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Filing Period Continues Through Next Monday

The filing period is under way for candidates for county offices to be nominated or elected in the June 28 primary election.

The filing period for submitting completed nominating papers and petitions for county offices began this past Monday, March 7, in the Montgomery County Clerk's office at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. The filing period continues on Thursday and Friday, March 10-11, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will conclude next Monday, March 14, when the office will be open an hour later than normal, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to Montgomery County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser.

As of end of workday on Wednesday, March 9, 2022,

the following candidates have filed their petitions: Rick Robbins (R) for sheriff, Daniel Robbins (R) for circuit clerk, Nikki Lohman (D) for treasurer, Sandy Leitheiser (R) for county clerk, Connie Beck (R) and Jeremy Jones (R) for county board district 1, Kenneth Folkerts (R) for county board district 2, Douglas Donaldson (R) and Evan Young (R) for county board district 3, Patty Whitworth (R) and David Loucks (D) for county board district 4, William Bergen (R) and Richard Wendel (D) for county board district 5, Ethan Murzynski (R) for county board district 6, and Andy Ritchie (R) and Bob Sneed (R) for county board district 7.

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Driver Arrested After Chase In Stolen Truck

A pickup truck reported stolen in Schram City early Monday, March 7, was recovered shortly after, but not before a chase that ended in an arrest.

Michael J. LaBlance, 19, of Greenville, was taken to Montgomery County Jail on initial charges of theft of a motor vehicle and aggravated fleeing to elude police.

According to Chief Randy Leatham, the Hillsboro Police Department got a report of a pickup truck stolen from Frey Avenue in Schram City at

2:15 a.m. Monday. Police and deputies from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office began looking for the truck, which was located exiting Sherwood Forest Campground at Lake Hillsboro within minutes. Officers attempted to stop the truck and a short pursuit began.

The driver traveled north from Hillsboro where the truck left the roadway and became stuck in a farm field at the intersection of North Road and North 17th Avenue, and the driver was taken into custody.



Bob Buda of Litchfield brought several American made items to the Montgomery County Board meeting on Tuesday evening, March 8. Pictured above, he shows some handmade axes to board member Mark Hughes of Hillsboro. Buda made a presentation asking the board to consider a resolution to make the motto of Montgomery County, "A Center for American Made."

Journal-News/Mary Herschelmann

County Considers 'American-Made' Motto

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

"American made. We all know what those words mean," Bob Buda said in making a presentation to the Montgomery County Board. "But I want you to see the products and meet the people who make them right here in Montgomery County."

Buda, along with three representatives of Atlas 46, attended the board meeting on Tuesday evening, March 8, at the Historic Courthouse in down-

town Hillsboro. Attending from Atlas 46 were Derek Chesser, who serves as the Hillsboro manager, Michaela Gua, who serves as an assistant manager to Mike Martin and Krista Gunderson, who serves as the lead sewer for the entire company.

In his presentation, Buda brought a dozen products from both Atlas 46 and Hardcore Hammers, made in Hillsboro, for board members to see. He asked the board to consider a resolution to adopt the motto for Montgomery County as, "A Center for American Made."

Chesser said they continue to look to small towns where they can make quality products and create good-paying jobs.

Buda said Atlas 46 owner Brian Carver visited the board four years ago with a proof of concept to bring the company to Hillsboro.

Now they are bringing their research and development headquarters from Fenton, MO to Hillsboro in a building currently under renovation on the Courthouse Square.

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Brian and Renee Kulick of Litchfield adopted two infants, seven-month-old Karsyn and five-month-old Reece from Ukraine in 2000.

Kulicks Grateful For Ukrainian Adoption

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

As the world watches Russia invade Ukraine, one local family is grateful to have each other, safe and sound, thousands of miles from the conflict.

"I asked them both, what if you were still there?" said Renee Kulick of Litchfield.

Kulick and her husband, Brian adopted two infants

from Ukraine in 2000, seven-month-old Karsyn, and five-month-old Reece.

After a miscarriage and two infant losses, the Kulicks decided adoption was the best choice to grow their family.

"We were in the hospital on a Wednesday and in the adoption agency on Friday," said Kulick.

They met with representatives from the now-defunct It's a Small World Adoption

Agency in St. Louis, MO in February 2000. Agents would send videos of children available throughout the coming months, and the Kulicks decided since they would like to have two kids, to try and do it at the same time. The Kulicks had narrowed their search down to Eastern Europe, including the countries of Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova, among others.

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Long Agenda For Hillsboro Council

by Ron Deabenderfer

Thirty eight items were on the Hillsboro City Council agenda when they met on Tuesday, March 8; all council persons were in attendance, and all items brought to a vote received a 5-0 verdict, although one result defeated a motion. Several members of the public were present, but there were no public comments. City attorney Kit Hantla was not in attendance.

Public Safety Commissioner Mike Murphy had two

bills to present on behalf of the fire department. Purchase of a remote deck gun (it shoots water, not bullets) to replace one that is worn out was discussed first. City Clerk Cory Davidson told the group that the remote feature means the gun can be operated from the ground with a joy-stick device, a feature that makes it safer than the older model because a firefighter won't have to climb up to the machine to operate it. \$15,000 had been budgeted for the device, but it will cost \$16,963. Murphy

said his next request came in under budget, though, so the extra cost was covered.

The second request was for turn-out gear (the protective suit firefighters don before fighting a fire). Two bids were discussed; the winning bid from Mac's Fire and Safety, based in Litchfield, was \$3,015 per suit; according to Murphy, that was "...considerably less" than the other bid from Dingus Fire. Eleven suits were purchased at a total cost of \$33,143; \$35,000 was in the budget.

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Hillsboro School Board Makes Changes

by Mike Plunkett

Members of the Hillsboro School Board had their sights on next school year at their meeting on Tuesday, March 8, making four curriculum changes at the high school, adding a new teaching position at the junior high, and approving next year's school calendar.

The four high school curriculum changes were presented at the February meeting, and three passed without opposition: combining consumer ed and business tech into a single

required freshman course, combining earth and space science with the current physical science course, and combining Spanish 3 and Spanish 4 beginning in the 2023-24 school year.

Making the interpersonal communications class required for freshmen or sophomores passed 5-1; Barbara Adams, Dan Tester, Bryce Rupert, Matt Lentz and Nathan Kirby voted in favor, and John Lentz voted against. Board member Kassie Greenwood was not present.

A change from last month's

presentation was pulling the social/emotional support Blues program from the interpersonal communications class proposal.

High school principal Patti Heyen said the class is popular, and difficult times call for equipping students with better interpersonal communications skills, "learning to listen—and truly listen—and respond. It's coping strategies, mindfulness, inner peace, coping, getting through daily life and having strong relationships."

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News About People and Events of Interest Throughout The County

With warmer temperatures on the horizon, that must mean it's time to spring forward. Daylight savings time begins on Sunday morning, March 13, at 2 a.m. So don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night!

Volunteers with Cross Over Ministries in Hillsboro are finalizing plans for the 2022 Conquering the Mind Mental Health Summit. It will take place on Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hillsboro Free Methodist Church (1400 Seymour Ave). Speakers will be Sam Luciana, Sam Seaton and Andy Raines. And it's not too late to register at www.crossoverfnp.com/2022summit.html or call 217-608-0266. The event is free to attend.

Save the cooking for someone else! The Coffeen United Methodist Church is hosting its annual spaghetti supper on Saturday evening, March 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. On the menu will be spaghetti, bread, salad, drink and a homemade dessert. Donations will be accepted and carry-outs will be available. Delivery is offered in the Coffeen city limits. For more information, call 217-273-4335 or 217-556-2371.

Faith Bible Christian Academy is hosting its 2022 annual dinner and benefit auction this weekend, Saturday, March 12, in Rosamond. The event includes both live and silent auctions, and simulcast bidding is available at michenheimerandmeyer.hibid.com. Dinner is provided by Angelos Catering, and on the menu will be bacon wrapped pork loin. Tickets are \$35 each. For more information or to make a reservation, call 217-562-5054.

Bank and Trust Company, with branches in Litchfield, Raymond and Farmersville is hoping to #getcoinmoving. Coin circulation has been crimped by COVID-19 shutdowns. Bank and Trust is offering for customers to trade their change in for dollar bills and get a small gift (while supplies last).

Customers can also use the coin counter at the Litchfield branch (401 N. Madison) and they will waive the non-customer fee during the month of March.

Fundraisers are underway for some local organizations. Hillsboro High School baseball players are selling a variety of tumbler cups (including a special Topper logo one). The fundraiser is online, and anyone interested can contact a Topper baseball player.

In Nokomis, volunteers with the After Prom organization are hosting an NCAA Square Fundraiser for this year's upcoming March Madness tournament. Squares are \$20 each, and only 100 squares will be sold. Pay-outs will be based on the final score of the game. Contact a Nokomis After Prom member to secure your square.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Hillsboro High School production of *Legally Blonde*, April 7-9 (which includes the Rotary Club dinner theater on April 7). Only a few reserved floor seats remain, but general admission (bleacher seats) are open for all shows. Tickets are \$12 for reserved seating and general admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students (pre-K through college). Visit www.hillsborohighschool.ludus.com to purchase tickets online.

The family of former Nokomis resident Neil Alexander (now of Lincoln) is featured in a special article in the *Champaign News-Gazette*, "We're a Basketball Family," written by Scott Richey. The article featured Alexander's sons, Geoff and Gregg. Geoff is currently in his first season as an assistant coach at the University of Illinois, while Gregg helps his dad in the Lincoln High School program, where Neil is one of the winningest coaches in the state of Illinois. To read the full story, visit www.news-gazette.com.

And speaking of basketball, Asher Ernst, the son of former Hillsboro/Coffeen residents Mark and Tonya (Shryock) Ernst, and the grandson of Larry and Connie Shryock of Coffeen and the late Sarah and John Ernst of Hillsboro, has advanced to the IESA state wrestling tournament at Northern Illinois University this weekend. Ernst, an eighth grader at Morrison Junior High School, qualified as a 145-pounder in sectional action at Taylor Ridge/Rockbridge on Saturday, March 5.

The Nokomis High School softball team is remembering a fallen teammate this season with special jerseys in memory of Ayden O'Malley. Orders for the special black and teal jerseys are due to Gabe or Kristy Cesaretti by March 10. Youth sizes, as well as adult small through extra large are \$20, while 2XL are \$22 and 3XL are \$24. The Lady Redskins will host a special game in memory of Ayden this spring.

Getting married this summer? Then don't miss the Blissful Bridal Market this weekend on Sunday, March 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. Brianna Wolf of Brianna Wolf Photography is hosting the first-ever event, and hopes to make it an annual occurrence. Admission is free and the first 100 attendees will receive a goodie bag. For vendor information, contact Wolf at 217-820-9072 or email blissfulbridalmarket@gmail.com.

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Lincolnwood High School graduate Cameron Krager of Raymond was featured as the Eastern Illinois University Panthers Scholar Athlete of the Week, presented by the EIU Housing and Dining. A sophomore at EIU, Krager is a member of the women's golf team, where she played in three tournaments this year. She maintains a 4.0 grade point average and is studying marketing.

Montgomery County Farm Bureau members are invited to a landowner meeting for those potentially impacted by the Grain Belt Express. Meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at the Girard Community Center at 1 p.m. and the Lake Shelbyville Visitors Center at 6 p.m.

To register, contact the Montgomery County Farm Bureau at 217-532-6171 or email kwilson@montcofb.com.

Looking for a honey of a deal? Then stop by Nickorbob's and Hilda's in Divernon for a three-day spring festival, March 11-13. Vendors will feature 10 percent off everything in the malls, and participants will have a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate.

Boogie into spring with Barb Boston's Funky Line Dance at The Abbey on Broad Street in Hillsboro. Tuesday, March 15, 22, 29 and Apr 5 at 6:30-7:30 \$25 for the four-week session; \$10 a week for drop-ins. Great for the heart and soul. Lots of repetition, so no worries about memorizing steps. Beginners and all welcome.

There's still time for Hillsboro-based business owners, organizations, building owners and community volunteers to sign up for the "Head to Hillsboro Tourism Summit" this Saturday, March 12, at The Coop, located at 106 W. Seward Street in Hillsboro.

The three-hour summit will start at 9 a.m. and will center around the city's plans to boost weekend tourism in the area, as well as how to get involved in shaping this next stage of revitalization efforts. Discussion topics include developing Hillsboro's tourism industry, the Smithsonian exhibit, looking for Lincoln Trail, the 2023 Hillsboro bicentennial, the grand opening of the Historic Red Rooster, how to best market the city, and current blindspots and challenges.

Attendees are asked to register for the free summit online at www.eventbrite.com/e/hillsboro-tourism-summit-tickets-264290308427.

Mt. Zion Lutheran To Hold Worship Services

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield. The services will be broadcast on 96.9 FM radio transmission and on the church's page on Facebook.

Scriptures for the week are Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1. The Gospel for study is Luke 13:31-35. Each Wednesday during Lent the church will have a contemplative worship beginning at 7 p.m.

"The situation in Ukraine weighs heavy on our hearts,"

The city of Hillsboro is reminding residents that the first installment for permanent camper sites at Sherwood Forest Campground in Hillsboro is due March 15. Glenn Shoals lake lot renewal

Ever wanted to know more about pruning trees and shrubs? The University of Illinois Extension has the answers. They will host a workshop on Thursday, March 17, beginning at 2 p.m. both in person at the Extension office in Hillsboro and via Zoom. To reserve a spot, visit go.illinois.edu/cjmm or call 217-532-3941.

Mr. Reed was born Jan. 6, 1957, in Hillsboro, to Herbert E. and Margaret "Sis" (Revisky) Reed. He married Denise Davis on Jan. 2, 2001, and she survives.

He graduated from Greenville High School with the class of 1975, and went on to work construction as a member of the Labor Local #397 in Edwardsville.

Mr. Reed was a past volunteer firefighter for the Shoal Creek Fire Department and past member of the Litchfield Moose Lodge. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and NASCAR fan, especially #2, Rusty Wallace. He was an avid fisherman, and in his younger years, he enjoyed duck hunting with his uncles.

Mr. Reed was preceded in death by his parents; grandsons, Ryder and Keegan; and daughter-in-law, Jennie Boerckel.

Memorials may be directed to Benld Adopt-A-Pet, 807 Stewart Avenue, Benld, IL 62009.

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

Alvin 'A.J.' Reed, 65 Worked Construction



Alvin "A.J." Reed, 65, of Litchfield, died on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 8:38 a.m. at St. Louis University Hospital with his daughter holding his hand at his side.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sorento Fire Hall, 101 N. Main Street. The celebration will begin with a service of remembrance officiated by the Rev. Wayne Thomas, and a potluck will begin at 12 p.m. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento is assisting the family.

He graduated from Greenville High School with the class of 1975, and went on to work construction as a member of the Labor Local #397 in Edwardsville.

Mr. Reed was a past volunteer firefighter for the Shoal Creek Fire Department and past member of the Litchfield Moose Lodge. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and NASCAR fan, especially #2, Rusty Wallace. He was an avid fisherman, and in his younger years, he enjoyed duck hunting with his uncles.

In addition to his wife of 21 years, he is survived by his daughter, Nicole (companion Julian) Reed of Gillespie, Kristal Boerckel of Nokomis, Gary (Tami) Boerckel, Jr. and Scott Boerckel, Sr., both of Litchfield; grandchildren, Chelsey, David, Scotty and Shawn; four great-granddaughters; and sister, Cathy (husband Gerald) Wilson of Gillespie.

Mr. Reed was preceded in death by his parents; grandsons, Ryder and Keegan; and daughter-in-law, Jennie Boerckel.

Memorials may be directed to Benld Adopt-A-Pet, 807 Stewart Avenue, Benld, IL 62009.

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Earl O. Meyer, 96 Ties To Litchfield



Earl O. Meyer, 96, of Forsyth, MO, died on March 4, 2022, at his home.

Memorial services will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14, at Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home and Crematory in Branson, MO, with Pastor Jeramie Henson speaking at 6:30 p.m. A private family service will be held in Litchfield at a different date. Snapp-Bearden Funeral Home and Crematory in Branson, MO, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Meyer was born on Nov. 25, 1925, in Litchfield, to William H. and Esther (Striegel) Meyer. He was the second child to his parents with older brother Delmar, and younger siblings, Marvella (Marvey), Dolores (Dodie), and Kenneth (Kenny).

He married the love of his life, Ramona Eileen Duff, on Aug. 22, 1945. She preceded him in death on Sept. 3, 1949. Together they had two children: Judith Ann, born and passed on March 19, 1946, and Dennis Earl born on August 21, 1949.

Mr. Meyer helped out on the family farm during his younger life and had a part time painting business for many years. He began working at Litchfield Creamery Company (Milnot) at the age of 19, retiring from there after 43 years of service. He then moved to Forsyth, MO, to be with his son and family and enjoy retirement.

Mr. Meyer filled his years with activities he loved: gardening, canning, taking walks with his beloved dogs, carpentry and building, and spending time with his one and only granddaughter, whom he absolutely adored. He spent much of his time helping take care of her and making memories. He got to walk her down the aisle at her wedding in 2012, and has since been a loving great-grandfather, "G", to his three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Meyer lived a very full life, with lots of laughs and smiles, but also heartache. His sharp brain is something that amazed many. He never forgot anything and could tell you the exact names in a story from his past or tell you to the penny what a tool cost him years ago. He will be thoroughly missed by his family, but the many loving memories of him will live on in their hearts.

Mr. Meyer is survived by his sister, Dodie Egelhoff; sister-in-law, Beverly Meyer; son, Dennis Meyer; granddaughter, Jamie (Cole) Findley; and great-grandchildren, Hagen, Asher, and Cooper Findley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; daughter, Judith; brother, Delmar (wife Betty) Meyer; brother, Kenny Meyer; sister, Marvey (husband Howard) Carney; and brother-in-law, Darrell Egelhoff.

Memorials may be made to Integrity Hospice, 2960 N. Eastgate, Springfield, MO 65803. Condolences may be left online at www.snapp-bearden.com.

Betty J. Beard, 91 Litchfield Graduate

Betty Jean Beard, 91, died on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, at The Christian Village in Lincoln.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 5, at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Springfield. Interment followed at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. Ruby Funeral Services and Chapel, Inc. in Springfield assisted the family.

Mrs. Beard was born Feb. 23, 1931, in Litchfield, to Charles Van and Maggie Price. She married Frank Beard in 1956, and he preceded her in death in 1995.

She graduated from Litchfield High School. She retired from the State of Illinois Department of Transportation in 2001.

Mrs. Beard was a lifelong member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church, where she accepted Christ at an early age. She was a steward, pastor's steward, church musician, musician for youth choir, Sunday school teacher, Bible study teacher, conference delegate, ordained evangelist and first lady to her husband at two A.M.E. churches. She also gave the message when the pastor was absent and spearheaded the Sunday bulletin for St. Paul A.M.E.

She was the 20th missionary inducted as a life member of the Illinois Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society of the Fourth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Beard faithfully served for eight years as the first vice president of the missionary society under the leadership of President Dorothy Owens, Supervisor Theodora Mayo, Bishop J. Haskell Mayo, Supervisor Beverly Thomas and Bishop Robert Thomas, Jr. She became an international traveler for the missionary society. She was a faithful servant doing God's will, God's work and God's way.

Mrs. Beard is survived by her children, Liz (Mike Sr.) Barrow, Michael, and Tamara (Fred) Betts; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Shirley Ann; brothers, Carl, Larry, Jimmy and Dean; and sister, Doris.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to a local food bank. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.drrubydavisfuneralhome.com.

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Landowner Meetings for Grain Belt Express

A landowner meeting will be held for those members potentially impacted by the Grain Belt Express electric transmission line project. Illinois Farm Bureau staff will provide information about the project, regulatory and approval process, and land use agreements. Farmers and landowners need to stay informed, ask questions and be involved as the approval process moves forward. Attend the meeting to learn more.

Wednesday, March 16th, 1 PM
Girard Community Center
135 W Madison St, Girard, IL

Wednesday, March 16th, 6 PM
Lake Shelbyville Visitors Center
1989 IL-16, Shelbyville, IL

Contact Montgomery County Farm Bureau at 217-532-6171 or register by emailing kwilson@montcofb.com.

Obituaries

Beverly J. Nail, 87

Enjoyed Genealogy Work



Beverly June Nail, 87, of Litchfield, died on Friday, March 4, 2022, at 6:39 a.m. at Timber Creek Village in Litchfield.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Litchfield. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. at the church with Lon E. Bruce officiating. Burial will be held at Elmwood Cemetery in Litchfield. Plummer Funeral Home in Litchfield is assisting the family.

Mrs. Nail was born Oct. 12, 1934, to Howard Taft and Lola Mae (Voyles) Yemm. She married Earl Leroy Nail on Aug. 9, 1959, in Litchfield, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 13, 2008.

She graduated from Litchfield High School with the class of 1952. Mrs. Nail was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Litchfield, and along with her husband, served in their church temples located in Chicago and St. Louis. She enjoyed cooking, canning, doing genealogy work and being a parent and grandparent. She was a member of the Maxine Club and Home Extension.

Mrs. Nail was a counselor for the Rape Crisis Center for Montgomery County. She and her husband opened their home to wayward adolescents, helping those down on their luck in life to find a new path, helping them turn their lives around.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane (Steve) Gausepohl of Mt. Olive and Shera (Mark) Hunt of Litchfield; son, Greg Nail of Litchfield; grandchildren, Jason (Lynelle) Horrocks of Granbury, TX, Ashley (Brandon) Layton of Lehi, UT, Austin (Jacqueline) Horrocks of China Springs, TX, Madison Helgen of Hillsboro, Brayden Helgen of Litchfield, Landon Helgen of Raymond, LolaMarie Nail, Danielle Nail, Becca Nail, all of Sunland, CA, Shannon (Juan) Arrospide of Los Angeles, CA, Rachel (Travis) Boatman of San Tan Valley, AZ, and Wendy Nail of Mesa, AZ; and ten great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Nail was preceded in death by her parents; son, Dennis E. Nail; and granddaughter, Cassie Horrocks.

Memorials may be directed to Adopt-A-Pet in Benld or Hearts United in Litchfield. To sign the online guestbook or light a virtual candle, visit www.plummerfuneralservices.com.

Margaret A. Burleson, 79

Started Trucking Business



Margaret A. Burleson, 79, of Carlinville, died on Monday, March 7, 2022, after a four year battle with ovarian cancer.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Davis-Anderson Funeral Home in Carlinville. Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Jarod Walston officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Lawn Cemetery. Davis-Anderson Funeral Home of Carlinville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Burleson was born on April 25, 1942, in Carlinville, the oldest of three children born to Henry O. Graham and Frances (Crouch) Graham. Her father was killed in an automobile accident on December 1, 1946. Her mother later married E. Leroy Stults in 1948 and he became Marge, Henry and Judy's dad. Leroy and Frances went on to increase their family with four more children. Although her brother Henry was often mistaken as the oldest, Mrs. Burleson would gleefully set them straight and let them know she was the oldest of the seven kids.

She married Larry H. Burleson on March 27, 1959, in St. Charles, MO. They were married for 62 years before her death. She graduated from Carlinville High School and lived her entire life in the Carlinville area. While her husband was on the road trucking, Mrs. Burleson was a stay at home mother who was involved with raising their two sons. In 1980 the couple began their own trucking business, Burleson Distributors, Inc. Together they grew and ran their business until they sold it in 2020.

Mrs. Burleson will be remembered as a loving sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a happy and friendly woman who enjoyed being with her family and friends as well as bowling, reading and traveling.

Mrs. Burleson is survived by her husband; sons, W. Glen (Judy) Burleson of Litchfield and Gregory A. Burleson of Carlinville; five grandchildren, Andrea, Erica, Shawn, Alexandra and Braden; seven great-grandchildren, Noelle, Charis, Mercy, Elizabeth, Ryli, Wyatt and Sam; two brothers, Tom (Colleen) Stults of Carlinville and Ed (Lupe) Stults of Corpus Christi, TX; and sister, Becky Stults of Springfield; as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Mrs. Mitchell was preceded in death by her parents; brother, W. Henry Graham; two sisters, Judy Scott and Brenda Dolder; and a niece and nephew.

Memorials are suggested to Carlinville Area Hospital. Condolences may be left online at www.davisandersonfuneralhome.com.

Robert G. Kertis, 90

Electrician



Robert "Bob" George Kertis, 90, of Mt. Olive, died on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 8:10 p.m. at Heritage Health: Therapy and Senior Care in Litchfield.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 10, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at St. Paul II Catholic Church in Mt. Olive. Funeral Mass will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the church with Father Thomas Hagstrom officiating. A luncheon will follow at the church hall. Becker and Son Funeral Home in Mt. Olive is assisting the family.

Mr. Kertis was born Feb. 25, 1932, in Mt. Olive, to John and Edna (Hochmuth) Kertis. He married Mary Magdalene Kalvin, and she survives. He attended Holy Trinity Grade School and Mt. Olive High School, where he graduated with the class of 1949. Mr. Kertis served as an SSGT in the U.S. Air Force in the Korean Conflict, from 1952 to 1955. He earned the National Defense and Good Conduct medals. During his career, he was employed by CIPS as an electrician, from June 20, 1966 until his retirement on June 30, 1992.

Mr. Kertis was a member of St. Paul II (formerly Holy Trinity) Catholic Church in Mt. Olive. He enjoyed outdoor activities. Fishing, hunting mushrooms and deer hunting were some of his favorites.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Bob (Karen) Kertis of Minnesota, Tony Kertis of Springfield and Tom Kertis of Mt. Olive; brother, Charles (Cora) Kertis of Minnesota; four grandsons, John, James, Jeffrey and Justin; four great-granddaughters; and two great-grandsons with one on the way.

Mr. Kertis was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, John "Red" Kertis.

Memorials may be directed to Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Mt. Olive. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.beckerandson.com.

Jason D. Glasco, 51

Union Millwright, Owned Bar



Jason D. Glasco, 51, of Sorrento, died on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Lesicko Funeral Home in Livingston, 271 N. 2nd St. An additional visitation will be conducted Friday, March 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Mr. Glasco was born Nov. 12, 1970, in Granite City, to James W. and Judith A. (McFaddin) Glasco. He married Patricia A. Barthelemy on Sept. 23, 1995, at the Niedringhaus United Methodist Church in Granite City, and she survives.

He worked for 20 years as a union millwright for U.S. Steel in Granite City. He was a member of the United Steelworkers Union, Local 1899, in Granite City. Mr. Glasco and his wife were owners of Bonnie and Klide's Place in Livingston. He was a motorcycle enthusiast. He loved cooking, especially BBQ, and enjoyed float trips with a drink in hand.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Glasco is survived by his son, Nathan Glasco; sister, Jeanette Glasco; and nephews, Dustin Glasco, Brandon Glasco and Mason Glasco.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Shania LeAnn Glasco; and brother, Jeffrey Glasco.

Memorials may be directed to the family or Lesicko Funeral Home. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.lesickofuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Lucille Mitchell, 85

Homemaker

Marjorie Lucille Mitchell, 85, of Litchfield, died at 9:36 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Heritage Health of Litchfield. No public services will be held. Kravanya Funeral Home of Gillespie is assisting the family.

Mrs. Mitchell was born on Aug. 4, 1936, in Cobden, to Elmer and Edith Goines. She married Charles Ledgerwood and then Robert Frank Ladendorf. She later married Lawrence Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell was a homemaker.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by her children, Larry Ledgerwood of Litchfield, Donna Davis of Staunton, Brenda Perry of Helotes, TX, and Richard Ladendorf of Raleigh, NC; and grandchildren, Justin Ladendorf, Levi Ladendorf and Kiley Ladendorf.

She was preceded in death by her parents; spouses; and son, Mike Ladendorf.

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

Beverly A. Hughes, 82

Educator, Claims Adjuster



Beverly Ann (Reeker) Hughes, 82, of O'Fallon, died on Friday, March 4, 2022, at her home.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Schildknecht Funeral Home in O'Fallon, 301 S. Lincoln Ave. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Darren McCormick officiating. Burial will follow at O'Fallon City Cemetery.

Mrs. Hughes was born July 13, 1939, in Mt. Vernon, to Frederick McKinley "Mack" and Freida Anna Henrietta (Bialeschki) Reeker. She married George Robert "Bob" Hughes, and he survives.

After graduating valedictorian from Weber Township High School in 1956, she continued her education by obtaining her bachelor's degree in 1960 from SIU at Carbondale, then her master's degree in business education in 1986 from SIU at Edwardsville.

During her career, Mrs. Hughes served as a business teacher at O'Fallon Township High School from 1960 to 1965 and from 1972 to 1993. She then worked with her husband as a flood insurance claims adjuster from 1993 to 2006 with Bellmon Adjusters.

She was a member of Central Christian Church in O'Fallon. She was a wonderful lady who always put others before herself and never complained about anything.

Mrs. Hughes spent weekends dancing to country music with all her friends, and the weeks hanging out with her loving husband and family. Unfortunately, due to COVID, she wasn't able to spend the time that she wanted to spend with her grandkids and great-grandkids.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sister, Dorothy E. Latham of Rockford; children, Craig (Christine) Hughes of Lebanon, Annette Hughes of Troy and Julie (Jeff) Donovan of Austin, TX; four grandchildren, Jordan Leach, Alex Hughes, Abby Hughes and David Hughes; and two great-grandchildren, Roman Leach and Baron Leach.

Mrs. Hughes was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Frederick M. Reeker, Jr.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Southern Illinois at www.hospice.org/donate.

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

Dale A. Harrison, 74

Lifelong Farmer



Dale Alvin Harrison, 74, of Fillmore, died on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, March 8, at Miller Funeral Home in Fillmore with the Rev. Kathy Lewis officiating. Burial followed at Glendale Cemetery in Fillmore.

Mr. Harrison was born Feb. 18, 1948, in Fayette County, to Bert Alvin and Helen Pauline (Jackson) Harrison. He married Mary Ellen Jerden on June 29, 1968, in Fillmore, and she survives.

He was a lifelong farmer and the Fillmore Township road commissioner for 30 years. Mr. Harrison was a member of the Fillmore Sportsman's Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Brent Harrison of Fillmore; daughters, Lisa Harrison of Fillmore and Lori (Jeff) Hoffman of Bingham; brother, David (Chris) Harrison of Vandalia; sister, Kay Chase of Vandalia; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Harrison was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; one sister; and grandson, Ryan Dugan.

Memorials may be directed to the Fillmore United Methodist Church and Glendale Cemetery. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.millerfh.net.

Ruth A. Hoffman, 67

Domestic Abuse Counselor



Ruth Ann Hoffman, 67, died on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022.

Per her request, her remains were donated to Medical Education and Research Institute's Genesis Program of Memphis, TN. In lieu of a formal service, she specified that a memory book be created and shared with family and friends.

Mrs. Hoffman was born Dec. 28, 1954, in Springfield, to Louis and Pat (Smith) Canaday. She married William Joseph Hoffman on Dec. 4, 1976, and he survives. They shared 45 years together and raised two children.

She attended Springfield Southeast High School, where she graduated in 1972. She went on to receive two associate degrees from Lincoln Land Community College in 1990 and 1991. She also studied psychology at the University of Illinois in Springfield from 1998 to 2000.

Mrs. Hoffman was a partner with Bernadette Jones as a domestic abuse counselor for several years in Springfield.

She had a passion for music and dancing. She always had music playing in her sunroom while she worked on knitting projects. In her last year, she took dance lessons and participated in two dance recitals, as well as a dance competition. She was a fierce competitor, but was always glad to help anyone over a rough spot.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Hoffman is survived by her two children, Zeb (Naomi) Hoffman of Salisbury, UK, and Angela (Sean) Flesch of Columbia, TN; two granddaughters, Addison Flesch and Savannah Flesch; sister, Pamala (Michael) Reiser; close friend, Roger Slightom; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be directed to the William and Ruth Hoffman Scholarship Fund at Southern Illinois University Foundation.

THANK YOU!

The family of Darrell Lee Schwab would like to thank you for the many kindnesses and support during this most difficult time.

Thank you to all who remembered us in prayer and the many cards with messages of sympathy and comfort, flowers and the memorials in Darrell Lee's name.

Special thanks to Jan Magnuson for the beautiful service, the pallbearers and Terry Plummer and staff for the support and compassion.

It is comforting to know that Darrell Lee touched the lives of so many of you.

Thanks also to the doctors and nurses involved with his care at St. John's Hospital and Dr. Phil Johnson and staff.

Your friendship, kindness, and love mean more to us than words could ever express.

He will be deeply missed.

**Joyce Schwab
and Family of Darrell Lee Schwab**

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Mr. and Mrs. Dal Canton today

Dal Cantons Celebrate 50 Years Of Marriage

Denny and Sheila Dal Canton of Hillsboro will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 11.

The couple was united in marriage on March 11, 1972, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro.

Mr. Dal Canton retired from the United State Postal Service as a postmaster. Mrs. Dal Canton served as a secretary and homemaker. Together in retirement, the two enjoy working in the yard, gambling, spending time with family and friends, and watching their grandson Ethan play hockey.

The couple share two daughters, Paula Dal Canton of Litchfield and Jody (Tony) Buntjer of Loves Park. They also have four grandchildren, Nicole, Madison and Ethan Buntjer, all of Loves Park, and Megan Traylor of Hillsboro, as well as six great-grandchildren, Carter, age 7, Kai, age 5, Bobby, age 4, Garrett, age 3, Avery, age 2, and Ty'Z, age 1. Because of the unknown



The Dal Cantons in 1972

course of COVID-19 mitigations, no social gathering was planned. However, the family invites friends to send cards and drive by their house this weekend to honk in their honor.

Doyle Library To Host St. Patrick's Party

Doyle Public Library in Raymond is hosting a St. Patrick's Day program on Saturday, March 12, from 10 to 11 a.m.

The party will feature a book reading, craft and St. Patrick's Day music and dancing.

All ages are welcome to attend. The library is located at 109 South O'Bannon Street in Raymond.

United Methodist Women To Hold Dinner Saturday

The United Methodist Women of Gillespie will hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch and dinner on Saturday, March 12. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m.

The menu will include corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, dessert and a drink. Patrons have the choice between dining in (dependent on COVID restrictions) or taking their meals to-go.

The United Methodist Church of Gillespie is located at 900 W. Broadway (Rt. 16 West and Kelly Street) in Gillespie.

Library Board Sets Meeting For March 15

Hillsboro Area Public Library Board will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, at the library, located at 420 S. Main Street in Hillsboro.

Agenda items include cleaning the basement, children's program policy, library certification and a report from the Friends of the Library.

MCGS Meeting Will Be March 17

Members of the Montgomery County Genealogical Society will meet on Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Research Center, located inside the Litchfield Museum and Welcome Center at 334 Historic Route 66 North in Litchfield. The public is welcome to attend.

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St. Agnes Celebrates Confirmation

Third graders at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro celebrated their confirmation on Sunday morning, Feb. 27. Pictured above, from the left are Kate Eller, Alexis Young, Anna Province, Riley Meyers, Clara Williams, Isabel McLaughlin and Linden Taylor. In the middle are Silas Gutierrez, K J Wildhaber, Vincent Connor, Zayne Lipe, Owen Lanthrip, Chase Connor and Tobyn Adams. In back are Sandy Martincic, Deacon Leland Johns and Father Dan Willinborg.

Photo courtesy of Ashley Christ Photography



Queen Summer Shares Her Story

Reigning Miss Montgomery County Fair Queen Summer Smith shared a children's book she wrote with second graders in Beth Coleman's class at Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro on Thursday, March 3, which was part of Read Across American Week. Smith penned her own children's book, *The Three B's for Barry*, which is now available for purchase for \$15 on Amazon. Her story was written in memory of her uncle, Barry McNew, who lost his life to suicide. Smith continually works to raise awareness for mental health initiatives and to help "barry the stigma" about mental health. Part of the proceeds from the sale of her book benefit the National Suicide Prevention Foundation.

Art Guild Plans Free Painting Workshop

The Montgomery County Art Guild will host a free poured painting workshop on Thursday, March 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

Different acrylic pouring techniques will be shared

and taught by several of the Art Guild members. Acrylic pouring is a fascinating fluid painting technique. It is based on acrylic paint, which can be brought into a liquid, pourable consistency with the addition of a pouring medium and other additives as required.

Depending on the technique, this liquified paint is then poured into each other or tilted onto the canvas and distributed by tilting the painting surface. Depending

on the choice of paint, the medium and the additives, different effects are created.


The purpose of the Art Guild is to bring together local artists and supporters of the visual arts to encourage, inspire and promote art in Montgomery County.

All materials will be provided. For more information, contact Diane Singler at 217-851-5424 or email montgomerycoartguild@gmail.com.

If you see this handsome man, wish him a **HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY!!**

We love you, Uncle Phil!

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You Could Be Queen!

The Old Settlers Committee is looking for young ladies, freshmen thru seniors in the Hillsboro High School District, who would like to run for Old Settlers Queen this year.

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Losin' It with Sonya Jones Ideal Protein presented Union Avenue Christian Church of Litchfield with a generous donation to help fund their Pantry Pals program. Above, from the left, are Amy Newkirk, Sonya Jones and Pastor Cassie Sexton-Riggs.

Losin' It Members Give Back To Litchfield Kids

"What a great way to kick off the Lenten season, with a little almsgiving. Thank you, Losin' It with Sonya Jones. This donation will make a big difference in the lives of some local children," said Pastor Cassie Sexton-Riggs of Union Avenue Christian Church, in response to a generous donation the church's Pantry Pals program received from Losin' It with Sonya Jones Ideal Protein.

The amount of the donation, \$3,444.44, was in direct proportion to the cumulative weight that the members of Losin' It with Sonya Jones lost in 2021, approximately 3,444 pounds.

"We lost around 3,444 pounds last year and we wanted to give back what's been lost," said Sonya Jones, owner and coach at "Losin' It with Sonya Jones Ideal Protein."

"My clients are truly the best and the family we have formed in our weight loss clinic is amazing."

The Pantry Pals program helps provide weekend meals to Kindergarten through eighth grade students in the Litchfield School District, who are facing food insecurity. Pastor Sexton-Riggs anticipates that the generous donation will help feed students for 3.5 months.

Those interested in volunteering or donating to Pantry Pals are encouraged to contact the Union Avenue Christian Church at 217-324-2327 for more information. More information on Losin' It with Sonya Jones Ideal Protein can be found online at <http://losinitwithsonya.com> or by contacting Jones at 217-324-4144 or sonyajones44.com.

Feet Of Grace Dance Benefit To Honor Isabel McLaughlin

Fusion Dance Center in Hillsboro and Greenville is hosting its annual Feet of Grace benefit dance concert on Sunday, March 20, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Hillsboro High School gym.

The concert will feature a variety of dance routines from Fusion dancers of all ages.

This year's program will benefit nine-year-old Isabel McLaughlin of Hillsboro, who has been battling a rare childhood cancer since last summer. In June 2021, McLaughlin was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma. The daughter of Phil and Lindsey McLaughlin, she is currently undergoing treatments at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

Proceeds from the Feet of



Isabel McLaughlin

Grace benefit dance concert will be given to the McLaughlin family.

Crazy Eights Trivia Night Will Be Held On March 26

The Panhandle Education Foundation is hosting its annual Crazy Eights Trivia Night on Saturday evening, March 26, at the Waggoner Centennial Building.

This year the foundation will repeat the "Crazy Eights" theme with eight rounds of eight questions for a cost of \$88 for a table of up to ten.

In addition, there will be the usual dessert wheel and some other fun surprises.

Participants may bring their own food and drinks.

No pre-registration is required, just simply arrive at the centennial building that evening. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Panhandle Educational Foundation, which provides grants for Panhandle teachers and student scholarships.

Hillsboro Library Offers Several Free Programs

Hillsboro Area Public Library will offer several free programs during the month of March.

Preschool/Toddler Story Hour (for ages two to five years old) will be held each Monday from 4 to 4:30 p.m. A "Pot of Gold Scavenger Hunt" will be offered on Monday, March 14 and Monday, March 28; and "In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb" program will be held Monday, March 21.

The DIY Club (for fifth grade and up) will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, and will make shamrock bookmarks.

Builders of all ages are invited to attend Lego Club each Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is a weekly non-structured, free play program and parental supervision is required for ages seven and below.

Participants in the library's Kids Club program

will create spring silhouette pastel art from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24. Kids Club is open to students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The HPL Book Club will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, to discuss *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie.

In addition to regular programming, Hillsboro Public Library is excited to announce the beginning of new large-scale "special" programs.

Little princesses won't want to miss the library's *Frozen* event from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 31. Princess Elsa will be in attendance from 5 to 6 p.m.

For questions or special program volunteer opportunities, contact Library Director Shelley Kolb at 217-532-3055 or email hillsborocitylibrary@gmail.com.

Sorento Community Plans Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Come to Sorento on Saturday, April 16, starting at noon, for an Easter egg hunt.

Times will be staggered between age groups so parents with multiple children will have the opportunity to watch

each child participate.

Monetary and candy donations are appreciated. Send a message to Jenny Lagermann's Facebook page if you are able to contribute.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro prepares for the upcoming art show open house on Sunday, March 13. Pictured above, from the left, are Pastor Stefan Munker, Cassie Gunn and Kendra Finley.

St. Paul's Lutheran To Host Art Show Sunday

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is inviting the public to view religious art during their show's open house between 1 to 3 p.m. this Sunday, March 13.

Original creations include paintings, quilts and sculptures with spiritual subjects and biblical messages. Special awards were presented to young artists. Children visit-

ing can participate in a scavenger hunt to look for items in the artworks and turn in a form for a small prize as long as supplies last.

For more information about St. Paul's activities visit the church's website at www.stpaulshillsboro.net.

St. Paul's Lutheran is located at 103 N. Main Street in Hillsboro.

Mother's Day Baskets To Benefit Park Project

The Panama Community Progress Committee is currently taking orders hanging flower baskets.

A perfect Mother's Day gift, the ten inch mixed combination sun baskets are being sold for \$22. Proceeds from the basket sale will benefit improvements to the village's park, including new equipment and a walking

trail. Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, March 30. Baskets must be paid for at the time of order.

The pick-up date for the flower baskets will be announced later this month, but will be set in time for Mother's Day.

To place an order contact committee chair Casey Edgerton at 618-410-3219.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HILLSBORO, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 22, 2021, the Sheriff of Montgomery County will at 10:00 A.M. on March 30, 2022, at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Lobby in the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main Street, front door entrance, HILLSBORO, IL, 62049, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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The judgment amount was \$94,695.40.

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Thank You All!

Fuzzy was unable to attend due to emotional and health reasons, but he was there in mind and heart. A special thank you to Rick Weatherford for putting the benefit together for Fuzzy. There were so many who helped that we would love to thank as well. We hope you all know just how thankful we are to have such great friends, family and communities.

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Candidate Filing Period

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Those who have filed thus far for precinct committee rep are Rick Robbins (R), Steven Janssen (R), and Chase Wilhelm (D) in Fillmore Consolidated, Connie Beck (R) in North Litchfield 1, Jeremy Jones (R) in Pitman, Dick James (R) in Hillsboro 3, Jim Allen (R) in Bois D'arc, Perry Jackson (D) and Marcia Sailsbury (R) in South Litchfield

2, Judy Dalhaus (D) in North Litchfield 4, Chuck Napier (D) in North Litchfield 6, David Tester (R) in Rountree, Kirby Furness (R) and James E. Jones (R) in Irving, Jim Moore in Hillsboro 5, Stephen Voyles (D) in East Fork 1, Terry Richmond (R) in Hillsboro 1, Roberta Meyer (R) in East Fork 2, and Richard Wendel (D) in South Litchfield 4.

County offices to be nominated in the June primary

are circuit clerk (two-year unexpired term), county sheriff, county clerk and county treasurer, as well all of the 14 County Board Seats (reduced from 21 seats after redistricting) in all seven districts. In addition, Democratic and Republican precinct committee representatives will be elected at the primary, and those candidates will also file petitions at the county clerk's office.

The general election will be on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Anyone needing further information about the upcoming elections may contact the county clerk and recorder's office at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro. Email County Clerk Leitheiser at sandy@montgomeryco.com, access the county website at www.montgomeryco.com, or call 217-532-9530.

Hillsboro City Council

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Nine of the items to be discussed were brought to the table by Streets and Public Properties Commissioner Fred Butler; many covered policy changes rather than immediate expenditure, but one of importance to the city's plans to become more attractive to newcomers topped the financial list. Acting upon Butler's motion, the city will provide \$45,000 while teaming with Imagine Hillsboro to purchase new playground equipment for Central Park.

Two Butler motions dealt with repairing the rubber roof on the back part of the Chalmers House. Youngs' Roofing of Litchfield submitted the only bid, \$9,980, but that bid was substantially higher than money already budgeted for the repair. The roof is leaking, and the suspicion is the sheeting underneath the rubber covering will have to be replaced -- and the price of sheeting has risen dramatically. The work has to be done now, though, so a supplemental resolution to increase the budgeted amount had to be passed first.

Butler recommended and the council hired personnel as well; Bill and Barb Sloop, with roots in the Effingham and Carthage areas, will be the new campground hosts. Also hired to manage the pool in Central Park this summer was Beckemeyer teacher and marathon runner Laura Lessman. The pool opens Memorial Day.

Newer Commissioners Kendra Wright and Butler had voiced concerns with the policies governing exempt (those not protected by union contracts from irregular work hours, etc.) a few meetings ago. Tuesday Butler brought at least partial solutions to the table. A new flex time policy allows those who are required to work after hours - to attend a night meeting, for example - to build up a flex account of no more than 24 hours, but those hours off to compensate for extra hours no longer have to be used in the same week they were earned. The flex time use has to be approved by the Superintendent of the department. For example, if a Street Department employee is called in at 6 p.m. to help repair a broken water main, his superintendent, Justin Chappellear, has to agree to that employee taking the time spent off during a less busy time.

Butler also moved that the council approve a revamped discipline procedure code. It will now be a three-step process; Step Two is a letter of discipline written by a commissioner or superintendent to be placed in an employee's file. That follows a written or verbal warning to the em-

ployee. The "goes-in-the-file" step can be appealed by the employee to the council with an advisor (attorney) present at the hearing if the alleged offender so wishes. The third and final step is either suspension or dismissal if the offense occurs again. If the offense is serious enough, though, then the first two steps won't be necessary.

Butler said the exempt employees were in favor of the changes when the resolutions were presented to them. The council showed their appreciation by 5-0 positive votes.

The other Butler request was to supply CTI broadband services to the campground. Superintendent Jim May explained that the city advertises free WiFi to campers, but the previous provider services beamed from the park office didn't work well and are no longer available. CTI will provide internet services for \$3,040, and it will be in the next fiscal budget. Approval for that offer was given.

Finance Commissioner Katie Duncan asked the council to approve paying bills totalling \$324,924.07. They covered expenses approved in February. During commissioners' reports, she said almost all budget requests for the next fiscal year have been received, so those preparations will begin soon.

Water and Sewer Commissioner Wright had good news regarding water meters; back orders have arrived, and the water department can now replace defective meters whose bills are currently estimated. She asks that those who have been anticipating a new meter please call city hall to make an appointment. She also said summer projects will involve Huber Drive; plans are finalized for that.

Because of recent rains, Glenn Shoals Lake is up several feet. That same rain has caused problems at the sewer plant. More socks were retrieved from the Hickory Street lift station, and the Seward Street sewer main needs jettied.

Wright asked the council to spend \$2,711 for a "high output sewer beacon." Chappellear clarified that the beacon is a locator which will have a 300 foot push wire. The price above covers both, and it was in the budget.

In administrative-type matters, Butler asked to use Apex Network Physical Therapy to do task-specific testing of those returning to work after having time off related to a work-related injury (workman's comp.). The \$150 cost of each test will be covered by the city; only Apex does the tests specific to a job (shoveling, for example). Butler said that expense could prevent bigger expenses if an individual returns to work too soon, injures himself again, and becomes eligible for workman's comp. again.

Mayor Don Downs presented the only request that was turned down by the city. The Smoke Shop across from the post office on Wood Street

would like to install gaming machines, but they can't unless they have a liquor license. Alcohol would only be served to those using the machines on site and would have to be consumed in the building. Without the city-issued alcohol permit, the state won't consider a gaming permit.

Discussion included the number of establishments in town that already have gaming, (two which have that as a primary source of income plus six that also sell food, liquor, or other entertainment, like the bowling alley), the revenue the city and the owners derive from the machines, and the maximum number of gaming machines allowed in a premises (6). After a 10 minute discussion, the motion was denied 5-0.

In a related matter, the council voted to raise the fee for each machine in the city from \$25 to \$250. The state recently raised the ceiling to that amount.

A facade improvement grant for the Subway store was approved. Owners of the building want to remove the wood on the Main Street entrance exterior and reinstall the sign. Estimated cost is \$7,540; the grant will cover \$2,000 of that once the work is completed.

A discussion later concerned whether the facade grants should cover only the front of the buildings, as the current regulations now state. An amendment could include all entrances. Officer Tim Shelton, who had a facade grant for a building he bought on Main Street, said he also had to rebuild the back wall of his building. Several facade grant requests didn't make it to the council because they didn't concern building fronts.

Butler pointed out how much the new bank building added to the city's appeal for travelers on Rt. 16/127 who never see Main Street nor building fronts. Wright suggested that any entrance to a building be eligible. Duncan pointed out that building owners could use Tax Increment Financing or Business District funding for back-of-building repairs. Funding the matter is open for further study.

Wright asked about the status of Hillsboro's City Code update and about the Employee Handbook creation. Davidson said a committee needs to be formed to go through the Code Book to update it and thus prevent constant wordsmithing as circumstances change. Only Wright has returned a revision form made available to the council.

Part of known-needed changes to the employee manual were dealt with during the meeting. Davidson said he's reviewed three-fourths of it so far; vacation time could remain an issue.

Butler, during his commissioner's report, said the Parks Department was involved with snow removal when necessary but also are fight-

ing late - falling leaves (oak trees are notorious for that) and tree limbs down at the campground and on other city property. He said Superintendent May was meeting with USDA and Soil Conservation people "...to form a team to mitigate water runoff into the lakes."

The Street Department put rocks in pot holes that have formed in alleys and cleaned ditches full of leaves and water mixture. They also worked in problems on Center Street.

Mayor Downs asked citizens to NOT rake or blow leaves into ditches or onto streets.

Murphy said burglaries continue; a shed on the Beckemeyer School grounds was recently entered, and a person was caught taking a vehicle in Schram City. He asked for the public's help - "See something suspicious -- call dispatch." He then asked Code Enforcement Officer Mike Lee for a report.

Lee said the Corner Block Building dispute was to be adjudicated the next day (Wednesday, March 9). A new fence ordinance is in City Attorney Kit Hantla's hands. The new three-page ordinance replaces the paragraph that made up the older one. As code enforcement officer, he asked town people not to put upholstered furniture on the boulevard in hopes someone else will upgrade by picking it up for use. "It sits there until it is rained upon, and then no one will take it," he explained. Then the property owner is liable for any fines administered.

Mayor Downs concluded department reports. During the past two weeks he met with the Building and Grounds Committee of the county concerning needed repair work to sidewalks around the courthouse. "We need to work together," he said. He also spoke about the old site of the county highway department on Seymour Avenue. "It's zoned residential, and will stay that," he stated. "Hopefully nice homes will be built there."

Jonathan Weyer, nearing the beginning of a new job, reported 15 to 20 people have signed up to attend the tourism forum set for The Coop on Courthouse Square this Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. until noon. He also said the city has received several applications for the job he's leaving.

The meeting concluded with a closed session to discuss a personnel issue. That session lasted from 8:09 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. At its conclusion, the mayor said the council voted to remove a letter of discipline from an employee's file. Neither the employee nor the nature of the letter was revealed.

The next meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, in city hall. The Hillsboro Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, March 15, at 12:30 p.m., also in city hall.

Raymond Submits Info For Price Analysis Survey

Members of the Raymond Village Board met for their regular meeting on Monday evening, March 7, at the village hall.

Following approval of the Feb. 21 meeting minutes, it was business as usual for the board.

In a street and alley update, it was reported that water is seeping into the maintenance shed. The village will put tile along the edge of the shed to improve the area. The torch tanks have been purchased and delivered.

Additionally, Dollar General was contacted regarding putting a roadway in between the store and West End. The store manager will discuss the proposal with her regional manager and get back to the board.

Rick Broaddus, water and sewer superintendent, advised that he submitted information to the Illinois Rural Water Association for a price analysis survey. The survey is a free service the village will take advantage of to check whether or not their rates are where they need to be. In addition, the chlorine analyzer was installed last week at the well.

As part of their discussion, board members suggested diamond maps to locate water meters and main valves in town. They will use GIS and

GPS, which will guarantee to be within one foot. Since the village is a member of the Illinois Rural Water Association, the village will get a 30 percent discount on this much needed project. The board will request a quote and discuss the matter further.

The road and parking at Shoal Creek Golf Course will need oiled. As prices begin to increase, the board was in discussion about the prices golf carts and snacks. Golf course employee Rachel Skinner advised that the Pro Shop is open and stocked, and gambling machines are ready to go. Superintendent Nick Hornbuckle and employee Chris Roach are working on maintenance for the upcoming year. There will be a Stamp Out Cancer fundraising event on Sunday, March 27, with a rain date of April 3.

The golf course looks forward to a great season this year.

According to several board members, there have been complaints by residents who say the police vehicle is hard to recognize. It was suggested to add more signage to make it more visible.

With no other business, Trustee Kendall Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Trustee Bruce Poggenpohl seconding.

Hillsboro School Board

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John Lentz said he had a problem making the class required because he knew nothing about it, but he did have problems with the including the intervention Blues program.

Kirby said he took the class 15 years ago, and President Matt Lentz said his kids took it "and loved it."

Tester asked if any classes would suffer by adding another requirement, and Heyen said students in both band and choir may have to take zero-hour physical education to make scheduling work.

At the recommendation of junior high principal Don VanGiesen the board added a "Response to Intervention" (RTI) math teacher.

"Our math scores are not where we want them to be," the principal said. "Our math staff is excellent and working their tails off, but there are gaps."

Curriculum Director Hope McBrain presented a proposed school calendar in which school starts on Aug. 15 with two teacher institute days and students in class beginning on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The state says election day (Nov. 8) is a school holiday now, and since Veterans Day is Friday, Nov. 11, parent-teacher conference will be on the two days in between. Christmas break runs Dec. 22 through Jan. 3 for students, and using all pre-planned weather days, school will be out May 26, 2023.

Near the beginning of the

meeting, high school principal Heyen recognized two students who earned spots on the scholar bowl all-sectional team, made up of 32 schools.

Junior high principal VanGiesen acknowledged the passing of junior high teacher Kim Watson, who had worked at the school for 23 years.

"Kim will be remembered by so many as a teacher who would do anything for a kid," VanGiesen said. "She will be forever missed, but never forgotten."

As part of the consent agenda, the board renewed intergovernmental agreements with the regional office of education for participation in the alternative high school and regional safe school.

After a closed session, the board accepted the resignation of high school boys basketball coach Kyle McBrain and hired him as the first junior high baseball coach; Heather Lessman was hired as the new junior high softball coach. Also at the junior high, the board hired Maggie Huber as sixth grade math teacher, Rachel Hodo as RTI math teacher, and Morgan Meade as junior high science teacher. Ridge Snoddy was hired as custodian and Veronica Groom as Coffee teachers' aide. The board accepted a letter of intent to retire from school nurse and CNA instructor Stacy Payne, and approved Aaron Shultz as volunteer football coach and Josh Fullhost as volunteer baseball coach.

Fire Calls

Explosion

Members of the Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department responded to a report of a manhole explosion at Casey's on Hamilton Street at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, March 5.

Twenty-four members responded and were back in service at 6:50 a.m.

Possible Car Fire

The Hillsboro Fire Department was paged to a possible car fire on Rt. 16 near Zum-

walt Hillsboro Chiropractic at 3:49 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

Seventeen members responded and were back in quarters at 4:05 p.m.

Water Rescue

Members of the Litchfield Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call from the lake superintendent at 4:09 p.m. Saturday, March 5, who reported distressed kayakers on the lake.

Upon arrival, the department deployed a boat into the water and responded to the area of Rainmaker Cove, where the kayakers were reported to have last been seen. There, they discovered a white john boat tied to the dock, which was reported to have been with the kayakers.

The caller was contacted and they advised the kayakers made it to shore and were walking in the campground. Contact was made and the individuals reported no injuries.

Five personnel responded, staffing five apparatus, and wish to remind the public to be safe on the water.



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VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

Kulick Feature

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They picked out two infant girls and named them Karsyn and Kennedy, who were not related and about six months apart in age. But shortly before they were to travel to Ukraine, officials told them one of the girls was gone.

Through the help of Ukrainian coordinator Serge Zevlever, they were able to find another infant, a boy, they would name Reece.

The Kulicks were devastated to learn that Zevlever, who was critical to the adoption of thousands of Ukrainian children, was killed as the fighting started in March.

About nine months after they first visited the adoption agency, the Kulicks were on a plane bound for Kyiv, Ukraine, where they stayed a couple of nights with a host family waiting to get approved for adoption. While in Kyiv, they did some sightseeing and visited

art galleries while they waited.

Once the approval came, they made the nine-hour train ride to Kherson, where the orphanage was located. And they finally got to meet Karsyn and Reece.

Kulick said they were only able to see the part of the orphanage where the babies were kept, noting other families who adopted older children saw different parts of the facility.

"I will say the people caring for these kids really loved them," Kulick said. "And they did their best to take care of them."

The waiting continued throughout the week as the Kulicks stayed with another host family and traveled back and forth daily to the orphanage to see the kids. They also did some more sightseeing, visiting Odessa on the Black Sea.

After a week, both kids were issued passports, though Kulick said their photos were

matched wrong. It was Zevlever who would come through again for them, making sure officials corrected the passports before the Kulicks left Ukraine.

Before the adoption could be finalized, the Kulicks had to appear in court, where they were informed both children had paperwork showing severe disabilities, including cerebral palsy. They would later find out that was one way to get the children adopted, though they didn't know that at the time.

"She gave us a laundry list of disabilities, but also told us that she had seen the kids and they seemed perfectly fine," Kulick said. "We had no idea what to think."

The couple were questioned by the court before the adoption process was finalized. But then it was time to celebrate, and they brought gifts for everyone at the orphanage.

Then it was another 12-hour train ride back to Kyiv and a stop at the American Embassy to see a doctor. Though Karsyn's official papers noted she was immobile,

she began bouncing up and down on the exam table.

"We panicked, but the doctor told us that it was okay," Kulick said.

They could finally breathe a sigh of relief when they arrived in Warsaw, Poland for a couple of days before embarking on a journey home through Paris, France and Atlanta, GA.

"Brian had family in Atlanta and they were all waiting for us when we got off the plane," Kulick said. "It was great to see familiar faces."

At five months old, Reece weighed only 11 pounds, and though Karsyn was healthier, both children had scabies. Kulick said she had shown videos of the babies to her doctor (Dr. Roger Wujek), who prescribed medicine for them ahead of the trip to Ukraine, so she could start treatment immediately. Kulick said she left several tubes of the medicine with the host family for others coming over to adopt children.

Kulick said she and Brian opted to keep their Ukrainian names as middle names for both children, Karsyn Julia

(which was Yulia in Ukraine) and Reece Edward (which was Eduardo in Ukraine)

After returning home, the Kulicks continued to meet with other families who also adopted through the agency for Christmas parties and summer picnics. They even had monthly play groups for families.

"We did that for awhile, but then you get busy, and you lose touch," Kulick said.

She and her family were saddened by the death of Zevlever, who is also a US citizen.

"He has a home in St. Louis. He didn't have to fight," Kulick said. "But we've heard other stories about what a great man he was. And he definitely loved the kids. Even after the adoption agency went bottom up, he still got kids here. He was definitely a guardian angel for these kids."

Kulick said many of these kids who remain in the orphanage are turned out on the streets when they are 15, left to fend for themselves.

Which makes the Kulicks even more grateful for their

children, who continue to thrive.

In 2022, Reece is a senior at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, where he pitches for the baseball team. He is majoring in sports management with a minor in business management. After graduation, he plans to continue college to pursue a master's degree in business.

Karsyn is currently taking classes at Lincoln Land Community College and works at the Litchfield Country Club. She hopes to help battered women or work in the field of mental health someday.

And they don't have to worry about where they would be if they were still in Ukraine, though at 21 years old, Reece would likely be fighting for his country.

"I wouldn't change a thing," Kulick said. "It's lucky both ways. We are lucky to have them, and they're lucky to have us. One thing Karsyn always tells me is 'thanks for choosing us.'"

And there's no better choice than family.

County Board

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"What they found in Illinois is a diamond in the rough that all of us know and love," Buda said. "The people in this community are hard-working and eager to work. The single thing that changed his (Carver's) mind is the people who worked here. This is the future of our community. Why not call it 'American made?'"

Buda added that Atlas 46 currently has 36 sewing machines in Hillsboro and 24 in Vandalia, and they hope to bring 500 jobs to this area in the next four years. He said there's a possibility that Atlas 46, along with Hardcore Hammers and FirstSpear, a company that makes high-quality gear for the military, will be the first tenant at the new industrial park in Litchfield.

"The future is really bright, and 'American Made' is how we move forward," Buda said.

The board is considering his motto resolution, which was created by board member Andy Ritchie, for review for the next 30 days. The resolution includes the motto, advertises and encourages American manufacturers to locate in the county, supports American manufacturing and strengthening the American manufacturing base, creates the policy of Montgomery County to "buy American" and encourages citizens to "buy American" products whenever possible.

"This is an enormous undertaking," Buda said. It's a pivotal point, signaling out a mission statement that we have to prove to be true."

He added that he hopes the county will consider an incentive program for American-made manufacturers as well in the future, providing reimbursement for training and business expansion.

"Do not sign this resolution if you're not prepared to spend the necessary dollars to make it fly," Buda said.

Board Vice President Patty Whitworth said it was an intriguing proposal, noting that board members have an obligation to help the county prosper, hopefully for decades to come.

Buda said that Atlas 46 is being pursued heavily outside Montgomery County, but it's their intent to expand here. He added their production has doubled since they opened a facility in Hillsboro, while Hardcore Hammers has grown exponentially as well.

"Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts," said board member Jeremy Jones. "Without your vision, we would not have this. What I love is that he looked at small towns, trying to come up with a game plan for old buildings and give them a purpose, make them useful."

Consent Agenda

In calling the meeting to order, Chairman Young asked board member Jim Havera to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Board member Bev McCoy was absent from the meeting.

Young also asked for a moment of silence for long-time board member Glenn Painter, who died in February, as well as the situation in Ukraine.

Board members unanimously approved both the monthly mileage and per diem

requests and minutes from the previous meeting. They also approved the consent agenda as presented.

Liaison Reports

In CEFS news, board member Tim Fogle said the group has plans to expand the Head Start program in Montgomery County and is looking for a site in Hillsboro or Litchfield.

Board member Ron Deabenderfer said the Planning Commission is still trying to hammer out the details of the battery storage ordinance. He said there's a bit of a time crunch because some members are leaving the group, and they also hope to finish before Vistra begins construction on the project at the former Coffeen Power Plant site. Deabenderfer said if their ordinance is not finished by then, Vistra will be grandfathered in. He added it's been challenging because not very many of those ordinances exist to model from.

Board member Russ Beason asked if they had been in contact with anyone about the battery storage fire in Morris. EMA Coordinator Kevin Schott said he's planning a training, possibly on April 6. Schott invited board members, and hopes to bring in emergency responders from across the county.

"If you end up with a fire there, everyone in the county will be involved," Schott said.

In a final note, Deabenderfer said the Planning Commission is also working on an update to the comprehensive plan, but it's on the back burner as they work on the ordinance.

Board member Richard Wendel said he attended a West Central Development Council meeting, and they met with Dan Beckworth, the new chief financial officer. He added that Matt Jones, the new chief operating officer hit the ground running and is doing a great job.

Coordinating

In his report, Chairman Young said the information systems department has started work on changing county email addresses to a .gov address. He said it's going pretty well.

Young said in EMA news that Dan Hough was hoping to start a volunteer campaign to assist the department, as well as training for weather spotters.

Young said he didn't have any updates from the Rules Committee or about committee restructuring at this point.

The board approved the resignation of board member Jim Havera with Bob Sneed voting no. Havera said he's moving out of Montgomery County.

"He's doing a wonderful job, and we really appreciate his contributions," Young said.

In a final note, Young said the Grain Belt Transmission would be hosting another meeting on Wednesday, March 9, as they continue to pursue that project. Young said they are working on primary and secondary routes at this time.

He added the group will have to schedule one more meeting, and Sheriff Rick Robbins said it's set for April 6, also at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs.

Board member Sandy Johnson asked if this was the same

company that pursued this several years ago, and Young said it was. The company has since been granted utility status by the state of Illinois and allowed to use eminent domain.

Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Bob Sneed said his committee heard a presentation from JayTec about adding chemicals to the boiler and chiller pipes that help with corrosion. He said they are shown to add longevity to the system and efficiency. The committee is looking at all three county buildings, but haven't made any decisions yet.

Sneed said the committee discussed a security audit in closed session and will look at some potential security issues. They are also adding new electronic locks with key fobs to the accessible door and the north door at the Historic Courthouse. There will be no more keys.

Sneed added that Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser received a grant to secure the lower area of the Historic Courthouse where the voting equipment is stored.

Hillsboro Mayor Don Downs attended the committee meeting, with the hope the city and the county can work together on sidewalk issues around the Courts Complex.

Sneed said at this time, the committee's top three priorities are a roof on the courthouse building, boilers and sidewalks. He added they may not get to all of them this year, but that's what they are working toward.

In a few final notes, Sneed said they would have to replace a copier that no longer worked in the Historic Courthouse.

And in good news, he said they received a second-year energy audit from Centrica (formerly Smart Watt), that the county saved over \$31,000 in energy costs last year due to the upgrades from Smart Watt. They are guaranteed at least \$28,000 in savings. Sneed said they won't do the energy audit every year because they have to pay for it, but they wanted to do at least two years to make sure they were getting the right savings.

Development

In addition to the "American Made" presentation, Deabenderfer gave the report for the Development Committee.

He noted that the Revolving Loan Fund is still in existence in its current form, though interest on loans is so low, businesses aren't in need of it right now. The group switched courses and loaned money to municipalities for demolition of buildings, but Montgomery County State's Attorney Andrew Affrunti said that might not be legal. The committee continues to discuss the matter.

Tourism grants are due on March 24 for upcoming events designed to help bolster the local economy. Grants come from the hotel/motel tax in unincorporated areas of the county. Applications are available on the county website or from County Coordinator Chris Daniels.

The board approved an endorsement letter for Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau, and there is no charge to participate.

Deabenderfer said clean-up work continues on the Waggoner-end of the Green Diamond Bike Trail. Affrunti

sent a letter to the property owner, giving 60 days to clean it up. Affrunti said he had more information and would attend the next committee meeting.

Finance

Finance Committee Chairman Russ Beason said Treasurer Nikki Lohman got good news from the county's IMRF (retirement fund). Lohman said each of the three accounts saw an increase as of December 2021; SLEP from \$3.3 million to \$4.5 million, regular IMRF from \$10.7 million to \$14.9 million and ECO from \$1.9 million to \$2.6 million.

The board approved an increase in salary for three elected official positions, the county treasurer, county clerk and recorder and county sheriff. Each will receive a salary increase of \$2,200 per year for the four-year term. By law, those salaries have to be set a certain number of days before the general election (which is in November). Board member Megan Beeler abstained from the vote.

Deabenderfer asked about what percent raise it was, and Beason said between 2.5 and 3 percent, but the salaries varied. Beason said they didn't look at it as a percent increase when making the recommendation. Deabenderfer said he worried if inflation goes crazy in the next three years, that's not a very big raise by the fourth year.

Beason thanked Circuit Clerk Daniel Robbins for applying and receiving a \$53,000 grant for a new copier.

Beason reported his committee had quite a discussion about the ambulance special service levy. He said the reorganization is in order, though they don't know what it will look like yet. Beason said they plan to get together with representatives of all five ambulance service districts in the county, noting there's a possibility of creating one service district for the entire county.

Beeler said many counties operate that way, and making that change won't change the way those districts operate.

"There's still a lot to work out, but no one needs to be alarmed," Beeler said. "Our goal is to make the system work more smoothly."

Board member Bill Bergen asked if that meant all the money would be put in one pot, and Young said it would depend on how it was set up. Beeler said it could mean one levy for all, but that each service district would still get funding.

The board approved an intergovernmental agreement with South Litchfield Township to provide multi-township assessment services, which will be done by Supervisor of Assessors Ray Durston's office. Board member Richard Wendel abstained from the vote.

Board members unanimously approved a declaration of trust with IL Trust, an agency that handles trusts for counties and other non-profit organizations. Lohman said the declaration only gives her permission to talk to this group about different types of investment options for the county. She said with coal money and ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds, they might look into some other options with higher interest rates.

Beeler said she had concerns as the "middleman" bank for IL Trust is in North Carolina, and pulling funds out of local banks

could hurt those institutions.

"I'm not opposed to having those conversations," Beeler said. "But that ripple effect matters. We have to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, and that's not just setting the highest rate. We have to make sure our money is invested in our county."

Beason said there were no updates to the financial control policies at this time. He added that they are still communicating with Bellwether about the wording on forms to distribute ARPA funds.

Board members approved a new ordinance for the ARPA lost revenue standard allowance, which had to be done by April 1. The county was awarded \$5.5 million, and voted to keep \$1.1 million in lost revenue for county expenses. The rest will be distributed throughout the county. Beeler voted against it.

"We don't want to sit on big money," Beason said. "We want to see it distributed in a timely fashion."

Beason said the FEMA grant has been signed and submitted, and they are awaiting to hear if it gets approved.

The board approved a motion to forgive a \$50,000 loan to ETSB (911), which has been on the books for ten years. Beason said the committee discussed that since the loan was funded through coal royalty money and not tax dollars, they felt it was appropriate to forgive it. Deabenderfer, who voted against the motion, said that he felt it was still taxpayer dollars even if it wasn't collected through taxes. Whitworth agreed, saying she was in favor of forgiving the loan, but noted it was taxpayer money. It was also noted that ETSB applied for and received a grant for the most recent flyover for the county's GIS, which far exceeded the loan amount.

Lohman said they were working with the county's auditors, who would attend the April Finance Committee and full board meetings.

Beason had praise for Lohman's office. In the workman's comp audit done yearly, there was only a \$612 discrepancy, which Beeler noted is about as close to zero as you can get when looking at the county's payroll.

In a final note, Beason said there had been an error in writing checks from ambulance billing, which caused the account to be overdrawn. He said it was an accident, and they are considering pulling ambulance billing from the general fund to make it easier to track. Whitworth said she felt this was a big red flag, overdrawing the account \$57,000 in two months. She felt that the office needs more oversight. Beason said they are looking into it, but not prepared to make any changes yet.

Personnel

Personnel Committee Chairman Bill Bergen said their committee meeting was cancelled due to weather. He thanked the board for forgiving the \$50,000 loan to ETSB.

Road and Bridge

Road and Bridge Committee Chairman Gene Miles said County Engineer Cody Greenwood was unable to attend the committee meeting, so they asked Walshville President Joy McDonald to attend the next one. There is no update on the Walshville roads.

Miles said they are still awaiting an update on the right of way acquisition for the Whitetown Bridge project.

In small equipment news, Miles said they worked out an agreement with the health department for a trailer, as long as the highway department maintains it.

Hillsboro Mayor Don Downs attended the meeting and discussed the property at the old Highway Department on Seymour Street. Talks continue on how to move forward with the property.

Miles reminded the board of oil and culvert letting on April 5 at 9 a.m.

In a few final notes, Miles said Greenwood is applying for a hazardous mitigation grant to purchase a generator. He added that the fuel pumps are usable, but they are waiting for parts to get them fixed the way they want.

Safety and Elections

Safety and Elections Committee Chairman Mark Hughes said they discussed the overdraft in ambulance billing and are looking into it. They will also have interviews for an additional ambulance billing clerk on March 10.

Hughes said he didn't have any updates on the Nokomis ambulance billing and the committee is waiting on Affrunti to approve the 2022 ambulance billing agreements.

In elections news, Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser said her office has completed training on the new election equipment and will soon begin training election judges for the June primary. Leitheiser encouraged the board to thank election judges as they are the unsung heroes of election day.

Leitheiser added that filing started on March 7 and will continue through Monday, March 14, at 5 p.m. She also passed out a map from the Montgomery County Farm Bureau with new state districts for the House and Senate. Board member Andy Ritchie asked if any of the districts are still in the courts, and Leitheiser said they are not.

In EPA news, County Coordinator Chris Daniels reported she and David Jenkins visited a couple of spots for complaints in the northern part of the county, including the Green Diamond Bike Trial. Daniels noted they are making progress. They plan to visit a few more sites this week, including the landfill.

Daniels noted upcoming electronics recycling drives in the county on April 30 in Litchfield, May 14 in Nokomis and Sept. 17 in Hillsboro. All are held from 9 a.m. to noon with BLH Electronics.

Hughes said they are finalizing the animal control contracts for municipalities, and will present them at the Mayors Meeting on March 23 at 5 p.m. to get feedback from the mayors.

Hughes said they have 13 dogs and one cat at the animal control facility, and they are still waiting on one part for the pressure washer.

After approving the seven committee reports and paying the bills and payroll, board members voted to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. They will meet again on Tuesday evening, April 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.



Jenna Kamer



Kaitlyn Adams



Daryl Evans



Riley Steele

Nokomis Recognizes February Students Of Month

by Presley Lamb, NHS Senior

Congratulations to the NJHS and NHS February Students of the Month! A big thanks to Dairy Queen, Ugly Mugs and Casey's for sponsoring the Students of the Month.

Jenna Kamer

The sixth grade student of the month is Jenna Kamer. Jenna is the daughter of Matt and Kayla Manis and Jeff and Jess Kamer. Her favorite colors are yellow and pink. Her strongest academic subject is math. She is interested in nursing. And, to make our world a better place she says to spread kindness.

Kaitlyn Adams

The seventh grade student of the month is Kaitlyn Adams. She is the daughter of Robert Adams and Jacque Adams. Her favorite food is her dad's lasagna and she loves blue. Her favorite movie is Stitch. She does best in math. In her free time, she likes to ride bikes and skateboard.

Daryl Evans

The eighth grade student of the month is Daryl Evans. His parents are Daryl and Brittney Evans and Donald and Tiffany Ryan. His role model is his stepdad. His favorite food is steak, the color is red, and the movie is Fast and Furious. In his spare time, he likes to work out.



Amy Miller

He is interested in a career in the NFL.

Riley Steele

The ninth grade student of the month is Riley Steele. He is the son of Frank and Beth Steele. He's interested in football. To make the world a better place he says you need to help people. Riley says, "If you at first you don't succeed, try try again." His favorite quote is "Dreams don't work unless you do."

Amy Miller

The tenth grade student of the month is Amy Miller. She is the daughter of Garrett Miller and Kerri Miller. She plans to become a writer. Singing and writing are her most significant skills. Her biggest accomplishment is



Hailey Engelman

writing her first story. It didn't start out very good and she didn't know what she was doing. She took good advice from her friends and finally finished her first draft. She felt accomplished and happy and it was well worth the time. Her favorite quote is "You're mad. Bonkers. But I'll tell you a secret... some of the best people are." -Alice from Alice in Wonderland.

Hailey Engelman

The eleventh grade student of the month is Hailey Engelman. She is the daughter of Brent and Tanya Engelman. She wants to be a school counselor. She plans to attend college and later become a school counselor. If at first you don't succeed, "figure out what went



Chase Pier

wrong, fix it, and try again." Her parents motivate her to always put forth her best effort. They are always willing to support her whether it be in sports or academics. They encourage her to do her best and always push her.

Chase Pier

The twelfth grade student of the month is Chase Pier. He is the son of Galen Pier and Nellenia Pier. He plans to attend Eastern Illinois University to major in Nursing or Finance. College is his biggest motivation. Buying his own car is his greatest accomplishment. He defines success as all of his achievements so far in life.

TOPPER TALK • by Kamryn Kiper at Hillsboro High

Hiltoppers Preparing For 'Legally Blonde'



W e l c o m e back, Toppers! I hope you are enjoying, yet again, another short week due to Casimir Pulaski day this past Monday.

The HHS Interact Club is partnering with Impact Life for the spring blood drive on Thursday, March 24. Registration for the blood drive took place over this week; thank you to everyone who plans on participating!

The SAT for 11th grade students will be administered on Wednesday, April 13. The College Board and Khan Academy have partnered to offer multiple practice tests. Khan Academy offers eight full-length practice tests, video lessons to explain difficult content, and interactive problems with instant feedback. Links to these practice tests are posted on the junior class Schoology page!

Tomorrow, March 11, is the final day of the third quarter. When students return to school on Monday, we will begin our fourth and final quarter of the school year.

Mrs. Cunningham and Ms. Andrews are leading a group trip to Europe in July of 2022! HHS already has an awesome group of travelers signed up, but wants to extend one last invitation to any student or community member who wishes to take advantage of this opportunity. Countries to be visited include England, France and Italy. By traveling through ACIS, participants are able to enjoy a European travel experience at a mark-

edly discounted price.

Thursday, April 7 is the official date for the musical, "Legally Blonde," dinner theater at HHS! Operetta students have already been working hard everyday to prepare for the musical. Tickets started going on sale this week. All support is appreciated!

There will be an early dismissal on Friday, March 25, at 11:35 a.m.

Any student who was absent last week and missed course information from Mrs. Cearlock, please stop by to see her this week to get the course information you need to request courses for next year.

The baseball boys will have their first day this Monday, March 14, here at the Sports Complex. Starting time is 4:30 p.m.; the opposing team is Rochester. Good luck, boys!

The softball team will host their first game the same day, time and place against Lincolnwood. Have a great season, girls!

The track and field team will head to Jersey Winter Thaw-Principia College this Saturday, March 12. The meet's participants will include Jerseyville, Hillsboro and Rockford. Starting time is 10 a.m. Good luck, everyone!

There will be a Prom this year! The first school-affiliated Prom since 2019 will be held in the HHS gym on Saturday, April 30. More details and times will be announced soon.

End the third quarter off right, Toppers! There are only five more Fridays until spring break and 11 until summer break! Keep working hard!

DRAGON BEAT • by Milla Anderson at HJHS

Junior High Students Wrap Up Quarter



Hey, Dragons! Happy one week until St. Patrick's Day! To celebrate, make some corned

beef or wear something green. Have fun! Riddle me this, what is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

Just a reminder, the third quarter ends tomorrow, March 11! Make sure to check skyward for any missing assignments and get all your work done ASAP. Fourth quarter starts on March 14. Let's strive to make the last part of this school year amazing!

For eighth graders, high school registration worksheet is due tomorrow as well. When registering, use your student Skyward account. If you are having trouble, please see Mrs. Anderson.

In girls volleyball, the season has sadly come to an end. Great job to everyone, there was lots of improvement from the beginning of the year! To the players, get your uniforms to Mrs. Furness as soon as possible. You will need to turn in shirts, shorts, spandex and backpacks. Make sure to clean everything first! Good luck to everyone next year!

In the scholar bowl, last Thursday, seventh grade won both matches eighth grade won one in overtime and lost the other. They played Nokomis and Raymond on Tuesday, seventh won both and eighth lost to Raymond and won to Nokomis. Their next match is tonight against North

Mac and Nokomis. Good luck everyone!

For anyone interested in track, practice started Wednesday. Practice will be every day after school from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Make sure to bring your tennis shoes!

This week I chose to interview our new librarian, Mrs. Cline!

1. Who is Mrs. Cline?
"My name is Natasha Cline. I have lived in Illinois for ten years. We moved here in 2010 for my husband, Jeff's job. We moved here from West Virginia. I have a daughter, Lassie, in tenth grade at HHS. I am the librarian. I have been with the school district for five years and have been a librarian for four of those years!"

2. What brought you to HJHS?

"I came to HJHS after the closing of Coffeen School. I really love HJHS!"

3. How have you liked working here so far?

"I had no idea how much I enjoyed the older kids. At this age, you can develop real relationships with the students. Also, the staff here is top notch! Could not ask to work with better people!"

Keep an eye out for next week's article! The answer to the riddle above is silence! This week's quote is by the well-known Oprah Winfrey, "Do the one thing you think you cannot do. Fail at it. Try again. Do better the second time. The only people who never tumble are those who never mount the high wire. This is your moment. Own it!"



Zion Lutheran Celebrates Dr. Seuss's Birthday

To celebrate beloved children's author Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, students and staff at Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield held a week's worth of festivities Feb. 28 through March 4. At left, preschoolers in Mrs. Fortner's class picked the book *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* on Monday. Students had the chance to wear blue or red and do a variety of fish-themed activities. At right, Miss Cook's second grade class celebrated Wacky Wednesday on March 2.

Fire Calls

Hillsboro Garage Fire
Hillsboro fire department was dispatched at 1:20 a.m.

on Wednesday, Mar. 9. A garage fire had broken out at 603 E. Tremont St. The fire

crew arrived to the scene at 1:25 a.m. and was back in service at 2:30. The house

itself was vacant but the garage sustained complete damage. There were 22 responders.

Controlled Burn

On Friday, Mar. 4, Shoal Creek fire department was dispatched to the corner of Center and West St. in Sorento. The cause was a controlled burn taking place in the area. Five responders were sent and no action was required at that time.

The following day, Saturday, Mar. 5, the fire department was dispatched to the same address. Due to wind conditions, the fire from the controlled burn had spread to the neighboring yard. Eight responders were on the scene to extinguish the fire.

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New Titles Hit Shelves At Farmersville Library

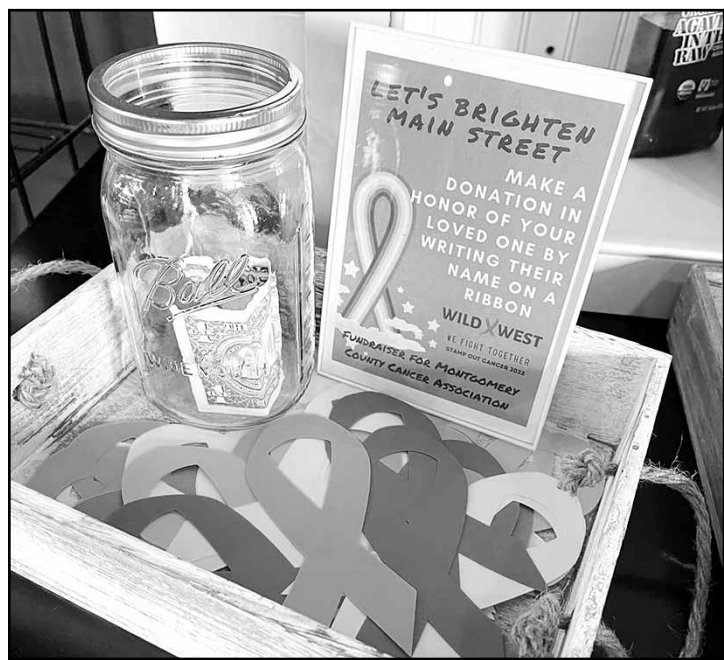
The Farmersville-Wagoner Public Library has added many new materials available for circulation at the library.

The newly acquired adult book titles include *Run Rose Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson; *The Family You Make* by Jill Shalvis; *Hepburn's Necklace* by Jan Moran; *Diablo Mesa* by Douglas Preston; *The Lady's Mine* by Francine Rivers; *Good Rick People* by Eliza Jane Brazier; *Quicksilver* by Dean Koontz; *Targeted* by Stephen Hunter; *Bye Bye Baby* (Ace Atkins) by Robert B. Parker; *A Thousand Steps* by T. Jefferson Parker; *Something To Hide* by Elizabeth George; *The Last House On The Street* by Diane Chamberlain; *Lightning In A Mirror* by Jayne Ann Krentz; *One Step Too Far* by Lisa Gardner; *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult; *Better Off Dead* by Lee Child; *A Country Affair and Dear Santa* by Debbie Macomber; *It's A Christmas Thing*, *Santa's Sweetheart* and *My Kind Of Christmas* by Janet Dailey; *Dark Tarot* by Christine Feehan; *The Wolf* by J. R. Ward; *Mercy* by David Baldacci; *Never* by Ken Follett; *Fear No Evil* and *The Horsewoman* by James Patterson; *The Becoming* by Nora Roberts; *Invisible* and *Flying Angels* by Danielle Steel; *Go Tell The Bees That I Am Gone* by Diana Gabaldon; *The Christmas Promise* by Richard Paul Evans; *Vortex* by Patricia Cornwell; *Choices* by C. Ed Traylor; *Game On* by Janet Evanovich; *The Stranger In The Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom; *Crossroads* by Jonathan Franzen; *Silverview* by John Le Carre; *Foul Play* by Stuart Woods; *Someone We Know*, *A Stranger In The House* and *The Couple Next Door* by Shari Lapena; *The Jesus I Know* by Kathie Lee Gifford; *The Story Keeper* by Lisa Wingate and numerous paperback series and titles.

Young adults and juvenile readers may select from dozens of new titles in all age groups. They include *What Do You Say, Little Blue Truck?* by Alice Schertle; *Hey Granddude!* by Paul McCartney and numerous graphic titles, non-fiction titles and early reader books.

The most recent DVD additions include *Luca*; *The Hating Game*; *Deadlock*; *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*; *Clifford The Big Red Dog*; *Baby Shark's Big Show*; *Super Shark*; *Twelve*; *Halloween Kills*; *The Dry*; *Dune*; *Spencer*; *Four Good Days*; *The Suicide Squad*; *Dangerous*; *Flag Day*; *The Addams Family 2*; *Stillwater*; *Joe Bell*; *Don't Breathe 2*; *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?*; *Show Me The Father*; *Cry Macho*; *God's Not Dead: We The People*; *Reminiscence*; *Ron's Gone Wrong*; *No Time To Die*; *The Last Duel*; *Respect*; *Pups Alone*; *The Mitchells vs. The Machines*; *Venom: Let There Be Carnage*; *One Royal Holiday*; *Paw Patrol The Movie*; *Free Guy*; *Injustice*; *Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins*; *The Green Knight*; *Cruella*; *Those Who Wish Me Dead*; *The Girl Who Believes In Miracles*; *Roadhouse Romance*; *Dear Evan Hansen*; *Under The Stadium Lights*; *Jungle Cruise* and many additional donated titles.

The Farmersville-Wagoner Library is open Monday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, from 3:30 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or additional help, the library staff may be reached at 217-227-3711. Curbside service is available if requested.



The Stamp Out Cancer Wild West is decorating Ugly Mugs in Nokomis with ribbons in honor of cancer patients. Stop by and make a donation to the MCCA.

Team Wild West Plans Stamp Out Cancer Events

After kicking off their fundraisers with a sold out bourbon night at Opera House Brewing in downtown Hillsboro, Team Wild West (Trent and Krystal West of Nokomis) is planning a variety of other fundraisers for this year's Stamp Out Cancer event.

Stop by Ugly Mugs and make a donation to hang a ribbon in the window in honor of a loved one.

Up next, the Wests head back to Opera House Brewing for a "Drink Beer and Be Irish" night on Friday, March 11, starting at 5 p.m., with a chance to drink green beer.

Spaces are filling up quickly for The Royal Experience on Sunday, March 13, and A Day with Heroes on Sunday, March 20. Youngsters of all ages will enjoy meeting princesses and heroes at both events.

On St. Patrick's Day, they will host an event at The Depot Pub in Nokomis, starting at 6 p.m. And they will host a Wild West Shootout bar crawl and Nerf gun battle on Saturday, March 19. Participating

bars include The Depot Pub, Witt Bar, Kamer's Kove and Town Pump Bowl and Lounge.

Other fundraisers include a gun raffle with three prizes, and only 450 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50. The Wests are also "Flocking Cancer" with pink flamingos in area yards. Participants can flock a neighbor's yard for \$10-\$25 or purchase "flock insurance" for \$30.

They are also planning an adult flashlight Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 2, at Witt Bar, starting at 6:30 p.m. Registration is \$15 per person, and the hunt begins at 8 p.m.

The Wests are competing in this year's Stamp Out Cancer event on Saturday, April 23, at The Event Center of Montgomery County as one of this year's celebrity lip sync teams. The team that raises the most money for the Montgomery County Cancer Association takes home braggin' rights.

To learn more about their upcoming events, visit their Facebook page at Team Wild West, Stamp Out Cancer.



Team FrerXOut Cancer hosted a bake sale on Sunday, March 6, at Coffee Xpresso in Litchfield. Pictured above, from the left are Sara Randle of Coffee Xpresso and team members Abby Frerichs and Emily Frerichs.

Team FrerXOut Cancer Plans Upcoming Events

After kicking off the opening weekend of Stamp Out Cancer with a cycle-a-thon, Team FrerXout Cancer hosted a spring fling weekend March 5-6, including events at The Briar Rose, Perry Estelle and Coffee Xpresso, all in Litchfield.

They are still selling ribbons in honor or in memory of those with cancer at Coffee Xpresso. The ribbons are on display in the window of the coffee shop.

Sisters Abby and Emily Frerichs of Litchfield are planning a putt-putt pub crawl this Saturday, March 12, with registration at The Abbey on Broad Street in Hillsboro at 2 p.m. Other participating bars include Half Time Bar and Grill, The Courthouse Pub, Cobetto's Tap, Drapes Lounge and Hamby's Saloon. Lipe's Lunchbox will be serving food at 5 p.m., and the pub crawl ends at The Abbey with a DJ at 7 p.m. Registration is \$10

per person or \$40 per team.

Mark your calendars for a golf outing on Sunday, March 27, at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Raymond. The four-man scramble will include 17 teams for nine holes of golf and food is included.

They are also partnering with Zylia Active (Brittany Winans) and Rodan and Fields (Jennifer Fleming) for some online fundraisers. More information is available on their Facebook page.

The Frerichs sisters are competing in this year's Stamp Out Cancer event on Saturday, April 23, at The Event Center of Montgomery County as one of this year's celebrity lip sync teams. The team that raises the most money for the Montgomery County Cancer Association takes home braggin' rights.

To learn more about their upcoming events, visit their Facebook page at FrerXOut Cancer.



Nokomis Students Help At North School

Nokomis High School students in Marissa Hartke's basic ag mechanics and horticulture classes took advantage of the nice weather on Wednesday, March 2, and made progress on the North Elementary School rock garden. Students built two benches and added to the planter wall.

Pictured above, in front, from the left are Austin Thornton, Nolan Ernst, Jake Watson and Landon Engelman. In back are Logan Huelson, Ryan Quinn, Kaeden Loafman, Kendall Coss and Connor Overby.

At right, from the left are Hallie Mott, Kristen Mascher, Lucas Stinson, Kamron Coss and Alexa Greff.



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Roy L. Hertel Golf Outing Set For June

The third annual Roy L. Hertel golf outing will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, at Indian Springs Golf Course in Fillmore.

The golfouting will be a four person scramble format - men, women or mixed. Prices are set at \$300 per team, which includes 18 holes, a golf cart, skins game, door prizes, games, refreshments and a catered lunch. In addition to golfing, a 50/50 drawing will be held during the event.

Cash prizes will be award-

ed. Based on the anticipation of 25 teams, first place will receive \$600, second place will be awarded \$300, ninth place will receive \$200, 17th place will be awarded \$150, and the second to last place team will receive \$100.

In addition to golfers, the Roy L. Hertel Foundation for Better Communities is also seeking sponsors for the event. Hole sponsorships are set at \$75. All sponsors/donors will have their names promoted on hole signage.

For more information or to

request an entry form or make a donation contact James Hertel at 217-254-1893 or email jhertel22@gmail.com. The deadline to register for the golf outing is Friday, June 3. Payment is preferred when returning the entry form and must be cash or check only. Checks can be made payable to the Roy L. Hertel Foundation and completed forms may be mailed to James Hertel at 915 Edgewood Drive, Hillsboro, IL 62049, or emailed to rlhertel-foundation@gmail.com.

The Roy L. Hertel Foundation for Better Communities was established in 2019 to honor Mr. Hertel and his countless years of public service in Montgomery County. Although he passed away in 2017, his 45 years of public service touched the lives of many residents and the communities of Montgomery County.

Some of Mr. Hertel's professional and volunteer public service positions included educator and coach at Coffeen Elementary School, Hillsboro City Council member, Hillsboro Area Hospital board member, Montgomery County Circuit Clerk, Hillsboro Sports

Association youth coach, co-chairman of the building of the Hillsboro Sports Complex, president of the Hillsboro Lions Club, Montgomery County Director of Human Services and Montgomery County board member and chairman.

The Roy L. Hertel Foundation for Better Communities was created to continue Mr. Hertel's efforts of serving the residents and communities of Montgomery County. The foundation will strive to provide monetary assistance to residents of Montgomery County by raising funds through fundraisers and public donations with a focus on providing monetary assistance for medical and medical related travel expenses.

"We want to thank you again for your support last year and the previous year. Through your support and the money raised as a result of our golf outing, we have been able to help 21 individuals and/or families from Montgomery County with financial support to help offset medical related expenses," said James Hertel. "We hope to see you and your team again this year."



Young girls brought out their inner princess for a Princess Party with Queen Elsa on Saturday March 5, at Evi Salon in downtown Hillsboro.

Princess Party Highlights Team Ball SOC Fundraisers

After the opening weekend of Stamp Out Cancer fundraisers, the Two Balls Are Better Than One team of Jessica and Brooke Ball of Hillsboro hosted a special princess party on March 5.

Up next, they are planning a Pack the Place night at Lomas del Sol in Hillsboro tonight, Thursday, March 10, from 4 to 9 p.m. A portion of the proceeds that night will be donated to the MCCA, and it includes carry-out orders.

On Saturday, March 12, they are hosting a pack the house Family Movie Morning at Westside Cinema in Litchfield, starting at 10:30 a.m. A \$4 donation includes viewing of two family movies, "Matilda" and "Shrek."

Other upcoming events include a scavenger hunt on Saturday, March 19, starting at Half Time Bar and Grill in Hillsboro from 7 to 9 p.m. Teams of four may compete for \$10 per person and the top team wins a prize. Following the scavenger hunt, the Swampdaddies will be playing a St. Patrick's Day party there for the fundraiser, including green drinks, 50/50 raffle, Jell-o shots, raffle baskets and

celebrity bartending.

They are also partnering with Revitalize Nutrition for a special event on Saturday, March 26, at both their Edwardsville location and in Litchfield at 307 N. State Street. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the MCCA, and Revitalize Nutrition will match the amount raised.

The team is also hosting Fill the Spots raffles through their Two Balls are Better Than One Facebook page, as well as a raffle for a St. Louis Cardinals cooler full of booze.

There will also be a gun raffle for a Smith and Wesson M&P 380 Shield EZ. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. The drawing will be April 20.

The Balls are competing in this year's Stamp Out Cancer event on Saturday, April 23, at The Event Center of Montgomery County as one of this year's celebrity lipsync teams. The team that raises the most money for the Montgomery County Cancer Association takes home braggin' rights.

To learn more about their upcoming events, visit their Facebook page at Two Balls Are Better Than One.

Spring Coin Show March 27

The Central Illinois Numismatic Association's 32nd annual Spring Coin Show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, at Northfield Center I, located at 3210 Northfield Drive in Springfield.

The annual coin show will feature 70 dealer tables

with U.S. and foreign coins, ancient and modern coins, gold and silver bullion, state quarters and paper money. Admission is set at \$1, with free admission for members and children under the age of 16. Early bird admission, between the hours of 7 to 9 a.m., is set at \$20.

Litchfield Zion Lutheran Sausage Dinner April 3

Zion Lutheran church and school in Litchfield is once again holding its annual sausage dinner featuring Ron Hemann's famously delicious pork sausage.

The drive-through only dinner will take place on Sunday, April 3, 12 to 6 p.m. at 1301 N. State Street in Litchfield.

The dinner features He-

mann's fresh homemade pork sausage, and includes mashed potatoes and sausage milk gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, cranberry sauce, bread and dessert.

The cost is \$12 per meal.

In addition, five pounds of bulk and link sausage is available for pre-sale for \$23. You can pre-order March 1-25 at 217-324-2393.

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- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Thursday, Feb. 17, in a misdemeanor charge of possession of cannabis filed in May 2021 against Jeremiah M. Oats, 33, of Mounds.
- A felony charge from September 2019 of possession of meth and misdemeanor charges of violation of an order of protection and theft, both filed in January 2020, against Erica B. Petcher, 38, of Fillmore, were dismissed on Wednesday, Feb. 16.
- An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Friday, Feb. 18, in a felony charge of criminal sexual assault filed in September 2021 against Dakota J. Riley, 22, of Hillsboro.
- David L. Sisson II, 25, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of reckless driving on Wednesday, Feb. 16, and was sentenced to two years of conditional discharge, alco-

- hol treatment, fined \$1,750, plus court costs.
- Gregory M. Snyders, 65, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of reckless driving on Wednesday, Feb. 16, and was sentenced to two years of conditional discharge, alcohol treatment, fined \$2,500, plus court costs.
- Charges from June 2021 of driving under the influence against William W. Williams, 52, of Litchfield, were dismissed on Wednesday, Feb. 16.
- Larry P. Alexander, 63, of Pawnee, faces a felony charge of criminal damage to property and a misdemeanor charge of theft on Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- Kylie R. Bates, 32, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of possession of meth and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia on Tuesday, Feb. 22.
- Dominick A. Bolton, 21,

- of Gillespie, faces a felony charge of possession of meth on Sunday, Feb. 20.
- Timothy D. Davidson, 40, of Hillsboro, faces felony charges of criminal damage to property and theft on Sunday, Feb. 20.
- Daniel R. Hayes, 33, of Farmersville, faces a felony charge of unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon and a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery on Monday, Feb. 21.
- Melah W. Maipandi, 23, of St. Louis, MO, was charged with retail theft on Sunday, Feb. 20.
- Shaffer L. Gilmore, 48, of Greenville, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of theft on Friday, Feb. 25, and was sentenced to two days in jail with a credit of one day served, 30 hours of public service, two years of probation, fined \$75, plus court costs.

- Dustin M. Luketich, 32, of Plainview, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia on Friday, Feb. 25, and was sentenced to four days in jail with a credit of two days served, fined \$750, plus court costs.
- Charges from July 2019 of child restraint violation against William E. Stanley, 35, of Witt, were dismissed on Wednesday, Feb. 23.
- Cole Y. Waugh, 39, of Gillespie, pleaded guilty to writing bad checks on Friday, Feb. 25, and was sentenced to four days in jail with a credit of two days served, restitution, fined \$100, plus court costs.
- William O. Webber, 22, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to obstructing identification on Wednesday, Feb. 23, and was sentenced to four days in jail with a credit of two days served, fined \$75, plus court costs.

Weather Forecast

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Mon 14	60°/37°	☁ Partly Cloudy	↗ 14%
Tue 15	55°/38°	☀ Sunny	↗ 7%
Wed 16	67°/49°	☀ Mostly Sunny	↗ 7%

Police

- Hillsboro Police**
- Lloyd T. Woolard, 58, of Hillsboro, was cited for nuisances detrimental to health at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, on Taylorville Road.
- Litchfield Police**
- Kelli A. Gearing, 48, of Staunton, was cited for three counts of theft on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Walmart.
- Kyle R. Kessler, 36, of Bend, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 11:03 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at St. John and Chestnut.

- Angelo M. Redden, 33, of Godfrey, was ticketed for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at I-55 and Rt. 16.
- Jameson L. Vannatta, 50, of St. James, MO, was jailed for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon and cited for improper signal at 9:36 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Rt. 16 and Rt. 66.
- Michelle L. Vannatta, 47, of St. James, MO, was jailed for possession of meth at 9:36 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Rt. 16 and Rt. 66.

- Jeremy Uchtman, 23, of Litchfield, was jailed for domestic battery at 5:51 a.m. Friday, March 4, at the 1400 block of North Jefferson.
- Lucas A. Weller, 21, of Litchfield, was cited for no light on bicycle and criminal trespass to state supported property at 9:48 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Kirk Terrace.
- Heather M. Fricke, 42, of Litchfield, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 11:20 p.m. Friday, March 4, at Rt. 66 and Rt. 16.
- Brittney R. Lishman, 45,

- of Sparland, was jailed for possession of meth with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia and was cited for improper turn signal at 1:43 a.m. Saturday, March 5, at Water and Jackson.
- Whitney S. Davis, 32, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Macoupin County warrant at 9:24 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Jones and Walnut.
- Sara K. Britt, 31, of Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration at 12:30 a.m. Monday, March 7, at Corvette and Rt. 16.



March Grain Belt Express Meeting Explains Project

A public meeting hosted by Illinois based Invenergy was held Wednesday morning, March 9, at The Event Center in Taylor Springs. A large turnout of interested county property owners and county officials were introduced to the Grain Belt Express project. Maps of the northern part of Montgomery County were available showing the possible Grain Belt Express long distance transmission line that will pass through the northern part of the county.

The project will help bring domestic clean electricity sources to the region according to Brad Pnazek, vice president for Transmission Development. "Express will carry more affordable, reliable energy to the region, and at no cost to Illinois consumers," he said. The project team will be back in April to answer more questions from landowners. To learn more about the project, visit www.GrainBeltExpress.com/Illinois.

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Traffic Court

- Marcy L. DeWitt, 22, of Litchfield, expired registration.
- Landon A. Engelman, 18, of Nokomis, transportation of alcohol.
- Breanna R. Fogle, 24, of Butler, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- David M. Gardner, 23, of Hillsboro, failure to reduce speed.
- Cary M. Heaton, 53, of Litchfield, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Larry J. Kelly, 35, of Litch-

- field, failure to wear seat belt.
- Kenneth T. Lauderdale, 23, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Dallas M. Lawrence, 24, of Irving, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Derek T. Martin, 36, of Hillsboro, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Jaden L. Martin, 26, of Walshville, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

- Aiden C. Neeley, 16, of Farmersville, failure to reduce speed.
- Kenneth J. Netemeyer, 66, of Hillsboro, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Colin R. Osborn, 19, of Nokomis, transportation of alcohol, failure to wear seat belt.
- Vivian M. Pope, 45, of Nokomis, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belt, child restraint violation.

- Charlene A. Prescott, 40, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Brandon M. Provost, 25, of Butler, electronic communication device.
- Spencer A. Sidwell, 46, of Morrisonville, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Denny W. Smith, 51, of Coffeen, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Gayle A. Thacker, 69, of Coffeen, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.



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LHS Scholar Bowl Wins Regionals

The Litchfield High School scholar bowl team won regional championship honors on Monday, March 7, at Litchfield High School. Regional teams included Nokomis, Lincolnwood, Auburn, Central A&M, Pana, Pawnee and Macon Meridian. In the opening round, the Purple Panthers defeated Pana 380 to 210. To advance to the championship bracket, they beat Pawnee 380 to 200, and to win the regional title, they beat Macon Meridian 270 to 220. They now advance to sectionals on Saturday, March 12, at Southwestern High School in Piasa.

Team members, in front, from the left are Julia Bader, Emma Reid, Spencer Hoehl, Ryan Baugher and Audrey Fischer. In back are Charlotte Gardner, Tyler Thompson, Sam Horn and Myka Fenton.



Hardcore Hammers Gives Sertoma A Tour

Chad Weedon, left, production manager of Hardcore Hammers shows Bob Budda, of the Montgomery Veteran's Task Force and Sertoma president Jack Evans, and Greg Polus one of their limited edition special Raptor axes. "Only five of these Raptor axes were produced, individually numbered with custom cerakote on the head featuring the iconic flag raising on Iwo Jima. The custom milled hickory handle with raised grip, and the Pledge of Allegiance engraved on the handle is a beautiful piece of art," Weedon stated. Hardcore Hammers makes premium hammers, axes and hatchets. Assembly and finishing is done at their Hillsboro facility. Their retail showroom is on Main Street in Hillsboro and retail items may also be purchased from their website at <https://www.hardcorehammers.com>.

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The Nokomis Lady Braves pose with their sectional trophy after defeating Springfield Blessed Sacrament in three games on Monday, March 7. In front, from the left, are Olivia Black, Illexia Doyen, Alaina Bugg, Quincee Riebe, Hannah Tarter and Lily Broers. In the back are Coach Megan Mehochko, Brooklyn Marley, Carsyn Bertolino, Alivia Sabol, Mackenzie Mehochko, Cloey Dirks, Fallon Knodle, Leigha Smith and Coach Amy Stolte. **James Ryan/NokoPhoto**

Lady Braves Make A Statement

For the first time in the history of the program a Nokomis Junior High volleyball team is going to the IESA State Tournament.

On Monday, March 7, the Lady Braves dispatched Springfield Blessed Sacrament to earn their spot in the IESA Class 2A State Tournament in Pawnee on Friday, March 11.

Playing on their home court, Nokomis beat the visitors from Sangamon County 25-16 in the opening game, but the Bruins rallied back to take game two in a 27-25 nail-biter. The Lady Braves rebounded from the loss,

though, winning the deciding game 25-19 to earn their first sectional crown.

The win improved Nokomis' record to 24-1-1, with their only loss coming earlier in the year against Taylorville, who punched their ticket to the IESA Class 4A State Tournament with a 25-11, 25-16 win over Champaign Edison.

Nokomis' opponent at state will be Seneca, who has made it to the IESA State Tournament 10 times (five times in seventh grade, five times in eighth grade), with their most recent appearance coming in the Class 8-2A tourney in 2018.

The Raiders are 16-7 after defeating Lockport Kelvin Grove 25-16, 25-16 at the Gardner Sectional. Game time for the Lady Braves state debut is 4:30 p.m. at Pawnee on March 11, the first of four games that night for the Class 7-2A state tourney.

If Nokomis wins, they'll be guaranteed two more games and a top four finish. Their opponent in the semifinals, which would take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 12, would be the winner of the state quarterfinal between Paris Crestwood (15-2) and Brimfield (14-6).

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Hefley, Fenton Heading To State

On March 11-12, the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation will hold its 50th state tournament and two Hillsboro wrestlers have earned the right to be there.

Gunner Hefley and Westin Fenton will be competing in the senior division at the tournament, which takes place at the BMO Harris Bank Center in Rockford this weekend.

Hefley earned his shot at state after finishing second in the Senior 135 bracket at the IKWF South Sectional in Highland on Saturday, March 5. Hefley won his opening match over Kaden Blades of Benton WC by fall at the 49 second mark, then beat Pierre Walton of East St. Louis WC in a 3-0 decision in the quarterfinals.

The semifinals would be even closer as Hefley defeated Tristan Tapp of Trico WC in an 8-6 decision to earn a shot at first. Unfortunately, Hefley fell to Killian Rauch of Belleville Little Devils WC by fall at the 2:31 mark, but still earned his spot at the state tourney.

Fenton's path to state was a little more unorthodox as the Jr. Topper 164-pounder lost his first match by fall at the



Hillsboro Jr. Topper wrestler Gunner Hefley finished second at the IKWF South Sectional in Highland on March 5, to earn a spot at the state tournament in Rockford on March 11-12. Hefley's teammate, Westin Fenton, will also be making the trip to state.

4:19 mark to Lonnez Smith of East St. Louis, then drew a first round by in the consolation round before falling to Jack English of Murphysboro in 87 seconds. By making it to the semifinals of the consolation match, Fenton earned an alternate spot and will be making the trip north.

The two state-bound Jr. Toppers were among a group of six Hillsboro wrestlers who competed in the sectional in Highland, where the top three finishers in each weight class in the novice and senior divisions moved on to state.

In addition to Hefley and Fenton, River Smith also competed in the senior division, placing fourth at 90 pounds.

In the novice division, Kohl Fuller went 1-2 with a pin in the 86-pound class, while Landon Bandy wrestled at 108 pounds, but had to default due to injury.

In the intermediate class, which does not qualify for state, Hudson Wright finished fourth at 83 pounds, going 2-2 with a win by fall in the quarterfinals and an 11-6 sudden victory win in the consolation semifinals.

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Litchfield Scores Three Titles, Seven IESA State Qualifiers

Seven of the 10 Litchfield Middle School wrestlers who competed in the IESA East Peoria Sectional bought themselves another week on the mats on Saturday, March 5, by finishing in the top four an earning a spot at the IESA State Finals.

Vincent Moore, Rilynn Younker, Braxton Kieffer, Hunter Law, Jake Strange, Tristan Staggs and Jayden Ellinger all earned their spot at state, which will take place on March 11-12 at the Convocation Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University in Dekalb.

Of the seven who made the podium, four earned sectional championships in East Peoria, including Vincent Moore, who gets to finish what he started two years ago.

Moore, who made it to state in 2019 but lost both matches as a fifth grader, placed third in the 2020 sectional as a sixth grader, one of two Litchfield wrestlers, along with then-eighth grader Hunter Hancock, to earn a berth in the state tournament. Unfortunately, COVID hit the next week and neither Moore, nor Hancock got the opportunity to compete in Dekalb.

Barring another world

changing event, Moore will get his shot this coming weekend after demolishing the field in East Peoria. After a first round bye, Moore beat Austin Brew of Canton Ingersoll by fall in 28 seconds. Moore earned a spot in the semifinal with a 9-2 decision over eventual third place finisher Nic Mrozowski of Rochester, then earned his sectional title with a 7-0 win over Drayven Hamm of Auburn.

Litchfield's other two sectional titles came at 105 pounds from Braxton Kieffer and 185 pounds from Tristan Staggs. Like Moore, Kieffer earned a first round bye, then made quick work to get to the semifinals with a 16-0 tech fall victory over Camden Woodvine of Rochester in his first match.

The Litchfield eighth grader's next two wins would come by fall as Kieffer pinned Landon Still of Eureka in 40 seconds, then took out Matthew Flowers of Tremont at the 3:25 mark.

Staggs also had a bye in the first round by virtue of his regional title the week before and like Kieffer, he earned a tech fall victory in his first match, beating Jackson Waggy of Monmouth United 15-0 to

make the semifinals.

There he scored another big win, defeating Alec Deltoro of East Peoria Central 12-0 to advance to the final against teammate Jayden Ellinger. Ellinger made it to the title match by pinning Will Vicary of Tremont in the first round at the 3:03 mark, pinning Diego Lopez of Beardstown in 1:52 in the quarterfinals and beating Evan Bennett of Monmouth-Roseville 1-0 in the semifinals.

In a rematch of the regional championship, which Staggs won 11-3, Staggs earned the victory by fall at the 2:47 mark, with both LMS eighth graders advancing to state.

Ellinger's second place finish was one of two for Litchfield, with Jake Strange picking up the other at 155 pounds. Strange, who won a regional title at Auburn, beat Slade Gasparovich of Canton Ingersoll by fall in 40 seconds, then gutted out a 5-4 decision over Dalton Oakman of East Peoria Central in the semifinal. In the championship, Strange ran into Beardstown's Gunner Looker, who handed the LMS eighth grader his first loss of the postseason by fall in 34 seconds.

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BRS Bringing Baseball (Cards) Back

Interested in acquiring a few baseball cards of Nokomis native Reid Detmers but don't know where to find them? The BRS Baseball Museum has you covered. The museum will be selling tickets for three-card packages of Detmers on Saturday, March 19 as part of its Chili Day event.

The museum, located at 121 W. State St. in Nokomis, will be open at 9 a.m. that day while tickets for the card packages will go on sale at 10 a.m. No pre-orders will be taken and tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Food, highlighted by the chili, will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., with freewill donations accepted.

Tickets for the card sets are \$20 each and guarantee the purchase of one of 25 packages of three cards featuring Detmers, who made his Major League debut for the Los Angeles Angels in August 2021.

The packages will contain no duplicate cards, and most packages have their own unique composition. Included in one of the packages is a 1-of-1 autograph card from the 2020 Leaf Metal Draft Top Picks pre-production set. Various other scarce cards are scattered among the packages. Cards from 2020 through 2022 are available with card manu-



Twenty-five packages, each containing three Reid Detmers baseball cards, will be available for through a drawing held at the Bottomley-Ruffing-Schalk Baseball Museum during their Chili Day on Saturday, March 19. The limited edition packages will go on sale at 10 a.m., with the drawing held once all 25 tickets for the packages are sold. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the museum, located at 121 West State Street in Nokomis.

facturers including Topps, Bowman, Leaf and Panini.

Only 25 tickets will be available. Once all tickets are sold, drawings will be held to match up the purchaser with the packages. Ticket pur-

chases must be made in person at the museum on March 19. Cash and local checks are accepted.

For more information on the museum, go to www.brs-museum.org.

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Litchfield Wrestling Club Competes At IKWF Regional

While the old Litchfield Wrestling Club wrestlers competed in the IESA state series, the younger generation of future Panthers hit the mats in Edwardsville on Feb. 26, for the IKWF South Regional.

Seven young wrestlers competed in the tot and bantam divisions, which were not eligible for advancement to the sectionals the following week. The group came away with three firsts, one third and three fourths.

The wins all came in the bantam division, with Drake Beiermann, Deakin Dagg and Omarr Robinson all winning two matches each. Beiermann won his first match by tech fall (17-1) and his second by 9-6 decision, while Dagg won both matches by fall. Robinson split the results of his two teammates, scoring one pin and one major decision victory 12-3.

Owen Pryor went 1-1 to finish third in the bantam B-2 class, while Chase Estell, Grayson Short and Travis Farris all finished fourth.

For more information, visit the Litchfield Wrestling Foundation Facebook page.

IKWF South Regional Feb. 26 at Edwardsville

Litchfield WC Results
Tot T-4: Chase Estell (4th) - lost to Drake Seaton (Triad Knights WC) by fall at 0:39; lost to Kasen Kessinger (Edwardsville WC) by maj. dec. 15-6.

Bantam B-2: Owen Pryor (3rd) - lost to Quinten Shaffer (Lawrence County WC) by fall at 2:58; def. Blaise Cunningham (Edwardsville WC) by medical forfeit.

Bantam B-3: Grayson Short (4th) - lost to Parker Lewis (Alton Little Redbirds WC) by dec. 11-4; lost to Adam LeDuc (Effingham Youth WC) by fall at 1:16.

Bantam B-4: Drake Beiermann (1st) - def. Gage Graves (Carlinville WC) by tech fall 17-1; def. Warren Strange (Lawrence County WC) by dec. 9-6.

Bantam B-8: Deakin Dagg (1st) - def. Kelton Hipsler (Lawrence County WC) by fall at 0:39; def. Blake Jones (Alton Little Redbirds WC) by fall at 0:54.

Bantam B10: Omarr Robinson (1st) - def. Gavin Tuel (Crawford County WC) by fall at 0:25; def. Joshua Payne (Edwardsville WC) by maj. dec. 12-3.

Bantam B-12: Travis Farris (4th) - lost to Joel Morgan (O'Fallon Little Panthers WC) by dec. 8-2; lost to Grant Lankford (Edwardsville WC) by dec. 6-3.



Seven members of the Litchfield Middle School wrestling team punched their tickets to the IESA State Wrestling Tournament by finishing in the top four in their weight class at the East Peoria Sectional on Saturday, March 5. From the left are Vincent Moore, Rilynn Younker, Braxton Kieffer, Hunter Law, Jake Strange, Tristan Staggs and Jayden Ellinger.

Litchfield Middle School Wrestling

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Litchfield's other two state qualifiers, 95-pounder Rilynn Younker and 135-pounder Hunter Law, both finished fourth at the sectional.

Younker pinned Ayden Stewart of Canton Ingersol at the 3:50 mark in her first match, but fell to Cameron Bell of Lincoln in the semifinals by fall at the 2:13 mark. Younker then beat Jackson Phillips of Eurkea 6-1 to earn her spot at state, before dropping a narrow 3-0 decision to Zach Bryant of PORTA in the third place match.

Law beat his opening opponent, Cade Strawn of Eureka, in a 9-4 decision, but lost by fall to Dylan Lockwood of Canton Ingersol by fall at

the 2:50 mark. In the third place bracket, Law defeated Tremaine Robinson of Roxana 9-3, before losing an overtime thriller to Quintyn Fulk of PORTA in a 13-12 decision.

Josh Boerckel, Devon Chew and Syon Jade also competed at sectionals for Coach Dan Newkirk and Assistant Coach Carter Powell, while Kale Dexheimer, Zack Hansel and Kayne Ferguson also earned sectional spots, but were unable to make the trip due to illness.

Boerckel, a seventh grader, lost his 80-pound match to Gavin Stoecker of Tremont by fall at the 1:33 mark to end his day, while eighth grader Devon Chew lost by fall to Connor Broughton of Rochester at the 3:30 mark of his 167-pound

match. At 275-pounds, Syon Jade went 1-2, beating Jonnell Hudson of Eurkea by fall at the 2:13 mark, before losing to Connor Williams of Canton Ingersol and Elias Sanchez of Monmouth-Roseville, both by fall.

Litchfield's seven state qualifiers tied Channahon for the 11th most in Class A. Nine other schools had between eight and 12 qualifiers, while Coal City has 18 wrestlers making the trip to state, breaking the previous record of 15, also held by Coal City.

The trip will be the 19th time since 2001 that Litchfield has sent wrestlers to the state tournament and the Panther Cubs have one state champion to their credit, Seth Newkirk at 75 pounds in

2008. Regardless of how they do this weekend, the team has already added to the legacy of Litchfield wrestling, but if things go their way, they could easily add some state hardware to that legacy as well.

IESA Wrestling State March 11-12

- Litchfield First Round Match-ups**
90: Vincent Moore (Litchfield) vs. Kai Surdick (Johnsburg)
95: Rilynn Younker (Litchfield) vs. Luke Munsterman (Coal City)
105: Braxton Kieffer (Litchfield) vs. Reed Newbrough (Braidwood Reed-Custer)
135: Hunter Law (Litchfield) vs. Casey Etheridge (Princeton Logan)
155: Jake Strange (Litchfield) vs. David Skonieczny (Lisle)
185: Jayden Ellinger (Litchfield) vs. Harrison Lacayese (Prospect Heights MacArthur)
185: Tristan Staggs (Litchfield) vs. Michael Villegas (Ingleside Big Hollow)

28 Take The Field In Early Practice For HHS

by Ron Deabenderfer

Twenty-eight candidates for the Hillsboro High baseball squad were reporting to practice as of Tuesday, March 9; practice began on Monday, March 7. The season opens, weather and field conditions permitting, next Monday, March 14, when Rochester appears at the sports complex diamond for a 4:30 p.m. varsity contest.

The six senior candidates, all varsity letter winners last spring, include Preston Lyerla, Gavin Matoush, Dillon Smail, Devin Speiser, Blaine Stewart, and Drake Vogel. Stewart's letter was earned in Litchfield; he and sophomore brother Jace became Toppers last fall.

Juniors include Dillon Devlin, Zane Duff, Cameron Hacke, and Blaze Helton, who did most of the catching for the baseball Toppers last spring.

Sophomores on the list are Elliot Lentz, Dylan Lessman, Ketch Mills, Jace Stewart, Landon Summers, and Deklan Riggs. A lefty, Riggs started at first as a freshman when he wasn't pitching.

The 12 freshmen are the biggest contingent members-wise and include Elias Baney, Cody Boerckel, Peyton Chesney, Bruno Fox, Caleb Greenwood, Brenden Kershaw, Nathan Matoush, Drake McSperritt, Aiden Meyers, Jesse Ringhausen, Clayton Rufus, and Jackson Tuetken.

Missing because of graduation from last season's 12-10 (4-5 in conference play) squad are Jace Tuetken, Hayden Grosenheider, Drew Willman, Brady Meier, and Owen Anderson.

This will be head coach Kyle McBrain's second year

at the helm; last year the COVID-19 affected schedule didn't begin until April and continued into June. This year it begins next Monday (mid-March) and, depending on how many state playoff games the Toppers win, will end anytime from mid to late May.

As of Tuesday, March 8, Coach McBrain had as a tentative starting line-up Riggs or N. Matoush at first, Smail or B. Stewart at second, Vogel or J. Stewart at short; Mills or Lyerla at third; Duff, Hacke or J. Stewart in left; Speiser in center; G. Matoush in right; and Helton or Lyerla behind the plate.

Pitchers? Factors to consider include the number of games scheduled (32, not counting regionals, sectionals, and hopefully more) and the restricted number of pitches one player can throw in a game or week. Inclement weather always affects pitching plans too.

So, Coach McBrain listed 12 players he might put on the mound; if the sun shines and the games go seven innings, 12 may not be enough. They are Riggs, Vogel, Smail, Speiser, Lyerla, both Matoushes, Mills, both Stewarts, Duff, and Hacke.

Conference games begin April 8 when Staunton comes to Hillsboro. The county tournament this year will take place in Raymond on Saturday, April 16, Junior varsity contests will either be played on the JV diamond when the game is here and that diamond isn't scheduled for another activity. Otherwise, JV innings will follow the varsity games. Non-Saturday varsity games scheduled for Hillsboro begin at 4:30.

Hillsboro Jr. Topper Wrestling

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The group's path to sectionals started on Feb. 26, at the IKWF South Regional in Edwardsville, with Frankie VanGiesen joining the six sectional qualifiers. Both VanGiesen and Hudson Wright competed in the intermediate class, with Wright going 2-1 to finish second at 83 pounds and VanGiesen going 1-2 at 90 pounds.

In the novice division, Kohl Fuller placed second at 86 pounds, going 1-1 with a win by fall, while Landon Bandy was third at 108 pounds, posting three wins in four matches.

The Jr. Toppers took a second and two thirds in the senior division as River Smith was the runner-up at 90 pounds, Gunner Hefley was in third at 135 pounds

and Westin Fenton was third at 164 pounds. Hefley was the busiest of the trio, winning two of his three matches, with both victories coming by fall.

IKWF State Tournament March 11-12

Hillsboro Jr. Topper First Round Match-ups
Senior 135: Gunner Hefley (Hillsboro) vs. Samuel Chigaros (Mustang WC)
Senior 164: Westin Fenton (Hillsboro) vs. Harrison Kinney (Hononegah WC)

IKWF South Sectional March 5 at Highland

Hillsboro Jr. Topper Results
Intermediate 83: Hudson Wright (4th) - def. Kaden Daugherty (Vandalia Jr. WC) by fall at 1:48; lost to Robert Arnett (Team Mascoutah WC) by dec. 9-7 in sudden victory; def. Brandon Duclos (Carbondale WC) by dec. 11-6 in sudden victory; lost to Emery Crutchfield (Lawrence County WC) by fall at 0:20.
Novice 86: Kohl Fuller - def. Gabriel Eldridge (Herrin Junior WC) by fall at 4:08; lost to Dawson Hawthorne (Granite City Wrestling

Association) by fall at 0:56; lost to Lukas Quartz (Waterloo Bulldog Wrestling) by dec. 4-3.

Novice 108: Landon Bandy - lost to Keowan Salmond (Belleville Little Devils WC) won by injury default.

Senior 90: River Smith (4th) - lost to Elijah Mabry (Vandalia Jr. WC) by fall at 0:38; lost to Levi Ochs (Olney Cubs WC) by fall at 4:05.

Senior 135: Gunner Hefley (2nd) - def. Kaden Blades (Benton WC) by fall at 0:49; def. Pierre Walton (East St. Louis WC) by dec. 3-0; def. Tristan Tapp (Trico WC) by dec. 8-6; lost to Killian Rauch (Belleville Little Devils WC) by fall at 2:31.

Senior 164: Westin Fenton - Lonnez Smith (East St. Louis WC) by fall at 4:19; lost to Jack English (Murphysboro Wrestling) by fall at 1:27.

IKWF South Regional Feb. 26 at Edwardsville

Hillsboro Jr. Topper Results
Intermediate 83: Hudson Wright (2nd) - def. Cora Jordan (Edwardsville WC) by dec. 7-0; def. Gideon Gentile (O'Fallon Little Panthers WC) by dec. 4-3; lost to Emery Crutchfield (Lawrence

County WC) by fall by fall at 0:50.

Intermediate 90: Frankie VanGiesen - lost to Sean Monroe (Edwardsville WC) by maj. dec. 14-1; def. Brayden Cutler (Jasper County Youth Wrestling) by dec. 7-5; lost to Caleb Kirk (Triad Knights WC) by fall at 2:45.

Novice 86: Kohl Fuller (2nd) - def. Graecn Elliott (Crawford County WC) by fall at 1:29; lost to Jude Shick (Lawrence County WC) by maj. dec. 11-0.

Novice 108: Landon Bandy (3rd) - def. Izabella Darr (Alton Little Redbirds WC) by fall at 2:24; lost to Xander Humphrey (Edwardsville WC) by fall at 3:55; def. Case Beisner (Crawford County WC) by fall at 0:56; def. Izabella Darr (Alton Little Redbirds WC) by fall at 0:38.

Senior 90: River Smith (2nd) - lost to Bryson Nuttall (Edwardsville WC) by tech fall 15-0.

Senior 135: Gunner Hefley (3rd) - lost to CJ Duhachek (Triad Knights WC) by dec. 12-6; def. Jack Alexander (Edwardsville WC) by fall at 0:52; def. Jack Paty (Edwardsville WC) by fall at 0:57.
Senior 164: Westin Fenton (3rd) - lost to Gavin Stukenberg (Edwardsville WC) by fall at 0:33.

Junior High Volleyball

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The third and first place matches would also be Saturday in Pawnee, at 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. respectively.

Eighth Grade

Two of the players on this year's Nokomis seventh grade team, Alivia Sabol and Mackenzie Mehochko, were part of the seventh grade team who made it to sectionals last year before falling to Mt. Pulaski in two games. The rest of that group started their postseason on Tuesday, March 8, as the top seed in the regional on their home court.

Like their younger teammates, the Nokomis eighth grade team drew an opening round bye as the number one seed. In their semifinal match, the Lady Braves knocked off Bunker Hill Wolf Ridge 25-19, 25-18 to earn a spot in the regional championship on Thursday, March 10, at 6 p.m. in Nokomis.

Their opponent will be the Mohawks from the Morrisonville/Lincolnwood co-op team. Morrisonville defeated Mt. Olive 25-21, 25-20 in their semifinal, after getting a first round bye as well.

In Class 8-3A, both Montgomery County teams saw their season come to an end against higher seeded competition. Seventh seeded Hillsboro fell to North Mac 25-10, 25-13 on March 8, while sixth seeded Litchfield lost to Gillespie 25-18, 25-8 the same night.



Will Adkins (center), of Hillsboro, not only played in the PPA Foot Solutions Grand Slam Pickleball Tournament, but he also officiated 24 matches, including the men's pro singles championship, which was broadcast on Fox Sports.

Adkins Couple Competes In Grand Slam

Will and Kayla Adkins of Hillsboro spent President's Day weekend competing in the PPA Foot Solutions Grand Slam Pickleball Tournament in Mesa, AZ.

Kayla kicked off the weekend on Friday, Feb. 18, playing women's doubles 4.0 19+ with Marcie Fosdick of DeWitt, IA. Their first match was against the mother/daughter combo of Bielec/Kramer. After winning the first game 11-7, Adkins/Fosdick were down in the second game. A timeout proved the right call for Adkins/Fosdick, who then won the game 11-9, securing the match.

Round two pitted the pair against Borunda/Romero, whom they beat 11-4 and 11-7. The winning streak would end there, though, for Adkins/Fosdick. After a blowout 11-3 loss in the first game, they did manage to close the gap in the second game to lose only 11-7.

Their first round in the consolation bracket put Adkins/Fosdick against friends Readinger/Weinbach. Adkins/Fosdick were up 8-3 at the side switch and continued their moment to win the game 15-8 and move on to play for gold.

Adkins/Fosdick started the game at a six-point deficit, but after the side switch, they managed to come back and tie 11-11. Unfortunately, it would not be enough, and



Kayla Adkins (right) and doubles partner Marcie Fosdick took the silver medal in the women's doubles 4.0 19+ division in the PPA Foot Solutions Grand Slam Pickleball Tournament in Mesa, AZ, on Feb. 18.

they lost 15-11, earning them the silver medal.

Will and Kayla paired up on Sunday, Feb. 20, to compete in the mixed doubles 4.0 19+ bracket. The first match featured a tough chainsaw serve that defeated Adkins/Adkins 11-3 and 11-6. The second match was a nailbiter, but Adkins/Adkins fell a little

short, 15-13.

Will worked in addition to playing. He refereed 24 matches, including multiple pro matches. The highlight of the weekend was on Championship Sunday when he was lead ref for the men's pro singles championship, which was featured on Fox Sports.

Sports Calendar

Hillsboro Hiltoppers
Saturday, March 12
10 a.m. - Boys and Girls Track at Jersey Winter Thaw at Principia College

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The Route 138 Maize Brigade held a cornhole tournament at the Litchfield VFW Post 3912 on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 19. The tournament featured five rounds of Round Robin Switch-holio with 18 players, followed by a blind draw with 14 teams.



Sorento Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Students at Sorento Elementary School had a "Seusstacular" celebration for Read Across America Week (Feb. 28 through March 4), including the birthday of beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss.

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Agri-News

Former Sen. Cullerton Pleads Guilty Tuesday

by Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

Former state Sen. Tom Cullerton pleaded guilty Tuesday, March 8, to one count of embezzlement and could face more than a year in federal prison.

During a plea hearing in federal court in Chicago, Cullerton admitted that he received pay and benefits from the Teamsters Joint Council 25 during 2015 while doing little or no work for the union. In addition to his salary, prosecutors alleged, Cullerton also received bonuses and health care benefits.

Cullerton, a Villa Park Democrat, was indicted in 2019 on 40 counts of embezzlement—one for each biweekly paycheck he received from January 2015 through January 2016, a period of time when he also served in the Illinois Senate. The indictment was one element of a sprawling federal investigation into public corruption led by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois. Other lawmakers indicted in the sweep included former Sen. Martin Sandoval, who is now deceased, former Rep. Luis Arroyo and, most recently, former House Speaker Michael Madigan. All three are Chicago Democrats.

According to court documents, Cullerton, a one-time chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, had been a member of the Teamsters Union Local 734 when he drove a truck for Hostess Brands until November 2012 when the company filed for bankruptcy. That was the same year he was elected to the state Senate.

In March 2013, according to the indictment, John Coli, president of the Teamsters Joint Council 25, the local union's parent organization, hired Cullerton as a union organizer. He received a salary, a car and telephone allowances and bonuses from the council, which also continued contributing to his health care and retirement benefits through the local union.

On July 30, 2019, two days before Cullerton was indicted, Coli pleaded guilty to other, unrelated federal charges and agreed to cooperate with other investigations.

The indictment also alleged that Cullerton "repeatedly failed to respond to efforts by his supervisors at Teamsters Joint Council 25 to contact him and routinely ignored their requests that he perform the job functions of an organizer, as was required of other organizers employed by Teamsters Joint Council 25."

After his indictment, Cullerton was removed as chairman of the Labor Committee, but he continued to serve in the Senate and repeatedly denied any wrongdoing. His case was delayed for more than two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic which interrupted many federal court proceedings.

In October 2021, Cullerton's attorneys filed a motion to dismiss the charges, but a judge denied that motion in December. Then last month, Cullerton resigned his Senate seat and his lawyer announced that he would change his plea.

The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. But according to a plea agreement, prosecutors said that based on his lack of any previous criminal history, sentencing guidelines would call for 12-18 months imprisonment, in addition to any supervised release, fine and restitution the court might impose.

As part of the plea agreement, Cullerton agreed to pay restitution of \$248,828. That includes \$247,179.37 to the Teamsters Local Union 734's Health and Welfare fund, plus \$1,648.63 for the paycheck he received on Jan. 15, 2015.

The agreement also calls on Cullerton to pay \$25,000 of that amount within the next 30 days, in exchange for which prosecutors agreed not to seek forfeiture of his Villa Park residence.

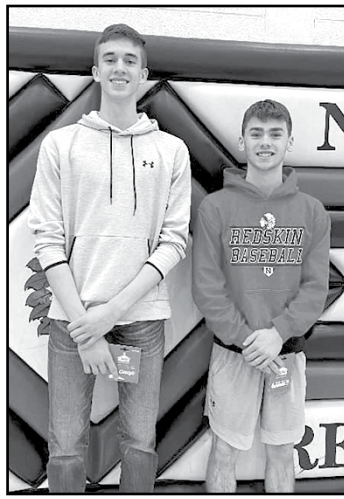
Formal sentencing has been set for June 21.



Nokomis High School FFA Celebrates FFA Week

Students at Nokomis High School celebrated National FFA Week Feb. 21 through Feb. 25 with a variety of ag-related activities. At left, the officer team took an Ag in the Classroom lesson to the Nokomis After School program and taught elementary students how to make ice cream in a bag. At right, 11 members brought their tractors to school, with a special show and tell at North Elementary School about tractor safety.

In addition, they delivered popcorn and donuts for teacher appreciation and hosted a canned food drive throughout the week. Reece Lohman and Austin Thornton were the lucky winners of the lunch-hour bags tournament. FFA members also hosted dress-up days throughout the week, honoring winners Kaeden Loafman on America Day, Hunter Brummet on Gone Camping Day and Kaylee Tester on Blue and Gold Day. Several members also participated in a radio interview for WTIM.



Reece Lohman and Austin Thornton



Kaeden Loafman



Hunter Brummet



Kaylee Tester

Traffic Court

- Franklin L. Bain, Jr., 30, of Litchfield, driving on a suspended license.
- Dianna L. Bloom, 49, of Litchfield, driver's license expired for more than a year.
- Kelli S. Maass, 51, of Ohlman, driving on a suspended license, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure

- to reduce speed.
- Zachary T. Moore, 29, of Hillsboro, driving on a suspended license, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- William O. Webber, 22, of Litchfield, driving on a suspended license, disregarding an official traffic control device, improper traffic lane

- usage.
- Steven A. Beckham, 36, of Donnellson, improper traffic lane usage.
- Lonnie P. Campbell, 52, of Sorento, driving during suspension, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, failure

- to display registration plate.
- Courtney V. Catalano, 39, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Benjamin E. Clavin, 19, of Nokomis, transportation of alcohol, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.

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TUES., MAR. 15 - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Race Car & Mystery Car Hot Wheels Auction for Earl Wayne Peterson. **Preview: Monday, March 14 4-6 p.m. Pick up: Friday, March 18 4-6 p.m. at 608 Ridge Street, Greenville.** Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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SAT, MAR. 26 - 9 a.m. at 998 N. 1300 St., Shobonier, for the Doug Harrison farm closeout. At 10 a.m. they will begin selling the large equipment Simulcast. Tractors, combines, equipment, vehicles & other titled items, tools, antiques, outside & misc., produce, small animals equip. Simulcast pre-bidding is **OPEN NOW** at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

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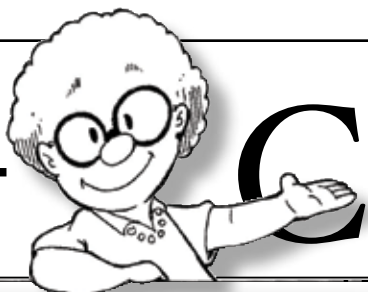
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Feed & Seed

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FIREWOOD FOR sale. 217-825-9730

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Merchandise
Miscellaneous

MENS CLOTHING for sale: mostly new, vest, jackets, etc.; new ivory, queen size bedspread, fringed. 217-820-5776/voicemail.

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BLUE AND Red Heeler puppies, 1st shots, wormed, 8 weeks old. \$250. 618-541-2468

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CASH FOR your junk vehicle, fast free pick up. 217-313-7881

DIABETIC TEST strips wanted. Unexpired, any type, any brand. Will pay up to \$10 a box. Call Ron 217-556-3398. Please leave callback number. "Helping Diabetics since 2009"

Services
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e-mail your ad to advertisejn@consolidated.net



Witt Accident Delays Monday Traffic

A semi truck driver was transported to a hospital following an accident on Monday morning, March 7, on Rt. 16 between Witt and Irving. Members of the Witt Volunteer Fire Department were paged to the accident at 9:23 a.m., where they found the truck resting on its side in the westbound lane and across the ditch. During the accident, the semi lost its load of corn and ripped out approximately 300 ft. of guard rail. The driver was extricated out of the windshield by fire personnel and was transported by Nokomis EMS to the Hillsboro Area Hospital Heliport, where he was flown to a hospital for treatment. Four firefighters responded, staffing four apparatus, and were back in service at 1:10 p.m. Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation were also called to the scene.

Photo courtesy of Witt Fire Department



www.thejournal-news.net

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN WANTED
The Litchfield School District is accepting applications for the position of Substitute Custodian. Prior experience in janitorial work is preferred. Applicants will be subject to a background check if hired. Applications are available on line at: lcsud12.org or at the school district office located at 601 S. State St., Litchfield, IL.

EXPERIENCED PLUMBER/APPRENTICE LABORER
Travel required — Be on site for 6 weeks

Good Pay + Per Diem • 50—60 Hours

Send résumé to: vogel@vogelplumbing.com

SUMMER HELP WANTED
The City of Litchfield is accepting applications for the positions of Lifeguard, Beach Attendant and Dock Hand for Milnot Beach located at Lake Lou Yaeger. These are seasonal positions lasting from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Please pick up an application at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office or print application at: cityoflitchfieldil.com/FormCenter.
Turn your application into the City Clerk's Office or mail to: Lake Department, City of Litchfield, 120 E. Ryder St., Litchfield, IL 62056. If you have any questions, please call Lake Superintendent Terry Hancock at 217-324-5832. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

Area company is expanding...
and in search of quality candidates to fill the following full time position.
Interested candidates should have the following qualifications & experience in addition to strong communication skills, work ethic, and team member approach.
Parts Counter Person
• Previous parts experience required
• Capable of multi-tasking
• Computer skills
• Strong people skills
• Shipping and receiving experience
Serious inquiries only need apply to:
Midwest Bus Sales, Inc.
18 Skyview Dr.
Litchfield, IL 62056
-or- call 877-324-0136
Ask for Parts Manager

FOR RENT
Main Street Office Space in Downtown Hillsboro
Call John or Susie at 217-532-3933

VENDORS WANTED AT OLD SETTLERS CELEBRATION IN HILLSBORO
Wednesday, August 10 & Thursday, August 11
For more information, call 217-254-0752

CITY OF HILLSBORO SUMMER EMPLOYMENT
The City of Hillsboro will be accepting applications for **SUMMER EMPLOYEES IN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, STREET DEPARTMENT, HILLSBORO CITY HALL AND GROUNDSKEEPERS, CONCESSION WORKERS AND BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL UMPIRES AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX**
All applicants must obtain an application from the City's website, www.hillsboroillinois.net, or the Hillsboro City Clerk's Office, 447 S. Main St., Hillsboro, IL between 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. The completed application must be returned to Hillsboro City Hall by Friday, March 18, 2022.
For more information on the positions contact City Clerk Cory Davidson at 217- 532-5566.

HELP WANTED
The City of Hillsboro is accepting applications for **LIFEGUARDS AND CONCESSION WORKERS FOR CENTRAL PARK POOL**
Applications can be found online at hillsboroillinois.net under the "How Do I?" tabs "Forms and Applications" page or picked up at City Hall.
Applications should be returned to City Hall no later than 4 p.m. on March 15, 2022.
NOTE: Applications may be submitted pending certification.

VACANCY NOTICE
Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER
Qualifications: Hold a valid Illinois Professional Educators license with appropriate endorsements.
Salary/Benefits: In accordance with Litchfield Education Association's negotiated contract. Salary and Benefits include: Major Medical for employee; Life Insurance; Vision and Dental Available; 15 sick days and 2 personal days; Community support and more.
Coaching and extracurricular sponsorship available.
Application Due Date: March 18, 2022.
Start Date: 2022-2023 school year.
How to apply: Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest, résumé, transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and the district application (available at ww.lcsud12.org) to: Dr. Greg Fuerstenau, Superintendent, 217-324-2157, 601 S. State St., Litchfield, IL 62056, g fuerstenau@litchfieldpanthers.org.
We do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

Court

• Henry L. Hammack, 40, of East Alton, pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of meth delivery on Friday, Feb. 18, and was sentenced to three years in prison with a credit of 175 days served, two years of mandatory supervised release, fined \$75, plus court costs. A felony of possession of meth was dismissed.
• An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Wednesday, Feb. 16, in a felony charge of domestic battery filed in May 2021 against Jason D. Hrabak, 30, of Nokomis.
• Jeffrey D. Irwin, 44, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to violation of an order of protection on Friday, Feb. 18, and was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, eight days in jail with a credit of four days served, fined \$250, plus court costs.
• Nolan G. Jaynes, Jr., 31, of Litchfield, pleaded guilty to a felony of possession of meth on Wednesday, Feb. 16, and was sentenced to two years of probation, four days in jail with a credit of two days served, drug treatment, fined \$75, plus court costs.
• Charges from July 2021 of purchasing or possessing liquor by a minor against Grant G. Kampwerth, 19, of Staunton, were dismissed on Wednesday, Feb. 16.
• Aaron J. Krieger, 45, of Collinsville, pleaded guilty to reckless conduct on Wednesday, Feb. 16, and was sentenced to one year of probation, eight days in jail with a credit of four days served, fined \$1,042, plus court costs. A felony charge of armed robbery and a misdemeanor charge of aggravated assault were dismissed.
• An order of "nolle prosequi" was entered on Wednesday, Feb. 16, in two felony charges of driving under the influence filed in February 2020 and September 2021 against Keith A. Millsap, 56, of Litchfield.
• Robert A. Niehaus, 61, of Walshville, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence on Monday, Feb. 14, and was sentenced to two years of supervision, alcohol and drug treatment, fined \$1,000, plus court costs.

VACANCY NOTICE
Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3
Position: High School Boys' Basketball Head Coach
Qualification: ISBE certification or IHSA approved coaching certification. Previous participation or coaching in high school and/or college basketball.
Description: Organize and manage practices and competitions; establish and present schedules, rosters, and records in a timely fashion; conduct and supervise fund raising activities and training camps; promote athleticism and sportsmanship; promote and grow the program; adhere to all IHSA and District rules and guidelines.
Salary: Per Teacher's Contract Schedule B
Submit Letter of Application to: Patricia Heyen, Principal; Hillsboro High School; 522 E. Tremont; Hillsboro, IL 62049; Fax: 217-532-5142; Email: pheyen@hillsboroschools.net; Phone 217-532-2841
Due By: March 28, 2022
We do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

Pro Bilt Buildings, LLC
513 Pipeline Road
Hillsboro
217-532-9331
Help needed in construction of post frame buildings and metal roofing.
Fill out application at Vogel Plumbing, 1603 School St., Hillsboro OR 513 Pipeline Rd., Hillsboro —JOB OPENINGS NOW—

JOINER
Sheet Metal & Roofing
Now Hiring
ROOFERS NEEDED
Punctual and dependable workers for a rapidly growing business in Highland, IL.
We offer union wages and benefits.
Applications available at 205 Madison St., Highland, IL 62249 • 618-664-9488

VACANCY NOTICE
Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER (2)
Qualifications: Hold a valid Illinois Professional Educators license with appropriate endorsements.
Salary/Benefits: In accordance with Litchfield Education Association's negotiated contract. Salary and Benefits include: Major Medical for employee; Life Insurance; Vision and Dental Available; 15 sick days and 2 personal days; Community support and more.
Coaching and extracurricular sponsorship available.
Application Due Date: March 18, 2022.
Start Date: 2022-2023 school year.
How to apply: Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest, résumé, transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and the district application (available at ww.lcsud12.org) to: Mrs. Jennifer Thompsons, 217-324-2157, 601 South State St., Litchfield, IL 62056 or jthompson@litchfieldpanthers.org.
We do not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or handicap.

VACANCY NOTICE
Litchfield Community Unit School District #12 HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY
Qualifications: Hold a valid Illinois Professional Educators license with appropriate endorsements.
Salary/Benefits: In accordance with Litchfield Education Association's negotiated contract. Salary and Benefits include: Major Medical for employee; Life Insurance; Vision and Dental Available; 15 sick days and 2 personal days; Community support and more.
Coaching and extracurricular sponsorship available.
Application Due Date: March 18, 2022.
Start Date: 2022-2023 school year.
How to apply: Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest, résumé, transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and the district application (available at ww.lcsud12.org) to: Dr. Greg Fuerstenau, Superintendent, 217-324-2157, 601 S. State St., Litchfield, IL 62056, g fuerstenau@litchfieldpanthers.org.
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Accidents

Slides Into Ditch

A Hillsboro woman and her passenger were taken to HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield following a one-vehicle accident at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in South Litchfield Township.

Kelsea A. Redman, 29, was westbound on Traylor Trail, just west of Old Litchfield Trail, when she began sliding on the ice covered roadway. Redman advised she nearly slid into a utility pole and

while trying to regain control of her vehicle, she went off the road to the left and slid into the roadside ditch.

Her vehicle sustained front end damage and was towed from the scene by Elam's Towing of Taylor Springs.

Strikes Mailboxes

Mackenzi A. Black, 18, of Litchfield, was eastbound on Old Litchfield Trail at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, when the driver lost control of her vehicle due to the ice covered

roadway.

Black's vehicle left the roadway and struck three

mailboxes, causing damage to the passenger side mirror and back window.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 1, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: UNITY TREE APPAREL located at 19 WESTWOOD DRIVE in the city of HILLSBORO and state of IL.

Dated March 1, 2022
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
84-3T*

PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 22, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: PRO MOW located at 1801 N MONROE in the city of LITCHFIELD and state of IL.

Dated February 22, 2022
Sandy Leitheiser,
County Clerk
82-3T*

MOWING BIDS

The City of Witt will be accepting bids for mowing of the Witt City Cemetery. This will also include weed control (weed eating). Please submit bids in a sealed envelope addressed to City of Witt, P.O. Box 374, Witt, IL 62094. Please mark the envelope with "Cemetery Bid".

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Hughes, Witt City Clerk, at (217) 594-2814.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO HEIRS

Notice is given to **ROB-IN THOMAS AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES RICHARD THOMAS, DECEASED**; of the above proceedings to probate a Will and whose name or address is not stated in the Petition to Admit the Will to Probate, that an Order was entered by the Court on February 22, 2022, admitting the Will to Probate.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission you may file a Petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open Court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (75 ILCS 5/8-1) and to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to Probate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given of the death of James Richard Thomas, formerly a resident of Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, on February 8, 2022. Letters of Office were issued out of the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois, on the 22nd day of February 2022 under Case No. 2022-

PR-11 unto Joseph Dean Dooley, as Executor, whose address is: Joseph Dean Dooley, 1100 Vandalia Road, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049 and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Cullison, 220 South Main Street, P. O. Box 188, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

Claims may be filed within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. All claims must be filed with the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County with copies to the Executor and the Executor's Attorney.

For further information regarding the electronic filing of claims contact the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Hillsboro, Illinois.

Joseph Dean Dooley,
Independent Executor
of the Estate

of James Richard Thomas
By: Stephen R. Cullison
Cullison & Vandever
Law Office
220 S. Main St.,
P. O. Box 188
Hillsboro, IL 62049
(217) 532-5432
Registration No. 0555592
cullisonlaw@consolidated.net
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

LITCHFIELD NATIONAL BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KERRY M. WOODS, AUSTIN WOODS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for foreclosure of a certain mortgage and other relief, as follows:

1. Names of All Plaintiffs and the Case Number: LITCHFIELD NATIONAL BANK; Case No. 2022-FC-6

2. The Court in Which the Action was Brought: Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Montgomery County, Illinois.

3. Names of Titleholder of Record: KERRY M. WOODS and AUSTIN WOODS

4. Legal Description of the Real Estate Sufficient to Identify It with Reasonable Certainty:

Lot Eight (8) in Jackson's Addition to the Town, now City of Hillsboro, situated in Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other mineral rights underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in

favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.

5. Common Address or Descriptions of the Location of the Real Estate:

416 W. Wood St.

Hillsboro, IL 62049

6. The Parcel Number is:

PIN: 16-11-226-013

7. Identification of the Mortgage(s) Sought to be Foreclosed:

(a) Names of Mortgagee:

Kerry M. Woods

(b) Name of Mortgagee:

Litchfield National Bank

(c) Date of Recording or Registering Mortgage:

May 28, 2019

(d) Place of Recording or Registering Mortgage:

Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois

(e) Identification of Mortgage Recording:

Instr. # 201900001676 or Book 1694 Page 516

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main Street, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, on or before April 1, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Daniel T. Robbins
Clerk of the Court

Erik D. Hyam
IL Bar No. 6311090
Silver Lake Group, Ltd.
Attorney for Plaintiff
314 N. Monroe St.
P.O. Box 98
Litchfield, IL 62056
Tel. (217) 324-6147
Fax (217) 324-6249
pleadingslitchfield@silverlakelaw.com

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

BROKER SOLUTIONS INC D/B/A NEW AMERICAN FUNDING,

Plaintiff,

-v.-

SARAH PRATT,

Defendant

2021 CH 11

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 22, 2021, the Sheriff of Montgomery County will at 10:00 A.M. on March 30, 2022, at the Montgomery County Courthouse, Lobby in the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main Street, front door entrance, HILLSBORO, IL, 62049, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as:

126 EAST SOUTH STREET, LITCHFIELD, IL 62056

Property Index No. 15-04-178-006

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$94,695.40.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney:

Alexander Potestivo
POTESTIVO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
223 WEST JACKSON BLVD., STE. 610
Chicago, IL, 60606
(312) 263-0003.

Please refer to file number 312710. E-Mail: ilpleadings@potestivovlaw.com
Case # 2021 CH 11
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Junior Lee Neville, formerly a resident of the City of Witt, Montgomery County, Illinois, on February 8 2022. Letters of Office were issued out of the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois, on the 23rd day of February 2022 under Case No. 2022-PR-12 unto Brenda Neathery whose address is: Brenda Neathery, 452 McCords Trail, Irving, Illinois 62051, and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Cullison, 220 South Main Street, P. O. Box 188, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

Claims may be filed within 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice

and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

If you need further information regarding the electronic filing of claims with the Court, you should contact the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Brenda Neathery,
Personal Representative of
the Decedent's Estate
By: Stephen R. Cullison
Cullison & Vandever
Law Office
220 S. Main St.,
P. O. Box 188
Hillsboro, IL 62049
(217) 532-5432
Registration No. 00555592
cullisonlaw@consolidated.net
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MUREL D. SANDERS, DECEASED.

NO. 2022PR9
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of MUREL D. SANDERS of Witt, Montgomery County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 28, 2022, to DARA L. BERNER, 353 E. 375 North Rd., Oconee, IL 62553, and KEVIN D. SANDERS, 635 Capps Ave., Nokomis, IL 62075, Co-Executors, whose attorney is HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD., 413 N. State Street, P.O. Box 69, Litchfield, Illinois, 62056.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the

Montgomery County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049, or with the representative, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 1, 2022.
DARA L. BERNER,
Legal Representative
KEVIN D. SANDERS,
Legal Representative
HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD.,
her attorneys

HANTLA & HANTLA, LTD.
Attorneys at Law
413 N. State Street
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Litchfield, IL 62056
Telephone: (217) 324-6136
Email:
kit.hantla@hantlalaw.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SECURITY NATIONAL BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHAWN M. WINANS,
CRYSTAL M. WINANS,
PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY, TAYLORVILLE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE DATE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property herein-after described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. For information regarding the real estate, contact: Brianna Coss, Security National Bank, Witt, IL 62094, 217-594-2221

B. The information on the real estate:

Lots Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), and Twelve (12) in Block Six (6) in Hitt's First Addition to the Town, now City, of Witt, situated in the City of Witt, Montgomery County, Illinois except the coal, oil, gas and other minerals within and underlying the land and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals.

PIN: 13-06-181-006

1. Commonly known as:

104 N. 6th St.
Witt, IL 62094

2. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: residential building.

C. The real estate will not be open for inspection prior to sale date.

D. The time and place of the sale will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 N. Main St., Hillsboro, IL 62049

E. The real estate will be sold to the highest bidder.

The terms of the sale will be 10% down on the day of the sale and the balance will be due within 24 hours.

F. Title will be conveyed subject to all delinquent taxes and all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of records, and any liens not foreclosed herein.

G. Upon and at the sale of real estate under Section 15-1507, the purchaser shall pay to the person conducting the sale pursuant to Section 15-1507 a fee for deposit into the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, a special fund created in the State Treasury. The fee shall be calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser to the person conducting the sale, as reflected in the receipt of sale issued to the purchaser, provided that in no event shall the fee exceed \$300. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale of any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lien or acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. Upon confirmation of the sale under Section 15-1508, the person conducting the sale shall remit the fee to the Clerk of the Court in which the foreclosure case is pending. The Clerk shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer as provided in this Section, to be expended for the purposes set forth in Section 7.31 of the Illinois House Development Act.

Security National Bank,
Plaintiff

/s/ Erik D. Hyam, #06311090
Attorney for Security National Bank
314 N. Monroe St.
P.O. Box 98
Litchfield, IL 62056
Telephone - 217-324-6147
Facsimile - 217-324-6249
erik@silverlakelaw.com

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Three Students Named LMS Scholar Athletes

Litchfield Middle School eighth graders Madilynn Jones, Maya Estell and Vincent Moore were named as McDonald's Scholar Athletes.

The award goes to Litchfield Middle School athletes who display hard work, dedication and confidence, both on the playing fields and in the classroom.

Jones, who is a member of the eighth grade girls volleyball team, is the daughter of Mike and Libby Jones and Wendi Shelton. She enjoys participating in volleyball and softball in the summer, as well as hanging out with her cousin Aundreyah and other friends, playing Playstation 5 and baking in her spare time. She won Little Miss Litchfield Chamber of Commerce in 2014 and has participated in Spikes N Tykes since she was in third grade. A great big sister, she was also named the student of the month for January and is on honor roll.



Vincent Moore

Moore, who is a member of the LMS wrestling team, is the daughter of Stephanie and Shaun Clinard and David Estell. In addition to volleyball, she enjoys cheerleading and soccer, and has received awards in all three sports, including competitive cheerleading. A straight A student, she has also been recognized by the Illinois Principal Association as an "Outstanding Student and School Citizen" in the past.



Pictured above, from the left, are Litchfield Middle School Scholar Athletes Maya Estell and Madilynn Jones.

Estell, who is a member of the LMS volleyball team, is the daughter of Stephanie and Shaun Clinard and David Estell. In addition to volleyball, she enjoys cheerleading

and soccer, and has received awards in all three sports, including competitive cheerleading. A straight A student, she has also been recognized by the Illinois Principal Association as an "Outstanding Student and School Citizen" in the past.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gymnastics and swimming at Memorial Pool.



Walshville racer Travis Lenz holds up two of the trophies he won last year at the end of the year banquet for the IXCRCR Cross Country Series. Lenz also took first in the WFO Promotions series and was third in the GNCC national series in 2021.

After A Successful 2021, Lenz Is Off And Running

Three series, 33 races and more than 23,000 miles. And that's not including the hours and hours of seat time Travis Lenz got on his 65cc Husqvarana either.

But all of the time and effort spent in 2021, crisscrossing the country, going up against the best off-road motorcycle racers his age, definitely paid off for the young Walshville racer.

Lenz, the son of Alison and Jay Lenz, took first in the WFO Promotions series and the IXCRCR Cross Country series, plus scored a third place finish in the ultra-competitive GNCC series.

The WFO series was the closest to home for the Lenz family, with 12 rounds on courses in Illinois and Iowa. Lenz would race in nine of the 12 races, and finished first eight times. The only exception was the final race of the year in Keithsburg, where a chain broke on the last lap. Instead of taking the DNF (did not finish), Lenz pushed his bike across the finish line for a tiring, but memorable end of the season.

Lenz's performance in the 12-race IXCRCR series in Indiana was just as impressive as he won the first and last races of the season, plus six more in between. No other racer had more than two wins in the 65cc (7-12) class.

Lenz did have one DNF in the series after a nasty wreck, but other than that, his three other finishes were all in the top five with a second and two fourths. In addition to his podium topping division finish, Lenz also finished 15th out of 202 riders in the

overall youth bike standings.

In the GNCC series, Lenz was one of just three riders to win events in the 65cc (10-11) division. Lenz's wins came in round 10 at The Mountaineer in Beckley, WV, and in the 13th and final round, The Ironman, in Crawfordsville, IN.

In the other races, which include stops in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Ohio and Pennsylvania in addition to West Virginia and Indiana, Lenz never finished outside the top eight, scoring 10 top five finishes in 13 races and finishing first twice, third once and second once in his final four races in the series.

His 164 points were just three behind Nash Peerson for second and 14 behind first place finisher Caleb Wood, who moved up to 85cc toward the end of the season.

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And Lenz has picked up right where he left off in the GNCC, taking another top five in the series' open race, Big Buck, in Union, SC, on Feb. 20.

Lenz finished fourth overall with a time of 1:39:56.019 for five laps, finishing just four minutes behind the winner, Hunter Hawkinberry of Fairmont, WV.

Lenz followed that solid finish up with another top five on March 5, at Wild Boar in Palatka, FL. His time of 1:37:11.102 was fourth fastest on the day, about four minutes behind winner Camryn Poplek of Little Egg Harbor, NJ, who finished second at Big Buck.

The next race in the GNCC series will be March 12-13, at the General in Washington, GA. For more on the series, go to gnccracing.com.

Seven In Top 5 At WFO Opener

Ten racers from the *Journal-News Racing* coverage area competed in the opening round of the WFO Promotions Hare Scramble Series on Sunday, Feb. 27, with seven finishing in the top five in their class.

Walshville's Travis Lenz picked up a win in the 51-65cc class, clocking in at 53.36 for six laps. Another familiar name to area racing fans, Donnellson's Cooper Duff, moved up a class this year and ran third in the 66-85cc class, running five laps in 46.45.

In the 86-Open A class, two Macoupin County racers finished in the top five as Collin Johnson of Gillespie took fourth, while Jordan Emmons of Carlinville was fifth.

Two other Carlinville racers finished fourth in their class as Dawson Wise was fourth in the 51-65cc Beginner class, while Casey Boyett was fourth in the Senior 40+ C class.

Waverly's Grayson Plowman rounded out the top five group with a fifth place finish in 79-150cc Super Mini, while also placing 21st in the 85-200cc C class.

In addition to those in the top five, Rylan Wise of Carlinville was 10th in the 79-150cc Super Mini class, Kevan Zini of Brighton was eighth in the Senior 40+ A class and Craig Reed of Standard City was seventh in the SS 50+ B/C class.

The next race in the series will also be in Keithsburg, on Sunday, March 20. For more information, go to www.wfo-promotions.com.

Feb. 27 at Keithsburg WFO Hare Scramble
51-65cc Beginner (7-11): 4. Dawson Wise (Carlinville).
51-65cc (7-11): 1. Travis Lenz (Walshville) 6 laps, 53.36.
66-85cc (9-15): 3. Cooper Duff (Donnellson) 5 laps, 46.45.
79-150cc Super Mini: 5. Grayson

Plowman (Waverly) 5 laps, 46.00; 10. Rylan Wise (Carlinville) 4 laps, 48.45.

86-Open A: 4. Collin Johnson (Gillespie) 7 laps, 119.13; 5. Jordan Emmons (Carlinville) 7 laps, 120.44.

Senior 40+ A: 8. Kevan Zini (Brighton) 6 laps, 114.57.

SS 50+ B/C: 7. Craig Reed (Standard City) 4 laps, 105.38.

85-200cc C: 21. Grayson Plowman (Waverly) 2 laps, 42.00.

Senior 40+ C: 4. Casey Boyett (Carlinville) 4 laps, 100.56.

2021 WFO Hare Scramble Final Points Standings

50cc (4-6): 9. Ty Rosentreter (Carlinville); 22. Jhordyn Walker (Morrisonville); 25. Jhorge Walker (Morrisonville); 41. Colt Rosentreter (Carlinville).

50cc (7-8): 2. Colt Rosentreter (Carlinville); 8. Jhenger Walker (Morrisonville).

65cc Beginner: 7. Dawson Wise (Carlinville); 11. Colt Rosentreter (Carlinville); 31. Grayson Lowe (Hillsboro); 31. Jhenger Walker (Morrisonville); 40. Nolan Adams (Hillsboro); 47. Dax Toberman (Waterloo).

65cc: 1. Travis Lenz (Walshville); 3. Cooper Duff (Donnellson); 5. Rylan Wise (Carlinville).

85cc: 20. Jake Frizzo (Mt. Olive).

Super Mini: 12. Zach Duff (Donnellson); 13. Reece Frankford (Carlinville); 13. Jhak Walker (Morrisonville); 19. Mason Wise (Carlinville).

30+ A: 8. Ryan Duff (Donnellson).

40+ A: 4. Jeremy Walker (Morrisonville).

Open B: 2. Jhak Walker (Morrisonville); 3. Collin Johnson (Gillespie); 7. Riley Brueggeman (Carlinville); 14. Nathan Dyer (Carlinville); 37. Brayden Pickering (Harvel); 59. Reece Frankford (Carlinville).

AA: 16. Lake Plowman; 22. Jhadyn Walker (Morrisonville); 24. Rylan Frankford (Carlinville).

30+ B: 12. Dave Emmons (Carlinville).

40+ B: 2. Darold Johnson (Gillespie); 3. Brandon Frizzo (Mt. Olive).

98-Open A: 4. Jordan Emmons (Carlinville).

98-200 C: 36. Grayson Plowman (Waverly).

201-Open C: 1. Ryan Komor (Litchfield); 24. Alex Komor (Litchfield); 33. Bradlee Saxby (Litchfield); 58. Tyler Rakey (Litchfield); 104. Jim Komor (Litchfield).

50+ B/C: 10. Steve Pickering (Harvel).

60+ A: 4. Ken Matway (Gillespie); 13. Dave Suslee (Nokomis).



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