



Hillsboro Approves Ag Building Addition

by Mike Plunkett

Members of the Hillsboro School Board approved a bid for a 2,000-square-foot addition to the ag building on the high school campus during their meeting on Tuesday, May 10.

Tim Downen of Hurst-Rosche reported two bidders, and recommended awarding the low bid of \$551,330 to Bruce Unterbrink Construction of Greenville. The project will be financed using federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) money, and the addition will be behind the current structure.

Board members Dan Tester, Bryce Rupert, and John Lentz were not present at the meeting. According to the board president, Lentz had a work emergency while Tester and Rupert were farming.

School fees will remain the same next year, but breakfast and lunch prices will increase 15 cents each—to \$1.65 for breakfast and to \$2.80 for lunch.

According to district food service director Kristin Greg-

ory, the USDA has decided not to extend the free lunch for all students instituted during the pandemic. Gregory said without the increase, the district would lose about five cents per meal.

Near the beginning of the meeting, the board recognized four who will retire at the end of the school year, and two who have reached 20 years of service with the school district. Retirees are Lisa Billingsley, Mary Ellen Mathews, Kelly Powell and Stacy Payne. Twenty-year service veterans are Larry Slightom and Sarah VanMiddendorp. Curriculum director Hope McBrain introduced and presented each with a memento from the school district.

"There are a few changes to the budget that are significant enough to require an amendment," Superintendent David Powell said to begin a discussion that will require action next month.

Most notably, the board received \$138,000 in extra state evidence-based funding (EBF) due to a state miscalculation.

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It Was Detmers' Day

1. Yandy Diaz ground out to short; 2. Wander Franco ground out to first; 3. Harold Ramirez line out to left; 4. Randy Arozarena pop out to second; 5. Brandon Lowe fly out to left; 6. Mike Zunino line out to center; 7. Taylor Walls ground out to third; 8. Vidal Brujan strike out; 9. Kevin Kiermaier fly out to center; 10. Yandy Diaz ground out to second; 11. Wander Franco ground out to second; 12. Harold Ramirez line out to left; 13. Randy Arozarena ground out to pitcher; 14. Brandon Lowe fly out to right; 15. Mike Zunino strike out; 16. Taylor Walls walk; 17. Vidal Brujan line out to third; 18. Kevin Kiermaier ground out to first, double play to shortstop; 19. Yandy Diaz ground out to first; 20. Brett Phillips reached on fielding error at first; 21. Harold Ramirez fly out to left; 22. Randy Arozarena fly out to center; 23. Brandon Lowe fly out to right; 24. Mike Zunino fly out to right; 25. Taylor Walls fly out to second; 26. Vidal Brujan foul pop to catcher; 27. Kevin Kiermaier ground out to second; 28. Yandy Diaz ground out to short

On Tuesday, May 10, 22-year-old Reid Detmers became the youngest Angels pitcher to throw a no-hitter

Above are the 28 at-bats the Tampa Bay Rays had against Nokomis native Reid Detmers on Tuesday, May 10, with not a one resulting in a base hit. At 22-years-old, Detmers is the youngest Los Angeles Angel to ever throw a no-hitter and is just the 25th rookie to accomplish the feat.

No-Hitter A Dream Come True For Detmers

"It's something I've dreamed of ever since I was a little kid," Reid Detmers said during the press conference after the Los Angeles Angels' 12-0 win over Tampa Bay. "I didn't think it would ever happen. I don't even know. I probably won't even remember this (interview) tomorrow morning."

While the 22-year-old Nokomis native may not remember the interview, he will

never forget the game. In his sixth start this season, and his 11th Major League start in his career, Detmers became the youngest Angels player to ever throw a no-hitter and the youngest since Annibal Sanchez completed the feat in 2006.

The rookie left-hander faced just one batter over the minimum, with Taylor Walls walking to start the sixth, only to be erased by a double play two batters

later, and Brett Phillips reaching on an error in the seventh.

While he only struck out two batters, matching Francisco Liriano of the Twins for the fewest strikeouts in a no-hitter in the last 42 years, Detmers had command of all four of his pitches (fastball, curveball, slider and change-up).

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Members of the Montgomery County Board approved a proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Montgomery County on May 10, following a presentation by Cross Over Ministries. Pictured above, from the left are Linda Liebscher, Montgomery County Board Chairman Evan Young, Dawn Young and Wayne Wedekind. **Journal-News Photo**

County Recognizes Mental Health

by Mary (Galer) Herschel

Members of the Montgomery County Board unanimously approved a proclamation marking May as Mental Health Awareness Month throughout the county, as part of their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, May 11, at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

Linda Liebscher, president of Cross Over Ministries, along with Vice President Wayne Wedekind and Secretary Dawn Young, attended the meeting and talked about the vision and mission of Cross Over Ministries.

Liebscher said the group hopes to provide both preventative support for mental health, as well as support for those in crisis. She added that the number one health need in this area is mental health treatment. In 2021, Montgomery County lost 17, including five to suicide and 12 to overdose. Already this year, they have lost two to suicide and two to overdose.

Liebscher went on to share her vision of a Living Room in Montgomery County, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide mental health support. She estimates a program like this would cost around \$250,000 to operate.

The board asked what kind of expenses would be included in that figure, and Liebscher said the home ownership expenses as well as staffing, like counselors.

Young shared a recent experience she had with a family member, and was able to utilize a Living Room in Springfield to help with a positive outcome.

"We need this here," Young told the board.

Liebscher concluded her remarks inviting the board to suicide prevention training in Litchfield on May 28. They will also offer trauma care training this summer.

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Hillsboro Approves Summer Events

by Ron Deabenderfer

Some rather important discussions occurred during the Hillsboro City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 10, when three council members (Fred Butler, Katie Duncan, and Kendra Wright) and Mayor Don Downs met at city hall. The fourth council seat is still vacant. City Attorney Kit Hantla attended by phone.

Permission was granted to the Lake Club to hold their fifth annual Kayak Races on Sunday, June 5. Wright explained

there would be three divisions with the longest course reaching from the North Marina to the South Marina. An intermediate course and a shorter course will also be available; the short course is for beginners. Prizes will be gift certificates to the restaurant at the South Marina.

Permission was also given to close streets for the Old Settlers Celebration in mid August. Rod Stewart appeared on behalf of the Old Settlers Celebration. The Little Miss pageant is scheduled for Saturday on the Plaza stage;

rehearsal for that is Friday night, and Stewart said that became a problem last year when spectators placed lawn chairs in the street to watch the rehearsals. That may necessitate closing part of Main Street Friday night as well as Saturday.

Sunday the car show will be held. Monday the streets will be open, but they'll close at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, with the carnival beginning its set-up process at 5:30 p.m. The streets will be cleaned and re-opened by Friday morning.

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Nokomis Moves Ahead To Improve Water

by Ben Schwarm

The Nokomis City Council continued to make progress towards its objective to improve the city drinking water and sewage treatment facilities at the regular Monday, May 9 meeting.

Mayor Michael Holliday welcomed a representative from Benton and Associates Consulting Engineers as he presented a plan to replace three and refurbish three lift stations at the water plant.

The city has been planning upgrades for several years, ever since the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency raised concerns about the state of the plant and water lines and the resulting concerns about water quality in the city.

Commissioners approved motions for a \$148,000 contract for Benton to begin initial design plans for a new water treatment plant and

\$5,000 for grant application work. The engineering firm stated that Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) grants are available in the amount of \$1.5 million for this purpose.

The grants, however, only cover construction costs and not expenses for design or legal work. Commissioner Lou Stauder stated that this work is essential and that current funds available in the sewer fund can cover the initial financial outlay.

A professional firm is required to perform the necessary groundwork to apply for the grant. To become eligible for the grant, which sets October as the deadline for the submission of applications, all design plans and permits must be included in the proposal.

Benton and Associates stated that it had already evaluated the city's needs

against the criteria for receiving a grant, which is based on a 100 point scale. Nokomis scored well on the preliminary evaluation, according to Benton, and should be well in the range to be competitive in the grant competition.

Another criteria for grant approval is the amount the city charges in water fees. The requirement is that the water fee rate must be no lower than 1 percent of the average household income, and the city fee now is just under that. This means a likely minor increase in water usage fees for Nokomis citizens.

In related action, commissioners approved a motion to contract with Moran Economic Development Corporation to prepare plans for the city to annex the water plant into city limits. The amount of the contract is \$9,900.

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Calling all princesses! Imagine Hillsboro is once again hosting its Father-Daughter Princess Ball this Saturday, May 14, at The Event Center in Montgomery County. Pre-registration is suggested, and the cost is \$20 for a father and one princess. Additional princesses are \$5 each. Tickets purchased at the door are \$10 more. Advance registration may be made online at [imaginehillsboro.com/events-registration](http://imaginehillsboro.com/events-registration) or send the fee and names to Imagine Hillsboro, PO Box 234, Hillsboro, IL 62049.

The royal ball will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., and is being co-sponsored by The Event Center of Montgomery County. Those in need of financial assistance may send a request to [contact@imaginehillsboro.com](mailto:contact@imaginehillsboro.com).

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Planning continues for this year's Old Settlers celebration, which will be held Aug. 6-7 and Aug. 10-11. Committee members will meet on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at the Chalamcombe House in Hillsboro. The public is always welcome and volunteers and new ideas are wanted as well.

Just prior to the meeting will be sign-ups for the Little Miss, Little Mister and Junior Miss pageants, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Chalamcombe House. Those eligible for the littles category must be five or six by Aug. 1, and juniors must be 10 to 13 by Aug. 13. For more information, contact Sheridan Lyerla at 217-891-1900.

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As Montgomery County high schools prepare for senior honors nights and graduations, many colleges and universities are already conferring degrees this spring.

And *The Journal-News* wants to help you share your news! If your college graduate earned a degree this spring, let us know by email at [thejournal-news@consolidated.net](mailto:thejournal-news@consolidated.net). Include year of graduation from high school, parents, college activities, degree and future plans. And we'd love to have a photo too. News items may also be dropped off at our office, 431 S. Main Street in downtown Hillsboro.



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Local sighting in New York City this week! Melanie Sherer of Hillsboro and her mother, Kathy Lewis, took the ultimate mother-daughter trip to New York City and Washington DC this May. While they were in New York, they stopped by The Today Show bright and early, where Lewis got to meet Hoda Kotb, and even got a hug! The pair also took in other Big Apple sights, including the Statue of Liberty, as well as historic places in Washington DC, like the Smithsonian Museum and Arlington National Cemetery.

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Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Taylor Kay Art Gallery is hosting a paint party on Saturday, May 15, at The Coop, located at 106 W. Seward Street in Hillsboro. Participants can choose between two time slots, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. or from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will get step-by-step instructions on how to recreate a preselected painting. The fee is set at \$25 per person which includes supplies. Discounts will be available for groups of three or more. To register contact Taylor at 217-313-4322.



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STD testing, free pregnancy testing and free ultrasounds (preferably for women six weeks or further along). Appointments are offered on a first-come, first-served basis or call the office at 618-283-8750 for more information.

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It's time to do some spring cleaning! Nokomis residents are invited to clean-up days May 15-21. Dumpsters will be located behind city hall, and will be under 24-hour surveillance. Residents are reminded there is no illegal dumping and no removing of items from the dumpster.

And don't forget, the city will be hosting an electronics recycling drive Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon in the front parking lot at City Hall. Costs may apply to recycle TVs and monitors. For more information, call 217-563-2514.

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Bargain hunting this weekend? Then make sure and visit the Witt and Nokomis communities. Witt community yard sales will be held May 13-14, with more than 14 sales on the map. Stop by Demi's Diner or Casey's for a flyer. In Nokomis, community garage sales will be held May 13-14. There's something for everyone, so don't miss out!

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Timber Creek Village in Litchfield is hosting an open house Saturday, May 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. Stop by to learn how you can become part of the family. They serve three meals daily, have trained and certified staff, exercise and daily activities and competitive and affordable pricing. For more information, visit [www.timbercreekvillagecommunity.com](http://www.timbercreekvillagecommunity.com).

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Hometown Hub in Coffeen is hosting a vendor fair on Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Main Street Market, located at 210 W. Main Street in Coffeen. Stop by and visit with more than 20 vendors and don't forget to grab lunch from Shine on BBQ!

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Save the cooking for someone else! St. Agnes Catholic Church in Hillsboro is hosting a drive-through mostaccioli dinner on Sunday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind the church. On the menu will be salad, bread, mostaccioli and dessert for \$10. Proceeds will benefit the parish.

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Local Conservative Republicans are hosting a candidate meet and greet on Friday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Half Time Bar and Grill in Hillsboro. Stop by to meet Peggy Hubbard, candidate for US Senate, Mary Miller, candidate for US Congress, Paul Schimpf, candidate for Illinois Governor, Steve McClure, candidate for State Senate and Brad Halbrook, candidate for State Representative. The event is free and open to the public. Candidates will be available for questions and comments.

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Here at *The Journal-News* we love sharing good news from all around Montgomery County! And we love it even more when readers notice that we're doing our best. This month, Lana Wil-hour of Nokomis renewed her annual subscription to the paper with a special note, "Best paper in Mont. Co!"

Thanks for your kind words, Lana, and we'll continue working hard to bring you the best local news in the county!

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Throw on some brightly colored clothing and help the Imagine Hillsboro Volunteer Committee clean up the highway along Route 127 this Saturday, May 14. Volunteers will meet at 8:45 a.m. at the Patton and Co. parking lot in Hillsboro. Those interested in helping are reminded to bring a pair of gloves. The committee will award service hours for this project, but asks that only older kids volunteer as the environment may be dangerous for younger children. Questions may be directed to Bob Fuehne at 217-710-4313.

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Among those in attendance on Tuesday when Nokomis native Reid Detmers threw a no-hitter for the Los Angeles Angels in a 12-0 win over the Tampa Bay Rays was Litchfield native Kurt Schmidt of Menifee, CA, according to his classmate and good friend of the newspaper Jim Zuber. In addition to Detmers' incredible headline accomplishment, Schmidt also got to see perennial MVP candidate Mike Trout hit two home runs.

## County Clerk To Host Open House May 16

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County Clerk Sandy Leitheiser will host an open house to demonstrate the county's new voting equipment from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 16, in the County Board Room at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro.

The new Unisyn Paper Ballot Tabulator and ADA Marking Device will be used at the General Primary Election on Tuesday, June 28.

Litchfield To Welcome New Tourism Coordinator

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The city of Litchfield announce a new Tourism Coordinator, Alicia Bloomfield, who will assume the position by mid-May.

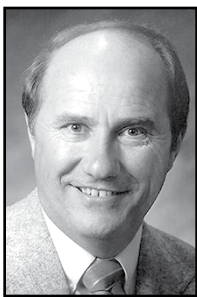
"Our city is filled with amazing people that have a true passion for Litchfield," according to Mayor Steve Dougherty. "It was important to the city to find a coordinator that was enthusiastic and dedicated to continuing to promote Litchfield for all that it has to offer. We believe that Alicia Bloomfield is a good fit for the position and will continue to develop the Litchfield Tourism Program and to offer events and attractions that our residents and visitors have come to love."

Bloomfield commented on her hire by saying, "I am humbled and honored to serve as the city of Litchfield Tourism Coordinator and to be a part of the city's team of dedicated staff."

Bloomfield grew up in Mt. Olive and recently completed her bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in public relations with a minor in mass communications. Her education included planning and promoting a local event. She lives in Litchfield and enjoys hiking the lake trails with her family.

Bloomfield will officially begin as Tourism Coordinator on Monday, May 16.

## Eldon Garry Saathoff, 78 Ties To The Area



Eldon Garry Saathoff, 78, of Lake City, FL, formerly of Taylor Springs, died on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City, FL.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento.

Mr. Saathoff was born on Sept. 13, 1943, in Hillsboro, to Ellswood and Wanetta (Neat-hery) Saathoff. He married his high school sweetheart, Sharon Lang, in Hillsboro on Oct. 27, 1963.

Mr. Saathoff began his school years in Sorento before moving with his family to Taylor Springs in 1951, where he finished his elementary education. He graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1961. After graduation, he attended Rankin Trade School in St. Louis, MO. He began his career with J.C. Stevens and Associates in St. Louis, MO. In May 1966, he was hired by A.E. Staley of Decatur and held various management positions at their manufacturing plants in Morrisville, PA; Lafayette, IN; Monte Vista, CO; and Decatur. While in Colorado he was offered a position with Penford Products (now Ingredion) in Cedar Rapids, IA. At Penford he served as director of special projects and vice-president of operations. He retired in Oct. 1999, and moved to Lake City, FL. During his retirement, Mr. Saathoff and his wife enjoyed traveling in their motor home while he did consulting work for Penford.

Mr. Saathoff is survived by his wife; two sons, Bret (Gail) Saathoff of Kaukauna, WI, and Todd (Dianna) Saathoff of Collierville, TN; four grandchildren, Ashley and Cole Saathoff of Kaukauna, WI, Zachary Saathoff of St. Louis, MO, Katelyn Saathoff of Windsor, Ontario, Canada; brother, Elwin (Bonnie) Saathoff of Hillsboro; sister, Elleta (Don) Hamby of Hillsboro; brother-in-law, Gary Lang of Cancun, Mexico; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and parents-in-law, Berton "Shorty" and Edna Lang.

## Sandra J. Porter, 77 Leaves Local Family

Sandra June (Peters) Porter, 77, of Monroe City, MO, died on Saturday, April 7, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 11, at Garner Funeral Chapel in Monroe City, MO. Burial followed at St. Jude Cemetery in Monroe City, MO.

Mrs. Porter was born Oct. 26, 1944, in Kirksville, MO, the daughter of Wanda Mae (Moutray) Peters and Nel and Russell Peters. She married Bill Porter on April 7, 1962, in Elizabeth City, NC, and he preceded her in death on March 31, 1999.

She attended Monroe City High School in Monroe City, MO. She was baptized into the Baptist Church as a young lady.

During her career, Mrs. Porter worked many years for Diemakers, Inc. of Monroe City and Palmyra.

She loved quilting and mushroom hunting. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

Mrs. Porter is survived by her daughter, Binky (Tim) Ishmael of Litchfield; two sons, Travis Porter and Troy Porter, both of Monroe City, MO; four grandchildren, Jason (Brittney) Ishmael, Amber (Adam Carter) Ishmael, Kristin (fiance Travis Blom) Ishmael and Cody (girlfriend Hannah Whitley) Porter; five great-grandchildren, Sophie Ishmael, Mac Ishmael, Preston Ishmael, Cooper Ishmael and Jackson Ishmael; sister, Sharon (Mike) Lawrence Spalding of O'Fallon, MO; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters; and three brothers.

Memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.garnerfuneralchapel.com](http://www.garnerfuneralchapel.com).

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**Charles L. Appelman, 82****Director Of Media Center**

Charles L. Appelman, 82, of Litchfield, formerly of Normal, died on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 5:28 p.m. at his residence.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Litchfield, 410 S. State St. Mass of Christian Burial will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the church with the Rev. Dan Willenborg officiating. Litchfield Family Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Mr. Appelman was born April 10, 1940, in Hawkeye, IA, to Lewis and Agnes (Winter)

Appelman.

He graduated from Hawkeye High School with the class of 1957 and went on to obtain his bachelors of art degree in library and information science from Iowa State Teachers College.

During his career, Mr. Appelman served as director of the Informational Media Center (IMC) for the Unit 5 School District in Bloomington.

He was an avid reader. There probably wasn't a book he didn't read. He also collected coins, die cast cars, Coca-Cola collectibles from bears to music boxes, and enjoyed sports, especially the Minnesota Vikings. He also liked food and fishing.

Mr. Appelman is survived by his sons, Ron Cooper of Normal and Tony (Kim Stewart) Pellhum of Litchfield; grandchildren, Laura Cooper, Kathleen Cooper, Taylor Ward, Kaylee Pellhum, Karlie (Adam) Moore and Coltan Wicker; six great-grandchildren; brother, Thomas (Becky) Appelman; sister, Dorothy (Nick) Steinlage; and sister-in-law, Judy Appelman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Daryl Appelman.

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

**Carolyn B. Doyen, 73****In-Home Caregiver**

Carolyn Bee Doyen, 73, of Fillmore, died on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 8:15 a.m. at her residence.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Toberman-Dean Funeral Home in Coffeen. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Myron Kirk, pastor of Grace Fellowship Church in Fillmore, and Danny White of Coffeen officiating.

Mrs. Doyen was born Nov. 11, 1948, in Pana, to John William and Goldie Mabel (Miller) Gipson. She married David Doyen on May 29, 1964, in Hillsboro, and he survives.

She was a housewife and provided care to people in their homes. She was also a member of Grace Fellowship Church in Fillmore.

Mrs. Doyen loved looking for creek rocks. During her lifetime, she resided in Pana, Coffeen and Fillmore.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Goldie (husband Rob) Brown of Watson, Kathy (husband Bryan) Runge of Ramsey, David W. (wife Jennifer) Doyen of Nokomis and Missy (husband Dave) Marley of Fillmore; 11 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and siblings, Doyle Gipson, Dale Gipson, Nadine Carlock and Mary Askenette.

Mrs. Doyen was preceded in death by a brother at birth; and two sisters.

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

**Sharon L. DeVries, 80****Enjoyed Quilting**

Sharon Lee DeVries, 80, of Mt. Olive, died on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 6:25 a.m. at Heritage Health: Therapy and Senior Care in Staunton.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Becker and Son Funeral Home in Mt. Olive. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Simburger officiating. Burial will be held at Staunton City Cemetery.

Mrs. DeVries was born Aug. 29, 1941, to Forest and Leta (Best) Frailey. She married Ray Garner on Dec. 4, 1959, and they later divorced. She then married Merl W. DeVries on Oct. 22, 1981, and he preceded her in death.

Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. She also enjoyed watching movies, quilting, counted cross stitching, hook and latch work, visiting the Alton Belle once a month and reading lots of books.

Mrs. DeVries is survived by her children, Susan (Paul) DeVries, Sallie Navarro, Shelley (Ron) Perkins, David Garner, Daniel Garner, Kenneth (Liz) DeVries, Keith (Lisa) DeVries and Kevin DeVries; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gary (Renee) Frailey and Larry (Carol) Frailey; and brother-in-law, Jerry Gorsich.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Donna Gorsich; nieces, Kimberly Margehrio and Linda Baker; nephews, Jared Frailey and Rick Richards; and a granddaughter, Jessica Prose.

Memorials may be directed to the Mt. Olive Public Library. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.beckerandson.com](http://www.beckerandson.com).

**Sherry Kay Revisky, 66****Licensed Practical Nurse**

Sherry Kay Revisky, 66, of Peoria, died at 2:13 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

The family will hold a private graveside service at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento. Perfetti-Assalley Funeral Home in Sorento is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Revisky was born on Oct. 17, 1955, in Chicago, the daughter of late Louis "Babe" and Katherine J. (Zapka) Revisky. She graduated from Newark Community High School in 1973. Mrs. Revisky obtained her

LPN license from Joliet Central High School District #204 School of Practical Nursing in 1982. She had a lifelong love of music, was an accomplished organist and enjoyed traveling.

Mrs. Revisky is survived by her brothers, Ron (wife, Veronica) Revisky of Minooka and Larry (wife, Tam) Revisky of Sheridan; and several nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be left online at [www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.assalleyfuneralhomes.com).

**George Michael Fravala, 70****Hard Worker, Enjoyed Sports**

George Michael "Mike" Fravala, 70, Hillsboro native, died on Friday, May 6, 2022.

Visitation will be held Thursday, May 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hutchens-Stygar Funeral Home, 5987 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Charles, MO. An additional visitation will be conducted Friday, May 13, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 7701 Town Square Ave., Dardenne Prairie, MO. Funeral Mass will follow, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the church. A private interment will be held at

a later date.

The youngest of three children, Mr. Fravala was born June 28, 1951, in Hillsboro, to George Henry and Virginia Ardella (Caulk) Fravala. He married Carol Steffey, and she survives.

He grew up working on the family farm before he attended Illinois State University for his undergraduate degree in business. He later received a master's degree in business from Northern Illinois University and after years of working in the building materials industry, he started his own company, Specialty Tech LTD. He was a hard worker, and he had an inquisitive and innovative mind.

He had many hobbies and was active in his community. He was a conservationist and avid hunter. He enjoyed teaching firearms safety and inspiring an appreciation for conservation in younger generations. He enjoyed his brotherhood with his fellow Knights of Columbus. He took pleasure in carrying out their mission of serving the poor and fostering greater respect for the dignity of human life. He was also a lifelong fan of basketball and baseball. He spent many hours coaching his daughters' teams and jumped at every opportunity to take his family to sporting events, especially to St. Louis Cardinals games. He was a loving and playful grandfather.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Fravala is survived by his daughters, Kendra "Shelly" (Brian) Marstall and Melissa (Stephen) Hefler; grandchildren, Hannah, Samuel, Mary, Charlotte, David and a granddaughter due in June; sister, Marsha Kay (Phillip) Grabbe; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandchild, Daniel; and sister, Connie (Larry) Phillips.

In spirit of his passion for supporting the dignity of all human life, memorials may be directed to Women's Care Center, 7620 N. University St., Suite 106, Peoria, IL 61614. Donations can be made online by visiting [supportwomenscarecenter.org](http://supportwomenscarecenter.org) and select Peoria as the location. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.hutchensfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hutchensfuneralhomes.com).

**Audra L. Price, 87****Enjoyed Time With Family**

Audra L. Price, 87, of Litchfield, formerly of Carrollton, died on Sunday, May 1, 2022, at her residence.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 5, at Eldred Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Eldred. Airsman-Hires Funeral Home in Carrollton assisted the family.

Mrs. Price was born July 16, 1935, in Eldred, to Frank and Rosa (Chapman) Flatt. She married Wilbur "Webb" Price on Sept. 11, 1950, in Hardin, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2015.

She enjoyed arts, crafts, painting, quilting and reading. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

Mrs. Price is survived by her daughters, Pamela (Kenneth Jr.) Cress of Litchfield, Starr Green of Broken Bow, OK, and Penny Gill of Pea Ridge, AR; five grandchildren, Kenneth Cress III, Tanya Forrest, Joshua Huffines, Misty Steffes and Jacob Gill; ten great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Larry Flatt of Carrollton.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Matthew Huffines and Christopher Gill; great-grandson, Jarod Cress; and two brothers, Earl Jr. and Donald Flatt.

Memorials may be directed to Eldred Baptist Church.

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

**Donald K. Roach Jr., 78****Former Teacher, Coach**

Donald K. Roach Jr., 78, of Morris, formerly of Litchfield, died on Sunday morning, May 8, 2022, with his loving family by his side.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date for family and close friends. U. C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home in Morris is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Roach was born on May 14, 1943, in Litchfield, to Donald K. and Verna B. Roach. He was raised in Litchfield graduating from Litchfield High School with the Class of 1961.

While in high school, he was an accomplished athlete being a four-year letterman in baseball, three-year letterman in basketball and a quarterback for the Litchfield Panthers. Mr. Roach went on to graduate from Western Illinois University in January 1966 with his degree in teaching. In February of the same year, he married the love his life, Cheryl Wojick in Danville.

Mr. Roach's first teaching job was in Danville for a semester before accepting a teaching/coaching position at the Litchfield School District. In 1970 he accepted a teaching/coaching position in the Wilmington School District, where he and his family would reside for over 30 years. While with Wilmington his girls varsity basketball team were regional champs with 20 wins for the season. "Coach Roach" always strived for athletes to enjoy themselves and every player was given the opportunity to play and learn the fundamentals of their sport.

Mr. Roach retired in 1993 after 23 years of teaching and coaching at Wilmington School District. Retirement didn't last long when he joined the team at Wilmington ACE Hardware. In 1995 he became the manager at the Whitmore ACE Hardware store in Braidwood, officially retiring in 2003. After retirement the couple spent close to seven years enjoying the warmth of Florida.

Mr. Roach is survived by his wife; daughter, Pamela (Jerry) Miedl; sons, Justin (Michelle) and Travis (Vicki) Roach; grandchildren, Chaise (Yenny) Miedl, Chayne Miedl, Erika Arambula, Heather (Rob) Caise, Kyle Roach, Mason Roach, Nicole Roach and Brandi Rector; great-grandchildren Halleigh and Aubreigh Caise, and Emilia and Ace Miedl; sisters, Karen Bandy and Gail Roach; and nieces and nephews, Jessica Redfern, Joe (Theresa) Verstraeter, Jay (Laura) Verstraeter, Tyler (Shannon) Verstraeter, Cady (Joe) Verdeyen and Kohle Verstraeter.

He is preceded by his parents and brother-in-law Michael Bandy.

Memorials may be made to Lightways Hospice of Joliet or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Condolences may be left online at [www.ucdaviscallahan.com](http://www.ucdaviscallahan.com).

**Lovia Cowgill, 78****Amazing Cook**

Lovia Cowgill, 78, of Litchfield, died on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

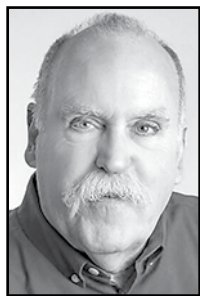
Visitation will be held Friday, May 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Litchfield Family Funeral Service. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, May 14, beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Matt Houser officiating. Burial will follow at Cedar Ridge Cemetery in Honey Bend.

Mrs. Cowgill was born May 9, 1943, in Litchfield, to Clifton and Lola (Jackson) Dyer. She married Donald L. Cowgill, and he preceded her in death. She was an amazing cook and previously worked at the Gardens and Ariston Cafe in Litchfield. She enjoyed gardening and planting flowers.

She is survived by her sons, Bradley Dyer and Stanley Cowgill, both of Litchfield; daughters, Donna Osborn and Sandra Adams, both of Litchfield; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and siblings, Nellie "Tooter" Crabtree of Cookeville, TN, Melvin Dyer of Humbolt, Russell Dyer, Carla Dowdy, both of Hillsboro, Roger Dyer of Kiefer, OK, and Wanda Allen of Warsaw, MO.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Cowgill was preceded in death by her parents; son, Mark Dyer; brothers, Clifford "Tony" Dyer, Stanley Dyer and Terry Dyer; sister, Joanne Hollers; and son-in-law, Craig Adams.

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

**Lyndel W. Klausing, 70****Postman, Realtor**

Lyndel Wilmer Klausing, 70, of Staunton, died on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 10:36 p.m. at his residence.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Becker and Son Funeral Home in Mt. Olive. An additional visitation will be conducted Saturday, May 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. John Paul II Catholic Parish Church in Mt. Olive. Funeral Mass will follow, beginning at 11 a.m. at the church with Father Thomas Hagstrom and Father Larry Anchutz co-officiating. Burial will be held at Mt. Olive City Cemetery.

Mr. Klausing was born Nov. 29, 1951, to Wilmer and Ramona (Prott) Klausing. He was married to Kerri (Bertagnoli) Klausing from 1987 to 2007. Although they were divorced, she kept her vow and helped their daughter care for him.

He attended school in Mt. Olive and graduated in 1969. Following high school graduation, he attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He served his country in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from May 1971 to May 1973. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was also employed by Cisler and Associates as a realtor.

Mr. Klausing was a Macoupin County Board member and a UMW coal miner. He was also a member of St. John Paul II Catholic Parish Church in Mt. Olive, American Legion, AmVets, Knights of Columbus, Staunton FFA Alumni and Macoupin County Republican Central Committee.

He is survived by his daughter, Holly Marie Prott Klausing; and a sister, Dawnelle (Klausing) Hanson of Glen Carbon.

Mr. Klausing was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be directed to Stray Rescue of St. Louis, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or the Macoupin County Animal Control. Online condolences to the family may be left at [www.beckerandson.com](http://www.beckerandson.com).

**Evelyn R. Fenton, 92****Litchfield Resident**

Evelyn Ruth (Jarman) Fenton, 92, of Litchfield, died on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Litchfield. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 12 p.m. at the church with Mike Bates officiating. Burial will be held at Sunnyside Cemetery in Sorento. Hough and Sons Funeral Home in Hillsboro is assisting the family.

A full obituary will be published in a future edition of *The Journal-News*.

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## Adams, McDice Marry This May In Greenville

Wayne Adams and Miranda McDice of Hillsboro were united in marriage on Saturday, May 7, at The Hangar in Greenville. Abby Barcum presided over the ceremony, including approximately 130 guests.

The new Mrs. Adams selected her wedding dress at Main Street Bridal and her bouquet from Autumn Narrative.

A 2006 graduate of Hillsboro High School, she is the daughter of Kevin McDice of

Hillsboro and Pam Qualls of Carlinville. She graduated from the University of Illinois in 2012 and works as admissions and marketing coordinator for Hillsboro Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Her husband is a 1998 graduate of Hillsboro High School. The son of Nora Phillips of Donnellson and Wayne Adams of South Carolina, he works in the maintenance department for the Hillsboro School District.

## Births

Isaiah Thacker and Carissa Marie Wright of Coffeen announce the birth of their daughter, Rylan Grace Wright, born at 4:14 p.m. on April 21, 2022, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She weighed 5 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 19 ins. long.

Rylan was welcomed home from the hospital by her two older siblings, Aiden Wright, at 11, and Logan Wright, age nine. Both of their parents work for the state of Illinois.

Paternal grandparents are Tim and Lisa Wright of Litchfield and Michelle Thacker of Coffeen. Maternal grandfather is John Abrams.

Paternal great-grandparents are Mike and Judy Thacker of Coffeen and the late William and Barbara Wright.

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Mark Richardson of Benld and Carly Robbins of Gillespie announce the birth of their daughter, Paityn Rose Richardson, born at 12:07 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and measured 21 ins. long.

Maternal grandparents are Joanna Timpe of Benld and Jerry Robbins of Gillespie. Paternal grandparent is Tonya Witherell of Benld.

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## Marriage Licenses

Aaron Paul Hutchison, Hillsboro; Alayna Sue Mesnard, Hillsboro



## Zion Lutheran Hosts Confirmation

On Sunday, April 24, eight members of Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield were confirmed by Pastor Fred Kraemer. Confirmation is an important sacrament within the church, as it is the first time members are invited to participate in communion. Confirmation means "saying yes." God is literally confirming the promise made during baptism that He would always be with these members.

Those confirmed this year, in front, from the left are Elisah Moore, Melanie Pence, Alli Frerichs and Cal Frerichs. In back are Nathan Dougherty, Conner Favre, Pastor Fred Kraemer, Cale Winstead and Jacob Volentine. If you are interested in learning more about the confirmation process, please contact the church at 217-324-2033.

## Mt. Zion Lutheran To Hold Worship

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 15, 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 Sunday are: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; and Revelation 21:1-6. The Gospel for study will be John 13:31-35.

The church's Mission Beyond their Walls this month is the Make-It Summer Food Program.

"The Make-It program provides hot meals for students in the Litchfield School District during the summer months. This summer they will serve meals at Madison

Park School. Some of the children stay all day and eat breakfast, lunch, and snacks while they are there," explained Pastor Munker. "We are grateful for Make-It's decision to provide this vital service for the children in Litchfield. Mt. Zion will support the program with our May mission money and ask for your generous response."

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 824 N. Monroe in Litchfield.



## Homeschool Group Celebrates Earth Day

To celebrate Earth Day, Wild+Free, a local homeschooling group in Montgomery County gathered to pick up trash left behind on the Green Diamond Rail Trail in Farmersville on Friday, April 22. Students of Wild+Free learned the importance of our planet, the climate and how people can preserve and protect it. Pictured above, from the left, are Barrett Monk, Anna Mulch, Riley Mulch, Emily Monk, Madison Monk, Abigail Monk, Caleb Mulch, William Kemp and Melisa Hillman.

## Benefit For Wieland Kicks Off On May 14

Friends and family of Niki (Sabol) Wieland will be hosting a benefit for the Nokomis mom on Saturday, May 14, as she continues to battle breast cancer.

The benefit will be from 5 to 11 p.m. at Witt Lions Club with an Italian beef and pulled pork meal beginning at 5 p.m. There will be a silent auction running from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., with a DJ and cash

bar going from 8 p.m. until the end of the event.

The Wieland's Warriors group will also be holding a raffle for four prizes: a Blackstone grill, two half hogs plus processing and a gift card bundle for gas and groceries valued at \$200. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and can be purchased before the

event at Shear Revolution in Nokomis. Winners need not be present to win.

Donations can also be made at the First National Bank of Nokomis under the Niki (Sabol) Wieland Benefit. For more information about the benefit, contact Erin Sabol at 217-825-5578.

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## MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK'S EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code, Early Voting for the June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 General Primary Election for all Montgomery County Precincts will be conducted at the Early Voting Center of the Montgomery County Clerk located in the street level basement of the Historic Courthouse, Hillsboro, Illinois beginning Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and continuing through Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on weekdays from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Saturday Early Voting hours will be conducted from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and will include Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Voters should use the west street level entrance to the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro for easy access to the Early Voting Center. Any voter validly registered in Montgomery County may vote during the Early Voting period, however any vote cast is final and may not be revoked and the voter is not eligible to cast a vote on Election Day.

Voters with questions about the Early Voting schedule may email the Montgomery County Clerk at [countyclerk@montgomeryco.com](mailto:countyclerk@montgomeryco.com) or contact the County Clerk's office at 217-532-9530.

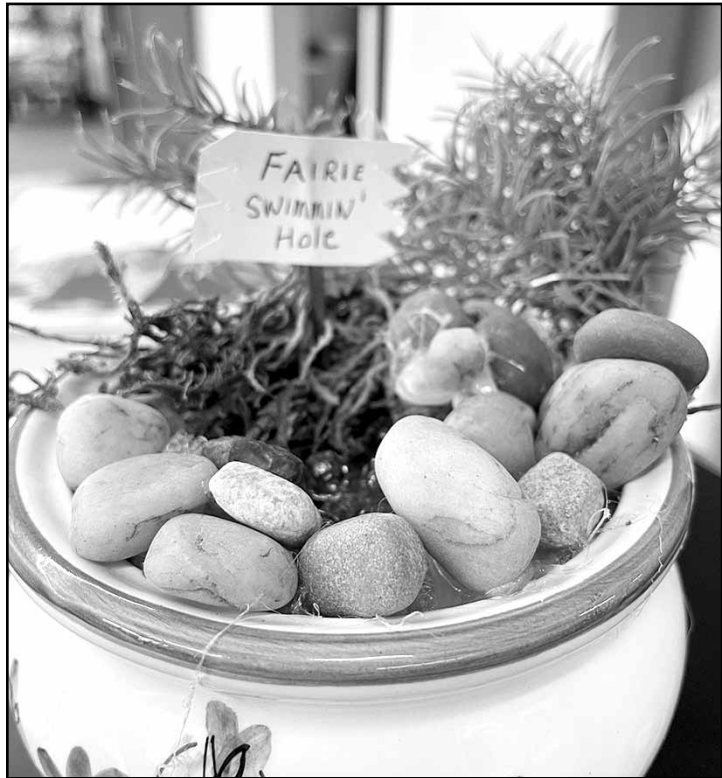
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## Calvary Baptist Honors Ladies On Mother's Day

In honor of Mother's Day, Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro had a special celebration for all the ladies during worship on Sunday morning, May 8. All ladies were invited down to the front of the church for a group photo, and each received a special gift.



## Library Invites Patrons To Create Fairy Garden

The Litchfield Public Library District is jumping into spring with the May \$9 Nite Out event. This month, adults are invited to create a fairy garden on Thursday evening, May 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Participants may use their own miniature container or use one provided by the library.

Pre-registration is required by May 16, and the registration cost is \$9. Adults only are eligible to participate in this event. For more information or to register, call the library at 217-324-3866.



## Beckemeyer Students Enjoy Farm Day Cuddles

Second graders went down on the farm as Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro hosted a Farm Day celebration on Tuesday, May 3. Students had a chance to pet baby goats and bunnies outside and in their classrooms. They also learned more about local farming efforts.

## Quilting Lecture, Trunk Show Will Be May 22

Sew and Show Stitchers Quilt Guild invites the local community to help welcome and enjoy a national quilt designer, Toni Steere, on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts building located on the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Butler. Steere is the owner of A Wing and a Prayer Design. The lecture program is entitled "Concept to Quilt," a

wonderful journey from idea all the way to a beautiful quilt, as well as the fabrics in it.

The cost of the program is \$10. Refreshments will be available.

For more information or to purchase a ticket in advance, contact President April Probst at 217-313-6853, Vice President Barb Johnston at 618-526-6018 or Treasurer Linda Patton at 217-259-6431.

## Illinois Residents To Enjoy Annual Bird Day Festivities

The Illinois Ornithological Society is proud to announce that Illinois Bird Day is being recognized by the State of Illinois on Saturday, May 14.

Illinois is at the heart of a globally important waterfowl and shorebird migratory passage; the Mississippi Flyway. This traveling corridor coincides with the Mississippi River and all of its tributaries thus bringing in hundreds of thousands of migratory waterfowl and shorebirds to our area.

Such waterfowl and shorebirds find ample food sources in our fallow agricultural fields while migrating to their northern breeding grounds. To the east, Lake Michigan serves as a barrier to a variety of colorful neotropical songbirds that buildup along the shores, to the delight of birders.

The Illinois Ornithological Society not only promotes our fine feathered friends but

also our statewide community of birdwatchers, birders, feeder-fillers, and outdoor enthusiasts that share a common vision that the diversity of bird species reflects a truly healthy natural scape that we all may call home.

The society is a working group of individuals that partners with many local, state, and nationally affiliated bird conservation groups that provides advocacy for the interest of birds that need a voice while we may enjoy their brilliance of sight and song.

With the second Saturday in May widely recognized as World Migratory Bird Day, please consider joining the larger celebration with the IOS on Saturday, May 14, on Illinois Bird Day, an Illinois tradition going back to 1928. Past proclamations or declarations have included Bird & Arbor Day, International Migratory Bird Day, and now World Bird Migratory Day.

## Tanner Millburg Earns Degree From Maryville

Tanner Millburg of Farmersville graduated this May with bachelor's degree in health science from Maryville University in St. Louis, MO.

A 2018 graduate of Lincolnwood High School in Raymond, Millburg is the son of Justin and Elizabeth Millburg of Farmersville and the grandson of John and Phyllis Lively, Philip and Linda Millburg and the late Nancee Ezop Millburg.

During his time at Maryville University, Millburg was active in the Maryville Physical Therapy Club, the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, the Maryville Club baseball team and Maryville intermural basketball league.

Following his graduation, Millburg plans to continue his education with a direct entry



Tanner Millburg

into Maryville University's doctorate of physical therapy program, with plans to graduate in December 2024.

## Local 4-H Member Takes On New Statewide Role

Emma Hughes of the Clovers 4-H club in Montgomery County now serves on statewide platform through the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team.

The team is comprised of 20 4-H members and recent alumni under the age of 21 who coordinate and assist with statewide 4-H activities.

"Team members bring an invaluable youth voice to the program through planning and leading the Illinois 4-H Junior Leadership Conference, walking the halls of the Illinois State Capitol talking to legislators, and representing Illinois 4-H at state and national events throughout the year," said Katie Duitsman, University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

The Youth Leadership Team offers 4-H members and recent 4-H alumni an opportunity to give back to the 4-H program while further enhancing their leadership skills.

In addition to planning and leadership roles, teens serve on statewide committees and boards including the Illinois 4-H Foundation Board of Directors and the Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Education Committee.

"Through 4-H, I have learned how to be a leader and developed so many other skills that I will use in my future," said Hughes. "I am so passionate about 4-H because it gave me place where I could



Emma Hughes

succeed and I look forward to taking on this new role to help other members experience have the same opportunities achieve."

Bringing on new members is an important part of making sure that the team reflects an authentic youth voice.

"Our new members bring new ideas and perspectives to the team," said Duitsman. "Illinois is a large and diverse state and a flow of new members ensures that all youth voices are heard."

New members are chosen yearly for two-year terms and can serve up to two terms total. Team officers are elected once a year by their peers. To learn more about leadership programming in Illinois 4-H, please visit the 4-H Leadership Page.

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## Other Business

Board members Megan Beeler, Bev McCoy and Richard Wendel were absent from the meeting.

Following the *Pledge of Allegiance*, the board unanimously approved the monthly mileage and per diem requests, as well as the minutes from the previous meeting.

Under the consent agenda, Probation Chief Managing Officer Banee Ulrici reported her office received a \$16,000 planning grant for the implementation of a mental health court in Montgomery County (similar to the Drug Court program). This summer, they will also be applying for an implementation grant for this program.

Ulrici added that her office is also the recipient of a SIM workshop, which offers a two-day training and community needs assessment to help fill in the gaps.

In a final note, Ulrici said her office lost a pre-trial officer in March, and that the state is transitioning to take over pre-trial in July.

Dave Strowmatt of the Veterans Assistance Commission told the board he would be out of the office in the coming week for a couple of training conferences.

## Liaison Reports

Board member Earlene Robinson reported the 708 Board is now accepting funding applications for the 2022-2023 year. Applications are due June 30.

In 911 news, board member Bill Bergen reported the state is sweeping \$5 million in 911 funds to help fund the 988 (mental health crisis phone number). Bergen estimates that could cost Montgomery County as much as \$12,000 per year, although he added there is a fight ongoing about the funding at the state level.

Board member Andy Ritchie said the Planning Commission continues its work on the battery storage ordinance. They are also working on an ordinance for carbon dioxide storage in the ground, as well as an update to the county's Comprehensive Plan. Ritchie noted they are meeting more often than normal to accomplish these goals.

In Senior Citizens news, board member Ron Deabenderfer noted the group is once again meeting for meals, which hadn't been happening in person due to the pandemic.

In a final note, Chairman Evan Young reported things were moving along with the reorganization of the West Central Development Council, and they received a positive audit on their work so far.

## Coordinating

In addition to the presentation from Cross Over Ministries, Young reported the information systems department is busy installing new computers. Young asked about the phone issues at the highway department, and Engineer Cody Greenwood said they have not been checked yet.

In EMA news, EMA Director Kevin Schott said they are waiting on information from FEMA about the hazardous mitigation grant.

Young said the Rules Committee will present changes and recommendations to the board at the June meeting.

## Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds Chairman Bob Sneed reported the committee is working on painting and fixing the exterior of the Historic Courthouse. He noted that contrary to what is being published on social media, the county is not painting the band around the Historic Courthouse, but rather masonry restoration is being done. In addition, he said they are fixing some air conditioning leaks.

Sneed said they continue to work on new fob locks for the Historic Courthouse, and are awaiting parts for the project.

The board unanimously approved up to \$19,300 to Hurst-Rosche for a design proposal for new sidewalks around the Historic Courthouse. Sneed said they had been talking about it for more than a year and a half.

"It's bigger than what we can do ourselves, and we want to do it right," Sneed said.

Board member Jeremy

Jones asked what the bid entailed, noting he felt that was a lot of money to spend for someone to tell the board where to put sidewalks.

Sneed said the company will help walk the county through the process, draw up blueprints, help with bidding and look for grant funding to help with the process. He added that the sidewalks will have to be able to withstand heavy machinery used to fix the courthouse.

Board member Russ Beason said the county is not responsible for the entire footprint to the street, and Sneed said the city is also responsible for part of the project.

"It might not pan out, but we want to show Hillsboro that we're serious about this," Sneed said.

Sneed said his committee continues to discuss a new generator for the jail and the possibility of using \$26,000 in ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds for it.

The board unanimously approved a sole bid from Young's Roofing for up to \$23,260 for a new roof on the Annex Building on Main Street in Hillsboro.

"They come when they say they will come and they stand behind what they do," Sneed said.

In a final note, Sneed said Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser got a grant to put more secure doors in the voting area, and the doors and trim have been painted as well.

## Development

Ron Deabenderfer of the Development Committee offered the monthly committee report.

He said the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation plans to kick off phase two of the CORI project in July. The corporation will pay the \$25,000 fee, and there will be a kick-off event in May. The program helps to assess regional strengths and assets, as well as challenges and opportunities.

Deabenderfer said the Revolving Loan Fund still exists, though doesn't loan money to businesses at this time because interest rates from banks are so low.

In a tourism update, the committee approved a second round of tourism grants, as a couple of the applicants missed the first deadline. Deabenderfer said they could have less funding in the future, due to the closure of the Grand Magnuson in Raymond. Tourism Grant applications are due June 2, at 3:30 p.m.

In a bike trail update, Deabenderfer said it had not been inspected lately, but State's Attorney Andrew Affrunti had been sending letters about the clean-up.

## Finance

Finance Committee Chairman Russ Beason said his committee held a marathon meeting, discussing the dispersal of the county's \$5.5 million in ARPA funds. Department heads and office holders for the county attended the meeting to share their wish list items with the committee. Beason said he was very impressed with their requests.

The full board unanimously approved a classification of priorities list for use of the ARPA money, including life safety and statutory requirements, non-deferrable upgrades, day-to-day operations, deferrable upgrades to maintenance and repair and finally morale, welfare and recreation. Ritchie gave examples of projects that would fall into each of the categories during his presentation.

Bergen asked who would be responsible to categorizing the requests, and Beason said the finance committee would.

Board member Mark Hughes said he felt the board should look at county requests ahead of municipalities and other groups. Robinson said there wouldn't be any money leftover if they funded all the county requests first.

Beason said one consideration was that the county had coal royalty funding to help with some projects, while other communities in the county don't have access to additional resources.

The county will host a meeting for municipal mayors on May 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to hear their wish lists.

Beason said it would only be information sharing and no decisions would be made at this meeting.

Some board members expressed concern that since the county hosted earlier round table events with municipalities, some would be disappointed if the county didn't share the funding.

Originally, ARPA money was stipulated to be used in only five ways, but Treasurer Nikki Lohman said those have been eliminated and the funding may be used on government services now.

Board member Doug Donaldson said the county was never obligated to spend the money on outside projects, noting the coal royalty funding could end at any time.

Sneed added that many of the local municipalities also got their own ARPA funding.

Beason said he felt the priority classification presented by Ritchie was a good way to evaluate projects, and they would be looking at ways to disperse the money in the next few weeks.

Young said they are considering using ARPA funds to help update the county's now out-of-date Comprehensive Plan. They could use funding to hire a consultant to help with the project.

The board voted to spend some of the already allocated ARPA funding for several technology updates, including \$16,313.44 for new phones at the new courthouse, \$5,500 for network monitoring, \$7,500 for software licensing and \$15,000 for county-wide multi-factor authentication for employees.

Board members also unanimously approved an intergovernmental agreement between the county, the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and ETSB (911) for the centralized emergency dispatch center, which is already in operation. Beason noted that since the county's population dropped below 30,000 in the 2020 census, the salary for the state's attorney would drop as well, starting in July.

Beason said that a new state statue requires the county to fund the sheriff's salary at 80 percent of the state's attorney's salary, effective Dec. 1. In July, the state will begin paying two-third of the sheriff's salary.

The board unanimously approved several resolutions about the sheriff's salary. They established the sheriff's salary at \$79,067. They also approved a resolution to establish the salary of the sheriff, pending approval of the state's attorney. And in a final motion, they removed the sheriff from the list of elected officials salaries (which includes the county clerk and treasurer).

The board also unanimously approved an update to the salary schedule for the probation department, in compliance with state mandates. Ulrici said in March of this year, the state suggested updating compensation for probation officers to align with what the state pays. Ulrici said it was adopted by the chief judge and went into effect on April 12. She said the state fully covers the expenses with the exception of increases in employee benefits.

Beason said it's becoming an ongoing problem to keep employees because of compensation. Sheriff Rick Robbins added he hired a new employee who previously worked for an international company in Litchfield, and was planning to return there after only a week and a half with the county, due to compensation.

"It's something we have to keep in our sights," Beason said. "It's going to be an ongoing problem."

Beason said the county submitted its information for the DCEO Energy Community Reinvestment Act Grant.

In coal royalty funding, Beason said the county has \$5 million earmarked for reserves and emergency back-up.

In a final note, Beason said the county finally received funding from the FEMA grant, for expenses during the pandemic.

## Personnel

Personnel Committee Chairman Bill Bergen said the county's health insurance representative was unable to attend the committee meeting, but would provide an update

at a later date.

Bergen said that union negotiations with Local 148 (Circuit Clerk's office) will be held on Tuesday, May 24, beginning at 5 p.m. The committee plans to have their regular meeting at that time, however, they did keep their regular May 26 meeting date open in case they need it.

In a final note, Bergen said that Supervisor of Assessors Ray Durston has submitted his notice of intent to retire on Nov. 30. Durston suggested trying to find a replacement a few months ahead of that for training and testing.

## Road and Bridge

Road and Bridge Committee Chairman Gene Miles said Walshville President Joy McDonald attended the committee meeting about the issues with the Walshville Road. Miles said she agreed to go back to the village board and get in writing what they hope the county can help with.

The board unanimously approved several right of way acquisition purchases for the Whitetown Bridge project in East Fork Township. They approved \$500 for .146 acres from the Lawler Trust, \$12,500 for 1.423 acres from Ron and Crystal Lawler and \$7,576 for 2.089 acres from Louis Bisto.

Miles reported they hired Joey Hapner as the new Highway Department mechanic to replace a retiree.

Miles said they are still working on proposals on a project on the Coffeen Road and Seven Sisters intersection.

He added that they are looking ahead to equipment needs as it could take as long as 18 to 24 months to get a new truck after it's been ordered.

In a final note, Miles said that Greenwood made a bid list for a shed at the old Highway Department on Seymour Avenue in Hillsboro. Information is available on the county's website.

## Safety and Elections

Safety and Elections Committee Chairman Mark Hughes said things were going well in the ambulance billing department. He added they are still discussing oversight of that department.

In elections news, Leitheiser reported there will be an open house on Monday, May 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. open to the public to see the new voting equipment, purchased with ARPA funding. Leitheiser added it's very similar to the old system.

In EPA news, County Coordinator Chris Daniels said she and David Jenkins would be visiting several sites this week, including the Green Diamond Bike Trail.

Hughes said they hosted an electronics recycling drive in Litchfield on April 30, with upcoming dates in Nokomis on May 14 and Hillsboro on Sept. 17, both from 9 a.m. to noon.

In Animal Control news, Hughes said the pressure washer is working well. He added they have five cats and 16 dogs. Hughes said he continues to work with local mayors on the animal control ordinance. They made some changes to the three-year contract approved by the board last month, including the opportunity to opt out after one year, and the charge for bite cases.

## Appointments

The board unanimously approved the appointment of Jodi Summers to the Coffee Fire Protection District Board.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Ulrici invited the board to the upcoming Drug Court graduation on Friday, May 27, at 2 p.m.

After approval of monthly bills, Young opened discussion about restructuring of the county's seven standing committees as the board moves from 21 members to 14 members after the November general election.

Having already discussed the restructuring twice during full board meetings, Young said the Rules Committee was looking for guidance from the board, who discussed the matter for nearly 30 minutes on Tuesday.

Board member Jeremy Jones said his big issue was that if the board shifts to three committees from seven, there would be fewer voices on the Coordinating Committee, driving the agenda of the full board meeting. Currently,

the Coordinating Committee includes the board's chairman and vice chairman, as well as committee chairman of the other six committees.

Jones suggested if the county moves to three committees, inviting the committee vice chairman to be part of the Coordinating Committee as well. With 14 members of the full board, no committee can include a quorum of the majority, which is seven members.

Board member Earlene Robinson said the full board has only six more meetings until the board is reorganized, and after that, county business will still have to continue.

"We're reinventing the wheel, but that wheel still has to function come December," she said. "We've talked about this long enough. It's time to get it figured out for the new board."

The board hopes to have new committees in place this summer, and looks to go from

seven committees (six plus coordinating) to four committees (three plus coordinating).

State's Attorney Andrew Affrunti suggested pairing road and bridge with building and grounds, finance with personnel and safety and elections with development. Greenwood said he hopes the road and bridge committee will remain on its own.

The board is looking at the length of each committee meeting, and some members worried pairing personnel and finance could make for some long meetings, especially during union negotiations. Young suggested they could pair development and finance and then personnel with safety and elections. Discussions will continue next month.

The board voted to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. They will meet again on Tuesday, June 14, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro.

# Eaden Fleming Receives May Degree In Springfield

Eaden Fleming of Litchfield graduated in April from the Midwest Technical Institute in Springfield with a massage therapist license.

A 2018 graduate of Litchfield High School, she is the daughter of Dan Fleming and Heather Fleming.

After graduation, she plans to begin working under chiropractor Amy Mullins in Litchfield once her license is processed through the state.



Eaden Fleming

## Weather Forecast

Thu 12	88°/63°		Partly Cloudy	↗ 11%
Fri 13	85°/64°		Mostly Sunny	↗ 11%
Sat 14	77°/61°		Scattered Thunderstorms	↗ 58%
Sun 15	79°/55°		PM Thunderstorms	↗ 40%
Mon 16	75°/55°		Mostly Sunny	↗ 5%
Tue 17	74°/59°		Partly Cloudy	↗ 21%
Wed 18	77°/64°		AM Thunderstorms	↗ 37%



Winning best of show honors at this year's Evening with the Arts event was Lily Allen, who created a beautiful portrait of Busch Stadium in St. Louis, MO. *Journal-News/Bethany Martin*

# Lily Allen Wins Best Of Show At Litchfield High

The Litchfield Fine Arts Department hosted its annual "Evening with the Arts" event on Thursday, May 5, in Panther Gym at Litchfield High School.

There were hundreds of art pieces displayed throughout the gym to be judged accordingly.

This year's lead curator was Lily Allen, who took home best of show overall with her portrait of Busch Stadium. Allen's artwork has consistently placed at the visual arts showcase event throughout her high school career.

Several students were awarded for their pieces in several different categories. In the painting division, Isabelle Murphy won first place.

In sculpture, Garrett Flitz earned first place. Alyssa Loyd took home bragging rights as she placed first in the drawing and design category.

In addition to the art show, members of the band performed special selections for all to enjoy.

Those assisting with the event include Brady Davidson, Mackenzie Emerson, Mackenzie Cunningham, Caleb Mazenko, Emmalie Bradburn, Keaton Case, Braydon Davis, Audrey Fischer, Luke Davis, Isabelle Murphy, Garrett Flitz, Bryce Glisson, Drew Hartzell, Rylie Hester, Angel Jarden, Gabe Jeffers, Mallory McIn, Nicole Sawyers, Josh Schoen, Alexis Zeller, Harlee Traylor and Daisy Adams.

## Detmers No Hitter

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Making it even more amazing, Detmers was throwing to a new catcher, Chad Wallach, who was called up on Monday and had caught Detmers just once in Spring Training. Wallach contributed from both sides of the plate, doing a masterful job in handling his young pitcher and drilling a three-run home run in the second that made it 5-0 at the time. The Angels hit four home runs total on Tuesday, with two by Mike Trout and one by Anthony Rendon, to make sure Detmers had plenty of run support.

As far as outside support, Detmers had plenty of that too. Messages from friends, family and fans, particularly from Nokomis and central

Illinois, dotted social media throughout the night, despite the final out coming after 11 p.m. central time.

In the short-term, the win helped the Angels improve to 21-11 on the young season, where they are a game ahead of Houston in the American League West. But Angels manager Joe Maddon hopes that the accomplishment will help Detmers as the season, and his career, goes on as well.

"It's life-altering, in a sense, as a young man and a Major League player," Maddon said in the press conference after the game. "Hopefully, we're going to get a lot of residue at the end of that, because he's capable. That's how he should pitch and that's what he should look like more often."

## Nokomis Council

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The city has also been approved for a \$600,000 federal grant to help cover the water plant costs. Though the total amount of the project is \$600,000, the federal government will cover \$480,000 with the city picking up the remainder of the costs.

Commissioners agreed that there needs to be transparency for city residents in the city's plans for these water improvement measures. To that end, the council will host a town hall meeting to share

the options and improvement plans. The meeting was set for Thursday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Park Community Center.

In other action, the council approved a contract with Wareham Security of Taylorville for the purchase and installation of security cameras at City Park and Shane Cole Memorial Park. The cost is approximately \$13,000.

Finally, the city approved building permits for fences at 619 School Street, 310 West Front Street and 405 North Vine Street.

## Hillsboro School Board

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The superintendent also asked the board to consider raising capitol fund expenses to \$900,000 to more adequately reflect expenses.

After that, the board transferred \$200,000 from the working cash fund to the transportation fund.

Pre-K Principal Marci Gutierrez and teacher Sarah VanMiddendorp described to board members an award the program received for inclusion of all children in the education setting, regardless of any special needs.

"This award is a testament to our teachers, staff, and service providers," VanMiddendorp said.

Lyn Sellers followed that up by thanking the school district for the education her son received on the eve of his graduation this month. Shortly after starting school, he was diagnosed with hyperlexia, a rare diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

"The difference made has been the quality of our educators that have taught my son," Sellers said. "I encourage you to strive to continue and expand offering these services. Every kid needs to feel they have something to give to the

community, whether they are verbal, mobile or not. I want to thank you for all you've done for my family."

At the request of high school Principal Patti Heyen, the board gave permission for eight members of the school FFA chapter to attend the state convention and an officer retreat. Expenses are paid by FFA alumni.

After a closed session, the board accepted several resignations: from teachers Brooke Butler, Josh Horn, and Sidney Webster; from aides Marsha Voyles and Haley Newton; from bus aide Rachel Ondesko; and from bus mechanic Joey Hapner. They accepted a letter of intent to retire from secretary Barb Winkler.

Kayla Gerber was hired as high school English Teacher, Sam Plum as high school industrial arts teacher, Larry Blevins as high school business teacher, and Joe Reed as high school PE teacher. The board also hired Kelly Powell as part-time high school student resources coordinator, Marian Williams as high school girls tennis coach, and Corbin Govaia as high school boys basketball coach with Sam Plum as assistant coach.



## Raymond Grade School Students Hold Spring Concert

Above, Raymond Grade School's fifth graders play their recorders during the school's annual spring concert on Tuesday evening, May 10. The concert was held in the auditorium at Lincolnwood High School and was organized and conducted by music teacher Mrs. Sarah Weatherford (above). The Kindergarten through second grade students at Raymond and Farmersville Grade Schools performed at 6:15 p.m., and were followed by the third, fourth and fifth grade students at RGS. Each of the concerts included an array of familiar tunes. The younger students focused on "folk songs and favorites" while their older classmates performed pieces centered around "amazing animals."

*Raymond News Photo*

## Hillsboro City Council

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In a related matter, the council approved sending notice of the closure of part of Rt. 16/127 for the big parade Thursday evening to IDOT.

Finance Commissioner Duncan presented bills of \$396,132.09 for approval of payment. That motion was approved unanimously, as were all actions requiring a vote. She also said in the time allotted for Commissioner and Mayor reports that the next fiscal year budget is prepared but needs some restructuring because of requests for Capital Improvement funds.

Commissioner Butler was grateful because the city was offered 190 feet of property at no cost at the north end of Briarwood Drive which will allow for the extension of that road. The gift solves a problem for the city because when that subdivision was built, two houses were erected too near what had been city property. Butler and Hantla said the transfer was a work in progress.

He asked permission to purchase vinyl fencing to place under the billboard travelers see as they turn the corner by the Presbyterian Church. Butler said, "It's an eye-sore now." City workers will install the fence to make

the billboard more palatable for passersby.

Later in the meeting Butler asked for feedback about converting two one-way streets into two-way roads. One is the northern entrance to Central Park; currently it and the southern entrance are one-way with the exit one-way up the hill via Water Street. He thinks the northern approach is wide enough to allow cars to pass going in opposite directions (the southern approach is not). Butler commented that when Central Park was the hub of summer softball and baseball activities, parked cars along the entrance kept it from viability as a two-way street, but since those activities are now centered at the Sports Complex, Chief Leatham said it would be safer if cars could exit north onto Seward Street.

Another area open for consideration is Church Street, which currently allows north bound traffic only. That presents problems for large trucks delivering materials to Hillsboro Electric.

In a personnel matter, the council approved hiring Olivia Hefley for general office help during the summer. She will be part-time only.

A \$2,000 facade grant will be awarded to Teresa Taylor to help with an estimated ex-

pense of \$4,467.49 to upgrade the front of the building which once housed Gianni's at 211 S. Main. Another \$2,000 grant was approved for Brian Lee and Stan Huber for the building they own at 505 South Main. The estimated cost of that upgrade is \$4,480.

Mayor Downs expressed two concerns: 34 yards around town have not seen a mower yet this spring, and he feels the city must reinstate an animal control ordinance because the number of dog bites have escalated.

New City Planner Sarah McConnell made her first presentation to the council; she spent her first days on the job last week exploring the town and meeting people. Now she's organizing documents; one of her first tasks is putting together a community calendar.

As the last agenda item, Butler asked the council if there were a way to prioritize the project list they have or will have. He also said the playground equipment for Central Park has been ordered, with an estimated time of arrival in six to eight weeks. The council also agreed to keep their line of credit for \$300,000 with Bank of Hillsboro as a "just in case" precaution.

Butler gave praise for the

work both the Streets Department and the Parks and Public Properties Department has done over the past two weeks. Mowing will continue as the weather warms. Young's Roofing has finished putting a new roof on the flat porch of the Challacombe House; the pool is being prepared for its upcoming opening, and multiple wiring problems at the campground are being repaired. The street crew is blacktopping, filling pot holes, and milling street surfaces where necessary.

Utility Commissioner Wright reported the heavy rains have washed soil into the lakes but water quality hasn't been impacted. The cost of chlorine has risen 10%, and more increases are anticipated. The city and Woodard & Curran are researching a new, cheaper type of CVC pipe. She also said the city should know the fate of their loan requests for help constructing a new sewer plant soon.

Chief Leatham's written report listed 215 separate calls received since April 26; they were broken down into 47 categories. Forty-four traffic stops were made. Most of the calls came on a Monday.

The council next meets on Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

## DuQuoin State Fair Turns 100 Years Old In August

The Du Quoin State Fair will celebrate 100 years when it kicks off Aug. 26.

To mark the century milestone, a project to plant 100 trees on the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds was completed fittingly on Earth Day. Different varieties of trees were chosen to be planted including the state tree of Illinois, the White Oak.

Several Du Quoin High

School students, as well as a handful of local 4-H members helped complete the project around the grounds. Also on hand to help were First Lady MK Pritzker and Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) Director Jerry Costello II.

"To see our youth come together, not only to celebrate 100 years of this great fair, but to help beautify these historic

grounds is heartwarming," said First Lady MK Pritzker. "I look forward to watching these trees grow and become a part of these grounds as we celebrate the 100th Du Quoin State Fair in August."

The Du Quoin State Fair also announced the theme for 2022 "Celebrating a Century." Honoring the 100th Anniversary of traditions that started as an event to attract people

from all over southern Illinois, now attracts people from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri while also serving as a \$6 million economic engine for the region.

To submit photos for the 100th Anniversary email them to [agr.dqfairinfo@illinois.gov](mailto:agr.dqfairinfo@illinois.gov). The 2022 Du Quoin State Fair runs Aug. 26 through Sept. 5.



## Local Shoppers Enjoy Farmersville Market

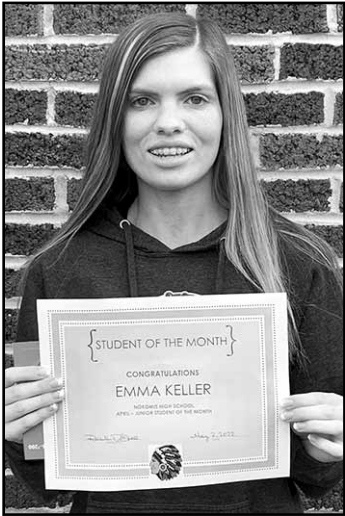
A bright, sunny day made for a great time to shop at the Small Town Dreamers Market on Saturday, May 7, held on the Farmersville Square. Local residents delighted in showing their support for small businesses that showcased their unique items as part of the market. In addition to the vendors, there was live music, breakfast served by the Farmersville Knights of Columbus, mimosa and bloody mary bar at The Uptown Saloon and more. The next Small Town Dreamers Market is planned for Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Farmersville Square.



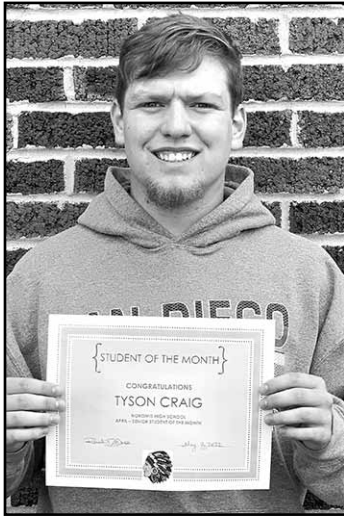
**Elizabeth Hill**



**Reece Lohman**



**Emma Keller**



**Tyson Craig**

## Nokomis Recognizes April Students Of Month

Nokomis High School (NHS) has announced its April students of the month, Elizabeth Hill, Reece Lohman, Emma Keller and Tyson Craig.

### Elizabeth Hill

Elizabeth Hill is a freshman at Nokomis High School and the daughter of Bridget and Dave Hill. Her most significant talent is volleyball because she spends most of her time practicing sports, but loves volleyball the most. Hill's biggest accomplishment is being a part of a majority freshman poultry judging team and winning at the section level in FFA, as well as placing in the top ten at the state level, she says it was

out of her comfort zone, but glad she tried something new. Hill says she is self-motivated and always tells herself to go one step further and do better than she did before. After high school graduation, Hill plans to study animal science or something in the medical field.

### Reece Lohman

Reece Lohman is a sophomore at NHS and the son of Trent and Nikki Lohman. His most significant skill is his athletic ability. To finish the statement "if at first you don't succeed...rethink and reaproach." Following high school graduation, Lohman wants to attend the University of Illinois to study computer

science.

### Emma Keller

Emma Keller is a junior at Nokomis High School and the daughter of Paul T. and Sheila Keller. To set an example for other students is being in the National Honor Society. She works hard in all her classes, is the junior class vice-president, a member of the student council and helps tutor younger students so they can succeed as well. Her favorite quote is "If you continue to think the way you've always thought, you'll continue to get what you've always got," by Kevin Trudeau. Keller plans to graduate with high honors and go to college to be a radiologist technician.

### Tyson Craig

Tyson Craig is a senior at NHS and the son of Jill Carroll and Mark Craig. His family motivates him the most. Craig finishes the statement "if at first you don't succeed get up and try again." His favorite quote is "Don't give up today because tomorrow might be the day you win," by Raphael Judge.

Nokomis High Schools' Student of the Month program is sponsored by Dairy Queen, Ugly Mugs, and Casey's of Nokomis. This month's article was written by Presley Lamb, a senior at Nokomis High School.

# Out & About

8A - Thursday, May 12, 2022



## First Pickers Market Draws Crowd

Beautiful weather on Mother's Day made for a hugely successful opening to the season for the Litchfield Pickers Market. Hundreds of visitors descended on downtown Litchfield on Sunday, May 8, looking for some great buys. The first event of the season also included a variety of food vendors, as well as live entertainment by Avery Kern and Downstate throughout the day. The next Litchfield Pickers Market will be held Sunday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.visitlitchfield.com](http://www.visitlitchfield.com) or call 217-324-8147.

## Chamber Announces Golf Scramble

The Litchfield Chamber of Commerce announces its annual golf tournament, a four-person scramble on Friday, June 10 at the Litchfield Country Club.

Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. on June 10. Stick around for networking and lunch until noon.

Welcome and shotgun start is at 12:00 p.m. A fresh lunch will be served from the grill featuring hamburgers, hot-dogs and chips compliments of Niemann Grain Farms. Enjoy a free drink on behalf of Timber Creek Village.

Then at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. celebrate a great day of golf

by heading back to the clubhouse to hear music from Hunter Sharp, provided by Ameriprise Financial.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., is an awards presentation and buffet style dinner of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, tortellini, green beans, corn and dinners rolls - all made possible by Bank & Trust Company.

From 7 to 8 p.m. enjoy a good margarita made by Cory Evans and his Country Financial team while listening to more of local musician extraordinaire, Hunter Sharp.

First place winners of the golf scramble will receive

\$300; second place \$200; and third place \$100. Awards will also be given to male and female closest to the pin, longest drive, and longest putt. The awards presentation is sponsored by HSHS St. Francis.

Golf towels will be given out to all participants, courtesy of Montgomery County Realty Professionals, Inc.

If you'd like to be a hole sponsor, contact the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce. Your business name/logo will be displayed at the tee and listed as an event supporter in event materials. The chamber email address is [info@litchfield-chamber.com](mailto:info@litchfield-chamber.com).



## Master Gardeners Sell Over 300 Baskets

Members of the Montgomery County Master Gardeners stayed busy April 29-30, as they sold over 300 hanging baskets at the parking lot of Brown's Insurance in downtown Hillsboro. Happy shoppers had a wide selection of colors and varieties to choose from. All proceeds benefit the Montgomery County Farmers' Institute, which is planned for later this fall.

I am hosting a  
**VENDOR FAIR**  
This Saturday, May 14th  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Main Street Market  
(Hosted by Hometown Hub)  
210 W. Main St., Coffeen  
There will be 20 vendors, plus  
a food truck (Shine on BBQ).  
We do have a rain date of June 4th scheduled.

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## Frida's Tacos Caters To Casual Diners

by Tori O'Dell

Frida's Tacos held a soft opening at 103 Seyborn Avenue in Taylor Springs on Tuesday, May 10. An offshoot of Lomas del Sol in Hillsboro, the new restaurant is owned by Sandy Torres and Saul and Lupita Quiroz, and will be a more casual version of the already popular Mexican restaurant.

"Mexican cuisine is very expansive," Torres explained. "We have so many ideas and menu items that we would like to try and opening a less formal restaurant will give us an opportunity to play around with some of our visions and bring something new to the community while still offering the more traditional items that our customers already love at Lomas."

Inspired by the Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, one of Torres' personal favorites, the new restaurant is filled with vibrant colors and greenery, the decor a mixture of clean modern lines and more traditional culturally-inspired pieces. Kahlo's paintings often feature root imagery, tying her subjects to the ground and reflecting her own sense of connection with her country, a symbolism not lost on Torres who sees Frida's Tacos as her own way of connecting her homeland, Jalisco, Mexico, a western state fringing on the Pacific Ocean, with that of her two children, both native to Hillsboro.

"I have always been drawn to Frida's work and the way that she took her own adversity and transformed it into something powerful and inspirational," said Torres. "I followed my sister, Lupita, and brother-in-law, Saul, to Hillsboro and the community has always been so welcoming and supportive of us that we feel compelled to do what we can to invest ourselves back into it. This is where my children were born and I want Frida's Tacos to be a way to



Hillsboro's newest eatery, Frida's Tacos, hopes to offer a more relaxed atmosphere than a traditional restaurant. From the left, are owners Lupita Quiroz and Sandy Torres, and Ari and Leo Lipe. Not pictured is Saul Quiroz.

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bring something good to their hometown while also leaving a little bit of my own culture in their place."

Quiroz and Torres envision Frida's Tacos as a relaxed environment where people feel comfortable hanging out and grabbing a few drinks and tacos after work, with more of a taco stand vibe than the feeling of a traditional sit down restaurant. Frida's will offer both indoor and outdoor seating options. The menu includes street tacos, burritos, nachos, quesadillas and other Mexican fare, as well as items for pickier eaters like chicken tenders and ponyshoes. Frida's will also serve an array of cerveza and specialty drinks, both

alcoholic and non-alcoholic. The sisters hope that the new eatery will become a popular gathering spot for locals and visitors alike.

Torres will manage most of the day-to-day aspects of the family's new restaurant and plans to feel out public interest before setting concrete hours of operation. She hopes to be open on weekdays and weekends and potentially offer some late night hours depending on staff availability. Frida's Tacos is currently looking for summer help and encourages those interested to come in for an application.

Menus and future hours of operation can be found on the "Frida's Tacos" page on Facebook.

## Cross Over Plans Art Class, Walk

Cross Over Ministries' Second Saturday Art Class will be postponed until the third Saturday, May 21, beginning at 10 a.m. on the second story of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau building in Hillsboro.

A free weaving lesson, called "Support Net," will be presented by Diane Singler.

The focus of the lesson will be to take time to evaluate your support system. Participants will learn how to create a woven art piece, where strands of material symbolically represent each component or member of your support system. Ideas will be explored for improving your existing support system.

All materials will be provided. Children under 12 are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. To register, contact Diane Singler at [dianesingler@gmail.com](mailto:dianesingler@gmail.com) or call 217-851-5424.

In addition to the art class, Cross Over Ministries is planning a Let's Taco 'Bout Mental Health Awareness Walk, which will kick off before the art class, beginning at 9 a.m.

The walk will start at 102 N. Main Street in Hillsboro. The registration fee is \$20 and includes a T-shirt and one taco. Participants must register by Sunday, May 15, to receive a shirt.

Those interested may pre-

register for the event by visiting [www.crossovernfp.com](http://www.crossovernfp.com) and clicking the "Mental Health Walk" button. Registration will be held from 8:30 to 9 a.m. the day of the event.

All proceeds will benefit mental health programs for Montgomery County. For more information, call 217-608-0266.

Cross Over Ministries is a Christ-centered community committed to cultivating mental health opportunities in Montgomery County and beyond. For more information about Cross Over Ministries, please go to their Facebook or to their website, [www.crossovernfp.com](http://www.crossovernfp.com).

## Meals On Wheels Plans Hawaii Theme

Each year in May, we commemorate Older Americans Month (OAM) to encourage and recognize the countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Their time, experience, and talents enrich the lives of those around them.

The Meals on Wheels of

C.E.F.S. will be celebrating OAM with a Hawaiian menu and theme at their local nutrition sites on Wednesday, May 25.

The national theme focuses on "Age My Way" and director Debbie Weber invites all seniors to do just that.

The special Hawaiian

menu for May 25 will be: pork loin with sauce, twice baked potatoes, broccoli salad and Hawaiian roll. Dessert is pineapple upside down cake with topping and served with milk.

Make your reservations before May 20 by calling 217-532-3662.

## St. Paul's Cancels May Rummage Sale

Members of the Hope Circle at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro have announced

they are cancelling the rummage sale.

Originally scheduled for

May 20-21, the group has postponed the sale and it will be held at a later date.

## DRIVE-THRU MOSTACCIOLI DINNER

Sunday, May 15

Behind St. Agnes Catholic Church, Hillsboro

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mostaccioli, Salad, Bread and Dessert for \$10

CARRYOUTS ONLY

Proceeds to benefit St. Agnes Parish

## ELECTION 2022

MEET YOUR CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR US AND ILLINOIS OFFICES

Friday, May 13 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Half Time Bar & Grill • 206 S. Main • Hillsboro

- **US SENATE - PEGGY HUBBARD**
- **US CONGRESS - MARY MILLER**
- **ILLINOIS GOVERNOR - PAUL SCHIMPF**
- **50<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT STATE SENATOR - STEVE MCCLURE**
- **102<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT STATE REPRESENTATIVE - BRAD HALBROOK**

Candidates will be available for questions and comments.

No cost or charge. Light refreshment provided.

Paid for by Conservative Republicans.



Pictured above, from the left, Dave and his son Levi Weir are among those who volunteered their time to help those in need.

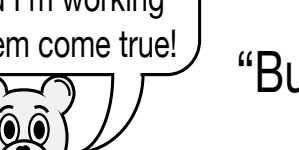
Pictured above, from the left are Dr. David Lett, Litchfield School District CTE director, Jeff Weichel NGK Spark Plugs regional sales manager, Eric Gray, Litchfield High School automotive instructor, Earl Flack, president and CEO of McKay NAPA Auto Parts and Scott Mountford, chief operating officer of McKay NAPA Auto Parts.

THURSDAY EVENING							MAY 12, 2022					
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
CABLE BROADCAST	ABC	Station 19 (TV14) (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		(C) Big Sky (N)		Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline	
	CBS	Young (N)		The United		Ghosts		How We	Bull (TV14) (N)	Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)	Corden
	NBC	Law & Order: (TV14) (N)		Law & Order: SVU (N)		Organized Crime (N)		Local	Tonight Show (TV14)		Late Night	
	FOX	MasterChef Junior (N)		Welcome to Flatch (N)		Local Programs (TV14)				Local Programs (TV14)		
	ION	Chicago P.D. (TV14)		Chicago P.D.: "Switch"		Chicago P.D.: "Home"		Chicago P.D.: "Fallen"		Chicago P.D. (TV14)		
CABLE ORIGINAL	A&E	The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TVPG)		The First 48 (TV14)		
	AMC	Tombstone (93, R) ★★½		Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.		Tombstone (93, R) ★★½		Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.				
	ANIMAL	Deadliest Catch (TV14)		Deadliest Catch (TV14)		Deadliest Catch (TV14)		Born Mucky (TVPG) (N)		Deadliest Catch (TV14)		
	BET	(6:00) Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (††)				Blue Streak (99, PG-13) ★★½		Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson.		Martin		
	BRAVO	Top Chef (TV14) (N)		Watch What		Top Chef: Family Style		(4:46) Big Daddy (99, PG-13) ★★½		Adam Sandler.		
	CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Boondocks	Birdgirl		
	CMT	Man	Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Golden	Golden	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°		CNN Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Anderson Cooper 360°		
	GOWN	(2:10) The Office (TV14)		The Office		The Office		Daily (N)		S. Park		
	COMEDY	(2:10) The Office (TV14)		The Office		The Office		Daily (N)		S. Park		
DISCOVERY	Mysteries (TVPG)		(C) Mysteries (TVPG)		(C) Mysteries (TVPG)		(C) Mysteries (TVPG)		Mysteries (TVPG)			
DISNEY	Amphibia		Amphibia	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	(C) Miraculous	Miraculous	Jessie	Jessie		
E!	Dirty Dancing (TZ)		Coyote Ugly (00, PG-13) ★★½		Piper Perabo.		Welcome		Nightly (N)	Sex & City	Sex & City	
ESPN	(1:10) 2022 NBA Playoffs: Miami vs Philadelphia (Live)		Miami vs Philadelphia (Live)				2022 NBA Playoffs : West Series Gm 6: Phoenix vs Dallas					
ESPN2	Sports Special : "2022 Schedule Release" (Live)		(Live)		Hey Rookie		Hey Rookie	SportsCenter	SportsCenter			
FOOD	Restaurant: Impossible		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	BBQ Brawl: Play v. Symon (TV G)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby		
PREFORM	The Office		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The 700 Club (TV G)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons		
FX	Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw (†R)				Atlanta (N)	Atlanta	(1:18) Atlanta (TVMA)	(5:57) Baby Driver (†R)				
HGTV	Windy City Rehab		Windy City Rehab (N)		Hunters		Hunters	Hunters	Windy City Rehab	Windy City Rehab		
HISTORY	Swamp People (TVPG)		Swamp People (TVPG) (N)		(3:30) Swamp People : "Full Mayhem"		Swamp People (TVPG)					
LIFETIME	The Mentalist (TV14)		The Mentalist (TV14)		The Mentalist (TV14)		The Mentalist (TV14)		The Mentalist (TV14)			
MTV	Ex on the Beach (N)		Siesta Key (TVPG) (N)		MTV Cribs		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous		
NEWSNAT	NewsNation		Dan Abrams Live		Barfield		NewsNation		Dan Abrams Live			
NICK	SpongeBob		SpongeBob	SpongeBob SquarePants (04) ★★½	SpongeBob		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
PARMT	Movie						Yellowstone (TVMA)		Movie			
SYFY	Hard Vengeance (95)		Live Free or Die Hard (07, PG-13) ★★½		Bruce Willis, Timothy Olyphant.				Mortal Engines (†R) ★★½			
TBS	Bang		Bang		2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs NHL postseason. (Live)				Rat in the Kitchen			
TLC	Piccadilly (29, NR) ★½		Gilda Gray.		Shanghai Express (32, NR) ★★½		(4:50) Daughter of the Dragon (31)					
TCM	Dr. Pimple Popper		My Feet Are Killing Me		My Strangle		Save My Skin (TV14)		Dr. Pimple Popper			
TNT	(6:30) 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs Postseason.				2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs NHL postseason.							
TRAVEL	Paranormal (TVPG)		Paranormal (TVPG) (N)		Paranormal (TVPG)		Paranormal (TVPG)		Paranormal (TVPG)			
TV LAND	Loves Ray.		Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens		
USA	Chicago Fire (TV14)		Chicago Fire (TV14)		Chicago Fire (TV14)		Chicago Fire (TV14)		Chicago Fire (TV14)			
VH1	(5:30) House Party (90)		White Chicks (04, PG-13) ★★½		Shawn Wayans.		Wild N Out		Wild N Out	Wild N Out		
PREMIUM	HBO	Winning Time (TVMA)		Death on the Nile (TZ, PG-13)		Kathryn Erbe.	(1:10) Barry		The Baby			
	MAX	Bringing Out the Dead (99, R) ★★½		Nickolas Cage.		(C) Anthony Quinn (†7, R)		(4:40) News of the World (20, PG-13)				
	SHOW	Icda Red (Z1, R) ★★½		Josh Hartnett, Frank Grillo.		Man Who Fell (TVMA)		DESUS & ZWE		(1:05) VICE DESUS &		

FRIDAY EVENING						MAY 13, 2022				
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	ABC	Shark Tank (TVPG) (N)	(C) 20/20				Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Nightline
	CBS	Come Dance with Me	Magnum P.I. (TV14)		Blue Bloods (TV14)			Late Show (TV14) (N)		Corden
	NBC	The Blacklist (TV14) (N)	Dateline NBC (N)				Local	Tonight Show (TV14)		Late Night
	FOX	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live)			Local Programs (TV14)					Local
	ION	Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)	Hawaii Five-0 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)		Hawaii Five-0 (TV14)		Hawaii Five-0: "Po'pu"	
CABLE	A&E	The First 48 (TV14)	Cold Case Files (N)		American Justice (N)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)	
	AMC	Friday the 13th, Part II (81, R) Betsy Palmer			Friday the 13th, Part III (82, R) ★½ Dana Kimmell				Fear the Walking Dead	
	ANIMAL	Treehouse Masters: Branches Out (TVPG) (N)			Inseans Pools (TVPG)		Inseans Pools (TVPG)		Treehouse: "Gong"	
	BET	(5:30) Blue Streak (99)	New York Undercover		New York Undercover		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	(6:00) The Notebook (04, PG-13) Raven Gosling			Walk the Line (05, PG-13) ★★½★½ Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon					
	CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Futurama	Futurama	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Robot	Robot
	CMT	Man	Man	We Are Marshall (06, PG) ★★	★½★½ Matthew McConaughey, Matthew Fox				Game Stands (14) ★★	
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360°		CNN Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)		Don Lemon Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360°	
	COMEDY	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	S. Park	S. Park	S. Park
	DISCOVERY	Gold Rush (TV14) (N)					Gold Rush (TV14) (N)		Gold Rush (TV14)	
	DISNEY	Raven (N)	Amphibia	Amphibia	Owl House	Big City	Big City	Raven	Raven	Jessie
	E!	(6:00) Coyote Ugly (00)	13 Going on 30 (04)		Family		Family	Welcome	Welcome	Welcome
	ESPN	(C) 2022 NBA Playoffs: Boston vs Milwaukee (Live)					2022 NBA Playoffs Postseason coverage. (Live)			
	ESPN2	UFC Live	College Baseball: Ole Miss Rebels at LSU Tigers (Live)					SportsCenter	Sports news.	
	FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
	FREEFORM	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club (TV G)		Simpsons
	FX	Spider-Man: Far From Home (19, PG-13) ★★	Tom Holland					Spider-Man: Far From Home (19, PG-13) ★★		
	HGTV	My Lottery	My Lottery	Vacation House (N)		Vacation House (N)		My Lottery	My Lottery	Vacation House Rules
	HISTORY	The UnXplained (TV14)		The UnXplained (N)		The UnXplained (TV14)		The UnXplained (N)		The UnXplained (TV14)
	LIFETIME	Castle: "Action Hero"		Castle: "Bad Santa"		Castle: "Castle, P.I."		Castle: "Private Eye"		Castle: "Action Hero"
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NEWSNAT	NewsNation		Dan Abrams Live		Barfield		NewsNation		Dan Abrams Live	
NICK	Middlemost	Tooned In	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	Movie				Movie					
SYFY	Quantum Leap (TVPG)		Quantum Leap (TVPG)		Quantum Leap: "Color of Truth"		Quantum Leap (TVPG)		Quantum	
TBS	Bang	Bang	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs	NHL postseason. (Live)					Rat in the Kitchen	
TCM	The Night of the Hunter (55, NR) ★★½				Do the Right Thing (89, R) ★★½ Danny Aiello				The Third Man (49)	
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: "More to Love: Pasia" (TV14) (N)				90 Day (N)	90 Day: "Pillow Talk"	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé (TV14)		
TNT	(6:30) 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)				2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs	NHL postseason. (Live)				
TRAVEL	A Haunting (TVPG)		A Haunting: "Beware the Shadows" (TVPG)				A Haunting (TVPG)		A Haunting (TVPG)	
TV LAND	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Loves Ray.	Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	USFL Football coverage of the United States Football League.						Chicago Fire (TV14)		Chicago Fire (TV14)	
VH1	All Stars	Forrest Gump (94, PG-13) ★★	★½★½ Tom Hanks, Sally Field						Lean on Me (88) ★★	
PREMIER	NBO	(6:35) Dear Evan Hansen (21, PG-13) Ben Platt			Real Time Maher (N)		Sketch (N)	Real Time (TVMA)		Sketch
	MAX	Promising Young Woman (20, R) ★★			(55) The Happening (08, R) ★★			The Voices (14) Ray Reynolds.		
	SHOW	Couples	Couples	I Love	I Love	Dating & New York (21, PG-13) ★½		Couples	Couples	First Lady

SATURDAY EVENING					MAY 14, 2022						
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST	ABC	Finders Keep (16, PG) ★★★½ Ellen DeGeneres.			Judge Steve Harvey		Local Programs (TV14)		Local Programs (TV14)		
	CBS	Top Gun (86, PG) ★★★ Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.			Bob Hearts		Local Programs (TV14)				
	NBC	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live		Local	Saturday Night Live (TV14)			
	FOX	The Masked Singer	(C01) Domino Masters		Local Programs (TV14)		I Can See Your Voice	Local Programs (TV14)			
CABLE	ION	SVU: "Missing" (TV14)	SVU: "Blackout" (TV14)		SVU: "Dearlly Beloved"		SVU: "The Good Girl"		SVU: "Exchange"		
	A&E	John Wick (14, R) ★★★½ Keanu Reeves.			(C01) Taken (09, PG-13) ★★★ Liam Neeson.				(C03) John Wick (14, R)		
	AMC	(6:00) Independence Day (96, PG-13) Will Smith.			The Rock (96, R) ★★★ Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage.						
	ANIMAL	Dr. Jeff: Rocky (N)	Dr. Jeff: Rocky (TVPG)		Dr. Jeff: Rocky (TVPG)		Dr. Jeff: Rocky (TVPG)		Dr. Jeff: Rocky (N)		
BET	BET	Trophy Wife (22)			(C24) American Gangster (07, R) ★★★★★ Denzel Washington.						
	BRAVO	Friday (95, R) Ice Cube.	Next Friday (00, R) ★★½ Ice Cube, Mike Epps.				(C05) Friday After Next (02, R) ★★½ Ice Cube.				
	CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Futurama	Futurama	Dad	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Primal	
	CMT	(5:45) Tommy Boy (95)	To Be Announced					To Be Announced		Classroom	
COMEDY	CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)	Navalny (22, R) ★★ Alexei Navalny.				Stanley Tucci		Stanley Tucci: "Venice"		
	COMEDY	The Other Guys (10, PG-13) ★★½ Will Ferrell.			Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (06, PG-13) ★★½				S. Park		
	DISCOVERY	Louisiana Law (N)	(C02) Louisiana Law		Lone Star Law (TV14)		Lone Star Law (TV14)		Louisiana Law		
	DISNEY	Amphibia	Big City	Big City	Big City	Amphibia	The Ghost	Amphibia	Owl House	Miraculous	Miraculous
E!	E!	Big Dad	The Hangover (09, R) ★★½ Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms.				Welcome	Welcome	Family	Family	
	ESPN	(6:00) 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs	NHL postseason. (ue)						SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	(6:30) UFC Fight Night Prelims: "Rakic vs. (Jae)"	(Jae)		UFC Fight Night: "Alexander Rakic vs. Jan Blachowicz" (Lue)						
	FOOD	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FREEFORM	FX	Pitch Perfect 3 (17, PG-13) ★★½ Anna Kendrick.			(55) Olivia Rodrigo: driving (22)				10 Things Hate (99)		
	HGV	The Martian (15, PG-13) ★★½ Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain.					Spider-Man: Into the Spider-V		Verse (18, PG) ★★½		
	HISTORY	Renovation Goldmine	I Bought a Dump ... (N)		Fixer to Fabulous		Life Under Renovation		I Bought (TV 6)		
	LIFETIME	Pawn Stars (TVPG)	Pawn Stars: "Blast; Range" (TVPG) (N)				Pawn Stars (TVPG)		Pawn Stars (TVPG)		
MTV	MTV	Revenge Best Served Chilled (22, NR)		(C03) Movie					(C01) Revenge Best (22)		
	NEWSNAT	50 First Dates (04) ★★½ Billy Madison (95, PG-13) ★★½ Adam Sandler.					Happy Gilmore (96, PG-13) ★★½ Adam Sandler.				
	NICK	NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime		Dan Abrams Live		Barfield		NewsNation Prime		
	NICK	(6:00) Shrek 2 (04, PG)	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	PARMT	Movie			Movie						
	SYFY	The Transporter (02, PG-13) ★★½ Jason Statham.			The Mechanic (11, R) ★★½ Jason Statham.				Minority Report (02)		
	TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Rat in the Kitchen		Rat in the Kitchen		
	TCM	Crossing Delancey (88, PG)	★★½ Amy Irving.		Yentl (83, PG)	★★½ Barbara Streisand, Mandy Patinkin.				Killer (56)	
TLG	TLG	90 Day Diaries (TV14)	90 Day Diaries (TV14)		90 Day France (TV14)		Unexpected (TV14)		90 Day Diaries (TV14)		
	TNT	(6:00) Aquaman (18, PG-13) ★★½ Jason Momoa.			Aquaman (18, PG-13) ★★½ Jason Momoa, Amber Heard.						
	TRAVEL	Ghost Hunters (TVPG)	Ghost Hunters (TVPG)		Portals to Hell (N)		Portals to Hell (TV14)		Ghost Hunters (TVPG)		
	TV LAND	(C10) Men	(C45) Men	Two and a Half Men	(55) Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	
USA	USA	The Proposal (09, PG-13) ★★½ Sandra Bullock.			The Proposal (09, PG-13) ★★½ Sandra Bullock.						
	VH1	Titanic (97, PG-13) ★★½ Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet.								Basketball	
	PREMIUM	HBO	The Matrix Resurrections (21, R) ★★½ Keanu Reeves.			Winning Time (TVMA)		Barry		Kick-Ass 2 (13, R) ★★½	
		MAX	Never Die Alone (04, R) ★★½ DMX.	The Empty Man (20, R) ★★½ James Badge Dale.				Stand Up Guys (13, R) Al Pacino.			
SHOW		(6:15) Deadlock (21, R)	Showtime Championship Boxing: "Charlo vs. Castano II" (Lue)							The Man	

SUNDAY EVENING						MAY 15, 2022						
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
BROADCAST	ABC	American Idol : "518 (Top 5)"	(TVPG) (N)			The Rookie (TV14) (N)		Local Programs (TV14)		(23) Local		
	CBS	The Equalizer (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles (N)			S.W.A.T. : "Zodiac" (N)		Local Programs (TV14)		Local Programs (TV14)		
	NBC	2022 Billboard Music Awards						Local Programs (TV14)				
	FOX	Simpsons	North (N)	Burgers	Family Guy	Local Programs (TV14)					Local	
CABLE	ION	NCIS : "Flight Plan"		NCIS : "Sound Off"		NCIS : "On Fire"		NCIS : "Lonely Hearts"		NCIS : "Enthema"		
	A&E	The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		The First 48 (TV14)		
	AMC	Fear the Walking Dead		Fear the Walking Dead		The 61st Street (TV14)		Fear the Walking Dead		(16) 61st Street		
	ANIMAL	Louisiana Law (16, PG-13)		Louisiana Law		(01) Louisiana Law		(01) Louisiana Law		Louisiana Law (TV14)		
BET		(58) Fences (16, PG-13)	★★★½	Denzel Washington, Viola Davis.				Payne		Assisted	Martin	
	BRAVO	Real Housewives (N)		Love Match Atlanta (N)		Watch What	Housewives (TV14)		Love Match Atlanta		Housewives	
	CARTOON	(6:00) Movie		Futurama	Futurama	Dad	Dad	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Busy Debra	Birdgirl	
	GMT	Midway (19, PG-13)	★★★	Ed Strain.		You You See Me (13, PG-13)	★★★	Jesse Eisenberg.			Movie	
CNN		CNN Special Report		Stanley Tucci (N)		Normad with (N)		CNN Special Report		Stanley Tucci		
	COMEDY	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	South Park (TVMA)		
	DISCOVERY	Naked and Afraid XL (TV14) (N)				(02) Naked and Afraid		(02) Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid XL		
	DISNEY	Noo Groove	Amphibia	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	
E!		Step Brothers (08, R) ★★★	Will Ferrell.			Welcome	Step Brothers (08, R) ★★★	Will Ferrell.		Welcome		
	ESPN	(6:00) MLB Baseball: San Francisco vs St. Louis				SportsCenter		SportsCenter Sports news.		Sports		
	ESPN2	7 Innings Podcast		USL Soccer: Tampa Bay vs Phoenix (w/c)				World X Games		E60		
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Worst Cooks in America : "That's So 90s" (N)				Inside Eat	Beat Bobby	Worst Cooks (TV14)		
FREEFORM		(6:10) Snatched (17, R)		(15) Night School (18, PG-13)	★★★½	Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish.				(55) Mr. Deeds (02)		
	FX	Ford v Ferrari (19, PG-13)	★★★½	Matt Damon, Christian Bale.					Ford v Ferrari (19, PG-13)	★★★½		
	HGTV	Home Town Kickstart		(01) Building Roots (N)		(01) Home Town (TV G)		(01) Home Town (TV G)		Home Town Kickstart		
	HISTORY	Food Built (TVPG)		Food Built (TVPG) (N)		History Of : History Of		Food Built : "Pop Stars"		(03) Food Built (TVPG)		
LIFETIME		Fit to Kill (22, NR)				Cleveland Abduction (15, NR)	Taryn Manning.			(01) Fit to Kill (22, NR)		
	MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
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	NICK	Shrek (01, PG) ★★★★★	Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy.			Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT		(6:00) Movie		Yellowstone (TVMA)		Movie						
	SYFY	(6:30) Constantine (05, R) ★★★	Keanu Reeves.			The Purge: Anarchy (14, R) ★★★	Frank Grillo, Carmen Ejogo.			Alien (79)		
	TBS	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Back to the Future (85, PG) ★★★★★	Michael J. Fox.			
	TCM	Pocketful of Miracles (61, NR) ★★★★★	Glenn Ford, Bette Davis.			So Big (53, NR)	★★★★	Jane Fonda.			No Blood	
TLC		90 Day Fiancé : "Breast Interventions" (TV14) (N)				Unexpected (TV14) (N)		(02) 90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (TV14)		
	TNT	Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi (83)				Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope (77, PG)	Mark Hamill.			Empire		
	TRAVEL	Expedition Bigfoot		Expedition Bigfoot		Expedition Bigfoot (N)		Jersey Devil		Expedition Bigfoot		
	TV LAND	(10) Men	(45) Men	Two and a Half Men		(55) Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	Men	
USA		SVU : "Smul" (TV14)		SVU : "Crush" (TV14)		SVU : "Users" (TV14)		SVU (TV14)		SVU : "Grimm" (TV14)		
	VH1	Love & Basketball (00)		Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral (19, PG-13)	★★½				The Family That Preys (08)	★★★		
	PREM		(5:22) The Matrix (21)		The Time Travel (N)		Barry (N)	The Baby	(05) Oliver	(40) The Time Travel	(32) Barry	
			Aftermath (17, R)			(35) News of the World (20, PG-13)	Tom Hanks.			(35) Robin Hood (18, PG-13)		
SHOW		VICE (N)	I Love (N)	The First Lady (N)		Man Who Fell (N)		ZWE (N)	I Love	The First Lady (TVMA)		



I have lots of ideas and dreams and I'm working to make them come true!

A dreamer with a "too-large" imagination made foolish plans for his future. They were so big that the chances of them becoming real were impossible.

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## The Dreamer

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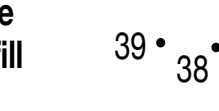
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## Our Senses?




We can imagine things without using our senses and by keeping the "wheels turning in our brains". But, I think that the use of my imagination can be closely tied to my senses. What I see, hear, feel, taste, and smell has a lot to do with what I imagine. Once I saw a bush full of shimmering leaves and heard fluttering sounds and I imagined the bush to be full of tiny fairies with twinkling wings. The things I learn and know about in the real world can be blended together in a new way!

**Whatever!**



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## Students Play Games At Raymond Grade School

Families enjoyed board games and nachos at Raymond Grade School on Thursday, April 28, during a special family math night organized by Sue Koller and Mackenzie Michaelis, title teachers with the Panhandle School District. The little learners tested out their skills playing classic board and card games like “Monopoly,” “Hi Ho Cherry-O,” “Go Fish” and “Uno,” as well as fun teacher-created activities. Above are Mandy, Chris, Aiden and Charlotte Calderini.

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## Panhandle School Will Have Q & A And Mtg.

The Panhandle Community Unit School District No. 2 will be holding a question and answer session regarding the deactivation question at 6 p.m., in the library, before the school board meeting starts at 7 p.m.

The public is encouraged to stop in between 6 and 7 p.m. if there are questions regarding the deactivation.

The regular board meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., will include consent agenda items such as minutes and financial reports, and disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old.

Old business items include a parking lot project and reorganization update.

New business items include FY22 amended budget, FY23 requisitions, student handbooks, dual credit MOU with Mt. Olive, and 2022-23 school fees.

There may be a closed session, then returning to open session with FGS Title 1/PE position; para-professional position; approval of non-certified pay schedule for the 2022-23 school year, and approval of winter coaches for the 2022-23 school year.

## Meier, Patton Retire From Bank Board

by Bethany Martin

It's the end of an era for two longtime members of the Bank of Hillsboro Board of Directors following a combined 78 years of dedicated service.

Whitey Patton, who has been an integral part of the board since 1981 and Earl Meier, who joined in 1985, will bid farewell and retire from their respective positions in June.

During their time on the board, each retiree has served in other committees within, including the audit and loan committees for Patton, who was also chair for the audit committee; and the audit, loan, ALCO and technology committees for Meier.

“When I first joined we had just less than 50 million in assets, and now we are up to 500 million,” said Patton. “It's really been a major change.”

According to Patton and Meier, the Bank of Hillsboro and its board of directors have observed many changes over the past few decades they have been serving.

“From the time we were on the board, we have built new bank buildings in Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Staunton and Pana, and we acquired a new location in Edwardsville,” said Meier. He added that the Alhambra location was also acquired, as was the Carlyle and Altamont branches from Meridian. “There have been a lot of changes in banking.”

The Bank of Hillsboro, established in 1869, operates in 11 different communities with just over 100 employees. In addition to those listed above, they have branches in Altamont, Vandalia, and of course, Hillsboro. The Keyesport branch location is currently open, however it is slated to close in the future.

The bank first began as Montgomery County National Bank and was housed in the current Hillsboro Gardens building. It would eventually undergo a few



Following decades of service, Earl Meier, at left, and Whitey Patton will retire from the Bank of Hillsboro Board of Directors in June. The bank has planned an open house at 4:30 p.m. June 10, at The Abbey on Broad in Hillsboro.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

name changes—County National Bank and National Bank—before reaching its current designation, Bank of Hillsboro.

The retirees feel the bank is large enough to provide excellent service to their customers in each area, but small enough to call their customers by name. Meier said the bank is important to local communities as they do their best to “make things happen for a lot of people.”

“What's really interesting is you see financial statements of all different types of businesses,” said Patton. “Being on the board is really a training and educational process because you're constantly seeing new businesses and thinking out of the box on what they do and how they make money.”

Other changes—or challenges—they have faced over the years is an increase in identity theft, fraud and elder abuse. Patton said there has been a rise in scamming as residents bring in sweepstakes and fraudulent checks. Criminals have also gotten more creative, using a credit card scanner at service station pumps. The COVID-19 pandemic also proved to be quite the task as bank lobbies were closed

to the general public for some time.

“Fraud is a major challenge facing the banks in the future,” said Patton. “I think one of the other challenges that we really have is that we need to stay in contact with our customer base.”

Patton shared that a lot of people wish to communicate through a screen; however, it is imperative to their operation that they have personal contact with their customers.

“We're really pro-Bank of Hillsboro and all the great people who work here,” said Meier. “We also have a great board of directors.”

Both retirees had high praises for those who operate and are employed by the bank, whom they said are kind and professional in their work.

“I think the thing we've been extremely fortunate of is that we've had some very dedicated employees,” said Patton.

Patton and Meier, currently two of 12 directors, look forward to seeing the Bank of Hillsboro prosper, as well as the future of banking, as they step aside.

A Moweaqua graduate, Patton earned his bachelor of science degree in account-

ing and masters of business administration degree at Eastern Illinois University in 1970. He has served as a CPA for the past 52 years and has owned and operated Patton and Company, PC in Hillsboro for many years. He and his wife Linda reside in Hillsboro and share two children, Amy and Brian, and two grandchildren.

Meier, a native of Hoffman, earned his bachelor of science degree from Greenville College, his masters from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and specialist degree in education administration from Eastern. He is a retired educator, having served the Hillsboro School District for 39 years as a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. After his retirement, he worked three years part-time in the Regional Vocational System. He and his wife Carolyn live in Hillsboro and have two children, Brian and Michael, and six grandchildren.

To honor their dedication and hard work, the Bank of Hillsboro will host an open house on Friday, June 10, from 4 to 6 p.m. at The Abbey on Broad in Hillsboro.

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BP9985, 41k miles

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BP10054, 4x4, supercrew, white, 39k

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B9928A, FWD, black current met, 56k

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Imagine Hillsboro's Reinventing Central Park Committee presented a contribution in the amount of \$30,000 to the City of Hillsboro to purchase the playground equipment for Central Park on Tuesday, May 3.

*Journal-News/Tori O'Dell*

## Playground Equipment Purchased

by *Tori O'Dell*

It has been almost two-and-a-half years since the Reinventing Central Park Committee, a subset of Imagine Hillsboro's Parks and Recreation Committee, officially launched their large-scale project to revitalize Central Park in Hillsboro, with a party at the Opera House Brewing Company on Dec. 18, 2019. Despite the many obstacles thrown into their path, including a global pandemic, the committee presented a check in the amount of \$35,000 to the City of Hillsboro on Tuesday, May 3, to order playground equipment for the public space.

The new equipment is expected to be ready for use by the fall of this year and will mark the first easily viewable stage of the park's revitalization, although the Reinventing Central Park Committee and the city's Parks and Recreation Department have been actively working together to make needed improvements to the property over the last two years, including installing a new drain tile system in 2020 to help quell the water that continuously seeps up from a natural spring located at the foot of Water Street. The committee also worked with Hiller's Sheet Metal and Ultimate Collision Center in Hillsboro to create a giant metal letter "H" sculpture. The eye-catching focal point was erected on the park grounds in July 2021.

The inclusive playground will consist of two play structures, one for small children, ages two to five years old, and



The Reinventing Central Park Committee worked alongside special education teachers at Beckemeyer to design an inclusive playground (rendering above) where all children will be able to play together.

a separate structure for older children, ages five to 12. The ADA friendly play area will feature slides, a climbing carousel, interactive panels, monkey bars, multiple sensory play walls and musical play areas. It will also include a seven-place swing set with multi-user swings, toddler bucket seats, ADA accessible swings and "Mommy and Me" swings. The ground will be padded with a wood carpet.

It was important to the committee members to develop a space where all children, regardless of differing needs, will be able to interact and engage with each other. To better ensure this vision, they enlisted the help of the special education teachers at Beckemeyer Elementary School to develop a space that will accommodate the needs of all of the community's children.

While the playground equipment should be in use by the end of the year, the committee is still actively fundraising for additional improvements to

turn the long-vacated park back into a space where all members of the community gather. The Reinventing Central Park Committee's end goal is that the public space will home an inclusive playground, a t-ball/kick ball diamond, splash pad, walking and running paths throughout the park, an indoor space that can be used for storage and small events, and a fitness court ([nationalfitnesscampaign.com](http://nationalfitnesscampaign.com)).

The committee plans to recognize those that have made financial contributions to the project with a plaque that will be placed at Central Park. Checks may be made payable to Imagine Hillsboro, with the memo written to Central Park, and sent to PO Box 234, Hillsboro, IL 62049. Those interested in donating to help fund the park improvements are encouraged to contact Committee Chair Brian Limbaugh at 217-556-9038 or [bdlimbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:bdlimbaugh@gmail.com) or Kendra Wright at 217-556-6890 or [kendranwright@icloud.com](mailto:kendranwright@icloud.com).

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Litchfield's Bryce Hires tries some fancy footwork to avoid the tag of Hillsboro's Drake Vogel after Hires was picked off during Tuesday's game at the Hillsboro Sports Complex. Despite a two-run rally in the top of the seventh by the Purple Panthers, Hillsboro held on for a 4-3 win, their 13th of the season.

## Hillsboro Baseball Holds Off Litchfield

by Ron Deabenderfer

It was a baseball game fit for the lore of Litchfield/Hillsboro athletic contests. Hillsboro jumped ahead, then held on for a 4-3 win when the two teams met in South Central Conference play at the Hillsboro Sports Complex on a sultry Tuesday, May 10.

The Toppers jumped on Litchfield starter Tate Dobrinich in the first inning; with one out, Drake Vogel, Deklan Riggs, and Ketch Mills all singled, with Riggs driving in Vogel and Mills driving in Riggs. Mills went to third on a low throw as he attempted to steal second, and he scored from there when Devin Speiser grounded to second.

Litchfield's first (and only until the seventh) run came in the top of the third as Do-

brinich drew a one-out walk before Hires singled. The Toppers answered as Mills singled leading off and scored on a two-out single by Blaine Stewart.

Then the pitching took over—until the seventh. Riggs faced one over the minimum (Kayden Bergman walked in the fourth) as he pitched innings four through six. Dobrinich struck out two in the fourth (six for the game) before giving way to Tug Schwab, who gave up only a single (to Stewart) in his two innings of work.

Trailing 4-1, the Panthers ambushed the Toppers in the top of the seventh, though Hillsboro left the door open for them. An error allowed Carson Saathoff (a tall-for-a-catcher sophomore who threw out two Toppers attempting to steal second in the earlier

innings) to reach base. Riggs then walked Bergman, and Brock Bishop was hit by a pitch to load the bases with no one out.

Dillon Smail, who had a save in the win over Fairfield Saturday, came on to pitch. Drew Hartzell and Dobrinich both singled, sandwiching a strikeout; when Hires drew a walk, the tying run was on third with two outs. Smail, though, earned another save by enticing a fly ball to left field.

Now 13-9, the Toppers traveled to Roxana for a non-conference game Wednesday evening; that game, which Hillsboro won 10-3, will be reported in Monday's *Journal-News*. Friday Hillsboro ends the conference season and the regular season by playing at Pana. Monday afternoon Hillsboro will be in Breese

facing Mater Dei to open the post season.

Litchfield plays Piasa Southwestern Friday afternoon.

**May 10 at Hillsboro**

Litchfield	001	000	2--3	3	3
Hillsboro	301	000	x--4	6	3

**Pitching Statistics**

Litchfield	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB
Dobrinich	4.0	4	2	5	6	2
Schwab	2.0	0	0	1	2	0

**\*Dobrinich 2 HBP**

Hillsboro	IP	R	ER	H	K	BB
Riggs	6.0	3	1	2	6	3
Smail	1.0	0	0	1	1	1

**\*Riggs 1 HBP**

**Batting Statistics**

**Multiple Hits:** Litchfield - Bryce Hires 2-3; Hillsboro - Blaine Stewart 2-3. **2B:** Litchfield - Bryce Hires 1. **Runs:** Litchfield - Carson Saathoff 1, Kayden Bergman 1, Tate Dobrinich 1; Hillsboro - Ketch Mills 2, Drake Vogel 1, Cameron Hacke 1. **RBI:** Litchfield - Bryce Hires 1, Drew Hartzell 1, Tate Dobrinich 1; Hillsboro - Deklan Riggs 1, Ketch Mills 1, Devin Speiser 1.

**Records:** Litchfield (2-16, 2-6); Hillsboro (13-9, 5-3).

## Macoupin County Teams Squash All-Montgomery Regional Title Hopes

Two things needed to happen for there to be an all-Montgomery County regional championship on Friday: there needed to be an upset and there needed to be a win by a conference co-champion.

By the end of the night on Tuesday, May 10, that sequence of events had come to fruition, just not how Hillsboro and Litchfield had hoped.

After dominating Gillespie 8-2 in the regional quarterfinal on May 6, Litchfield lost a narrow 1-0 decision to South Central Conference co-champion Southwestern in the opening semifinal in Carlinville. In the nightcap, the host Cavaliers held a 2-0 halftime lead en route to a 3-0 victory over Hillsboro, the owner of the other half of the SCC championship.

In the opener, both teams were held scoreless in the first half as Litchfield looked to continue its Cinderella streak at the end of the season. Unfortunately, the clock struck midnight in the second half as Southwestern's Macaylin Day scored the game's only goal to send Southwestern to the regional title game.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 4-15, but they can take solace in the fact they were playing some of their best soccer at season's end.

In game number two, Carlinville staked themselves to a 2-0 first half lead with a pair of goals within 33 seconds of one another. Annabelle Hulin scored the first of the two goals 21 minutes and 52 seconds into the first half, putting back a rebound after Jette Funk

made the original stop in goal for Hillsboro

Evie Whitler picked up goal number two just 33 seconds later when she took a pass from Mia Smith and popped a shot over the Topper keeper and into the back of the net.

In the second half, fate seemed to be on the Cavaliers' side as goalkeeper Jordyn Loveless stopped a pair of penalty kicks to keep Hillsboro off the board. Add in a goal by Marlee Whittler with just under 15 minutes to play and Carlinville had secured themselves a date with the Piasa Birds for the regional championship game.

With the loss, Hillsboro finishes the season with a record of 13-6, having won their first conference title since 2017.

While the loss is sooner than both Hillsboro and Litchfield would have liked, both teams return a glut of talent in 2023. With any luck, that all-Montgomery County regional championship might be only a year away.

**May 10 at Carlinville**

Southwestern	0	1	-	1
Litchfield	0	0	-	0

**May 10 at Carlinville**

Carlinville	2	1	-	1
Hillsboro	0	0	-	0

**Scoring**

**Class 1A Girls Soccer Carlinville Regional**

**Friday, May 6**

Match 1: (9) Litchfield 8, (8) Gillespie 2

**Tuesday, May 10**

Match 2: (2) Southwestern 1, Litchfield 0

Match 3: (5) Carlinville 3, (3) Hillsboro 0

**Friday, May 13**

Match 4 at 4:30 p.m.: (2) Southwestern vs. (5) Carlinville

## Walch, Panthers Slam Lady Hiltoppers

Based on their first meeting and similar records, one could have predicted that Tuesday's softball game between Hillsboro and Litchfield would be a close one. Few would have predicted what actually occurred on May 10.

After falling to the Lady Hiltoppers on April 19, by a 9-5 final score, Litchfield knocked the cover off the ball on their opponents' home field, putting together 15 hits in five innings for a 16-1 victory.

Two of those hits came from Emma Walch, who had recently been moved back to the eighth spot in the order, same as the number on the back of her jersey. The move seems to be sitting well with the junior infielder as she blasted a solo home run to lead off the third, then hit her second home run of the game (and of her career) with the bases loaded to cap an eight-run fifth inning for the Panthers.



Litchfield's Emma Walch tees off on a pitch in the fifth inning for her second home run of the day as the Lady Panthers defeated Hillsboro 16-1 on Tuesday, May 10.

Journal-News/Kyle Herschelmann

Walch's power surge was just a taste of what Litchfield had in store for their rivals on Tuesday as all nine players in the line-up scored, with eight of them collecting hits.

The first of both came in the opening inning, when the first three Litchfield batters reached on an error and two singles, with Bella Roach scoring after base hits by Lauren Monke and Taylor Brakenhoff.

Litchfield starter Laynie Wyatt started off the second inning with a double and Emma Walch was hit by a pitch to put two batters on. Elise Walch reached on an unsuccessful fielder's choice,

with Wyatt coming around to score on an error on the play. Roach then singled to make it 3-0 as Emma Walch came in to score.

After Hillsboro got the first out of the inning, Taylor Brakenhoff, Annika Rhodes and Ashley Hickerson all singled, scoring two more runs to make it 5-0 before Hillsboro got out of the inning.

The Toppers got two runners on in the second after Kenadie Carlock was hit by a pitch and Natalie Fenton walked, but Wyatt got a strike out and a ground out to end the threat.

After a scoreless fourth, Litchfield unloaded, turning an 8-1 score into a short-game situation with eight runs on three singles, a walk, two fielder's choices and Walch's grand slam. As the ball cleared the left field fence, Ashley Hickerson, Jenni Boden and Laynie Wyatt all rounded the bases and waited for Walch to do the same in celebration of the home run and a bit of positive momentum in a season in great need of it.

Hillsboro got one on when Camp led off the fifth by being hit by a pitch, but Wyatt got the next three outs to wrap up Litchfield's second win of the season.

Annika Rhodes and Lauren Monke both had three hits on the day for Litchfield, while Emma Walch, Ashley Hickerson, Taylor Brakenhoff and Bella Roach had two each. Roach also scored four runs, while Walch scored three and drove in five.

Hillsboro will try to end the regular season on a high note on Friday, May 13, as they take on Pana in Pana.

**Southwestern**

The win over the Toppers took some of the sting out of the 5-4 loss to Southwestern the previous night in Piasa.

Litchfield scored first in the back-and-forth game, with Ashley Hickerson driving in Lauren Monke, who reached on an error in the second at bat of the game. Southwestern answered with two runs on four hits in the bottom of the first off Litchfield starter Laynie Wyatt.

Continued on 3B



Hillsboro's Ethan Schreiber picked up one of the Toppers' five singles wins on Tuesday, May 10, beating Granite City's Xavier Paul 6-4, 6-2.

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## Toppers Put Granite City In A Hard Place On Senior Night

The Hillsboro boys tennis team took time before their match on Tuesday, May 10, to honor senior Will Speiser, then gave their top player a 7-2 victory in celebration.

Benefitting from three forfeits, the Toppers defeated Granite City 7-2 at the Hillsboro Sports Complex after honoring Speiser for his contributions to the tennis program this year.

One of those contributions came against the Warriors as Speiser and doubles partner Izac Adams defeated the team of Logan Light and Elliot Paul 8-1. Granite City won

the other contested doubles match, with Jadon Wing and Xavier Paul beating Ethan Schreiber and Kyle Butler 8-5, but Hillsboro picked up a point off a forfeit as well.

The doubles win was icing on the cake for the Tennis Toppers, who won three of the four contested singles matches, with forfeit wins from Adams and Caleb Page.

Ethan Schreiber beat Xavier Paul 6-4, 6-2 in the number two match, while Luke Allen won the number four bout over Elliot Paul 6-0, 6-1.

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## Sports Calendar

**Hillsboro Hiltoppers**  
**Thursday, May 12**  
4:30 p.m. - Girls Track at Gillespie Sectional  
**Friday, May 13**  
4 p.m. - Boys Tennis at SCC Tournament in Greenville  
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Pana  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Pana  
4:30 p.m. - Boys Track at Gillespie Invitational

**Litchfield Purple Panthers**  
**Thursday, May 12**  
4:30 p.m. - Softball at North Greene  
4:30 p.m. - Girls Track at Gillespie Sectional  
6:30 p.m. - Baseball vs. Pleasant Plains at Lincoln Land  
**Friday, May 13**  
4:30 p.m. - Boys Track at Gillespie Invitational  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Southwestern  
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**Nokomis Redskins**  
**Thursday, May 12**  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball hosts PORTA  
4:30 p.m. - Softball at Macon Meridian  
**Friday, May 13**  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Riverton  
**Saturday, May 14**  
11:30 a.m. - Softball at Tri-City Round Robin

**Lincolnwood Lancers**  
**Thursday, May 12**  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Springfield Lutheran  
4:30 p.m. - Softball hosts Auburn  
**Friday, May 13**  
4:30 p.m. - Baseball at Tri-City  
4:30 p.m. - Softball hosts Carlinville  
**Saturday, May 14**  
11 a.m. - Softball at Pawnee

# Two Up, Two Down For Lady Redskins

The Nokomis High School softball team picked up a pair of two-run wins to start the week as they improved their record to 13-13 on the season.

On Monday, May 9, the Redskins hosted Edinburg in an oft-delayed MSM Conference match-up. After three scoreless innings, Nokomis plated one run in the fourth, fifth and sixth to come away with a 3-1 victory over the Wildcats.

Not only was there no score after three innings, there was only one hit in that span, a two-out triple by Edinburg's Lilly Wake that did not affect the scoring. Going into the bottom of the fourth, Edinburg starter Rylie Burney had a perfect game going and had struck out the previous six batters in a row.

That all came to an end Nokomis' second time through the line-up. Emma Sneddon and Addison Dangbar both singled to start the inning, before Burney recorded the first out on her seventh strikeout.

A bunt single by Baylee Cesaretti loaded the bases for Emma Hill, who reached on a bunt of her own to score Sneddon and make it 1-0. Burney would get the next two batters, but Nokomis now held the lead.

At least temporarily, as Edinburg answered in the top of the fifth. Mia Pop singled and moved up two bases on a pair of wild pitches. Nokomis starter Jayde Gonet got the next two outs, but Juli Orr singled to tie the game at 1-1.

Gonet helped her own cause in the bottom of the fifth as she doubled to left to lead off

the inning. Megan Kuhn came in to run for Gonet and took third on a wild pitch. With no outs, Karli Wanger gave Nokomis the go-ahead run with a sacrifice bunt that plated Kuhn and made it 2-0.

Gonet was steady in the sixth to keep Edinburg off the board and her team gave her an insurance run in the bottom of the inning. A single by Hailey Engelman, a sacrifice bunt by Baylee Cesaretti and a single by Emma Hill put two on for Reagan Jonas, who singled to score Engelman and make it 3-1.

Gonet took over from there, needing just 11 pitches to retire the Wildcats in the seventh, capping off the inning and the game with her sixth strikeout.

Gonet allowed five hits and one earned run in the contest, walking one to go along with her half dozen strikeouts. Burney struck out 12, but yielded eight hits in her six innings of work.

Defensively, Nokomis' defense helped out their hurler, with Baylee Cesaretti throwing out a runner trying to stretch a single into a double in the sixth and Grace DeWerff, snaring a line drive to lead off the seventh inning.

## New Berlin

The Redskins received another solid pitching performance the following night, with an added bonus of a stellar night at the plate from the hurler as well. Reagan Jonas went 2-for-3 with a pair of home runs and struck out 11 in Nokomis' 4-2 victory over New Berlin on May 10.

Unlike the Edinburg game, Nokomis didn't wait around to score. Addison Dangbar recorded the first of her three hits on the day in between the first two outs, then scored on a Baylee Cesaretti single to make it 1-0.

Jonas made it 2-0 one batter into the second as she homered to right field to add to the lead. On the mound, Jonas yielded just three hits and two walks in the first four innings, but trouble brewed in the bottom of the fifth.

Kailyn Middleton and Kenna Bixby both singled, eventually giving New Berlin runners on second and third with two outs, before Marissa Heironimus picked up the third single of the inning to drive in both runners and tie the game at 2-2. New Berlin put another runner on with an error and drew a walk to load the bases before Jonas closed out the inning with a strikeout.

Almost in reparations for the two runs allowed, Jonas got those runs back with one swing. After Jayde Gonet tripled, Jonas skied her second homer to left field, putting Nokomis back on top 4-2.

The Pretzels got two on with a pair of walks in the sixth and one on in the seventh with a leadoff single, but none of the runners came around to score. After allowing the base knock in the final frame, Jonas buckled down and struck out the next three batters to up her K total to 11 on the day in the winning effort.

In addition to Jonas' two home runs, three RBIs and two

runs scored, Addison Dangbar also had three hits, while Baylee Cesaretti, Aubrie Jaros, Jayde Gonet and Emma Sneddon all had one. For the game, Nokomis outhit the Pretzels 9-7, with just four strikeouts for the Redskins, compared to 11 for the Pretzels.

Nokomis played MSM Conference power Tri-City on May 11, and will take on Meridian in Macon on May 12. The Redskins wrap up the regular season on Saturday, May 14, with the Tri-City Round Robin.

## May 9 at Nokomis

Edinburg 000 010 0--1 5 1  
Nokomis 000 111 x--3 8 2

### Pitching Statistics

Edinburg IP R ER H K BB  
Burney 6.0 3 3 8 12 0  
Nokomis IP R ER H K BB  
Gonet 7.0 1 1 5 6 1

### Batting Statistics

Multiple Hits: Edinburg - Ryleigh Davidson 2-3; Nokomis - Emma Hill 2-3. 2B: Nokomis - Jayde Gonet 1. 3B: Edinburg - Lilly Wake 1. Runs: Nokomis - Emma Sneddon 1 Hailey Engelman 1, Megan Kuhn 1. RBI: Nokomis - Emma Hill 1, Reagan Jonas 1, Karlie Wanger 1.

Records: Nokomis (12-13); Edinburg (8-9).

## May 10 at New Berlin

Nokomis 110 002 0--4 9 2  
New Berlin 000 020 0--2 7 1

### Pitching Statistics

Nokomis IP R ER H K BB  
Jonas 7.0 2 2 7 11 5  
New Berlin IP R ER H K BB  
Middleton 7.0 4 4 9 4 2

### Batting Statistics

Multiple Hits: Nokomis - Addison Dangbar 3-4, Reagan Jonas 2-3; New Berlin - Kailyn Middleton 2-3, Marissa Heironimus 2-3, Kenna Bixby 2-4. 2B: New Berlin - Ashlee Brown 1. 3B: Nokomis - Jayde Gonet 1. HR: Nokomis - Reagan Jonas 2.

Records: Nokomis (13-13); New Berlin (11-13).

Tischkau led the Lancers with two hits and three RBIs, while Nate Brockmeyer and Gabe Armentrout also had one RBI each.

With the split to start the week, Lincolnwood is 11-13 on the season, with road games against Springfield Lutheran on May 12 and Tri-City on May 13, still left on the schedule. The postseason starts for the Lancers on Wednesday, May 18, at home against North Greene, with the regional championship in Raymond set for Saturday, May 21, at 11 a.m.

## May 9 at Virden

Lincolnwood 003 010 1--5 5 4  
North Mac 200 122 x--7 7 0

### Pitching Statistics

L'wood IP R ER H K BB  
Wolf 3.0 2 1 3 3 1  
Elvidge 1.1 3 2 2 0 3  
Brockmeyer 1.2 2 2 2 1 2  
\*Brockmeyer 1 HBP, Elvidge 1 HBP  
North Mac IP R ER H K BB  
Hammann 3.0 3 2 2 2 1  
Flowers 1.1 1 1 2 0 3  
Mcready 2.2 1 1 1 3 1

### Batting Statistics

Multiple Hits: Lincolnwood - Colton Tischkau 2-2; North Mac - Andrew Baines 2-3. 2B: Lincolnwood - Colton Tischkau 1; North Mac - Kaden Brown 1. Runs: Lincolnwood - Will Jenkins 3, Braden Whalen 1, Jonah Elvidge 1. RBI: Lincolnwood - Colton Tischkau 3, Nate Brockmeyer 1, Gabe Armentrout 1.

Records: Lincolnwood (10-13); North Mac (13-2).

## May 10 at Raymond

Lutheran 100 00 ---1 2 6  
Lincolnwood 130 07 ---11 7 1

### Pitching Statistics

Lutheran IP R ER H K BB  
Reavis 2.0 4 1 3 1 2  
Mauney 2.0 0 0 1 3 0  
Daniels 0.1 7 1 3 0 3  
L'wood IP R ER H K BB  
Elvidge 5.0 1 1 2 7 3

### Batting Statistics

Multiple Hits: Lincolnwood - Jonah Elvidge 2-3, Colton Tischkau 2-4. Runs: Lincolnwood - Braden Whalen 2, Jonah Elvidge 2, Connor Seelbach 2, Jared Klein 2, Will Jenkins 1, Gabe Armentrout 1, Carsen Bethard 1. RBI: Lincolnwood - Jonah Elvidge 3, Braden Whalen 2, Colton Tischkau 1, John Wolf 1, Carsen Bethard 1, Jared Klein 1.

Records: Lincolnwood (11-13, 4-3); Springfield Lutheran (5-17, 2-7).

# Barnes K's 17 In Comets Victory Over Litchfield

After a 10-day hiatus from the diamond, three cancelled ball games, the Purple Panthers were able to finally get a game played on their schedule on Monday, May 9.

Early in the contest Litchfield appeared to not have any problem missing over a week of games as they would take an early lead. Greenville, though, would put seven runs on the board in the middle three innings as they would claim the South Central Conference contest with a 7-1 victory.

Staying competitive is the goal during a break in games, but staying competitive during a long break is sometimes hard to do. Early, the Purple Panthers would appear to not be affected by Mother Nature's dominance over the past week.

In the first inning, Litchfield would grab the first run of the contest when Jacob Budd touched home plate with two outs on the board. The inning would not start off on a good note for Litchfield, though, as the first two outs were recorded before a Purple Panther reached the base paths.

It would be Budd who would be the first Litchfield to reach the base paths. Budd connected on his team-leading 17th hit of the year, which was also his team-leading sixth double of the season.

Budd's double put him on second base with two outs, but he would not stand there for long. Carson Saathoff pushed Budd across home plate when he connected on Litchfield's second double of the contest. Saathoff's double would score Budd and give Litchfield a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Saathoff would remain on the base paths as the inning came to a close.

These two teams met back on April 1, with Litchfield taking the lead early and surrendering that lead to the Comets in the third inning. This time, the Purple Panthers would also surrender their early lead in the third.

The Comets put four runs on the board as they collected three hits, two errors and a walk. After two nearly flawless innings by Litchfield's starting pitcher Bryce Hires, the Comets pushed him off the mound during the outpouring of runs. Hires would go two and a third innings, allowing three earned runs, striking out three and walking two. The offensive outbreak put the Comets in the lead 4-1 after two and a half innings of play.

As the Comets were finally

able to get a hold of Hires, the Purple Panthers would have the reverse response to Greenville's starting pitcher. After giving up the early run, Greenville's Mason Barnes shut the Purple Panthers down in the remaining innings. Barnes would last six and a third innings, sitting down 17 Purple Panthers on strikeouts.

After collecting his 17th strikeout in the bottom of the seventh inning, Barnes would be replaced by Ryan Jackson. The relief pitcher would nail the door shut on the contest as he struck out one Purple Panther and made the other batter he faced fly out.

Greenville would be able to build on their three-run lead in the fifth and sixth inning as they collected three more runs during those two innings, giving them a 7-1 lead after five innings of action.

Litchfield would get a runner in scoring position one other time in the contest after scoring their early run. Drake Gasperson led off the bottom of the sixth inning with a two-bag hit, giving Litchfield a base runner in scoring position for the first time since the first inning. Gasperson's double would come up short from creating a big inning as he would be left stranded on the base paths.

Litchfield would not be able to get any further rallies going as Greenville would claim the South Central Conference win. The loss would drop Litchfield to 2-16 overall and 2-5 in the South Central Conference. Greenville would improve their record to 15-11 overall and 5-3 in the South Central Conference.

Litchfield will wrap up their season this week with a road trip to Southwestern on May 13, before entering post season on Monday in Carlinville against the Cavies.

## May 9 at Litchfield

Greenville 004 210 0--7 10 0  
Litchfield 100 000 0--1 3 6

### Pitching Statistics

Greenville IP R ER H K BB  
Barnes 6.1 1 1 3 17 1  
Jackson 0.2 0 0 0 1 0  
Litchfield IP R ER H K BB  
Hires 2.1 3 3 2 3 2  
Gasperson 1.2 3 0 4 2 0  
Baughter 2.0 1 0 2 1 1  
Bishop 1.0 0 0 2 1 0

### Batting Statistics

Hits: Litchfield - Jacob Budd 1, Drake Gasperson 1, Carson Saathoff 1; Greenville - Mason Barnes 2, Chase Bellgante 2, Edward Jurgena 2, Drew Potthast 1, Ryan Harnetiaux 1, Ryan Jackson 1, Trent Bohannon 1. 2B: Litchfield - Jacob Budd 1, Drake Gasperson 1, Carson Saathoff 1; Greenville - Chase Bellegante 1. Runs: Litchfield - Jacob Budd 1. RBI: Litchfield - Carson Saathoff 1.

Records: Greenville (15-11, 5-3); Litchfield (2-16, 2-5).

# County Racers Take Top Spots At IXCR Series Stop

Round three of the IXCR cross country racing series took place at Lee Farms on April 24, in Martinsville, IN, and a handful of racers from the J-N Motorsports family were there in attendance.

Walshville's Travis Lentz picked up a win in the 85cc Junior class, beating second place finisher Dawson Starnes of Martinsville by a lap. Lentz was the only 85cc Junior racer to complete five laps on the course, doing so in 1:12:03.

In the Super Mini class, Donnellson's Cooper Duff ran 12th in the 20-rider field, running four laps in 1:13:08. Carlinville's Colt Rosentreter also finished 12th in his class, 65cc, running three laps in 1:21:13.

Overall, Lentz finished ninth in youth bikes, while Duff was 28th and Rosentreter was 53rd.

Rosentreter's younger brother Ty also raced in Martinsville, finishing sixth in the 10" class and 25th overall in the 50cc bikes division.

On the adult side, Cooper Duff's father Ryan took sec-

ond in the Senior A 40+ class, running six laps in 2:05:27, with a 36th place finish in the PM bikes division overall. Luke Kaszynski of Hennepin won the class, completing seven laps in 2:23:28.

Another set of Carlinville brothers, Rylan and Reece Frankford, also competed at Lee Farms. Rylan was 10th in the A Lite class with a time of 1:38:31 for five laps, while Reece was 15th in the B Lite class.

Round four of the IXCR series, King of the Mountain, is this weekend, May 14-15, in Canaan, IN.

April 24 at Martinsville, IN

## IXCR Round Three

### Youth Bikes

Super Mini: 12. Cooper Duff (Donnellson) 4 laps, 1:13:08 (28)

85cc JR: 1. Travis Lentz (Walshville) 5 laps, 1:12:03 (9)

65cc: 12. Colt Rosentreter (Carlinville) 3 laps, 1:21:13 (53)

### 50 Bikes

10": 6. Ty Rosentreter (Carlinville) 3 laps, 33:17 (25)

### Adult PM Bikes

A Lite: 10. Rylan Frankford (Carlinville) 5 laps, 1:38:31 (70)

B Lite: 15. Reece Frankford (Carlinville) 1 lap, 38:29 (107)

Senior A 40+: 2. Ryan Duff (Donnellson) 6 laps, 2:05:27 (36)

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# Hillsboro Country Club To Host Junior Program

The Hillsboro Country Club will be hosting its junior golf program again this year, with the five-week program beginning on June 6.

The program is open to boys and girls going into first through eighth grades and will be held on Monday mornings from 8 to 11 a.m. from June 6 through July 11, with no instruction on July 4.

Young golfers will learn the fundamentals of golf, as well as the rules and etiquette of the sport. Players are encouraged to bring their own clubs

and wear golf shoes or tennis shoes, comfortable shorts and a polo style shirt if possible. No heels, sandals, flip-flops, boots, cutoff shirts or cutoff shorts, please.

The program is \$50 for Hillsboro Country Club members, with \$25 for each additional sibling, or \$75 for non-members, with \$40 for each additional sibling.

Applications are available at the Hillsboro Country Club and are due back by Friday, June 3. For more information, text 217-254-6200.

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With two top fives and a top 10 in three races at Highland Speedway, Hillsboro's Evan Lynch is off to a hot start in an otherwise soggy spring racing season.

## Lynch Scores Top 10s At Highland

High school sports aren't the only things being cancelled with the torrential rain showers that have plagued the area. Motorsports have also taken a hit, especially those who run on banked dirt tracks like those found at Macon Speedway and Highland Speedway.

Still, local racers have found a few opportunities to run laps, with success coming their way as well.

Hillsboro's Evan Lynch already has two top five finishes and a top 10 finish in three races in Highland in the UMP ProModified class.

On April 16, Lynch started second in his qualifying heat, but fell back to sixth by the end of the race. After starting dead last, the 14E moved up 12 spots, the most of any racer in the feature, to secure a fifth place finish. Hillsboro's Justin Reynolds also raced in

Highland, finishing sixth in his qualifying heat, but taking a DNS (did not start) in the feature.

Lynch didn't have to make as big of a move in the next race on April 23, as he started seventh in a 14-car field at Highland after finishing fifth in his qualifying heat. He would move up two spots in the feature to score his second fifth place finish in as many races.

To close out the month of April, Lynch scored a top 10 finish at Highland, moving up three spots in the feature after starting 13th. Lynch landed in that starting spot after running a fast lap of 15.305 seconds in qualifying.

Hillsboro's Charles Eddington also ran a pair of races in Highland, on April 16 and 23 in the street stock class. Eddington started 14th in his opening race and moved

up a spot to finish 13th in the feature, and finished 20th in the race on April 23.

**Macon Speedway**  
On April 16, Hillsboro's Kevin Rench brought the number 116 car to Macon to run in the Pro-Mod class at Macon Speedway. Rench started third in the first qualifying heat, but finished eighth to relegate him toward the back in the 17-car feature. After starting 14th, Rench worked his way up through the field and scored a 10th place finish.

Harvel's Bryan Leach also raced at Macon on May 7, competing in the Modified class. Leach was fourth in the first qualifying group with a fast lap of 12.387 seconds, and fourth again in his heat. Starting 10th, Leach worked his way up to finish sixth in the 26-car feature.

## Hillsboro Boys Tennis

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The other singles win came from Kyle Butler, who won 6-0, 6-0 over Logan Light. The win was a good one for the Toppers, who lost to Roxana on Monday, May 9, by an 8-1 final score on the Shells' senior night.

The Toppers will be in Greenville on Friday, May 13, for the South Central Conference Tournament, with sectionals around the corner in Troy on May 20-21.

### May 10 at Hillsboro

Hillsboro 7, Granite City 2

**Singles:** 1. Jadon Wing (G) def. Will Speiser (H) 6-2, 6-0; 2. Ethan Schreiber (H) def. Xavier Paul (G) 6-4, 6-2; 3. Kyle Butler (H) def. Logan Light (G) 6-0, 6-0; 4. Luke Allen (H) def. Elliot Paul (G) 6-0, 6-1; 5. Izac Adams (H) won by forfeit; 6. Caleb Page (H) won by forfeit.

**Doubles:** 1. Jadon Wing/Xavier Paul (G) def. Ethan Schreiber/Kyle Butler (H) 8-5; 2. Will Speiser/Izac Adams (H) def. Logan Light/Elliot Paul (G) 8-1; 3. Luke Allen/Caleb Page (H) won by forfeit.



Prior to the match with Granite City on Tuesday, May 10, Hillsboro senior tennis player Will Speiser, pictured with his parents Phil and Jodi Speiser, was honored for his contributions to the program.

## Litchfield/Hillsboro Softball

*Continued from 1B*

The Birds got two more runs in the second on two singles, two hit batters and an unsuccessful fielder's choice, but Litchfield cut the lead to 4-2 in the top of the third on back-to-back singles by Taylor Brakenhoff and Annika Rhodes.

The Lady Panthers momentarily tied the game in the top of the sixth, after two scoreless innings for both teams. Jenni Boden and Elise Walch were both on base after singles when Bella Roach drove them in with a double to left with two outs.

Unfortunately, the tie only lasted three batters as Maddy Fenstermaker singled to start the bottom of the sixth for Southwestern, stole second and scored the go-ahead run on an error off the bat of Abby McDonald.

Litchfield had the go-ahead run on base with one out in the seventh after Taylor Brakenhoff reached on an error and Ashley Hickerson singled, but Southwestern pitcher Hannah Nixon struck out the final two batters of the game to secure the win.

The two teams combined for 23 hits in the game and left a small army on the base paths, with Litchfield stranding nine and Southwestern leaving 11.

Nixon's last two strikeouts would be her eighth and ninth in the win, while Wyatt struck out two in the loss.

Both Emma and Elise Walch went 2-for-3 for the Panthers, while Ashley Hickerson was 2-for-4. Bella Roach had one hit for Coach Jessica Ball's



With Hillsboro's Anika Camp on her way to third behind her, Litchfield's Annika Rhodes prepares to throw to first base for the final out of the game as the Purple Panthers defeated the Toppers 16-1 in Hillsboro.

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club and drove in two runs.

With the split, Litchfield is now 2-16 on the season. They will play at North Greene on Thursday, May 12, in their regular season finale.

Both Hillsboro and Litchfield are in the Vandalia Regional for the postseason, with the Toppers play at Vandalia on May 16, and the Panther playing at Greenville the same day.

### May 9 at Piasa

Litchfield 101 002 0--4 10 1

Southwestern 220 001 x--5 13 2

### Pitching Statistics

**Litchfield** IP R ER H K BB

Wyatt 6.0 5 4 13 2 1

**\*Wyatt 3 HBP**

**S'western** IP R ER H K BB

Nixon 7.0 4 3 10 9 0

### Batting Statistics

**Multiple Hits:** Litchfield - Emma Walch 2-3, Elise Walch 2-3, Ashley Hickerson 2-4; Southwestern - Maddy Fenstermaker 4-4, Hannah Nixon 3-4, Maddy Seymour 2-4, Abby Durbin 2-4.

**2B:** Litchfield - Bella Roach 1, Emma Walch 1; Southwestern - Hannah Nixon 1. **Runs:** Litchfield - Lauren Monke 1, Taylor

Brakenhoff 1, Laynie Wyatt 1, Elise Walch 1. **RBI:** Litchfield - Bella Roach 2, Annika Rhodes 1, Ashley Hickerson 1.

**Records:** Litchfield (1-16); Southwestern (5-14).

### May 10 at Hillsboro

Litchfield 143 08 --16 15 0

Hillsboro 001 00 ---1 2 6

### Pitching Statistics

**Litchfield** IP R ER H K BB

Wyatt 5.0 1 1 2 7 3

**\*Wyatt 3 HBP**

**Hillsboro** IP R ER H K BB

Camp 5.0 16 13 15 6 1

**\*Camp 2 HBP**

### Batting Statistics

**Multiple Hits:** Litchfield - Annika Rhodes 3-3, Lauren Monke 3-5, Emma Walch 2-3, Ashley Hickerson 2-4, Taylor Brakenhoff 2-4, Bella Roach 2-4. **2B:** Litchfield - Bella Roach 1, Laynie Wyatt 1. **HR:** Litchfield - Emma Walch 2. **Runs:** Litchfield - Bella Roach 2, Emma Walch 3, Lauren Monke 2, Laynie Wyatt 2, Taylor Brakenhoff 1, Annika Rhodes 1, Ashley Hickerson 1, Jenni Boden 1, Elise Walch 1; Hillsboro - Annika Camp 1. **RBI:** Emma Walch 5, Taylor Brakenhoff 2, Annika Rhodes 2, Ashley Hickerson 2, Jenni Boden 1, Laynie Wyatt 1, Bella Roach 1.

**Records:** Litchfield (2-16); Hillsboro (2-13).

## Pretzels Tie Lady Lancers In Knots

An eight-run third inning by New Berlin was the difference maker when the Pretzels visited Lincolnwood on Monday, May 9, as the Lancer softball team fell to 9-12 with a 10-3 loss to New Berlin.

The Pretzels took a 2-0 lead in the second inning off Lancer starter Kristen Osterholt, but did so while getting just one single, an error and two sacrifices.

The majority of New Berlin's offense came in the third inning, including eight of their 10 hits. Osterholt faced the first four batters and gave up two singles and a walk, with one batter reaching on an error. Taryn Millburg came on in relief and gave up six singles, with three strikeouts scattered in to finally get out of the inning.

Once the smoke cleared, the Pretzels had scored four runs each off the two Lancer hurlers as they seemed poised to end the game early.

Instead, Lincolnwood made the best of a difficult situation. The Lancers scored twice in the third after Shelby Hattenbach walked and Morgan Cowdrey Reached on an error, with Sidney Glick ripping a double to left to score both runners.

After the bumpy start, Millburg was lights out after the third inning, coming within a two-out walk in the seventh of four straight 1-2-3 innings. Even then, she got the next batter to ground out to third, as she retired 12 of the 13 batters she faced in the final four frames.

Unfortunately for Lincolnwood, Kailyn Middleton was nearly as good for the Pretzels as she gave up just two hits in the final four innings to the Lancers, with back-to-back 1-2-3 innings to end the game.

One of the hits came in the fifth for the Lancers as Sidney Glick doubled to drive in Morgan Cowdrey (who was hit by a pitch while leading off the inning) for her third RBI of the day. The run made it 10-3 in New Berlin's favor and that's as close as Lincolnwood got from there on out.

Middleton finished with 10 strikeouts in the win, with only one earned run out of the three she allowed. Millburg finished the game with six strikeouts, while Osterholt also had a K on the day.

### Pawnee

On Tuesday, the Lancers joined Pawnee in Decatur for an MSM Conference game at

the state of the art stadium on the campus of Millikin University.

The turf field and ambience of the Workman Family Softball Field seemed to suit the Lancers just fine early on, but Pawnee came back from a 5-4 deficit to win 9-6.

After spotting the Indians two runs in the top of the first, Lincolnwood came roaring back with four runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning.

The Lancers started the inning with singles from Morgan Cowdrey and Ashley Walton, but a pair of fielder's choices gave the Indians two outs, with Walton now on third and Taryn Millburg on first. Lincolnwood pitcher Paige Rainwater helped her own cause with a ground ball to short, which resulted in an error and two runs scored for the Lancers.

Marisa Webb then singled, with Justine Seelbach (Rainwater's courtesy runner) moving to third on the play. With two outs and two on, Avery Pope tripled to center field, allowing Seelbach and Webb to score and make it 4-2 in Lincolnwood's favor before the final out was recorded.

Pawnee tied the game on an error and three singles in the top of the third, but Lincolnwood scored again to regain the lead. Like an instant replay, Pope notched her second triple to score Seelbach, who courtesy ran for Rainwater after the Lancer starter singled two batters earlier.

Pawnee got two runners on in the fourth and loaded the bases with one out in the fifth, but Rainwater worked her way out of trouble in both frames as Lincolnwood continued to hold a 5-4 lead.

The back and forth of the game continued after that, with Pawnee taking the lead, only to have Lincolnwood answer in the bottom half of the sixth. The Indians tied the game on a double by Maya Rodriguez, then took the lead on an error to make it 6-5.

Lincolnwood's run came after three straight singles by Pope, Jhia Walker and JoBeth Matli, the last of which drove in Pope from second. With two on and no outs, a rally brewed, but Pawnee pitcher Kayleigh Cobb got a double play and a fly out to end the frame with no further damage.

Those runs would have come in handy as Pawnee plated three more in the top of

the seventh off three singles, a walk and Lincolnwood's fourth error of the game. Of the nine runs allowed by Rainwater in the contest, only four were earned due to the Lancer fielding miscues.

Lincolnwood threatened to keep things going in the bottom of the seventh as Sidney Glick walked and Taryn Millburg singled, but Cobb was able to get the next three outs as the Lancers stranded two runners in scoring position at game's end.

Like Rainwater, most of Cobb's runs were unearned, as the Indians committed two errors of their own. The Pawnee pitcher struck out four and walked two in the game, while Rainwater struck out seven and walked four.

At the plate, Maddy Byers went 4-for-4 with three runs scored for Pawnee while Maya Rodriguez was 3-for-5. Avery Pope led Lincolnwood with a 3-for-4 day with two triples and three RBIs, while Morgan Cowdrey was 2-for-4.

Lincolnwood wraps up the week with a road trip to Springfield Lutheran on Thursday, May 12, followed by a home game against Carlinville on May 13 and a trip to Pawnee on Saturday, May 14.

### May 9 at Raymond

New Berlin 028 000 0-10 10 4

Lincolnwood 002 010 0--3 4 2

### Pitching Statistics

**New Berlin** IP R ER H K BB

Middleton 7.0 3 1 4 10 1

**\*Middleton 1 HBP**

**L'wood** IP R ER H K BB

Osterholt 2.0 6 3 4 1 1

Millburg 5.0 4 4 6 6 1

### Batting Statistics

**Multiple Hits:** New Berlin - Mae Bandelow 2-3, Alyssa Hopkins 2-4, Katie Long 2-4; Lincolnwood - Sidney Glick 2-4. **2B:**

New Berlin - Mae Bandelow 1; Lincolnwood - Sidney Glick 2.

**Runs:** Lincolnwood - Morgan Cowdrey 2, Shelby Hattenbach 1. **RBI:** Lincolnwood - Sidney Glick 3.

**Records:** Lincolnwood (9-12); New Berlin (11-12).

### May 10 at Decatur

Pawnee 202 002 3--9 14 2

Lincolnwood 401 001 0--6 11 4

### Pitching Statistics

**Pawnee** IP R ER H K BB

Cobb 7.0 6 2 11 4 2

**L'wood** IP R ER H K BB

Rainwater 7.0 9 4 14 7 4

### Batting Statistics

**Multiple Hits:** Pawnee - Makenna Byers 4-4, Maya Rodriguez 3-5, Kalee Hinds 2-5; Lincolnwood - Avery Pope 3-4, Morgan Cowdrey 2-4. **2B:** Pawnee - Maya Rodriguez 1. **3B:** Lincolnwood - Avery Pope 2. **Runs:** Lincolnwood - Justine Seelbach 2, Ashley Walton 1, Taryn Millburg 1, Marisa Webb 1, Avery Pope 1.

**RBI:** Lincolnwood - Avery Pope 3, JoBeth Matli 1.

**Records:** Lincolnwood (9-13), Pawnee (9-7).

## McGivney Streak Alive At Skins Expense

After starting the season with three losses in their first four games, Father McGivney had won 23 straight going into the final week of the regular season. On Monday, May 9, Nokomis found out why the Griffins are so good, falling to the Metro-East parochial power by an 11-1 final score.

McGivney senior Clayton Hopfinger held the Redskins to six hits, two of which came in the sixth inning, when Nokomis scored their only run.

After the first two batters struck out and popped up, Brenton Lyons doubled to center field to give Nokomis their fifth hit and their third extra-base hit of the game. Matthew Ulrici had the other two, with a double in the fifth and another in the third.

Ryan Eisenbarth picked up

his second hit of the game with a single to center, with Lyons moving to third and taking home in the next at-bat, before Hopfinger got the strikeout to end the inning.

McGivney's Jacob McKee got that run back to lead off the bottom of the sixth, swatting a solo home run to make it 10-1. A double, a strikeout and two singles drove in another run for the Griffins, who ended the game with one out in the sixth by the 10-run rule.

The final two runs capped off a methodical budgeoning by the McGivney offense, who scored three in the first, two in the third and four in the fourth against the Nokomis pitching combo of Matthew Ulrici, Ian Keller and Austin Thornton.

Nokomis wraps up the week with a home game against

PORTA on Thursday, May 12, followed by their the regular season finale on Friday, May 13, at Riverton.

### May 9 at Glen Carbon

Nokomis 000 001 ---1 6 1

McGivney 302 402 ---11 12 0

### Pitching Statistics

**Nokomis** IP R ER H K BB

Ulrici 4.0 9 5 8 4 3

Keller 1.1 2 2 2 3 2

Thornton 0.0 0 0 2 0 0

**\*Ulrici 1 HBP**

**McGivney** IP R ER H K BB

Hopfinger 6.0 1 1 6 6 0

### Batting Statistics

**Multiple Hits:** Nokomis - Ryan Eisenbarth 2-3, Matthew Ulrici 2-3; Father McGivney - Jacob McKee 3-4, AJ Sutherland 2-4, Nathaniel Terhaar 2-4. **2B:** Nokomis - Matthew Ulrici 2, Brenton Lyons 1; Father McGivney - Daniel Gierer 1, AJ Sutherland 1, Nathaniel Terhaar 1, Jacob McKee 1, Nicholas Franklin 1. **HR:** McGivney - Jacob McKee 1. **Runs:** Nokomis - Brenton Lyons 1.

**Records:** Nokomis (12-11); Father McGivney (27-3).

# Hillsboro Country Club

## Jr. Golf Program Camp

**Who:** Boys & Girls, Grades 1-8 ('22-'23 School Year")

**What:** Participants will learn fundamentals of golf, as well as rules and etiquette

**When:** Monday mornings, 8-11 a.m.

**Five-Monday Program: Beginning June 6 & Ending July 11 (none July 4)**

**Cost:** HCC members-\$50 (Add'l. siblings-\$25)  
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## Tree Planting At Madison Park In Litchfield With City Proclamation

In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Litchfield Tree Board hosted Kindergarten and first grade students at Madison Park on Friday, April 29. Mayor Steve Dougherty kicked off the program by reading a proclamation to the students: "Setting aside April 29 as Arbor Day in the City of Litchfield." The proclamation also states how important trees are to solve issues critical to survival.

The city's street department planted five hard maple trees in the park and 145 sugar maple tree saplings were provided to the students. The trees were purchased through a generous donation from the Corwin Memorial Trust Fund.

Among those participating are, in the front row, left to right, Noah Wood, Allison Barwick, Bryson Heaton, Paisley Ostendorf, Juanita Melchert, Hudson Jackson, Reid Birkenkamp and Elyse Ellinger. Back row, left to right are Mayor Steve Dougherty, street department employee Bill Meyer, tree board member Nancy Jones, street superintendent Dave Crocks, tree board member Dr. Dennis Billiter, and street department employees Dave Lindsay and Greg Wilson.



## Beckemeyer Honors Students Of The Month

Beckemeyer Elementary School has recognized one student from each grade level as the April Students of the Month. Pictured above, from the left are Leo Lipe in first grade, Korbin Queener in second grade, Kathryn Eller in third grade, Paxton Chesney in fourth grade and Kylee Furness in fifth grade. Not present for the photo was kindergartner Matthew Buckingham.



## Litchfield Knights Donate To Schools

On Tuesday, May 3, the Litchfield Knights of Columbus donated \$2,062.90 to the special education teachers of Litchfield. The money was raised through the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Pictured above, from the left are Zoe Zalar, Roger Krabbe, Litchfield Curriculum Director Jennifer Thompson, Gary Bray, Richard Weiss, Mike Compton and Bob Reid.



Pictured above, from the left are Alden Knodle, Nathan Brown, Elaan Bader, Kohen Stolte, Katlyn Marley, Emma Hughes and Erin Kistner.

## 4-H Youth Honored For Career Achievements

4-H youth across the state were honored for their career achievements in the 4-H program at the 4-H Celebration of Excellence held April 9.

The State 4-H Experience Award offers recognition for members who took part in activities and events in the categories of participation, community service, leadership and project mastery.

In order to qualify for the top levels of the award, 4-H members must have expanded their experience beyond just the county level.

The Emerald Level award recognizes youth who completed eight or more experiences in one of the three dimensions, with at least four of those experiences beyond the county level and at least two at the state, national or international level. The Emerald Level awards are sponsored by Patricia Clickener, Dr. Lloyd Shaw, Jim and Cheryl Wormley and Pete Haselhorst.

Montgomery County members winning Emerald Level Award in Leadership are Erin Kistner and Kohen Stolte.

Montgomery County members winning the Emerald Level in Project Learning include Elaan Bader, Emma Hughes, Nathan Brown, Amanda Niemann and Katlyn Marley.



Litchfield Middle School has selected its students of the month of May. Pictured above, from the left, are Paityn Buzick, Johnathon Bowles, Halle Rogers, Charlotte Reyes, Clayton Ortega and Leighton Warchol.

## Six Students Recognized At LMS

Litchfield Middle School (LMS) has announced their May Students of the Month.

This month, the school focused on citizenship. Students learned about sharing to make their school and community better, cooperation, getting involved in community affairs, voting, obeying laws and rules and respecting authority.

**Charlotte Reyes**

Charlotte Reyes was selected as one of the sixth grade students of the month. Teachers said she looks out for her classmates and also looks out for the well-being of all students. She is one of the creators of the personal hygiene drive put on by the student council. She sees a need and looks for ways to help. She was also a Panther Pal to next year's sixth graders and did a great job showing the fifth graders around LMS.

**Halle Rogers**

Halle Rogers was also chosen as a sixth grade student of the month. She is also one of the creators of the personal hygiene drive and is kind to everyone. Teachers said she looks for ways to help when she sees a need that needs to be met. She does a great job volunteering and making sure that everyone in a group feels included. She was also a Panther Pal to the fifth graders during their visit to LMS.

**Leighton Warchol**

Leighton Warchol was selected as one of the seventh grade students of the month. Staff shared that she works extremely hard in all she does. She is responsible, caring and always ready to help her classmates and community. She has much to offer to those around her.

**Clayton Ortega**

Clayton Ortega was also chosen as one of the seventh grade students of the month. Teachers said he is extremely responsible and respects everyone around him. He is committed to making the world around him a better place. He has a lot to offer his community with his positive attitude and good work ethic.

**Paityn Buzick**

Paityn Buzick was selected as one of the eighth grade students of the month. Staff said she displays characteristics of citizenship by helping others, being considerate and putting others' needs before her own. She believes in doing what is right and respecting authority. She has been a positive addition to the LMS community through athletics and academics.

**Johnathon Bowles**

Johnathon Bowles was chosen as one of the eighth grade students of the month. Teachers said he is helpful, considerate and willing to serve with a joyful attitude. He respects our school and those in it. He is well-mannered, respects authority and contributes to his community. His involvement in student council, eco team and athletics are indicative of his desire to make the school and community a better place.

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United Recyclers Group Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce Blake Rentz as a \$5,500 award winner for 2022. Blake is the son of Craig & Karen Rentz. Craig is employed by Mullins Auto Parts, a URG member in Mt. Olive, IL. Blake is currently a full-time student in his sophomore year at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He is currently hoping to attain a degree in environmental sciences with a specialization in toxicology. He is very involved on campus holding a VP position in Sigma Phi Epsilon and he is also a VP on the executive board of SIUE's Interfraternity Council. He hopes he can continue to work towards accomplishing his goals.

Blake Rentz



Pictured above is a barred owl peeking out of the box on Tuesday, April 26, before it entered the branching phase.

## Hemken Wins Bremer Owllet Name Contest

The fresh barred owl owllet at Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro now has a name—Snowy—thanks to seven-year-old Kennedy Hemken of Staunton.

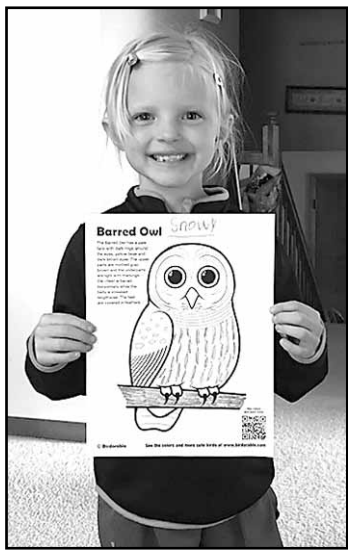
Stewards at Bremer Sanctuary randomly selected a name from 31 entries as part of their contest on Tuesday, April 26.

When Hemken was asked why she chose the name Snowy, she said, “The owl has white with a little black and it reminded me of snow.”

Kennedy chose a \$20 gift card to Sweet Addictions for her prize.

While the barred owl that is pictured above has reached the branching phase, the owllet remains in the area while the parents continue to feed it for the next few months. It will be practicing its flying skills by first hopping from branch to branch, then taking short flights to nearby trees.

According to stewards, this is the first time an owl



**Kennedy Hemken**

has nested in that box. It is a “traditional” owl nest box that was built by Ron Gazda and raffled off at the 2017 Owl Prowl. It was donated back to the sanctuary by winner Nancy Redman.

## Raymond Kids Learn About Fire Safety

Over a dozen local youth participated in a special fire safety program at Doyle Public Library on Saturday morning, April 30.

As they arrived, each child entered their name in a drawing to win a large dragon puppet.

The program began with a presentation led by Raymond-Harvel Fire Chief Danny McCallum who brought a few of his volunteer firemen, his son Jason McCallum and Devin Bedinger, to assist him in teaching the children all about fire safety and prevention. The first responders explained what to do in the event of a fire, as well as the equipment they use, and reminded them of the stop, drop and roll method in case they find themselves ablaze.

Children also colored fire-themed pictures and listened to music including the “Hurry, Hurry Drive the Firetruck” song. Doyle Public Library Director Sharla Riley encouraged participating families to make a family fire escape plan.

Following the presenta-



Pictured above, Grayson and Ava Bockewitz, children of Jerrad and Michelle (Borgie) Bockewitz of Raymond, delight in a brief tour of the fire truck as Raymond-Harvel Fire Chief Danny McCallum assists them. Grandparents Phil and Karen Borgie also joined in the fun. Also pictured, at left, is volunteer fireman Devin Bedinger.

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tion, each child got to climb aboard and on top of the fire truck, Engine 501, that was parked in front of Pogan’s

Creamery, and check it out. To finish the morning festivities, library volunteer Katelyn Armour and and

Director Sharla Riley drew the lucky winner for the dragon puppet, which was Lincoln Morris.

## Queen Summer Visits Zion Lutheran Students

Montgomery County Fair Queen Summer Smith paid a special visit to students at Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield on Thursday morning, May 5. Students in pre-kindergarten to second grade gathered in the school gym, where Smith read *The Three B’s for Barry*, a children’s book she wrote in honor of her Uncle Barry McNew, who lost his life to mental illness. As part of her ongoing mission to raise awareness for mental health, Smith spoke to students about bullying and encouraged the children to be kind to their peers. She also plans to donate a book to the school. *The Three B’s for Barry* can be purchased online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for \$15.

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**Gabe Heigert**



**Ellie Maguire**



**Josie Pennock**



**Lincoln Rogers**

## Madison Park Students Honored By Principal

Madison Park Elementary School Principal Adam Favre has announced the Principal’s Recognition Award winners this year for the week of April 29.

Kindergarten winners are Ellie Maguire, Gabe Heigert, Lincoln Rogers and Josie

Pennock.

These students are recognized by their classroom teacher for positive achievements in academic and social skills. Students celebrate during the morning meeting and receive a certificate.



## New Lighting Purchase Honors Dick Elam Family

This spring, members of the Taylor Springs Volunteer Fire Department purchased electric and battery powered LED lights and a battery-powered rescue tool, thanks to the many generous memorials in memory of Dick Elam, Sr. A lifetime member of the Taylor Springs community, Elam was a valuable asset to the fire department. All items were purchased from RP Lumber in Hillsboro.

Pictured above are members of the Elam family, including Dick Elam, Jr., Pam Guinn, Ranee Elam and Jake Jones, who serves as the assistant chief. Family members not present for the photo were Jodi Summers, Debbie Jones and firefighter Eric Simmons. Members of the Taylor Springs Fire Department in the photo are Chief Brian Redman, Tom Flint, Dave Wrachford, Linda Klotz and Ron Gazda.



## Sen. McClure Visits Litchfield

State Senator Steve McClure of the 50th district, left, visited Litchfield Monday at the Historic Litchfield Carnegie Library building. He won the election in November 2018 after serving as a prosecutor in the Sangamon County State’s Attorney office in Springfield. With redistricting he is now running for the senate in the new 54th District which now includes Montgomery County. He was introduced by Litchfield Mayor Steve Dougherty, right, and he spoke of his work in resolving issues with the governor’s unconfirmed Pension Review Board appointments which saw several unsettling very controversial parolee cases.

He also noted his displeasure “that the super majority party refused to advance any kind of permanent tax relief, opting instead for short-term gimmicks that expire after the next election. Worse yet, they blocked any and all legislation that would actually hold violent criminals accountable and keep them behind bars.”

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MULTI-FAMILY yard sale at 811 S. Oak Street. Friday, May 13, 8-3 p.m.; Saturday, May 14, 8 to noon. Boys bicycle, very good condition, small girls bicycle, desk, rocker, women and kids clothing, TV, books, toys, Hosta plants and lots of misc. items.

SATURDAY, 14TH, 9 to 2. Perennial plant sale, 59 My Lane, Hillsboro. Judy Jett

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 8 a.m. til noon. Gently used purse sale benefiting PawsCare. 1123 School St.

COMMUNITY TOWNWIDE rummage sales, sponsored by Nokomis Chamber of Commerce, May 13 & 14, starting at 8 a.m.

GARAGE SALE: Friday, May 13, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Halleman, 16277 North 23rd Ave., Nokomis.

GARAGE SALE: 631 W. Franklin St., Nokomis, IL Friday, May 13, 9 to 6 and Saturday, May 14, 8 to 12 p.m.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD sale at 403 W. Tremont, Hillsboro, this Friday from 8 to 5 and Saturday from 8 to noon. Will move indoors if it rains. Women's clothing (mostly J. Crew), sizes xx-small through medium. Men's sizes x-large and xx-large. Girls sizes 5 to 7. Over 500 books (mostly religion & theology). Other items: toys, antique children's desk, queen-size headboard and frame, drapes and more. 3 Fern Hill baked goods: cinnamon rolls, rhubarb crisps, cookies, craft sodas.

YARD SALE: 206 Lakewood Dr., Hillsboro. Friday 3 to 7, Sat. 7 to noon. Household items, name brand baby and kids clothing.

Police

**Litchfield Police**

- William C. Cooper, 37, of Carlinville, was cited for expired registration at 6:38 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Jefferson and Scherer.
- Joseph L. Petty, 78, of Hillsboro, was ticketed for retail theft at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Walmart.
- Issac M. Dobrinich, 24, of Mt. Olive, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 10:24 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Van Buren and Union.
- Mark C. Tomso, 59, of Litchfield, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 3:40 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Ferdon and Adams.
- James J. Mullink, 20, of Girard, was cited for tinted windshield at 4:07 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Weir and Old Rt. 66.
- Christopher Ogden, 27, of Shipman, was jailed for felony retail theft and a Macoupin County warrant at 8:01 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Walmart.
- A 16-year-old Taylor Springs girl was cited for illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor at 5:57 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Marina I.
- Clayton R. Snell, 20, of Litchfield, was cited for illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor at 5:57 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Marina I.
- Dakota M. Reinacher, 20, of Litchfield, was cited for illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor at 5:57 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Marina I.
- Steven J. Gibson, 21, of Litchfield, was cited for unlawful delivery of alcohol to a minor at 5:57 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Marina I.
- Gary L. Cunningham, 59, of High Ridge, MO, was ticketed for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to obtain appropriate registration at 11:51 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Ferdon and Palmer Trail.
- Cassandra Thiessen, 35, of Litchfield, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 1:40 a.m. Sunday, May 8, at Illinois and Henrichs.
- Ryan J. Goldern, 39, of Tallula, was jailed for Macon County and McLean County warrants at 6:36 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at Walmart.
- David E. Henry, 57, of Hillsboro, was cited for improper lane usage at 1:48 p.m. Monday, May 9, at Union and Ohren.
- Angela K. Stockamp, 44, of Litchfield, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and an expired registration sticker at 10:14 a.m. Monday, May 9, at Rt. 16 and Jackson.
- Jeremy J. Lewis, 46, of Maryville, was cited for violation of classification/motorcycle at 10:46 a.m. Monday, May 9, at Corvette and Thunderbird.
- Abby R. Calufetti, 32, of Raymond, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 1:51 p.m. Monday, May 9, at Rt. 66 and Ferdon.
- Charity C. Leland, 39, of Litchfield, was cited for operating a vehicle with an expired registration sticker at 3:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Ohren and Union.
- Russell A. Oakley, 27, of Litchfield, was jailed for possession of meth and ticketed for failure to signal when required and operating an uninsured vehicle at 4:44 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Jackson and Edwards.
- Brennan Patterson, 18, of Staunton, was ticketed for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 12:12 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at Union and Jackson.

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VACANCY NOTICE

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3

**Position:** Junior High Art Teacher  
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**Job Description:** Instructing Junior High students in Art  
**Starting Date:** Beginning 2022-2023 School Year  
**Salary:** Teacher's Salary Schedule/Labor Contract  
**Submit Application/Résumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to:** Donald VanGiesen, Principal; Hillsboro Junior High School; 909 Rountree Street; Hillsboro, IL 62049; email to: dvangiesen@hillsboroschools.net  
**Due By:** May 20, 2022

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VACANCY NOTICE

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3

**Position:** (2) Full Time Classroom Teacher's Aides at Beckemeyer  
**License:** Current Para Professional Certification of willingness to obtain certification with district assistance  
**Job Description:** Working with Elementary age children in the classroom  
**Salary:** Teacher's Aide Salary Schedule  
**Submit Application/Résumé/Transcripts/Certificates/Letters to:** Zach Frailey, Principal; Beckemeyer Elementary School; 1035 Seymour Ave.; Hillsboro, IL 62049; Fax to: 217-532-5142; E-mail to: zfrailey@hillsboroschools.net; Phone: (217) 532-6994  
**Application Due Date:** May 20, 2022

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VACANCY NOTICE

Hillsboro Community Unit School District #3

**Position:** 10-month Cofeen Early Childhood Secretary  
**Job Description:** Performs secretarial duties, compiles student files and attendance records, answers telephone calls, and makes bank deposits  
**Qualifications:** High School diploma, clean background check, previous secretarial experience, competency in the use of computer technology and software programs, good organizational skills, strong people and phone skills  
**Salary:** To be determined  
**Start Date:** August 1, 2022  
**Submit:** Application (found at hillsboroschools.net click on Human Resources), Résumé/Letters to: Marci Gutierrez, Principal; Cofeen Early Childhood Center; 200 School Street; Cofeen, IL 62017; Email to: mgutierrez@hillsboroschools.net; Phone (217) 532-7822  
**Due Date:** Interviews will start immediately on a rolling basis until filled.  
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Pictured above, from the left, are Prestyn Buzick, Advisor Matt Belusko, AJ Sypherd, Amanda Niemann, Megan Lee, Bristol Everett (front), Keeley Grosenheider, Elaan Bader (front), Emma Bone, Georgia Glover, Maddy Hampton and Jake Long.

## Awards Presented At FFA Banquet

Several awards were presented at the Litchfield FFA chapter banquet on Friday, May 6, held at the Litchfield High School cafeteria.

The chapter members won a variety of different awards, including Emma Bone, Megan Lee, Jake Long, Georgia Glover, Keeley Grosenheider, Moriah King, Prestyn Buzick, and Bristol Everett - all of whom were awarded their Greenhand FFA degrees.

Sophomores Amanda Niemann, AJ Sypherd, and Maddy Hampton were presented with their Chapter FFA

degrees. Elaan Bader was awarded with the Outstanding Senior award. Following that, Amanda Niemann was awarded Outstanding Sophomore. Two Star Greenhand awards were given to Emma Bone and Megan Lee.

FFA members found a special way to thank their advisor, Matt Belusko, by gifting him a signed picture of the chapter, a beef jerky basket, and a gift card to Texas Roadhouse.

The retiring officer team, which consisted of President Elaan Bader, Vice-President Amanda Niemann, Reporter

Charleigh Dossett, Secretary AJ Sypherd, and Treasurer Kenden Longwell, inducted the newly elected officers.

The newly inducted 2022-2023 officer team includes President Amanda Niemann, Vice President Emma Bone, Reporter Megan Lee, Secretary Georgia Glover, Treasurer Moriah King, and Sentinel Keeley Grosenheider.

Before the closing ceremonies, FFA members and guests were presented with a year-in-review slideshow.

## Crop Condition

There were 1.7 days suitable for field work during the week ending Sunday, May 8.

Statewide, the average temperature was 53.9 degrees, 4.7 degrees below normal. Precipitation averaged 1.56 inches, .53 inches above normal.

Topsoil moisture supply was rated 1 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 50 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated 2 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 40 percent surplus.

Corn planted reached 15 percent, compared to the five-year average of 58 percent. Corn emerged reached 1 percent, compared to the five-year average of 23 percent.

Soybeans planted reached 11 percent, compared to the five-year average of 30 percent.

Winter wheat headed was 19 percent, compared to the five-year average of 42 percent. Winter wheat condition was rated 9 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 34 percent good, and 11 percent excellent.

## Police

### Hillsboro Police

- Cody W. Ritzel, 29, of Cottleville, MO, was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving while license revoked, illegal transportation of alcohol and leaving the scene of an accident at 8:55 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Rt. 16 and Elm Street.

- William E. Speed III, 46, of Hillsboro, was ticketed for driving 49 mph in a 20 mph speed zone at 7:37 p.m. Sunday, May 8, on Vandalia Road at Senator Miller Dr.



## Nokomis FFA Lessons After School Program

Nokomis FFA officers prepared and presented a lesson for the After School Program last week. Students made pudding dirt cups while learning about the different layers of soil and how earthworms and fertilizers can help improve the health of the soil.

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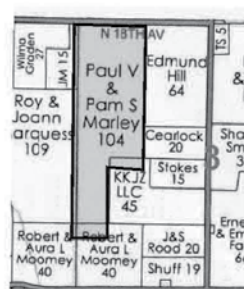
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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

**THURS., MAY 12** - Bidding ends for George W. & Helma McPhail estate & others online auction at 6 p.m. with a soft close. Pickup/checkout Mon., May 16, 4-7 p.m. at Pope Auction bldg., 823 N. O'Bannon St., Raymond. '98 camper, Country Clipper zero turn mower, antiques, collectibles, glassware, furniture, household. To bid go to mikecrabtreeauctions.hibid.com, Mike Crabtree, auctioneer, 217-473-2507.

**THURS., MAY 12** - 7 p.m. Bidding ends for online only restaurant & lounge equip. Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Checkout Sat., May 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., both at 1222 Broadway, Highland. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**SAT., MAY 14** - 10 a.m. Live onsite coin auction at Hillsboro Lions Club, 212 E. Fairground, Hillsboro (Near High School). **NOTICE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS AUCTION.** 390 lots incl. 15 pcs. of gold, silver, key dates, paper, misc. Go to [www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com) ID#13756 for complete list & photos. Eric White, auctioneer, 217-556-2135.

**SAT., MAY 14** - 12 noon. Live at address site & online @Laurenzana.com. 5 BR, 2 full BA, 2 half baths, all brick, 3-car att. garage, built in 1998, Morton bldg. Over 600 lots @ laurenzana.com incl. autos, motorcycles, Kubota ZD 3265 zero turn tractor mower w/413 hrs., tools, yard equip., household mdse, office supplies, washer, dryer, etc. For more info see laurenzana.com, 217-793-2422, 217-416-5686, John Laurenzana II, auctioneer.

**SUN., MAY 15** - 9 a.m. Consignment auction at Britz Auction Service, I-55 & Rt. 104, Exit 82, Dixon, 217-725-3333. Now accepting consignments of cars, trucks, lumber, trailers, misc.

**MON., MAY 16** - Simulcast at 6 p.m. - Bid live on location at 603 E. Harris Ave., Greenville or online for Firearms, Ammo & More. View catalog at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Preview Sun., May 15, 4-7 p.m. & checkout Mon., May 16 at close of auction or Tues., May 17, 5-7 p.m. Firearms: Transfer will be 3 business days after the auction at Rampart Range in Pocatontos. Register/bid 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.

**THURS., MAY 19** - Bidding ends for online only antiques, primitives & tools auction. Preview Sun., May 15, 4-6 p.m. Checkout Fri., May 20, 5-7 p.m. & Sat., May 21, 9-11 a.m. at Boonie's Pumpkin Farm, 8863 Dustman Rd., Worden. Lots of pottery & crocks, antique furniture, graniteware, enamelware, Mason jars, blacksmith tools, shop tools, coffee grinder, Monarch stove, more. Bid at [wiesemanauctions.hibid.com](http://wiesemanauctions.hibid.com). Wieseman Auction Service, Gene 618-540-5165, Joe 618-779-2741, [www.wiesemanauctions.com](http://www.wiesemanauctions.com).

**THURS., MAY 26** - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online only Peterson Comics 3 auction which include: Raphael #1, 1985 TMNT, Fantastic Four #50 1966 RARE Print Error, Gold Key 1969, Star Trek #1-3, Secret Wars #8 1984 1st Black Suit. Register/bid at mollettauctions.hibid.com. Preview Mon., May 23, 4-6 p.m., 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.

**THURS., MAY 26** - 8 a.m. at 1554 N. 1100 Street, Vandalia. Personal property of Terry White, Jr. includes pool, (2) 1973 Ford Mustangs, 1954 Plymouth Coronet, (2) semi trailer storage units, 10 ft. flatbed trailer, box trailer, (2) pickup trailers, four wheeler, tools & garden, and many miscellaneous items. Mollett Auction Service, LLC, Wayne 618-920-6694, Adam 618-267-3086, auctionzip.com Auctioneer #23925, mollettauctions.com, FB Mollett Auction Service.

**WED., JUN. 1** - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online auction of equipment & tools located at 8396 IL Rt. 127, Hillsboro. Low hour, late model equip. JD tractor, JD skid loader, JD mini excavator, all under 1000 hrs., plus Cat crawler loader, 08 Chevy 3500, complete line of attachments, tools, supplies, misc. items. Inspection May 26, 2-6 p.m. Pickup Jun. 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bid now at [aumannauction.com](http://aumannauction.com). Aumann Auction, Kent Aumann-auction mgr., 217-563-2523.

**TUES., JUN. 7** - 6 p.m. Bidding ends for online farmland auction located at 27044 N. 18th Ave., Nokomis. 104+/- acres in Audubon Twp., Montgomery Co. selling in 2 tracts: Tract 1 - 43+/- acres. Tract 2 - 61+/- acres. The tillable land in both tracts is in CRP at \$269.42 per acre. Bid now at [aumannauction.com](http://aumannauction.com). Aumann Auction, Nelson & Kent Aumann-auction mgrs., 217-563-2523.

**SAT., JUN. 11** - 9 a.m. at 807 US Rt. 40, Greenville. RE & personal property of Rita Carlile. Open house May 23 & May 30, 4-6 p.m. RE of (2) 3BR/2BA modular homes, '14 Chevy Impala, '89 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup-138k mi.-all original, furniture, appliances, household, tools. Personal property sells at 9 a.m. & RE sells immediately following. Not many small items, this will be a quick sale, don't miss it. 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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Traffic Court

- Joey E. Page, 42, of Litchfield, failure to obtain license after revocation, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, no valid registration.
- Chance R. Sisson, 18, of Litchfield, speeding 35 mph or over the speed limit.
- Randy E. Bess, 34, of Morrisonville, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- David L. Bunyard, 30, of Fillmore, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Kayla M. Burger, 28, of Litchfield, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Tammy A. Cantrall, 49, of Farmersville, driving 15 to 20 mph above the speed limit.
- Jason J. Chenoweth, 43, of Nokomis, expired registration.
- Hayden B. Diamond, 22, of Litchfield, no valid registration.
- John W. Jolliff, 45, of Irving, driving a non-highway vehicle.
- Kiley M. Ladendorf, 17, of Litchfield, obstructed front windshield.
- Paul A. Maberry, 54, of Litchfield, failure to wear seat belt.

- James M. Musser, 32, of Witt, violation of registration.
- Tamara S. Smith, 28, of Litchfield, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
- Tyler S. Sneed, 21, of Litchfield, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration.
- Traci A. Stone, 37, of Farmersville, driving 21 to 25 mph above the speed limit.
- Esther R. Wheeler, 21, of Farmersville, improper passing on left.
- Candy L. Zebrauskas, 47, of Raymond, operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Accidents

**Strikes Objects**  
Justin D. Dew, 31, of East St. Louis, was eastbound on North 20th Avenue, just east of East Frontage Road, in Raymond, at 8:47 a.m. Monday, April 18, when he drove off the south side of the roadway into a ditch area.  
Dew's vehicle struck a ditch, post, two trashcans and a tree, resulting in severe front end damage. The driver advised that the wind was strong and his passenger front tire may have blown, which caused him to lose control. His vehicle was towed from the scene by Curt's Towing in Litchfield.

**Gas Pedal Stuck**  
A vehicle struck a Litchfield residence following an

accident at 1:16 p.m. Sunday, May 8, on East Tyler Street in Litchfield.  
Ashley N. Clark, of Litchfield, advised she began backing out of Casey's General Store parking lot to avoid a car backing into her.  
Clark said the car clipped the front end of her vehicle. When she proceeded, her gas pedal stuck and her vehicle began backing at a high rate of speed. She advised she slammed on the brakes; however, the vehicle did not slow down, causing her to strike a residence.  
Clark's vehicle sustained rear end damage and was towed from the scene by Curt's Towing in Litchfield.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Hillsboro Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting  
Hillsboro City Hall  
June 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
1. **Variance 1** - Property west of CVS for a garage.  
2. **Variance 2** - 914 St. Louis Street for a shed at rear of property.  
3. **Special-Use Permit** - 403 W. Tremont, Home Occupation.  
4. **Special-Use Permit** - 303 W. Summer St., Home Occupation.  
5. **Zoning Amendment** - New Fence Ordinance.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA LEE HAMLIN, Deceased.  
**2022PR27 CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of Patricia Lee Hamlin. Letters of Office - Decedent's Estate were issued on April 25, 2022, to Lester D. Hamlin, Independent Executor, c/o Beavers, Calvert, Brotherton & Frisch, 221 West Main Cross, P.O. Box 320, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Montgomery County Courthouse, 120 North Main St., Hillsboro, IL 62049, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 1, 2022, which date is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 25th day of April, 2022.  
Lester D. Hamlin, as Independent Executor of the Estate of Patricia Lee Hamlin, Deceased, by His attorneys, Beavers, Calvert, Brotherton & Frisch  
By: /s/ Beth E. Brotherton DANIEL T. ROBBINS, Circuit Clerk of Montgomery County  
By: /s/ Daniel T. Robbins DEPUTY CLERK  
**BETH BROTHERTON REG. #6239045 BEAVERS, CALVERT, BROTHERTON & FRISCH 221 West Main Cross P.O. Box 320 Taylorville, IL 62568 TELEPHONE: 217-824-3341 FAX: 217-824-3842**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO: 2018-00185**  
**TO:** Paul Michael Cullen; Montgomery County Clerk; Occupants  
And unknown owners or parties interested and non-record claimants. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois as Case No. 2022-TX-10.  
The real estate is described as:  
**Lot 1 in Block 37 in the Original Town, now Village of Irving. Except-**

ing the coal underlying the premises. Situated in the Village of Irving, County of Montgomery and the State of Illinois. Parcel #: 12-22-404-007  
Said property was sold on October 28, 2019 for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on August 26, 2022. On September 19, 2022, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.  
P & N Properties, Inc. Petitioner  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO: 2018-00015**  
**TO:** Bobbie S. Cheek; Montgomery County Clerk; Occupants  
And unknown owners or parties interested and non-record claimants. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois as Case No. 2022-TX-7.  
The real estate is described as:  
**A part of the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 31 in Township 12 North Range 5 West of the 3rd Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point 40 feet North and 464 feet East of the intersection of the Farmersville-Girard Road and a line between Macoupin-**

Montgomery Counties, running thence East along the North right of way of said road 126 feet; thence North 191 feet; thence West 126 feet; thence South 191 feet to the point of beginning. Excepting the coal and other minerals underlying said premises. Situated in the County of Montgomery and the State of Illinois. Parcel #: 01-31-100-002  
Said property was sold on October 28, 2019 for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on August 26, 2022. On September 19, 2022, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.  
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**Fire Calls**  
**Faulty CO Detector**  
One Hillsboro firefighter was dispatched at 12:10 p.m. on Sunday May 8 for a carbon monoxide call. Upon arrival at the scene it was discovered that the cause for the call was a faulty carbon monoxide detector.  
**Raymond-Harvel**  
Seven responders with the Raymond/Harvel fire department were dispatched at 7:21 p.m. on the evening of Sunday, May 8. The crew was sending mutual aid to Litchfield but had the request cancelled while en route at 7:35 p.m.  
On Tuesday, May 10, 13 firefighters with the Raymond/Harvel fire department were dispatched to the scene of a two-vehicle accident at 3:51 p.m. The accident occurred at the 64 mile marker in the northbound lane of I-55. No injuries were sustained in the accident. One of the vehicles involved was a semi truck transporting hogs. On the way back to headquarters, the crew was sent back to the scene to spray the hogs with water in order to cool them down.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Central Illinois Storage will be holding a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. **SALE WILL TAKE PLACE AT [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com).** Property being sold includes all contents in unit of the following:  
**Nokomis N51 Ariel Hackworth East Auction (1 unit) May 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. Central Illinois Storage, Carlinville, IL 62626 • 217-854-3492**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO: 2018-00027**  
**TO:** Michael W. Keepper; Michelle F. Jenkins; Montgomery County Clerk  
And unknown owners or parties interested and non-record claimants. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois as Case No. 2022-TX-9.  
The real estate is described as:  
**The North 6.66 acres of the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 13 Township 9 North**

**Range 4 West of the 3rd Principal Meridian. Situated in the County of Montgomery and the State of Illinois. Parcel #: 11-13-400-013**  
Said property was sold on October 28, 2019 for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on August 26, 2022. On September 19, 2022, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.  
P & N Properties, Inc. Petitioner  
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PUBLIC NOTICE	
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR EAST FORK TOWNSHIP FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022	
<b>TOWN FUND</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property Tax - \$101,816.21; Replacement Tax - \$70,324.79; Interest Income - \$441.97 <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$172,582.97</b> <b>COMPENSATION SUMMARY:</b> Range under \$1,500.00 - Jake Blankenship, Don Huber, Scott Snow, Andy Theriac; Range \$5,000 - \$10,000 Mary Bone; Range \$10,000 - \$25,000 Penny Harbert; Range \$25,000 - \$35,000 Steve Voyles. <b>TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$67,516.70</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> Central Management Service (health ins.) - \$32,224.00; professional fees - \$5,080.00; all other expenditures less than \$2,500.00 - \$5,081.04. <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$109,901.74.</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$383,900.35 Revenues \$172,582.97 Expenditures \$109,901.74 Ending balance \$446,581.58	<b>INSURANCE FUND</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property Tax - \$7,462.63; Interest Income - \$26.19; TORIMA (dividend) - \$2,036.00. <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$9,524.82</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> TORIMA ins. - \$14,034.00 <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$14,034.00.</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$33,437.27 Revenues \$ 9,524.82 Expenditures \$14,034.00 Ending balance \$28,928.09
<b>ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property Tax - \$76,865.12; Replacement Tax - \$144,835.78; Interest Income - \$456.44 <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$222,157.34.</b> <b>COMPENSATION SUMMARY:</b> Range \$500.00 - \$10,000.00 - Devon Odle, Kenny Lentz; Range \$30,000 - \$35,000 - Wade Moore. <b>TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$40,856.00.</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> Central Management Service (health ins.) \$17,254.00; Litchfield Bituminous - \$78,521.69; South Central FS - \$8,301.68; Energy Culvert Co. - \$3,653.24; Young Tree Serv. - \$4,000.00; all other expenditures less than \$2,500 - \$22,643.82. <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$175,230.43.</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$402,649.00 Revenues \$222,157.34 Expenditures \$175,230.43 Ending Balance \$449,575.91	<b>IMRF FUND</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property Tax - \$4,476.64; Interest Income - \$43.13; IMRF Deposits - \$4,369.19. <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$8,888.96.</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> Illinois Municipal Retirement \$11,701.58. <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$11,701.58</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$43,510.21 Revenues \$ 8,888.96 Expenditures \$11,701.58 Ending balance \$40,697.59
<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property Tax - \$1,991.49; Interest Income - \$90.201. <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$2,081.69.</b> <b>COMPENSATION SUMMARY:</b> Range \$1,500.00 - \$6,000.00 - Stephen Voyles, Mark Massey <b>TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$7,500.00.</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> Building renovation - \$14,426.40; Utilities - \$4,127.00 All other expenditures under \$2,500 - \$6,041.53. <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$32,094.93.</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$ 99,509.67 Revenues \$ 2,081.69 Expenditures \$ 32,094.93 Ending balance \$ 69,496.43	<b>TOWN SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property tax - \$7,960.82; Interest income - \$21.04. <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$7,981.86</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> Social security - \$5,738.76 <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$5,738.76</b> <b>Summary statement:</b> Beginning balance \$17,953.79 Revenues \$ 7,981.86 Expenditures \$ 5,738.76 Ending balance \$20,196.89
<b>CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES</b> <b>REVENUE SUMMARY:</b> Property Tax - \$21,979.14 Interest Income - \$337.69. <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$22,316.83</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY: \$0.00</b> <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES - \$0.00.</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$166,576.84 Revenues \$ 22,316.83 Expenditures \$ 0.00 Ending balance \$188,893.67	<b>ROAD AND BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property tax - \$878.73; Interest Income - \$138.71. <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$1,017.44.</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> Social security - \$3,125.50. <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$3,125.50.</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$22,607.73 Revenues \$ 1,017.44 Expenditures \$ 3,125.50 Ending balance \$20,499.67
	<b>BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT</b> <b>REVENUES SUMMARY:</b> Property tax - \$18,831.54; Interest Income - \$245.51; Building rent - \$795.00; Misc. \$185.00 <b>TOTAL REVENUES: \$20,057.05</b> <b>EXPENDITURES SUMMARY:</b> Misc. Exp. - \$185.00 <b>TOTAL EXPIDITURES: \$185.00</b> <b>Summary Statement:</b> Beginning balance \$231,501.67 Revenues \$ 20,057.05 Expenditures \$ 185.00 Ending balance \$251,373.72
	<b>CERTIFICATION</b> Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of May 2022. I, Penny Harbert, Supervisor of East Fork Township, Montgomery County, Illinois, hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2022. <i>Penny Harbert</i> Penny Harbert - East Fork Township Supervisor

**SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SALE WHITE POST FRAME BUILDING**  
The Montgomery County Highway Department is accepting bids for the sale of an existing white post frame building located at 1215 Seymour Ave. in Hillsboro, IL. Awarded bidder will be responsible for the removal of the existing building from the property. Building will be sold as-is to the highest bidder.  
Interested bidders can view and download bid proposals at [www.montgomeryco.com](http://www.montgomeryco.com) or can be picked up at the Highway Department located at 11159 Illinois Route 185 in Hillsboro. Bids will be accepted until 8:30 a.m., June 9, 2022. Please call (217) 532-6109 with any questions.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO: 2018-00374**  
**TO:** Eric R. Edwards; State of Illinois Department of Revenue; Montgomery County Clerk; Occupants  
And unknown owners or parties interested and non-record claimants. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois as Case No. 2022-TX-6.  
The real estate is described as:  
**Part of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Five (5), Township Nine (9) North, Range Two (2) West of the Third Principal Meridian, Montgomery County, Illinois, described as: Beginning at a point on the West line of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Five (5), lying 439 feet South of the Northwest Corner of the East Half (E ½) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of said Section Five (5); thence East 340.00 feet; thence South 1**

degree 13 minutes 20 seconds West, 367.32 feet; thence South 59 degrees 38 minutes 40 seconds West, 398.98 feet to a point on said West line; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes 20 seconds East, 512.46 feet; thence North 45 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds West, 100.00 feet; thence South 79 degrees 53 minutes 30 seconds East 74.20 feet to the point of beginning, EXCEPTING any coal or mineral rights previously severed from the surface and subject to all easements of record.  
**Parcel #: 13-05-129-004**  
Said property was sold on October 28, 2019 for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on August 26, 2022. On September 19, 2022, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.  
P & N Properties, Inc. Petitioner  
100-3tT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO: 2018-00228**  
**TO:** Jeffrey H. Chenoweth; Jason Chenoweth; Montgomery County Clerk; Occupants  
And unknown owners or parties interested and non-record claimants. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY County, Illinois as Case No. 2022-TX-8.  
The real estate is described as:  
**Lot 54 Bourquins Addition, now City of Nokomis. Excepting the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the premises. Situated in the City of Nokomis, County of Montgomery and the State of Illinois. Parcel #: 08-23-330-013**  
Said property was sold on October 28, 2019 for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on August 26, 2022. On September 19, 2022, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.  
P & N Properties, Inc. Petitioner  
100-3tT



## Court

• Jason M. Ray, 36, of Staunton, faces felony charges of possession of meth and unlawful possession of a controlled substance, as well as a misdemeanor charge of driving on a suspended license, on Tuesday, April 26.

• Ronald D. Samson, 49, of Nokomis, faces felony charges of theft and possession of a weapon by a felon on Wednesday, April 27.

• Casie K. Sarchet, 22, of Vandalia, faces a felony charge of meth delivery on Sunday, April 3.

• Taylor M. Stout, 25, of Effingham, faces a felony charge of meth delivery on Sunday, April 3.

• Angela M. Weidner, 45, of Litchfield, faces a felony charge of retail theft on Dec. 13, 2021.

• Anthony W. White, 32, of Waggoner, faces felony charges of aggravated domestic battery and domestic battery on Monday, April 25.

• Sarah Winston, 33, of Carlinville, faces a felony charge of possession of meth and a misdemeanor charge of retail theft on Saturday, April 23.

• Janice A. Allen, 62, of Gillespie, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 29.

• Taylor D. Aufforth, 31, of Gillespie, was charged with retail theft on Feb. 2.

• Nicole A. Baker, 33, of Litchfield, was charged with

theft on Jan. 31.

• Mindy K. Blevins, 42, of Hillsboro, was charged with battery on Nov. 20, 2021.

• Sara E. Burris, 34, of Litchfield, was charged with retail theft on Feb. 20.

• Rebecca E. Conlee, 49, of Gillespie, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 29.

• Kylee M. Hardt, 18, of Witt, was charged with theft on Friday, March 18.

• David W. Johnson, 44, of Wilsonville, was charged with retail theft on Friday, April 1.

• Lori K. Ross, 52, of Gillespie, was charged with criminal damage to property on Jan. 25.

• Brandi N. Satterlee, 41, of Litchfield, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 12.

• Kimberly S. Schnarr, 52, of Livingston, was charged with retail theft on Jan. 21.

• Lucas A. Weller, 22, of Litchfield, was charged with criminal trespass to state land on Friday, March 4.

• Tyler N. Williams, 25, of Nokomis, was charged with unlawful interference of a public utility such as public water, gas, power supply or other services on Sunday, May 1.

• Dwayne N. Woodall, 47, of Nokomis, was charged with aggravated assault on Jan. 18.

• Mitchela P. Zbornak, 32, of Gillespie, was charged with criminal trespass to land on Feb. 2.

• Cody J. Epley, 31, of Taylor Springs, was cited for shotgun over three shots on Sunday, April 24.

• Kimberly L. Ashmore, 52, of Gillespie, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Monday, April 25, and was sentenced to two years of probation, ten days in jail with a credit of five days served, drug and alcohol treatment, fined \$75, plus court costs.

• Sheila L. Beavers, 45, of Springfield, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of meth delivery on Friday, April 29, and was sentenced to two years of probation, 42 days in jail with a credit of 21 days served, drug treatment, fined \$768, plus court costs. A felony charge of possession of meth and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed.

• Charges from September 2021 of disorderly conduct against Brienna L. Fly, 24, of Litchfield, were dismissed on Friday, April 29.

• Jennifer A. Franklin, 44, of Vandalia, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of unlawful possession of a controlled substance on Thursday, April 28, and was sentenced to 24 months of probation, two days in jail with a credit of one day served, drug and alcohol treatment, 30 hours of public service, fined \$75, plus court

costs.

• Charges from March 2020 of retail theft against Matthew B. Hogan, 38, of Granite City, were dismissed on Thursday, April 28.

• Michael D. Middleton, 30, of Carlinville, pleaded guilty to a felony charge of possession of meth on Thursday, April 28, and was sentenced to 30 months of probation, two days in jail with a credit of one day served, drug and alcohol treatment, fined \$500, plus court costs.

• An order of “nolle prosequi” was entered on Thursday, April 28, in a misdemeanor charge of resisting a peace officer filed in December 2021 against Kenneth W. Taylor, 50, of Irving.

• Casey C. Trebing, 24, of Mt. Olive, pleaded guilty to domestic battery on Friday, April 29, and was sentenced to 20 days in jail with a credit of ten days served, fined \$100, plus court costs.

• Robin L. Warren, 60, of Staunton, pleaded guilty to retail theft on Thursday, April 28, and was sentenced to 12 months of supervision, fined \$75, plus court costs.

• William S. White, 54, of Hillsboro, pleaded guilty to domestic battery on Thursday, April 28, and was sentenced to 12 months of probation, one day in jail with a credit of one day served, fined \$100, plus court costs.

## Coffeen Man Gets 14 Years For Child Porn

A Coffeen man was sentenced to 14 years in federal prison for receipt of child pornography in federal court in Springfield on Wednesday, May 4.

Trey Pease, 30, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sue Myerscough. He was indicted in March 2020 and plead guilty in December 2021.

At the sentencing hearing, the prosecution presented evidence that between the summer of 2017 and the spring of 2018, Pease both solicited and received multiple images

of child pornography from a minor. He conversed with the minor using an online social app, and sent an image of himself.

Sentencing possibilities ranged from five to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The Illinois State Police investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanner K. Jacobs prosecuted. The case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative by the U.S. Department of Justice to combat child sexual exploitation and abuse.



## American Legion Helps Stand Guard At Memorial

Two members of the American Legion Post #299 in Raymond paused as a unit before standing guard Saturday morning, May 7, at the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Springfield. The memorial is located at 1500 Monument Avenue in Oak Ridge Cemetery, and honors over 3,000 Illinoisans who were killed or listed as missing in action during the Vietnam War. It's open daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from April to August and 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. September to March. Pictured above, at left, from the left, are legion members Bob Matli and John Herman.

Raymond News Photo

## Title Transfers

**April 1**  
Cleveland Plunkett, De-  
lores Plunkett to Sullivan  
Properties, WD, Lots 27-28,  
Hillsboro Heights Addn.  
Sullivan Properties to  
Charles Michael Martin, An-  
drea Lee Martin, Corp. WD,  
Lots 27-28, Hillsboro Heights  
Addn.

Shad D. Hill, Michelle L.  
Hill to Kaneisha Hoehn, WD,  
Lot 5, Lot 6, Hargraves Addn.  
Connie R. Blankenship to  
Kenneth Brumberlow, QCD,  
Lots 1-2, Blk. 4, Gates JJ  
Addn.  
WWW Investment to Ed-  
ward G. Ettling III, Corp.  
QCD, incomplete legal given,

no subdn. name.

Laura Gusick Williams  
Exec., Laura Gusick Williams  
Exec., John R. Gusick Sr. Es-  
tate to Caleb A. Wood, Execs  
Deed, Sec. 11, Pt. NE/SE, Sec.  
11, Pt. NE/SE, Hillsboro Twp.  
*Free online Search of Mont-  
gomery County, IL Land Re-  
cords at www.montgomeryco.*

*com / countyclerk / recording /  
recordsearch.*

*Search, View and Print  
Montgomery County, IL Land  
Records online at www.lan-  
drecords.net at \$6.95 per  
search.*

*Sign up for Property Fraud  
Alerts at www.propertyfau-  
dalert.com.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Village of Schram City - 1350600

## Water Quality Report For 2021

## FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

This year as in past, your water met all USEPA and State drinking water standards. Hillsboro treats and monitors all of our drinking water. Their system vigilantly safeguards its supply. Their plant is operated 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We are proud to say that the Village of Schram City supply had no violations of a contaminant level or any other water quality standard in the past year. This report summarizes the quality of the water that we provided last year, including details about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

If you have any questions about this report concerning your water system, please contact Marcia Eller at 217-532-3449. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel free to attend any one of our regularly scheduled Village meetings held the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:00 P.M. The Village of Schram City Consumer Confidence Report will not be mailed out to everyone this year. A copy is available upon request at 510 22nd Street or by calling 217-532-3449.

Our Community purchases water from Hillsboro. Hillsboro uses surface water supplied by their two lakes, Glenn Shoals and Hillsboro Lake. Both of these lakes are located to the north of town.

The Illinois EPA is in the process of obtaining approved source water assessments from the USEPA. When this assessment has been completed you will be notified where a copy can be obtained.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS, other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). Drinking water, including bot-

tled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants indicating that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally-occurring minerals and radioactive materials, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

• Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

• Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

• Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

• Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

• Radioactive contaminants, which may be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

If you would be interested in a copy of this report, one can be picked up at the Village Hall (510 22nd St.). In addition to the informational section of the Water Quality Report, we have included, for your review, several tables, to show you a better picture of the contaminants that were detected.

SCHRAM CITY	Source of Drinking Water	Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.
IL1350600	The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.	In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021	Contaminants that may be present in source water include: • Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. • Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. • Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. • Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. • Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.	Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.		If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a> .
The source of drinking water used by SCHRAM CITY is Surface Water		
For more information regarding this report contact:		
Name	SCOTT SPENCER	
Phone	217-532-3449	
State informo contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traducción a habla con alguien que lo entienda bien.		
Source Water Information		
Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status Location
CC 01-N SIDE OF RT 16 AT VIADUCT	SW	
FF IL1350300 TPO1		
Source Water Assessment		
We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at: 217-532-3449. Source Water: Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <a href="http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/ep/swap-fact-sheets.pl">http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/ep/swap-fact-sheets.pl</a> .		
Source of Water: HILLSBORO Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of public water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. Hence the reason for mandatory treatment of all public water supplies in Illinois. Mandatory treatment includes coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection. Primary sources of pollution in Illinois lakes can include agricultural runoff, land disposal (septic systems) and shoreline erosion.		
2021	Regulated Contaminants Detected	
Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.	
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.	
Water Quality Test Results		

Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
na:	not applicable.
mrem:	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
Regulated Contaminants	
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date Highest Level Detected Range of Levels Detected MCLG MCL Units Violation Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines	12/31/2021 1.9 1.5 - 2.5 MRDLG = 4 MRDL = 4 ppm N Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	2021 33 21.9 - 31.9 No goal for the total 60 ppb N By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021 48 28.7 - 49 No goal for the total 80 ppb N By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Lead and Copper	2021 Regulated Contaminants Detected
Definitions:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level:	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Lead and Copper	Date Sampled MCLG Action Level (AL) 90th Percentile # Sites over AL Units Violation Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	09/13/2019 1.3 1.3 0.12 0 ppm N Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/13/2019 0 15 4 1 ppb N Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.
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Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date Highest Level Detected Range of Levels Detected MCLG MCL Units Violation Likely Source of Contamination
Chloramines	12/31/2021 2 1.65 - 2.3 MRDLG = 4 MRDL = 4 ppm N Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	2021 44 21.5 - 45.1 No goal for the total 60 ppb N By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021 49 25.7 - 47.1 No goal for the total 80 ppb N By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date Highest Level Detected Range of Levels Detected MCLG MCL Units Violation Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2021 0.052 0.052 - 0.052 2 2 ppm N Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2021 0.5 0.521 - 0.531 4 4.0 ppm N Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Manganese	2021 5 4.7 - 4.7 150 150 ppb N This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2021 2 2.2 - 2.2 10 10 ppm N Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2021 22 22 - 22 ppm N Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Synthetic organic contaminants including pesticides and herbicides	Collection Date Highest Level Detected Range of Levels Detected MCLG MCL Units Violation Likely Source of Contamination
Atrazine	2021 0.49 0 - 0.49 3 3 ppb N Runoff from herbicide used on row crops.
Sinazine	2021 1 0 - 1 4 4 ppb N Herbicide runoff.
Turbidity	
Highest single measurement	Limit (Treatment Technique) Level Detected Violation Likely Source of Contamination
Lowest monthly 5 meeting limit	1 NTU 0.417 NTU N Soil runoff.
	0.3 NTU 99% N Soil runoff.
Information Statement:	Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.
Total Organic Carbon	
The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.	



# Hillsboro Students Inducted Into Honor Society

Hillsboro High School held its 42nd annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday evening, May 4, in the high school gym. Kristy Andrews serves as the adviser. Inductees recognized during this year's ceremony are pictured above. In the front row, from the left, are Audrey Hemken, Lauren Hartman, Austin Page, Kyleah Reynolds, Paitynn Wilson, Gracie Brink, Avery Walden, Taelyn Smith, Avery Smith, Isabella White and Alexandra Kuhns. Middle row are Aurelie Granito, Isabella Harston, Reese Morford, Kaley LaBlance, Sierra Compton, Halley Werner-Long, Kenadie Carlock, Sally Mattson, Layne Rupert and Katherine Jones. In the back row are Saul Quiroz, Blaine Stewart, Kyle Butler, Alexander Sticha, Summer Smith, Emilee Roemelin, Paige Lucykow, Adyson McCammack, Kamryn Kiper, Sophia Hernandez and Morgan Jarrell.

Journal-News/Bethany Martin

TOPPER TALK • by Kamryn Kiper at Hillsboro High

# Hiltoppers Honor New NHS Members



Welcome back to another full week of school! Two weeks from today marks the last day of school! If you're a senior, a week from tomorrow is your last day at HHS until graduation on May 27. Enjoy your last couple weeks, everyone!

Next Thursday, May 19, is senior honors night in the HHS gym. It is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The National Honor Society (NHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Our chapter is proud to have been inducting new members since 1979, thus demonstrating the continued emphasis on the excellence that our members represent for our school and community. HHS is proud of our past and current members' accomplishments and welcomes these new members who bring new energy in support of continuing work as an NHS Chapter.

Last Wednesday, May 4, was the induction ceremony; it recognized the following officers: President Timothy Downen, Vice President Gavin Matoush, Secretary Ally Schnarre, and Treasurer Anna Jackson.

The new inductees include Gracie Brink, Kyle Butler, Kenadie Carlock, Sierra Compton, Aurelie Granito, Isabella Harston, Lauren Hartman, Audrey Hemken, Sophia Hernandez, Morgan Jarrell, Katherine Jones, Kamryn Kiper, Alexandra Kuhns, Kaley LaBlance, Paige Lucykow, Sally Mattson, Adyson McCammack, Reese Morford, Austin Page, Saul Quiroz, Kyleah Reynolds, Emilee Roemelin, Layne Rupert, Avery Smith, Summer

Smith, Taelyn Smith, Blaine Stewart, Alexander Sticha, Avery Walden, Halley Werner-Long, Isabella White and Paitynn Wilson. Congratulations!

There was a Sources of Strength (SOS) survey sent out to all students during sixth period on Friday, May 6. If you were unable to take the survey at that time, please complete it as soon as possible. You should've received an email from HHS Counselor Katie Hilgert with your username as well as a link to take the survey. If you did not receive an email, the link has been posted to every class Schoology page; please create your own username and take the survey anyways! The SOS team values your answers!

Seniors: Graduation tickets are now available to pick up in the main office. Also, please check in the office to make sure all fees are paid. Fees must be paid in full in order to participate in the ceremony.

Student parking applications for the 2022-23 school year are available in the office. Students need to have them returned to the HHS office with payment (all other bills must be paid in full) by May 20. Cost for parking permits is \$30 for the gravel lot and \$40 for the paved lot. A random lottery draw for spots will be held June 10, and parking assignments will be available Aug. 4 until the first day of school in the 2022-2023 school year.

Cheerleading tryouts will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to noon; there will be mandatory practices on May 16 and May 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. All practice and tryouts will be held in the HHS Gym. Please sign up and get a cheer packet in the main office.

Have a good week!

DRAGON BEAT • by Milla Anderson at HJHS

# Junior High Band, Choir To Perform May 12



Hey, Dragons! Welcome back to another article! The school year's gone by so quickly, each day we get closer and closer to the beginning of summer. Today marks ten days until the end of school. Riddle me this, I bring music wherever I go. I keep things very cold. I have wheels. People give my driver money and he gives them treats. What am I?

To all eighth grade girls interested in playing golf in the fall, for the HHS girls golf team, needs to attend a Girls Golf meeting on Wednesday, May 18, at 3:05 p.m. at the pavilion by the track.

Calling all eighth graders attending the dance, the time has changed to 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26. The dance will be held in the HJHS gym, there will be a photographer, DJ, food, drinks, and lots of fun. Make sure to come and celebrate your last day of being an eighth grader.

The junior high band and choir spring concert will take place on Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the HHS gym. Students' attendance is required unless an absence was cleared by Mrs. Lemons. The groups performing will be the sixth grade choir, seventh/eighth grade choir, sixth grade

band, seventh grade band, and eighth grade band. Call times and locations are as follows:

- Sixth Grade Choir - 5:30 p.m. in the high school choir room.
- Seventh/Eighth Grade Choir - 5:45 p.m. on the risers in the gym.

Band students will report to Mr. Drake at 6 p.m. It is required that students stay for the entire concert. Please come and support the music department!

The high school track was busy on Tuesday night, as Hillsboro hosted the conference track meet. There were five schools in attendance and several of our athletes placed in both field and track events. This was a great set up for sectionals that will be held North Mac on Saturday. Cross your fingers that in next week's article I can post several of those conference winners headed to state on Friday, May 20. Good luck, everyone!

Stay tuned for next week's article! This is the second to last article that will be written this school year! To the riddle above, the answer is an ice cream truck!

This week's quote is, "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will." - Vince Lombardi, Hall of Fame NFL coach.

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