burval of Hillsboro.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Bland was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers; and five sisters.

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

Dorothy Marie Lewey, 86 Formerly Of Litchfield



Dorothy Marie Lewey, 86, of Mountain Home, AR, formerly of Litchfield, died on Jan. 17, 2022, at home surrounded by her loved ones.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church. There will be no visitation. Burial will be at Elm Lawn Memorial Park in Litchfield. Roller Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Lewey was born on March 20, 1935, in Litchfield, to Viola (Hoog) and Milford M. Kellenberger. In June 1953, she married Ronald "Sonny" Lewey, her husband of 49 years.

Mrs. Lewey was a resident of Mountain Home, AR, for approximately 20 years. She enjoyed the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, fishing with Sonny, sewing and visiting with friends and family. She liked to play pinochle at the senior center. Mrs. Lewey was a volunteer at Baxter Regional Hospital's bargain box. She was a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Mountain Home, AR, and a former member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield. Mrs. Lewey spent most of her life being a stay at home wife and mother; roles she loved. Her high school class of 1953's last will and testament states: "I, Dorothy Kellenberger leave for the 'Sonny' side of life."

Mrs. Lewey is survived by her children, Deborah (John) Brest of Lead Hill, MO, Kenneth (Dawn) Lewey of Frisco, TX, Dennis (Cyndi) Lewey of Nokomis and James (Linda) Lewey of Troy; eleven grandchildren; and twenty great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be left online at www.rollerfuneralhomes.com.

Velma L. Millburg, 91 Worked In Insurance



Velma L. Millburg, 91, of Auburn, died on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at Sunrise Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Virden.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bramley Funeral Home in Auburn. Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, Jan. 27, beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Auburn with the Rev. James Palakudy officiating. Burial will follow at St. Raymond's Cemetery in Raymond.

Mrs. Millburg was born March 15, 1930, in Hillsboro, to Pearl and Viola (Smith) Mondthink. She married Howard Millburg on Nov. 5, 1952, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 2015.

She retired from Horace Mann Insurance.

Mrs. Millburg was a member of St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Auburn, as well as the Altar Society.

She is survived by her sons, Chris, Phil (Linda), Mark, Jeff (Carroll) and Stan; two daughters, Sharlene Moore and Cindy (Chuck) DuBois; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; sister, Ida Mae Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Millburg was preceded in death by her brother, Pearley Mondthink, Jr.; and grandson, Austin DuBois.

Memorials may be directed to Auburn Emergency Squad. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.bramleyfh.com.

Peggy McLarty, 65 Nurse's Aide



Peggy (Cravens) McLarty, 65, of Litchfield, died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be held at a later date.

Mrs. McLarty was born Sept. 30, 1956, in Carlinville, to William H. and Edna (Thornton) Cravens. She married Edwin

"Ed" McLarty on May 5, 1972, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 2017.

During her career, she worked as a nurse's aide at Berry Care Center in Litchfield for 12 years. She also worked at Echlin Brake Parts. Mrs. McLarty was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her son, Edwin (Tina) McLarty of Litchfield; daughter, Rachel (Robert) Townsend of Litchfield; grandchildren, Heavanan, Brennen and Melody McLarty, Kaitlyn, Robert and Blake Townsend; and two stepgrandchildren, Blade and Ashley Hudgens.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. McLarty was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Elmer, Ed, Earl David, Roy and Sam Cravens; two sisters, Helen and Lilly Cravens; niece, Bernice Smith; and great-nephew, Master Sergeant William Crays.

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

Claire M. Dennison, 74 Generous CNA, Avid Reader



Claire M. Dennison, 74, of Mulberry Grove, died on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at 3:15 p.m. at Greenville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Assalley-Young Funeral Home in Greenville is assisting the family.

Mrs. Dennison was born Jan. 18, 1948, in East St. Louis, to Nick and Billie Jean (Westler) Leone.

She graduated from St. Mary's High School in East St. Louis and went on to receive her certification as a certified nursing assistant.

During her career, Mrs. Dennison worked for many years providing in-home healthcare before working for Brookstone Estates in Vandalia. She later retired from Fair Oaks Nursing Home in Greenville.

She was an extraordinary and generous person. She enjoyed time spent with her children and grandchildren, and she enjoyed the time she spent taking care of her clients. She was an avid reader, and she especially loved Stephen King novels. She also collected antique dolls, paper dolls, Raggedy Ann and Andy memorabilia and Garfield memorabilia.

She is survived by her children, Kimberly (husband James) Foltz of Mulberry Grove and Tony (wife Beth) Dennison of Trenton; grandchildren, Ryan (wife Ranae) Dennison, Jason (wife Chelsea) Dennison, Nathan (wife Christine) Dennison, Zackary (wife Leann) Foltz, Benjamin (wife Shania) Foltz, Madelyn Dennison and Cooper Dennison; great-grandchildren, Lucas, Michael, Neal, Tessa, Chloe, Alex, Ellie and Emma; siblings, Nick (wife Mary) Leone, Bill (wife Trisha) Leone, Mary Harris and Angie (Scott) Lightner; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Dennison was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be directed to Crisis Nursery of Effingham County, 924 N. Merchant St., Effingham, IL 62401. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com.

G. Kevin Elliott, 66 Owned Production Company

G. Kevin Elliott, 66, died on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Mr. Elliott was born March 3, 1955, in Hillsboro, to John R. and Margaret (Nimmons) Elliott.

While studying radio-television at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, he found his best friend, Kim Shaw, and they married in 1979. Together, they raised their beautiful daughter, Anne. He spent a trailblazing career in communications and video production, creating his own production company. He worked for the St. Louis Blues and designed programs for many leading companies in a broad range of industries.

Recognized by a St. Louis Emmy award, he brought his creativity and keen sense of fine design to everything he touched, including woodworking, photography, collecting musical instruments and exotic automobiles.

Mr. Elliott was a superb cook, and he and his wife enjoyed entertaining many dinners throughout the years. His most important job, though, was that of a father, and his proudest accomplishment was always his dear daughter. He loved his adopted town, Dunedin, FL.

Mr. Elliott is survived by his wife; daughter, Anne (David Franklin) Elliott; devoted brothers, Mike (wife Vicki) Elliott and Tim (wife Aby) Elliott; several nieces and nephews; and his loyal greyhound, Firefly, who stood by his side until the end.

He was preceded in death by his parents. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Provident Behavioral Health of St. Louis at www.providentstl.org, Gold Coast Greyhound Adoption or Gulf Coast Chapters at www.gulfcoastgreyhoundadoption.org.

Raymond L. Simmons, 84 Arrangements Pending

Raymond Larry Simmons, 84, of Litchfield, died on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at Hillsboro Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Hillsboro.

Arrangements are pending at Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield. A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*, as well as the funeral home's website at www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Lonnie C. Gerdes, 70 Union Brick Layer, Fisherman



Lonnie Clifford Gerdes, 70, of Litchfield, died on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

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

Mr. Gerdes was born Nov. 3, 1951, to Clifford Herman and Mary Lucinda (Vaughn) Gerdes.

He graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1970. During his career, he served as a union brick layer for 50 years.

Mr. Gerdes was a member of the Gillespie Bass Club and Litchfield Moose Club. An avid bass fisherman, he would spend every moment he could on the lake, looking for the next big catch. His boats were his pride and joy. He also enjoyed bowling at Litchfield Bowl, and continued bowling until 2018.

He is survived by his brother, Gary (Sharon) Gerdes of Litchfield; sister, Arlene Gerdes of Litchfield; four nieces and nephews; 12 great-nieces and great-nephews; and nine great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

Mr. Gerdes was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, JoAnn Gerdes.

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

Irene J. Morris, 86 Owned Rene's Tap



Irene J. Morris, 86, of Nokomis, died on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at Nokomis Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Visitation will be held Monday, Jan. 24, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Myron Kirk officiating.

Mrs. Morris was born June 5, 1935, in Pana, to John and Grace (Altevogt) Stolte. She married Arthur B. Morris on June 5, 1954, in Fillmore, and he preceded her in death on June 4, 2016.

She was the former owner of Rene's Tap.

Mrs. Morris is survived by her children, Ronald (Christine) Morris of Nokomis, Roger Morris of Ohlman and Susan (Kevin) Johnson of Taylorville; seven grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; sisters, Linda Zupanci, Norma Porter and Dolores Stolte, all of Nokomis.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Earl Stolte.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.stiehl-dawsonfh.com.

CEO Students Learn From Fearless Founders

Students in the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program joined together by Zoom on Jan. 5, for the fourth installment of the Fearless Founders series.

Cathryn Lavery of BestSelf Co. shared her story of not following the path she set out for herself after she worked in the architectural world. She found that she was "Living to Work."

After reading some personal development books she thought "I need to get these tools to people sooner."

Finding what people need is paramount in business. Lavery found needs of her own that gave her business the growth into other directions and products. Her experience of learning "the business of the business" came as they were driving the bus of this business venture. Her advice is to lean in and push through those uncomfortable mo-




Cathryn Lavery

ments to see what the future has in store.

She also advised the CEO program team members to start as early as possible for the May release of their personal businesses.

"Take time to learn how to write an email, how to talk to people and practice the 'just in time' learning," Lavery said.



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Bank Of Hillsboro Makes Donation To Food Pantry

The Bank of Hillsboro presented a \$150 donation to Pacey Collins to benefit the Winter Food Drive on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20. This marked the second year in a row that Collins organized a food collection to help stock the shelves at the Harvest of Hope food pantry in Hillsboro. Above, from the left, are Pastor Shawn Huber, representing the pantry, Pacey Collins, Kazz Friend and Sydney Jenkins, both tellers at the Bank of Hillsboro.

Journal-News/Tori O'Dell



January is all about "Snacks and Smiles" for the little learners enrolled in C.E.F.S. Head Start.

Snacks And Smiles For Students At Head Start

January is all about "Snacks and Smiles" for the little learners enrolled in C.E.F.S. Head Start. The local program adopts family-style dining where children and teachers sit together at a table for a meal or snack.

This approach better helps children make healthy food choices through seeing positive attitudes from their teachers and peers. C.E.F.S. teachers model and develop key concepts for children including opportunities to try new foods and politely decline

food they have tasted and don't enjoy. The children are also able to practice appropriate use of utensils and assist with setting and cleaning the table after meals.

Other benefits of family-style dining include improved motor skills, self-confidence, expanded social skills and practice using table manners.

C.E.F.S. Head Start is open to children zero to five years old. Those interested in learning more about the program can text or call 217-663-7822.

Births

Natasha and Lyle Dale Cole, Jr. of Hillsboro announce the birth of their son, James Lee Cole, born at 1:24 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 20.5 ins. long.

James was welcomed home by big brothers Quinten Stratton, age 15, and Xavier Stratton, age 14, and big sisters Madison Stratton, age 11, and Lillith Stratton, age eight.

Maternal grandparents are Nona Cuppett of Gillespie and Paul Cuppett of Springfield, MO.

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Marriage Licenses

Jason Scott Hernandez, Hillsboro; Brandy Lynn Miller, Hillsboro

Trevor Allan Smith, Edwardsville; Megan Christina Gad, Edwardsville

City Council Meets Tuesday

Hillsboro City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed upgrades to the wastewater system at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Hillsboro City Hall.

The regular meeting of Hillsboro City Council will begin at 7 p.m. Agenda items up for discussion include an ordinance increasing the road bond for brick streets, a proposal for piping lower Lake Hillsboro for spillway repairs and facade grants.

Nokomis Council To Meet Tonight

Nokomis City Council will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Monday, Jan. 24, at Nokomis City Hall.

Jennie Snyder, Eric Emerich and Scott Hunt will be in attendance to present to the council. Additional agenda items include a lease agreement with the fire department and the hiring of a police chief, police officer and employee for the water/waste water department.

Hillsboro Board Meets Tonight

Hillsboro School District's Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, at the Unit Office, located at 1311 Vandalia Road in Hillsboro. Agenda items include updates on the buildings and grounds and the high school building project.



St. Agnes Donates To Imagine Hillsboro

Members of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro donated \$250 to Imagine Hillsboro on Thursday evening, Jan. 20, as part of the Queen of Hearts drawing at The Abbey on Broad Street. Pictured above, from the left are Wes and Anna Spears, Norma Plowman, Doug Johnson, Patty Meyers, Steve Murray and Angie Mizera.

Church volunteers just kicked off a new Queen of Hearts drawing on Jan. 20. Tickets are available at Sullivan's in Hillsboro during business hours and at the Abbey on Broad from 5 to 7 p.m. with a drawing at 7:30 p.m. The weekly Queen of Hearts drawing supports the new building fund at St. Agnes Catholic Church, as well as other local charities, and drawings are open to the public.



Friends who made quilts for Cross Over Ministries, from the left, are Becky Gonzalez, Lisa Finley, Maribeth Rahe, Marti Coderko and Karyl Frailey. Not present: Micki Chappelaer, who did the quilting.

Quilters Help Out Cross Over Ministries

Several quilters have generously donated their time and talents to create handmade quilts that Cross Over Ministries will be using as comforters on the beds of guests who will eventually be staying at The Living Room.

The ladies became aware of Cross Over's need for quilts when Marti Coderko started volunteering at the ministry through RSVP (Retired Persons Volunteer Program).

"We are so grateful for the hands and hearts of our new friends and look forward to many more years of friendships," Cross Over President

Linda Liebscher said.

The Living Room will be a non-clinical, recovery-focused home for people struggling with mental health conditions, substance use disorders and life challenges. It is an alternative crisis intervention program that will include overnight stays and individual wellness opportunities. Recovery Support Peers will be a primary resource of support for people staying at the Living Room.

"This is Cross Over Ministries' long-term goal," according to Lynette Weiss, Recovery Support Peer Coordinator,

"and we will need strong partnerships with our communities to make it happen."

The beautiful quilts will be on display at the Mental Health Summit, Conquering the Mind, on March 12 at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church. Anyone interested in donating towards the quilts can do so at the summit.

For more information about Cross Over Ministries, The Living Room and the Summit, visit their website at www.crossovermfp.com or their Facebook page.

Coordinating Committee Of County Board To Meet

The Coordinating Committee of the Montgomery County Board will meet for its regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25, in the county board room at the Historic Courthouse.

The agenda includes reports from Board Chairman Evan Young; Building and Grounds Committee Chair-

man Bob Sneed; Development Committee Chairman Donna Yeske; Finance Committee Chairman Russell Beason; Personnel Committee Chairman Bill Bergen; Road and Bridges Committee Chairman Gene Miles; and Safety and Elections Committee Chairman Mark Hughes.

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REDSKIN REVIEW • by Presley Lamb at Nokomis

Redskins Finish Fourth In Litchfield Tourney



We had a four-day week this week due to no school on Monday because it was Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Seniors need to send a senior picture and a baby picture to Mrs. Goodwin or Aubrie Jaros by Feb. 28. These pictures will be in the yearbook.

Please make sure your parking tag is in your vehicle at all times when parked at the school.

The scholastic bowl team competed at Mt. Olive, earning their first win by a score of 110 - 50 against Brussels High School.

There will be an FFA meeting for all members on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. The next "Go Ahead... Bake My Day" will be Wednesday, Jan. 26 right after school in Ms. Williams' room. The participants will be making Chex snack mix.

Seniors, be sure to check your email often. Mrs. DeWierff sends out information on financial aid scholarships and

post-secondary resources. Be sure to join her Class of 2022 Google Classroom.

Please be advised - IDPH face covering, social distancing and lunch guidelines will be enforced. Students failing to adhere to the guidelines may receive disciplinary action.

Congrats to Ryan Eisenbarth who was named *The State Journal Register* Athlete of the Week last week. Way to go, Ryan!

In sports, the Lady Redskins played Lincolnwood and won big!

The Redskins participated in the Litchfield Tourney and beat Troy-Triad and Civic Memorial to go 2-0. They played in the championship bracket and played Pana to make it to the first place game and they lost. They played for third place on Saturday against Gateway Legacy, and they lost. They ended the week 2-2, and left with fourth place. Also a big congratulations to Elijah Aumann on being selected for the All-Tournament Team.

Have a great last full week of January everyone!



Karsyn Acup



Raylan Amos



Alison Barwick



Kasyn Costanzo



Jude Kessler



Zeppelynn Longwell



Roxie Seaton



Payden Tyrell

Madison Park Students Honored By Principal

Madison Park Elementary School Principal Adam Favre has announced the Principal's Recognition Award winners this year for the week of Jan. 4.

Kindergarten winners are Jude Kessler, Karsyn Acup, Raylan Amos and Zeppelynn Longwell. First grade winners are Alison Barwick, Payden

Tyrell, Roxie Seaton and Kasyn Costanzo.

These students are recognized by their classroom teacher for positive achieve-

ments in academic and social skills. Students celebrate during the morning meeting and receive a certificate.

PANTHER PRESS • by Morgan Lemon at Litchfield

Panther Student Council Plans Blood Drive



Hello, Panthers! Welcome back to a full week of school.

All juniors will need to stay during the eighth hour on Friday, Jan. 28 for a CEO recruitment visit.

Students grade nine through 11 will be MAP testing on Jan. 27-28. Seniors will get to leave early these days.

There will be an FCCLA meeting on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 3:05 to 4 p.m.

Last week, scholastic bowl beat Vandalia and Gillespie at one of their matches. The varsity toss-up scorers were Spencer Hoel, Ryan Baugher and Sam Horn. Good job, fellas.

The junior varsity team was also victorious over Gillespie and Vandalia, but lost to Staunton at their match last week. Toss-up scorers for junior varsity scholastic bowl were Zach Leitschuh, Haley Bryant, Selina Cochran, Dominic Ellinger, Jackson Painter and Josh Bader. Congratulations, crew, keep up the good work.

If eligible, please sign up to donate blood on Feb. 4! Sign-ups are outside Mrs. Brummet's door. If students are 16, they will need a permission slip signed for this day.

There will be a baseball meeting for any returning players and any new players interested on Tuesday, Jan. 25 in the weight room after school.

Today, girls basketball has a home game at 6 p.m. against Riverton. Wednesday they

have another home game at 6 p.m. against Carlinville. Come support them as they currently hold a three-game winning streak! They are traveling to Pana on Thursday for a game at 6 p.m.

High school boys basketball played in the annual McGraw Tournament last week, and ended up placing 11th. This week, they have a game in Staunton on Wednesday, starting with junior varsity at 6 p.m. Thursday, they will be hosting a home game against Vandalia, also starting at 6 p.m. Come support them.

High school wrestling attended the Onley/Richland Tournament last weekend, and brought home many pins! This week, they have a meet in Jerseyville on Thursday at 6 p.m. Then, Friday kick starts the Lovelette Tournament hosted by Litchfield at 4:30 p.m. They will continue on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. Come watch the team!

Seniors: St. Clair Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers is offering college scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to study engineering. The application is available online at <https://ilengineeringinitiative.org/scholarships/> or Student Services. The application deadline is March 11. Also, a representative from Blackburn College will be here Monday, Jan. 24 during lunch.

Have a good week, Panthers, and try to remain healthy and warm as we dig deeper into our winter season.



CEO Students Visit Marten Insurance In Raymond

Students in the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program visited Marten Insurance in Raymond on Friday, Jan. 7. The team had an opportunity to engage with the business and see what makes it what it is. Marten Insurance is one of the program's Badge Business sponsors, which helps to provide students with their logo jackets and name badges.

"Success seems to be connected with action," Ray Marten told the students on the tour. "Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit."

Litchfield Announces Second Quarter Honor Roll

Litchfield High School announces the students who made the Honor Roll lists for the second quarter.

High Honor Roll

Senior: Ellie Ashmore, Elaan Bader, Julia Bader, Ryan Baugher, Lily Braasch, Cameron Crow, Brady Davidson, Luke Davis, Charleigh Dossett, Kylee Eiting, Emma Evans, Audrey Fischer, Garrett Flitz, Carly Guinn, Rylie Hester, Ashley Hickerson, Spencer Hoehl, Isabelle Murphy, Sarah Pence, Emma Reid, Allen Schneider, Brooke Severston, Madison Uchtman, Jenna White, Colby Wygal and Alexis Zeller

Junior: Peyton Baugher, Jenni Boden, Laura Boston, Madison Brakenhoff, William Calladine, Christopher Farmer, Myka Fenton, Olivia Fleming, Charlotte Gardner, Rhaidan Garrett, Carlee Harmon, Bozz Hogsett, Samuel Horn, Kylie Kruse, Libby Lamb, Cassidy Law, Morgan Lemon, Lauren Monke, Haily Rentz, Breanna Roach, Jaylynn Taylor, Gavin Thimsen, Tyler Thompson, Emma Walch, Nathaniel Watson and Justin Zhang

Sophomore: Alexia Birkenkamp, Taylor Bradburn, Haley Bryant, Jonathan Conlee, Cyan Cress, Emma Diveley, Dominic Ellinger, Carly Favre, Mitchell Floyd, Drake Gasperson, Kirsten Gudausky, Keanna Hawley, Riley Heyen, Tisha Jarden, Zachary Leitschuh, Amanda Niemann, Aiden Odle, Jackson Painter, Camden Quarton, Sofia Ray, Annika Rhodes, Isabella Roach, Hannah Schmidt,

Wade Schmidt, Caitlyn Schneck, Jacob Schwab, Jared Shell, Isabella Steiner, Kendall Stewart, Angel Trader, Audreyah White, Charles Wilson, Dottie Young-Grossglauser

Freshman: Braden Alexander, Kayden Bergman, Emma Bone, Jaydah Caldwell, Selina Cochran, William Cress, Claudia Deren, Bristol Everett, Avarey Fetter, Joseph Gipson, Georgia Glover, Keilana Kircher, Clayton Logsdon, Cassandra Loveless, Lukus Middleton, Addison Monke, Keaton Morgan, Henshi Patel, Hannah Phillips, Olivia Reid, Maggie Reynolds, Caitlyn Travis, Elsie Walch and Jessie Zhang

Honor Roll
Senior: Emmalie Bradburn, Alissa Crabtree, Alex-

ander De La Cruz, Mackenzie Emerson, Olivia Flitz, Andrew Hartzell, Angel Jarden, Alyssa Loyd, Joshua Schoen, Harlee Traylor and Jordan Wilson

Junior: Owen Baugher, Clayton Bishop, Zachary Boston, Kyleigh Cameron, Paul Cowgill, Nathaniel Fetter, Emma Hughes, Blair Johnson, Briley Kester, Kyra Kircher, Keagan Marten, Kayleigh Morrow, Rilynne Nockman, Shayla Ortega, Alexander Powell, Danni Riemann, Hailley Robbins, Lillian Sawyer, Kaden Shepherd, Luke Twitty, Delanie Ulrich, Amber Wheat, Ethan Witt and Caden Wygal

Sophomore: Anthony Bader, Preston Bradley, Madison Bremerkamp, Tatian Dobrinich, Christian Fenton, Any Frerichs, Hunter Hancock, Colten Hester, Sophia

Hollo, Jessika Hupp, Alyssa Lohman, Jacob Long, Jordan Long, Kenden Longwell, Mae Marten, Madison Mix, Ian Otto, Alexandria Rhodes, Carson Saathoff, Gage Sellers, Mia Smith, Camden Stewart, Abigail Stockstill, Natalee Wayman, Addison Webb, Jillian White, Alexandra Wright and Brody Zumwalt

Freshman: Joshua Bader, Emma Bruntjen, Cody Davidson, Tyler Diamond, Samantha Fyffe, Alexandria Gasperson, Kristin Gruelle, Garrett Hale, Star Hall, Devin Hansel, Josie Kelso, Moriah King, Rylie Mix, Gerogina Painter, Saylen Parrish, Noah Polus, Isabella Reyes, Brayden Ronco, Derek Sawyer, Keeley Tabor, Liliana Tomas Guerrero, Alayna Wyatt, Nolan Zeisler and Hayley Zeller.



Montgomery County CEO Attends Event In Vandalia

Some members of the Montgomery County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program participated in this year's Fayette County CEO class business project on Sunday, Jan. 16. Pictured above, Montgomery County CEO Chairman Heather Hampton+Knodle smiles at the murder mystery game event. Participants from the Christian County CEO program also attended the event.

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Court

• Angela K. Stockamp, 44, of Gillespie, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Thursday, Dec. 16.

• Beth A. Stovall, 46, of Walnut Ridge, AR, faces a felony charge of criminal defacement of property on Nov. 18, 2021.

• Lorenzo Thomas, 61, of St. Louis, MO, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Aug. 10, 2021.

• Bryan Weller, 41, of Mt. Olive, faces felony charges of meth trafficking, meth delivery and possession of meth on Thursday, Jan. 6.

• Richard W. Wendel III, 32, of Litchfield, faces two felony charges of domestic battery on Dec. 19, 2021.

• James D. White, 36, of Farmersville, faces a felony charge of domestic battery on Dec. 30, 2021.

• Camden P. Williams, 21, of Hillsboro, faces a felony charge of domestic battery on Dec. 26, 2021.

• Bo D. Buffington, 23, of Litchfield, was charged with resisting a peace officer on Saturday, Jan. 1.

• Brian K. Busch, 29, of Witt, was charged with manufacturing or delivering cannabis on Aug. 11, 2021.

• Richard O.C. Denny, 38, of Butler, was charged with domestic battery and battery on Dec. 23, 2021.

• Brienna L. Fly, 24, of Litchfield, was charged with disorderly conduct on Sept. 29, 2021.

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Required to perform general office duties. Prefer some clerical related work experience. Compiles data and prepares account invoices for service provided. Process customer payments. May be required to work extended hours during busy season.
Apply online at mmservice.com or you can pick up an application at M&M Service Company, 1600 Historic Old Route 66, Litchfield, IL 62056

SUBSTITUTE CAFETERIA WORKER

The Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3 is seeking qualified individuals to fill substitute positions in the school cafeterias.
Applications are available at the Unit Office at 1311 Vandalia Road, Hillsboro, IL 62049-2034 or on the district website, hillsboroschools.net. For further information, please contact Mrs. Kristin Gregory, Food Service Director, Hillsboro Unit Office, 1311 Vandalia Rd., Hillsboro, IL 62049.

HELP WANTED

Looking for self-motivated individual who enjoys working with people, dependable and enjoys working in a team atmosphere. Midway Trailer Sales is looking for a sales person. Benefits include health & life insurance, simple IRA and great work environment. Please apply in person or send resume to
**Midway Trailer Sales
18292 E Frontage Rd
Litchfield, IL 62056**

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Looking for dependable, self-motivated, energetic individual who enjoys being a team player for a Service Writer & Service Tech. We are willing to pay a **PREMIUM** wage for a **PREMIUM** employee. Experience is a plus but not a necessity. Need to have basic tools. Benefits include health & life insurance, simple IRA and great work environment. Please apply in person or send resume to:
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HELP WANTED

Hayes Abrasives, Inc.
Accepting applications for machine operators.
Apply at
120 Smith Road, Hillsboro

VACANCY NOTICE

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3

Position: Junior High Boys Baseball Coach
Starting Date: 2022-2023 school year
Salary: Extra Curricular Salary Schedule B
Send employee application (available at the District's website) and Letter of Interest to: Donald VanGiesen; Hillsboro Junior High School; 909 Rountree Street; Hillsboro, IL 62049; email to: dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net
Due By: January 28, 2022

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POSITION AVAILABLE AT BANK & TRUST COMPANY
New Accounts Specialist

Bank & Trust Company seeks a personable individual as a new accounts specialist. Applicants must have a willingness to learn, interpersonal skills, and the ability to input computer data with speed and accuracy. Skill in exercising initiative, judgment, problem-solving, and decision-making needed. Must also maintain effective working relationships with staff, function well within a team, and enjoy meeting new customers. A new account specialist's duties include: evaluating customer needs, introducing and explaining account choices, requesting and assembling customer information, opening accounts, and reviewing work for accuracy.

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Bank & Trust Company
Attn: Human Resource Dept.
P O Box 410
Litchfield IL 62056

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POSITION AVAILABLE

CENTRAL PARK POOL MANAGER

The City of Hillsboro is seeking a pool manager at Central Park Pool for the 2022 swimming season. Application, job description and additional details are available at City Hall at 447 S. Main in Hillsboro. Applications are to be received at City Hall by January 31st, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

POSITION AVAILABLE

SHERWOOD FOREST CAMPGROUND HOST

The City of Hillsboro is seeking a campground host for Sherwood Forest Campground for the 2022 camping season. Application, job description and additional details are available at City Hall at 447 S. Main in Hillsboro. Applications are to be received at City Hall by January 31st, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.



TRI COUNTY AUCTION, MEDORA
January-February-March
Farmers' Market Auctions
CANCELLED DUE TO
CDC DIRECTIVE DISCOURAGING
LARGE GATHERINGS
& INCREASED CASES
OF COVID IN OUR AREA
April & May sale dates
remain as scheduled

MON., JAN. 24 - Bidding closes. Timed online, no-reserve farm retirement auction starting at 10 a.m. 6985 N. Arrowwood Rd., Dundas, IL 62425. Tractors, combine & heads, tillage equip, backhoe, grain trucks, trailer, augers, ditcher, ATV sprayer, more. Call Don Zuber w/ equip. questions at 618-843-6900. Auct. mgrs.: Luke Sullivan, 309-371-5214 & Matt Sullivan, 309-221-7001. Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC, 844-847-2161, www.sullivanauctioneers.com.

TUES., FEB. 1 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Hot Wheels, McDonald's Toys & more auction for Earl Wayne Peterson. **Preview Mon., Jan. 31, 4-6 p.m. & pickup Fri., Feb. 4, 4-7 p.m. at 608 Ridge St., Greenville.** Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

WED., FEB. 2 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only unopened die cast cars auction for Earl Wayne Peterson. **Preview Mon., Jan. 31, 4-6 p.m. & pickup Fri., Feb. 4, 4-7 p.m. at 608 Ridge St., Greenville.** Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

THURS., FEB. 3 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only multi-family auction for Wilma Baumberger & Wanda Woker. **Preview Mon., Jan. 31, 4-6 p.m. & pickup Fri., Feb. 4, 4-7 p.m. at 608 Ridge St., Greenville.** Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

THURS., FEB. 3 - 6 p.m. at 823 N. O'Bannon St., Raymond. Bidding ends for multi-family online auction of antiques, collectibles, locally handmade oak furniture, coal mine collectibles, collectible dolls, quality household items, cookware, Susan Stanton photography art canvases, Native American artifacts, gold and silver plate items, many Lemax Christmas items and much more. **Viewing Sun., Jan. 30, 1-3 p.m. & pickup Sun., Feb. 6 Noon-3 p.m.** Register, view and bid at mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507.

SUN., FEB. 6 - Bidding ends for online only farm machinery auction for Dave & Barb Large. Bidding began Mon., Jan. 10. Payment & pick-up Feb. 8 & 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Large farm located approx. 5 1/2 mi. S. of Rt. 29 at Velma or the prison at GPS 643N & 1600 E. Rd., Owaneco or 1/2 mi. N. of Buckeye Church. Pics & info at www.miceneheimer.com. Preview Jan. 8 & Jan. 22, 9 a.m.-Noon. Miceneheimer & Meyer Auction Services, James Miceneheimer & Cory Meyer, auctioneers, 217-820-9324, 217-710-5642, miceneheimerandmeyer.hibid.com, miceneheimerauctionservices.com.

SAT., FEB. 12 - 10 a.m. Live onsite auction for Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Dvurovicin located at 11704 Walshville Trail, Hillsboro. Small line equipment, shop equipment, Lawn/garden, ash & oak firewood, furniture, appliances, household, meat processing equip, and Toledo 200 lb. platform scale. Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com, mikecrabtreeauctions.com, 217-473-2507.

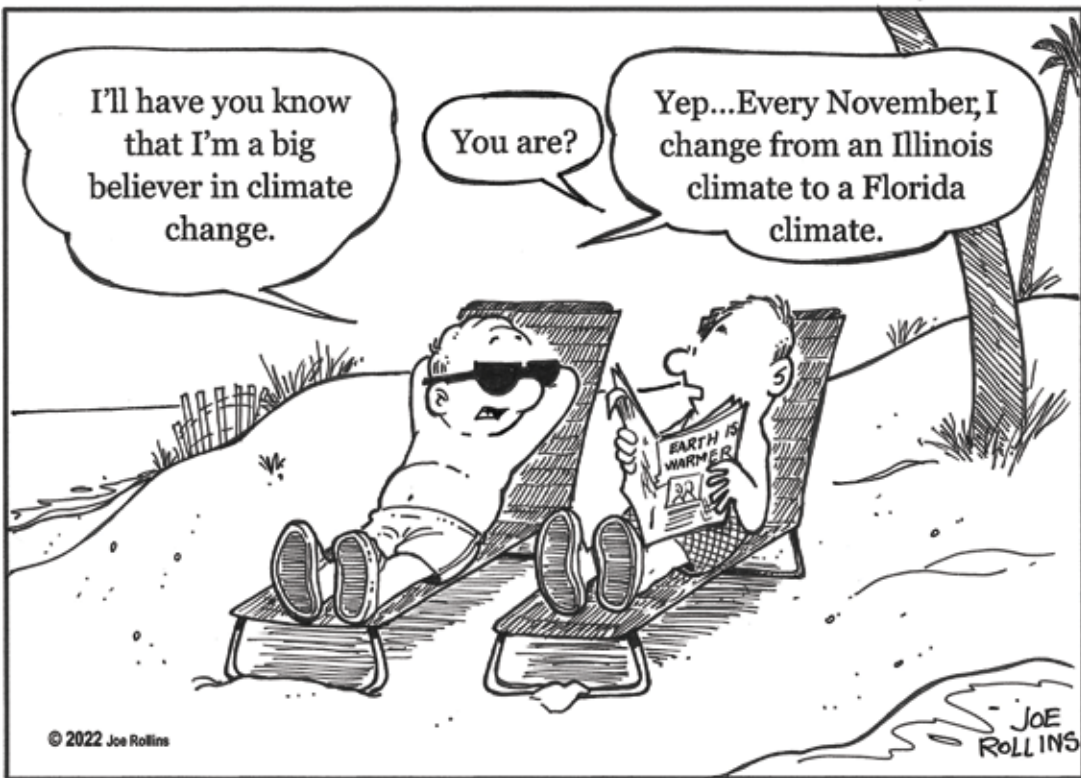
THURS., FEB. 24 - 2 p.m. Bidding ends for online farm equipment auction for the estate of George L. Blankenship. **Opening open now at aumann.com. Bid open house Sat., Feb. 19, 1-4 p.m.** Late model Case-IH combines & tractors, tillage tools, semis, trailers, tandem grain trucks, tools, more. Visit us online for complete inventory. Aumann Auction, 217-563-2523.

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Opinion

Joe's Corner

by Joe Rollins



SMALL SNIPPETS • by Tori O'Dell

Using My Reusable Bags



I have a tiny house. Not like a “cool, I’m really into minimalism, check out this insanely expensive tiny home,” but a legit, old, every time you fix something you want to cry because five more things need to be fixed first, kind of tiny home. As such, I spent a fair amount of 2020 watching home improvement shows on tiny homes in hopes of both storage inspiration and that they would spark a love for living in closely cramped quarters.

With being back home comes the need to unpack and reorganize, and I have been spending my limited amount of free time accordingly. Subsequently, there are piles all over our home, which makes the perfectionist in me absolutely crazy and wondering why we have so much stuff. The area that is making me craziest at the moment is the mound of reusable shopping bags. I have a literal stockpile of reusable bags, in an assortment of sizes and colors that I have never once reused. Why? Why do I have so many bags?

I’ll readily admit that it did not work. I would inevitably find myself shouting at the show participants, emphatically urging them not to minimize. I mean seriously, you cannot put a five and a two-year-old in an open loft bedroom directly over your own bed space; that is cute for the cameras but not practical for real life.

It’s because I have sloppy habits. I do all of the things a first-world millennial is culturally programmed to do. I read the scholarly articles on being environmentally conscientious. I discuss the importance of stewardship with my peers while drinking slightly overpriced lattes—well, in my case, Chais. I buy the reusable bags, the stainless steel straws, and the plethora of other items sold to me under the guise of helping me lower my carbon footprint, but I don’t consistently use them. I fail to actually execute because I don’t need more things; I need to tweak my habits. I imagine that there are many people going into the new year with their own stacks of “reusable bags,” in whatever form those piles take.

It turns out that the thing that re-sparked my appreciation for my own tiny home was living in an even smaller space—which we did for most of 2021. With time finally on his hands, Corey decided that we were going to move into his mother’s house while we tackled the expansive list of home renovations we had been compiling since moving into it seven years ago. After a little more than nine months of living in the upstairs quarters of my mother-in-law Felicia O’Dell’s home, we happily woke up on New Year’s morning in our own beds, under our own roof.

That is where I am at as we venture into 2022. No grandiose resolutions or giant goals to change myself or my life, just self-deprecating awareness and the seemingly small intention to fully and actually use my reusable bags.

IMAGINE HILLSBORO CHECKS IN • by Lucas Altenberger

Imagine Wraps Up 2021, Changes Ahead



Welcome back to Imagine Hillsboro Checks In! If this is your first time joining us, welcome! This column features a bi-monthly update regarding all things Imagine Hillsboro. Were you able to make it to the 2021 Storybook Christmas festival? This month, we’ll be recapping a few highlights of the event. We will also discuss some of the exciting changes happening to the website. Finally, we’ll close out with some upcoming events and ways to get involved with Imagine Hillsboro.

On February 25, Lincoln Land Community College is hosting a career day for junior high school students in Montgomery County. The Education committee is helping look for local businesses and organizations that would like to help sponsor this event through small monetary, gift card, or gift basket donations. These donations will be used as prizes that students can win throughout the day. Sponsors will be recognized during the event. Donator’s names will be made visible in the auditorium or hallways, and will be included on a handout that will be provided to every participating student, teacher, administrator and presenter. Interested sponsors should contact LLCC-Litchfield Director Jessie Blackburn at jessie.blackburn@llcc.edu or 217-786-3441 by Friday, Jan. 28.

The 2021 Storybook Christmas festival yet again brought a full day of Christmas magic straight to Hillsboro. There was no shortage of sights to see or activities to do for Christmas-lovers of all ages. Several vendors lined the streets with hot drinks, warm food and opportunities to check some Christmas shopping off your list. However, the shopping didn’t stop outside! A wide array of vendors also filled the basement of the St. Paul’s Lutheran church. Do you follow us on Instagram? If so, you may have seen Imagine Hillsboro live showcasing the vendors and other activities. Look out for more “Lives” in the future! Throughout the day, hundreds enjoyed carriage rides, two free Christmas movies at the Orpheum, Christmas card making at Taylor Kay Art Gallery, crafts, a cornhole tournament hosted by Hardcore Hammers, and much more. Two of the festival’s focal events were held at the end of the day. As always, adults and children alike gathered for the annual tree lighting ceremony, accompanied by a special reading of “A Light for Luna” by author Patty Whitworth. To conclude the night, a reverse lighted parade was held, featuring several luminous floats that enchanted all who walked by. The Christmas fun didn’t stop that day, however! Friday nights saw the return of Friday Night Lights, which brought extended shopping hours at many of our local businesses. This allowed some to buy Christmas presents locally that may not have otherwise had the opportunity.

Have you visited our website lately? You may have noticed that all of our Committees now have individual pages. This is a quick and easy way to connect with the IH projects and initiatives that matter to you most. As a reminder, our current committees include the Volunteer committee, the Events and Festivals committee, the Education committee, the Parks and Recreation committee, the Technology committee, and the Bicentennial committee. If you visit the website, you may also notice that we have updated some of our pictures, fonts, colors, and menus for a fresh look. You can also find several photos from the Storybook Christmas event. If you donate to Imagine Hillsboro, you may notice that we have updated our donation categories to reflect our newest committees, including the Bike Trails subcommittee. What ideas do you have for the website? Send your thoughts to marketing@imaginehillsboro.com.

As always, Imagine Hillsboro is looking for individuals that would like to get involved with their community. If interested in joining a particular committee, or even volunteering in general, please fill out the contact form on imaginehillsboro.com.

Weather Forecast

Mon 24	42°/11°	Cloudy	/11%	Thu 27	41°/15°	Mostly Cloudy	/11%
Tue 25	22°/1°	Mostly Sunny	/1%	Fri 28	25°/12°	Partly Cloudy	/2%
Wed 26	23°/16°	Sunny	/1%	Sat 29	35°/26°	Sunny	/2%

MONDAY EVENING

JANUARY 24, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC: The Bachelor (TVPG) (N)	Neighbor: Bob Hearts (TV14) (N)	NCIS (TV14) (N)	That's My Jam (N)	Ordinary Joe (TV14) (N)	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
CABLE	A&E: The First 48 (TV14)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)	Secrets of Playboy (N)
AMC	Casino (TV-14) ★★½	Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone.								
ANIMAL	Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge (N)				Alaska: The Last Frontier: "I Don't Want"					Alaska: Last (TV14)
BET	Movie				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	Below Deck (TV14) (N)	Summer House (N)			Watch What	Below Deck (TV14)	Summer House (TV14)	Vanderpump		
CARTOON	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Futurama	Futurama	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Smiling
CMT	Man	Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Golden	Golden
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°
COMEDY	(20) The Office (TV14)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
DISCOVERY	Street Outlaws: "Turnt Up" (TV14) (N)				(32) Street Outlaws				Street Outlaws (TV14)	Street Outlaws (TV14)
DISNEY	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Nightly (N)	Access	Sex & City	Miraculous
ESPN	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball: Texas Tech vs Kansas (Live)			SportsCenter	College Bball (Live)	SportsCenter	College Bball (Live)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
ESPN2	(6:00) 2022 Australian Open	Tennis: "Quarterfinals" (Live)			Chopped (TV G)	Chopped: "Get Strail"	Kids Baking (TV G)			
FOOD	Kids Baking (TV G) (N)	The Big Bake: Spring			Chopped (TV G)	Chopped: "Get Strail"	Kids Baking (TV G)			
FREEFORM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons
FX	Bohemian Rhapsody (TV-14) ★★½	Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton.			Now You See Me 2 (TV-14, PG-13) ★★					
HGTV	Love It or List It (TV G)	Tough Love Hila (N)			Love It or List It (TV G)					
HISTORY	Ancient Aliens: Declassified	"Secrets of the Ancient Codes" (TVPG) (N)			Love It or List It (TV G)					
LIFETIME	Castle: "Driven"	Castle: "Montreal"			(33) Castle (TVPG)					
MTV	(6:00) Wedding Crashers (TV-14) (N)	Owen Wilson.			Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSNAT	Dan Abrams Live	NewsNationPrime			Barfield					
NICK	Despicable Me (TV) (N)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	Movie				Movie					
SYFY	Harry Potter & Hallows 1 (TV-14) (N)	Daniel Radcliffe.			Harry Potter & Hallows 2 (TV-14) (N)	Daniel Radcliffe.				
TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Dad (N)	Close	Dad	Dad	Dad	Dad
TCM	Transgression (31, NR)	Kay Francis.			I Loved a Woman (33, NR) ★★					
TLG	Darcy & Stacey (N)	David & Loren	Loren & David		(31) 1000-lb Sisters (N)		Darcy & Stacey (N)	Darcy & Stacey (N)	Darcy & Stacey (N)	Darcy & Stacey (N)
TNT	(4:05) Avengers (TV-14) (N)	Snowpiercer (N)			Snowpiercer (TVMA)		(32) Doctor Sleep (TV-14, R) ★★½	Ewan McGregor.		
TRAVEL	Mysteries of the Unknown: "Kings Curse" (N)				Mysteries of the Unknown: "Dozen Rescues"					
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)	Chicago Fire (TV14)
VH1	VH1 Family (TV14) (N)	Dream Wedding (N)			Dream Wedding (N)					
HBO	The Last Duel (21)	The Gilded Age (TVMA) (N)			The Gilded Age (TVMA)		(50) Euphoria (TVMA)			Inside Man
MAX	Domino (TV-14, R) ★★½	Kara Knightley.			(19) Against the Ropes (TV-14, PG-13) Meg Ryan.					The Personal (20) ★★
SHOW	The Dry (21, R) ★★½	Eric Bana.			Billions: "Carnorade"		Pulp Fiction (94, R) ★★½	John Travolta.		

TUESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 25, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC: Judge Steve Harvey	Elementary	black-ish		Judge Steve Harvey	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
CABLE	A&E: Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	Midway (TV-14, PG-13) ★★	Ed Sheeran, Patrick Wilson.					Men in Black (97, PG-13) ★★	Will Smith.		
ANIMAL	Insane Pools: Deeper Dive: "Pools" (TVPG)				Tanked (TVPG)		Tanked: "Ty Dola's"	Insane Pools (TVPG)		
BET	(5:00) Movie	Tyler Perry's The Oval			Celebrity Family Feud		Tyler Perry's The Oval			
BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules (N)	Vanderpump Rules (N)			Watch What	Housewives	Vanderpump Rules	Below Deck (TV14)		
CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Futurama	Futurama	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Teenage
CMT	Man	Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Golden	Golden
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	Anderson Cooper 360°
COMEDY	(20) The Office (TV14)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
DISCOVERY	Street Outlaws: Fastest in America: "Northwest vs. S" (TV14) (N)				(32) Street Outlaws				Street Outlaws (TV14)	Street Outlaws (TV14)
DISNEY	Big City	Big City	Secrets	Secrets	Big City	Big City	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	Botched (TV14)	Botched (TV14) (N)			Botched (TV14)		Nightly (N)	Access	Relatively	Relatively
ESPN	(6:00) College Bball	College Basketball (Live)			College Basketball (Live)		College Basketball: Arizona vs UCLA (Live)			
ESPN2	(6:00) College Bball	2022 Australian Open Tennis: "Quarterfinals" (Live)			Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)	Chopped (TV G)
FOOD	Chopped (TV G) (N)	Chopped (TV G) (N)			Raid the Fridge (N)		The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons
FREEFORM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons
FX	Once Upon a Time in Hollywood (TV-14, R) ★★½	Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio.			Doctor Strange (TV-14, PG-13) ★★½	Benedict Cumberbatch.				
HGTV	Fixer to Fabulous (N)	Fixer to Fabulous (N)			Hunters	Hunters	(31) Fixer to Fabulous	Fixer to Fabulous	Fixer to Fabulous	Fixer to Fabulous
HISTORY	Oak Island (TVPG)	Oak Island (TVPG) (N)			Beyond Oak Island (N)		(35) Oak Island (TVPG)	(33) Oak Island (TVPG)		
LIFETIME	Castle: "Kill Switch"	Castle: "Action Hero"			Castle: "Bad Santa"		Castle: "Kill Switch"	Castle: "Kill Switch"		
MTV	Teen Mom (TVPG) (N)	Teen Mom (TVPG) (N)			(31) Teen Mom (TVPG) (N)		Teen Mom (TVPG)	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSNAT	Dan Abrams Live	NewsNationPrime			Barfield		On Balance with	Dan Abrams Live		
NICK	SpongeBob (TV7)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT	Movie				Movie					
SYFY	(6:15) Captain America: Civil War (TV-14, PG-13) Chris Evans.				Doctor Strange (TV-14, PG-13) ★★½	Benedict Cumberbatch.				
TBS	Bang	Bang	Wipeout (TV14) (N)		Wipeout (TV14)		Young	Young	Young	Young
TCM	Hotel Rwanda (TV-14, PG-13) ★★½	Don Cheadle.			(15) A Cry in the Dark (TV-14, PG-13) Meryl Streep, Sam Niles.					Good Earth
TLG	David & Loren	I Am Jazz (TV14) (N)			I Am Jazz (TV14) (N)		Sister Wives (TVPG)	David & Loren	Loren & David	Good Earth
TNT	(6:30) NBA Basketball: Los Angeles vs Brooklyn				NBA Basketball: Dallas vs Golden State (Live)					NBA on TNT
TRAVEL	The Osbournes Want to Believe (TV14) (N)				Osbournes (TV14)		Osbournes (TV14)	Osbournes (TV14)	Osbournes (TV14)	Osbournes (TV14)
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	WWE NXT: "NXT 656" (Live)				(38) Die Hard (TV-14, R) ★★½	Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman.				
VH1	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out	Wild N Out
HBO	(6:45) The Suicide Squad (TV-14, R) Margot Robbie.				Real Sports		Euphoria (TVMA)			Somebody Watch Perf
MAX	The World's End (TV-14, R) ★★½				(50) Man Up (TV-14, R) Ken Marino.		(20) The 40-Year-Old Virgin (TV-14, R) Steve Carell.			
SHOW	Django Unchained (TV-14, R) ★★½	Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz.			Billions: "Carnorade"		Zack and Miri Make a Porno (TV-14, R) ★★			

WEDNESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 26, 2022

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC: Goldbergs	The Wonder	Conners	Economics	The Chase	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
CABLE	A&E: The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)
AMC	Pearl Harbor (TV-14, PG-13) ★★½	Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett.			River Monsters (TVPG)		River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)	River Monsters (TVPG)
ANIMAL	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-eaters (N)				BET The Encore		Tyler Perry's The Oval	BET The Encore		
BET	(5:00) Movie	Tyler Perry's The Oval			BET The Encore		Tyler Perry's The Oval	BET The Encore		
BRAVO	Vanderpump Rules	Vanderpump Rules (N)			Watch What	Vanderpump Rules	Relatively (TV14)	Housewives		
CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Futurama	Futurama	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Teenage
CMT	Man	Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Golden	Golden
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Lions Take Third Over Redskins

by Kyle Herschelmann

Almost two years to the day of their first ever meeting, the boys basketball teams from Nokomis and Hazelwood, MO-based Gateway Legacy Christian Academy squared off once again at the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 22.

Their last meeting was memorable more for the impact on the Redskins' basketball program as a whole, rather than the game itself, although it was a close 54-49 win for Nokomis. In that game, Carter Sabol scored 38 points against the Lions and became the leading scorer in the history of the boys basketball program at Nokomis.

Saturday's meeting didn't have the historical implications that the 2020 meeting had, but it did mean the difference between third and fourth in the final standings of the 16-team tourney.

With both teams looking to go out on a winning note, Nokomis used a strong first half to build up a 10-point lead, only to see Gateway Legacy reel them back in and come away with a 50-43 win.

The Redskins came out strong and took an 11-5 lead after three from Cooper Bertolino and Elijah Aumann, who also had a two to go along with a pair of treys. Aumann would hit another three and a steal and score down the stretch as Nokomis' lead stood at 18-11 after eight minutes of play.

Neither team would get on the scoreboard until the mid-

way point of the second quarter as both defense revved up the pressure. Aumann finally broke through with 4:17 to play, then added his 16th point of the game to give Nokomis a 21-11 lead, their largest of the game, at the 3:45 mark.

The Redskins would get a three from Ian Keller with under two minutes to play, but that was their only bucket after Aumann's charity toss as Gateway Legacy outscored the Redskins 7-3 in the final moments of the half to trim the lead down to six, 24-18.

After avoiding any big runs by the Lions in the first half, Nokomis found themselves playing catch-up midway through the third quarter as Gateway's Anderson Diaz (five points), Peter Mijatovic (two points) and Hernan Cortes (five points) flipped the six-point advantage into a six-point deficit with a 12-0 run in the first four and a half minutes of the second half.

Repeating the success from the first quarter, Aumann and Bertolino hit threes to try to erase the deficit, but Gateway answered with a basket by Cortes and a putback dunk by 6'8" Juan Riascos that made it 34-30 with 10 seconds to go.

As he's done all tournament, and all year, Aumann stepped up for the final shot, dribbling the length of the court for a buzzer beater to trim the Lions advantage to two points going into the fourth.

In the fourth, Gateway would score first, but two free throws by Aumann and



Nokomis' Elijah Aumann goes up for two of his 25 points against Gateway Legacy, with teammates Jake Johnson (left) and Nolan Himes (#22) crashing the boards in case of a miss. While Aumann and the Redskins fell to the St. Louis prep school 50-43 in the third place game of the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational in Litchfield on Jan. 22, Aumann's play throughout the tournament earned him top scorer honors and a spot on the all-tournament thanks. **James Ryan/NokoPhoto**

a bucket off an offensive rebound by Reece Lohman tied the game at 36-36 with just under six minutes to play.

After trading points with the Lions, Cooper Bertolino gave Nokomis their first lead since the 5:20 mark of the third with his third three of the game.

The 41-40 advantage lasted all of 10 seconds as Cortes scored on the other end to give the Lions the lead again. That started a 8-0 run for Gateway that didn't end until Ryan Eisenbarth sunk two free throws in the final four seconds for Nokomis.

By that point, the Lions' lead had grown to nine and

hopes of a comeback had slipped away for the Redskins.

Despite the loss, the tournament still had more than its fair share of bright spots for the Redskins, who went 2-2 with wins over Triad and Civic Memorial and single digit losses to Gateway and Pana, who fell to Mattoon 62-57 in a championship thriller.

Elijah Aumann finished with 25 points and earned a spot on the all-tournament team, just as he did at Vandalia. Also like at the Vandalia Tournament, Aumann was the event's top scorer, netting 96 points in four games for a 24 points per game average. Cooper Bertolino added

in nine points, all coming off three-pointers, while Ian Keller added three. Jake Johnson, Reece Lohman and Ryan Eisenbarth rounded out the scoring with two points each as Nokomis moved to 11-10 on the season.

The Redskins start a busy week this Tuesday, Jan. 25, with a conference home game against South County, followed by a road trip to Macon on Jan. 28, to face the Meridian Hawks. They close out the week at home on Jan. 29, against Mulberry Grove as they honor the 25th anniversary of the 1997 boys basketball team that qualified for the IHSA state tournament.

January 22 at Litchfield

Rick McGraw Invitational
Nokomis 18 6 8 11---43
Gateway Legacy 11 7 16 16---50
Nokomis (43) - Elijah Aumann 25, Cooper Bertolino 9, Ian Keller 3, Jake Johnson 2, Ryan Eisenbarth 2, Reece Lohman 2. **Totals:** 15 5-6 43.

Gateway Legacy (50) - Hernan Cortes 16, Vitor Oliveira 8, Juan Riascos 7, Peter Mijatovic 6, Samuel Hincapie 5, Isaac Salas 4, Denile Mendez 4. **Totals:** 20 7-11 50.

Three-point field goals: Nokomis 8 (Aumann 4, Bertolino 3, Keller 1); Gateway Legacy 3 (Cortes 2, Hincapie 1).

Record: Nokomis (11-10), Gateway Legacy (11-10).



Nokomis' Reece Lohman stretches out to block Brenden Schoonover's layup attempt during the Redskins' battle with Pana on Friday, Jan. 21, at the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational in Litchfield. Schoonover and the Panthers held on for a 44-38 win over the Redskins, punching their ticket to the championship game of the 54th annual tournament. **James Ryan/NokoPhoto**

Pana Holds On To Get Shot At Championship

After playing one another twice already this season, the Nokomis and Pana boys basketball teams had a pretty good idea what to expect going into their championship bracket semifinal at the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational on Friday, Jan. 21.

After losing to the Panthers at the Vandalia Holiday Tournament and in their last regular season game before the Litchfield tourney, Nokomis was hoping to get over the hump and hand Pana just their second loss of the season.

Unfortunately, the game turned out to be much like their last meeting on Jan. 13, a back-and-forth slugfest that resulted in a narrow Pana victory, this time by a 44-38 final score.

For the first three quarters, the score was never more than two possessions apart, with the defense playing a key role for both teams. Pana started off the game with a 4-0 advantage, but Nokomis came back to tie it at 6-6 after four points from Elijah Aumann and two from Reece Lohman. Pana would get the final

bucket of the first quarter to take an 8-6 lead, but the combo of Aumann and Lohman paid off early in the second frame for Nokomis. After Aumann scored the opening basket, Lohman put in the next two and Nokomis gained their first lead, up 12-8 with 4:10 to play in the first half.

Pana was held scoreless for the first five minutes and 20 seconds of the second quarter, but outscored Nokomis 5-2 after getting their first points to keep the Redskins close. Lohman had the other basket for the Redskins and Nokomis led 14-13 going into the locker room.

In the third quarter, Nokomis again held Pana without a field goal for an extended amount of time, but the Panthers' own defense and three free throws kept the game close, with Nokomis up 18-16 with 4:35 to play in the quarter.

Pana retook the lead on a Kyle Kuhn three, the first of the game for either team, but Aumann grabbed it back on a basket with 3:27 left in the third. The 20-19 lead would be

the last one Nokomis would hold as Pana went on a 7-0 run to take a 26-20 lead with one minute left.

Aumann broke the streak with his fourth bucket of the quarter and 14th point of the game, but Nokomis still trailed 26-22 after three quarters.

Pana grabbed their largest lead of the game 30 seconds into the fourth quarter when Devon Peebles hit a three that made it 29-22. Nokomis would fight back, scoring on a Jake Johnson jumper, but Pana answered with a two of their own and the lead was back to seven, 31-24, with six minutes to play.

Nokomis needed two things to happen in order to get back into the game: 1. They had to score. 2. They needed Pana to stop scoring. The first of those needs came through, as Nokomis scored 14 points in the final six minutes. The other was harder to come by as Pana scored 13 points in the same span, nine of which came from the free-throw line.

The Redskins would get as close as four late in the game,

but the Panthers' prowess from the charity stripe kept them ahead and moved them on to the championship game against Mattoon on Saturday.

Elijah Aumann would lead Nokomis with 19 points, while Reece Lohman added eight and Ryan Eisenbarth finished with seven. Jake Johnson added in five points, all of which came in the fourth quarter as Nokomis tried to mount their comeback.

Pana was led by Brenden Schoonover and Devon Peebles with 14 and 12 respectively. Both players would go on to be named to the all-tournament team at Litchfield, along with Aumann, who was the tournament's leading scorer.

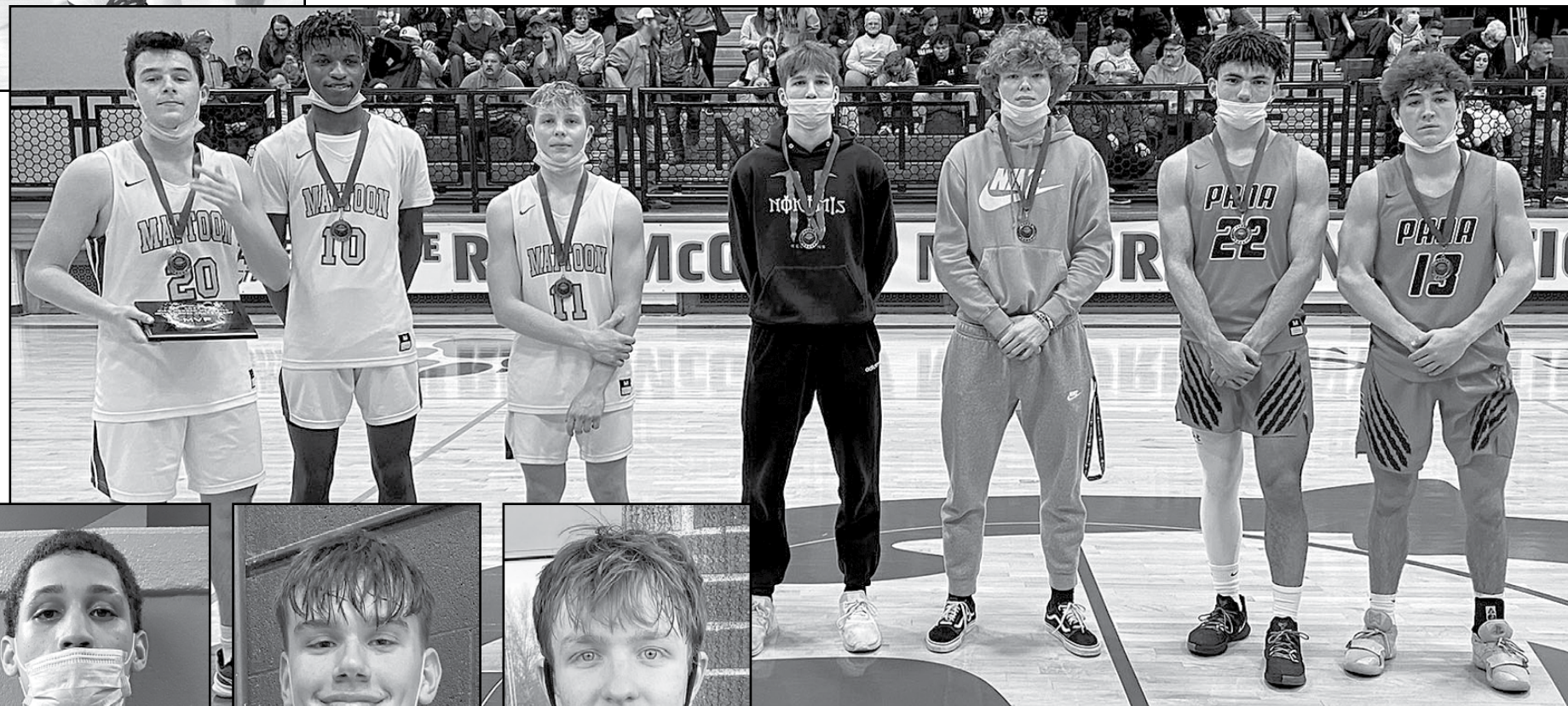
January 21 at Litchfield

Rick McGraw Invitational
Nokomis 6 8 8 16---38
Pana 8 5 13 18---44
Nokomis (36) - Elijah Aumann 19, Reece Lohman 8, Ryan Eisenbarth 7, Jake Johnson 5. **Totals:** 14 10-15 36.

Pana (44) - Brenden Schoonover 14, Devon Peebles 12, Collin Schmitz 8, Kyle Kuhn 5, Drew Hackler 5. **Totals:** 13 16-28 44.

Three-point field goals: Nokomis 0; Pana 2 (Kuhn 1, Peebles 1).

Records: Nokomis (11-9); Pana (19-1).



Members of the 2022 Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational all-tournament team, individually, from the left, are Bryce Friedrich of Taylorville, Denile Mendez of Gateway Legacy, Sam Buckley of Civic Memorial and Jack Schaufelberger of Greenville. In the group picture are MVP Christian Larson of Mattoon, Jaylen Middleton of Mattoon, Blaine Powers of Mattoon, Elijah Aumann of Nokomis, Drake Vogel of Hillsboro, Devon Peebles of Pana and Brenden Schoonover of Pana.





Hillsboro's Jace Stewart dribbles through traffic during the fifth place game at the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 22, in Litchfield. The Toppers finished the 16-team tournament in sixth place, falling to Taylorville 66-34 in their final game.

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Toppers Sixth At Litchfield Tourney

by Ron Deabenderfer

After defeating Greenville 66-54 in overtime in the Rick McGraw Invitational Basketball Tournament Friday evening, Jan. 20, to earn a spot in the fifth place game on Saturday, Hillsboro was humbled by the Taylorville Tornados 66-34. Hillsboro was seeded fifth, Taylorville seventh when the tournament began. The 34 point total was the least Hillsboro has scored in the first 22 games of the season.

Part of the Topper weak offensive performance was the Tornado's 1-2-2 ball press defense; part of it was the size of Taylorville underneath as 6'4" (perhaps 6'5") senior Bryce Friedrich and senior Kamren Heimsness held Gavin Matoush and Blaze Helton to only eight points, all by Matoush.

Part of the Topper dilemma was momentum; Friedrich drove the baseline for five field goals in the first quarter to push his team to a 16-0 advantage before Blaine Stewart's three put Hillsboro on the scoreboard after six minutes of missed shots. Taylorville became accustomed to making shots; Hillsboro, shooting with a defender shadowing their efforts, became accustomed to missing.

With Drake Vogel and Blaine Stewart scoring five each in the second quarter while Matoush had the first field goal in the paint, the Toppers only fell behind by 15 at the halftime buzzer; then they cut five points off that lead to trail 35-25 with four minutes to play in the third quarter. Hopes for a comeback were



From the left, Hillsboro's Blaine Stewart, Will Christian and Gavin Matoush celebrate after Matoush was fouled on the shot late in the Toppers' game against Greenville at the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational on Thursday, Jan. 20. Hillsboro would go on to beat the Comets 66-54 in overtime to advance to the fifth place game.

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dashed then, though, as the CS8 conference team scored the next 17 points to end the game as it had begun.

The Toppers shot 33% from the field; usually they are close to 50%. The rebounding total (17, with only four being offensive) was also below the usual level—Vogel had five rebounds; he also had the only shot blocks with two and the most steals and assists (3). Hillsboro did keep its excellent free throw shoot-

ing percentage intact, making five of the six (.833) they were awarded.

The Greenville battle Friday evening featured offense early (four Toppers and five Comets scored in the first quarter); one special pass, from Matoush to Vogel, helped Hillsboro's cause, while Greenville counted four threes to forge a 16-16 tie.

Then defense (both teams featured man-to-man) took over the second period as

Hillsboro limited Greenville to five points while scoring 9, including a three by Will Christian.

Offense was back in the third quarter as senior Jack Schaufelberger recorded three of his six threes in that period (the Comets had 12 threes for the game despite not having the services of sharpshooter Landon Moss).

Seven points by Helton, six by Matoush, and Vogel's only three of the game still had the

Lancers Score Traveling Trophy At Tri-City

While most players aren't happy with a traveling call on the basketball court, that wasn't the case for the Lincolnwood boys' basketball team on Friday, Jan. 21.

The Lancers evened their conference win mark to 2-2 on Friday, beating Tri-City 53-49 in Buffalo and taking home the MSM Conference traveling trophy. This is the first time that Lincolnwood has had the trophy since Feb. 9, 2021, when they lost it to the Tornados 44-41 in Raymond.

The Lancers hit three fewer field goals than Tri-City in the game, but had twice as many free throws and hit five threes, compared to just one for Tri-City.

Two of those threes came in the first quarter as Lincolnwood picked up a 16-12 lead after eight minutes. Will Jenkins had one of the triples for three of his five points, while Braden Whalen had the other and finished with a team-best seven points at the end of the quarter.

Whalen and Jenkins continued to contribute in the second quarter, with Jenkins getting another three and Whalen putting in six more points. Tri-City countered with Grant Pickrell and Logan Weekly, who combined for 11 points and led the Tornados to a 16-9 second quarter advantage.

Down 28-25, the Lincolnwood defense clamped down on Pickrell and Weekly, who had scored 10 and seven respectively in the first half. Both players would finish with 13 points to lead Tri-City, but their production in the second half was half what it was in the first two quarters.

On offense, the Lancers' fourth and fifth three-pointers of the game came in the third

quarter as Whalen hit his second and upped his point total to 18 by the end of the frame, while Brady Schmedeke added his first three to go along with three other points in the quarter.

In the fourth, Lincolnwood's prowess at the free-throw line would be tested. The Lancers would take 11 shots from the charity stripe and hit eight of them, with Whalen knocking down five attempts in eight chances.

The Morrisonville junior finished with 23 points to help the Lancers to the four-point win, his fifth game of the season with 20 points or more. For the year, Whalen is averaging 13.8 points per game, which tops the Lancer lineup.

Will Jenkins added in 11 points, while Brady Schmedeke added in 10 to give Lincolnwood three players in double figures. Jonah Elvidge (5) and Gabe Armentrout (4) also scored for the Lancers.

The traveling trophy will be at stake again on Tuesday, Jan. 25, when the Lancers host Pawnee. On Saturday, Jan. 29, Lincolnwood hosts Staunton at 5 p.m. The Lancers will be honoring the 1972 Lincolnwood boys basketball team in honor of the 50th anniversary of their third place finish at the IHSAA Class 1A State Finals.

January 21 at Buffalo
 Lincolnwood 16 9 16 12 --- 53
 Tri-City 12 16 12 9 --- 49
Lincolnwood (53) - Braden Whalen 23, Will Jenkins 11, Brady Schmedeke 10, Jonah Elvidge 5, Gabe Armentrout 4.
Totals: 18 12-17 53.
Tri-City (49) - Grant Pickrell 13, Logan Weekly 13, Joshua Carrigan 10, Kyle Krouse 5, Joseph Nibbe 4, Lucas Hotwick 2, Parker Milligan 2. **Totals:** 21 6-11 49.
Three-point field goals: Lincolnwood; Tri-City 1 (Carrigan 1).
Records: Lincolnwood (8-10, 2-2); Tri-City (7-6).

Toppers up 42-36 as the last quarter began.

Three more threes, one each by Tyson Ackerman, Peyton McCullough, and Schaufelberger, pulled the Comets back into contention. The Topper lead was 48-44 with 4:17 to play; a McCullough three and a Schaufelberger layup with 2.3 seconds left meant overtime.

Usually the first basket in overtime increases the odds of the team scoring the basket winning the game. With the score at 53-53, Helton grabbed an offensive rebound and scored. Vogel and Jace Stewart added two free throws each; halfway through overtime it was 59-53. Schaufelberger and McCullough each scored a three but Helton, Matoush, and Vogel, with a breakaway layup, provided the Toppers with a six-point win.

Next on the Topper's schedule is a triple header at Carlinville this Friday, Jan. 28; the freshman game starts at 5 p.m.

January 22 at Litchfield
Rick McGraw Invitational
 Hillsboro 3 15 9 7 --- 34
 Taylorville 17 16 19 14 --- 66
Hillsboro (34) - Drake Vogel 10, Gavin Matoush 8, Blaine Stewart 8, Bryce Connor 3, Jace Stewart 3, Deklan Riggs 2. **Totals:** 11 5-6 34
Taylorville (66) - Bryce Friedrich 16, Drake Howard 14, Will Bitschenauer 11, Luke Markwell 8, Kamren Heimsness 7, Dylan Brown 5, Ryan Johnson 5. **Totals:** 21 20-22 66.
Three-point field goals: Hillsboro 5 (Vogel 2, B. Stewart 2, J. Stewart 1); Taylorville 6 (Bitschenauer 3, Howard 2, Johnson 1).
Records: Hillsboro (13-9); Taylorville (10-8).

January 20 at Litchfield
Rick McGraw Invitational
 Hillsboro 16 9 11 12 --- 65
 Greenville 16 5 15 17 6 --- 59
Hillsboro (65) - Drake Vogel 21, Gavin Matoush 19, Blaze Helton 10, Blaine Stewart 5, Will Christian 4, Jace Stewart 4, Deklan Riggs 2. **Totals:** 24-47 16-27 65.
Greenville (59) - Jack Schaufelberger 20, Peyton McCullough 11, Kaleb Gardner 9, Carter Snow 7, Tyson Ackerman 6, Jaylon Betts 4, Nick Grull 2. **Totals:** 23-0 1-59.
Three-point field goals: Hillsboro 3 (Christian 1, Vogel 1, B. Stewart 1); Greenville 13 (Schaufelberger 4, Gardner 3, McCullough 3, Ackerman 2, Snow 1).
Records: Hillsboro (13-8); Greenville (9-12).

Panthers Pick Up Wins At Vandalia, Olney As Season Winds Down

With regionals approaching, the Litchfield High School wrestling team is trying to get as many matches in as they can. This week, that meant a trip to Vandalia on Jan. 20, plus a trek to Olney on Saturday, Jan. 22, for a five-team super dual.

Thursday's meet would include Highland, along with the Panthers and host Vandals. Litchfield split their two matches, beating the Bulldogs 50-6, but falling to the Vandals 77-0.

The Panthers went 3-1 in contested matches against Highland, with Hunter Hancock picking up a first round win by fall at 182 pounds. Seth Kenter earned five points with a tech fall win at 160 pounds, while Nick Hawley outpointed Thomas Mitchell at 145 pounds with a 6-3 decision.

Isaiah Johnson, Ian Mitchell, Keaton Morgan, Kaleb Crabtree, Devin Hansel and Corbin Schneck all took home forfeit victories.

In Saturday's Olney Invite, Litchfield went 3-1 on the day, with their only loss a narrow 39-36 decision against Robinson. The Panthers won six matches against the Maroons, five of which were contested as the two teams split those bouts 5-5.

Alex Powell (106), Easton Grammer (132), Kaleb Crabtree (152) and Hunter Hancock (182) all won by fall in the first period, while Ian Mitchell (126) also picked up a pin, coming 59 seconds into period number two. The other victory came from Ashtin

Carver, who won by forfeit at 145 pounds.

The other matches would not be as close as Litchfield beat Oblong 60-6, Richland County 45-24 and Herrin 66-0.

The Panthers went 3-1 in contested matches against Oblong, with Ian Mitchell (L) Hunter Hancock (L) and Devin Hansel (L) all winning by fall. Alex Powell (106), Easton Grammer (132), Keaton Morgan (138), Ashtin Carver (145), Kaleb Crabtree (152), Seth Kenter (160) and Corbin Schneck (285) scored the rest of the points with forfeit victories.

The hosts from Richland County edged Litchfield in contested matches 2-3, but gave up six forfeits to Isaiah Johnson (113), Easton Grammer (132), Ashtin Carver (145), Hunter Hancock (182), Devin Hansel (195) and Corbin Schneck (285) to secure the Panthers' win.

Litchfield's other two wins came from Alex Powell, who beat Chase Ackman in a 6-0 decision at 106 pounds and Seth Kenter, who pinned Aaron Harmon at the 1:30 mark at 160 pounds.

The Panthers closed out the day with a 66-0 shutout of Herrin, with five wins in contested matches.

Alex Powell (106), Ashtin Carver (152), Kaleb Crabtree (160) and Hunter Hancock (220) all won by fall in the first period, while Isaiah Johnson picked up a pin at 120 pounds 22 seconds into the third period.

Litchfield also got forfeit victories

from Ian Mitchell (126), Easton Grammer (132), Keaton Morgan (138), Seth Kenter (170), Hunter Hancock (182) and Corbin Schneck (285).

Litchfield has two more meets before regionals on Saturday, Jan. 5, in Jacksonville. On Thursday, Jan. 27, the Panthers will travel to Jerseyville for a triangular meet, followed by the Rich Lovellette Panther Tournament on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28-29.

January 20 at Vandalia
Litchfield 50, Highland 6

106: Double forfeit
 113: Isaiah Johnson (L) won by forfeit
 120: Double forfeit
 126: Ian Mitchell (L) won by forfeit
 132: Tyson Rakers (H) def. Easton Grammer (L) by fall at 0:43
 138: Keaton Morgan (L) won by forfeit
 145: Nick Hawley (L) def. Thomas Mitchell (H) by dec. 6-3
 152: Kaleb Crabtree (L) won by forfeit
 160: Seth Kenter (L) def. August Rottman (H) by tech fall 16-0
 170: Double forfeit
 182: Hunter Hancock (L) def. Aiden Conrad (H) by fall at 0:38
 195: Devin Hansel (L) won by forfeit
 220: Double forfeit
 285: Corbin Schneck (L) won by forfeit
Vandalia 77, Litchfield 0
 106: Wade Thompson (V) won by forfeit
 113: Sophie Bowers (V) def. Isaiah Johnson (L) by tech fall 20-4
 120: Pierson Wilkerson (V) won by forfeit
 125: Parker Ray (V) def. Ian Mitchell (L) by dec. 6-1
 132: Owen Miller (V) def. Easton Grammer (L) by fall at 0:16
 138: Cutter Prater (V) def. Keaton Morgan (L) by fall at 1:21
 145: Logan Nance (V) def. Nick Hawley (L) by fall at 1:22

152: Eric McKinney (V) def. Kaleb Crabtree (L) by fall at 2:41
 160: Ryan Kaiser (V) def. Seth Kenter (L) by fall at 5:20
 170: Artan Mustafa (V) won by forfeit
 182: Wyatt Dostager (V) def. Hunter Hancock (L) by dec. 6-5
 195: Justin Proctor (V) def. Devin Hansel (L) by fall at 0:30
 220: Jayden Rosetto (V) won by forfeit
 285: Eric Barenfanger (V) def. Corbin Schneck (L) by fall at 1:36

January 22 at Vandalia
Robinson 39, Litchfield 36

106: Alex Powell (L) def. Jacob Booher (R) by fall at 1:12
 113: Keaton Ault (R) def. Isaiah Johnson (L) by dec. 8-6
 120: Morgan Fiscus (R) won by forfeit
 126: Ian Mitchell (L) def. Isaiah Henriquez (R) by fall at 2:59
 132: Easton Grammer (L) def. Rachel Richey (R) by fall at 0:43
 138: Kahne Hyre (R) def. Keaton Morgan (L) by fall at 1:50
 145: Ashtin Carver (L) won by forfeit
 152: Kaleb Crabtree (L) def. Gage Butler (R) by fall at 0:47
 160: Jared Herman (R) def. Seth Kenter (L) by fall at 2:55
 170: Double forfeit
 182: Hunter Hancock (L) def. David Staller (R) by fall at 0:46
 195: Austin Hargrave (R) def. Devin Hansel (L) by fall at 2:47
 220: Paul Benton (R) won by forfeit
 285: Dalton Woods (R) def. Corbin Schneck (L) by fall at 0:38
Litchfield 60, Oblong 6
 106: Alex Powell (L) won by forfeit
 113: Double forfeit
 120: Ian Rosborough (O) def. Isaiah Johnson (L) by fall at 1:12
 126: Ian Mitchell (L) def. Judah Sweitzer (O) by fall at 0:20
 132: Easton Grammer (L) won by forfeit
 138: Keaton Morgan (L) won by forfeit
 145: Ashtin Carver (L) won by forfeit
 152: Kaleb Crabtree (L) won by forfeit

160: Seth Kenter (L) won by forfeit
 170: Double forfeit
 182: Hunter Hancock (L) def. Brandon Thacker (O) by fall at 3:15
 195: Devin Hansel (L) def. Kyraill Togargi (O) by fall at 0:42
 220: Double forfeit
 285: Corbin Schneck (L) won by forfeit
Litchfield 45, Richland Cnty 24
 106: Alex Powell (L) def. Chase Ackman (R) by dec. 6-0
 113: Isaiah Johnson (L) won by forfeit
 120: Joseph Losley (R) won by forfeit
 126: Deacon Paddock (R) def. Ian Mitchell (L) by inj. def.
 132: Easton Grammer (L) won by forfeit
 138: Cooper Feherenbacher (R) def. Keaton Morgan (L) by fall at 1:02
 145: Ashtin Carver (L) won by forfeit
 152: Kaden Hess (R) def. Kaleb Crabtree (L) by fall at 3:03
 160: Seth Kenter (L) def. Aaron Harmon (R) by fall at 1:30
 170: Double forfeit
 182: Hunter Hancock (L) won by forfeit
 195: Devin Hansel (L) won by forfeit
 220: Double forfeit
 285: Cobin Schneck (L) won by forfeit
Litchfield 66, Herrin 0
 106: Alex Powell (L) def. Brad Williams (H) by fall at 1:20
 113: Double forfeit
 120: Isaiah Johnson (L) def. Jerome West (H) by fall at 4:22
 126: Ian Mitchell (L) won by forfeit
 132: Easton Grammer (L) won by forfeit
 138: Keaton Morgan (L) won by forfeit
 145: Double forfeit
 152: Ashtin Carver (L) def. Kolby Coffee (H) by fall at 1:16
 160: Kaleb Crabtree (L) def. Tyler Yaeger (H) by fall at 0:46
 170: Seth Kenter (L) won by forfeit
 182: Hunter Hancock (L) won by forfeit
 195: Double forfeit
 220: Devin Hansel (L) def. Logan Dirden (H) by fall at 1:03
 285: Corbin Schneck (L) won by forfeit

Panthers Net Win Over Ramsey For 11th

Litchfield and Ramsey would entertain the crowd Friday evening in Panther gym as they would conclude their part in the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational Tournament with a crowd-pleasing 11th place contest.

Both the Rams and Purple Panthers would be in need of the victory as the Rams would enter the contest with two wins, while Litchfield would enter the contest with eight wins, but would be on a five-game losing streak.

The contest would need a free quarter to establish a victor as Litchfield would claim 11th place of their tournament with a 57-45 overtime victory.

The opening quarter would belong to the Purple Panthers as they would take control of the contest early. Litchfield would put in 15 points, eight of those points would come from the hands of Victor McGill, as Litchfield would control a 15-4 contest after one quarter.

It would not come easy for the Panthers, as even though they put a 15-spot on the board, Litchfield would struggle from the field. The Purple Panthers would produce 15 shots during the quarter, but would only be able to make just over 30 percent of those shots. Litchfield's defense would be the talk of the quarter. As Ramsey would conquer the full-court pressure, the Purple Panthers half-court defense would cause the Rams to turn over the basketball 14 times. The Rams would get two field goals, both coming off second chance tries.

In the second quarter, the Purple Panthers would find their commanding lead begin to dwindle. First, Litchfield would increase their 11-point lead to 12 as they would out-score Ramsey 5-4 early in the quarter.

The Rams though would outscore the Purple Panthers 10-4 in the remaining minutes. The low scoring production for the Purple Panthers would not come from not getting the chances to score as Litchfield would once again put up 15 shots in a quarter.

It would be finishing those shots that would hold the Purple Panthers, as they would only connect on two of those 15 shots. Tate Dobrinich and Carson Saathoff would get those two shots to fall for Litchfield.

The biggest shot of the contest would come from the hands of the Rams, as Ben Hayes would knock down a trey as the buzzer sounded to narrow Litchfield's led to 24-18 at the half.

This three-pointer might not have been a factor now, but it would be a huge shot at the end of regulation. Victor McGill would lead the Purple Panthers with ten points as seven Litchfield players would connect on points in the first half. The Rams would be led by Charlie Reiss' ten points.

Coming into the contest, the second half would be where Litchfield would put points on the board, as they would put in 26 more points in the second half than they did in the first half on the season.

The second half is also the half the Purple Panthers would give up the most points over the season, as they have given up 57 more points in the second half as they did in the first half.

This contest would be a little different though on one of those aspects. Litchfield would give up nine more points in the second half, but would score three points less than they did in the first half.

In the third quarter, Litchfield would not have any

problems scoring points as they would add another 15 points to their total. Litchfield, though, would not be able to hold Ramsey off the scoreboard though as the Rams would add 16 points.

The Rams would continue to have success on the second chance buckets as they would hit two more, giving them 12 second chance points in the contest. The scoring flurry by both teams would finish in as the third quarter came to end, Litchfield would remain on top with a 39-34 lead.

After a combined 31 points, would be put on the board in the third quarter only 17 combined points would be added in the final frame.

The Purple Panthers would slowly increase their lead in the opening three minutes of the fourth quarter as they would out-score the Rams 5-2. The three point difference would give Litchfield a 44-36 lead with just over five minutes to play in regulation.

The final five minutes of the contest would be a struggle for Litchfield. The Purple Panthers would only be able to find one more point in those final minutes.

Even though Litchfield would struggle in the final five minutes, rookie Harrison Thomas would give Litchfield some hope as he would put in one of two free throw attempts early in the quarter and would be a force on the boards, helping Litchfield stay in the ball game.

As Litchfield struggled to score points, it would take the Rams nearly six minutes to find their first field goal of the quarter. That field goal would come with just over two minutes to play and would narrow the Purple Panthers lead to 44-39, and again would come off a second chance attempt.

The Rams would out-score the Purple Panthers 6-1 in the final two minutes, but would never gain the lead.

Instead, the Rams would turn to Charlie Reiss as he would knock down Ramsey's second buzzer beater ending a half. This shot would tie the contest at 45 points a piece, and would send the twelve seed Ramsey and ten-seed Litchfield into overtime.

In the extra period, the Purple Panthers would control the free minutes as they would out-score Ramsey 12-1, eight of those points would come from Victor McGill.

The dominating overtime period would secure a 57-45 victory and a 11th place finish in the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational Tournament. The win would end a five-game losing streak for Litchfield, and give them their first win in the new year.

Victor McGill would lead all scorers with 25 points, while Charlie Reiss' 19 points would lead the Rams.

Litchfield will now close the books on the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational Tournament, and will continue action in the South Central Conference as they travel to Staunton on Tuesday and welcome the Vandals from Vandalia for a Friday night showdown.

January 22 at Litchfield

Rick McGraw Invitational
Litchfield 15 9 15 6 12--- 57
Ramsey 4 14 16 11 1--- 46
Litchfield (57) - Victor McGill 25, Keenan Powell 10, A.J. Odle 9, Carson Saathoff 4, Bryce Hires 4, Tate Dobrinich 3, Harrison Thomas 1, Gavin Thimsen 1.
Totals: 15 22-30 57.
Ramsey (46) - Charlie Reiss 19, Ben Hayes 9, Hunter Williams 6, Hadley Seaton 4, Lane Austin 3, Griffin Wright 3, Marcus Hortenstine 2. **Totals:** 18-6-17 46.
Records: Litchfield (9-10), Ramsey (2-9).



Litchfield's Clayton Bishop (#1) guards Triad freshman Drew Winslow in the first half of the ninth place bracket semifinal at the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational on Thursday, Jan. 20. Winslow had 12 points for the Knights, who knocked off Litchfield 54-40 to advance to the ninth place game against Father McGivney.

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Lady Panthers Pick Up Road Win Over EAWR

After a two-week hiatus from basketball, the Lady Panthers returned to the hardwoods and the highway as they ventured to East Alton-Wood River on Jan. 20 and posted a 33-19 win over the Oilers.

The last time Litchfield played was Jan. 6, when they beat Vandalia in the final seconds of the game on a three-point basket by Emma Walch. They began the new year with a road win at Lincolnwood on Jan. 3 and were scheduled to host Carlinville on Jan. 13, but the game was rescheduled to Jan. 26.

It was a slow start offensively for both teams at East Alton-Wood River in the first eight minutes as Litchfield tossed in nine points, while the Oilers fell just two points short of matching their guests.

Carly Guinn scored five of Litchfield's nine points while Elise Walch and Lily Braasch each cashed in for deuces. Milla LeGette's had a three-pointer for the Oilers and Kirsten Johnson scored the other four. Johnson finished the game as the leading scorer with 11 points and was the only consistent Oiler scorer as she put up points in all four quarters.

Scoreboard tallies again didn't come easy in the second period for either team as Litchfield scored just six points, and the Oilers mustered only five.

Leading 15-12 at the half, Coach Rob Corso's Lady Panthers made a statement in the third period as all five starters contributed to a 16-point scoring spree that established a 16-point Panther lead heading into the final eight minutes of play.

Laura Boston led the team in the third with two field goals and two free throws while Hailey Rentz and Emma Diveley each had triples and Guinn and Braasch accounted for Litchfield's other four points.

From the floor, the basket lid closed for the Oilers but Kirsten Johnson managed to snag three of four free throws to eliminate a goose egg in the EAWR scorebook.

Litchfield's third period surge proved ever so important as the Lady Panther offense experienced a power outage in the fourth. Boston's inside hit for two was Litchfield's only score while K. Johnson matched it with a field goal. The Oilers had an opportunity to cut into the Panther lead from the free throw line but Jordan Ealey missed two, Lily Tretter sank one of two and Milla LeGette connected for just one of four.

As a team, Litchfield connected for 14 of 41 shots from the floor including three of nine from beyond the arc. They pulled down seven offensive rebounds and 23 defensive caroms. They recorded eight steals, 13 assists and Elise Walch had a block. They were whistled for 14 fouls.

Carly Guinn led the Panthers with nine points, two rebounds, three steals and an assist. Laura Boston finished with eight points, three rebounds and an assist. Leading rebounder was Hailey Rentz with seven. She also scored three points, had an assist and a steal. Emma Walch had four rebounds, two steals and three assists. Lily Braasch scored six points, grabbed five rebounds and had two assists and a steal. Elise Walch had four points, three rebounds, a steal and three assists. Emma Diveley sank a trey and grabbed two rebounds while Gina Painter had four rebounds and two assists.

Next up for the Lady Panthers is a home game tonight against the Riverton Hawks followed by their makeup game with Carlinville on Wednesday and a road game at Pana on Thursday.

Jan. 20 at Wood River
Litchfield 9 6 16 2---33
EAWR 7 5 3 4---19
Litchfield (33) - Carly Guinn 9, Laura Boston 8, Lily Braasch 6, Elise Walch 4, Hailey Rentz 3, Emma Diveley 3. **Totals:** 14 (2-5) 33.
East Alton-Wood River (19) - Kirsten Johnson 11, Milla LeGette 4, Jordan Ealey 2, Addison Denton 2. **Totals:** 6(6-15) 19.
Three-point field goals: Litchfield 3 (Diveley 1, Rentz 1, Guinn 1); East Alton-Wood River 1 (LeGette).
Record: Litchfield (5-16).

Loss To Triad Sends Panthers To 11th

After stumbling through pool play, both the Triad Knights and the Purple Panthers would look to claim their first win of the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational Tournament.

Squaring off in the first round of the 9th place bracket on Thursday evening, the three seed Triad would knock off the ten seed Purple Panthers 54-40. The win would push the Knights into the 9th place game while Litchfield would fall into the 11th place game.

Seeding tournaments is always a difficult task for coaches, comparing records and strength of schedules, but for the players living up to their seed is sometimes even more difficult.

While the ten-seed Purple Panthers would be in the bracket that they were seeded, the third-seed Knights were not as they could not put together a win in the pool play portion of the tournament. Triad, who came into the tournament with a 9-12 record, had a solid win over 4A Edwardsville high school and a one-point loss to 4A Alton High School.

After putting in the first basket of the contest, the Knights would find themselves trailing 5-3, when Victor McGill would put in the first five points for Litchfield.

The Knights would follow with a 7-0 run that would put them in the lead 10-5 with just over a minute to play in the opening quarter.

Keenan Powell, though, would put on a show behind the arc in the final minute.

Powell would drain two three-point baskets with under a minute to play in the opening quarter, including a buzzer beater. Powell's two baskets would sandwich a three-point basket by the Knights as Triad would hold a 13-11 lead after the first quarter.

Triad would come out strong in the opening minutes of the second frame as they would look to put away the pesky Purple Panthers.

A 9-2 run that would start the second quarter would give the Knights their largest lead of the contest at 22-13. Litchfield, though, would not be ready to walk away from the challenge as they would put together a solid finish to the half.

AJ Odle would end the scoring drought for Litchfield as he drained a shot from behind the arc, giving him his first points of the contest. Odle's three-point basket would spark a 9-4 run for Litchfield that would pull the Purple Panthers within four points of the Triad lead.

The Knights would hold a 26-22 lead at the half. Victor McGill would lead the Purple Panthers in scoring at the half with nine points, while Triad's Aydin Hitt ten points would lead scorers.

On the year, the Purple Panthers scoring total by quarter would increase each quarter, averaging 12.8 points in the first quarter and 14.2 in the final frame.

This contest would be the reverse for the Purple Panthers as their scoring total would decrease throughout each quarter. After scoring 11

points in the first two quarters, the Purple Panthers would put in ten points in the third and eight in the fourth quarter.

In the third quarter, the Knights would slowly create their biggest lead of the contest as they would build a 14-point lead at 41-27. The Knights would have a hot hand behind the three-point arc during the stretch.

Aydin Hitt would add three three-pointers in the third quarter giving him five in the contest. The Knights would shoot 50 percent from behind the arc in the third quarter would compile 19 three-point attempts through three quarters.

Litchfield would get scoring from four players in the quarter including three points from Clayton Bishop and Victor McGill. Triad though would continue to be strong as they would hold a 44-32 after three quarters.

In the final frame, the Knights would focus on controlling the clock as they would try to prevent the Purple Panthers from any late surges.

Litchfield would be able to narrow the Knights lead to single digits in the opening minutes as Victor McGill would put in the first five points of the quarter. Triad, though, would finish the quarter shutting Litchfield down by only allowing a three point basket from McGill.

Triad would pick up smart shots on the offense side of the court, as they would focus on putting points on the board from inside the arc. Shooting over 60 percent in the game from two-point land

the Knights would be able to secure a 54-40 victory.

The loss would be the fifth loss in a row for the Purple Panthers as they would drop to 8-10 overall, and would be moved to the 11th place game of the Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational tournament.

Victor McGill would lead the Purple Panthers in the scoring column with 20 points, as only five Litchfield players would hit the scoring column throughout the contest. Aydin Hitt's effort from behind the arc would help him compile 22 points for the victorious Knights.

January 20 at Litchfield

Rick McGraw Invitational
Litchfield 11 11 10 8--- 40
Triad 13 13 18 10--- 54
Litchfield (40) - Victor McGill 20, Keenan Powell 8, A.J. Odle 6, Bryce Hires 4, Tate Dobrinich 2. **Totals:** 16 1-3 40.
Triad (54) - Aydin Hitt 22, Drew Winslow 12, McGrady Noyse 7, Jake Stewart 6, Owen Droy 3, Lane Mahnesmith 2, Ben Winslow 2. **Totals:** 20 8-12 54.
Three-point field goals: Litchfield 7 (McGill 3, Odle 2, Powell 2); Triad 6 (Hitt 6).
Records: Litchfield (8-10); Triad (10-14).

54th Annual Rick McGraw Memorial Invitational at Litchfield Saturday, January 15

Simmons Gym
• Civic Memorial 55, Triad 50 OT
• Pana 70, Litchfield 50
• Mattoon 59, Father McGivney 38

Monday, January 17

Simmons Gym
• Taylorville 65, Litchfield 55
• Nokomis 50, Civic Memorial 36
• Gateway Legacy 68, Hillsboro 52
• Greenville 56, Father McGivney 46

Tuesday, January 18

Simmons Gym
• Pana 58, Taylorville 46
• Nokomis 48, Triad 47
Panther Gym
• Mattoon 57, Greenville 52
• Gateway Legacy 58, Ramsey 21

Wednesday, January 19

Simmons Gym
• Hillsboro 76, Ramsey 30
Ninth Place Bracket
Thursday, January 20
• Father McGivney 66, Ramsey 45
• Triad 54, Litchfield 40

Friday, January 21

11th Place - Litchfield 57, Ramsey 46
9th Place - Triad 53, Father McGivney 32
Fifth Place Bracket
Thursday, January 20
• Hillsboro 65, Greenville 59 in OT
• Taylorville 47, Civic Memorial 30

Saturday, January 22

7th Place - Civic Memorial 59, Greenville 49
5th Place Game - Taylorville 66, Hillsboro 34
First Place Bracket
Friday, January 21
• Mattoon 60, Gateway Legacy 57
• Pana 44, Nokomis 38

Saturday, January 22

3rd Place - Gateway Legacy 50, Nokomis 43
1st Place - Mattoon 62, Pana 57

Rick McGraw Memorial Invite Top Scorers

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| 1. Elijah Aumann - Nokomis - 96 | 23. Peyton McCullough - Greenville - 39 |
| 2. Victor McGill - Litchfield - 85 | 24. McGrady Noyes - Triad - 37 |
| 3. Devon Peebles - Pana - 72 | 25. Vitor Oliveira - Gateway Legacy - 37 |
| 4. Drake Vogel - Hillsboro - 68 | 26. Denile Mendez - Gateway Legacy - 37 |
| 5. Sam Buckley - Civic Memorial - 66 | 27. Cooper Bertolino - Nokomis - 36 |
| 6. Brenden Schoonover - Pana - 63 | 28. Will Bitschenauer - Taylorville - 35 |
| 7. Jack Schaufelberger - Greenville - 63 | 29. Drake Howard - Taylorville - 34 |
| 8. Bryce Friedrich - Taylorville - 61 | 30. Kaleb Gardner - Greenville - 34 |
| 9. Christian Larson - Mattoon - 59 | 31. Jake Stewart - Triad - 33 |
| 10. Gavin Matoush - Hillsboro - 57 | 32. Jacob Huber - Father McGivney - 31 |
| 11. Aydin Hitt - Triad - 53 | 33. A.J. Odle - Litchfield - 31 |
| 12. Colin Schmitz - Pana - 52 | 34. Jaylen Middleton - Mattoon - 30 |
| 13. Jackson Rodgers - Father McGivney - 51 | 35. Hernan Cortes - Gateway Legacy - 30 |
| 14. Blaine Powers - Mattoon - 49 | 36. Taerick Grace - Mattoon - 27 |
| 15. Drew Winslow - Triad - 49 | 37. Will Christian - Hillsboro - 27 |
| 16. Kamren Heimsness - Taylorville - 42 | 38. Nick Grull - Greenville - 26 |
| 17. Samuel Hincapie - Gateway Legacy - 42 | 39. Adam Ogden - Civic Memorial - 25 |
| 18. Charlie Reiss - Ramsey - 42 | 40. Peter Mijatovic - Gateway Legacy - 25 |
| 19. Keenan Powell - Litchfield - 40 | 41. Landen Moss - Greenville - 24 |
| 20. Cooper Bergstrom - Mattoon - 39 | 42. Juan Riascos - Gateway Legacy - 23 |
| 21. Gabe Smith - Father McGivney - 39 | 43. Drew Hackler - Pana - 22 |
| 22. Luke Markwell - Taylorville - 39 | 44. Ben Hayes - Ramsey - 22 |

Sports Calendar

Lincolnwood Lancers

Tuesday, January 25
6 p.m. - Boys Basketball hosts Pawnee
Wednesday, January 26
7:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball vs. Beardstown at Carrollton Tournament

Litchfield Purple Panthers

Monday, January 24
6 p.m. - Girls Basketball hosts Riverton
Wednesday, January 26
6 p.m. - Boys Basketball at Staunton
6 p.m. - Girls Basketball hosts Carlinville

Nokomis Redskins

Tuesday, January 25
5 p.m. - Boys Basketball hosts South County (F/S first)
6:30 p.m. - Girls Basketball vs. Jacksonville Routt at Carrollton

Hillsboro Hiltoppers

Monday, January 24
4:30 p.m. - Freshman Boys Basketball at Carlyle
Wednesday, January 26
6 p.m. - Wrestling at Rochester with Carlinville
6 p.m. - Girls Basketball hosts Staunton (Varsity first)

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Nokomis Gets Win In Carrollton Opener

One of the marks of a successful team is beating the opponents they should beat. On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Nokomis Lady Redskins completed that task with a 61-26 victory over Calhoun's JV squad in the opening round of the Carrollton Lady Hawk Invitational.

The young Warriors, one of two JV teams in the 16-team field, were over-matched by the more experienced Lady Redskins, who outscored their opponents in three of the four quarters and tied them in points in the outlier.

In the opening frame, the Redskins poured the ball in to Audrey Sabol in the post and Nokomis' leading scorer answered with half of her teams 16 points. The Redskins weren't as sharp from three-point land against Calhoun, going 1-for-14, but made up for it by shooting over 50 percent from the field from inside the arc, with Hailey Engelman (4), Emma Sneddon (2) and Carley King (2) all hitting shots in the first quarter as well.

The Warriors would have some success on both ends of the floor in the second quarter as five players combined for 11

points and held Nokomis to just three field goals, two of which came from Cydney Bertolino.

The Redskins slowed the damage by making 10 trips to the free-throw line, half of which were successful as they matched Calhoun point for point and held a 27-15 lead at halftime.

Any hopes of a rally were quashed in the second half as Nokomis outscored the Warriors 19-6 in the third and 15-2 in the fourth, with the Redskin bench seeing plenty of minutes in the final frame.

After being held scoreless in the first half, Natalie Engelman raked in six points in the third and five points in the fourth to finish with 11 points for the game, one of three Redskins to reach double figures.

Hailey Engelman joined that group with nine second half points to finish with 14 for the game, while Audrey Sabol scored a game-high 17 points to go along with a team-high seven rebounds.

Emma Sneddon followed up the lead group with seven points, while Grace DeWerff and Cydney Bertolino had four points each. Carly King and Lizzy

Hill rounded out the scoring with two points each.

Nokomis finished the game with 21 steals on the defensive end, with Natalie Engelman leading the team with five, followed by Emma Sneddon and Hailey Engelman with four each. The Engelman tandem also paced Nokomis in assists, with five for Natalie and four for Hailey.

With the win, Nokomis moves on to play Jacksonville Routt in the championship quarterfinals on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m. The 10th seeded Rockets upset second seeded Father McGivney in their opening game 51-39 to earn their spot in the quarterfinals. The winner moves on to the semifinals on Thursday, Jan. 27.

January 22 at Carrollton
Lady Hawk Invitational
 Nokomis 16 11 19 15 ---61
 Calhoun JV 4 11 6 2 ---26
Nokomis (61) - Audrey Sabol 17, Hailey Engelman 14, Natalie Engelman 11, Emma Sneddon 7, Grace DeWerff 4, Cydney Bertolino 4, Carley King 2, Lizzy Hill 2. **Totals:** 25 8-15 61.
Calhoun JV (26) - Kinas 8, Hagen 5, Oswald 5, Pohlman 4, Fanning 4. **Totals:** 11 2-4 26.
Three-point field goals: Nokomis 1 (N. Engelman 1); Calhoun JV 2 (Hagen 1, Oswald 1).
Record: Nokomis (18-5).



Lincolnwood's Haelee Damm (left) tries to slow down Nokomis' Addison Dangbar during the MSM Conference game between the neighboring schools in Nokomis on Jan. 20. Dangbar had 14 points in the Redskins' 55-14 victory over the Lancers.
 James Ryan/NokoPhoto

Nokomis High School will be honoring the 1997 Nokomis boys basketball state tournament team during the boys game against Mulberry Grove on Saturday, Jan. 29.

Redskins Perfect In MSM With Win Over Lancers

The Nokomis High School girls basketball team picked up an MSM Conference win on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the expense of their neighbors at Lincolnwood High School.

The Lady Redskins held the Lancers to just three field goals in the game as they knocked off the orange and black 55-14 in Nokomis.

The Redskins led 14-3 after one and held a 30-4 advantage at halftime. Audrey Sabol had nine points to lead Nokomis, with Emma Sneddon and Hailey Engelman adding six points each.

Lincolnwood began to put it together in the third quarter, with Avery Pope hitting a pair of threes and Amanda Seelbach and Cora Stevens contributing two free throws apiece. But Nokomis still managed to outscore the Lancers 13-10 and upped their lead to 43-14 going into the fourth.

Five different Nokomis players would score in the fourth quarter and the defense held the Lancers scoreless in the final eight minutes to collect the 41-point win.

Audrey Sabol finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds for her ninth double-double of the year, while Addison Dangbar added in 14 points and four steals for Nokomis. Hailey Engelman finished with eight points, four rebounds, seven assists and six steals, while

Emma Sneddon added eight points, three rebounds and five steals. Grace DeWerff and Natalie Brownback each had three points, with Brownback's three-pointer her first varsity points of her career, while Natalie Engelman and Cydney Bertolino chipped in two apiece.

Avery Pope led Lincolnwood with six points off a pair of threes, while Haelee Damm had four with a three and a free throw. All three of Lincolnwood's field goals came off three-pointers. Amanda Seelbach and Cora Stevens rounded out the scoring with two points each for the Lancers.

The result gave Nokomis a 5-0 mark in MSM Conference play, while Lincolnwood slipped to 2-3 in the league. Both teams also played on Saturday, Jan. 22, in the first round of the Carrollton Lady Hawk Invitational.

January 20 at Nokomis
 Lincolnwood 3 1 10 0 ---14
 Nokomis 14 16 13 12 ---55
Lincolnwood (14) - Avery Pope 6, Haelee Damm 4, Amanda Seelbach 2, Cora Stevens 2. **Totals:** 3 5-10 14.
Nokomis (55) - Audrey Sabol 15, Addison Dangbar 14, Hailey Engelman 8, Emma Sneddon 8, Natalie Brownback 3, Grace DeWerff 3, Natalie Engelman 2, Cydney Bertolino 2. **Totals:** 18 17-22 55.
Three-point field goals: Lincolnwood 3 (Pope 2, Damm 1); Nokomis 2 (Brownback 1, Dangbar 1).
Records: Nokomis (17-5, 5-0); Lincolnwood (2-15, 2-3).

Warriors Come Out To Play Against Lincolnwood

Saturday wasn't the first time that the Lincolnwood girls basketball team had seen Hardin Calhoun, but after games against the Warriors in two consecutive tournaments, the Lady Lancers may hope it's the last time they see them.

In a rematch from the Carlinville Holiday Tournament, where the Warriors picked up a 49-23 victory, the two teams met in the opening round of the Carrollton Lady Hawk Invitational on Jan. 22. Like their previous meeting, the Warriors proved to be too much for Lincolnwood, winning 57-26 to send the orange and black to the consolation side of the bracket.

Calhoun raced out to a 19-4 first quarter lead, with the Lancers held to a field goal apiece from Cora Stevens and Lilly Terneus.

The Lincolnwood offense would come alive in the second quarter, getting 12 points from five different players, including threes from Taryn Millburg and Haelee Damm. Calhoun countered with 14 points in the second quarter and led 33-16 at the break.

In the third quarter, Damm would hit another three, but Lincolnwood was held to six points as the Warriors extended their lead to 47-22. Calhoun

finished out the game with a 10-4 fourth quarter advantage as they moved on to play Greenfield-Northwestern in the quarterfinals this coming Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Haelee Damm would lead Lincolnwood with six points while Taylor Lush and Cora Stevens had four each. Taryn Millburg and Avery Pope had three apiece while Amanda Seelbach, Sophie Foster and Lilly Terneus each had two. The eight players in the scoring column was the most of the season for the Lancers, who are 2-16 after the loss.

Lincolnwood's next game will be on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 6:30 p.m. against Beardstown, who lost to Greenfield/Northwestern 50-33 in their opening game on Saturday.

January 22 at Carrollton
Lady Hawk Invitational
 Lincolnwood 4 12 6 4 ---26
 Calhoun 19 14 14 10 ---57
Lincolnwood (26) - Haelee Damm 6, Taylor Lush 4, Cora Stevens 4, Taryn Millburg 3, Avery Pope 3, Amanda Seelbach 2, Sophie Foster 2, Lilly Terneus 2. **Totals:** 9 5-7 26.
Calhoun (57) - Audrey Gidman 22, Kate Zipprich 9, Ella Sievers 7, Lila Simon 5, Jaelyn Hill 5, Maddie Buchanan 4, Claire Hagen 3, Gracie Klaas 2. **Totals:** 21 12-25 57.
Three-point field goals: Lincolnwood 3 (Damm 2, Millburg 1); Calhoun 2 (Gilman 2).
Record: Lincolnwood (2-16).

Lincolnwood High School will honor the 1972 Lincolnwood boys basketball that finished third at state on Saturday, Jan. 29, when the current Lancers take on Staunton.

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