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McLaughlin Celebrates Finishing Treatments

Surrounded by more than 100 family members, friends and community residents, nine-year-old Isabel McLaughlin of Hillsboro rang the bell on the grounds of Beckemeyer Elementary School in Hillsboro on Tuesday afternoon, June 14, to celebrate finishing a year of cancer treatments. In June 2021, the daughter of Phil and Lindsey McLaughlin of Hillsboro, she was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of childhood cancer. Over the past year, McLaughlin has undergone two surgeries, 105 doses of chemotherapy, 28 radiation treatments, 42 nights in the hospital and more than 100 shots. Prior to returning to Hillsboro on Tuesday, McLaughlin rang the bell at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis, MO, to signify finishing her treatments and being cancer-free. She will have to complete maintenance treatments through December. As she rang the bell, onlookers popped confetti into the air and held a balloon launch. The McLaughlins thanked the community for their continued support throughout this past year.

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Litchfield Man Charged With Alleged Murder

A Litchfield man has been charged with an alleged murder of a pregnant mother, Liese A. Dodd, 22, of Alton on Friday, June 10.

The Alton Police Department was called to the 3400 block of Bolivar Street in Alton at 12:59 p.m. Thursday, June 9. After no contact with her daughter, Dodd's mother arrived at the residence and discovered the scene and contacted the authorities immediately.

Deundra S. Holloway, 22, of Litchfield, was charged with two counts of first degree murder, two counts of inten-

tional homicide to an unborn child and dismembering a human body, as well as offenses relating to motor vehicles and concealment of a homicide death.

Alton Police Chief Marcos Pulido advised the investigation determined Liese was beheaded and was pregnant, with an expected delivery date of mid-July. He said his department believed the two were in an on-and-off dating relationship for about two years.

Holloway was arrested in Gillespie following a report of a stolen bicycle on Thursday.

"The sufferings for the victim are horrible. Nobody should have to endure what Liese and her unborn child went through. On behalf of the Alton Police Department, I offer my sincerest condolences to Liese's family and friends," said Chief Pulido. "I would like to extend a special thanks to the Madison County Coroner's Office, the Litchfield Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Macoupin County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois State Police, Gillespie Police Department and so many other law enforcement that assembled and assisted in the investigation."

Hillsboro Board Reviews Scaled-Back Building Plan

by Mike Plunkett

During their meeting Tuesday, June 14, at the unit office, members of the Hillsboro School Board studied a proposed \$23 million 65,000-square-foot new building on the high school campus that would replace only the main building and connect the three remaining buildings on campus—without increasing the district property tax rate.

The proposed new construction would add a new gym, 12 new classrooms, four new science lab/classrooms, one dedicated chemistry lab, plus administration and guidance counselor offices.

Superintendent David Powell began the discussion with a history of a potential high school building project, beginning with a referendum for a \$32 million building that failed in 2010, followed by another more ambitious building referendum that also failed in 2016. In March 2021, the board employed Hurst-Rosche to start from scratch, and the Hillsboro firm has been working with the school district for no charge since then.

"We've been guided by the mountain of feedback we have received over the past ten years," Powell said.

Based on that feedback, the board Building and Grounds Committee has been working with Hurst-Rosche on a smaller, less expensive building on the hill that is tied to the existing buildings and meets district programming needs, but does not result in a property tax increase.

Tim Downen of Hurst-Rosche shared a building project that would add a new 21,528-square-foot two-story addition between the

library building and gym, a 16,712-square-foot one-story addition extending east from that to the ag building, and a 17,267-square-foot new second gym and storm shelter that would extend south from the present gym.

The project would also extend the road on the east side of the campus behind the ag building to the bus parking lot, and replace some teacher parking spots where the tennis courts are currently.

The library building, gym building and ag building would remain, but all would be connected with the potential new construction; the old main building would not remain, and would eventually be replaced by a parking lot.

There are obstacles to overcome for the architect. The new project would require connecting three buildings that are not all on the same elevation.

"We believe we have provided a scaled-back version of what you have looked at in the past," Downen said, "that still checks all the boxes."

"Obviously, the price of materials and the availability of materials has been a real concern," Powell said to begin a discussion on the projected cost estimate. "The great news is that we would not need to go to the voters for all \$23 million."

Powell anticipates that the school facilities sales tax could cover \$7.5 million in bonds, federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant funds could cover another \$2.5 million, leaving \$13 million in property tax bonds to be approved by school district voters.

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Hillsboro Mayor Don Downs, at left, congratulates new council member Jerry Gregory, at right, who was sworn in at the Hillsboro City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 14.

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Hillsboro City Council Swears In New Member

by Ron Deabenderfer

The Hillsboro City Council held its first June meeting on Tuesday, the 14, in city hall beginning at 7 p.m. At the end of the meeting former

volunteer firefighter and business owner Jerry Gregory was sworn in as a commissioner to replace Michael Murphy, who resigned earlier in the spring.

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Annual MCCA Celebration Returns Saturday

After a two-year absence due to a global pandemic, volunteers with the Montgomery County Cancer Association are excited to bring back the 18th annual Celebration of Life and Birthday Party.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 18, at The Event Center of Montgomery County in Taylor Springs. Tickets are still available for dinner by calling Shelley Halleman at 217-412-8598, and they are \$15 each.

Doors open at 4 p.m. with a social hour and the opening of the silent auction. Put together by the Our Gang fundraising team, this year's silent auction will feature more than 200 items, donated by local businesses and individuals.

The survivor, team and guest registrations also begin at 4 p.m., and everyone will enjoy live entertainment from the Bobby Remack Band from 4 to 6 p.m.

Brightly colored paper flowers will be sold in honor of or in memory of someone



As the Montgomery County Cancer Association makes plans for their Celebration of Life event this Saturday, June 18, four local banks continue to support their efforts by contributing \$500 to the non-profit organization. Volunteers with the MCCA raise funds for patient financial assistance, scholarship grants and cancer research. Pictured above, from the left are Litchfield National Bank Vice President Sue Wetzel, Bank and Trust Chairman Kent Redfern, MCCA Treasurer Pat Cailey, First National Bank of Litchfield Vice President Lana Justison and CNB Bank and Trust Vice President Bill Vogt, representing banks in both Hillsboro and Litchfield.

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with cancer until 6 p.m., and names will be displayed in a Power Point presentation. After the ceremony, anyone

may take home the memorial flowers that have been on display.

A crowd favorite, Profes-

sor Longhair will do balloon animals and face painting starting at 5 p.m.

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Our Salute To Hospitals

Inside today's edition of The Journal-News, readers will find this year's edition of our County Guide, a salute to local hospitals and the heroes that work there.



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In observance of the Juneteenth holiday on June 19, the next edition of *The Journal-News* will not be printed until Tuesday, June 21.

The newspaper office, located at 431 S. Main Street, will be open during normal business hours on Monday, and the deadline for both ads and news items is Monday at noon.

After months of planning and hard work, the Litchfield Park District is proud to announce the opening of the new Bark Park, located next to Memorial Pool in Litchfield. A special ribbon cutting will be held on Monday evening, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. The park officially opens Tuesday, June 21.

Local vendors are back in action this week at the Imagine Hillsboro Farmers Market on Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to noon on the Lincoln Plaza in downtown Hillsboro. A wide variety of vendors will be on hand selling yummy treats, plants and more.

The Hillsboro Sports Association finished its baseball and softball raffle with a drawing on Monday evening, June 13. The top winner of \$2,000 was Mandy Duff, followed by Jessica Maguire in second place, who won \$750, and Doris McFarlin in third place, who won a \$250 gift certificate to Paris Frozen Foods.

It's Totally Trees! Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro is hosting a special children's program about identifying trees on Wednesday morning, June 22, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Families are welcome, and the program is geared for children ages five and up.

The summer workshop will teach children how to identify trees and families are invited to walk through the sanctuary and make an art project.

The Ice Queen is in the house! Brittain's Princess Parties is hosting a special Story Time in the Park this Saturday, June 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. on the lawn of Carnegie Park, located at 400 N. State Street in Litchfield.

Bring a blanket to this free program, and children will enjoy a story with the Ice Queen. She will be available for photos and meet and greets after the story.

Save the cooking for someone else! The Hillsboro Lions Club is hosting a fundraiser on Friday, June 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parking lot of CNB Bank and Trust in downtown Hillsboro. On the menu will be seasoned pork chops, chips and a drink for \$8. Sandwiches are \$6 each. For pre-orders or more information, call Greg Schoen at 217-259-2130.

Don't miss a special Father's Day pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, June 19, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Butler Community Center. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat meal are \$9 for one or \$12 for two. Children five and under eat free. Drinks will include coffee, juice, milk and water.

Team LOL is holding a special fundraiser this weekend to benefit Larry Lanter of Raymond, who has been diagnosed with ALS. The golf cart fun cruise and cornhole bags tournament will be held Saturday, June 18. Sign-ups for the golf cart cruise begin at noon at the American Legion Hall in Raymond. Registration is \$20, and the cruise begins at 12:30 p.m.

Sign-ups for the bags tournament begin at 2:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Raymond. Entry fee is \$10, and the tournament begins at 3 p.m.

Get a little more for your money and fill up your gas tanks at Hillsboro Shell during their full service day this Saturday, June 18. Imagine Hillsboro volunteers will be on site from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pump gas and wash windows for patrons of the local gas station. The voluntary service is the culmination of the non-profit's month-long "Gas Station Challenge," which tasked the Hillsboro area filling stations to sell the most tickets to receive a full service day.

Those interested in taking a shift with the Volunteer Committee during their full service day are encouraged to call Doug Johnson at 217-313-1125.

Sci-fi fans of all ages will want to head to Hillsboro for the Heartland Gallery's "Outerlimits Art Show." Curated by nationally acclaimed artist, and Hillsboro native, Brent Chumley, the show will open from 4 to 8 p.m. this Saturday, June 18, at the gallery, located at 315 S. Main in downtown Hillsboro. Several familiar faces will exhibit in-theme pieces at the show, including Leroy Binks, Mark Rudis and Tienne Rei Kollar. More details about the artists and their upcoming shows can be found online at www.heartlandgallery.org/artist-spotlight.

Litchfield To Pick Up Brush Next Monday

Due to the recent high winds and inclement weather the City of Litchfield Street Department will offer a special brush pick-up in all wards next week.

Residents must place their brush at the boulevard by 7 a.m. on Monday, June 20,

and staff will make a single pass through each street as soon as possible. The city asks residents to be patient. Yard waste and big logs will not be taken. Those who miss the special pick-up may drop brush off at the city burn area on Yaeger Lake Trail.

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Hillsboro Selected To Host Smithsonian Exhibit

Illinois Humanities has announced that Imagine Hillsboro will be one of seven organizations in Illinois selected to host the Smithsonian Institution's "Spark! Places of Innovation" traveling exhibition.

While Hillsboro was already selected as one of the feature towns that will be highlighted in the exhibition, the city was required to undergo a rigorous application process to host the exhibit locally. "Spark! Places of Innovation" will be open to the public locally during the city's bicentennial year, Friday, July 28, 2023, through Saturday, September 2, 2023. Details will be released closer to the opening date.

The traveling exhibition focuses on innovation in rural America from the perspectives of people who have lived it. "Spark!" features stories from communities throughout the United States, including several small towns in Illinois, that have enhanced their vitality through advances in fields such as the arts, education, technology, agriculture, and economic development.

The 2023 to 2024 tour is part of Illinois Humanities' "Museum on Main Street," a program conducted in partnership with the Smithson-

ian Institution specifically to support cultural organizations in small communities. Each host organization is also responsible for producing a companion exhibit that connects local history and culture to the exhibit themes. Those interested in contributing to the locally crafted exhibit or bicentennial year are encouraged to contact Imagine Hillsboro online at www.imaginehillsboro.com.

Five of the organizations that will host "Spark!" are based in communities that will be featured in the exhibition: Hillsboro, Equality, Rushville, Marshall and Chatsworth, which will be collaborating with organizations in nearby Fairbury, another featured community.

"We received an outstanding pool of applications and the communities chosen to host 'Spark!' should be very proud," said Illinois Humanities Executive Director Gabrielle Lyon. "We're excited to amplify the work of our partners and we're eager to see how they bring this exhibit to life through their own communities' stories of innovation."

The full traveling exhibition schedule includes the following seven stops in Illinois.

Equality: Open June 17, 2023, to July 22, hosted by



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the Gallatin County Tourism Committee.

Hillsboro: Open July 28 to Sept. 2, hosted by Imagine Hillsboro.

Chatsworth: Open Sept. 9 to Oct. 14, hosted by the Community Connection of Central Illinois.

Rushville: Open Oct. 21 to Nov. 25, hosted by The HUB Arts and Cultural Center.

Durand: Open Dec. 2 to

Jan. 6, 2024, hosted by Durand Charm.

Havana: Open Jan. 13 to Feb. 17, hosted by the Havana Area Chamber of Commerce.

Marshall: Open Feb. 24 to March 30, hosted by Marshall Public Library.

More information about the "Spark! Places of Innovation" traveling exhibition can be found online at ilhumanities.org/spark.



Starr Shooters Stock Pantry Shelves

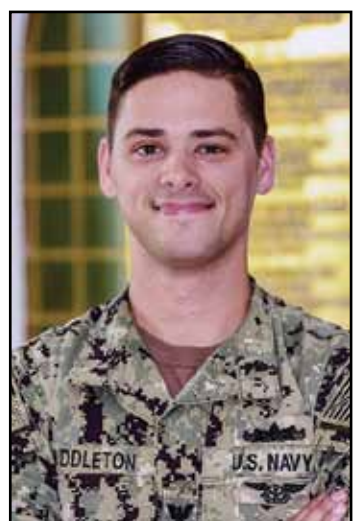
Members of the Starr Shooters 4-H Club made donations to help stock the shelves at food pantries in Hillsboro and Nokomis at the end of May. The much-needed food items were collected throughout the month of May thanks to the generosity of the community and were appreciated by the pantry volunteers who said that they see an increase in traffic with students home during the summer months. Above, Ethan and Katelyn Marley; Kinley and Kohen Stolte, and Alden and Bond Knodle deliver non-perishable food items to Doris O'Malley (center) at the Nokomis Food Pantry.

At right, Starr Shooters 4-H Club members Katelyn Marley and Jenna Durbin (left to right) are happy to take a shift collecting food items at Capri IGA in Hillsboro.



Middleton Serves As IWTC Instructor

By Lt. Omari Faulkner, Navy Office of Community Outreach



Caleb Middleton

Litchfield native Caleb Middleton, petty officer second class, is currently serving as an instructor at the Information Warfare Training Command (IWTC) at Corry Station in Pensacola, Florida.

Middleton joined the Navy in 2017 and now serves as a cryptologic technician. As an instructor, he is serving among the future generation of information warfighters. "I really wanted to serve and see the world while doing something meaningful for my country," Middleton explained.

According to Middleton, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those found in Litchfield.

"Farm life and a big family taught me to work hard, never give up and with a strong work ethic, all things are possible," said Middleton.

IWTC, one of the Center for Information Warfare Training's (CIWT) four training commands, provides schooling for the Navy and joint services in cryptologic, information systems and cyber functions: enabling optimal performance of information warfare across the full spectrum of military operations. IWTC instructors are experts in the subject matter they teach and they provide cutting-edge technical training that transforms students into mission-ready sailors.

Headquartered in Pensacola, FL, CIWT delivers trained information warfare professionals to the Navy and joint services, enabling optimal performance of information warfare across the full spectrum of military operations.

CIWT trains enlisted personnel and officers in all functions of information warfare covering fields ranging from military intelligence, cyberwarfare and information systems to electronic warfare and cryptologic operations throughout the scope of their Navy careers. CIWT trains more than 26,000 students annually, with an average of 3,700 students attending classes daily. CIWT constantly strives to modernize training taught using emerging technology and the Persistent Cyber Training Environment to train the next generation of information warfare profes-

sionals.

Serving in the Navy means Middleton is part of a team that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"We are at the forefront of national security and a global leader at sea and on land," said Middleton.

Middleton and the sailors they serve with have many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during their military service.

"I am proud of being an instructor; knowing that my students are trained and ready for the fleet is gratifying," said Middleton.

As Middleton and other sailors continue to train and perform the mission they are tasked with they take pride in serving their country in the United States Navy.

"Serving in the Navy to me means giving back to those who raised me and trained me in the Navy," added Middleton.

The Naval Education and Training Command is the U.S. Navy's Force Development pillar and largest shore command. Through its "Street to Fleet" focus, Naval Education and Training Command recruits civilians and transforms them into skilled warfighters ready to meet the current and future needs of the U.S. Navy.

Public Asked To Attend Meetings On Deactivation

Panhandle School board has a series of meeting scheduled for next Monday, June 20, starting with an informational open house at 6 p.m., to address questions regarding deactivation. A budget hearing will follow at 6:45 p.m., after which members of the school board will move into the regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m.

Farmersville residents will want to attend a special superintendent office hour from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, June 16, at Farmersville Grade School. This will be a chance for the public to ask questions about deactivation, as well as other district matters.

HPC Group To Meet Tuesday

The Hillsboro Planning Commission will meet for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 21, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Hillsboro City Hall.

Agenda items include electric charging stations; several updates including the Corner Block building being sold to Chris and Terri (Miller) Casey, the building north of the former Dry Clean Only, World Harvest Church wall and Salvation Army brick and wall; Gunning Street; solar panels location and the Hixon entrance on School Street.

Litchfield To Begin Spraying For Mosquitoes

The City of Litchfield Street Department will spray for mosquitoes beginning next week, Monday, June 20, and will continue to spray through the end of summer each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting. The spraying will be done in city limits and will take place those days from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Library Board Will Set Budget At Next Meeting

Hillsboro Area Public Library District will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, at the library building located at 420 S. Main Street. Agenda items include finalizing the budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, non-resident program participation, election of officers and oath of office.

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Obituaries

Joyce Schiesser, 80

VP Of Hank's Sales And Service



Joyce Schiesser, 80, of Raymond, died on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 9:48 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Butler Funeral Home in Springfield, 900 S. 6th St. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. John C. Burnette officiating. Burial will follow at St. Maurice Cemetery in Morrisonville.

Mrs. Schiesser was born June 6, 1942, in Zenobia, to Hallie and Maggie Fines Wright. She married Hank Schiesser on June 24, 1967, in Pawnee, and he survives.

She grew up in the Pawnee area and graduated from Pawnee High School in 1960. She also attended Brown's Business College before she went to work for the State of Illinois Department of Highways.

Mrs. Schiesser met her husband through the Rural Youth Society in Hillsboro. After their marriage, they moved to Raymond, where they raised their children.

She eventually helped run the family business, Hank's Sales and Service in Raymond, where she and her husband were a team in both life and business. She was vice president of the company, and filled a variety of roles as the business grew.

Mrs. Schiesser would leave at 3 a.m. to pick up a boat at the factory and bring it back to her husband to rig and deliver that day. She did the books, payroll and anything else needed. One of her employees bought her a sign that said, "Do you want to speak to the man in charge or the woman that knows what is going on." This sign still hangs on her former office door.

She was talented, outspoken, a great mom and wife, and above all, fun to be around.

Mrs. Schiesser was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme in 2003 and was given two weeks to live. She was strong and tough, having fought additional issues since. She always kept a positive attitude through her struggles and was an inspiration to many.

She was a member of St. Raymond Catholic Church in Raymond. She enjoyed painting, reading, antiques, boating, touring old homes, photography, being outdoors and gardening. She liked watching detective shows like Murder She Wrote, Monk and Perry Mason. She also enjoyed traveling and was able to visit Hawaii and the Bahamas.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Schiesser is survived by her son, Todd Schiesser of Taylorville; daughter, Tricha (Matt Crays) Schiesser of Girard; brother, Larry (Wilma) Wright of Pawnee; sister-in-law, Margie Wright of Springfield; special family members, Nicole Crays and her children, Xander and Tauren, and Marc Hartman and his children, Skyla and Rosie; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Hallie "Sonny" and Roger Wright.

Memorials may be directed to St. Raymond Catholic Church, 306 S. McElroy St., Raymond, IL 62560 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.butlerfuneralhomes.com.

Gloria P. Schroeder, 95

Loved To Dance



Gloria Pearl (Keating) Schroeder, 95, of Litchfield, died peacefully on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in Litchfield.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 29, beginning at 12 p.m. at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield. Litchfield Family Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Mrs. Schroeder was born Nov. 16, 1926, in Gillespie, to James and Mildred (Cottingham) Keating. She married Carl Schroeder in 1946, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 2022, after 74 years of marriage.

When the Gillespie coal mines closed in 1929, her family moved to Chicago. There, she attended Lucy Flower Technical High School, where she met the love of her life at a high school dance. Little did they know they would still be dancing together almost 80 years thereafter.

Following high school, Mrs. Schroeder began an accelerated nursing course, but classroom resources were cut short due to World War II. She, along with most of the other students, had to discontinue the course. She then worked in insurance offices and at Marshall Field's. Her time at Field's must have inspired her love of shopping. Although she never used her nursing training professionally, caretaking was an innate, lifelong quality.

Her husband was drafted into the U.S. Army Airforce in 1943. While he was stationed in India, he wrote to her every day, without fail. He did not let this special lady slip away, and the couple married upon his return in 1946.

Mrs. Schroeder and her husband danced through life, swinging to the big bands like the Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Aragon Ballroom and square dancing throughout the Midwest. They were ideally matched partners on and off of the dance floor, able to chaste through whatever life put in their path. They had four sons.

In retirement, she and her husband moved to Shipman, where she was active in the United Methodist Church, Home Extension, United Methodist Women's Club, and was one of the co-founders of Martha's Pantry.

Mrs. Schroeder enjoyed a variety of crafts, including needlepoint and sewing. She always had a warm smile with a twinkle in her eye, encouraging words that made everyone feel special, and a seemingly never-ending supply of homemade chocolate chip cookies.

She is survived by her son, David Schroeder; daughters-in-law, Sherry Schroeder and Elizabeth Schroeder; grandchildren, Laura (Dan) Kunze, Sean (Kelli) Schroeder, Scott Schroeder, Amanda Schroeder and Kyle Schroeder; great-grandchildren, Isabelle Kunze, Greta Kunze, Blake Schroeder and Brynlee Schroeder; sister-in-law, Carol Keating; nieces and nephews, Bill (Susan) Keating, Michael (Beth) Keating, John (Carol) Schroeder, Linda Schroeder and Kurt Schroeder.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Schroeder was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Paul, Richard and Dan; brothers, Jim Keating and William Keating; brothers-in-law, Walter Schroeder and Paul Schroeder; sisters-in-law, Marilyn Schroeder, Charlotte Schroeder and Rita Keating; and nieces, Cathy Keating and Jennifer Kenel.

Memorials may be directed to Martha's Pantry, Shipman United Methodist Church, 278 Keating St., Shipman, IL 62685.

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

Neil M. Jenkins, 70

Hillsboro Graduate



Neil M. Jenkins, 70, of Hillsboro, died on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 5:10 p.m. at Montgomery Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Taylor Springs.

A Celebration of Life will be held at noon on Saturday, June 18, at the Canton Inn in Hillsboro. Cremation rites were accorded and a private burial will take place at Bost Hill Cemetery in Fillmore. Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro is assisting the family.

Mr. Jenkins was born Dec. 13, 1951, in Hillsboro, to William K. and Donna M. (McLean) Jenkins. He married Vickie Bell on Nov. 4, 2019, in Hillsboro, and she survives.

He graduated from Hillsboro High School and earned his bachelor's degree, majoring in history, from MacMurray College in Jacksonville. He went on to obtain his master's degree in business at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Jenkins is survived by his children, Kyle (Brittany) Jenkins of Edwardsville and Bryan (wife Andrea) Jenkins of South Lyon, MI; stepchildren, Steve (Sonya) Bell of Fillmore, Stacy Bell of Carlinville and Suzy Bell of Hillsboro; grandchildren, Clark Jenkins, Blair Jenkins, Tanner Jenkins and Layla Jenkins; stepgrandchildren, Austin, Jake, Derick, Jace, Braiden, Brodie and Luke; and siblings, Lucy (husband William Trierweiler) Jenkins of Chicago and Julie Jenkins of Hillsboro.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Dave England.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Hillsboro Sports Association or Imagine Hillsboro. Online condolences to the family may be left at www.basspattondeanfh.com.

Vernon C. Moseley, 96

Air Force Pilot



Vernon "Vern" Charles Moseley, 96, of Boiling Springs, SC, died on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Regional Hospice Home in Spartanburg, SC.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Seawright Funeral Home in Inman, SC. A graveside service with military honors will be conducted Sunday, June 19, beginning at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Peter Waid officiating.

Mr. Moseley was born June 12, 1925, in Le Roy, NY, to Lucille (Pangrazio) Moseley Sprague and Charles Moseley. He married Rosaleen Young on Jan. 30, 1948, at Scott Air Force Base, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 2008.

A member of the Presbyterian faith, he was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was known within his family and close friends as a superb cook, mister fix-it and mentor.

Lt. Col. Moseley, retired USAF, proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years as a pilot, instructor pilot, personnel officer and operations officer. He continued serving his country for another 16 plus years as a pilot and manager for the Central Intelligence Agency.

He was also an assistant scout master and scout master in the 1960s. He was a member of the American Legion and local Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

Mr. Moseley was an amateur radio operator (HAM) and served as a net control operator for over 20 years with the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Service Net. He was also a longtime member of the Woodbridge Wireless Inc. Amateur Radio Club in Virginia. Additionally, he was a cherished member of the Little Indians Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Collectors International (POCI) Car Club.

He was a member of the Young family in Hillsboro, and leaves many in-laws, nieces and nephews in the Hillsboro area.

Mr. Moseley is survived by his son, Craig D. (Debbie) Moseley, Sr. of Manassas, VA; daughters, Susan M. (Bruce) Green of Chesapeake, VA, and Jodi L. Viehman of Boiling Springs, SC; brother, Dane (Corrine) Sprague of Le Roy, NY; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents.

Online condolences to the family may be left at www.seawright-funeralhome.com.

Thomas Glover, Sr., 73

U.S. Marine Corps



Thomas L. Glover, Sr., 73, of Fort Myers, FL, died on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers, FL, surrounded by his wife, son and daughter-in-law.

Mr. Glover wished to be cremated. A private memorial service with family and close friends will be held at a later date. Hough Funeral Home in Raymond is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Glover was born on Nov. 5, 1948, in Hillsboro, to Everett "Sunny" C. Glover and Dorothy (May) Glover. He married Linda (Cruise) Glover in 1968. They were married for 53 years, living in Springfield and later settling in Fort Myers Beach, FL, where he began his business, Tommy Tire and Sons.

Mr. Glover obtained his GED in 1967, and enrolled in the U.S. Marine Corps from Feb. 26, 1969, to Feb. 25, 1971, serving in Vietnam for one tour. He was a loyal member of the VFW Post No. #10097, Fort Myers, FL.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Glover is survived by his sons, Tommy Glover Jr. (wife Damary Santiago) Glover of Cape Coral, FL, and Brian Glover of Fort Myers, FL; three grandchildren, Brian Glover II, Jasmin Glover and Jacob Glover; two brothers, Ronald Glover of Raymond and Everett Glover (wife Sherry) of Fort Myers, FL; four sisters, Donna (husband Chip) House of Raymond, Rebecca Cloney of Springfield, Jaynece "GC" Hendrickson of Collinsville and Ginger McCullers of Raymond; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Vicky Cline, Bub Glover and Jim Glover.

Memorials may be left to the Raymond American Legion Post #299 in Raymond. Condolences to the family maybe left online at www.houghfuneralhome.com.

Weather Forecast

Thu 16	96°/73°	AM Clouds/PM Sun	↕ 24%
Fri 17	89°/63°	Partly Cloudy	↕ 23%
Sat 18	84°/58°	Sunny	↕ 3%
Sun 19	87°/66°	Sunny	↕ 2%
Mon 20	96°/73°	Sunny	↕ 1%
Tue 21	100°/77°	Sunny	↕ 2%
Wed 22	97°/75°	Partly Cloudy	↕ 15%

Blood Donors Needed At St. Francis June 21

HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield will host a community blood drive on Tuesday, June 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the Donor Bus, 1215 Franciscan Drive.

"Without the availability of blood, plasma, and platelets many lives could be unnecessarily lost. Hospitals like HSHS St. Francis and others provide blood to patients to address a multitude of health issues. It could be because of acute blood loss due to accidents big and small, like the slip of a knife during meal prep or automobile or boating accidents. We provide blood and platelets to patients undergoing chemo to give them the chance to battle their disease. I have seen blood save the lives of new mothers that developed complications during childbirth," said HSHS St. Francis Hospital representatives.

"After being in laboratory services for over 25 years, I have witnessed these lifesaving effects of having blood and blood products in stock countless times. It is why I donate regularly. Thirty minutes of my time every other month is a small price to pay for saving the life of someone in need. Who knows, someday it may be me or my family that are in need," said Susan Stromsland, MT (ASCP), laboratory manager at HSHS St. Francis Hospital.

To donate, contact Paula Endress at 217-324-8200 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 60456 to locate the drive. Masks and appointments are required.

All donors will receive a voucher for a \$10 Egift card redeemable at Target, Amazon, Starbucks, Home Depot, Subway, Lowe's or Walmart or get bonus points to use in the Donor Store.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 lbs. A photo ID is required to donate.

For questions about eligibility, call ImpactLife at 1-800-747-5401. Donors who last gave on or before April 26 are eligible to give at this drive.

Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

ImpactLife is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 100 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. In the area, ImpactLife is the exclusive provider to Hillsboro Area Hospital and HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.

Matthew Furlow Receives Bachelor's Degree In May

Matthew Furlow of Hillsboro graduated this May from Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

A 2017 graduate of Hillsboro High School, he is the son of Lance and Lisa Furlow and the grandson of Everett and Janice Stolte and Mary Bourke.

During college, Furlow was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

After graduation, he currently works as a mechanical engineer at NeffPress in St. Louis, MO.



Matthew Furlow

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Garrett Gutierrez and Katherine Bass

Gutierrez And Bass Plan June Wedding Ceremony

Garrett L. Gutierrez, formerly of Irving, and Katherine E. Bass, formerly of Fillmore, announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-to-be was born on July 26, 1992, to the late Joseph C. Durbin and Michelle (Mike) Bass of Fillmore. She is the granddaughter of Joseph L. Durbin of Fillmore and Jim and Violet Patton of Fillmore. She graduated from Nokomis High School and the Midwest Technical Institute, and currently works in the bakery at IGA.

Her future husband was born on July 2, 1992, to Chris

(Sherri) Gutierrez and Lisa (Randy) Reck, all of Hillsboro. He is the grandson of Art and the late Dixie Gutierrez of Taylor Springs, Leslie "Feff" (Connie) Caulk of Arizona, and Tom Robbins of Hillsboro and the late Judy Robbins. He is a graduate of Hillsboro High School, Lincoln Land Community College, Ranken Technical College and Washington University. He is currently employed at Boeing.

The couple will wed on Saturday, June 18, at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church.

Births

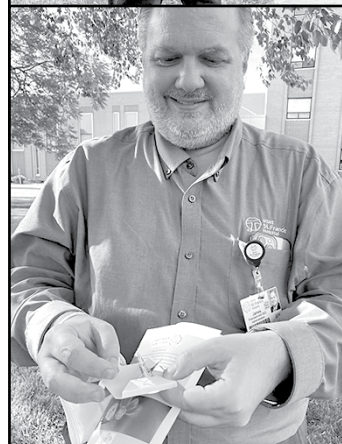
Edward Dunn, Jr., and Marina Krummel announce the birth of their son, Edward Bernard Zachery Dunn III, born at 4:01 a.m., on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 21 ins. long.

Edward is welcomed to the world by his older sisters, McKenna Edwards, age 11, and Olivia Crumer, age seven.

Maternal grandparents are Mark and Katrina Krummel of Greenville. Paternal grandparents are Tamerl Taylor of Royal Lakes and Edward Dunn, Sr., of St. Louis, MO.

Chandler Parr and Taylor Uhly announce the birth of their son, Malikai Lee Parr, born at 5:56 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield. He weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 20 ins. long.

Malikai is welcomed to the world by his older siblings, Sybella Aster Parr, age two years old, and Caspian John Parr, age one year old.



Above, HSHS St. Francis Hospital CEO Jim Timpe releases a butterfly during the special ceremony for loved ones passed.

Hospital Butterfly Release Honors Loved Ones Lost

It was a beautiful day for the butterfly release ceremony hosted by HSHS Hospice Illinois at HSHS St. Francis Hospital on Thursday, June 2. The evening ceremony (pictured above) gave participants a chance to reflect on and celebrate the lives of those they have lost.

"The butterfly represents the transformation of the spirit as our loved ones transition from this life," said Shawna O'Dell, director of post-acute care. In addition to the butterfly release, the ceremony included a special reading of the names of the deceased.

Baptist Church To Celebrate Dads June 19

Members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church will celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 19, in the 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. services, as well as the 5 p.m. service.

During the services, fathers and spiritual fathers will be honored. A small gift will be presented to each man present. Special music, including "Faith of Our Fathers" will be included in the worship.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 410 West 3rd North Street in Mt. Olive. For more information, call 217-299-0508.



Area Church Lifts Up Hearts In Praise

Above, churchgoers lift up their hearts in praise during a special service at Fillmore United Methodist Church on Friday evening, June 3. The local church held a special service, titled "Make a Joyful Noise To The Lord" and asked guests to bring a song, poem or reading to share.

Trinity Lutheran Ready For Vacation Bible School

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nokomis is preparing to host Vacation Bible School (VBS) Monday, July 11, through Friday, July 15, at the church.

The "Road Trip" themed VBS will take place from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and is open to children ages three through sixth grade (entering into seventh grade). The student participants will take a "trip"

across the United States exploring the country on "Road Trip 3:16," where they will learn about God's love at each destination.

In addition to the biblical lessons, attendees will make new friends, enjoy crafts and learn new songs. A family picnic will be held to celebrate the closing of this year's VBS program on Friday, July 15.

Questions about the week-long program or registration may be directed to Vickie Detmers at 217-855-0515.

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 Thanks also to Jim and Lisa for their donations of prizes.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK'S EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Article 19A of the Illinois Election Code, Early Voting for the June 28th, 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 19th, 2022 and continuing through Monday, June 27th, 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 11th, 2022, Saturday, June 18th, 2022 and Saturday June 25th, 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 or contact the County Clerk's office at 217-532-9530.

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Carl "Sonny" and April Leetham

Double Ring Ceremony For Newlywed Leethams

April Mikolasek, of Litchfield, and Carl "Sonny" Leetham, of Hillsboro, were united in marriage on Saturday, April 30, at Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro. The Rev. Jeff Hemken presided over the double-ring ceremony which included over 200 guests.

The bride chose her three daughters, Rochelle Mutchler of Coffeen, Glenda Fenton and Andrea Mikolasek, both of Hillsboro, as her bridesmaids. Escorting her to the altar were her sons-in-law, Bob Fenton of Hillsboro and Jake Ray of Coffeen.

The groom chose his three sons as his groomsmen, David Leetham, Kevin Leetham and Randy Leetham, all of Hillsboro.

Prelude and postlude mu-

sic at the wedding was provided by Calvary Baptist's worship leader David Jenkins and a special song was sung by the Calvary Baptist Worship Team during the ceremony.

The new Mrs. Leetham is soon to retire after nearly 33 years as secretary at Calvary Baptist Church in Hillsboro, and her husband is an Ameren retiree.

Following the ceremony, a reception, decorated in a rustic theme, was held at the Hillsboro Lion's Club and was catered by Milanos' Catering with music provided by DJ John Kindernay.

After a wedding trip to Pheonix, AZ, the couple are making their home in rural Hillsboro.

Blessed Hope Baptist To Host VBS June 21-23

Blessed Hope Baptist Church in Raymond is planning an exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) week from June 21-23.

Members of the church invite children ages five to 12 to join them for an adventure from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly. The theme for this year's VBS is "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the

earth," Colossians 3:2.

The week will feature lessons, games, snacks and lots of fun. There are rides available for children who may need them.

For more information contact the church at 217-250-9688. The church is located at 715 S. O'Bannon Street in Raymond.



Preschool Story Hour Has Beach Theme In Hillsboro

It was a day at the beach for youngsters who attended preschool story hour at the Hillsboro Area Public Library on Monday afternoon, June 13. Library Director Shelley Kolb read *Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach*, and kids had a chance to play with kinetic sand after the story. Participants included Brody Munson, Lainey Holderread, Kaitlyn Holderread, Wade Smith, Josie Wartmann, Charlotte Herschelman and Aneira Nixon.

Preschool story hour is held every Monday afternoon at the Hillsboro Area Public Library beginning at 4 p.m.

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HHS Students Named To Spring Honor Roll

Hillsboro High School has announced the students named to the Honor Roll for the second semester.

Seniors: Leighton E. Colli-son, Bryce E. Connor, Jacob H. Dobson, Timothy H. Downen, Quaid A. Floyd, Chandler D. Fogle, Henriette Funk, Kaili M. Garcia, Isaiah R. Gates, Olivia S. Gent, Enon C. Greenwood, Tyler L. Hamby, Joplin F. Hartman, Anna E. Jackson, Meagan R. Jorn, Kaylee S. Lawson
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Juniors: Levi A. Arke-bauer, Keeley J. Barnhart, Dahlia M. Bertolino, Gracie E. Brink, Kyle G. Butler, Kenadie A. Carlock, Wyatt M. Chappel-lear, William E. Christian Jr., Tanner C. Clayton, Jaben S. Compton, Sierra C. Compton, Marissa L. Davis, Zane S. Duff, Sabrina F. Durbin, Marah J. Fenton, Alexandra L. Frailey, Aurelie R. Granito, Cameron R. Hacke

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Litchfield Library Hosts Program For Dairy Month

In celebration of June as National Dairy Month, the Litchfield Public Library hosted a special story hour program on Tues-day, June 14, with Katie Wilson, director of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau in Hillsboro. Wilson read a book, *Allison Investigates Does Chocolate Milk Come From Brown Cows?* She also talked to the kids about the importance of dairy products in their diets, as well as the nine essential nutrients. As a special treat, Wilson gave all the kids ice cream. Participants in the program, from the left are Sadie Brakenhoff, Charlotte Herschelman and Dagny Thornton. Not pictured was CJ Thornton.

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Snack Bags provided by PTD-P available at Doyle Library & Farmersville-Waggoner Library June-August

PTD Supplies Libraries With Summer Snacks

Members of Project Third Day-Panhandle have provided summer snack bags to local children throughout the months of June to August. The snack bags can be found at Doyle Public Library in Raymond or the Farmersville-Waggoner Library in Farmersville. Project Third Day-Panhandle is a non-profit organization that offers additional food supplies to children during three-day weekends throughout the school year. Now, they have expanded their efforts to provide snacks while school is out for the summer.

Bring Pets Indoors In Extreme Heat

As the heat index continues to rise above 100 degrees this week, Montgomery County Animal Control is urging all residents to take their pets indoors into the air conditioning.

For outside pets, proper shelter, shade, food and water are required by Illinois state law. However, during these extreme temperatures that may not be enough for certain breeds of dogs. Those that are

unable to bring pets inside during the heat wave should provide them with plenty of shade in an area where they can get good air flow.

Those that are concerned for the wellbeing of a domestic animal are instructed to contact Montgomery County Animal Control at 217-532-3334. Officers will respond as soon as possible.

"We expect a high volume

of calls during this time so please be patient with us as we respond in a timely manner," stated Director Amanda Daniels. "Illinois law and local ordinances only require that the animal has shelter, shade, food and water. If possible, please check to see if the animal has what is required prior to calling as we must be able to prioritize our calls and address animals truly in need."

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Above, local children discuss their goals and make posters during a class lead by Peggy Fox, prevention specialist with the Montgomery County Health Department at Doyle Public Library in Raymond on Thursday, June 9.

Summer Programs Start At Doyle Public Library

Doyle Public Library in Raymond kicked off their summer programs on Thursday, June 9, with a class hosted by Peggy Fox, prevention specialist with the Montgomery County Health Department.

Fox will host a class for Kindergarten through sixth grade students each Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m. at the library, throughout the summer season. Her first class was well attended and the little learners even got a chance to play games on the property the library acquired in May.

Following the outdoor time,

attendees regrouped indoors to create a goals poster that included ways to achieve their individually selected goals.

Doyle library started their Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, June 15, with a "Summer Solstice" lesson. The library will explore solstices and equinoxes to find out exactly what they are and how they have been utilized throughout history.

The Summer Reading Program will meet from 2 to 3 p.m. each week during June and July. All ages are welcome to attend.



Local Student Creates 'Smile Bags' For Elderly

Litchfield High School student Oliva Reid (above) turned an English assignment into a project benefitting Heritage Health residents in Litchfield, as well as Copper Creek Cottages in Litchfield.

The assignment "social isolation in nursing homes and what we can do to help," inspired Reid to make "smile bags" for the residents, to be handed out when someone is having a sad day. The bags include soap, lotion, a face mask and lip balm.

MCCA

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Dinner and the program will also begin at 5 p.m. Montgomery County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser will lead the singing of "God Bless America," followed by a moment of silence and invocation by cancer survivor, the Rev. Ralph Ward.

Participants will have their final chance to bid on silent auction items from 6:15 to 6:30 p.m. Out of respect for cancer survivors and guests, those who purchase silent auction items are asked to wait to pick them up until after the closing ceremony.

Emcee Greg DeRight will open this year's program at 6:30 p.m. with board member and committee volunteer recognition, followed by team introductions and awards. Hannah Tomazzoli will present this year's scholarship grants, and Pacey Collins and Layne Rupert will offer some reflections on the grant program. Members of the Montgomery County Breast Cancer Support Group will make a check presentation to the MCCA during this time. DeRight will introduce this year's Honorary Chairman, Jerry Wesley, who will talk about his battle with cancer.

Following Wesley's re-

marks, MCCA board member Joyce Lipe will lead a survivorship celebration and recognize all cancer survivors in attendance.

Just before the program closes, Nelson Aumann will lead a live auction at 7:15 p.m. with many great items, including an autographed baseball card by Los Angeles Angels pitcher and Nokomis native Reid Detmers.

The program ends with a moment of reflection and closing remarks by DeRight.

Organizers with the MCCA give special thanks to this year's corporate sponsors, including the Stamp Out Cancer team, Hillsboro Area Hospital, Attorney Alan Pretnar of Taylor Springs, Bank of Hillsboro "Banking on a Cure," HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, *The Journal-News*, *The Litchfield News Herald*, Bank and Trust in Litchfield, Litchfield National Bank, CNB Bank and Trust in Hillsboro, First National Bank of Litchfield, *The Nokomis Free Press Progress*, Nokomis Gift and Garden Center, DC Waste and Recycling, Inc., Walmart in Litchfield, M&M Multisport Club in Litchfield, Heritage Manor in Litchfield and Dairy Queen in Nokomis.

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Gregory will assume Murphy's role as Public Safety Commissioner, which includes oversight of the local police and fire departments. Because he didn't take the oath of office until the end of the meeting, his only vote was on the motion to adjourn.

On the financial front, Commissioner Katie Duncan presented May invoices to be paid in June that totalled \$338,487.30; council approval was 4-0. Also discussed were bills for payment once work is done, including a new transmission for the fire department's Suburban, which is used primarily to take the water rescue unit (the dive team) to emergencies across the state and beyond. It also hauls equipment used in training sessions in the facility by the old airport.

The most local bid was from Roger Jennings Chevrolet, which said they would install a reconditioned transmission with a three-year warranty for \$4,225. The Suburban is currently on Jennings' lot. (The other bid, from a Greenville-area business, was less, but their warranty was only for a year and towing charges from here to there had to be considered). Commissioner Fred Butler thought the total costs would be close to the same, so the work goes to Jennings.

Veteran Fire Chief Joe Lyerla was present. He said, "Of course we would prefer a new vehicle, but we've kept this Suburban in good shape and new isn't possible at this time."

Utility improvements for the city are nearer to beginning. The planning/permitting work for the Huber Drive project is finished, so Hurst-Rosche Engineering was given approval to put the work out for bids. The council was cautioned that bids will be higher now than anticipated when discussions began.

A 24-inch Sanitite Dual Wall pipe will be installed under the grass between the junior high and high school where holes in the ground have indicated problems. Commissioner Kendra

Wright and Superintendent Tim Ferguson both think that site will be a good test for the product (Dual Wall) which is considerably cheaper than the more conventional CVC pipe. As Wright said, it won't be buried under a roadway so it won't be hard to check results.

Confusion reigned for a bit about the costs to improve Mechanic Street this summer by using the Motor Fuel Tax Fund (MFT) to replace a whistle under that street. The whistle and work will cost \$82,200, and the engineering agreement with Hurst-Rosche will be \$8,400. Mobile radios for the Street Department trucks will cost \$415 each; that was an already budgeted item.

The use of city streets (which also involves the Auxiliary Police and at times Police Department personnel) for the following event was approved: a fun run to be held on August 6. Pulled from the agenda was discussion/approval of a kids' Fun Run/Bike Run and Fourth of July Biathlon only because a representative of the sponsoring organization couldn't be present.

Besides Gregory's appointment, another person, John Rapp, was approved for a vacancy on the Natural Resources Committee, which meets at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in city hall.

A motion discussed at the May 24 meeting - to make Church Street two-way - was changed because a trial run by Butler during business hours illustrated a problem. Cars are often parked on both sides of the street, making it too narrow for vehicles to meet safely. One solution is to make the south side of Church (by The Abbey on Broad) a no parking zone.

Butler also asked permission to go "slightly" over budget to purchase material to build a shed (pole-barn type) for city equipment which is now exposed to the weather. The current cost of the material is \$45,000, with members of the Street Department doing the construction.

Also discussed was re-establishing leash-laws for

city confines. Mayor Downs said the current situation is untenable for those who are considerate dog owners because others take advantage of the lack of an ordinance. The state law determining responsibilities of county and city is evidently murky enough that city attorneys and the county attorney have different interpretations. No action was taken at this meeting.

Butler had questions and a suggestion about the wait list and the move list at the campground. He said currently there are several names on a move list (if a current camper moves out, another camper with his name high on the list can take that spot, creating a vacancy in a less desirable spot) and over 100 names on the waiting list.

Problems began several years ago when campers were allowed to have two names on the same site. That meant people on the move and the wait list were bypassed, creating ill-will among the campers and between the campers and the city commissioner in charge of the campground. The rules will be changed to eliminate dual sign-ups from this point on, but Butler said there is no way to rectify issues from the past.

Also, when a camper installs a permanent improvement at a site, he or she can't remove it if he decides to give up his spot. Recently when a camper became miffed and went elsewhere, he yanked out outdoor electrical outlets he'd installed. He faced no legal consequences because no rule said he couldn't do that. That will change.

A facade grant reimbursement (taken from Business District funds) for \$2,000 was awarded to Connie Childers for work she had done for the Courthouse Pub at 101 South Main; her total costs, as evidenced by receipts, were \$6,100.

Butler asked for discussion to determine the fate of the man lift purchased several years ago by the city using Business District funds so building owners refurbishing store fronts downtown didn't have to rent that equipment.

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One potential asterisk: the ESSER grant needs to be committed by September 2023.

State law allows up to 80 percent of the facilities sales tax to be pledged towards bonds; this proposal would pledge only 50 percent of the \$1.3 million annual revenue toward a new building.

"Fortunately, the district doesn't have much debt," Powell said. Soon-to-be retired \$1.3 million in total debt means that the remaining \$13 million property tax bonds that would need voter approval would not result in an increase in the district property tax rate. A detailed spreadsheet presented by the superintendent bore that out over the next 20 years.

"If that is the direction the board chose to go, a referendum could be put on the November ballot," the superintendent said. Upon approval, design work would begin in earnest then, be put out for bid in late summer 2023 and completed in spring 2025. Construction could occur with students on campus.

The board will likely decide whether or not to put the plan in motion at their July meeting. There are 134 summer school students at Beckemeyer, 12 at the junior high, and 26 at the high school, according to a report from district curriculum director Hope McBrain.

At Beckemeyer, 40 staff

members teach the students, focusing on reading and math. Nearly 85 percent of the students are using district transportation.

Five staff members are working on reading, writing, and basic math at the junior high, and five staff members are offering an English workshop as well as math, keyboarding, environmental science, health and biology in the high school credit recovery program.

"In six days, we already have nine students who are back on track for graduation," McBrain said of the high school summer school program.

Hillsboro School District graduate, former district coach, and current Greenville University coach Brian Patton asked the board to re-consider allowing home-school students to participate in school district extracurricular sports and programs. The issue has been discussed in the past, and home-school students are currently only allowed in school extracurricular programs if they attend district class for at least half a day.

Patton said that he found that most school districts used to have a similar policy, but many have moved off that stance.

"They said it has been pretty painless, not a great deal of work, and not many home-school students have taken advantage of it," Patton said of opening extracurriculars

to home-schoolers. "Over 210 districts allow home-school participation in Illinois."

Patton gave a few examples of home-school students who have participated in Hillsboro extracurriculars before.

"Hillsboro School District has a policy already," Patton said, reading a policy that allows participation for students who are enrolled at least a half day. He asked the board to re-consider the half-day requirement.

Powell said that home-school students in extracurriculars must also meet Illinois High School Association and Illinois Elementary School Association guidelines, which require ensuring academic progress.

Board President Matt Lentz assigned the matter to the board Policy Committee to re-examine.

During closed-session deliberation of an appeal of an athletic handbook discipline matter last month, the idea of reexamining that policy came up.

"I don't recommend changing the policy," Powell said, "nor does the administrative team."

Board member Barbara Adams suggested that since the Policy Committee was going to meet anyway, it was worth reviewing.

President Lentz suggested the board also examine sportsmanship and fan behavioral expectations. Powell said a program could both encourage good sportsmanship, but also

it sits idle now, according to Butler, needing an estimated \$15,000 worth of repairs (when purchased used, according to Wright, the cost was \$21,000.

Butler's opinion was short and sweet - "Sell it or repair it." One suggestion of a city employee was to sell it and buy a bucket truck which would allow access to store fronts but also be more mobile moving from site to site. Wright cautioned that if it's sold, the selling price must be returned to the Business District coffers. She also said it had proven useful to those who used it for window work and tuck-pointing; but as is the man-holder portion spins like a top when it's loaded, creating hazards. Butler said he will look for lower repair costs locally, rather than having it trucked to Jacksonville and back.

Before the motions' part of the agenda, Dawn Young and Wayne Wedekind used the public comment section of the meeting to introduce the Living Room concept that CrossOver Ministries hopes to bring to the county.

Then Mike Rappe spoke about the issue of the Blackman-Evans Home on South Main; the possibility of selling it was on the agenda later. Rappe said he'd prefer seeing the city working to preserve the historical houses in Hillsboro. Rather than depending on the rental house near the Harke House to supply enough revenue to keep the two historical houses afloat, he'd like to see a line budget item dedicated to Blackman-Evans and the Harke House.

Later, when that became the topic for discussion, Butler said there are serious maintenance problems with all three structures, but he wants to work with the Historical Society to find solutions. The needs are severe, but little money is in the account. He thinks selling one to improve the other two is the logical step to take. He said that is "...a discussion to be continued."

The Mayor and Commissioners' reports which opened the meeting were not available at press time.

more strictly enforce penalties against bad sportsmanship.

"I would like us to be the class of the conference," Powell said. "Right now we're not, and we're not even close."

That, too, was remanded to the Policy Committee.

The board approved an amended budget for fiscal year 2022 presented last month, and voted to renew commercial insurance at a ten percent increase, \$253,025.

After a closed session, the board adjusted pay for employees not covered under union contract. Aides will get a dollar an hour increase, and the rest will see four percent pay increases.

The board hired Krista Huber, Devin Waldrup, Marci Carter, and Alesha Good as aides, Abby Chambers as secretary at Coffeen, Andy Bounds as bus mechanic, and Miranda Fair as junior high art teacher.

Kenny White was hired as eighth grade girls basketball coach on a 4-2 vote with board members Barbara Adams, Bryce Rupert, Matt Lentz, and Kassie Greenwood voting in favor; Dan Tester and John Lentz voted against. Board member Nathan Kirby was not present at the meeting. Spring sports coaches and student group sponsors were re-hired unanimously.

The board also accepted the resignation of Son Clayton as track coach, and accepted a letter of intent to retire from secretary Nancy Swick, effective Sept. 20.

Title Transfers

May 20
Margie K. Chesser, Pamela S. Roberts POA to Casey R. Melton, WD, Lot 5, Finks Adn.

May 23
Arlen Roy Kasten Tr., Patricia Lorene Kasten Tr., Kasten Joint Trust to Allen R. Kasten, Trustee Deed, Sec. 20, East Fork Twp.

Brett James Edge, Noel L. Edge to Dmitriy Redka, Tammy Lynne Redka, WD, Lots 4-6, Blk. 3, McElroys Adn.

Mary Agnes Mizera Tr., Mizera Family Trust to Brett Edge, Noel Edge, Trustee Deed, Sec. 18, situated in the village of Raymond; Blk. 2, Gees 2nd Adn.; Lot 7, South-

ern Meadows First Adn.
Erik L. Rabich Sr., Jodi L. Rabich to Brian Gray, Sue Gray, WD, Lot 5, Holtzclaw Subdn.

Chad L. Mears, Stephanie L. Mears to John W. Langdon, Jessica L. Langdon, WD, Lots 6-7, Blk. 6, Waggoners GB 1st Adn.

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Vistra Gets Input On Coal Ash Closure

by Ron Deabenderfer and Mike Plunkett

The Illinois Power Generating Company, a consortium that includes Vistra, the current owner of the Coffeen Power Plant campus just southwest of Coffeen, presented a panel of five Vistra employees to explain and justify their decision to seal on site the Coal Ash Impoundment Ponds at the current site.

A public meeting, it was attended by more Vistra officials than it was by local citizens, three of whom asked questions during that segment of the agenda. A member of *The Journal-News* staff was present at the 3 p.m. hearing but not at the 5:30 session, so this article covers only the first gathering.

The meetings, held partly because of state requirements to notify residents who may be impacted by the decision, was moderated by Brad Watson, director of community affairs for Vistra Energy. Also present to answer questions was Scott Bell, one of the two company employees currently on site to oversee the dispersal of equipment and supplies from the now-shuttered coal-fired electricity generating plant completed in 1964 and closed in 2019 because of environmental concerns.

Panelists included Phil Morris, area resident Rhys Fuller, Vic Modeer, Andrew Britton, and Brian Hennings. The presentation itself dealt with defining the problem (the accumulation of coal ash and gypsum in three containment ponds on site) and the rationale that moved the company to propose sealing those ponds rather than transporting the can-be-toxic materials to the landfill in Litchfield or Tay-

lorville. According to the material presented, the environmental impact on the geographic area is much less if the material is sealed on site rather than transported to a landfill. The panelists reviewed the data company scientists used to make the decision for each pond. When the opportunity for questions across, three people stepped to the microphone.

The first was Mary Ellen DeClue of Litchfield, who suggested the company build its own landfill on site to eliminate the expense and risks of trucking the potential contaminants across the county to landfills which may not have adequate space for them. Panelists said when that was considered, data showed too little room at the site to build a new area.

She asked if sulfur is the only contaminate. The answer: it isn't, but it's the one chosen to be the marker. If the sulfur can be contained, then other problematic pollutants will be contained as well.

DeClue also told the panelists that reports on the internet provided by Vistra did little to reassure the people most likely to be affected. Watson responded by saying Vistra would monitor activity at the site and will report to the public often as work progresses.

Don Karban asked about the type of liners used under the ponds and to be placed on top. He asked about the effects on wildlife in the conservation area around the plant and the fish in the once-cooling dam. Panelists said the risks were found to be small enough not to be consequential, and that the risk factor was higher if the current ponds were disturbed

rather than covered in place. The data was studied for two effects, that on the current animal population and also on people who consume the fish.

Coffeen firefighter Jake Blankenship asked about the role the CFPD might be asked to play. When the plant was operational, the plant was part of the Coffeen Fire District and received an annual check for services. He drew attention when he said, "We were told the last check we received would indeed be the last check."

Bell was called to the podium to say that miscommunication must be involved because to his knowledge the CFPD was still first on the list to be called if an emergency came about; Watson said he would notify those at corporate headquarters in charge of emergency arrangements of the perceived problem.

Blankenship also expressed concern about dust contamination while sealing procedures were underway. He said several residents are near the site so that should be a concern. He was told the chemicals in question are not organic and so won't be in the air. Vistra also has to meet IEPA standards, so they will monitor and control dust issues.

DeClue asked for more details about the capping process; the panelists told her the fiber cap will be in contact with the bottom liner already in place so they will overlap to prevent any filtration by rain or snow. Any discharge will be of water falling from the sky, not water already in the containment ponds when they are sealed.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 4:50 p.m. Earlier in the day, Watson

and Bell hosted a meeting at 1 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Hillsboro about the status of the "Illinois Coal to Solar & Energy Storage Initiative" on the former power plant site.

Watson said work in Coffeen to put 44 megawatts of solar panels and six megawatts of battery storage on 331 acres north of the power plant will be completed by the end of 2023 or the beginning of 2024.

During construction, he estimates 66 total direct and indirect jobs from union construction, and 2-4 employees operating the facility when online.

"It's not labor intensive like a coal plant," Watson said.

Using assessed values set by law, he anticipated the site would pay between \$720,000 and \$900,000 in annual property taxes, down from \$2.9 million paid by the power plant the last year it was in operation.

Panels will come from First Solar, an American-made Ohio-based supplier. Vistra has yet to select a battery storage manufacturer. He estimated the panels would last for 20 years before they are recycled.

The Coffeen site is one of nine in downstate Illinois in which the company will invest \$550 million to develop 300MW of solar and 150MW of battery storage. In addition to the \$550 million Vistra investment, the projects will also be funded through renewable energy credits and DCEO development agreements.

"We still want to be good corporate citizens here," Watson said. "We will be investing in the communities for years to come."



Animal Medical Center Hosts Night At Drive-In

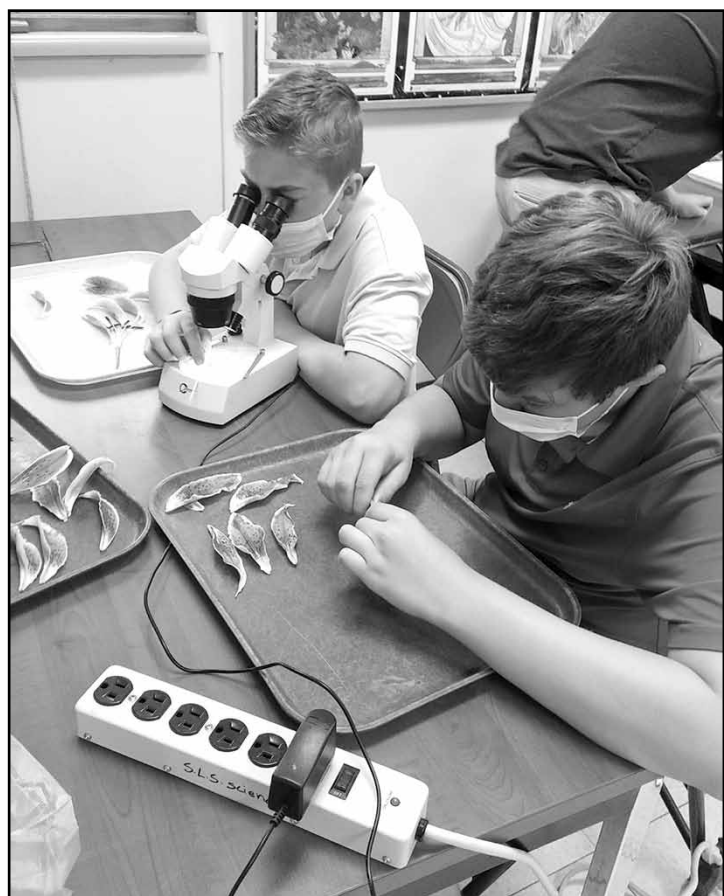
Melissa VanGiesen of Hillsboro and children Frankie and Luci enjoyed viewing the beloved family movie "Beethoven" with their four-legged friend.

The second annual client appreciation night at the Litchfield Skyview Drive-In took place on Thursday, June 9 and was sponsored by the Animal Medical Center of Litchfield.



Bank Of Hillsboro Makes Donation To Animal Control

The Bank of Hillsboro employees collected donations for the Montgomery County Animal Control shelter during their holiday party. The recent donation of food and pet items made for some very happy dogs and cats. Above, from the left, are Jenna VanOstran, Angela White and Ysabelle Long.



St. Louis School Students Enjoy Dissecting Flowers

The seventh grade students at St. Louis School in Nokomis enjoyed dissecting lilies on Tuesday, May 17. The middle schoolers were tasked with identifying the different parts of their flowers and using stereo microscopes to magnify them. The lilies were donated by Nokomis Gift and Garden.

Nokomis City Council Has Brief Agenda In June

by Ben Schwarm

The Nokomis City Council met in a short session at its regular meeting on Monday, June 13. A quorum was present with commissioners Lou Stauder, Mike Glenn and Derek Durbin in attendance. Mayor Mike Holliday and Commissioner Jocko Nash were absent. Commissioner Stauder presided at the meeting.

The bulk of the discussions continued to center around the water and sewer plant renovations that have been

in the planning stages for the last several months. A representative from EJ Water Corporation addressed the council and declared that more time is needed to gather all of the information necessary to bring to the council regarding water rate changes.

Some increase in water rates is likely necessary if the board wants to be competitive for a state grant to assist with replacement of the city's old and deteriorating water lines. Plans are underway for the city to meet with the three major engineering firms that

have a part in the water and sewer projects - EJ Water Corp, Benton and Associates, and Farnsworth Engineering Group.

The meeting is to take place so all major players and the city are in agreement with all aspects of the work so a comprehensive and agreed-to plan is brought to citizens at a town hall meeting. No date has yet been set for the town hall.

Components of the complete council plan include building a new water treatment plant, refurbishing the sewer plant facility, gradual

replacement of water lines, annexing the water plant into city limits, and demolition of the old water tower. Contracts have already been approved with the engineering firms. A federal grant has already been secured and a state grant application is being prepared.

In other action, the council approved a permit for construction of a fence at 624 School Street; a permit for a home addition at 130 Stevens Avenue; and a permit for the Rotary Club to hold a Farmer's Market at Fred B. Johnson Park on Aug. 6.

Fireworks Prohibited In Village Of Schram City

by Bethany Martin

Following approval of last month's minutes, members of the Schram City Village Board addressed several updates, as well as clean-up efforts during their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, June 13, at the village hall.

Trustee Jerry Woods presided in-person over the meeting as President Albert Oberle attended via telephone. Trustee Pat Rhoades was absent.

According to President Oberle, the remaining water line near Dollar General was completed just before Memorial Day. He advised the pressure was tested; however, there was an issue with the fire hydrant near the general store that was addressed.

As they move forward with the water main project, the village's plan is to begin the

33 water hook-ups, which will take roughly a week-and-a-half, beginning next week. President Oberle said he discussed the vacant property hook-up with three different municipalities, who do not hook up water to said properties. The village president said he is waiting to discuss the matter with two more municipalities before the board gathers next month.

The board is hopeful Phase I of the project will be fully completed in July. The application for Phase III has been submitted.

In an animal control update, Granito advised Oberle that amendments have been made to the contract and now, municipalities wait for the Montgomery County Board to make modifications.

Trustee Dalton King recently participated in a meeting concerning American

Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding and reported that the county is now deciding how the money will be distributed and what it could be used for.

The village hall will be closed on Tuesday, June 28, due to the general primary election.

In his report, Trustee Kevin Tuetken reported several items that need attention, including properties, limbs and brush, and pot holes. President Oberle said Mike Lee, code enforcement officer, has been in contact with some of the property owners already.

Resident Mary Martin was on hand to inquire about vacant properties within the village. President Oberle shared that one property was sold for back taxes and there is a pending issue with the property owners and the county. She also notified the

board of a tarp covered in brush that was dropped off at the village dump site.

As part of a police report, President Oberle said thanks to a tip, an individual was arrested for stealing mail out of mailboxes. The village president encouraged all residents to keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and if they "see something, say something."

Members of the board gave approval to seek bids for a new trimmer to replace the broken 20-year unit the village currently has on hand.

With Independence Day drawing near, the village reminds residents that fireworks are prohibited within village limits.

The next monthly meeting will be held Monday, July 11, at 6 p.m. at the village hall.



Darren Bailey Makes Campaign Stop In Nokomis

Darren Bailey, who is a Republican candidate for Illinois governor in the June 28 primary, made a stop in Nokomis on Monday afternoon, June 13. Bailey offered remarks to more than 50 in attendance at the Nokomis Tractor Factory. He appeared with US Representative Mary Miller, Illinois State Representative Brad Halbrook, Illinois State Representative Dan Caulkins, Illinois State Representative Adam Niemerg and Don Debolt, a candidate for Illinois Senate.

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County Board Discusses New Committee Structure At June Meeting

by Mary (Galer) Herschelmann

It was a full agenda for members of the Montgomery County Board, who held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, June 14, at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro.

Several members were absent from the meeting, including Megan Beeler, Bill Bergen, Doug Donaldson, Tim Fogle and Sandy Johnson.

In calling the meeting to order, Chairman Evan Young asked County Engineer Cody Greenwood to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Both the monthly mileage and per diem requests, and minutes from the previous month's meetings were approved unanimously.

During the consent agenda, which was also approved unanimously, Montgomery County Health Department Administrator Hugh Satterlee said his office has begun talks with other local providers about the creation of a Living Room or mental health facility locally. Satterlee said they are looking at costs, funding and if it would be possible to provide such services in the county.

Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent Dave Strowmatt reported some changes to existing laws for veterans. Strowmatt said some of it was updating old language, but there were a few significant changes. Among them, the new law sets the funding floor at .02 percent. Strowmatt said that has no bearing locally, as they continue to ask for less than that every year. He added that local VAC offices are now also asked to do claimwork and represent clients on cases, which the county already offers. In addition, the new law adds a change to the disabled veterans property tax issue, adding that if a veteran dies or has a disability connected to his or her service, the surviving spouse is also eligible to continue receiving property tax exemption. Strowmatt said the new changes will not affect the local office in any way or the \$6.5 million in benefits they help to secure for local veterans every year.

Liaison Reports

Board member Earlene Robinson reminded leaders that applications for funding from the 708 Board are due June 30.

In Planning Commission news, board member Ron Deabenderfer said they finished the battery storage ordinance and are set to tackle a sequestration ordinance.

Deabenderfer added that the Senior Citizens group has not met in many months, but he does continue to receive monthly financial statements, and the group is doing well.

Board member Gene Miles reported UCCI will have its annual meeting June 25-26 in Galena, and board member Connie Beck said the University of Illinois Extension will meet on June 16.

In his report, board member Richard Wendel said the West Central Development Council approved new by-laws that take effect on July 1. He added that funding from the program has been cut 9.6 percent, but the new leader thinks he can secure some grants to make up the difference.

Coordinating

In his report, Young said the information systems department is staying busy getting the new montgomery-countyil.gov e-mail addresses up and running. County Coordinator Chris Daniels provided a handout to county board members on the change. In addition, Young said the information systems department has been busy replacing computers across the county.

Young said EMA Director Kevin Schott plans to set up a booth at the Montgomery County Fair later this month to recruit new EMA volunteers.

Deabenderfer, who is also part of the rules committee, presented a new committee restructuring plan to the board for a 30-day review. Members of the committee included Deabenderfer, Young, Bill Bergen and Patty Whitworth. Deabenderfer said the group had some disagreements and no one person got all the things they wanted when it came to

committee restructuring. He said the proposed plan was their best compromise.

The new plan includes a coordinating committee, plus a finance and budget committee, infrastructure committee and development and personnel committee. If approved at the July meeting, the new committees would begin meeting in August. After the board decreases in members to 14 in December, each committee will have five members. From August to December, each committee can have as many as ten.

"It's experimental," Deabenderfer said. "And we won't know what happens until we try it."

The chairman will decide which members serve on which committees and who the chairs of each committee will be. Board member Gene Miles asked about what the dates for the new committee meetings would be, and Young said that would be discussed if and when the new committee structure is approved.

Deabenderfer also presented amendments to the county board's rules of order. Among the changes, board members who attend a committee meeting on which they do not serve will be asked to sit in the gallery as opposed to with other board members. In addition, when the board moves from 21 to 14 members, there could potentially be a tie in a vote for chairman and vice chairman. In the case of a tie, the rules state a coin will be flipped and the highest vote getter in the general election gets to call heads or tails. Amendments to the rules of order were approved unanimously.

Building and Grounds

Building and grounds committee Chairman Bob Sneed said they have been working on several maintenance projects, including painting the handrails at the north door of the Historic Courthouse, as well as other painting projects for the crown molding and windows.

Sneed said animal control approached the committee about mowing at the animal control facility, but the committee felt it would take time away from other maintenance projects.

New fob locks are currently being installed at the Historic Courthouse, and Sneed hopes they will be completed in July.

In an update to sidewalks around the courts complex, the committee signed a contract with Hurst-Rosche for engineering and supervision of the project.

Sneed said a few projects are still on hold, like a new generator for the jail, as well as interior doors at the county clerk's office for security purposes. The committee also received a report from Circuit Clerk Danny Robbins about new state mandates at the new courthouse, including ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) improvements. Sneed plans to use ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funding for the updates.

Development

Development committee Chairman Donna Yeske said Valerie Belusko at the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation reported the Reversing the Exodus meeting was well attended.

Yeske said there was no update to the Revolving Loan Fund or the Green Diamond Bike Trail.

Her committee released an additional round of tourism grants, including \$750 for the dedication of the Route 66 Prairie, \$750 to the Fall Into Taylor Springs event and \$1,000 to the Witt Labor Day celebration.

Yeske presented the board with a 30-day review of the battery storage ordinance crafted by the Planning Commission.

Yeske said Jonathan Weyer, who serves as chairman of the MCEDC, attended the committee meeting to talk about setting up strategies to bring new business to the county, as well as financial incentives for training. She said the committee is considering the use of ARPA funds for such a project.

Daniels, along with assistant David Jenkins, attended the spring conference for the Enterprise Zone in Springfield. She reminded local

businesses who qualify for Enterprise Zone incentives to submit their reports online to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

In a final note, Young said he attended the meeting with Vistra on an update to the battery storage facility at the former Coffeen Power Plan. Vistra plans to use 331 acres, not the current building, for solar and battery storage. Young said they hope to be up and running by June 2024 and could bring in between \$770,000 to \$900,000 in property taxes to the county. Sneed thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work on the ordinance.

Personnel

Yeske also presented the personnel committee report in the absence of Chairman Bill Bergen. She said they got a report on employee health insurance, and the HRA usage is at about 8 percent so far this year. Yeske added it will likely be "scary" when they see the final numbers for increases in employee health insurance next year.

The committee tabled an addendum from the Central Labors Pension group for further research and information.

Yeske said they have begun union negotiations with Local 148, employees in the circuit clerk's office. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 29, at 5 p.m.

In a final note, Yeske said they have advertised the position of supervisor of assessors, as Ray Durston plans to retire in November. They hope to hire someone soon, so Durston can train him or her before he leaves. The committee also discussed that in other counties, the supervisor of assessors is elected, rather than appointed, but they felt it was more important at this time to hire someone to train with Durston. That issue can be revisited in the future.

Finance

Finance committee Chairman Russ Beason said the committee discussed use of the ARPA funding, and will likely fund county projects first. They will offer an application process to other municipalities, but it may pay out less than they originally thought. Beason said he's sure they can come up with an equitable way to fund projects.

In EMA news, Schott has currently been storing equipment in the old highway department garage, which is not climate-controlled. Some items, including PPE (personal protective equipment like face masks) are perishable. They are working to find him a better place to store things.

Beason said the sheriff found a deal on two new vehicles, one for EMA and one for the sheriff, on Dodge Durangos from Victory Lane. The initial ones he found have already been sold, but more have been ordered. The board unanimously approved up to \$42,762 for a vehicle for EMA and up to \$46,761 for the sheriff's office. Sheriff Rick Robbins thanked the board, and said both departments were in a bad situation with vehicles. The board will use ARPA money for the new trucks.

Beason reminded the board of budget hearings Aug. 18-19.

The board unanimously approved a p-tax 451 form for the state, which provides reimbursement for the public defender's salary. The state's fiscal year starts on July 1, and the form has to be submitted before then. The p-tax form provides the amount of salary reimbursement the state will provide for the public defender, whose salary is set based on the county state's attorney.

Since Montgomery County's census fell below 30,000 in population, the state recommends a base salary drop for the state's attorney of around \$40,000 per year. The board can set the salary of the state's attorney at whatever they choose. However, the state will only reimburse a percentage of what they set the base salary to be. Currently, the public defender's salary is set based on the state's attorney, and starting in December, the sheriff's salary will be as well. State's Attorney Andrew Affrunti asked to address the issue at the July meeting of

the finance committee.

The board unanimously approved conveyance of a deed in Witt Township to Stephen Brent.

Beason reported the county's multiplier for property taxes has been set at 1.0177 for the year.

He said the county has received \$1.2 million in coal royalties since December, which is good news. In addition, Beason said Treasurer Nikki Lohman reported that \$1.7 million has already been collected in local property taxes since the bills went out. The first installment is due July 15.

Beason said the committee is still working on details of the salary increases for non-union employees.

He said there will be a phone conference with DCEO for counties who are eligible for energy grants, in the wake of the closure of coal-fired power plants.

Beason said there were no updates to the monthly coal report, IMRF or finance control policies.

In a final note, Sheriff Robbins addressed the board, noting they are nearly finished with a \$300,000 grant that would help upgrade all the radios for law enforcement in the county. He added that's why those frequencies are also unavailable on local scanners, but it has been helpful to have all officers in the county on the same frequency.

Road and Bridge

Road and bridge committee chairman Gene Miles said they did not get any bids on the white truck shed at the old highway department, so they will wait and see if any come in.

County Engineer Cody Greenwood, said the Village of Walshville President has agreed to let the county work on a bypass road around the village. He said there's some language in her letter that needs to be cleaned up in an intergovernmental agreement about the work the county is agreeing to, as they have offered to help repair the main road through Walshville as well. Greenwood estimates it will take two to three years to complete.

The board unanimously approved reappointing Greenwood as county engineer, offering him 100 percent of the salary recommended by the state, as well as an additional week of vacation, requested by Greenwood. It brings his total to four weeks. Yeske abstained from the vote.

Miles said they are still waiting to acquire land for the Coffeen Road/Seven Sisters intersection project.

The board unanimously approved several culvert replacement projects in the county. Three were split 50/50 with the township, including \$21,000 on Red Bridge Trail in Hillsboro Township (county pays \$10,500), \$18,000 on Oak Lane in Fillmore Township (county pays \$9,000) and \$18,000 on Pine Tree Trail in Witt Township (county pays \$9,000).

They also approved three projects where the county pays 100 percent, including \$13,000 on Black Diamond Trail, \$21,000 on Walshville Trail and \$22,000 on Donnellson Avenue.

Safety and Elections

Safety and elections committee Chairman Mark Hughes reported that David Jenkins will help with oversight of the ambulance billing department.

He reported that although they originally thought the state would sweep 911 funds to pay for the new 988 mental health number, that did not happen.

County Clerk and Recorder Sandy Leitheiser thanked the board for the updated election equipment. She added things are going well for the June 28 primary. Approximately 350 have participated in early voting or vote by mail already.

In EPA news, Daniels said she and Jenkins met with state representatives for an annual review.

Hughes said the next county electronics recycling drive will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Highway Department (formerly Wright Automotive).

In animal control news, Hughes said they had 18 cats

and 12 dogs with nothing new to report. He said Animal Control Warden Amanda Daniels has been doing the mowing on the property herself, and the committee feels she has other things to do. Whitworth asked if building and grounds handled the mowing on other county properties, and Sneed said they did mow animal control about ten years ago. Board member Bev McCoy said she felt it should be the responsibility of building and grounds, and not animal control to do the mowing. Hughes said he talked to the maintenance department and they are stretched too thin right now. They are looking into the possibility of buying a mower for animal control.

The board unanimously approved the animal control contracts with municipalities after a few changes, like taking out the \$250 fee for bite cases. Miles asked if the cities approved this contract, and Hughes said many did. Others feel it's the county's responsibility. The new contract includes that the county animal control will only answer a call in a municipality when it's made by an authorized person in that municipality.

Announcements

Young reminded the board of a change to the development committee meeting to June 27 because of the July 4 holiday.

Appointments

The board unanimously made several appointments, including Donald Murphy,

Alex Jordan and Todd Megginson to the Bois D'Arc Drainage District, Richard Uhrig to Harvel Drainage District #1 for a three-year term and Richard Lyons to Harvel Drainage District #2 for a three-year term.

Public Comment

Bill Schroeder addressed the board and shared his concerns about the coal mine. He said that at early meetings when residents expressed concerns about the coal mine going bankrupt, they were told it would never happen. But it did, he noted, leaving the county holding the bag for more than \$300,000. Schroeder said the state was out \$1.3 million from Hillsboro Energy alone.

As the coal mine prepares for phase two in Montgomery County, Schroeder asked the county to look into some recourse if the mine should go bankrupt. Schroeder said he feels there will be lots of problems, especially with drainage, and told the board the royalties the county receives are a pittance compared to the problems they cause.

Young said he would look into the matter and see if there was any recourse if the mine goes bankrupt.

After voting to pay the bills and payroll, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The full board will meet again on Tuesday, July 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Hillsboro.

Donors Needed At Raymond Blood Drive

The Raymond community will host a blood drive on Tuesday, June 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. inside the Donor Bus located at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 510 East Sparks Street.

To donate, contact ImpactLife Springfield at 1-800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 60041 to locate the drive. Masks and appointments are required.

All donors will receive a voucher for a \$10 Egift card to be used at Amazon, Target, Starbucks, Subway, Home Depot, Lowe's or Walmart or 500 bonus points to use in the Donor Store.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh

more than 110 lbs. A photo ID is required to donate.

For questions about eligibility, call ImpactLife at 1-800-747-5401. Donors who last gave on or before May 3 are eligible to give at this drive.

Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

ImpactLife is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 100 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. In the area, ImpactLife is the exclusive provider to Hillsboro Area Hospital and HSHS St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield.



Nearly a dozen local residents enjoyed the bird walk at Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro on June 4.

Community Enjoys Early Morning Hike At Bremer

Community members enjoyed an early morning bird walk at Bremer Sanctuary in Hillsboro on Saturday, June 4. The ten participants got to hear or view 43 different species while traversing across the sanctuary's grounds, and thanks to the keen eye of hiker Frankie Huber, the group obtained a good view of a cedar waxwing.

The hike began and ended at the sanctuary's Education Barn. Hikers trekked approximately 1.45 miles during the two-hour bird walk.

In that time they recorded 43 different avian species including Canada geese, mourning doves, yellow-billed cuckoos, ruby-throated hummingbirds, great blue herons, turkey vultures, red-headed woodpeckers, downy woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers,

pileated woodpeckers, eastern wood-pewees, eastern phoebes, great crested flycatchers, eastern kingbirds, warbling vireos, red-eyed vireos, blue jays, American crows, black-capped chickadees, tufted titmouses, purple martins, treeswallows, white-breasted nuthatches, house wrens, gray catbirds, eastern bluebirds, cedar waxwings, house sparrows, American goldfinches, chipping sparrows, field sparrows, eastern towhees, yellow-breasted chats, Baltimore orioles, red-winged blackbirds, brown-headed cowbirds, common yellowthroats, summer tanagers, northern cardinals, blue grosbeaks, indigo buntings and dickcissels.

Following the hike, the local bird watchers enjoyed hot coffee and breakfast items in the Education Barn.

**Who Will Be The New Miss Montgomery County Fair Queen?
Find out on Wednesday, June 22, at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Butler**



Reigning Montgomery County Fair royalty will pass on their crowns to the new winners on Wednesday, June 22, at the fairgrounds in Butler. From the left are Little Miss Paisley State of Litchfield, Queen Summer Smith of Butler and Junior Miss Avarey Fetter of Litchfield.

Photos courtesy of Brianna Wolf Photography

Three Pageants Open This Year's County Fair

The 36th annual Montgomery County Fair returns to Butler June 22-26 with a wide range of activities, fun for the whole family.

This year's event opens with the crowning of new royalty on Wednesday evening, June 22. Opening ceremonies begin at 6:45 p.m., followed by the pageants at 7 p.m. Admission to the grandstand is \$5 per person.

Helping with this year's pageant will be reigning 2021 royalty, including Miss Montgomery County Fair Queen Summer Smith of Butler, Junior Miss Montgomery County Fair Avarey Fetter and Little Miss Montgomery County Fair Paisley State of Litchfield.

This year's pageant directors are Kady Peterson and Brielle Marten.

Miss Montgomery County Fair Queen

Five young ladies will be competing for the title of 2022 Miss Montgomery County Fair Queen.

- Jaci Hrabusicky of Coffeen, daughter of Rich Hrabusicky and Jill Cerutti, sponsored by Pierce Automotive of Hillsboro.

- Madalynn Kraus of Farmersville, daughter of Mike and Michelle Kraus, sponsored by The Rooted Home.

- Alexis Lessman of Hillsboro, daughter of Jason and Laura Lessman, sponsored by the Marina at Glenn Shoals Lake.

- Alecia Miller of Litchfield, daughter of Jeanette Kennedy, sponsored by Black Rabbit Coffee Company.

- Paitynn Wilson of Hillsboro, daughter of Ross Wilson, III and Amanda Bone, sponsored by Rovey Farm and Sales, Inc.

Junior Miss

- Jenna Durbin of Hillsboro, daughter of Travis and Kendra Durbin, sponsored by Durb's Dirtwork.

- Ady Ferguson of Litchfield, daughter of Quincy and Jenny Ferguson, sponsored by Midwest Royals.

- Rylie Jones of Hillsboro, daughter of Michael and Jaimie Jones, sponsored by Country Cuts.

Little Miss

- Jocelynn Blake of Litchfield, daughter of Brad and Kristina Blake, sponsored by Nail's Power Equipment.

- Evelyn Boston of Litchfield, daughter of Matt and Savannah Boston, sponsored by Lily Pad Learning Center.

- Avery Clelland of Litchfield, daughter of Craig and Kayla Clelland, sponsored by Chelsea LaPolice Photography.

- Karsyn Jones of Hillsboro, daughter of Matt and Shay Jones, sponsored by Lessman Pools and Spas.

- Hadley Kennedy of Hillsboro, daughter of Steven and Dora Kennedy, sponsored by Hapner Hillsboro Bowl.

- Lynnox Kessler of Litchfield, daughter of Trevis and Amanda Kessler, sponsored

- by Axle Surgeons of Southern Illinois.

- Mattix Kessler of Litchfield, daughter of Trevis and Amanda Kessler, sponsored by Longwells Snappy Lube.

- Payton Lee of Walsh-

- ville, daughter of Joseph and Kate Vollintine, sponsored by Brian's Auto Service and 23-Hour Towing.

- Kylee Pence of Litchfield, daughter of Wyatt and Niki Pence, sponsored by United

- Builders of Litchfield.

- Tyffany Plummer-Jaynes of Litchfield, daughter of Nolan Jaynes and Sarah Plummer, sponsored by Plummer Funeral Services, Inc.

- Payton Ronco of Litch-

- field, daughter of Josh and Brittany Ronco, sponsored by Ronco's Auto Body.

- Sawyer Spencer of Nokomis, daughter of Michael and Caitlin Spencer, sponsored by HD Exteriors.

- Arya Stimac of Farmersville, daughter of Don and Christine Stimac, sponsored by The Rooted Home.

Montgomery County Fair Pageant Contestants



Jaci Hrabusicky



Madalynn Kraus



Alexis Lessman



Alecia Miller



Paitynn Wilson



Junior - Jenna Durbin



Junior - Ady Ferguson



Junior - Rylie Jones



Little - Jocelynn Blake



Little - Evelyn Boston



Little - Avery Clelland



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Museum Plans Evening Event On July 1

On Friday, July 1, for one night only, the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center will stay open until 8 p.m.

This "Night at the Museum" event will offer door prizes and a scavenger hunt. Visit their military display room and everything else featuring Route 66 and the history of Litchfield.

The museum and welcome center is located at 334 North Historic Route 66 in Litchfield.

Hillsboro Senior Citizens Opt To Cancel Meeting

The Hillsboro Senior Citizens Club has decided to cancel their June meeting, previously set for Tuesday, June 21, due to extreme heat. The group will next meet on Tuesday, July 26.



Ground To Grounds A Hit With T-Ball Players

With the opening date of Ground to Grounds Coffee on the horizon, owner Kayla Brauer made a special trip to the Sports Complex in Hillsboro to test run a few of the soon-to-be coffee shop's non-esspresso drinks at the T-ball field. "Snack time was definitely a hit," said Brauer, with a laugh. She even got a few suggestions on what to call the not-yet-named menu item including, "Pond Water," "Jiggly Wiggly" and "Deliciously Good," from the early elementary age ball players. Ground to Grounds Coffee hopes to open later this summer at 917 South Main in Hillsboro.

Mt. Zion Lutheran To Hold Worship Services

Pastor Cynthia Munker will lead worship with Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 19, 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: Galatians 3:23-29; and Psalm 22: 19-28. The Gospel for study will be Luke 8:26-39. The service will include the

worship songs: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "In Christ there is no East or West," "Let us Ever Walk with Jesus" and a rousing banjo/guitar version of "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me."

The church's Missions Beyond their Walls this month are Royal Kids Camp and Education Station.

"Royal Kids Camp is a summer camp for children in foster care and Education Station is sponsored by Southside Church and gives students in this area school supplies and book bags," Pastor Munker explained. "Both these missions help kids. We ask for your generosity toward Jesus' lambs."

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

County Fair Plans Truck, Tractor Pulls

The Montgomery County Fair's Truck and Tractor Pulls will be held Sunday, June 26, beginning at 12 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Butler.

The pull will feature five tractor classes and seven truck classes. Entry fee for all tractors and trucks is \$20. Pit passes are \$15 and grandstand tickets are \$5. Tractors and trucks will be intermingled throughout the pulls to allow motors to cool down and weights to be transferred.

The order of the pull will be 10,700 lbs., Hot Stock Trucks,

CITP Light 2-Wheel Drive Trucks, 10,000 lbs. Illinois Stock Pullers Tractors, CITP 4x4 Light Weight Trucks, 12,000 lbs. N.A. Tractors, 12,000 lbs. Illinois Stock Pullers Tractors, CITP 2-Wheel Drive Heavy Trucks, CITP 4x4 SS Heavy Trucks, CITP Diesel 4x4 Trucks and Freedom Class Tractors. Lastly, they will host a new class of trucks this year, CITP Open Gas Trucks.

Those with 4x4 and 2-wheelers can also pull in the new category if they choose. For more information about

the weights and rules, visit the CIPT website at www.centralillinoistruckpullers.com.

There will be cash prizes for those who place in each class. Organizers are looking for volunteers to help drive tractors, hook up sleds, serve as flagmen and statisticians, sign in spectators and announce. Those interested should contact Don Walker at 217-250-6041.

In addition to the pulls, there will be bratwurst sandwiches, hot dogs, pork chops and more available to purchase at the beer garden.

Abbey Ready To Unveil Outdoor Space

The Abbey on Broad in Hillsboro will hold the grand opening of their backyard from 4 to 7 p.m., on Friday, June 17.

The unveiling of the Abbey's new outdoor space will be packed full of fun for all ages. Activities include Chicken Schlitz Bingo start-

ing at 7 p.m., and a Queen of Hearts drawing at 7:30 p.m. Ticket sales for the Queen of Hearts will be open from 5 to 7 p.m.

Food will be available for purchase starting at 5 p.m. and music will be provided by Lakeside Entertainment. The evening will also include

a 50/50 drawing, as well as family fun night and adult beverage pool raffles.

Chicken Bingo games will be held throughout the evening with payouts ranging from \$25 to \$500 per round.

The Abbey on Broad is located at 202 S. Broad Street in Hillsboro.

Times Adjusted For 4-H Animal Shows

Due to the rising heat index Montgomery County 4-H has adjusted the times of several shows that will be held during the Montgomery County Fair next week to protect animals.

The 4-H Cat and Dog show will be held at the extension office in Hillsboro on Monday, June 20. Cats will be shown at 3:30 p.m. and dogs at 6 p.m. Organizers ask that no dogs are brought to the extension

office before 6 p.m. as the cats will still be on the premises.

On Tuesday, June 21, the 4-H Rabbit and Egg Shows will be held at the extension office. Eggs will be shown first at 10 a.m. and rabbits will be shown at 10:30 a.m.

The 4-H Dairy and Beef Shows will also be held on Tuesday, June 21, at the 4-H Park located at the County Fairgrounds in Butler. Shows

start at 12:15 p.m.

The 4-H animal shows will conclude with the Sheep and Goat Shows beginning with sheep at 9 a.m. at the County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, June 22. The Hall of Fame ceremony for the Elvidges will follow. The County Fair Sheep Show to begin after the ceremony with the 4-H Goat Show to start immediately after the sheep show.

Clotfest Celebrates Those Not Forgotten

This Saturday, June 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Pub in Hillsboro, the public is invited to attend the 12th edition of Clotfest featuring live music by some of the area's talented musicians.

Back in 2010, Daniel Clot-

felter organized the first Clotfest as a memorial to his father and all the people he loved in Montgomery County. An annual public event was born as a celebration of all those who are gone, but not forgotten.

This event's motto being

"Good People, Good Music, Good Time!" kicks off with four area bands including Lost Highway, RugBurns Revisited, Yor Rubenstein and LongHead & Friends.

Clotfest is open to the public and requires no cover charge.

Foundation Is Accepting Applications

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln is now accepting proposals for its Community Grants Program. The deadline for the grant cycle is July 15.

The Community Grants Program is an unrestricted grantmaking program. Local nonprofits are invited to

apply for up to \$5,000 for any charitable focus in a number of counties, including Macoupin, Montgomery and Sangamon counties. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by early September.

Local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to

submit proposals before the July 15 deadline.

Applicants must apply via the Community Foundation's online system, which should be accessed through www.CFL.org. For questions, contact the Community Foundation at 217-789-4431.

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 - American Legion Hall in Raymond
 - Entry fee: \$20 Per Person
- Cornhole Bag Tournament** (Blind Draw)
 - Sign-up @2:30 p.m.
 - Tournament begins @3:00 p.m.
 - American Legion Hall in Raymond
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Play Place Re-Opens At McDonald's

After being closed for more than two years due to the global pandemic, the Play Place at Litchfield McDonald's officially re-opened on Monday, June 13, with a whole week's worth of fun activities for children of all ages. Pictured above, Litchfield Police Officer Shane Grammer colors patriotic pictures with kids, from the left, Preston Emerson of Staunton, Aria Bacon of New Douglas and Skylynn Thrasher of Hillsboro on Wednesday, June 15. The restaurant will collect all the pictures colored throughout the week and deliver them to veterans in local nursing homes.

In addition to playing in the Play Place, McDonald's offered a wide range of activities, like face painting, crafts and daily drawings. They will also have a drawing for two bikes and an adults' night out on Sunday, June 19. Other activities include games, prizes and food specials on Thursday, a matchbox car race on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a canine demonstration with the Litchfield Police Department from 5 to 7 p.m. On Saturday, kids can make a Father's Day card and on Sunday, they can make a windsock craft. *Journal-News/Mary Herschelman*

Shea Murray Receives Degree From Greenville

Shea Murray of Hillsboro graduated this May from Greenville University with her bachelor's degree in early education and elementary education.

A 2018 graduate of Hillsboro High School, she is the daughter of Dwight and Jamie Murray of Hillsboro.

While she was working on her degree, Murray worked for Lily Pad Learning Center in Litchfield for three years. She will complete her student teaching this fall in the Litchfield School District.

She hopes someday to have her own classroom for kindergarten or first grade.



Shea Murray

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Alexis Throne Graduates This May In Springfield

Alexis Throne of Litchfield graduated on May 14, with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Illinois in Springfield.

A 2017 graduate of Litchfield High School, Throne is the daughter of Tony and Vickie Throne of Litchfield and the granddaughter of Harold Jones of Litchfield and the late Kay Jones and Bruce and Donna Throne of Litchfield.

During her time at UIS, Throne was a member of the cross country and track team for five years.

Following her graduation, she is currently enrolled at the University of Spa and Cosmetology Arts (USCA), where



Alexis Throne

she is pursuing a degree in cosmetology.

Rena Vanzo Earns Her Second Master's Degree

Rena Vanzo, daughter of Bruce and Debby Vanzo of Taylor Springs, earned her second master's degree in May.

Her first, in medical genetics and genetic counseling, is from 2008 and began her career as a genetic counselor. Vanzo has been in Utah since that time practicing in pediatric genetics in both clinical and laboratory settings.

A graduate of Hillsboro High School, Vanzo gained an interest in business and enrolled in the executive masters in business administration (EMBA) program at the University of Utah in August 2020.

After 21 months of class every other Friday and Saturday, her class of more than 50 professionals traveled to Italy to experience international business in real time. They visited the Ducati factory, a family-owned and operated winery, a leading banking



Rena Vanzo

institution, and of course the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain and Vatican among other attractions. With this combination of degrees, Vanzo aspires to launch a business related to mobile mammography and women's health services.

Jansen Earns Degree From Lincoln Land

Kelly Jansen of Hillsboro graduated from Lincoln Land Community College with an associate degree in fine arts on Friday, May 13.

A 2019 graduate of Hillsboro High School, Jansen is the daughter of Wayne and Tina Jansen of Hillsboro.

She plans to continue working at Hillsboro Chiropractic Center, K's Detailing, The Awning and Jansen's Monuments.



Kelly Jansen

It's County Fair Time!
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 9 am-8 pmArts & Crafts Registration

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
 9:00 am Jackpot Open Sheep Show
 12:00 pm Jackpot Open Goat Show
 6:45 pm Opening Ceremony & Royalty Pageants (Grandstand \$5)

THURSDAY, JUNE 23
 9:00 am Beef Cattle & Steer Open Show
 7:00 pm Karaoke Contest (Free with Gate pass)

FRIDAY, JUNE 24
 9:00 am Jackpot Open Swine Show
 7:30 pm Motocross Racing (Grandstand \$5 • Pit Pass \$10)

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
 12-3 pm Kids' Day Activities • Open Pavilion
 1-3 pm Carnival Matinee
 7:00 pm Power Wheels Demolition Derby
 7:30 pm Car Demo Derby (Grandstand \$10 Adults/\$5 Kids • Pit Pass \$20)

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Residents of Tremont Ridge Assisted Living and their families enjoyed a patriotic-themed picnic and games on Friday, June 3.
Journal-News/Barb Boston

Folks At Tremont Ridge Enjoy Picnic

Friday, June 3, was one for the books at Tremont Ridge Assisted Living.

A post-Memorial Day bash was planned to commemorate the first official gathering since the start of COVID-19. The Hillsboro Lions Club joined in on the fun, grilling pork patties from Paris Frozen Foods for the activity-filled outdoor event.

Over 100 residents, guests and staff enjoyed each other's company under several large party tents decorated with colorful balloons and table art.

The residents and their family members enjoyed the picnic food including not only pork patties, but brats, homemade cheesy potatoes and pasta salad, fresh fruit, veggie cups and baked beans.

Many residents and family members won giveaways that were being raffled. Those items had been donated by various local businesses including but not limited to Sweet Addictions/Street Eats, The Orpheum Theater, Trish Wallace haircuts and more.

Several activities took place throughout the event after former employee Andy Revisky led the group in prayer, including music provided by local band Trail Blazer Country, yard games and bubble-making. The weather cooperated beautifully for the family-style picnic.

All the residents went "home" with bags of caramel corn. Team leader companion Andrea Marburger said,



This group of high-energy positive women brought down the house with an outdoor, live music-filled picnic for the residents, families and friends of Tremont Ridge (TR) Assisted Living center in Hillsboro on Friday, June 3.

In the photo above, front row, left to right are Tremont Ridge employees Jacquelyn Holloway (executive director) and Andrea Marburger (team lead companion). In the second row are Sarah Eller (operations care coordinator), Kelsie Kline (wellness coordinator), Alayna McCario (companion) and McKenzie Earon (companion). In back are Angie Pierce (companion), Britini Bernardini (activity coordinator) and Amy Cosello (companion).
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These family get-togethers are what makes us who we are. This is what we're known for." Operations care coordinator Sarah Eller hopes to have various events like this one throughout the year to celebrate residents and their families.

The mission of Tremont Ridge Assisted Living is to

provide a home-like, safe and friendly environment for their residents. Its goal is to enhance the quality of life, independence, privacy and decision-making abilities of its senior community.

Tremont Ridge has 28 private suites and is located at 801 East Tremont Street in Hillsboro.



Volunteers Take Time To Honor Veterans

Litchfield Boy Scout Troop #89 and community volunteers showed up in droves to help the officers of the Litchfield VFW Post #3912 place flags on the graves of local veterans in observance of Memorial Day. Above, a few of the local volunteers take a moment for a quick photo before heading out to place flags.



Students Wrap Up Year With Field Day

The students at St. Louis School in Nokomis wrapped up the 2021-2022 school year with a field day on Thursday, May 19. The fun-filled day included team-building games, obstacle courses, chalk art, water fun, bounce houses and more. Registration for the upcoming school year is currently open online at www.slsk8.org.

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Thursday, June 16, 2022



Detmers No-Hitter Cards On Sale Saturday At BRS

The Bottomley Ruffing Schalk Baseball Museum in Nokomis is offering baseball fans a chance to own a unique memento celebrating part of baseball history on Saturday, June 18.

The Topps Baseball Card Company printed a limited number of cards celebrating the no-hitter thrown by Nokomis native and Los Angeles Angels rookie Reid Detmers on May 10, against Tampa Bay.

The Topps Now card shows Detmers celebrating with his teammates on the front of the card, along with the notation

that the accomplishment was the 12th no-hitter in Angels' history. On the back of the card is an action shot of Detmers on the mound in his red #48 Angels jersey.

The cards were only sold for a 24-hour period on the Topps website, but some are now available through the BRS Museum. Cards will be sold for \$10 each, with a limit of five per person. Sales will take place between 9:30 and 11:45 a.m., with the museum opening at 9 a.m.

Cards will be sold on a first come, first served basis and cash or check will be accepted.

Lentz, Walker Pick Up Wins In GNCC Series

Walshville's Travis Lentz and Morrisonville's Jhak Walker both picked up wins in the Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) Series on Sunday, June 5, as they continue to creep closer to the top of the point standings.

Lentz ran five laps in 1:24:23.050 to beat second place finisher Hunter Hawkinberry by a little over two minutes at Mason-Dixon in Mt. Morris, PA, round eight of the GNCC series.

The win was Lentz's third of the year in the GNCC, matching Hawkinberry for the most in the series. In his last four

races, Lentz has won at Camp Coker, the Hoosier and now Mason-Dixon, with a third place finish at John Penton in Millfield, OH, mixed in. He is currently just three points behind Hawkinberry for the points lead in the 65cc (10-11) class with five rounds still to go.

Walker's win was the second in a row for the young rider as he completed six laps in 3:31:59.118 to finish first in 150 A and 40th overall in Adult PM Bikes. He also finished 40th overall at the John Penton in Ohio on May 22, running five laps in 3:43.04.588.

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A group of sharks may be called a shiver, but with temperatures in the mid-80s for their opening meet at the Litchfield Memorial Pool, the water was just fine for the Montgomery County Sharks Swim Team on Saturday, June 11. The club, which has 76 team members this year, hosted the Petersburg Dolphins and Panther Creek Piranhas on Saturday and came away with a win in their first of 12 meets this season.

It's Shark Season In Montgomery County

The first meet of the season is in the books for the Montgomery County Sharks Swim Team as they hosted the Petersburg Dolphins Swim Team and the Panther Creek Country Club Piranhas Swim Team.

With 54 swimmers and 59 improved times, the Sharks took the top spot at the meet with 536 points, providing a good start to the season.

The meet was the first of 12 on the season for the Sharks, whose roster features 76 swimmers from all over Montgomery County.

This year's team is coached by Cassie Sexton-Riggs, who grew up in Florida and began teaching swimming in college. She is a USA Swimming certified coach and has coached teams in both Oklahoma and Illinois, including the last five years with the Sharks.

Assisting Sexton-Riggs are Allie Kuhns, Spencer Hoehl, Audrey Fischer, Emma Evans and Kyle Butler.

Kuhns is a second year as-

stant coach and a longtime member of the Montgomery County Swim Team. While she did not know a lot about swimming when she joined at eight years old, Kuhns loves the sport eight years later and is excited to share that love with the new and returning Sharks.

Hoehl is also a second-year coach with the Sharks and has been a member of the swim team since he was six. Growing up on Lake Lou Yaeger, Hoehl needed to know how to swim and followed in the footsteps of his older sister Sydney, who also competed for the Sharks. Over the course of his swim career, Hoehl has had many encouraging and knowledgeable coaches and he hopes to do the same for this year's swimmers.

Like Hoehl, Fischer followed in her siblings footsteps in becoming a member of the Sharks. A member of the team since she was five years old, the 13-year veteran of the team is also a second-year

assistant coach.

Evans, who like Fischer and Hoehl recently graduated from Litchfield High School, has been on the Montgomery County Swim Team for 10 years, first participating at the age of eight. A second-year assistant, Evans will be attending Eastern Illinois University in the fall.

Butler, a who will be entering his senior year at Hillsboro High School, is the lone first-year assistant for the team. In addition to swimming, Butler also plays football and tennis at HHS.

The Sharks practice from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday at the team's home pool, the Litchfield Memorial Pool, through the middle of July, when the Midstate Conference meet is scheduled.

While the season has already started, new members between the ages of five and 18 who live in Montgomery County are always welcome. The cost is \$80 per swimmer with no extra fees for meets.

For more information, contact Melissa VanGiesen at 618-780-8466 or at sharksmcst@gmail.com. More information can also be found at mcstsharks.swimtopia.com.

Montgomery County Swim Team

Summer 2022 Season Mid-State Conference Teams:
 MCST - Montgomery County Sharks Swim Team; CASC - Columbian Aquatics Center Seacats; PCCC - Panther Creek Country Club Piranhas; DOL - Petersburg Dolphins; TST - Taylorville Tidal Waves Swim Team; CWSC - Colony West Gators Swim Club.

Sharks Schedule
 June 11 vs. PCCC, DOL at Litchfield
 June 18 vs. CASC at Litchfield
 June 21 vs. PCCC at Panther Creek
 June 23 vs. CWSC at Colony West
 June 25 vs. TST at Litchfield
 June 28 vs. CASC at Columbian AC
 July 2 vs. CWSC at Litchfield
 July 5 vs. TST at Manners Park
 July 9 vs. DOL at PORTA HS
 July 17 at Mid-State Jr. Conference at Shirk Center, Bloomington
 July 17 at Mid-State Sr. Conference at Shirk Center, Bloomington
 Aug. 6 at Super Sectionals at Effingham

*Litchfield Memorial Pool is the home pool for the Montgomery County Sharks Swim Team.



From the left, Deklan Riggs, Dillon Smail and Drake Vogel celebrate at home plate after Vogel's home run in the championship game of the Montgomery County Tournament in Raymond. The trio were three of the four Hillsboro batters who hit over .300 for the year, with sophomore Ketch Mills the outlier with a team-best average of .424. *Journal-News Photo*

Toppers Solid In Rain Soaked Season

by Ron Deabenderfer

Just as Hillsboro High's baseball team rallied from a 3 wins, 7 losses record in the first third of the 2022 season to finish 15-10 overall (6-3 in the South Central Conference), sophomore clean-up hitter Ketch Mills collected 23 hits in 45 at bats (.511 batting average) over the last 17 games (compared to 5 hits in 21 at bats - .238 average) in the first eight games.

As a result, Mills won the highest batting average title for the Toppers as he hit .424. Mater Dei's treatment of him in the regional game was a testament to his reputation; he was walked twice in that game by the Knight pitchers, who didn't walk anyone else.

Hitting above .300 for the year was Drake Vogel (.388), Deklan Riggs (.350), and Dillon Smail (.333). Riggs had the most home runs (7) and

runs batted in (22). Vogel and Smail led the team with six doubles each, while Smail had two triples; Zane Duff had the other. To lead a team in triples is a notable accomplishment for a lead-off hitter. Smail also received the most walks (19).

Riggs was the best pitcher when judged by earned run average. He surrendered six earned runs (three in a loss to Vandalia) and finished the season with an ERA of 1.14 (the formula for determining high school ERAs is the number of runs allowed divided by the number of innings pitched times 7 - the number of innings in a high school game. The multiplier is 9 for professional ball). Riggs' ERA is particularly impressive because he started most conference games. His four wins and one loss came in conference play.

The most mound wins went to Nathan Matoush, who

ended 5-0 with a 3.18 ERA. Preston Lyerla and Vogel each won two games. Smail (2 saves in 3 mound appearances) and Matoush each had two saves to lead in that category.

Sympathy goes to players with few mound appearances but with a high number of runs scored against them. For example, if one pitched only one inning and was touched for five runs, his ERA would be an astronomical 35.00.

Primarily because of IHSA restrictions, not many complete games were thrown. Riggs had three, Matoush two, Lyerla 1, and Jace Stewart 1 (a victory over Greenville). Riggs had a team-high 37 innings pitched; Matoush had 33 and Lyerla 32. Matoush recorded a team-high 47 strike-outs while Riggs had 46 and Lyerla 38.

Defensively there were moments that were outstanding. When Devin Speiser was at

2022 Hillsboro High School Baseball Statistics

Name	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	SAC	K	BB	HBP	SB	ROE
Drake Vogel	25	78	21	30	21	6	0	3	21	.385	1	17	11	2	10	1
Dillon Smail	24	68	28	27	15	8	2	3	17	.397	0	20	22	3	6	2
Preston Lyerla	22	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	.045	1	11	3	1	3	1
Devin Speiser	25	68	16	18	15	3	0	0	12	.265	1	10	7	3	6	2
Cameron Hacke	23	12	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	.083	0	10	0	2	2	0
Dillon Devlin	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	6	0	0	0	0
Blaine Stewart	24	57	9	17	16	1	0	0	9	.298	1	10	2	3	3	2
Zane Duff	24	55	15	16	13	2	1	0	7	.291	1	16	3	2	3	5
Dylan Lessman	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	3	0	0	0	0
Landon Summers	11	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	.143	0	4	0	0	0	0
Ketch Mills	25	67	16	26	21	5	0	0	15	.388	1	14	6	0	5	7
Nathan Matoush	12	10	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	.200	0	4	2	0	0	0
Blaze Helton	21	45	3	12	9	3	0	0	9	.267	2	21	12	2	0	4
Deklan Riggs	25	84	15	31	22	3	0	6	21	.369	1	18	5	1	2	1
Jace Stewart	18	23	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	.087	0	9	4	0	1	1
Gavin Matoush	24	63	8	13	10	3	0	0	4	.206	0	20	5	2	1	2
Elliott Lentz	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	6	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	678	151	197	147	35	3	12	121	.291	9	200	82	21	42	28

2022 Hillsboro High School Pitching Statistics

Name	AP	IP	W	L	S	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	HB
Drake Vogel	6	16.1	1	1	0	16	13	6	2.57	14	15	3
Dillon Smail	3	4.0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1.75	2	7	1
Preston Lyerla	9	31.2	2	4	0	33	32	26	5.75	19	38	10
Devin Speiser	3	5.0	1	1	0	5	7	7	9.80	6	1	3
Cameron Hacke	2	4.0	0	0	0	6	3	3	5.25	2	2	1
Dillon Devlin	1	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	1
Blaine Stewart	4	1.0	0	0	0	3	5	5	35.00	2	1	0
Dylan Lessman	4	4.2	0	1	0	7	16	13	19.50	5	4	5
Ketch Mills	2	0.2	0	0	0	2	7	2	21.00	6	0	0
Nathan Matoush	9	33.0	4	0	0	30	15	8	1.70	4	47	3
Blaze Helton	1	0.2	0	0	0	2	4	3	31.50	2	2	2
Deklan Riggs	10	37.0	4	1	2	18	10	5	0.95	14	48	2
Jace Stewart	7	15.0	1	1	0	19	19	15	7.00	10	16	2
Gavin Matoush	3	7.2	0	0	0	14	12	10	9.13	7	7	0
Totals	25	162.2	13	9	3	157	144	105	4.52	94	188	33



Season Record
15 wins, 10 losses
Conference Record
5 wins, 3 losses
Runs Scored: 151
Runs Allowed: 144

third, Vogel at short, Smail at second, and either Riggs or Mills at first, sparkling plays were more probable. Catcher Blaze Helton had very few pitches escape his grasp. The outfield with Gavin Matoush in right, either Mills or Jace Stewart in center (both had strong, accurate arms), and Duff or Blaine Stewart in left, usually captured even tricky fly balls in the wind.

High school statistics are a small sample size. HHS generally played about 10 regular season games until the late '70s, so that sample was even smaller than the 25 the team squeezed in between storms and wet fields this spring. However, 25 pales in

comparison to collegiate and professional schedules. The number of games combined with pitch count restraints necessitates a deeper pitching staff than in the older days, when one good pitcher could carry his team until regionals began.

From my point of view, the 2022 Toppers had a successful run. They defeated Greenville twice; they were 5-1 against county schools; and they won the Montgomery County Tournament. The win over Rochester was a nice way to begin the season.

It would have been even nicer to have won the conference; 6-3 wasn't bad, but this year 7-2 or 8-1 seemed

possible. It would have been nice to win 20 games, but the schedule, because of the larger schools on it, made that difficult.

I'll miss the six seniors (Vogel, Smail, Blaine Stewart, Gavin Matoush, Speiser, and Lyerla) and wish them well as they move on with their lives; thanks for the entertainment.



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Hillsboro Hosts Boys Basketball Camp

The future members of the Hillsboro High School boys basketball team were learning from the current Hiltoppers on June 6-9 at this year's youth basketball camp. Conducted by new Topper Head Coach Corbin Govaia, the camp taught players from second through eighth grade basketball skills and concepts, with awards handed out on the final day of the camp.

GNCC

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The two wins came after Walker's least successful finish in the series, a seventh at the Hoosier due to a mechanical break. Despite that bad break and running the first race of the year at 250cc (he won), Walker is still fourth overall in the standings in his class.

Round nine of the GNCC will be June 25-26, the Yamaha Racing Snowshoe, at Snowshoe Mountain Resort in Snowshoe, WV.

May 8 at Crawfordsville, IN GNCC - The Hoosier

Youth Bikes

65cc (9): 8. Colt Rosentreter (Carlville) 5 laps, 1:39:32.218 (123)

65cc (10-11): 1. Travis Lentz (Walshville) 6 laps, 1:24:28.412 (42)

85cc (12-13): 12. Cooper Duff (Donnellson) 6 laps, 1:30:30.758 (59)

Trail Rider (7-15): 2. Rylan Wise (Carlville) 5 laps, 1:30:18.683 (108)

Adult AM Bikes

Sportsman A: 7. Rylan Frankford (Carlville) 5 laps, 2:23:50.290 (16); 12. Jordan Emmons (Carlville) 5 laps, 2:30:14.257 (24); 30. Ryan Duff (Donnellson) 4 laps, 2:09:51.939 (85); 45. Collin Johnson (Gillespie) 1 lap, 0:31:16.178 (449)

Sportsman B: 29. Zach Duff (Donnellson) 2 laps, 1:17:39.096 (402)

Adult PM Bikes

150A: 7. Jhak Waker (Morrisonville) 4 laps, 1:46:20.593 (166)

May 22 at Millfield, OH GNCC - John Penton

Youth Bikes

65cc (10-11): 3. Travis Lentz (Walshville) 6 laps, 1:23:54.958 (54)

Adult PM Bikes

150A: 1. Jhak Waker (Morrisonville) 5 laps, 3:43:04.588 (40)

June 5 at Mt. Morris, PA GNCC - Mason-Dixon

Youth Bikes

65cc (10-11): 1. Travis Lentz (Walshville) 5 laps, 1:24:23.050 (39)

Adult PM Bikes

150A: 1. Jhak Waker (Morrisonville) 6 laps, 3:31:59.118 (40)

The Journal-News Motorsports



Nearly 40 Attend Lady Hiltopper Basketball Camp

The future of Hillsboro girls basketball got a chance to lace up their tennis shoes as part of the annual basketball camp, held June 1-3 in the Hillsboro High School gym. Coach Bret Tuetken and Assistant Coach Lauryn Tuetken, along with members of the Lady Hiltoppers basketball squad, helped to teach nearly 40 third through sixth graders basketball fundamentals as part of the three-day camp.

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REID READS: FAMILY EDITION

Reid Detmers (Nokomis) had his second straight scoreless outing for the Los Angeles Angels as he pitched four and a third innings against Boston on June 8.

Detmers gave up three hits, hit a batter and walked two, while striking out one in his 10th start of the season. Going into the Angels' game on Wednesday, June 15, against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Detmers had a 2-2 record and a 3.83 ERA, with 32 strikeouts in 49.1 innings pitched.

The Angels are currently 29-34, 9.5 games behind Houston in the American League West.

Parker Detmers

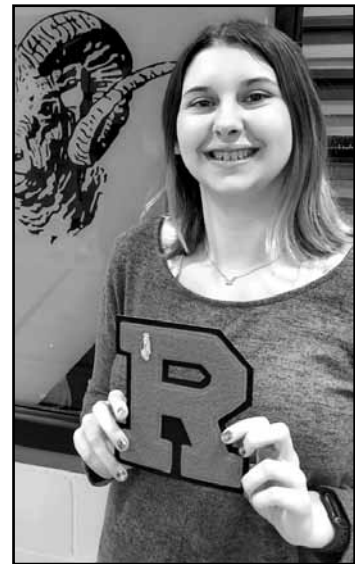
Reid's younger brother, Parker, threw a seven-inning complete game one-hitter on Friday, June 10, to send Chatham Glenwood to the championship game of the

IHSA Class 3A State Finals.

Detmers struck out 14 and walked one as he faced just 23 batters in the Titans' 2-1 win in Joliet. Glenwood finished 27-7 overall for the year, finishing second to Nazareth Academy, who won the championship game 5-1.

Drew Detmers

Not to be outdone, the middle brother of the Detmers' clan, Millikin sophomore Drew Detmers, picked up a win for the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes of the Prospect League. Detmers allowed one run on three hits with four strikeouts and three walks in the 'Shoes' 7-2 win over the Alton River Dragons. Springfield is currently fourth in the Prairie Land Division of the Western Conference, but had won three straight going into Wednesday's game with Lafayette.



Coree Keagy Awarded At Golf Banquet

Coree Keagy, a sophomore at Nokomis High School, was awarded best overall golfer and most improved golfer for Ramsey Golf during an awards banquet held at Ramsey High School on Monday, May 23. Keagy medaled six times during the season with a personal best of 41.

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2022 Lincolnwood High School Baseball Statistics

Name	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	SAC	K	BB	HBP	SB	ROE
Jonah Elvidge	28	77	19	27	25	2	0	0	21	.351	7	8	6	5	5	4
Donny Daugherty	21	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1	0
Jared Klein	20	28	7	9	9	0	0	0	2	.321	2	6	0	0	3	2
Gabe Armentrout	25	63	14	19	17	2	0	0	14	.302	4	12	10	2	9	7
Brayden Morris	12	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	3	1
Braden Whalen	28	88	30	29	24	5	0	0	10	.330	1	19	20	0	24	7
Will Jenkins	28	89	28	31	25	4	1	1	13	.348	2	13	8	3	22	9
Connor Seelbach	20	26	14	9	9	0	0	0	3	.346	0	11	3	2	6	1
Drew Gilpin	18	27	3	6	6	0	0	0	4	.222	0	12	1	0	0	0
Nate Brockmeyer	27	62	5	15	14	1	0	0	11	.242	0	16	15	1	0	4
Colton Tischkau	27	76	10	30	20	5	1	4	27	.395	2	27	14	3	5	2
Lance Weitekamp	14	33	9	13	10	1	0	2	12	.394	1	5	2	2	3	2
Lucas Reznicek	6	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	4	2	0	0	1
Carsen Bethard	25	58	6	14	12	2	0	0	8	.241	1	25	3	2	4	4
Ruger Brown	13	38	8	11	10	1	0	0	13	.289	0	9	7	1	6	3
John Wolf	28	61	5	14	9	5	0	0	11	.230	1	14	7	9	1	3
Karson Hayes	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kaden Cook	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	.667	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	744	185	230	193	28	2	7	152	.309	21	182	101	31	92	51

2022 Nokomis High School Baseball Statistics

Name	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	SAC	K	BB	HBP	SB	ROE
Mason Stauder	7	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	2	1	0
Brenton Lyons	26	84	22	24	11	13	0	0	12	.286	0	13	8	1	16	7
Landon Engelman	23	62	20	20	11	7	2	0	11	.323	0	18	16	1	12	5
Garrett Engelman	14	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	2	1	6	0
Austin Thornton	24	64	11	14	13	1	0	0	10	.219	2	14	4	0	10	3
Cooper Bertolino	26	71	16	18	14	4	0	0	11	.254	1	13	7	0	3	5
Saint Newman	7	7	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	.286	0	3	1	0	3	0
Ian Keller	25	28	18	4	4	0	0	0	2	.143	0	12	7	1	8	3
Elijah Aumann	26	86	18	25	18	5	1	1	12	.291	2	21	2	0	13	7
Drake Taylor	17	17	3	4	4	0	0	0	2	.235	0	6	1	0	0	1
Kyle Reynolds	4	5	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	.400	0	2	0	0	0	0
Cade Johnson	23	36	8	6	6	0	0	0	6	.167	1	7	2	4	7	4
Ryan Eisenbarth	26	84	11	26	19	4	2	1	21	.310	0	11	4	0	4	7
Karter Lippe	9	11	4	4	4	0	0	0	5	.364	0	3	3	0	1	0
Hunter Broers	26	68	14	19	13	6	0	0	17	.279	0	14	9	3	10	7
Matthew Ulrici	23	60	11	16	11	5	0	1	10	.267	0	16	7	1	3	0
Jaxon Batty	9	13	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	.077	0	8	1	1	1	1
Totals	26	700	186	186	132	46	5	3	123	.266	6	161	75	15	98	50

2022 Lincolnwood High School Pitching Statistics

Name	AP	IP	W	L	S	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	HB
Jonah Elvidge	14	43	3	6	1	39	35	19	3.09	28	48	3
Donny Daugherty	2	1.2	0	0	0	9	13	7	29.40	1	0	2
Jared Klein	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0.00	3	5	0
Gabe Armentrout	9	17	1	1	1	25	18	12	4.94	12	13	8
Braden Whalen	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0.00	1	0	0
Will Jenkins	3	4	0	0	0	7	6	5	8.75	2	1	1
Drew Gilpin	3	11.1	1	2	0	16	11	6	6.79	8	19	1
Nate Brockmeyer	11	30	0	3	0	32	43	26	6.07	29	18	7
Lance Weitekamp	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2.00	2	0	0
John Wolf	18	51	8	2	1	51	27	14	1.54	11	98	7
Totals	30	175.2	13	14	3	182	162	94	3.75	97	202	29



Season Record
13 wins, 15 losses
Conference Record
5 wins, 4 losses
Runs Scored: 177
Runs Allowed: 162

2022 Nokomis High School Pitching Statistics

Name	AP	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	HB
Mason Stauder	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	3.50	2	3	0
Austin Thornton	6	18.1	1	2	15	12	7	2.67	17	18	0
Cooper Bertolino	1	1.1	0	0	5	7	6	31.50	2	1	1
Ian Keller	8	33.1	4	2	29	20	15	3.15	18	44	4
Elijah Aumann	4	11.2	1	0	13	11	5	3.00	3	8	3
Drake Taylor	1	2	0	0	5	4	4	14.00	1	1	0
Cade Johnson	10	21.2	0	0	17	9	6	1.94	5	21	0
Ryan Eisenbarth	4	12	0	3	16	23	8	4.67	9	8	5
Hunter Broers	5	20	3	1	21	8	6	2.10	10	20	2
Matthew Ulrici	12	32	2	3	47	36	21	4.59	15	35	4
Jaxon Batty	3	5	1	0	3	7	1	1.40	9	10	3
Totals	26	159.1	12	11	173	138	79	3.47	91	169	22



Season Record
13 wins, 13 losses
Conference Record
6 wins, 4 losses
Runs Scored: 167
Runs Allowed: 138

2022 Litchfield High School Baseball Statistics

Name	G	AB	R	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG	SAC	K	BB	HBP	SB	ROE
Drake Gasperson	21	55	11	12	9	3	0	0	6	.218	7	13	5	1	5	4
Carson Saathoff	21	52	5	15	10	4	1	0	9	.288	0	23	10	2	1	0
Tate Dobrinich	22	51	7	10	10	0	0	0	2	.196	0	13	5	0	0	5
Brock Bishop	18	46	1	7	4	3	0	0	6	.152	1	18	2	1	0	1
Ryan Baugher	21	50	4	7	7	0	0	0	0	.140	1	19	5	2	1	1
Tug Schwab	20	46	3	3	3	0	0	0	2	.065	1	22	1	0	0	7
Kelvin Dooley	3	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	.200	0	4	0	1	0	0
Spencer Hoehl	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	0	0
Jacob Budd	20	53	6	18	11	6	0	1	13	.340	1	15	5	1	5	2
Keaton Case	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	5	1	0	0	0
Bryce Hires	20	52	16	16	7	6	1	2	4	.308	1	13	8	1	3	5
Ian Otto	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	2	1	0	0	0
Drew Hartzell	22	64	3	8	8	0	0	0	6	.125	1	25	3	1	0	3
Totals	22	489	59	97	70	22	2	3	49	.198	13	173	47	10	15	28

2022 Litchfield High School Pitching Statistics

Name	AP	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K	HB
Drake Gasperson	10	24.1	2	1	17	14	6	1.73	10	36	5
Carson Saathoff	3	12	0	0	22	21	12	7.00	4	14	0
Tate Dobrinich	8	18	0	0	23	24	13	5.06	14	17	6
Brock Bishop	5	5.1	0	0	19	23	23	30.19	8	5	5
Ryan Baugher	3	3.2	0	0	2	2	1	1.91	2	2	1
Tug Schwab	9	19	0	0	38	30	23	8.47	10	9	2
Jacob Budd	12	17	0	0	16	14	10	4.12	9	31	4
Bryce Hires	7	25	1	0	23	22	12	3.36	18	46	1
Drew Hartzell	5	7	0	0	18	19	13	13.00	6	5	1
Totals	60	131.1	3	1	178	169	113	6.02	81	165	25



Season Record
3 wins, 19 losses
Conference Record
2 wins, 5 losses
Runs Scored: 65
Runs Allowed: 169

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THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 16, 2022

BROADCAST	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
ABC	Kimmel	(31) NBA	2022 NBA Finals: "Game 6 if nec"; Golden State vs Boston	"Game 6 if nec"; Golden State vs Boston	Local	Local	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline
CBS	Young	The United	Ghosts	B Positive	Bull: "Snowed In"	Local	Late Show (TV14) (N)	Corden	Corden	Corden
NBC	Law & Order (TV14)	SVU (TV14)	Organized Crime	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Late Night	Late Night	Late Night
FOX	MasterChef Junior	Don't Forget (TV6)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local Programs (TV14)	Local	Local	Local
ION	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)	Chicago P.D. (TV14)
A&E	The First 48 (TV14) (N)	Accused: Guilty or (N)	Interrogation Raw (N)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)	The First 48 (TV14)
AMC	Uncle Buck (R8, PG)	★★★ John Gandy.	(15) Pitch Perfect (12, PG-13)	Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin.	G. Dundee	G. Dundee	G. Dundee	G. Dundee	G. Dundee	G. Dundee
ANIMAL	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)	Deadliest Catch (TV14)
BET	(5:00) Movie	Movie	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval
BRAVO	Stin Charm	Stin Charm	Southern Charm (N)	Watch What	Ocean's Eleven (01, PG-13) ★★★	George Clooney.	George Clooney.	George Clooney.	George Clooney.	George Clooney.
CARTOON	Hill	Hill	Burgers							

We're going to take our Dads... ...hiking and camping in the state park. Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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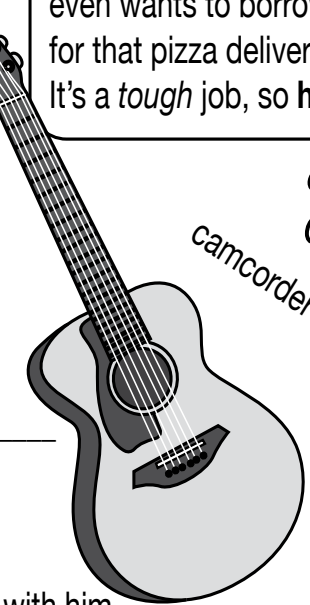


Yippie Ki Yi Yay! It's Father's Day!

- Read our tips below to fill in our fun Father's Day crossword puzzle:**
- help him clean up the mess when the _____ makes a mistake
 - don't let him bring his handshake _____ to Parents Night at school
 - let him play his old rock and roll _____ as loudly as he wants
 - don't ask for the _____ when you think you've beaten him at mini-golf
 - let him play an "old-fashioned" game of _____
 - make him put the fruit in his _____ split sundaes
 - let him borrow _____ now and then
 - watch him laugh while enjoying old _____ with him
 - let him use the old video _____ even though his movies make everyone dizzy
 - help him learn to use programs on his _____
 - don't laugh when he squeezes into his old football _____
 - make sure he has money to buy his _____
 - remind him to bring his library _____ back on time
 - let him surf the TV channels with the _____ control
 - make sure his _____ match in the morning

It's hard to raise a Father properly! Sometimes he wants quiet to strum his guitar or to pay bills. Sometimes, he kicks up dust and makes more noise than everyone else put together. Once in a while he even wants to borrow your headphones or allowance for that pizza delivery to the door! What's a kid to do? It's a tough job, so here are some tips on...

How To Raise A Pa



Let's play songs around a campfire.

1 jersey
2 pinball
3 banana
4
5 computer
6 money
7
8
9 buzzer
10 books
11
12
13 lunch
14
15 socks
albums
scorecard

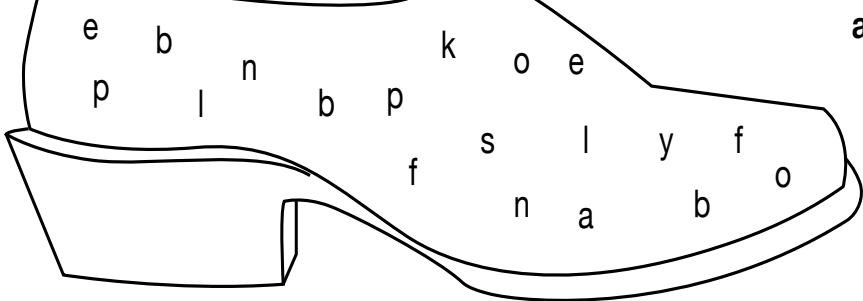
Round-Up of Fun

- s _ cc _ r
- te _ _ is
- _ oot _ all
- _ ase _ all
- gol _ ing
- h _ ck _ y
- _ ing - _ ong
- volle _ ba _ _
- ba _ _ etb _ ll

What does your Dad do for fun and exercise? Does he like to roam the range by himself? Maybe he prefers to be in a stampede of action. Some sports and activities are meant to be group or team fun. Others can be done by one person.

Use the letters in the foot of the boot below to fill in the blanks to see sports best played by more than one player.

Find and circle these activities that can be fun for Dad to do alone or with a friend:



kayaking
ice skating

E C A R A G N I N N U R K J H G T R
M N M G F N P O I U T T R E G J H G F
A K I U H I I C E S K A T I N G L K J B
Z A J H G D F G B U Y T R E I P K J G I
B Y K I D R O L L E R B L A D I N G J K
C A H B V A C G F T R G H N I J H Y G I
E K J N B O K J U Y H G T F R M F M M N
V I H G D B L O I G E S A Q K H F N I G
G N H K J E K G N P I T G D C J F A U T
M G H G K T S I O I P K J H A R A S H G
D F U T Y A I L K J N B V C B K H T I N
A H G T E K O K N H T R F B E L J I H I
S I N F S S W I M M I N G K S G D C I K
N A K J U Y H B V F E S A Z R J F S T I
G N M I K U J J G T D C O L O J U H F H
J A B G N I T F I L T H G I E W

skiing horseback riding biking skateboarding gymnastics
swimming running a race hiking rollerblading weightlifting

On the Ranch

Make a list of the special things Dad does "on the ranch" for you and your family. Have everyone write one line. When you are done you can cut the list out and put it next to his place at breakfast or hang it on the refrigerator for all to see and agree!

Dad, you are special to us because:

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Police

Litchfield Police
 • Jamie L. Gravois, 42, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 4:26 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Walmart.
 • Alexander Taylor, 36, of Litchfield, was cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Union and Corlew.
 • Donald R. Riley, 40, of Litchfield, was ticketed for

operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Madison and Clark.
 • Amber Gruenenfelder, 37, of Raymond, was cited for no valid driver's license on Jefferson and Beach.
 • Terry L. Swan, 40, of Gillespie was jailed for possession of meth and cited for operating an uninsured motor vehicle, driving while license revoked and no valid registration at 7:05 p.m. Monday, June

13, at Sargent and four-lane Rt. 66.
 • A 17-year-old Nokomis juvenile was ticketed for improper lighting on a bicycle at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Columbia and Harrison.
 • Cheyenne L. Bilyeu, 26, of Litchfield, was jailed for a Montgomery County warrant at 6:52 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Ferdon and two-lane Rt. 66.

Accidents

Strikes Power Line
 Johnathan A. Martin, of St. Peters, MO, was eastbound on Water Street, near the intersection of State Street, in Litchfield at 5:24 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, when the top of the driver's truck struck a power line crossing over the street.

to turn right from Corvette Drive onto Rt. 16.
 Veith began to make the turn and stopped upon seeing the "no turn on red" sign; however, McDermott was unable to stop and struck Veith's rear driver's side bumper.

clearly see oncoming traffic and struck a southbound vehicle driven by Carol A. Cravens, of Witt.
 According to the reporting officer, Cravens continued a short distance before coming to a stop. Swann's vehicle sustained front end damage while Cravens' vehicle sustained passenger side damage.

Blocked View
 Connie M. Swann, of Gillespie, was eastbound on West Kirkham Street in Litchfield at 12:48 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, when she proceeded slowly into the intersection of Old Rt. 66 after stopping at the stop sign.
 Due to a parked vehicle, Swann advised she could not

Failure To Stop
 A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Corvette Drive and Rt. 16 in Litchfield at 11:32 a.m. Monday, June 13.
 Sanda L. Veith, of Kingston Springs, TX, and Kevin C. McDermott, of Ember Grove Heights, MN, were preparing

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2018-00337
 TO: SANDY LEITHEISER, Montgomery County Clerk; Occupant; Lindsey Belcher; and unknown owners or parties interested. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Illinois, as case 2022TX23.
 The real estate is described as:
LOT 3 BLK 44 ORIGINAL TOWN HUGGINS ADD 8-5-691 S T00 R Parcel #: 15-04-201-002
 Said property was sold on 10/28/2019 for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on 10/19/2022. On 11/14/2022, 10:00 a.m., 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-Tax Securities, L.L.C. Petitioner 8-3tT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE
 Public Notice is hereby given that on June 8, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Illinois setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: KHANG LILY NAILS LLC located at 1403 W. FERDON STREET in the city of LITCHFIELD and state of IL.
 Dated June 8, 2022
 Sandy Leitheiser,
 County Clerk
 8-3tT

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2018-00364
 TO: SANDY LEITHEISER, Montgomery County Clerk; Occupant; S. Old Route 66 LLC; Rita Shaw; John Shaw; Diane Brown; aka Diane Handy; Julie Ann Schmieding; Bob Ohde; and unknown owners or parties interested. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Illinois, as case 2022TX22.
 The real estate is described as:
N END PT NW SE 152 FT X 125 FT LANDS CORP LIMITS LITCHFIELD 8-5-143 S5 T08 R5 Parcel #: 15-05-400-002
 Said property was sold on 10/28/2019 for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on 10/19/2022. On 11/14/2022, 10:00 a.m., 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Hillsboro Township

Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022

GENERAL TOWN FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$330,243.53

Revenues: Property Tax - \$100,476.85; Replacement Tax - \$24,339.50; Interest - \$485.72; Misc. - \$847.91.

Total Revenues:\$126,149.98

Compensation: Range: Under \$25,000.00 - Jennifer Anderson, Jim Holliday, Bart Paden, Mark Hughes, Don Hamby, David Loucks. Range: \$25,000.00 to \$49,999.99 - Ethan Murzynski.

Total Compensation:\$ 55,830.73

Expenditures: Payroll Taxes - \$14,650.09; IMRF - \$3,780.09; CMS-LGHP - \$10,802.00; Patton & Co. - \$6,125.00; United Health Care - \$2,827.77; All Other Disbursements Less Than (\$2,500.00) - \$6,293.84.

Total Expenditures:\$100,309.52

Ending Balance\$356,083.99

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$ 38,785.36

Revenues: Property Tax - \$4,019.47; Interest \$71.58.

Total Revenues:\$ 4,091.30

Expenditures: Social Security - \$6,308.92.

Total Expenditures:\$ 6,308.92

Ending Balance\$ 36,567.74

GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$165,994.29

Revenues: Property Tax - \$2,009.93; Interest - \$221.80.

Total Revenues:\$ 2,231.73

Expenditures: Allied Benefits (Catastrophic Ins.) - \$2,690.00; Geraldine Harms - \$6,801.60; Payroll Taxes - \$1,463.36; All Other Disbursements Less Than (\$2,500.00) - \$3,297.18.

Total Expenditures:\$ 14,252.14

Ending Balance\$153,973.88

TWP INSURANCE FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$ 26,411.07

Revenues: Property Tax - \$4,019.72; Interest - \$39.42; TOIRMA (Dividend) - \$956.00.

Total Revenues:\$ 5,015.14

Expenditures: TOIRMA (Insurance) - \$6,458.00; Misc. - \$61.47.

Total Expenditures:\$ 6,519.47

Ending Balance\$ 24,906.74

I, David L. Loucks, Supervisor of Hillsboro Township, Montgomery County, Illinois, do certify that the above is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022.

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of April, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Hillsboro Township Road District

Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022

ROAD DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$123,331.82

Revenues: Property Tax - \$115,119.55; Replacement Tax - \$34,532.34; Interest - \$214.34; Misc. - \$1,023.71; Infra Source (Road Damage) - \$8,521.00.

Total Revenues:\$159,410.94

Compensation: Range: \$25,000.00 to \$49,000.00 - Karis Schmedeke, John Stretch.

Total Compensation:\$ 42,617.93

Expenditures: ARAMARK - \$3,795.55; CMS-LGHP - \$23,646.00; Payroll Taxes - \$11,876.43; IMRF (Employees Share) - \$2,487.60; M&M Service Co. - \$14,613.80; SARCO - \$4,243.00; All Other Disbursements Less Than (\$2,500.00) - \$25,000.93.

Total Expenditures:\$128,281.24

Ending Balance\$154,461.52

SOCIAL SECURITY FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$ 34,450.36

Revenues: Property Tax - \$5,024.36; Interest \$65.27; Misc. (Reimb. of Payroll Taxes) - \$27,316.00.

Total Revenues:\$ 32,405.82

Expenditures: Social Security (All Accts.) - \$31,631.90.

Total Expenditures:\$ 31,631.90

Ending Balance\$ 35,224.28

JOINT BRIDGE FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$141,923.30

Revenues: Property Tax - \$5,024.55; Replacement Tax - \$8,382.63; Interest - \$382.91; CD Interest - \$999.98.

Total Revenues:\$ 14,790.07

Expenditures: Culverts - \$9,327.37.

Total Expenditures:\$ 9,327.37

Ending Balance\$147,386.00

PERMANENT ROAD FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$243,622.17

Revenues: Property Tax - \$96,450.46; Interest - \$841.80; Infra Source (Road Damage) - \$90,000.00; Ameren IL (Road Damage) - \$10,000.00.

Total Revenues:\$197,292.26

Expenditures: Louis Marsch - \$27,134.56; Beelman Logistics - \$19,081.69; All Other Disbursements Less Than (\$2,500.00) - \$802.21.

Total Expenditures:\$ 47,018.46

Ending Balance\$393,895.97

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$ 65,001.85

Revenues: Property Tax - \$20,688.78; Interest - \$209.91; Ameren IL (Road Damage) - \$10,000.00; Infra Source (Road Damage) - \$10,000.00.

Total Revenues:\$ 40,898.69

Expenditures: Equipment Purchase - \$28,545.00; Misc. - \$61.47.

Total Expenditures:\$ 28,606.47

Ending Balance\$ 77,294.07

INSURANCE FUND

Beginning Balance.....\$ 28,998.21

Revenues: Property Tax - \$5,024.55; Interest - \$46.20; TOIRMA (Dividend) - \$1,216.00.

Total Revenues:\$6,286.75

Expenditures: TOIRMA Ins. - \$8,219.00; Misc. - \$61.47.

Total Expenditures:\$ 8,280.47

Ending Balance\$ 27,004.49

IMRF

Beginning Balance.....\$ 37,516.44

Revenues: Property Tax - \$20,097.15; Interest - \$81.09; Town Fund (Employees' Share) - \$3,780.09; R&B (Employees' Share) - \$2,487.60.

Total Revenues:\$ 26,445.93

Expenditures: IMRF - \$17,598.40; Misc. - \$61.47.

Total Expenditures:\$ 17,659.87

Ending Balance\$ 46,302.50

I, David L. Loucks, Supervisor & Treasurer of Hillsboro Township Road District, Montgomery County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022.

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of April, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERVISOR'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FOR PITMAN TOWNSHIP

I, Marla Hitchings, Supervisor of Pitman Township, Montgomery County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1st, 2021, and ending March 31st, 2022.

TOWN FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE.....\$ 18,274.30

REVENUES:

Property Tax\$40,537.48

Replacement Tax 3,211.33

State Grants 0.00

Interest Income 18.38

Rental Income 0.00

Miscellaneous Income 19.89

CD 5,866.37

Transfers 1,731.73

Rental 75.00

TOTAL REVENUES\$ 51,460.18

EXPENDITURES:

Adam Waldeck - Road Commissioner \$14,671.64

Marla Hitchings - Supervisor 3,837.83

Leanne Farrar - Clerk 3,655.95

Chad Millburg - Trustee 549.48

Kenneth Gerlach - Trustee 382.87

Travis Matthews - Trustee 221.64

Glenn Rovey 387.87

Audits 2,010.00

Withholding 12,253.66

Utilities 1,301.86

Other Bills 3,517.33

IMRF 1,046.26

Paul A. Krager 2,278.15

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$ 46,114.54

ENDING BALANCE\$ 23,619.94

ROAD & BRIDGE FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE.....\$ 67,047.35

REVENUES:

Property Tax\$57,509.51

Replacement Tax 7,070.56

State Grants 0.00

Interest Income 78.42

Rental Income 0.00

Miscellaneous Income 3,346.68

CD 39,272.76

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 107,277.93

EXPENDITURES:

Gerlach AG - Trucking 11,146.38

Landon Weitekamp 1,289.65

Home Oil - Fuel 4,236.18

Transfers 382.12

Metal Culverts 8,368.50

Adam Waldeck - Labor 678.78

Bills Under \$2,500 19,937.34

TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....\$ 46,038.95

ENDING BALANCE\$128,286.33

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE.....\$ 28,679.13

REVENUES:

Property Tax\$ 4,970.61

Replacement Tax 0.00

Interest Income 31.44

Miscellaneous Income 1,828.76

TOTAL REVENUES\$ 6,830.51

EXPENDITURES:

Property Tax\$ 2,087.56

Replacement Tax 0.00

Interest Income 11.27

Miscellaneous Income 0.00

TOTAL REVENUES\$ 2,098.83

EXPENDITURES:

Illinois Municipal Retirement \$ 247.65

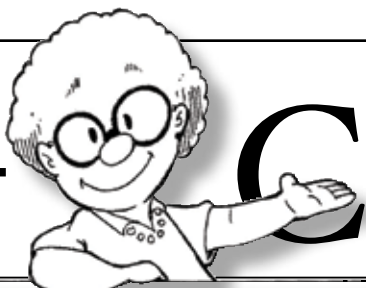
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Hillsboro Students Plant Farm Plot

Members of Hillsboro High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) planted the chapter's farm plot on Tuesday, May 17, prior to the end of the school year. Ian Anderson and Landon Reincke took the lead in working with area farmers and agriculture professionals to get everything lined up for the high school members to plant the plot themselves. Elliot Lentz, Jake Huber and Eli Eyman joined Anderson and Reincke with the plant.

Lincolnwood FFA Places In Annual Contest

Members of the Lincolnwood High School FFA Chapter participated in the annual 2022 Illinois FFA National Chapter Awards and were named section winners in four different categories.

Each FFA chapter will be recognized during the fifth annual general session of the 94th Illinois FFA State Convention on Thursday, June 16.

Lincolnwood FFA was named an Illinois National Chapter Award National Entry winner and also took home a Premier Chapter Award, Growing Leaders Award and Strengthening Agriculture Award.

The National Chapter Award Program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the organization.



Nokomis FFA Sets Up Barnyard Petting Zoo

Members of Nokomis High School's FFA (Future Farmers of America) set up a barnyard petting zoo on Friday, May 13, for the elementary age students at North School and St. Louis School. They also invited the residents at the local nursing home to come out and play with the animals. Young and old alike enjoyed the chance to interact with the calves, goats, pigs, guineas, rabbits, puppies and a few pretty cute kittens.



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Additional information may be obtained by contacting Water Superintendent Ray Weller at 217-324-2250. Applications can be found online at the city's website, cityoflitchfieldil.com under references/forms and permits. Applicants may also contact the Administration Office at 217-324-8151.

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New officers elected for Marine Corps League Detachment 1385, in front, from the left are Judge Advocate Kenneth Dressen, Senior Vice Commandant Terry Williams, Commandant Chris Gutierrez and Junior Vice Commandant Jeremy Jones. In the second row are Sgt-At-Arms George Taylor, Adjutant Dave Strowmatt and Sgt-At-Arms Frank Christie, who is also a past District 7 commandant. In the third row are Paymaster Gary Doss and Ron Burns, Jr., Department of Illinois commandant. *Journal-News Photo*

Gutierrez Named Marine Commandant

Chris Gutierrez of Hill-sboro was elected as commandant of the local 1385 Detachment of the Marine Corp League on Thursday, June 9, in Farmersville.

An active member of the detachment, he has worked for over ten years on the Marine's "Toys for Tots" Christmas gift program. Because of his efforts he was named detachment member of the year also. Locally "Toys for Tots" has helped 325 families in Montgomery and part of Macoupin counties.

New officers were elected for the detachment, and they are Commandant Chris Gutierrez, Senior Vice Commandant Terry Williams, Junior Vice Commandant Jeremy Jones, Judge Advocate Kenneth Dressen, Adjutant Dave Strowmatt, Paymaster Gary Doss, Chaplain Terry Williams and Sgt-At-Arms George Taylor.

Ron Burns, Jr., Department of Illinois commandant, and Frank Christie, Sgt-At-Arms and past District 7 Commandant served to install the new officers.



Chris Gutierrez, at left, was honored as Marine Corps League Detachment 1385 member of the year with a plaque presentation for his years of selfless work on the "Toys for Tots" program. Commandant Terry Williams, at right, made the presentation. *Journal-News Photo*

A \$500 scholarship was presented to Mason Pritchett, at right, a Mt. Olive High School graduate by District 1385 Marine Corp League. Commandant Williams presented the check. Pritchett is the son of Rick and Denise Pritchett, and is continuing his education at SIUE next fall, studying electrical engineering. *Journal-News Photo*



Panhandle Students Enjoy Summer Camp

The Panhandle School District kicked off its Summer Camp Program the week of June 6-10 with a variety of activities for elementary students to enjoy. This year, summer camp participants will learn about different countries and what they have to offer. During the first week, campers visited North America—Canada, the United States and Mexico. Campers made pinatas and created some fun snacks such as salsa, ice cream in a bag and churros.

Above, they pay careful attention to the special informational slideshow presentation on San Francisco, CA.



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Local Law Enforcement Celebrate Retirements

Local law enforcement officials gathered in June to celebrate the retirement of three cops, including Dan Evans, Jason Black and Chris Robinson. The celebration was long overdue and had been postponed several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 250 years of law enforcement experience was represented by the attendees, which included Litchfield Police Department (LPD) and Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). In front, from the left, are Cory Bilyeu (LPD), John Thull (LPD), Kenny Ryker (LPD), Jason Black (LPD), Dan Evans (LPD), Chris Robinson (LPD) and Mark Brazel (MCSO/former LPD). In back, from the left, are Bill Rensing (former LPD), Lee Jarman (LPD), Brian Maxwell (LPD), Zach Spaur (LPD), Tylor Knisley (LPD), Tommy Melchert (LPD), Andrew Wakefield (LPD), Colton Faure (LPD) and TJ DeWitt (LPD).

Coral Christian Earns Degree From Millikin

Coral Christian of Hillsboro graduated from Millikin University in Decatur with a degree in early childhood education with a concentration in special education.

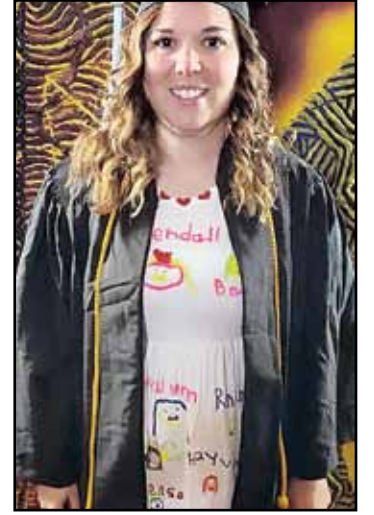
A 2008 graduate of Hillsboro High School, Christian is the daughter of Bill and Heidi Christian of Hillsboro.

Christian started at Lincoln Land Community College in 2017, and she graduated in 2019 with an associate's degree in general education and an associate's degree in arts.

She started at Millikin University in Decatur in January 2020.

"My program was interrupted by COVID-19, but I feel like that was a great learning experience," Christian said. "Internships online and learning how to teach during a pandemic was an interesting experience."

Christian completed 14 weeks of student teaching at Taylorville North Elementary School, followed by a two-week internship at Beckemeyer Elementary School in



Coral Christian

Hillsboro in a second grade classroom.

She graduated this May as a high honor student with a 3.9 grade point average. She hopes someday to teach in the Hillsboro School District, possibly in kindergarten through second grade at Beckemeyer Elementary School or as a special education teacher.

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Lily Pad Students Enjoy End Of Year Field Trips

The preschoolers that attend Lily Pad Learning Center made a trip to Henson Robinson Zoo in Springfield (pictured above) where they learned all about animals. Each student had their own animal check list that they marked off once they spotted the animal.



It was a busy week for the preschoolers at Lily Pad Learning Center. Following their trip to the zoo, the little learners took a trip to the Litchfield Fire Station (pictured above), where they learned how dangerous fires can be and how to prepare for an emergency. They also toured a fire truck and an ambulance.



Trinity Lutheran Church Hosts VBS Performance

Trinity Lutheran Church in Litchfield hosted Vacation Bible School May 31 to June 3. The theme for the week was "Discovery on Adventure Island." Interactive, energizing Bible-based activities were shared in their classes that included children from pre-school through eighth grade.

Above shows their closing program conducted Sunday, June 5, where they shared Bible stories and songs and displayed crafts made during the week. Refreshments were served.

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